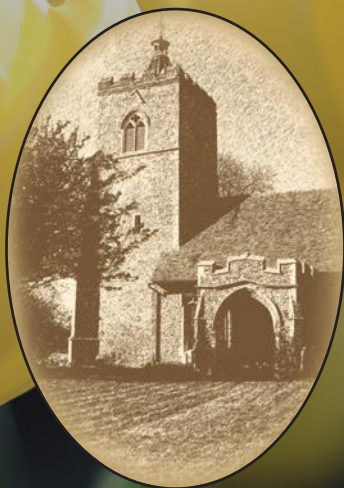


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EASTER 2017



SERVICES at ALL SAINTS

Sunday service at 10.30 a.m. except each 1st Sunday of the month –
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Morning Prayer each Friday at 9.00 a.m. in the Schoolroom

Mothering Sunday – 26th March at 10.30 a.m.

Palm Sunday – 9th April at 10.30 a.m.

Easter Sunday – 16th April – Holy Communion at 08.00 a.m.
followed by breakfast in the Schoolroom

From All Saints Registers

Baptisms

Isla Rose Bainbridge

Burials

Patricia Weir

Kenneth James Furssedonn

Vicar's Letter Easter 2017

Dear Friends

This morning I was present at the cathedral in Bury St Edmunds as Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike arrived at the end of their Lent Pilgrimage which had started ten days before in Dunwich on Ash Wednesday. As they spoke about their journey together, it reminded me of a similar Lenten pilgrimage which I took when I was a curate. I walked with Craig, the Rector of the churches where I was then working, and we spent twelve days covering the ground from Wells to Canterbury.

Never having embarked on a pilgrimage before I had no idea what to expect, but a couple of things struck me as I later reflected on the experience – apart from some rather sore feet! Perhaps the most striking thing about walking hour after hour over several days is how much in tune you become with your surroundings. Craig and I would often walk together, engaged in quite deep conversation for twenty minutes or so, but then we would quite naturally lapse into long periods of silence as we covered the miles. At these times, our senses somehow became much more attuned than usual to the sights and sounds around us: the rhythm of our own boots on the ground, the songs of birds, the sight of a rabbit scurrying across a field, the shapes of trees on a hillside. Somehow, being immersed in the outdoors for hours on end sharpened our senses to all that was going on around us.

The other thing that struck us both was the sheer generosity of those we met on the way. Time after time we met with people who, always refusing any payment, gave us supper, a bed for the night and a hearty breakfast. It was as though the ancient tradition of hospitality to pilgrims had never gone away. And as we drew nearer to Canterbury we became increasingly aware that we were following in the footsteps of thousands who had trod the same paths over the centuries.

Used well, I suppose Lent is always a bit like a pilgrimage, whether we use the time literally to walk a long distance with a companion, or whether we travel in a more metaphorical sense. It's about making some time each day, just to step back from the busyness of life a little and take stock with God. Maybe a short stroll with the dog, five minutes quiet in your favourite chair – anywhere which gives you time to be at peace with the one in whose image you are made.

Either way, we arrive changed at the great celebration of Easter, having travelled a journey of reflection, having spent some dedicated time reviewing where we stand with God and his world, our spirits more in tune with his, with a heightened sense of where God is at work in the people and things around us – and preferably without sore feet.

With very best wishes for a truly joyful Easter

Steve.

CHURCHWARDEN'S RAMBLINGS

We have often joked that if everyone who comes to Little Cornard Church during the course of a year turned up on the same day we would have trouble fitting them in, and for the Carol Service it very nearly happened. With all the extra seating taken, and about a hundred and thirty people in the church, it was the first time I've ever looked out of the door and hoped that no one else was coming!

On Christmas morning Jo was unfortunately taken poorly and Andrew Clift kindly stepped in at the last moment to take the service. Sadly for us, Jo has decided to retire from the clergy. She has always been a great help and support for us in Little Cornard and we wish her and her family all happiness for the future.

Spring has now sprung and the churchyard is looking as beautiful as ever. A big thank you to those who volunteered (or were volunteered!) to join the mowing rota. With enough of us it means that each group only has to turn out once every other month.

