

THE  
**LITTLE CORNARD**  
MAGAZINE



CHRISTMAS 2019



## **SERVICES at ALL SAINTS**

Sunday service at 10.30 a.m.

except each 1st Sunday of the month –

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

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

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**Christingle** Sunday 15th December at 10.30 am

**Carol Service** Sunday 22nd December at 6.30 pm

**Family Communion Christmas Day** at 10.30 am

**Benefice Communion** Sunday 29th December at 10.30 am

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## **From All Saints Registers**

### **Burial**

Martin Paul Johnson

# Vicar's Letter Christmas 2019

Dear Friends

I wonder what you make of the recent Extinction Rebellion protests against climate change? There can't be many people these days, I guess, who would seriously doubt that we run the risk of damaging permanently the ecosystem of our planet if we continue to burn fossil fuels in the way we currently do, and it has to be a good thing that public awareness of these things is being heightened, surely? But how far should peaceful protest go in keeping up the pressure to change on politicians and the rest of us? Is it justified, for example, to cause distress and inconvenience to commuters trying to get to work on time by lying on top of their tube train? Certainly one clergy-person in her 70s thought so. When asked about her direct action, the Archbishop of Canterbury commented that he thought her convictions were good, but that he himself wouldn't have done that.

Whatever we think of her methods of protest, her convictions were good, because as a Christian she strongly believed that human beings have a God-given obligation to preserve all that is good in creation. We should all be doing what we can to preserve, not damage, the beautiful world in which we live and maintain its delicate and wonderfully balanced ecosystem. None of us as individuals can save the planet by ourselves, but we can all make adjustments to our own habits in order to reduce the damage we might do to the environment.

As we approach the Christmas season, all this made me think of wrapping paper. If you have lots of presents to prepare at this time of year you'll have to use sheets and sheets of the stuff. And it looks great, doesn't it? Lots of colour, all shiny-maybe with a bit of glitter for good measure- and then wrapped up and secured with yards of sellotape. I read recently that it's estimated that in the UK we'll throw out the equivalent of 108 million rolls of Christmas wrapping paper this year after the presents have all been unwrapped. That's an awful lot of additional paper waste, much of which cannot be recycled because of the way the paper has been treated to make it shiny or multi-coloured, or sparkly.

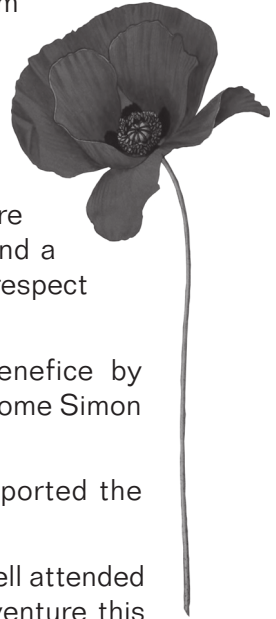
So, without being too Scrooge-like, I wonder if there might be some small way in which I could reduce this particular bit of environmental damage this year? Maybe I could wrap presents in plain brown paper (very trendy, I'm told), or avoid paper which is too shiny or sparkly. Maybe I could try to buy paper which is itself only made from recycled material. Or if I can't find that, at least make sure I buy paper which says on the label that it's recyclable. It may not be as eye catching as climbing onto a tube train, but it will be one, among many, of the numerous little things I can do, if I try, to help preserve the precious world which God himself thought it worth coming into to save.

Have a very happy and blessed Christmas.

*Steve.*

## Churchwarden's Corner

We write these notes having just returned from the Service of Remembrance. The congregation stood united in silence round the War Memorial as the names of the fallen were read: names of those from this parish, from the two World Wars. The service was led by Andrew Clift. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded on the cornet by Stuart Mathieson and a poppy wreath was laid. As a further mark of respect the church bells were rung half muffled.



Rev'd Simon White was licensed to the Benefice by Archdeacon David Jenkins in October. We welcome Simon to the ministry team.

We thank everyone who helped with and supported the Harvest Fair in September.

Our Harvest Lunch and Harvest Supper were well attended and enjoyed by all. The Harvest lunch a new venture this year will hopefully be repeated next year.

