

# THE LITTLE CORNARD MAGAZINE



HARVEST 2017



## **SERVICES at ALL SAINTS**

Sunday service at 10.30 a.m. except each 1st Sunday of the month –

Benefice Communion at St Mary's, Bures, at 10.30 a.m.

5th Sundays at Assington or Little Cornard (check noticeboard)

**Morning Prayer each Friday at 9.00 a.m. in the Schoolroom**

**Harvest Evensong – Sunday 10th September at 6.30 pm**

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## **From All Saints Registers**

### **Baptism**

Beatrice Sally Ann Blackhurst

# Vicar's Letter Harvest 2017

Dear Friends

The long, lazy days of Summer are over, the days are getting shorter, the children have been back to school for some weeks and here we are - back to normal. After the excitement of the holiday season, everything is ordinary again.

The trouble is, that in our fast-moving world, 'ordinary' is definitely out of fashion. To describe something as ordinary is to suggest that it's somehow substandard, disappointing or lacklustre. In marketing jargon, things always have to be presented as 'all new' or 'improved', as if we would simply be mad to buy something unless it were clearly bigger, better, or more attractive than before.

But of course the ordinariness of most of our daily lives is essential to our well-being. You can't have the extraordinary without the ordinary. Ordinariness is the backdrop against which we can pick out and appreciate the special. Times like Christmas, Easter and the summer holidays are so exciting and special because they stand in contrast to the ordinary days we live out most of the time in between – days which are filled with the stuff of everyday living. If we can't find a way of living contentedly with the everyday, we will soon become dissatisfied and disappointed.

The trouble is, it can be so easy to trudge through the ordinary days, missing the gems of everyday life, not because they are absent, but because we're so busy and preoccupied that we don't notice them. In his short poem "The Bright Field", R.S. Thomas recalls the experience of briefly seeing sunlight breaking through onto a field, but being too pre-occupied at the time to pause and appreciate its beauty. Referring to Jesus' parable of the pearl buried in a field, he regretfully reflects:

But that was the pearl of great price....  
Life is not hurrying on to a receding future, nor hankering after  
an imagined past. It is the turning  
aside like Moses to the miracle of the lit bush...

Every now and then, perhaps all too rarely, I have a "Bright Field" moment and perhaps you do too – one of those times when you simply 'turn aside' from the routine of the day and catch a glimpse, a sense of something special. My latest such moment was just sitting in the garden for five minutes doing nothing except listen to the sounds around – the wind, the birds, the aircraft overhead, the distant traffic. In prayer terms, it might be a case of simply pausing to rest in the presence of God.

So perhaps we don't have to wait for next summer's holiday, or Christmas, or whenever for a taste of the special and exciting. Sometimes, if we take a little time to stand aside and look, the special can be found any day, embedded deep within the ordinary.

With best wishes

*Steve.*

## **CHURCHWARDEN'S RAMBLINGS**

Since our last magazine we have celebrated Easter at All Saints with the usual 8 a.m. Holy Communion Service followed by breakfast in the schoolroom.

The Flower Festival with the Exhibition of Art which was so successful concluded with Evensong. The Flower Festival raised £2,302.32 of which half was donated to the Great Cornard Porch Project.

In June the annual service and barbeque to show our thanks to everyone who supports the church was held.

Rev'd Steve leads Morning Prayer each Friday in the schoolroom at 9 a.m. This is a half hour meeting, followed by coffee, a meaningful way to meet and pray for the community.

'Open Church' on the first Tuesday of each month continues to be popular. The schoolroom is open from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. where there is a constant supply of tea/coffee and lunch is ready for 1 p.m. The church is open for those wanting a time of quiet. Please give us a call if you would like transport to First Tuesday.

In August we welcomed a large group of U3A Amblers for coffee, cake and time in church.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Fair and Fun Dog Show on 9th September and hope to see you there.