Revd. Tricia has been leading a Lent Group. This year's course *The Mystery of Everything* is inspired by the film *The Theory of Everything*, the biopic of Stephen Hawking, and explores issues around faith and science.

The Flower Festival is on 13th/14th May and profits will go to support The Porch Project, a youth charity based in Great Cornard.

We will be having our traditional Easter Breakfast after the service on Easter Day. Everyone is welcome so if you would like to come along, let us know or just sign up on the schoolroom list.

Happy Easter.

Jeremy Apter & Brenda Pentney

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ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD GRAVES

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is responsible for 1.7 million Commonwealth war graves from the 1st and 2nd World War. They are in over 153 countries and you may be surprised to learn at over 12,000 locations in the United Kingdom. It is a little known fact that wherever you are in the UK you are always less than three miles from recorded war graves. These war graves often have the standard CWGC design headstone.



In All Saints Churchyard there are four war graves, all from the 1st World War.

Opposite the porch entrance is the grave for Alfred Horrex, aged 29. He was a Driver in the Army Service Corps, and died on 31st October 1917. He was the son of Charles Cornelius and Alice Horrex, of Little Cornard; husband of Bessie Horrex of Upper Road, Little Cornard.

At the bottom of the headstone is the personal inscription chosen by the family "O that will be joyful when we meet, to part no more."

Immediately facing the porch is a headstone to Rupert John Causton, aged 29, who died on 24th August 1920. Rupert was a Private in the 8th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. His headstone appeared in recent years, a result of some research that identified he had died as a direct result of injuries he had sustained during his war service. At the top of his headstone are the words, "Believed to be Buried." This is because Rupert was originally buried in the family plot though the exact location is not known. The CWGC headstone was erected in the mid-2000s.

Private Causton appears to have received a shrapnel wound to the head. He was evacuated to a hospital in London in May 1918 and sent home in November 1918. He found work as a farm labourer until, 24th/25th August 1920, when he suffered a condition similar to a stroke. After an examination, it was decided to operate for an "abscess on the brain." He died under anaesthetic, but the operation went ahead as part of a resuscitation attempt. It was found that the shrapnel was still

deep within his head and had become infected, resulting in heart failure accelerated by the use of chloroform. This operation and his death took place at St. Leonard's Hospital, Sudbury.

There are two CWGC headstones towards the back of the church, to the left of the porch and Private Causton's headstone. These two headstones belong to Maurice East and an Australian headstone for A Hicks.

Maurice was 29 years of age and died on the 1st May 1918. He was a Gunner in the Tank Corps, his parents being Arthur and Marianne East, of The Mere, Little Cornard. The personal inscription chosen by family at the bottom of his headstone are the words, "Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends."

The adjacent headstone is that for A P Hicks, 13th Battalion Australian Infantry, who died on 8th May 1918. It is intriguing why a man serving in the Australian Infantry should lay in Little Cornard Churchyard, however on investigating it is perfectly understandable.

Alfred Phillip Hicks was born in Bathurst, New South Wales. He was married to Nellie and had two children, Mari and Ethel. He joined the Australian Army aged 31 ½ years on 4th April 1916 and was 6ft tall with a chest measurement of 37 inches. He had brown eyes and dark brown hair. Completing his training he arrived at Devonport on 29th January 1917. He left for France on 12th March 1917. He was admitted to hospital with 'Shell Shock' on 12th June 1917; a month later he returned to his unit.

On 1st April 1918 he was wounded in action, his injuries including a gunshot wound to the face. The seriousness of his injuries meant he was brought back to the UK and admitted to Dover Military Hospital on 6th May 1918. He died two days later. Military records show that his aunt, Mrs East, the mother of Maurice East, requested that he be buried at Little Cornard. The funeral and burial took place on 13th May 1918.

The stories and notes of the four soldiers' graves of the 1st World War give us some little insight to what was happening to communities across the land 100 years ago.