The Songs of Praise service included traditional favourites and interesting stories supporting the choices.

We now look forward to the Christmas celebrations:

**Christingle** at 10.30am on 15th December a special service to distribute Christingles.

**Candlelit Carol Service** at 6.30pm on 22nd December will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**Christmas Day** at 10.30am Family Communion

**Benefice Communion** at All Saints at 10.30am on 29th December.

We do hope to see you at the Christmas celebrations

With our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

*Brenda Pentney and Jeremy Apter*

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## **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

The group has met regularly and has begun the process of turning your views, as expressed in the questionnaire, into a 'vision' and set of 'objectives' to enable Little Cornard to move forward as a vibrant and distinctive countryside parish.

Once these draft proposals are developed we will call a Parish meeting to discuss them before submitting a draft plan to the Parish Council for their approval.

We are in discussion with Great Cornard Parish Council about the Blackhouse Lane area. It seems we have very similar views about ensuring this area is both protected and environmentally enhanced. The Countryside Park and Mere might form the basis for developing a larger area to be enjoyed by the public.

If anyone has any other ideas for us to consider please get in touch.

*Nick Hammond*

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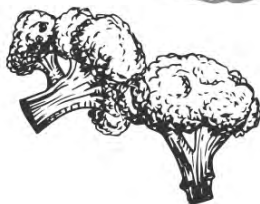
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## News from the Bell Tower October 2019

We are continuing training for bell ringing at the Church. Practice is every Wednesday evening 7.30pm to 9.00pm. We would welcome more trainees so please feel free to come up and see how it is done and have a try if you feel you would like to. You will be made welcome. We enjoy a social time after with tea and cake in the schoolroom – it's one of few meeting places in the village.

Our current eleven trainees continue to make good steady progress.

The big news for us is that we now have three more members who, at the recent ADM of the Southwest Guild held at Bildeston Church on 26th October, passed the standards to become members of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers.

Many congratulations to Cheryl Bird, Robyn Slater and Rosemary Bullen (see picture below).

We continue to be blessed with the services of Derek Rose (a Ringing Master), Pauline Brown and David Lee who teach us plus we are helped by local experienced ringers who come to assist us in developing our, as yet, limited skills.

We are all off to Norwich to the Mancroft Ringing Discovery Centre on Saturday 2nd November for a special training session to improve our bell handling.

The bells have brought over 200 visitors to the Church in their first year so are breathing new life and interest into the Church. We also made the front page of Ringing World so Lt Cornard is getting good publicity for our bells. A copy is available to view in the schoolroom or visit <https://www.ringingworld.co.uk>

The visiting groups keep coming to the Church to ring in the tower. We have had visiting teams from Cheshire and Stoke on Trent; the Hewey team from Lancashire and the Shenfield Essex ringers who have seven members under fourteen – marvellous to see them ringing so well.

Two ringers came this week from Wethersfield and we have had 22 Tuesday club bell ringers from all over Suffolk too.

We had a talk by John Taylor to the Village Conservation Society on the bells installation and general history and we rang a short demonstration after. One or two Conservation members had a go with Derek's assistance.

We are hoping to ring the bells for the Carol Service at Christmas with our own Little Cornard band so hope to see you there. *(continued overleaf)*



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## News from the Bell Tower October 2019 (continued)

The remarkable efforts of the Bell Committee are concluding now with the imminent changing of the clappers. The clappers should have been cast iron and not the wrought iron that was fitted. We thank those committee members, donors and helpers for such a remarkable achievement and all or any would be welcome at any practice night.

John Taylor has helped us install the simulator and training cameras in the Bell Chamber and all are working now. You are able to see the bells whilst we are ringing on the TV below. Little Cornard now has one of the most advanced training facilities in the area.

Do come and learn to ring – it is remarkably enjoyable, very sociable and we have great camaraderie helping each other to improve. Just come along or call 01787 227210 and we will help you with directions and times.

*Gerald Bird*



Learners & teachers from Lt Cornard – one or two missing on holidays



The old medieval framework before the bells were replaced.

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### **Congratulations to Peter and Doris Cutmore**

Our best wishes and congratulations to Peter and Doris Cutmore who recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary.