*Jeremy Apter  
Brenda Pentney*

## **Suffolk Historic Annual Bicycle Ride**

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**All Saints Church, Little Cornard**

# **HARVEST FAIR**

**Saturday, 9th September 2017**  
**11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**

**Barbeque  
Bric-a-Brac  
Refreshments  
Cakes**



**Games  
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**Fun Dog Show at 2.00 p.m.**

**Harvest Evensong  
on Sunday, 10th September  
at 6.30 p.m.**

**Kedington Hill,  
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## **Flower Festival**

Marian and I would like to thank everyone who decorated for the Flower Festival. As always the Church looked wonderful and was much appreciated by all the visitors.

The Art Exhibition was a new venture and provided a different interest. Special thanks to Liz Brightwell who gave me lots of help and contacts. It was a pleasure to meet all the Artists who exhibited and we were indeed fortunate to have so much talent on show.

*Sue Macdiarmid*

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## **Harvest Festival Decorating**

Marian and I will contact the Flower Ladies nearer the time. All offers of help to decorate the Church and/or donate vegetables and fruit will be welcome.

Please contact Marian Turner 01787 377889

or Sue Macdiarmid 01797 375858.

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## **Holy Communion Talk**

Revd Steve will be giving a brief talk on some of the history and content of the present Communion service in the Schoolroom at 12 noon after the Benefice Communion Service on 29th October. The session will last for no more than an hour and will include an opportunity for questions and discussion. If you were unable to come when the talk was given in the church last year, here is another opportunity!

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## **The Good but Ugly**

Good looks aren't everything. Remember that when you buy apples this autumn. The frosts in April affected the size and appearance of this year's crop, and so many of the apples this autumn (they are harvested from Aug to Oct) may be 'ugly'. There may also be fewer British ones around. The warning has come from the National Farmers' Union.

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## Lee Parker - Babergh District Council Report: Summer 2017

Since writing my Spring report we have had all manner of contrary political outcomes. From sweeping Conservative gains in the local elections followed by a bloody nose for Theresa May in a General Election that caught us all by surprise in its timing. It seems the political outlook remains as volatile as ever. Lots to report upon at a local level. For my summer report I have 3 key items.



**Babergh adopts Cabinet and Leader model;** At Babergh's Annual Council Meeting on Tuesday 23 May, Babergh District Council re-elected Cllr Jennie Jenkins as Leader, and has unveiled the new Cabinet system supporting her to run the Council. The new Cabinet Model replaces the existing Strategy Committee and Portfolio Holder model, streamlining the decision-making process. This both strengthens the Governance of the council and also provides greater clarity and accountability for officers working to direction from Members. This will also provide greater transparency, with Forward Plans of cabinet business to be published online regularly covering the upcoming three months of Cabinet business on a rolling basis. The cabinet members and their portfolios are as follows. Cllr Jan Osborne was appointed Cabinet Member for Housing, Cllr Tina Campbell was appointed Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Margaret Maybury was appointed Cabinet Member for Communities, Cllr Peter Patrick was appointed Cabinet Member for Organisational Delivery/Finance, Cllr John Ward was appointed Cabinet Member for Economy. For my part I am delighted to have been appointed as Cabinet Member for Planning, a portfolio that comes with a significant challenge given the authority's current position around its lack of 5 year land supply. This has quite considerable consequences when determining the delivery of development within the District.

**Boundary Commission Review;** The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking local people for their help to draw up a new pattern of council wards for Mid Suffolk District Council and Babergh District Council. The consultation is the first stage of an electoral review which will re-draw ward boundaries across both districts. The Commission has also announced that it is minded to recommend that each council should have fewer councillors in future. For Babergh, 31 councillors should be elected to represent the area in future: a reduction of twelve from

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the current arrangements. In drawing up new boundaries, the Commission aims to deliver electoral equality for voters in district council elections so that each councillor represents roughly the same number of voters. The review also aims to ensure that the new council wards reflect, as far as possible, the interests and identities of communities across the districts. Local people have until 14 August 2017 to submit their views. Further information on the review and interactive maps of the existing wards can be found on the Local Government Boundary Commissions website.

