

THE LITTLE CORNARD MAGAZINE



Christmas 2020



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From All Saints Registers

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Clifford Gilbert Rumsey

Vicar's Letter Christmas 2020

Dear Friends

As I write this letter for the Christmas magazine we are just a couple of days away from a second national lockdown which is planned to last for the next four weeks. Part of that lockdown means that once again our churches will be closed for public worship, just at a time when people may need the comfort and reassurance of prayer and worship together. Some people are already speculating that the new lockdown may last in some form or another down to Christmas. By the time you read this, the position will, I hope, be clearer, but one thing is for sure – this year Christmas is going to be like no other.

I know all this uncertainty can be very unsettling for all of us, and for some it can even be a source of fear. We don't know what Christmas is going to look like this year or whether we will be able to enjoy the company of friends and family. It feels as if we may have to give up such a lot of what we would normally consider essential ingredients of a normal Christmas.

In a recent session of our online homegroup, "Discipleship Explored" we were all asked to consider what might be the things we would find really difficult to give up if asked. People came up with many things which understandably they would hate to lose: homes, jobs, security, friends. And then at the end one person said something very simple but profound: "I couldn't give up love. Loving and being loved."

Christmas is the time, of course, when we celebrate the incarnation, God coming to be with us – Emmanuel. We remember that God's love for this world is so great that he becomes part of the everyday nitty-gritty human life – with all its joy and sadness, beauty and squalor. "Love came down at Christmas", writes Christina Rossetti in the carol. No matter what aspects of Christmas we might have to give up this year, one thing remains – love. No matter what is cancelled this year, love is not absent.

And if we truly believe that love is the one constant we can be sure of this Christmas, then maybe we have an answer to those feelings of uncertainty, anxiety and fear. For, as the Bible reminds us, "perfect love drives out all fear": (1 John 4:18).

Whatever it looks like this year – have a wonderful Christmas.

With blessings and best wishes

Steve.

Churchwarden's Corner

As we go into November we enter our second phase of lockdown. It is sad that amongst all our other troubles we cannot use our church buildings. Steve and the rest of the clergy have done a splendid job livestreaming services on YouTube since the start of the first lockdown. They continued to do them, alongside regular services, when the churches reopened under social distancing restrictions and will continue doing them for the foreseeable future. If restrictions are lifted again at the beginning of December we will make an announcement about what is possible for a Carol Service and a Christmas Day service.

Clifford Rumsey's funeral took place in the church. I understand how hard it is for people who have to deal with the loss of a loved one when it is not possible to remember them at a traditional funeral, but when things get back to normal it may be the time to consider a service of thanksgiving.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to Patricia Monk who is stepping down after years of valiant work as PCC treasurer. It is a thankless task which she has performed faultlessly and we are greatly indebted to her for all her hard work. Thankfully Paul Baker has let himself be volunteered into taking the job on and we wish him well for the future.

It was very sad to hear of the death of Peggy Minns. She had been a mainstay of village life, much appreciated, especially for her baking. She was always so active often walking for miles every day, even until quite recently, it seemed as if she would go on for ever. Our condolences and prayers go out to Donna, Diane, Trevor and all their families.

Jeremy Apter and Brenda Pentney



Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan

I am pleased to report that the Steering Group has been working with our consultant to produce a first draft of a plan. We have tried to incorporate as many as possible of the issues that residents raised in the Questionnaire returns. At our meeting last night we identified a few further issues to be addressed and then the next stage is that the preliminary draft will be sent to Babergh to get an initial response. We will then refine our draft and make it available for residents to comment on early in the new year.

It seems a long process but it is important that we gain your opinions before producing a further draft which will be sent out for formal consultation to a number of stakeholders including local associations and councils.

It has been a bit difficult but I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed information including some excellent photographs.

Nick Hammond - Steering Group



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17th March: In London Queen Alexandra unveils a monument to Nurse Edith Cavell

5th – 30th April: A protest march by two hundred and fifty blind men from across Britain to London is organised by the National League of the Blind

21st May: The Government proposes a car tax of £1 per horsepower

9th June: King George V opens the Imperial War Museum at The Crystal Palace

24th July: Frank T. Courtney wins the Aerial Derby aircraft race from Hendon at an average speed of 153.5 mph

29th August: Eleven die and forty are injured in street battles in Belfast

22nd September: The Metropolitan Police forms the Flying Squad following an announcement that their horses will be replaced by cars

28th October: Sylvia Pankhurst is jailed for six months

11th November: King George V unveils the Cenotaph

5th December: The Scots vote against prohibition

More than £10m in grants to 66 churches and cathedrals

The Church of England has welcomed the award of grants from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England for grants amounting to £10.7m to 66 churches and cathedrals across the country.