The photograph shows them on their wedding day 29th August 1959





On 2nd October a Harvest Lunch was held in the Schoolroom. Attendees, including Rev'd Tricia Box enjoyed a Ploughman's Lunch with fruits and cakes.

## **First Tuesday of the Month: Open Church & Cafe**

The highlight of the past few months has been the Harvest Lunch, a traditional Ploughman's lunch held on 1st October. We were joined by many friends including Rev'd Tricia Box (see photo). At our regular Open Church and Café you will find a continuous supply of tea and coffee and we serve lunch at 1 pm. You are most welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a chat or join us for lunch at 1pm.

Please note we do not meet in January. Dates for the coming months are December 3rd, February 4th and March 3rd all from 10 am until 4 pm.

*Brenda Pentney*

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## Harvest Supper

A delightful Harvest Supper was held for the congregation of Little Cornard church on Saturday 5th October. There was a most convivial atmosphere and all who attended enjoyed a delicious supper.

The School Room was decorated with the Harvest theme and looked so inviting. Many thanks to all the people who prepared such a lovely supper and made it such a great evening. We look forward to next year.....

Many many thanks

*Marian Turner*

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## Is Your Septic Tank 2020 Compliant?

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (England) Regulations came into force on 1st January 2015 and created General Binding Rules for Septic Tanks or small sewage treatment plants for domestic use. These rules are designed to reduce the level of pollution caused by sewage in the nation's water courses.

Under these Environmental Permitting Regulations if you have a septic tank that discharges directly to surface water (a Ditch, Culvert, Stream, River, etc) you must upgrade or replace your septic tank to a full sewage treatment plant system by 1st January or sooner if you plan to sell your property before this date.

The actual rules are on the Gov website at:

[www.gov.uk/guidance/general-binding-rules-small-sewage-discharge-to-a-surface-water](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/general-binding-rules-small-sewage-discharge-to-a-surface-water)

This is an important matter for rural communities and some households may not be aware.

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## Musical Treat in Little Cornard

On Sunday afternoon, 13th October, The Gainsborough Concert Group delighted a good crowd in the church with their Autumn Serenade. Introduced by their singing teacher, Mrs Valerie Cockx Boyle, the audience enjoyed accomplished solos of light classical music and songs from the shows by six lovely singers, two of them very young. A good tea was served in the interval to complete a happy afternoon. We are very grateful to Mrs Cockx Boyle for the opportunity to enjoy this young talent.

*Shirley Cotton*

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## Winter Solstice

A Midwinter festival has been a part of life since pre-Christian times. When the hours of daylight are fewest, the warmth of the sun weakest, and life itself seemingly at a standstill, our ancestors, the pagan peoples of Europe and Western Asia, kept festival by lighting bonfires and decorating their buildings with evergreens.

Perhaps they believed that the dying sun could be enheartened by fire, and the life of the buried seed assured by the presence of evergreen branches.

With the advent of Christianity, the Spring gods became identified with Christ, and the birthday of the sun with the birthday of the Light of the World.

The early church father Tertullian did not approve of Christmas decorations. "Let those who have no light in themselves light candles!... You are the light of the world, you are the tree ever green...." But by the time of St Gregory and St Augustine, four centuries later, this had changed. Pope Gregory instructed Augustine not to worry about harmless outward customs, as long as the right God be worshipped through them. And so many Anglo-Saxon customs were never discarded, but simply endowed with a new significance.

By 1598 one John Stow of London wrote how: 'Against the feast of Christmas, every man's house, as also their parish churches, were decked with holme, ivie, bayes, and whatsoever the season of the yeare afforded to be greene.'

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## Flower and Cleaning Rota

Thank you to everyone for all their help during the year. Marian and I will be doing the rota for 2020 after Christmas, so if anyone has any requests for particular dates etc. please let us know. New volunteers would be warmly welcomed. Contact Sue Macdiarmid 01787 375858 or Marian Turner 01787 377889

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## Church Decorating for Christmas

Marian and I will be in touch nearer the time.