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Lee Parker - Babergh District Council Report: March 2017

As I sit writing this report it is currently the warmest day of 2017. The mower has been cleaned and serviced as everything in the garden bursts back in to life. Spring is definitely my favourite season of the year! On a national level, politics remains as exciting as ever. Will Scotland go for independence again? We are on the eve of triggering Article 50. Maybe big change is ahead. And so it is for Babergh;



Move to Endeavour House: In my Christmas report I announced that Councillors had resolved, along with Mid Suffolk District Council, to move out of our Districts and in to Ipswich to share space with Suffolk County Council. Ours is the first authority in the UK to undertake such a move and it is perfectly reasonable for constituents to want to know what it means for them. I will be happy to answer any questions directly and you are welcome to contact me for specific detail. However I will summarise some of the key points here. The move is scheduled to take place in August/September of this year. Walk in access points will be set up in Sudbury Town Hall and in Stowmarket for those that require a face to face service. In addition, we will expect Officers to make themselves available to constituents by appointment at any other places in the District as required. There will be a single telephone number to call Babergh from where you will be diverted to which ever department you require and a new website is being launched this month which will be a big improvement on what we have now. I cannot stress enough that this is not a merger of Councils via the back door. We and Mid Suffolk will remain as two sovereign Councils, but sharing a common set of working practices within one building. There have been no decisions taken as yet with regards to what will become of Corks Lane. A number of ideas are under consideration and I will provide feedback as I receive it.

East Bergholt Judicial Review As you may know the Parish of East Bergholt undertook a Judicial Review on a recent Planning Application there which has led to Babergh having to review its Planning Policies or at least the application of them. For Little Cornard residents, it might provide comfort to know that the rules around development in the Countryside have been stiffened considerably. Applicants will now have to evidence local housing need and show exceptional circumstances exist to warrant new development being approved.

Public Realm Transformation Project: Did you know that Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are responsible for cutting approximately 2 million square metres of grass, emptying 1,800 dog and litter bins, and maintaining around 19,000 trees across the districts? These responsibilities and many more - including street cleaning, litter clearance and highway verge work - come under the remit of the Countryside and Public Realm Service. To ensure we are delivering the best service at the best value for our

residents, we are currently undertaking a review of the Councils' Countryside and Public Realm Services, which includes countryside services, arboriculture, amenity areas, parks and open spaces, street scene (street cleaning and fly-tipping), A14 litter clearance and highway verge work for Suffolk County Council, Council owned playgrounds, public conveniences, Council owned car parks (white lining, litter picking and cleaning only). Currently, Public Realm services in Mid Suffolk are largely delivered by an in-house team; in Babergh, the service is largely contracted out. We have now commissioned consultants with extensive experience of public realm and environmental services to carry out an options appraisal to identify how these services could be delivered in the future, and to work with us to help us identify the preferred options and supporting business cases.

And so concludes my Spring report. There is a lot going on at present but alas I only have a certain amount of space to record it here. As ever, I will be glad to hear from you if you have any questions. My email address is lee.parker@babergh.gov.uk
I wish you all a very pleasant Easter.

Lee Parker

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General Synod hails reconciliation as Christians mark 500th anniversary of the Reformation

The Church of England's General Synod has welcomed signs of "convergence" between churches on key doctrinal differences which divided Christians for centuries in the wake of the Reformation.

Members of the Synod, recently meeting in London, backed a motion supporting further reconciliation between Roman Catholic and reformed churches as Christians around the world commemorate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation and celebrating the "rich spiritual blessings" the Reformation brought to the Church of England.

Moving the motion, the Bishop of Coventry, the Rt Revd Christopher Cocksworth, said: "The 500th anniversary of the Reformation, which began with Luther's courageous insistence that salvation is not for sale, invites every Christian to join with the whole Church to be renewed in the grace of God and share the astounding news of God reaching out to the world, running to meet us in Christ and embracing us into His life by the Spirit with an infinity of love..."

In a joint statement earlier this year, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, spoke of the need to "repent of our part in perpetuating divisions." Although the origins of the Reformation are complex, Martin Luther's protest against indulgences and other church practices, in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, is regarded as the trigger for the period of upheaval across Europe from which protestant churches, and ultimately Anglicanism, emerged.

One crucial dividing line between churches for centuries was disagreements about salvation.