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DEMERARA SUGAR

by Pam Walters

Pam Walters and her late husband Stephen lived in Little Cornard for around thirty years. Earlier this year Pam's book about her childhood on a sugar plantation was published. Pam now lives in Bures and is a past editor of the Little Cornard Magazine.

In Demerara Sugar, author Pam Walters provides a child's-eye view of British Guiana (now Guyana) the colony where she was born and grew up - the British Empire's only foothold on the South American continent - that is by turns poignant, humorous and insightful.

The colony's sugar plantations were integral to the economy of the Empire. Expatriate English, Scots and Irish managed a plantation economy made possible only by the work of field labour and a colonial society of merchants, teachers and government officialdom.

"All are childhood memories and what I gleaned from kitchen-talk and word-of-mouth stories from the people around me at the time," the author writes of the wellsprings of her narrative. "They were the descendants of slaves who had been taken to the sugar plantations from the slave ships and whose families had always lived there."

With an unerring eye for detail, the author depicts her own at times eccentric family and household, against the broader backdrop of growing up on a sugar plantation in the 1930s and '40s. She mines memories of her childhood with clarity and regard for the class and racial divisions of the day, deftly weaving together her recollections with the historical details of the period.

The result is a complex, entertaining and resonant memoir.

Published by Rock's Mills Press, Ontario, Canada

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Suffolk Libraries also offer a home delivery service for anyone, including care home residents who find it difficult to visit any of the libraries in person.

Wise Words

The end of law is not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom; for in all the states of created beings capable of law, where there is no law, there is no freedom. *John Locke 1632 - 1704*

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Two hundred years ago...

In Anglican Hymns Old and New, currently in use at All Saints, there are two hymns attributed to Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny J. Crosby). Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine and To God be the Glory are just two of the more than eight thousand hymns and gospel songs written by this truly remarkable lady. Born Frances Jane Crosby in 1820 in a small village called Brewster, about fifty miles north of New York City she became blind at just six weeks of age when a cold led to her eyes becoming inflamed. The doctor summoned to attend the sick infant applied a hot mustard poultice to treat the inflammation and it was this, the family believed that caused her loss of sight although some modern physicians are of the opinion that it was more likely to have been caused by a congenital condition. Further tragedy was to follow when in November 1820 Fanny's father died. Her mother was obliged to seek work leaving Fanny to be brought up mainly by her grandmother who vowed to be the eyes of the young child. She taught her about nature and all the things she was missing. She also taught her the Bible with Fanny at first memorising verses, then whole chapters, eventually being able to recite the first five books of the Old Testament and the first four of the New Testament. At the age of fifteen the family were able to send Fanny to The New York Institute for the Blind where she spent seven years as a student followed by eleven as a teacher. During that time she went to Washington D.C. where she spoke before the Senate, the first woman ever to do so, about educating the blind.

Fanny started writing poetry at the age of eight and at her most prolific was writing up to six or seven hymns a day. Her publisher paid her one or two dollars for each one.

In 1858 Fanny married Alexander van Alstyne who was also blind and a pupil at the New York school. He was an accomplished organist and set the music to many of Fanny's hymns. They had one child who died in infancy.

After a few years, although remaining married the pair lived together only intermittently with Fanny devoting herself to charity work among New York's poor and immigrant communities. Royalties from her hymns and poems were donated to the various missions.

By the end of the nineteenth century Fanny was a household name. She was an accomplished and popular speaker and in 1911 spoke to a large audience at the Carnegie Hall. Photographs show a rather severe looking lady in a long sleeved, high necked ruched dress with her hair pulled back and wearing a tiny pair of spectacles with dark lenses. She died in Bridgeport, Connecticut aged ninety four on 12th February 1915.

And in case you were wondering whether Fanny was related to Bing Crosby the answer is yes, both were descendants of the Rev Thomas Crosby who lies at rest in the Granary Burying Ground, Boston.

