

THE LITTLE CORNARD MAGAZINE



EASTER 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

Easter Services

Palm Sunday 14th April - Morning Prayer at 10.30 a.m.
with Dilly the donkey to greet us

Easter Day 21st April - Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m.
followed by breakfast in the Schoolroom

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

3rd April at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom
Everyone on the church electoral roll may attend

From All Saints Registers

Burial of Ashes

Joan Hugill
Joan Sheldon

Burial

Beryl Ruse

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

John Gridley

Vicar's Letter Easter 2019

Dear Friends

It's not often you hear an Archbishop quoting a well-known football manager, but it happened a few weeks ago in the House of Lords. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury quoted Bill Shankly, the former Liverpool manager, as saying: "I teach my lads to get their retaliation in first". But the Archbishop then changed the quote, saying that in the context of all the debates and divisions in our country around Brexit, the most important thing for us all is to get, not our retaliation, but our *reconciliation* in first.

I'm sorry to mention the B word in this letter but by the time you read this, we will have taken the momentous step of leaving the EU (assuming nothing has happened to change that since I wrote this!). You don't need me to tell you that Brexit has been deeply divisive at all kinds of levels – in families, in friendships, in political parties, in churches – everywhere. Most people are heartily fed up with the endless arguments and analysis and many have made the subject off limits in family and social gatherings. But simmering underneath is an all too present sense of anger and resentment with people who voted the other way from us in the referendum – "the others".

Justin Welby's point is that these divisions in our society will run on for years after we leave the EU and that we need to find ways of being reconciled with one another if we are to be an affirming, tolerant and united country whose citizens have learned to disagree well and who have found a way of forgiving and embracing "the other". I heard someone on the radio recently say that if as a family you can't avoid an argument about Brexit, try this as a way of understanding another viewpoint – only let someone take part in the discussion if they are prepared to argue the case for the other side.

The trouble is, we're so used to defining ourselves by things that don't ultimately matter – our jobs, our wealth, our social standing, our gender, our politics and so on. To the list we can now add whether we are a "Leaver" or a "Remainer". In one of his letters to an early church community, the apostle Paul had to remind his readers that they shouldn't define themselves (and others) by such things. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). Define yourselves as children of God, he tells them. This Easter time, perhaps if we can find a way to see those around us, neither as Brexiteers nor Remainers, but rather as fellow member of God's family, then maybe it will be a little bit easier to stop seeing them as "the other", to turn exclusion into embrace, and to get our reconciliation in first.

With very best wishes

Steve.

Churchwarden's Corner

For such a small parish it is always heartening to see how well supported the church is. On a cold, wet, February Sunday we still have over twenty people turn out for a service. And it's not always the same twenty. We have said that if everyone who comes occasionally came on the same day we would have trouble fitting you all in, and then at the carol service it nearly happened. We had over a hundred and thirty people squeezed into the church – and how welcome you all are.

The Bell Restoration Project is now complete and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank again the committee and those who made it happen. A special mention must go to John Taylor who chaired the committee and whose knowledge, both as an engineer and as someone who had led the restoration of other bells, was fundamental to the project's success. Secondly to Robert Mackman whose determination and drive carried the project through and who was the person onsite working with the contractors. Thirdly, and just as importantly, to Lesley Ford-Platt who not only donated a new bell in loving remembrance of her son Michael but also headed the fundraising campaign. The fact that we reached our total without needing Heritage Lottery Funding speaks volumes for her abilities. Many other people contributed in many ways and all your efforts are appreciated.

The bells project was inspired by Tony Moore and the plan was to have it completed to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice. Few people believed that this could be achieved, but it was, and they now stand as a testament to those men of the parish who gave their lives in two World Wars as well as a loving memorial to Michael.

Looking ahead there is bell ringing practice every week at 7:30 on a Wednesday evening. Anyone is welcome to come along and have a go.

There is the usual Easter day service at 8:00 am (with Easter eggs if you are good!) This is followed by breakfast in the school room. If you would like a seat for breakfast you would be very welcome.

The Spring Flower Festival is on Saturday and Sunday 11th and 12th of May. The church will be a riot of colour so do come and have a look.

Finally we'd like to take this opportunity to offer congratulations to our organist Stuart and his fiancée Cat who are marrying in July. They have all our best wishes for a happy future together.