*Sue Macdiarmid*

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## Storehouse Foodbank

As Christmas approaches the Foodbank organisers will be working hard to prepare "bags of hope" for those in need of their help. There is now a donation point in the Cornard Road branch of Sainsbury's in addition to those at Waitrose and the East of England Co-op stores in Great Cornard, Lavenham and Long Melford. Donations of tinned and packet foods, tea, coffee and toiletries are gratefully received. Please contact Sue Macdiarmid with any questions. Thank you.





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# **Feedback from James Finch – Your County Councillor for the Stour Valley**

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## **• Response to EDF Energy’s Sizewell C Stage 4 Public Consultation**

The Cabinet met with an additional meeting on 24th September to agree the final response to the stage 4 Consultation. This is a complex process. Whilst the County Council agrees in principle to the development there are still major issues that they have asked to be addressed which include the Transport strategy, and the effect of the construction during and after completion on the local environment in the Coast and Heath and Dedham Vale AONB. Unless these are addressed, Suffolk County Council will not be able to support the EDF application.

The complete decision summary of the Cabinet meeting can be found on the Suffolk County Council website under the “Cabinet Agenda and minutes”.

Going forward, I am particularly eager to work with all concerned to protect the Stour Valley from an increased number of power lines by ensuring they are placed underground or via the sea.

## **• “The Hold” Topping Out ceremony**

Construction of ‘The Hold’ archives and heritage centre has reached its highest point. On 25 September, contractors R G Carter, along with senior officers from Suffolk County Council, the University of Suffolk, Ipswich Vision and the National Lottery Heritage Fund, celebrated the official ‘Topping Out’ of the new building. Located on the campus of the University of Suffolk, within Ipswich’s unique and regenerating Waterfront, the building will house the majority of Suffolk’s nationally and internationally significant archives.

The Hold will not only transform our ability to care for and showcase our county’s records and collections, but it will also engage audiences right across the county, bringing local and nationally significant exhibitions to all Suffolk Archives branches, state of the art research facilities and more access than ever before to digital collections.

## **• Bravery, fundraising and commitment recognised at fire awards in Ipswich.**

I was honoured to present some awards on 18th September to firefighters, non-operational staff and volunteers from Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service when they were recognised for their bravery and commitment.



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Over 40 awards were given to the Service's firefighters and staff, including those for good conduct and long service, charity fundraising, teamwork, and actions at 999 emergencies.

• **More Fostering and Adoption Sessions - dates for the rest of the year**



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We attend sessions around the County throughout the year either holding informal Information Events, or attending events such as County Shows. We are working with Councillor James Finch, to highlight this opportunity to the residents of his division in the Stour Valley.

Following the interest in the "one to one" drop in sessions locally during the year, we are now planning further ones for the rest of this year and in the New Year. Following a successful session in Bures on 29<sup>th</sup> October, the last two of the year have been booked locally as below; but if you would like to attend at a different time, then please email [matthew.boyle@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.boyle@suffolk.gov.uk)

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• **Chairman of Suffolk County Council “walking” for Suffolk Mind – now completed**

By the time this feedback is published we will have walked the whole length of my sponsored walk of 60 miles along the Stour Valley Path. May I thank all those who have supported me throughout the summer on this wonderful walk. My wife Jeannette and I have really enjoyed the walk as well as the company of those who have walked with us. May I thank most sincerely those who have sponsored me to provide funds for Suffolk Mind.

For those who have not – it is not too late!! All the details of sponsorship can still be found by searching “Chairman's Charity – Suffolk Mind” and go to the bottom of the page. On behalf of Suffolk Mind, all contributions will be most gratefully received – thank you.

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**James Finch County, Councillor Stour Valley Division**

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## Little Cornard Autumn Report 2019

As I sit writing this report the clocks have gone back an hour and for the first time this season I've had to make use of the credit card, if only to scrape the windscreen free of ice. At Babergh however there has been a noticeable thaw in Councillor co-operation since the authority moved back to no overall political control after the May elections. The Cabinet has a good representation of cross party membership and is working cordially. There is a recognition however that there is much to do in order to deliver the open and transparent Council our constituents both desire and deserve.