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The Little Cornard Community Speed Watch team are continuing to carry out at least twice weekly surveys on the 30 mph stretch of the B1508 road from the Willowmere Caravan Park to the Henny View layby. Within a one hour period we usually record on average a speeding driver every 2.5 minutes with many travelling over 45 mph, some over 50 mph and one at the incredibly dangerous speed of 74 mph. The information recorded is processed by Suffolk Police who issue letters and carry out home visits for repeat offenders and those travelling over 50 mph. However, on a number of occasions recently, there have been encouraging signs that more drivers are lowering their speed.

Despite the efforts of the Parish Council we are concerned that we have been without a speed indicator since January 2019 when it was demolished in an accident. We have been waiting since this time for mobile speed indicator devices to be installed and also for all the 30 mph speed signs to be reviewed/replaced as the existing ones are inadequate. Leaving Great Cornard, where the overhead street lighting finishes just past The Brook Public House, it is not very clear that the 30 mph limit continues until the 40 mph limit begins just past the Chapel Lane junction.

On a more positive note large chevron signs have been installed at the Chapel Lane junction in an effort to reduce the number of accidents that have occurred at this point in the past. We have also received the good news that Bures St. Mary are in the process of setting up a CSW team to operate on the Suffolk side of the river. This will be of great help in trying to reinforce the message of driving safely within the speed limits along this beautiful stretch of road that is narrow in areas and has many sharp bends.

We are a small team of seven (two members are shielding) and we would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

*Please contact me – Janice Sampson on 07990 927155 or
janice.sampson75@gmail.com*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8th November

Sadly the start of the four week lockdown on 5th November meant that plans for the annual Remembrance Sunday service at All Saints had to be abandoned. The occasion was however marked by an impromptu gathering of ten people around the war memorial. Prayers were led by Graham Deere and Marion Turner followed by two minutes silence and the reading of the list of names of those villagers who lost their lives in the two World Wars.



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Geoffrey Peter Layzell

Brook Farm, Great Cornard

Known to all as “Peter”, (his nickname was “Fingers”) Geoffrey Peter Layzell was born at Brook Farm in 1927, third son of Amos Layzell, the other two being Tom and John. In about 1965 Peter took over the farming of the land from his father, this included land at Great and Little Cornard and Shalford (Peter said that this was an abbreviation for “Sharp Fight”) Meadow which was originally owned in “doles” of from ¼ acre to about 5 acres, whereby the dole owner would take his hay and could then graze the whole meadow- imagine the arguments over where the boundaries were! The land was not the best farm land but some of it grew much needed houses! Peter used some of the proceeds of the sale to buy other land at Little Cornard, Bures and Bulmer Tye, and also to build the new house and buildings at Brook Farm, Great Cornard and Brook House Farm, Bures. He later gave the site of the original farmhouse to his nephew, Roger Layzell, who built a new house there, in which he still lives.

Peter married Helen, who came from Bury St. Edmunds, in about 1950 and they started married life in Westwood Cottage, Colne Engaine, where brother Tom was farming Worlds End Farm. He later moved to a cottage (since demolished) at the bottom of Kedington Hill (which Peter said was originally known as Killing-down Hill), and later bought 209 Bures Road (end of terrace, opposite the farm) where they lived for several years until the new “upside down” house was ready for occupation.

Joe Layzell (see autumn edition of Parish magazine) was employed first by Amos and then by Peter, until Joe retired. Peter then entered into a farming arrangement with Tony Evans from Bures and with Chris Gosling from Maplestead (for the Bulmer land).

Peter loved his livestock and won Champion Beast at the Sudbury Christmas Fatstock Show in both 1978 and 1979, also once taking first prize in the sheep class. He kept a few pigs, and won some pig prizes at the shows as well.


Having no children, in his Will he left instructions to his Executors to form a charity, to be known as “The Layzell Bures Charity” and he left all his land and a sum of money to this charity which has the sole direction of making small areas of land available for a short period of years, for would-be farmers to “learn the hard way”. Since then the Charity Trustees have been letting parcels of various sizes (but aiming for about 50 acres for 5 years) to several would-be farmers, who have successfully learned to farm, with all the vagaries of farming,

and gone on to greater things. With the proceeds from the sale of the buildings at Brook Farm new corn stores have been erected at Bures and Bulmer for the use of the tenants.