Brenda and Jeremy

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Tricia was licensed as Associate Priest in our Benefice of Bures with Assington and Little Cornard on Thursday 17th January. The Venerable Dr David Jenkins, Archdeacon of Sudbury came to St Mary's, Bures to take the Licensing Service. After the service hot drinks, especially welcome on a chilly evening, and delicious cakes were served.

Dilly the Donkey

We are delighted that donkey owner Zoe Norton will once again be bringing Dilly to welcome all those attending the Palm Sunday Service.



Storehouse Foodbank

The latest news from the Foodbank organisers is that, sadly, the need in the local community continues to rise. In February 2018 a total of 88 people were helped, in February this year it was 218. In consequence food stocks are currently low. Whilst the kind folk who run the foodbank are grateful for any items they are asking particularly for tinned potatoes and vegetables, tuna, fruit, coffee and biscuits. Donations of toiletries are also welcomed. There are donation points at Waitrose and at the East of England Co-op stores in Great Cornard, Lavenham and Long Melford. Alternatively your donations can be taken to the Vineyard Centre on Mondays and Thursdays between 2.00 and 5.00.



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Christingle

All who attended the 2018 Christingle Service were enchanted by the beautiful knitted nativity figures which arrived individually wrapped and were opened one at a time by the youngest members of the congregation. When the Christingles were lit, the children again took a leading role by carrying them one by one down the aisle to be handed to each member of the congregation. For me, a not to be forgotten moment was seeing the look of wonder on the face of a very small child as she held a Christingle and gazed into the candle light.

Here is one Mum's account of that special Sunday morning:

We always look forward to services at All Saints but demands on our time prevent us attending as often as we would like.

When we do make it, the experience always leaves us feeling restored - restored by the beauty of this small ancient church, and the countryside it nestles in, restored by the always warm welcome and fellowship, and restored by peaceful family time together. Christingle is perhaps, for us, one of the most special services of the year, because it places children at its centre.

This year we were treated to a sunny winter morning, a most impressive knitted nativity scene, which Pippa and Sebastian helped display, and all of us - including the grown ups - enjoyed eating the sweets and dried fruit from the Christingles.

Jesus the Light of the World, was shining brightly on us all that morning - and hopefully the funds raised for the Children's Society will also have helped shine a little light on those children living in darkness.

Susie, Mathew, Pippa and Florence.

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Three ladies and their dogs enjoying a coffee in the sun at Open Church

Open Tower

On Saturday afternoon, 2nd March, a total of eighteen bell ringers plus a number of others who had come along to hear the bells being rung, gathered at Little Cornard Church for an Open Tower. Two experienced ringers, one from Thebberton church, the other from Witham had expressed a wish to ring the All Saints bells. Derek Rose, St Gregory's tower captain, arranged for some local ringers to come along to swell the numbers and he and Pauline Brown who come each week to teach the Little Cornard learners kindly gave up their afternoon to make the event possible. It was wonderful to see and hear the experienced ringers in action. Under Derek's watchful eye the learners were able to join in a round which was good experience. At the end of the afternoon welcome cups of tea and homemade cake were served in the schoolroom.



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The 1,500 year old bell found in a field

The oldest bell of the All Saints peal was cast in 1399. If that sounds ancient then how about the bell, recently up for auction, thought by experts to be from the 5th or 6th century? It was reported that the bell, which is made of iron and copper alloy and is shaped rather like a Swiss cow bell, was dug up on farmland in Gloucestershire in the 1920's. It is believed that it probably belonged originally to a Celtic monastery. Following the death of the finder his daughter kept the bell for another twenty years before taking it for valuation.

Plough Sunday

*For the harvest of the soil
and for the fruits of the earth in
their seasons we pray.*

The observance of Plough Sunday on the First Sunday of Epiphany goes back to Victorian times, but behind it there is a much older observance, associated with the first working day after the twelve days of Christmas.

In medieval times some ploughs were kept in the parish church, and some churches kept a "plough light". In days when work was scarce in winter, the observance looked forward to the time of sowing with the promise of a harvest to come.

For the Plough Sunday service this year, 20th January, Churchwarden Jeremy Apter brought his plough to All Saints and on a beautiful sunny morning the congregation gathered round as the blessing took place.



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Flowers for Easter

We will be buying lilies for the Church 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 in touch nearer the time for the Easter decorating.