**Draft Local Plan;** Babergh Full Council met on 18th July and resolved to begin public consultation on its new joint local plan. As the newly appointed Cabinet Member for Planning I know first-hand just how much work and research has gone in to formulating the draft document which was roundly commended by Councillors as being a vast improvement on the current plan. Personally speaking my view is that whilst the need for housing has become acute within the District, the allocation of future development needs to be appropriate and proportionate to the communities where it is delivered. This plan proposes to address those concerns using extensive needs evidence but most importantly by enabling our communities to have a greater say in the shaping of local development. The consultation will open shortly and I would urge everybody to engage in it. Information will be disseminated in the local press, via direct mail shot, on the Babergh website and via your Parish Council.

As ever I am available to discuss all matters that concern the District Council and will be glad to hear from you.

All the best

**Lee Parker -**

Babergh District Councillor – Bures St Mary Ward,  
Bures St Mary, Little Cornard and Newton

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## **Harvest Supper**

**Saturday, 30th September in the School Room at All Saints Church**  
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All Saints Church Wardens -

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# Healthwatch Suffolk: Communities share views to improve health and care services in Suffolk

We're Healthwatch. We listen to your views about local NHS and social care services so that we can make them better for everyone.

We have just launched our fourth annual report, which covers the year 2016/17. It tells you how we have been working and using people's experiences to shape, influence and improve local services throughout the year.

Five ways that health and care services have improved:

1. Maternity services increased support for birthing partners and changed policies so that birthing partners can stay with mum and baby overnight.
2. People will receive improved support and information to help them manage their risk of complications from foot disease caused by diabetes.
3. Residential and nursing homes have made changes that will improve the experience of some of Suffolk's most vulnerable people following visits by our volunteers.
4. We made safeguarding alerts that have led to immediate improvements to people's care.
5. We delivered patient feedback that helped to shape pathology services in Sudbury, including improvements to IT systems and access to appointments.

In our annual report, we highlight outcomes from our work that has included specific research projects, visits to local services and work across all levels of health and social care. Further examples include:

- Decisions to keep In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Marginalised and Vulnerable Adults services were strongly influenced by public feedback we obtained in partnership with NHS leaders.
- Prompted by calls from young people for more information, we developed a new poster and information card that will help young people to find support.
- We worked closely with new GP partnerships to shape their plans for developing services by engaging patients within surgeries.
- We were central to the launch of a new Dementia Forum for Suffolk that will aim to change the way dementia support is provided in Suffolk.

In addition, we have helped many people that contacted our free Information and Signposting Service to find support with their health and wellbeing needs.

Andy Yacoub (Chief Executive) said:

"People have a keen interest in their health and social care services and rightly so. Throughout the year, we have met many people; talking to them about their experiences and using them to influence decisions about our local services. We are proud of the impact we have made and, with increasing awareness of Healthwatch throughout the County, we know that our voice and influence can only increase with positive outcomes for patients, service users and carers throughout Suffolk."

More information is available within the Healthwatch Suffolk Annual Report 2016/17. Visit: [www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk). You can also call 01449 703949 to find out more.



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## AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION: A STILL SMALL VOICE OF CALM

The Church of England is providing a “still small voice of calm” at a time when the people of Britain face “unprecedented questions about the future”, according to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

The recent General Election has left many questions unanswered at a “critical time in the nation’s history,” and Christians should therefore pray for political leaders to have courage but also give thanks for signs of political apathy receding, they say.

The call came in the text of a motion debated at the Church’s General Synod, which met in York in July. The archbishops used their legal powers to change the published schedule to include an urgent debate on the state of the nation.

Entitled ‘After the General Election: a still small voice of calm,’ it took place on the opening afternoon of Synod, Friday July 7.

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## **LITTLE CORNARD CONSERVATION SOCIETY**

At the AGM, the future of the Society was discussed. The difficulty in obtaining speakers at an affordable price and dwindling number of members mean that we have to consider closing the Society. The Society has an impressive track record of tree planting and other activity in the village, help on The Mere, interesting, enjoyable and instructive talks and visits, support for other conservation and wildlife organisations – and all in a sociable and friendly group. The founder members who are still able and live nearby are still members!