When Peter died his Executors followed his wishes for cremation and his ashes, later followed by those of his wife and his favourite dog, were interred in the area known as "Sares Hill" of Shalford Meadow (it is about 1 foot above the level of the rest of Shalford!), a black poplar tree (currently rather too rare) planted and, thanks to Danny Crosbie, a fence erected to keep the livestock away from the tree which has grown well and can now be seen from quite a way away.

Peter enjoyed all things farming and was a regular attendee at the local agricultural shows and the Royal Show until its demise. He once bought a new Massey Ferguson combine (thereby getting a free trip to Canada) with a narrow table (he had to have the narrow table to get up Kedington Hill) only to find that the combine was wider than the table!

Michael Crawford



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Autumn Report 2020

I am writing this, the final report of 2020, with mixed feelings as we head towards Christmas. This year has easily been the most extraordinary of my lifetime and I regularly have to pinch myself to check that it's been real at all. On the one hand many people and businesses have suffered real setbacks throughout the year and the second lockdown will ensure that uncertainty and anxious times for us all will have to be endured into next year. On the other, the community response locally has been something to behold. The volunteer and community groups that have been formed were well ahead of any initiatives set out by Government and the support they have provided has been invaluable to those left most vulnerable. I have said repeatedly that we are so lucky to live in our rural corner of the world.



At Babergh matters are now entirely dealt with on-line and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. Interestingly despite the speed at which Councillors have had to adapt to this new way of working it has quickly become the norm. Personally I find our meetings are now far more efficient. A considerable benefit is the savings in time and mileage by not having to shuttle backwards and forwards to physical meetings. One of the more interesting stats this year was that between April and the end of June there were 120,000 fewer miles travelled by staff and Councillors than between January and March. And my goodness, there have been a lot of extra meetings. There is simply not enough space within this report to provide full details of all the current work streams but I can summarise some of the key points as follows;

- Approximately 2000 Babergh businesses have received grants of between £2500 and £25K to help support them through the first lockdown
- The revised Joint Local Plan is due to be debated by Council this month with a view to having it before the Inspectorate by Spring of 2021
- Babergh has responded to the Planning white paper and, in a rare display of cross party unity, has insisted that proposals must not be to the detriment of local communities
- Our 5 year land supply declaration has shown an increase to 6.75 years
- Cabinet has agreed to bring our Public Realm services back in house when the current contract expires in 2021
- New plans for the future vision of Sudbury have been unveiled following the cessation of negotiations with a hotel chain at the former swimming pool site at Belle Vue

- Contactless issuing of parking tickets has been introduced in Sudbury for those that do not wish to touch the parking machines.

- Councillors are set to consider a raft of environmental measures in November following our commitment to a carbon reduction management plan

As ever I will be happy to discuss anything of note and interest in depth for those that wish to contact me. At the time of writing, we are on the cusp of entering a second lockdown. 2020 will be a year that will linger long in the memory. As our thoughts turn to Christmas I sincerely hope that we all get a chance to enjoy time with our loved ones in some sort of normality.

With very best wishes.

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Parish Council News

At the recent Parish Council meeting, on 10th November, approval was granted to purchase our own mini Speed Indicator Device (SID) which will be moved between three locations on the B1508 by the Community Wardens. We were helped with the purchase by grants from both Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council and our thanks go to James Finch and Lee Parker respectively. The rest of the cost of the device will be taken from our Community Infrastructure Levy.

We hope the SID will help reduce excessive speeding on the Bures Road, together with the efforts of the Community Speed Watch team who had been doing sterling work twice a week. It should be noted that, on average, drivers are exceeding the 30mph limit (and only reported when over 35mph) every two minutes. Indeed, a driver was 'caught' doing 74mph recently. We hope to resume Speed Watch in December.

The councillors reviewed the new initiative for Quiet Lanes and resolved that Little Cornard should apply to take part in the scheme, with all lanes including Blackhouse Lane. Quiet lanes are those in rural areas nationally designated as single track roads with fewer than 1,000 vehicles using them per day and often used by cyclists, pedestrians and those riding horses. Quiet Lane designation means motorists are required to drive with additional caution and at a slower speed.