All Saints Church Flower Festival 2019

We will be holding our usual Flower Festival and Art Exhibition over the weekend of May 11th and 12th. If anyone would like to help with the flowers or exhibit their paintings they would be most welcome. Please contact Marian Turner 01787 377889 or Sue MacDiarmid 01787 375858

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride

There was an excellent result for the bicycle ride in 2018 with £140,000 raised, a good increase from the previous year. A big Thank You to Dr Susan Sills who raised £250 in sponsorship, half of which has been received by All Saints Church, Little Cornard.



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Sir John Bowring 1792 - 1872



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Archbishop of Canterbury Celebrates 25 years of Women's Ordination in Church of England

A service has been held in the chapel of Lambeth Palace - the official London residence of the Archbishops of Canterbury - to celebrate 25 years of the ordination of women in the Church of England. The then Bishop of Bristol, Barry Rogerson, ordained 32 women in Bristol Cathedral on 12th March 1994 in the first of many ordinations that year.

A message from Bishop Barry was read to the more than 80 female priests who were invited to the service. Among them was Prebendary Angela Berners-Wilson, who said: "It was an amazing thing to be - by a few seconds - the first woman to be ordained to the priesthood in the Church of England." Also at the service were five female bishops including the Bishop of Derby, Libby Lane, who was the first woman to be consecrated in the Church of England when she was appointed Bishop of Stockport in 2015.

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Bell Report

This, I hope, will be the last report on the restoration of the five existing bells and installation of a new bell. Finally, after some nearly six years of fund raising and grant applications, faculty applications and obtaining estimates the work is now finished and the bills paid.

John Younger, the builder, has completed all his work and the ceiling in the tower looks great even though we have had to make a few adjustments as we went along.

John Taylor and Co have completed the rehangings of the bells in the new frame and also fitted chiming hammers so that the bells can be rung electronically. It has been a long drawn out process with many obstacles along the way.

The representatives from the Suffolk Guild of Ringers have inspected the installation and given their approval and say it is a very good country ring.

I would personally like to thank my fellow committee members for all their hard work, dedication and support in achieving something that most thought would never happen. It has been a very small group who have worked selflessly to achieve this historic event in the life of All Saints Church, Little Cornard.

Robert Mackman

Church Steps Up Climate Action

The Church of England is to step up its efforts to combat climate change and has recognised "the escalating threat to God's creation from global warming". The church's governing body, the General Synod, has backed a motion calling for dioceses to focus on reducing their environmental impact. Enid Barron, of the Diocese of London, who put forward the motion, told the Synod: "The Church can be a very effective ambassador for climate change."

Ziziphus spina-Christi

Ziziphus spina-Christi is an evergreen tree or bush which grows in North Africa and Southern and Western Asia. It is very hardy, being resilient to extreme heat and aridity. It draws water from deep underground and retains the ability to photosynthesise even when exposed to high temperatures and solar radiation. The oldest known *Ziziphus*, which is around two thousand years old, is located south of Jerusalem and is believed locally to be the very tree from which Christ's crown of thorns was made.

Bell Ringing Practice

WEDNESDAY 7.30 - 9.00

All Saints Church, Little Cornard

ALL VERY WELCOME

A-p-peal for Bell Ringers

You will all know that Little Cornard Church has a marvellous set of six bells which are now refurbished, installed and working. Now we need some bell ringers and hope we may get some local people (you do not have to be resident in Little Cornard) to come and learn to ring. Age is no barrier – probably minimum 10 - 12 years old and no upper age limit. The youngsters, we have noted, learn very quickly. The oldest ringer in this area I am told is 93. It's really good exercise in stretching (helped my back no end!) and it's not strenuous.

We have great teachers in Derek Rose and Pauline Brown – both incredibly patient and knowledgeable. Derek has been teaching for circa 46 years. We are fortunate indeed that they both give so freely of their time for us. We have several local experienced bell ringers who kindly come up to practise with us so there are usually 7 or 8 people at each session enabling us to ring a “round” of the 6 bells. It's lovely when you get it right!

We have regular practice nights on Wednesdays from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm and we would love to see you even if you just want to come to watch or have a cup of tea and a chat and have a go to see how easy it really isn't! It's not physically hard as some imagine but it is a learning curve to get the techniques right and it is very enjoyable. Socially we have a cuppa after practice and a chat about the evening. Other than the voluntary donation of £1 per session towards the tea and biscuits there is no cost involved.