But more recent dialogue between churches led to a joint declaration by the Roman Catholic Church and World Lutheran Federation in 1999, setting out broad agreement on the doctrine of justification – or the forgiveness of sins.

The declaration, which was affirmed by the Anglican Communion last year, asserts that people are saved "by grace alone, in faith in Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part".

The Baker & Wooderson Families report on the Christingle Service

It is always a pleasure to take part in the Christingle Service at All Saints. For us it heralds the true beginning of Christmas festivities. It is a relatively new service, I certainly knew nothing of it as a child, but it has quickly become a favourite milestone amid the craziness that is the pre-Christmas rush. Taking time out from dashing around to visit our church is the perfect antidote to the brash and loud hubbub elsewhere.



Involving some of our youngest members of the congregation is delightful, and in the schoolroom after the service an impromptu rendition of We Wish You a Merry Christmas was started. At first it was just the children, then their voices were joined by those of the older generation until everyone in the room was singing.

Hannah, Pippa and Florence sang heartily, word perfect right to the end. I trust that their enthusiasm and joy continued throughout the festive period. I look forward to the next performance, whenever that may be. Well done girls!

Hannah and Lucy Baker

"In early December people of all ages came together at All Saints to celebrate Christingle. Tricia Box led a vibrant service, during which younger members of the congregation were eager to participate and demonstrate their knowledge of the symbolism associated with the decorated oranges. Everyone enjoyed the bright candles and hopeful message in the build up to Christmas, and a collection was made for The Children's Society. As ever, a warm welcome and refreshment were enjoyed in the schoolroom afterwards, where Pippa delighted those gathered with her rendition of We Wish You a Merry Christmas, and was swiftly and enthusiastically joined by all. It was a lovely morning at beautiful All Saints, and we are looking forward to next year already!"

The Wooderson Family

The Man Who Drank Three Beers

A man who had just moved to a village in County Kerry walked into the local pub and ordered three beers. The bartender raised his eyebrows, but served the man three beers, which he drank quietly at a table, alone.

Next day, the man came back to the pub and ordered three more beers. This happened again and again, until soon the village is all whispering about the "Man Who Orders Three Beers". Finally, about a month later, the bartender broached the subject on behalf of the town.

'Ah,' said the man. 'You see, I have two brothers. Long ago, one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank, as a way of keeping up the family bond.'

The bartender and the whole town were pleased with this answer, and soon The "Man Who Orders Three Beers" became a local celebrity.

Then, one day, the man came in and ordered only two beers. The bartender poured them with a heavy heart. The word flew around town, and prayers were offered for the soul of one of the brothers. Next day, the bartender said to the man, 'Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer our condolences to you ...'

The man pondered this for a moment. 'You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent.'

New Monthly Walking Group

Everyone is welcome to come along for free and join in with the new walking group which will start from the Great Cornard Library in Head Lane. The first session will be on Wednesday, 1st March starting at 10am and will take place on the first Wednesday of each month. It will be aimed to be suitable for anyone including those with buggies and will be 30 to 60 minutes on paths. Then join us for refreshments at Cornard Sports Centre. For more information on the walk contact Great Cornard Library on 01787 315195 and for information on walks in and around Sudbury visit www.walkingforhealth.org.uk

The Trees that Remind us of Easter

Yew trees are linked with Resurrection, which makes them extra special around Easter time. Yew trees exemplify on-going Life. They are probably the oldest living organisms in Europe, with one in the churchyard of Fortingall, a thatched Perthshire village, thought to be as much as 5,000 years old – which made it already about 3,000 years old on the first Easter!

For centuries, yews have been revered as sacred, and it is easy to see why: yews are dense, dark evergreens, with bright red poisonous berries, and they have the most amazing power to regenerate. Cut a yew back, and it will regrow. Drop a branch and it can form new roots. Beams made of yew have even been known to sprout again, long after they have been built into houses.

Some people believe that yews began as cuttings from the original Tree of Life, some of which were taken to the British Isles in the dawn of the world.

Editor's note: There is a local tradition that Pontius Pilate was born near the Fortingall yew tree and spent part of his childhood in the area. Since the Roman invasion of Britain did not begin until around 43 AD this would seem to be a little unlikely.