Unfortunately, Babergh have made headlines locally and nationally, often for the wrong reasons, and this is something that we must work harder to address. Foremost amongst those headlines was the somewhat misguided notion that Babergh would improve its fortunes by changing its name to South Suffolk District Council. The rationale was simple enough. Our neighbouring Councils to the East and West have both changed their names to more accurately describe their location and there was a thought that Babergh District could suffer as the somewhat ambiguous name might deter potential businesses since they don't know where we are. Unfortunately, the business case to evidence that was not forthcoming. What is certain is that re-branding is never straight forward. Some rash predictions that a £10K spend would have been sufficient to effect the change were made but again no business case was presented to evidence it. Constitutionally the Council requires a two thirds majority to pass the change and it was clear that wouldn't be achieved. In my opinion, the whole subject was an unnecessary distraction from the important work that needs to be undertaken and I am pleased the idea has been dropped.

In other news: The Independent Group ranks have been swelled since two Conservative Members decided party politics at a local level isn't for them.

Babergh District Council is seeking formal expressions of interest and proposals for the future of the landmark Belle Vue House in Sudbury. After inviting interested parties to view the building in September, groups have until 1 November to submit their plans.

The free swim offer has been extended to autumn half term and Christmas following the success of the summer swim promotion. The offer saw outstanding take-up in Babergh, with 12% of under 17s in the district registered. A total of 1,918 people registered, with 3,288 free swims at Kingfisher Leisure Centre and 1,205 at Hadleigh Pool and Leisure.

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## Little Cornard Autumn Report 2019 (continued)

Did you know Suffolk's general waste helps to power the equivalent of 30,000 homes? Tours around our Suffolk Energy From Waste facility are free and make a really interesting day out for any community groups that might want to go along. By all means let me know if you're interested so I can pass on tour details.

As ever, I welcome contact from constituents wishing to discuss any matter. Please feel free to call or email me. I also have a Facebook page, Lee Parker – District Councillor which you are free to follow. I look forward to hearing from you.

All the very best for now.

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## **Little Cornard Parish Council Roundup and Village Hall News**

It hasn't been long since the Harvest issue update, so I feel there is not much to tell you all but we proceed with vigour to make headway with our neighbourhood plan. Nick Hammond is updating on that in more detail. We have seen Janice Sampson and other volunteers form a group willing to undertake training and become our villages Speedwatch Group. This is a voluntary group, giving time for no reason but to ensure their community is safer and more protected from speeding motorists. Give them a wave if you see them out.

We have had feedback from the Police speed team that their monitors show over half the cars passing the places we plan to set a Speed Indicator Device are speeding and exceeding 40mph in the 30mph Zone. No one can change all these speeders but we must do what we can. That brings us on to the "Sign Fairy" who has erected signs all over the village to remind drivers to drive safely in our lanes. Thank you whoever you are! Bin stickers have appeared in the Bures Road reminding drivers about our road and its speed limit.

We have had some planning applications to consider and always do encourage local residents who have views to speak with their local parish councillor, or come to our meetings to air your views. Also the Babergh planning web site is open to any one to comment either for, against or neutrally on any application, and this way your individual views can count more.

I wonder how many villagers are aware of the now fully open footpath from Bakers Mill development to the town? There is a long awaited bridge over the brook, by the Lock, and it makes for a very enjoyable walk to town without the traffic on the main road. There was always a tow path on the river in years gone by before motorised boats, now we have it back again. There are footpaths leading to Ernest Does and at the top of Kings Hill, if you need to access areas inbetween but it enhances our enjoyment of the beautiful river scene. Its very busy all day.

After our summer party the Village Hall fund is looking healthy enough to install some improved, energy efficient lighting to assist the groups who use the Hall. We have Sudbury Model Railway Club, a quilting club and other crafters. We have welcomed a Pilates class recently which is attended well. Can you think of any other groups who would benefit from a very reasonable hall to hire? Let them know, rates are detailed elsewhere in the magazine. Bookings can be made with Nigel or Patricia Monk. Before anyone asks, the 12th of December is taken... If anyone has ideas for fundraising or would like to help out or become a committee member, new additions are always welcome. Clive is looking to organise a Little Cornard clay pigeon shooting family day for the spring. Watch this space and sharpen up your arrows we are thinking archery too!