We also take in tied bell practice at St Gregory's Church in Sudbury on Thursday nights (also 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm) to learn and improve. Please do come along – some youngsters would be great. You will all be made very welcome.

Gerald & Cheryl Bird

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Churches Together in Sudbury & District



All Saints Church belongs to CTiSD which is an active group of more than 25 churches, who resolve to “come together as Christ’s representatives in this area, as often as we can in prayer and study, in prophetic and public witness, through evangelism and

social action, to build up and strengthen the church and to contribute to the welfare of our community”.

CTiSD runs or supports many local community initiatives such as Kettle & Fish in St Peter’s in the town centre, the youthwork charity Eden’s, Sudbury Town Pastors who walk the streets of the town centre on Saturday nights to offer help to those in need, Future Vision (youth and children’s work in schools), and various other groups, as well as organising seasonal events such as the Advent Trail or Easter re-enactions. Four open Forum meetings are held each year, often with a guest speaker – recent speakers have included a prison chaplain and the manager of the A Rocha nature reserve at Foxearth.

Prayer breakfasts take place from 8am to 9.30am every Saturday morning in different churches and on 30th March we will be hosting the prayer breakfast in the schoolroom at All Saints. All are welcome to come along and meet members of other churches for a light breakfast and time of prayer.

Clare Lodge

Village Hall News

Christmas seems a long time ago now, but thank you to the hardy souls who turned out on a vile evening to listen to our reading of *The Chimes* by Charles Dickens. While the candle-lit church offered just the right Dickensian atmosphere, the mince pies and mulled wine warmed the spirits.

And now we look forward to summer. We will be holding a hog roast on Saturday 29th June. This will be hosted by the Johnsons at Quinton’s Café, Joe’s Road Golf and Activity centre. Along with a delicious hog roast there will be salads, glorious puds and live music. Further details to follow but please keep this date free in your diary!

The next date for your diary is Tuesday 16th April when the AGM is being held in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Ruth Adams

Private Alfred Philip Hicks

**7000 C Company, 13th Battalion,
Australian Infantry, Australian Imperial Force**

Alfred was born in 1884 in Bathurst, New South Wales, the son of Philip and Ellenora Hicks. The family lived at 114 Bentick Street in Bathurst. Before enlisting Alfred was a fitter/labourer on the railway and was married to Nellie. They had two daughters; Marie and Ethel May.



Alfred enlisted in the Australian Infantry (formerly No. 17500) on 4 April 1916 and according to his service records was 31½ years old, 6 ft tall, with a 37 inch chest, brown eyes and dark brown hair. After completing his training he embarked in Sydney onboard HMAT Beltana (an Australian troop transport ship) on 25 November 1916 and arrived in Devonport in the UK on 29 January 1917. He left from Folkestone for France six weeks later on 12 March. Once in France he was based at Etaples, a vast military training area known as The Bull-Ring renowned for its rigorous training and iron discipline before joining his unit which formed part of the 4th Australian Division.

On 17 June Alfred was admitted to hospital with shell shock. His unit was at the Battle of Messines (7 - 14 June) when huge mines were detonated under the German lines before the start of the attack and the Australian and New Zealand forces suffered over 11,000 casualties, missing, killed or wounded. Six weeks later he returned to his unit. He was admitted to hospital again in September and November that year suffering from scabies and rheumatics.

On 21 March 1918 the German Army launched their Spring Offensive. This was a vast attack along the whole Somme sector front. The Germans advanced quickly and deeply with heavy losses for the Allies. Alfred's battalion were in the Arras area. On 1 April 1918 Alfred was injured with a gunshot wound to his face.

His injuries were so serious that he was evacuated back to the UK to a military hospital at Western Heights in Dover on 6 May; he died two days later. The cause of death was listed as gunshot wounds to his cheek, gangrene in his lung, heart failure and empyema (pockets of bacterial infection within the body usually where there is an injury). *(Continued over)*

Private Alfred Philip Hicks (Continued)

Alfred died on 8 May 1918 aged 33 and was buried here in Little Cornard Churchyard on 13 May.

Military records show that it was Alfred's aunt Mrs Marianne East who was his father's sister who requested that he be buried in Little Cornard Churchyard near to her son Maurice who had also died from wounds just one week earlier. There was a military funeral with a bugler and firing party. Members of his Cornard family attended along with one of his brothers Lance Corporal A Hicks.