There was general feeling that members would like the Society to continue with a reduced number of meetings. Agreement was reached that the number of meetings would in future be held in October, December (with Christmas Social), March and April (along with the AGM). Summer visits would take place in June and August. The meetings would continue to be held on the last Thursday of the respective month, wherever possible. Tina Cutts was elected as secretary of the Society with help on production of the programme from Patricia Monk, retiring secretary.

*Patricia Monk*

### **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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For information please contact:

Noel King, Booking Secretary on 01787 227447.



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## Village Open Gardens - 9th July

We were lucky with the weather and help we received and had a very successful day with the Open Gardens Project. I hope those villagers who came enjoyed it and those who were unable to were not too inconvenienced by it.

We were surprised by the numbers and response. After a slow first half hour the visitors just kept coming. We had 252 paying visitors raising £2011.00 for the Church Bells Restoration fund.

It was a superb effort by the gardeners and so many helpful people. Many thanks to all the helpers - there are too many to mention individually - and I would probably miss some out - but brilliant to see so many rally round. Those providing Teas and food worked really hard in the heat of the day and added considerable funds.



Many thanks to Peter and his assistant Fred Schwind for providing Parking in the fields and support and celebrity from Fred who was really popular with the visitors. He is our Mascot now.

In doing this project we have brought villagers together creating some friendships and seeing a great community spirit from all involved.

The feedback from visitors was very complimentary and they all admired the village, lovely location and friendliness of the owners of the gardens they visited. They came from far and wide: Southend, Hemel Hempstead, Kent, Clacton and Woodbridge of those I spoke to.

My thanks go to Villagers who donated time, raffle prizes and advice to make this a success. To the gardeners and helpers huge thanks for all your cooperation – you were all brilliant to work with. We will look at future projects to raise funds for the Church – It's part of our heritage and is a beautiful little Church and deserves to stay open for future generations who will come back to it over time.

*Regards*

*Gerald & Cheryl Bird*

## CORNARD MERE - AUTUMN 2017

By Robin Ford - Voluntary warden, Cornard Mere

The early years of my voluntary wardenship of Cornard Mere were marked by periods of drought with the reserve drying out completely each summer. The dragonfly population was much reduced by these conditions.



After the excavation of the main pond in the 1990s a permanent supply of water was retained all year round and the number of species of dragonfly rose accordingly. One of the first to arrive was the Hairy Dragonfly *Brachytron pratense*. According to the distribution map for this species in SUFFOLK DRAGONFLIES, published by the Suffolk Naturalists' society in 1992, this insect was confined to the Suffolk coastal strip. Since that date, however, a rapid expansion has occurred. A small colony is still present at the reserve and insects can be seen flying over the Mere in May and June. This Spring I managed, for the first time, to photograph a male Hairy Dragonfly at rest well away from the water's edge. Incidentally the hairs can be found on the thorax, just behind the head.

Another notable sighting this Spring was that of a Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* prospecting the bare peat where volunteers from the Dedham Vale / Stour Valley Project had pulled bulrushes *Typha latifolia* the previous Autumn. An attempt to increase the size of this area will be made in the next few months and it is hoped this may persuade a pair of Lapwings to settle and breed.

In late July my fellow voluntary warden, Mark, reported seeing a Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* on the main pond. As far as I can ascertain this is a first for Cornard Mere and is probably the result of the present height of the water table and that fish have re-colonised the site.

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# FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

## **The Ipswich Park & Ride Launch 2017**

The new Park & Ride commercial service run by First Eastern Counties launch took place on Monday 3 July. The new service will run every 15 minutes from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday. First's proposal has enabled SCC to achieve its proposed saving of £0.5m each year.

It is important that we take every opportunity to promote First's Park & Ride service and use it ourselves.

## **Roadworks.org initiative**

You can now find current and planned roadworks or road and street closures and how this affects you and information about road improvements projects in Suffolk.

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## **James Finch,**

*County Councillor Stour Valley Division.*

*Tel 01206 263649 Mobile 07545 423796*

*Email: [james.finch@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:james.finch@suffolk.gov.uk)*

### **Little Cornard Neighbourhood Watch**



**Phil Gooch**  
**NHW Co-ordinator**  
**01787 372013**

Make sure windows and doors are locked, also sheds, when leaving your property.