We wish you a very good festive break, and a happy new year!!

*Karen Gilbert*

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## Eighty years ago...

The Second World War began on 3rd September 1939 and by Christmas that year was already having its effect on the domestic front. Many people were unsure whether to celebrate in their usual way or to keep things more muted. Indeed the government spent time considering whether extra spending at Christmas should be discouraged with the Chancellor maintaining that money should not be wasted although some believed it was good for morale.

Petrol rationing had already been introduced and train travel was discouraged making it more difficult for people to travel around to visit distant family members. There was no food rationing as yet although an announcement had been made in November that butter and bacon would be rationed from January.

The activities of Carol singers were hampered by the requirement to keep lights to a minimum and households were discouraged from placing lighted Christmas trees in their windows. The usual extravagant window displays in Oxford Street and elsewhere were partly obscured by blast tape on the glass.

Many thousands of children had already been evacuated from the big cities to the perceived safety of the country and the government was keen to deter families from bringing them back for Christmas lest they did not return afterwards. Newspapers and other sources raised £15,000 to provide parties and entertainment for the evacuees in the country areas to which they had been sent. In some instances special buses were laid on to enable mothers to visit their children for a couple of days.

Many younger men who had been "away in France" with the army were given leave over the Christmas period. Others were sent parcels from home, some ironically containing French food, the public being encouraged at that time to buy French produce.

On Christmas Day King George VI gave his radio broadcast to the nation which ended with the now famous words:

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year. "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied. "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." May that Almighty hand guide and uphold us all.*

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## Little Cornard Conservation Society

We have had an enjoyable summer programme of visits, in June to land at Kedington Hill to view the wild flowers and hear about the wildlife there. On a lovely evening in July we visited Fullers Mill Garden at West Stow which is a beautiful and interesting garden on the banks of the River Lark. In September, again we were lucky to enjoy sunny weather, when an interesting afternoon was had by all, learning about the All Saints church bells, hearing the bells and having a chance to ring the bells – added to which there were delicious homemade cakes and tea.

The winter season begins with a talk by Sue Tibbett on the 31st October at 7.30 for 7.45 pm

Sue's talk is Pin Money (The Ladies of Ballingdon Street) – we shall learn how they earned their pin money, or does this mean something entirely different – we can't wait to hear!

Our Christmas Meeting will take place on the 5th December when we will enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a talk by Martyn Roper on Life in the time of Gainsborough, Constable and Austen – a light hearted talk with some seasonal anecdotes. We finish off with a buffet and a chance to chat.

Our first meeting of 2020 will be on the 26th March with a talk by Chris Gibbons, a conservationist for over 30 years, entitled Gardening with Wildlife in Mind.

We have four winter to spring meetings at the Village Hall, and usually two or three visits during the summer.

If you are interested in joining the Society or would just like to come to one of our meetings please contact Tina Cutts on 01787 372873.

*Tina Cutts*

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## **CORNARD MERE -**

*By Robin Ford, Voluntary Warden - Cornard Mere*

A highlight during this year's visit by the Dedham Vale/Stour Valley project volunteers on October the 16th was the discovery of a nest containing two young Harvest Mice. This species can breed well into the Autumn, but, in over thirty years of locating their woven tennis ball sized nests from all parts of the mere, never before has a nest been found complete with its secretive occupants. The volunteers continued where they had left off last year, cutting through the large block of willow growth that has developed near the caravan park. Another reasonably dry summer has allowed access to this area as well as the main pool which has been colonised by ruderal plant species. A prominent member of this plant community is the Trifid Burr Marigold *Bidens tripartita*, a plant notorious for producing seeds that stick to peoples clothing and, therefore, unpopular with volunteers (see photo).



During the summer a pair of Buzzards nested and fledged two young from a tree screening the main pool from the housing estate beyond Blackhouse Lane. With the return of wetter weather in October an Earth Star Fungus appeared on the edge of a garden bordering the reserve, and the rise in water levels should also enable wintering wildfowl to find conditions to their liking on the main pool.