Ruth Adams

In appreciation of the East Anglian Air Ambulance

A couple of weeks ago, prior to the latest lockdown, I was tramping around the village fields with the local shoot when I misjudged a jump over a ditch and landed badly. I fractured the small bone below my knee and needed surgery for a broken ankle. I had a radio and was quickly attended by my beater colleagues who carried out an "extraction" from the, thankfully, dry ditch and one of them drove me to hospital. I have since thought: what if I had been on my own, walking the dogs for instance? I would likely have reported my walk and route to a friend, a habit I have gotten into as I often take long walks alone. I would have called 999 and used "what3words". So I am mostly "on it" with respect to personal resilience but we live in a remote area and I do daft things like tramping across the countryside for fun. If a land ambulance is unable to reach a casualty or it is time critical The East Anglian Air Ambulance will be called. They provide first response by vehicle as well as by air and can drop off a trauma doctor to be with a patient for the "golden hour" the services talk about. Their primary attendance is cardiac arrest, not overzealous ditch jumpers, but cardiac arrest can happen anywhere, at home or somewhere remote. I donate to the East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA.org.uk) each month and if you are looking for a charity to support you might think of this one. Or consider downloading the "what3words" app to your phone so you can let the emergency services know where you are if you need them.

Karen Gilbert

Storehouse Foodbank

Storehouse Foodbank is a compassion ministry run by Stour Valley Vineyard Church with the aim of helping local families and individuals in crisis. Christmas will be challenging for us all this year but for some it will be particularly difficult. The foodbank will be packing parcels for Christmas. They need time to sort, pack and deliver the parcels and so ask that any donations of Christmas foodstuffs be made by 10th December. There are donation points at Sudbury branches of Tesco, Waitrose and Sainsburys and at East of England Co-op stores in Great Cornard, Lavenham and Long Melford. More information including a list of the most needed items can be found at <https://stourvalleyvineyard.org/storehouse/>



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LOOKING BACK AT EASTER 2020

With the country in lockdown in a bid to curb the spread of Covid-19 new ways of doing things had to be found. Here are some items you may have missed:

With churches closed or, in the case of Poland, services restricted to congregations of only five, many people sought innovative ways to continue worship in the run up to Easter. At Warsaw's Temple of Divine Providence, one of the most important churches in the country, people could either queue on foot or take confession through the open window of their car by driving past Priests wearing masks and seated on chairs in the car park.

Her Majesty the Queen sent the traditional Maundy gifts of purses and commemorative coins by post instead of handing them out personally after the service was cancelled. The Queen being ninety four years old the gifts were sent to ninety four men and ninety four women. The oldest recipient was one hundred and one year old Thomas Brock, a bell ringer who started his hobby ninety four years ago.

Simon Beach, vicar of St Budeaux parish church in Plymouth accidentally set the sleeve of his pullover alight with a candle while recording his first "virtual" service. As he leaned forward to deliver the final part of his sermon he could be heard saying calmly: "Oh dear, I've just caught fire".

The Very Reverend Dr Robert Willis, Dean of Canterbury, seated in the Cathedral garden to deliver a live "virtual" sermon, managed to keep a straight face as Leo, one of the resident cats, strolled into view and disappeared under his robes. A spokesperson from Canterbury Cathedral said that Leo was born in the Deanery, is well used to company and is a friendly and happy little cat. Dr Robert Willis was later upstaged on another occasion while filming his daily sermon in the garden when tabby and white Tiger, another of the resident cats, jumped onto a small table next to where he was seated and began helping himself to milk from a jug.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride

Peter and Brenda Pentney took part in this year's event which was held on 12th September. They raised a marvellous £100 in sponsorship, half of which will come to our church. They walked from All Saints, Little Cornard to Sudbury where they visited nine Churches so ten in all, Thank you so much. The weather was kind and it was a good day for walking and cycling. We had eight visitors at All Saints, all from the local area.

Sue Macdiarmid.

CORNARD MERE -

By Robin Ford, S. W. T. Voluntary Warden - Cornard Mere

Thanks to the dry summer months I was able to walk across the exposed peat of the main pool in search of wetland plants that flower on damp soils. In September, among carpets of Trifid Bur Marigold *Bidens tripartita* and Golden Dock *Rumex maritimus*, I discovered a small patch of Brookweed *Samolus valerandi*, a diminutive member of the primula family (see photo). Brookweed should not be confused with the similar sounding Brooklime *Veronica beccabunga* which belongs with the Speedwells and also grows on the reserve. In over thirty years of searching I have only recorded Brookweed on two previous occasions.