Village Hall Available for Hire: New, well equipped kitchen

The cost of hiring the Village Hall for a morning, afternoon or evening session is:

£12 for villagers and £15 for all others.

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Noel King, Booking Secretary on 01787 227447.

Suffolk Historic Churches Bicycle Ride 2016

The day was somewhat overcast with light showers. 10 local cyclists visited including a fantastic effort from Dr Susan Sills who raised over £100, so a very big Thank You to her.

Flowers for Easter

We will be buying lilies for decorating All Saints for Easter. If anyone would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please contact our Treasurer, Patricia Monk, on 01787 227614.

Marian and I will be contacting all those who kindly decorate the Church nearer the time to fit in with the Holy Week Services being held at All Saints Church.

All Saints Church Flower Festival 2017

We will be holding our usual Flower Festival on 13th and 14th May. If anyone would like to help with the flowers you will be most welcome. Please contact Marian Turner on 01787 377889 or Sue Macdiarmid on 01787 375858.

Sue Macdiarmid

Patricia Monk

I'm sure we all join Clive (see Parish Council report) in thanking Patricia for the huge amount of work she has put into helping produce the magazine over the last few years. I offer my personal thanks to her for helping me through the transition period. My thanks also to Clare Lodge whose help with this edition proved invaluable.

Rosemary Bullen

Twitter

A man walked into a church and approached the minister. "I need help. I think I'm addicted to Twitter." The minister looked at him and said gently, "I'm so sorry, I don't follow you."

Cornard Mere – Spring 2017

The 3rd October 2016 proved to be a special day at Cornard Mere with the discovery by one of our bird ringers of a Yellow-Browed Warbler, associating with Long-Tailed Tits, amongst the willows bordering Little Mere. The easterly winds during much of September had brought an unprecedented number of these rare visitors from the Siberian Taiga to our East Coast shores, with a few penetrating further inland. Our visitor to Cornard Mere stayed for a couple of days and was twitched by keen birders.



The easterly winds also brought good numbers of Snipe to the reserve. On one memorable morning I was able to watch a group of 15 feeding in a pool close to the public footpath.

Throughout the winter months small parties of Teal and up to 6 drake Shovelers occupied the open water near the road and the main pond, while up to 3 Water Rails have been heard calling from the reed fringe.

With dusk approaching on a cold January afternoon, my fellow volunteer, Mark, counted up to 60 Reed Buntings settling down to roost for the night in the reed bed.

As I write these notes in mid-February, the colony of Snowdrops near the road appears to be at least two weeks behind last year's flowering time. Hopefully flower heads will soon be showing and cheering up walkers looking for the first signs of Spring.

Robin Ford - Suffolk Wildlife Trust Volunteer Warden

Storehouse Foodbank

The Christopher Centre and Waitrose continue to be drop off points for any contributions to this very necessary organisation.

Sue Macdiarmid



Village Hall

There is not much to say about the Village Hall since our last report. The new doors have been ordered and should be installed soon, and we are still waiting to hear from Suffolk County Council after the Community Building Energy Audit was carried out. I know it was a long time ago now, but the committee held a working party in November. Paving slabs were laid between the shed and the back door, ground drainage pipes were put in around the back of the building, the gutters were cleared and the hall interior was cleaned thoroughly. My thanks to the committee who worked so hard (as I was on holiday in the sunshine!)

I hold an informal list of village emails and if you would like to be included, please let me know. My email is adams@safariconsultantuk.com. I promise no spam, but it is a useful way of letting everyone know about village events, or in case of news, good and bad! (Your details won't be made public, nor passed on.)

Ruth Adams

CAN YOU HELP?

**Would you be able to spare a couple of hours
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Patricia Monk (227614) or Sue MacDiarmid (375858)

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As spring is on its way,
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leave your windows open
when leaving your home.

Also be aware of cold
callers and ask for
identification at all times.

FROM CLIVE JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN OF LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

Litter in Little Cornard

The weather was kind on Sunday 26th February, when parish councillors and three members of the village (who kindly volunteered their services) met for our annual litter pick.

It is astounding the amount of rubbish deposited on our roadsides by uncaring, inconsiderate members of the public - who are presumptuous enough to expect others to clear up their refuse.