Leave a light on in the evening. Watch out for cold callers and treat with suspicion.

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# The Village Hall

I am pleased to report we continue to tick along with minor works to the Village Hall, to improve the comfort and safety for all. In the last year, we have achieved much:

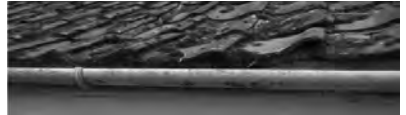
- New doors, front and rear
- Floor sanded and treated
- New tables for functions
- Improvements to drainage and path at rear
- Security lighting at front
- Dehumidifier improving damp in the hall

The eagle-eyed may have spotted that there is also a new sign for the Village Hall in Spout Lane. So modest is our hall, I believe there are some people who were unaware of its presence. No longer!



Of course, there comes a time when major works are required and, sadly, that time is now:

- The roof requires attention (including insulation, soffits and replacing tiles),
- The windows need stripping and painting (and hopefully reglazing)
- Plastering inside
- Lick of paint both outside and in
- Internal lighting improvements
- Heating improvements



We continue to fundraise, and on Sunday 6th August, held a barbeque on Shalford Meadow, on the banks of the Stour. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and about 50 people turned out. Never knowingly underfed in Little Cornard (!), we enjoyed a most excellent barbeque (kindly provided by Clive and Gerald) and, afterwards, a huge selection of desserts. Marvellous music was provided by Electra, led by one of our VH committee members, Peter Cook. We were even graced with the presence of our Babergh District and Suffolk County Councillors. We haven't totted up the amount yet, but a goodly sum was made for the Hall and we are very grateful for the support.



We are holding a working party at the hall on Saturday 19th August from 10am, and all are welcome. Any help would be appreciated and, in return, I am sure we can rustle up a few more cakes to keep the workers happy.

*Ruth Adams*

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## **All Saints Church Bell Restoration Project.**

It is with great delight and relief that we can announce that we have raised enough money to go ahead with the bell restoration. Thanks to the generosity of people we have raised £110,000 and have now instructed John Younger to start the work on the 2nd October. This will be all the building work necessary to move the font and repair the tower. It will also include putting in new floors and ceilings in the tower.

John Taylors of Loughborough have been instructed to carry out the work to restore the bells and fit a new bell frame and all the necessary equipment required for ringing. They are at present hoping to remove the bells in February and re-install them in June/July next year depending on us getting permission from the bat people.

It has been very heart-warming that so many people have taken such an interest in hearing the bells ring out again, something no living person has heard. It has included not only local people but those who live far and wide but, at some point, have had a connection with the church or an interest in bells. They will tell their story and include a donation.