Making another rare appearance on the main pool was a Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*, remaining around the edge of the diminished expanse of open water for about three weeks during August. Our intrepid bird ringers succeeded in ringing both male and female Cetti's Warblers *Cettia cetti*. The distinctive call of this otherwise secretive bird could be heard by visitors travelling along the public footpath. Buzzards also nested successfully.

The annual visit from the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley volunteers is expected at the end of October. They will be working near the entrance again, coppicing willows. Due to Covid-19 their numbers have been limited to just five volunteers for the morning session with a different five volunteers taking over in the afternoon.

LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Parish Council Meeting dates for 2021

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Recipe - Decadent pecan pie

(Makes 1 x 23cm pie)

PASTRY

190g plain flour
¼tsp salt
75g cream cheese
110g butter, chilled
1.5tbsp very cold water
1.5tsp cider vinegar

FILLING

125g pecans
100g dark muscovado sugar
100g maple syrup
85g butter
200ml single cream
2tbsp cornflour
2tbsp bourbon
2 egg yolks
¼tsp salt

METHOD

To make the pastry, mix the flour with the salt. Add the cream cheese and rub in, or pulse briefly in the food processor to combine, then cut the butter into 2cm chunks and rub in or pulse until it's the size of a garden pea. Stir in the water and vinegar and pulse or rub in until the butter is the size of small petits pois. Tip into a bag and knead until it comes together into a dough and feels slightly elastic. Form into a disc and chill for 45 minutes or up to 12 hours.

Grease a 23cm loose-based tart tin and roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface to about 5mm thick. Use to line the tin, then chill for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat the oven to 180C. Tip the pecans on to a lined baking tray and bake for about 6 minutes until toasted. Allow to cool slightly, then roughly crush half of them.

Prick the pastry base several times with a fork, line with foil and fill with baking beans, rice or dried pulses. Bake for 15 minutes, then remove the foil and beans and bake for another 6 minutes until golden.

Meanwhile, put the sugar, syrup, butter and cream into a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water and stir together until it melts. Sprinkle over the cornflour and whisk until it thickens into a smooth, silky mixture. Take off the heat and stir in the bourbon, egg yolks and salt, followed by the crushed pecans. Tip into the pie crust and arrange the remaining pecans on top. Bake for about 25 minutes until set on top. Allow to cool before serving.

Recipe supplied by Karen Gilbert

Flower and Cleaning Rota 2021

Thank you to everyone who has helped in this strange year, Marian and I will do a Rota for 2021 in the hopes things will finally get back to some sort of normal! If anyone has any requests for particular dates please let us know, we will contact everyone when we know the pattern of Services.

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Mistletoe

At this time of year you can see all sorts of traditions played out with regard to Christmas decorations. Strict adherents use holly, ivy and of course, mistletoe. While holly and ivy are to be found in gardens and hedgerows, mistletoe usually only appears in greengrocers' shops, or high in a tree well out of reach.

Mistletoe is hemiparasitic, meaning that although its leaves enable it to feed itself through photosynthesis, its roots invade the host tree or shrub to extract water and other nutrients. Its favourite host trees are apple, lime, hawthorn, poplar or oak and it normally hangs as a large globe, tantalisingly high and totally visible once winter arrives and it is the only green left on the tree. There are some spectacular examples in Windsor Great Park, clearly visible from the path on the opposite side of the River Thames. More locally examples can be seen high up in the trees on the driveway up to Kentwell Hall, along the road to Haverhill as you leave Clare and on the A134 approaching Bury St Edmunds, just before the 30mph signs on Sicklesmere Road.

We all know about the almost translucent white berries, fleshy and sticky, which form in the forks of mistletoe's many branches. While they are toxic to humans, they are attractive to birds. When birds have enjoyed the juicy flesh, they wipe the remaining seeds off their beaks onto the nearest branch [somewhat like small children wiping sticky hands on any surface close by – mummy's face or clothes?]. With luck the seed remains stuck to the bark and solves mistletoe's problem of reproduction.

In Greek mythology, mistletoe gave access to the Underworld. Romans thought it represented Peace, Love and Understanding and perhaps that is how it has sidled into our Christmas celebrations. The earliest documentary evidence for kissing under mistletoe dates from the sixteenth century. Some people think a berry should be removed after each kiss. Given the small size of pieces generally available these days, perhaps that is a practice not to be pursued!

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have any matter of interest or news item you would like included in the next issue of the Little Cornard Magazine, please contact:-

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