We collected in excess of 15 large bags of litter that morning.

I would like to thank, with great sincerity, all those who gave up their time to clean up Little Cornard.

Dog Poo Bins

We have three at present with another on its way, to be placed near the church.

I am pleased to say the bins are a success and being used on a regular basis.

Thanks go to Mark & Liz Smith of "Centuries Shoot" for sponsoring a bin and also to All Saints PCC for the bin near the Church.

Footpaths

We now have our own contractor who will maintain the paths on a regular basis - incurring no extra costs. Path 1 from Upper Road to Costens Hall tends to get very wet and muddy in the winter, which makes walking difficult.

I met up with a member of the Rights of Way Team to discuss this problem and they have agreed to supply some crushed concrete, stones or similar to spread across the boggy area. We hope to get this done as soon as the ground dries out and will be grateful for any assistance.

They have also agreed to replace the damaged sleeper bridge nearby.

The Village Magazine

Running and organizing the village magazine is no small challenge and our thanks go to Patrica Monk for her dedication and hard work. Patrica has decided with the increasing work load, to pass the reins to Mrs Rosemary Bullen, whose contact details are:

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Broadband

After a lengthy wait and with road works going on near the green, faster broadband is hopefully on its way!

I've been informed that connection will be at the end of March.

To check go to - <http://www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com>

Butterfly or Bunny Biscuits

These are pretty biscuits for Easter. You will need:

Biscuit: 120g butter; 60g caster sugar; 180g plain flour; a little lemon zest

Icing: a few drops of vanilla essence, icing sugar, lemon juice, few drops of food colouring

Cutters or paper templates in the shape of a butterfly or bunny

Method: Mix together the biscuit ingredients, add water to bind them. Knead the dough, wrap it in cling-film and chill for two hours. The roll out to a thickness of 8mm and cut out the shapes using a butterfly cutter or a paper template. Bake in preheated oven at 180 degrees C (gas mark 4) for 20 minutes. To make the icing, mix the icing sugar with lemon juice and food colouring. Pipe the icing and leave it to set.

Bell Restoration Project Update

The project continues but slowly at the moment. Having received the faculty, we are now in the process of updating the quotes to carry out the work. We have asked 3 contractors and are just awaiting their replies.

The process of applying for Lottery Funding is progressing and we now enter the second stage. There is considerable work in the form filling and meeting all the criteria but hopefully we will be successful.

We continue with other fund raising events which we hope people will come and support.

2nd April at 3.00 p.m. in the church – Gainsborough Concert Group

23rd April - Sudbury Cricket Ground. There will be 2 stalls selling cakes and bric-a-brac. Any donations will be gratefully received.

24th June - Concert by the Accidentals in the church.

9th. July - Open Gardens in Little Cornard.

Please watch the notice boards and the website for the latest information.

Robert Mackman

Call for the Village Gardeners

Some of you will know us from the May Church Flower Festival where we have stocked and operated the plant stall for several years now.

During last year's event we met Mrs Mann from the Old Rectory and she discussed her open gardens experience with us and we spoke briefly about opening some other lovely gardens around the village for something to benefit the village.

Jacqueline Tilbrook then opened her wild flower garden at Pond Farm during the summer and that proved to be successful and of interest to many gardeners.

Well – here we are getting ready for 2017 Spring Flower Festival stall and the summer so we thought we might be prepared to open our garden with a few others around the village to raise some money towards the Church bells restoration and repairs to the Tower. We have spoken briefly to a few parties and several people have expressed a willingness to join in.

At the date of writing we have seven potential gardens willing to open on July 9th 2017 from about 11am to 5pm to raise some funds and show off your garden.

Your garden doesn't have to be perfect (ours certainly is not!) but will be of interest to the many gardening people who just enjoy seeing other gardens and ideas to take home.

Can you please think about it and if willing to open your garden or help in any way contact me on 01787 227259 and we will get together to sort out details. We have already looked into the formal requirements for it (Insurance & health and Safety issues etc) and will be able to let you all know what is necessary and hopefully help you with any questions.