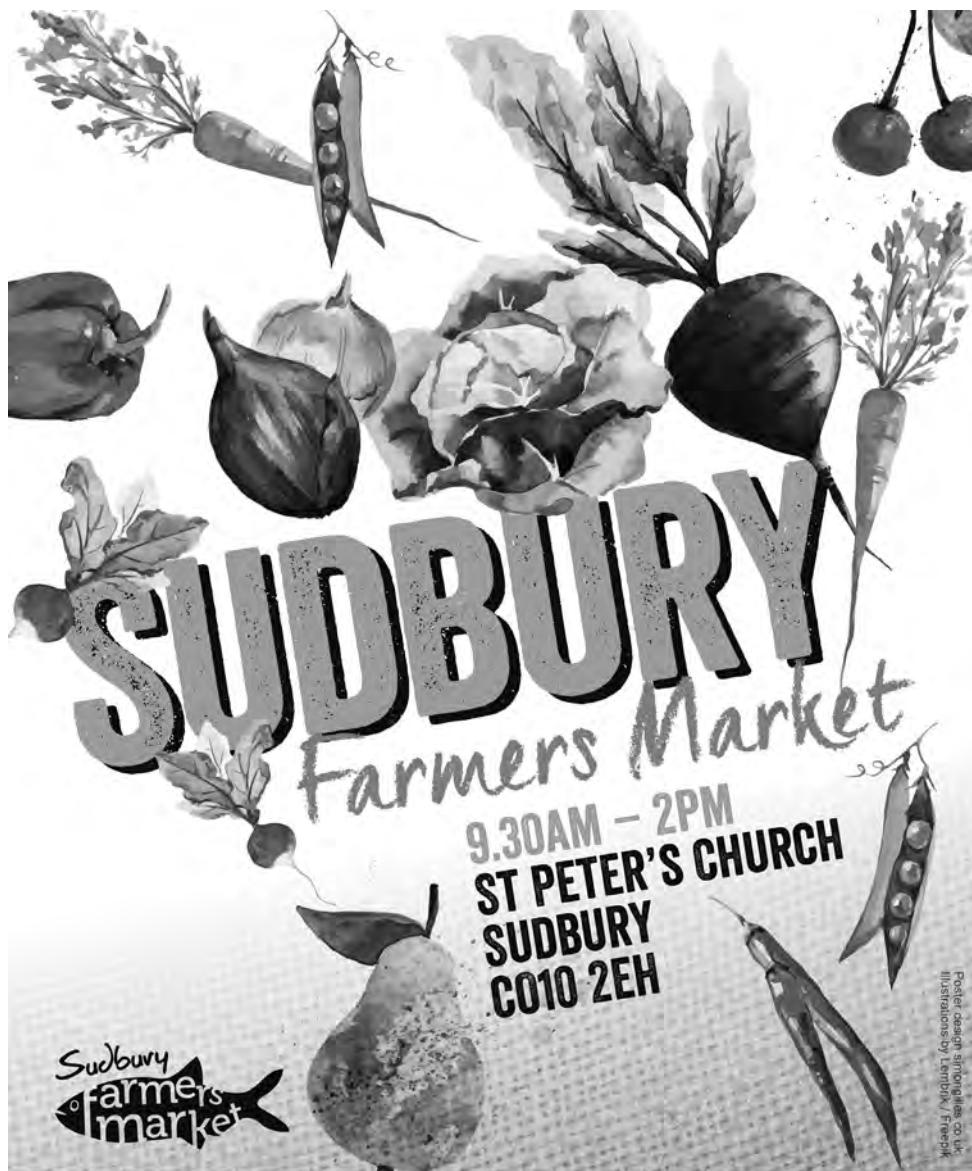
We still have one last fund-raising event. Stuart, our organist, will be doing a Hymnathon during the Harvest Fair in which he plans to play a verse of as many hymns as possible from our hymn book. Please support him as it will be a valiant endeavour.

An enormous thank you to Gerald Bird for agreeing to organise the Open Gardens event. He worked so hard in covering every detail and as a result it was smooth running and although hard work for all the gardeners involved, resulted in a fantastic amount raised and in addition a bonding of the garden owners. We thank all the people who opened their gardens for all the hard work they put in. The result of their dedication was appreciated by all who visited. Thank you also to all those who in addition provided refreshments and sold plants throughout the day. It was hard work and exhausting but was well worth it for the amount raised.

Finally a heartfelt thank you to all who have helped, supported and donated during this appeal – next year you will hear the bells ringing!

*Robert Mackman*

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## What it takes to succeed

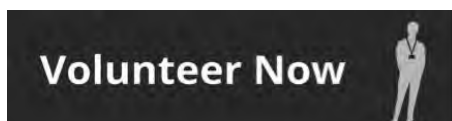
Ever wonder why some people are more 'successful' than others? It may be because they have the five 'life skills' that are critical in achieving any kind of sustained success.

According to scientists at University College, London, the five critical 'life skills' that you need to succeed are: emotional stability, determination, control, optimism and conscientiousness.

Together, these habits are thought to form a firm bedrock on which to build your life.

The team from UCL looked at data from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing, and found that highly skilled people even walked more quickly than others, and rate their health very highly.