Alfred had two known brothers; both served with the Australian Forces, Walter died of wounds on 22 August 1918 just three months after Alfred and was buried in France. He is also remembered on Little Cornard War Memorial.

Bishop's 8,000 Mile Trip to the World's Most Southerly Anglican Cathedral

Three people were confirmed recently in the most southerly cathedral in the Anglican Communion – but the cathedral's bishop, Tim Thornton, had to travel some 8,000 miles from his office in London for the service. The Falkland Islands are not within an Anglican Communion province but are an Extra Provincial area under the metropolitical authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Bishop to the Falklands is a post held by the Bishop at Lambeth – the senior episcopal assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace.

Despite the remoteness of the cathedral on the South Atlantic islands, a full slate of clergy were present to watch Denise Blake and Antonia and Stirling Marcus make their confirmation vows during what was described as a “joyous” service. In addition to Bishop Tim, the interim priest in charge of the Falkland Islands, Ian Faulds was joined by other Christ Church Cathedral clergy Kathy Biles and Betty Turner. Also present was the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force, John Ellis, and Forces padre Alice McDermott.

A new Rector will be sought for the Falkland Islands shortly after its previous Rector, Nicholas Mercer, returned to the UK in December to take up a new role in Bolton Abbey later this year.

Lee Parker - Babergh District Council Report: Spring 2019

As we head towards the end of this administration's four year tenure there is no time to allow thoughts of end of term. There's a good amount to report upon and possibly too much to commit to one report. I've highlighted some of the key areas that are pertinent and hopefully of interest.

Budget agreed at Full Council The Council approved the budget for 2019/20 at their meeting on 19 February. This budget included proposals to offer discounts of up to 100% on council tax for care leavers, supporting the most vulnerable in society, while also proposing a Business Rates Relief policy for small retailers, including shops, cafes and restaurants. Councillors had to take the tough decision to raise the District Council precept of Council Tax by £5 a year for a Band D property – equivalent to 10p a week. As I have mentioned many times, central government have been reducing the Revenue Support Grant and this year it will be withdrawn completely, down from £2.3M in 2015/16. An increase in Council Tax is never desirable but allows the council to put forward a budget that proposes no cuts in front line services.

Council Pledges Support for those hit by Philips Avent Closure Following the news of plans to close the Philips Avent site in Glemsford, Babergh has pledged to support all of our residents facing redundancy as a result. The support will be tailored to the situation at Glemsford, however may include Support Days for workers with partners from both the private and public sectors and working with Jobcentre Plus to signpost Philips Avent employees towards job-brokering and/or training services provided by the government's Redundancy Payments Service (RPS). Babergh will also play a role in shaping the future of the Philips Avent site in Glemsford, ensuring the closure does not mean it becomes unused and derelict but rather continues to offer an ideal site for investment and job creation.

Councils Pay £549k to Infrastructure Projects in 2018 In the 2018 calendar year Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils passed nearly £550,000 from developers to local infrastructure projects. This brings the total over the last three years to over £1.2 million. It has funded a variety of infrastructure projects, from sports facilities to public transport, and was collected from developers who have brought forward developments, both residential and commercial, in the districts.

Did you work in Sudbury's silk industry? Sudbury Silk Stories, funded by Babergh District Council and £36,400 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, is looking for the stories of current and former employees of Sudbury's silk industry. It will explore the history and changes that have taken place in the local industry, which continues to produce some of Europe's finest silk. The project will record and share the experiences of silk mill staff, to create both a short film and an archive of interviews for the local community and for visitors to learn from. Sudbury residents and former silk industry employees can leave their stories of the industry at the Sudbury Silk Stories Memory Box, to be installed in Sudbury Library on Market Hill later this month. They can also contact the Project Coordinator to speak about their experiences in more detail via the Babergh website, or by leaving their contact details in the Memory Box.

Lastly, don't forget the forthcoming local government elections on May 2nd. I do plan to stand again but I take nothing for granted in terms of election results. Whatever the outcome, it has been an honour and a pleasure to have served as your District Councillor for the last 4 years.