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Mum's Ring

THINK for a minute of your mother's hands: I bet you can see them, reaching out in welcome or waving you goodbye.

My mum Meg died at the end of last year and it's her hands, comforting or admonishing or holding up a glass of wine to mark a career success or mend a broken heart that I remember most of all.

Christmas without her was lonely, so was Mother's Day. Easter will be too because she loved daffodils and chocolate and a generous leg of roast lamb after church on Easter Sunday.

One of her other great loves was jewellery. Meg was in her sixties by the time she had her ears pierced and ever afterwards she wore chandeliers or big hoops, along with an armload of silver bangles I'd brought her home from Thailand, and strands of pink pearls I'd scavenged in the Bay of Bengal.

She never listened to the advice of Coco Chanel to look in the mirror before you went out and take one thing off, usually she'd look in the mirror and fetch some extra beads.

So it came as no surprise after she'd died to find she'd left me a special ring - just not in the traditional way, written into her will.

I'll tell you what I mean in a moment but first we must turn time back to February 1960 when my mum married my dad Angus.

Fifteen years later she took off the slim wedding band he'd given her that day and put it in her jewellery box. She replaced it with a big silver knuckle grazer of a ring which she considered more stylish. It was an act of rebellion which they'd laugh about for the next half a century.

She was 92 when she died. Very, very unusually she was wearing both of her wedding rings at the time. I know this because I took them off her for safe keeping

A month later she was back home, lying in state in the front room dressed for her funeral in the outfit she last wore to go to Ladies Day at Newmarket. She had a woven willow coffin whose lid was propped up in the place where the wine rack usually stands. (She would have appreciated both gestures.)

My father wanted her to wear a wedding ring. She should have it on for her funeral and then for her cremation so that it would become part of her, he said. He chose the old one, the one with which he had married her that day in 1960.

And so I gave it back to him and he gave it back to her. Mum wore the ring for her church funeral and it was on her finger when we took her to be cremated the next day.

Later that afternoon, as I was about to phone the funeral parlour in Sudbury to find out when we could collect her ashes, the undertaker called me.

"I have to speak to you!" she gabbled. "It's urgent!" "What?" I asked. "It's never happened to them there before," she went on. "What?" I asked again, fretting. In the scheme of things which could go wrong at Three Counties crematorium there really are no good options.

"Your mother's wedding ring has come out untouched!" They found it in her ashes. What should we do? How will your Dad feel?"

I phoned him. There was a long pause on the line. "Well," he said finally, "isn't that your mother all over?"

We collected her ring the next day. I spoke to the young man who'd spotted it, quite by chance, a tiny silvery sliver of metal gleaming amid her remains. 'I don't know if you believe in fate but it feels like it was meant to come back,' he said. My thoughts exactly.

'Yours' said my dad after he and my brother and I had examined it, turning it this way and that in the thin November sun. So now I wear it on my little finger, a band reforged in the fire which consumed my lovely mum. I feel like a fragment of her life force is held within it because it has wholly defied her death.

You may say - as people often do about stories of loving ghosts - that it comes down to science. The ring my dad chose all those years ago was platinum, strong and dense with a higher melting point than silver or gold. It can, as we know now, survive the heat of a crematorium chamber although the chances of it then being found remain freakishly small.

Personally I think she left it behind to connect her afterlife to the one we live everyday and have been busily telling everyone so.

To my delight Radio 4 asked me to broadcast the story of my mum's ring on Christmas morning so she got to share the BBC's airwaves with the Queen and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

She would have considered that an enormous honour. In fact she would have worn her best jewellery for the occasion!

More funding for St George's Celebration Weekend in Sudbury – April 22 and 23, 2017

Work is well underway for a St George's weekend of celebration in Sudbury on April 22 and 23. A grant of over £7,000 from the Big Lottery Fund to the Sudbury Market Town Partnership has been augmented by recent donations of £500 from County Cllr John Sayers to help with the costs of awards and prizes, and £870 from County Cllr Colin Spence, to cover the cost of marquee hire, using SCC Locality Grant funding. Waitrose is also generously supporting the event.