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#### **Gardeners**

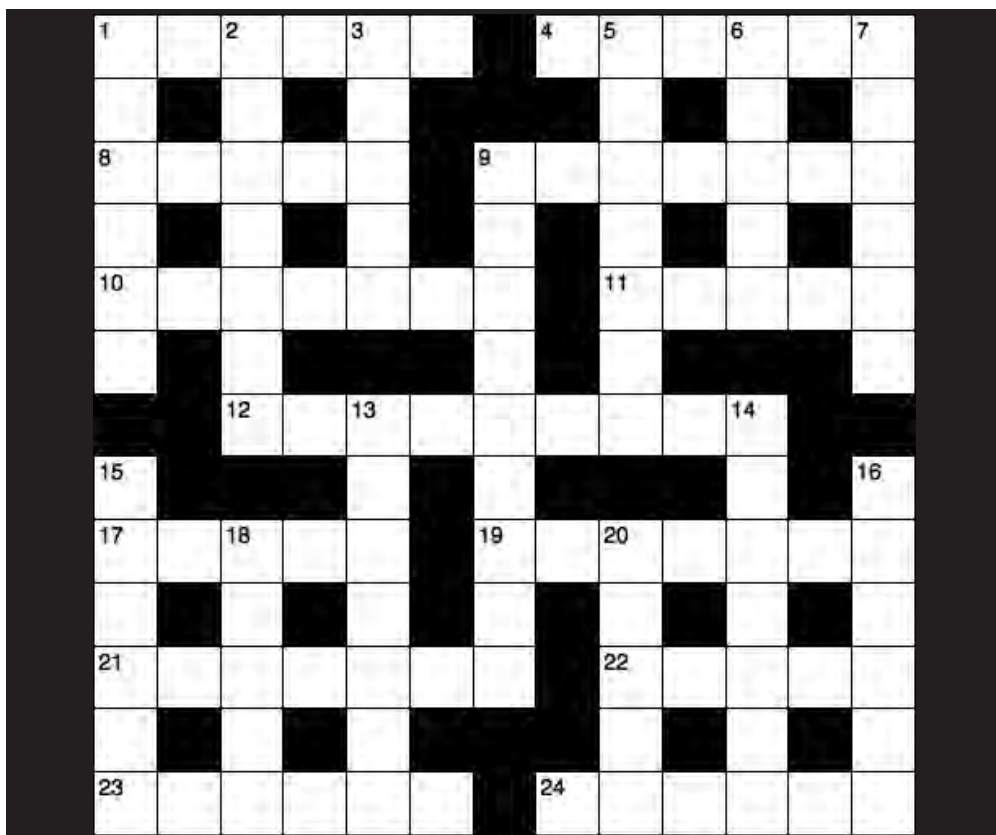
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# Crossword



## Across

- 1** 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)  
**4** 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)  
**8** He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)  
**9** Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)  
**10** One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)  
**11** '— thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)  
**12** and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)  
**17** 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)  
**19** Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)  
**21** This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)  
**22** David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)  
**23** Detest (Job 10:1) (6)  
**24** 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

## Down

- 1** To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)  
**2** Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)  
**3** 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)  
**5** Tuba ale (anag.) (7)  
**6** 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)  
**7** Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)  
**9** Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)  
**13** Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them —, that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)  
**14** City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)  
**15** See 12 Across  
**16** Rioted (anag.) (6)  
**18** She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)  
**20** Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

**Answers at bottom of page 24**

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## Wise Words

It is not the number of books you read, nor the variety of sermons you hear, nor the amount of religious conversation in which you mix, but it is the frequency and earnestness with which you meditate on these things till the truth in them becomes your own and part of your being, that ensure your growth. F W Robertson 1816-1853

I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes of earth. Isaac Newton 1642-1726

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## The Church Wardens

Churches stand in ev'ry parish  
Of this green and pleasant land  
Some are small, yet so historic  
Some are large, ornate, and grand.

Thousands, then, of ancient churches  
Being kept up to their prime  
In the care of all those wardens  
Giving freely of their time.

Some have roofs that need repairing  
Some have other wear and tear  
Some have beetles, rot, or  
woodworm  
But they all need loving care!

Yet much more than just the  
buildings  
Occupy these sterling folk!  
Rotas, meetings, service duties  
Yet you'll hear them laugh and joke!

So, to all these lovely people  
Who have so much work to do  
And do it all without complaining  
From our hearts, we say "Thank you!"