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

Suffolk County Council 2019/20 budget approved On 14 February, Suffolk County Council concluded its budget setting process for this coming financial year (2019/2020). From 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, Suffolk County Council will spend almost £10 million a week across all its services following approval of this budget of £519.3 million. Over the period 2011-12 to 2018-19 the Council has made over £260 million of savings in response to reductions in funding from Central Government and increasing demand for services. For 2019/20 the Council has proposed a range of savings totalling around £13 million. These savings are required to help balance the budget - something that the Council must do by law. Recognising the unrelenting rise in demand and the complexity of support required by vulnerable children and adults in Suffolk, the Council are significantly increasing spending in these two top priority areas. The net budget for Adult and Community Services (ACS) will rise to £243m and the net budget for Health, Wellbeing and Children's Services (HWCS) will rise to £147m. This is an increase of just over £14 million for ACS and HWCS. ACS and HWCS will account for 75% of the total spend in 2019/2020 – three in every four pounds the Council spends.

Funding agreed for Citizens Advice in Suffolk On 11 February, it was reported that Citizens Advice in Suffolk will no longer see any difference in their funding for 2019/20. This is thanks to collaboration between Suffolk County Council, NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group, Suffolk County Council proposes to reduce the funding given to Citizens Advice by 50% (£187k), in 2019/20. Under the joint agreement now in place with the CCGs, a total of £187k will be provided by NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk and NHS West Suffolk CCGs. So, funding for Citizens Advice in 2019/20 will remain the same as the previous year (£374k).

Have your say on the future of the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service is asking the public for views on how it manages the risks it faces across the county, as well as five different areas of its work, from how it responds to automatic fire alarms, to firefighters' shift patterns. This eight-week consultation is part of a statutory process, with information feeding into the fire service's Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) for the next three years (2019 to 2022); essentially a plan for how it provides its services. The draft IRMP, supporting documents and online consultation are available at www.suffolk.gov.uk

Finally Having attended a seminar in December, it is a frightening fact that there are now almost 900 children in care in Suffolk. Rather than just say "how dreadful" I propose to go the extra mile in my division and provide some more information for those who think they may be able to help. I am arranging "drop in sessions" in my area – the next one being in Leavenheath Parish Hall Committee Room on 25th March in the evening between 7.30pm - 9.30pm. There will be more if you cannot make this one. Please ring the above number to find out about other dates and times. To conclude, may I wish all readers a prayerful Lent and a very Happy Easter.



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CORNARD MERE -

By Robin Ford - Voluntary warden, Cornard Mere

Shortly after writing my Autumn report Will Cranstoun of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust brought a digger onto the mere and the result of his work can be seen in the accompanying photograph.



This ditch is a section of the Blackhouse Brook that crosses the reserve near the caravan park and exits through a pipe under the Sudbury to Bures road. Despite it being November plant seeds germinated along the line of disturbed soil creating a colourful display of arable weeds. Prominent among these plants were the pink tubular flowers of Common Fumitory *Fumaria Officinalis* often mentioned in ornithological literature as an important part of a Turtle Dove's diet. The Turtle Dove, a migratory species whose numbers have declined dramatically in recent years, last bred on the mere over a decade ago: I miss its purring song that was once so characteristic of Spring.

Water levels rose slowly during the prolonged dry spell in January and February. However a flock of around twenty Teal took advantage of the flooded marsh, between the ditch and the road, in which to feed while a male Shoveler remained faithful to the deeper water at the edge of the reeds. The first Dabchick arrived back at the end of February, settling in the reedbed and delivering its familiar squeaky call, a sign that Spring is almost here.

Waiting for Summer

Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling the very lap of May, but at length the season of summer does come.

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Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 9th April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. This is your chance to find out more about what is happening in Little Cornard.

Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group has been collecting information about the Parish including historical, cultural and environmental details. It has also prepared a questionnaire designed to provide details of residents and their habits, for instance, travel and work arrangements. There are also sections giving residents the opportunity to express opinions on matters such as housing, highways and protecting our countryside.

The questionnaire, and how we intend to distribute and collect it, will be discussed at the Parish Meeting which is being held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday the 9th of April in the Village Hall. There will be opportunities for questions.

If anyone has any historical, cultural or environmental records about the parish that they would be willing to share with the Steering Group please contact me.

Nick Hammond - Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

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

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Parish Council Meeting dates for 2019

15th January . 12th March . 9th April LC Annual Parish Meeting . 14th May
LCPC Annual Meeting . 9th July . 10th September . 12th November

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