The programme for the free Charity Roadshow on Saturday April 22 has been published and voluntary and community organisations are invited to book up for any (or all!) of the eight 'Ten Top Tips' workshop sessions on offer. The Roadshow will be split between the Quay Theatre and the Jetty in Quay Lane, Sudbury.

Nominations are already being received for Volunteer Awards, designed to acknowledge members of the local community who volunteer within organisations. The Awards Ceremony will take place at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday April 22 in the Quay Theatre and will be a ticket only event. Three finalists in each category will be invited to attend, along with their nominators, with the winners being announced during the event.

The programme of entertainment for the St George's Day Country Fair at Sudbury Cricket Ground, on Sunday April 23, is now arranged, and will include a Children's Entertainer offering Punch and Judy, a magic show, circus skills, balloon modelling, and face painting; the Gymnastics Team from Pot Kiln School, Sudbury Phoenix Community Marchers, and Ben the Busker. The children's fancy dress parade will be judged during the morning.

Details of competitions for primary school children have been sent to local schools and it is hoped there will be many entries for the five different categories: poetry, short stories, paintings, drawings and sculpture – all on the theme of St George and the dragon. Sports "taster" sessions will be on offer for cricket, hockey, tennis and bowls and there will also be a Beat the Street Competition.

Look out for the chance to be photographed as St George, with his spear and the dragon, at a number of places during March!

Information will be circulated at Sudbury on Show on 4 March in St Peter's and the Town Hall in Sudbury, but in the meantime, as places for the two events will have to be limited, voluntary and community groups and charities wishing to take part on either or both days are invited to contact Robin Hodgkinson on 01787 312140 for the Charity Roadshow, and Lesley Ford-Platt on 01787 372171 for the St George's Day Country Fair and the children's competitions, or to download information and entry forms from www.sudburymarkettownpartnership.org.

Babergh District Council

Waste and Recycling Collection Calendar 2017



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The Porch Project was set up in Saint Marys Church In Hadleigh in 2009 when the Church realised there were a large number of young people congregating in the church porch throughout the week, when the porch project started it consisted of a snooker table and 2 sofas, since then the project has grown into a large youth work provision catering for around 200 young people aged 11-19 per week Across Hadleigh and Great Cornard, We cater for these young people by running drop in sessions on a Tuesday and Friday which consist of games consoles, pool and snooker, table tennis, arts and crafts, beauty products and hot food. We also run CV and jobs application workshops, A specific girls group for 11-15 year old girls, Outdoor adventure workshops, Film Nights, and much more.

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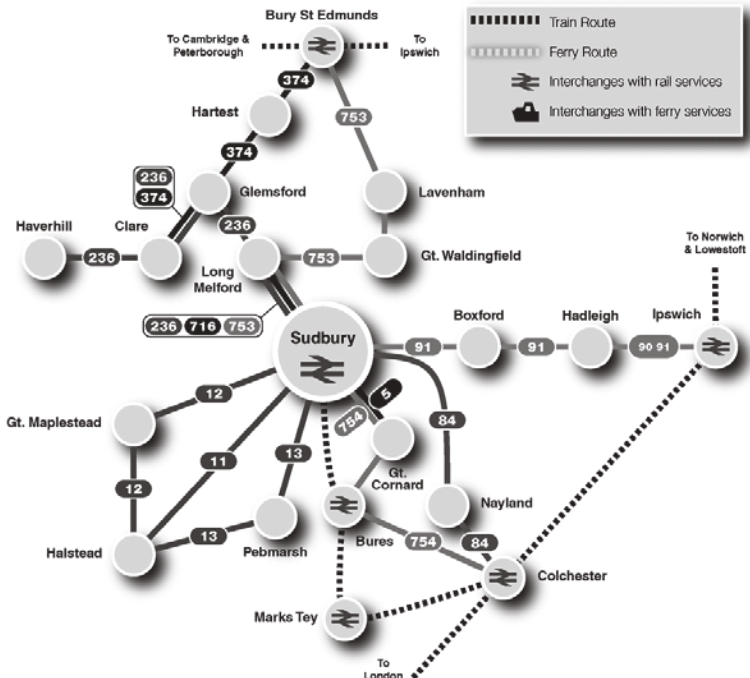
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