By Nigel Beeton

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## Crossword Answers

**ACROSS:** 1, Amazed. 4, Others. 8, Peter.  
9, Zebedee. 10, Accuser. 11, Endue. 12,  
Scripture. 17, Shrub. 19, Abashed. 21,  
Foolish. 22, Upset. 23, Loathe. 24, Lesser.

**DOWN:** 1, Appeal. 2, Attacks. 3, Earns. 5,  
Tableau. 6, Ended. 7, Shekel. 9, Zarephath.  
13, Rubbish. 14, Ephesus. 15, Useful. 16,  
Editor. 18, Rhoda. 20, Abuse.

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## **More Wise Words**

In Gislingham Church I came across this in an article and found it thought provoking.

'Change is life and growth and opportunity. God works through change. In the Book of Revelation we read: "The one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new'". That's in the present tense: "I am making", not "I have made" or "I will make". God is continually making and remaking all things. Change is God's way.

So we should embrace change, even when it seems unsettling and difficult, and use it for good, as God does. We can always hold onto the things that never change: God's love for us and our salvation through Jesus Christ. We can stay faithful to the two great commandments: to love God and to love our neighbour. Then we will not go wrong.'

On the same theme an article seen in Thornham Parva Church (in the same Benefice as Gislingham) quoted the words of John F. Kennedy:

'Change is a way of life. Those who look to only the past or the present are certain to miss the future.'

*Virginia Mackman*

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## **Church notices that didn't come out quite right...**

This evening at 7 pm there will be a hymn-sing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the church hall on Friday afternoon.

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## **Music**

Two young vegetarians were getting married and had to choose their wedding music. The minister suggested the voluntary: 'Sheep may safely graze.'

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## Siegfried Sassoon - War Poet

One of the leading poets of the First World War, Siegfried Sassoon died 50 years ago, on 1st September 1967. His intense, dramatic verses highlighted the futility of war and attacked those who in his view sought to prolong it.

Sassoon was also known for his prose, particularly the semi-autobiographical *Memoirs of a Foxhunting Man* and its sequels, published in the 1920s and 30s.

He was the product of a wealthy Kent family: his father was a notable Jewish merchant and his mother came from a family of artists and sculptors. He went to Marlborough School and Cambridge University but did not obtain a degree. He served with distinction in the First World War, earning the Military Cross in 1916 for bringing wounded soldiers to safety.

He was discharged after being injured but remained deeply affected by the horrors of war, writing the anti-war "Soldiers' Declaration" and flinging his MC into the Mersey – at least, that is what everyone thought, until it turned up at his ex-wife's former home on the Isle of Mull in 2007.

Instead of being court-martialled, he was sent to Craiglockhart Military Hospital in Edinburgh for treatment. Here he met Wilfred Owen, several years younger than him, who was inspired to write Great War poetry himself. He was killed a week before the war ended after returning unnecessarily to the front – despite Sassoon trying to prevent him from doing so.

In his later years Sassoon became a devout Roman Catholic, and his final poems reflected that.

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## Storehouse Foodbank

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*Sue Macdiarmid*



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## Parish Council Update

### The Green, Upper Road

The corner ditch opposite the post box which was emitting a nasty smell has now been cleared and dug out. We hope this will alleviate the odour. Many thanks to Jonathan Drew and his excavator - always a pleasure to watch an expert at work! Grateful thanks to Graham, Karen and Simon "the chainsaw team"! Also to Nigel and Clive on the J.C.B. Thanks also to Annemarie for keeping us supplied with coffee and cakes. All in all, a job well done.

### Noticeboards

Thanks to David Osborne for kindly taking the time to make and donate two mahogany noticeboards. The first has replaced the one on The Green. Thank you Nigel for your help, this was much appreciated. The second one will replace the one on Bures road.

### Bures Road

The 40 mph signs are now in place, so beware you speedy drivers!

Thanks to James Finch (County Council).

I would like to thank those residents who spend time keeping verges and hedges trimmed to aid visibility on our dangerous roads.

*Clive Johnson, Chairman*

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