### **LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL**

All meetings start at 7pm and members of the public or press may attend.

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## Josef Herman 1911 - 2000

Josef Herman RA was a Polish Jewish emigre artist who escaped Nazi Europe eventually arriving in Britain, living first in Glasgow before visiting Ystradgynlais in South Wales, initially for a holiday but eventually staying for 11 years. Josef was well known for portraying working people and during his time in South Wales particularly miners – very well known are the large panels painted for the 'Minerals' pavilion of the Festival of Britain. These are now in the Glynn Vivian Art Gallery in Swansea.

Josef left Ystradgynlais in the mid 50s and during the 1960s and 70s he lived for some years in The Old Rectory, Little Cornard. After major rebuilding/restructuring this is now the home of David and Jane Mann.

Some years ago the Josef Herman Art Foundation was established in Ystradgynlais to promote the life and work of Josef Herman. It carries out educational activities in schools, maintains and exhibits a collection of work bequeathed by the Herman Estate and organises talks and activities about Josef and his contemporaries including an event each year for Holocaust Memorial Day. It carries out activities both in relation to art and human rights in recognition of Josef's background and the fact that all his family were murdered in the Holocaust.

Nobody involved with the Foundation knew much about Josef's time in Suffolk, so when Jackie Hankins Company Secretary and Trustee of the Foundation and a regular visitor to Sudbury Museum, she left a message in the Visitors' Book asking if anybody knew anything about Josef's time in Suffolk. This request was then put in the Heritage Newsletter – edited by Val Herbert. Following this some clever detective work by Mandy McCallum – a volunteer at Sudbury Museum – we discovered which house Josef had lived in and on approaching David and Jane they kindly agreed to let us visit the house and studio.

On 18th June – a beautiful Suffolk summer day – Jackie, Mandy and Andrew Phillips who had known Josef during his time in Little Cornard were joined by Josef's children David and Becci who had travelled up from London to see the house and studio. This was particularly evocative for David and Becci who had lived there as children and had not seen it for well over 40 years!

We had a very enjoyable morning thanks to David and Jane's kindness and hospitality. It was particularly rewarding to see the studio where Josef had worked. The Josef Herman Foundation hopes to be able to put on an exhibition of Josef's work in the Sudbury area in the not too distant future.

*Jackie Hankins July 2019*



**The Old Rectory**



**Josef Herman's studio at  
The Old Rectory**

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## Brussels Sprouts

The vegetable you either love or hate is generally perceived as being an essential ingredient of Christmas dinner. If over cooked, sprouts become pale, slimy and malodorous due to the release of sulphur compounds. For many people who say they dislike sprouts this was probably their early experience. Try roasting, steaming, sauteing or include in a slaw in place of cabbage. They can be combined with other ingredients such as chestnuts, various cheeses, pancetta, walnuts, pine nuts, cranberries, red onion, garlic, herbs or lentils.

The Brussels sprout is one of several cultivars of the wild cabbage, *Brassica oleracea* which is native to coastal southern and western Europe. Forerunners of modern Brussels sprouts were almost certainly grown by the Romans. The first written description dates from 1587 although they had been cultivated in Belgium as early as the 13th century and from there spread to the rest of Europe. The French gave the vegetable its name in the 18th century at a time when it was popular to attribute place names to food items. The plants are easy to grow which is probably why the sprout became so widely cultivated and in earlier times would have been a valuable addition to the diet during winter when other vegetables were unavailable.

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### If you are travelling this Christmas...

You may want to take note of the following review of Canada's Gabriola Island: *I only rate it this low because of how incompetent the fairies are. By about 3 pm they are at least 40 minutes late.*

A complaint from a visitor to Spain: *Everyone spoke Spanish. Even the taxi drivers were Spanish.*

A traveller to Goa warns that: *I was disgusted: all the restaurants serve curry.*

And closer to home tourists have variously complained of Scotland that: *Our meal at the Clachaig Inn was ruined by midgets. The coastal village of Plockton was too sunny and Edinburgh's Camera Obscura is another hoax.*

## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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**All material for the Easter 2020 magazine to be received by Wednesday 4th March**

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