# LITTLE CORNARD MAGAZINE





EASTER 2020



#### **SERVICES at ALL SAINTS**

Sunday service at 10.30 a.m.

except each 1st Sunday of the month —
Benefice Communion at St Mary's, Bures, at 10.30 a.m.

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

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

PALM SUNDAY 5th April Holy Communion at 10.30 am
 GOOD FRIDAY 10th April Morning Prayer at 9.00 am
 EASTER DAY 13th April Holy Communion at 8.00 am
 followed by Breakfast in the Schoolroom

# From All Saints Registers BURIAL OF ASHES

Thomas Brian Maguire

#### **BURIALS**

Felicia Ann Schwind Ida Mary Maguire

#### Vicar's Letter Easter 2020

#### Dear Friends

Some weeks ago I watched a two-part TV programme on BBC 2 hosted by Gareth Malone of "The Choir" fame. The programme was all about an invitation Gareth had received from the Governor of Aylesbury Young Offenders Prison, to see if he could encourage any of the prison inmates to form a choir. This proved to be a huge challenge as he struggled to engage the interest of a disenchanted group of young offenders who had been involved in some pretty awful things — armed robbery, burglary, drugs dealing, stabbings. Some of them had totally lost interest in life, refusing to engage with anyone or anything, choosing to spend virtually the whole day locked up in their cell.

Afterwards, Gareth Malone described the prison as the most challenging setting in which he'd ever had to work. He despaired of ever getting a note of music out of any of the lads there. But eventually a handful showed a spark of interest against all the odds and with patience and persistence a small group of young offenders worked with him to write a series of songs which spoke of their own experience and brokenness.

The final scenes in which they performed their songs to their parents and other invited guests in a disused wing of the prison was a dramatic and moving testimony to the redemptive power of music. Gareth Malone acknowledged that these young men had committed some terrible crimes, but spoke of the inner goodness and creativity which had nevertheless been unearthed in them through the difficult process of making music.

It was powerful stuff and it reminded me how easily we can all write off or ignore people whose lives and experiences are very different from our own. People who, because of their past conduct, seem beyond making any effort for, beyond redemption. And yet we all carry within us a spark of the divine - that essence of love, goodness and creativity - if we can just find the way to tease it out. The Bible says that we are all made in the image of God and although the divine characteristics are marred in all of us and often hard to find, nevertheless the traces are there if you dig deep enough.

Gareth Malone's experience encourages me to try to be more open to the ways in which God is at work in our world renewing, redeeming, re-creating, transforming – often in the most unexpected ways. That's not always an easy thing to do. But if we can give it a go, who knows how different some things, some people, might begin to look in time?

After all, new attitudes, new beginnings and new life are what Easter is all about.

With best wishes



#### Churchwarden's Corner

We are looking forward to our Lent Study course, to be led by John Symons. We will be joined by our friends from Assington church. This course will prepare us for the happenings of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Good Friday. We will then celebrate on Easter Day with the Holy Communion service at 8 am followed by breakfast in the schoolroom. If you would like to join us for this, please let us know.

Our love and prayers go to the families and friends of the late Felicia Schwind and Ida Maguire, whose memorial services and burials have taken place recently at All Saints.

Plans are well under way for the Flower Festival on 9th and 10th May. There will be a display and sale of paintings by local artists, a plant sale, cake stall, tombola and refreshments. If you would like to help in any way, your help would be appreciated. Just let us know.

Our good wishes and congratulations go to Mary Wright who celebrated her 100th birthday recently (see report). Mary lived here in Little Cornard for many years.

Best wishes, Brenda Pentney and Jeremy Apter

#### Flowers for Easter

We will be buying lilies to decorate the Church so if anyone would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one please get in touch with our PCC Treasurer.

Marian and Sue will be in touch nearer the time to arrange help with the decorating of the Church.

## All Saints Flower Festival 2020

We will be holding our usual Flower Festival and Art Exhibition over the weekend of May 9th and 10th. Anyone who would like to help with the flowers would be most welcome. Please get in touch with Marian Turner on 01787 377889 or Sue MacDiarmid on 01787 375858

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#### **Proposed Little Cornard Sale Trail**

We are looking for something a bit different to have fun and raise some funds for the Village Hall or an agreed Charity and are considering organising a "Sale Trail" for late August.

It works like this: We all have items large and small tucked away in cupboards, garages, outhouses and barns which haven't seen the light of day for some time! It would involve paying a small sum to join in and be included on a Trail Map which will show the properties participating. Each household can then display items they wish to sell using their drives, carports, garages and outbuildings and set their own prices. If they wish they can make a donation from their profits.

It is obvious it will take a bit of organising so I would be grateful if Villagers could let me know if they are interested in taking part so we have a rough number to see if it is viable. De-clutter joy!!

My email address is lizziemary@hotmail.co.uk Telephone 01787 229113 Liz Smith



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#### 100th Birthday Wishes to Mary!

Congratulations to Agnes Mary Wright (always known as Mary) who enjoyed a special 100th birthday celebration on Saturday 15th February 2020 at Chilton Croft Nursing Home. She received a well-deserved Congratulatory Message from the Queen plus flowers and gifts galore from her loving family and friends.

Mary was born in 1920 at Assington Mill to William and Ellen Rice. She had two elder sisters Beatrice and Florence and attended Assington School for all of her schooling until she reached 14 years when she left to care for her ailing Mother. Sadly Mary's mother died 2 years later when Mary was only 16 years old and her father died not long after. Shortly after her Mother's death Mary met her husband to be Harry. They got engaged and 3 years later were married in 1939 at Assington Church. They spent a fantastic 72 years together until sadly Harry died in February 2012. Since then Mary has remained at Chilton Croft Nursing Home where she has been left.

remained at Chilton Croft Nursing Home where she has been lovingly cared for.

When they first married Mary and Harry lived at Mary's late parents cottage at Dorking Tye where Eileen and Terry were both born. On Harry's return from 4 years at war the family moved to the Belchers, now known as Flint House at Little Cornard with Eileen then aged 7 and younger brother Terry aged 6. There, Ron, Barbara, Joan

and David were later born. In the later part of their life the couple moved just across the road into No. 2 Henny View where they remained until they were unable to care for themselves moving briefly to Elizabeth Court and then to Chilton Croft where Mary has been a resident for an incredible 13 years. The family thank the nursing staff at Chilton Croft for their dedicated care to both Harry and Mary and for the continuing care they give to Mary allowing her such longevity of life.



Mary is known to many locally for the years she worked at Harrods Store and Post Office in Bures. She is remembered for her huge smile and friendly chat to all those who visited the shop.

The family would also like to thank Gerald Bird for arranging All Saints Church bells to be rung marking this very special occasion and for the lovely video for Mary to enjoy and treasure.

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#### **Little Cornard Community Speedwatch Group**

The Little Cornard Community Speedwatch Group carried out its first survey at Henny View on the B1508 on 10th February. The main aim of the scheme is to alert drivers to the actual speed they are travelling in a 30 mph limit where the road is narrow with sharp bends and frequent accidents occur.

Members of the group use a radar gun to record the speed of motorists coming in either direction within the 30 mph limit. The vehicle registration number, make and model are recorded for drivers who are exceeding the speed limit and this information is then verified and forwarded to Suffolk Police. A maximum of two letters will be sent to offenders before the Police visit in person to issue enforcement. During the surveys we have already carried out, it is concerning to find that on average drivers are exceeding the speed limit every three minutes.

We are continuing to carry out surveys twice a week using the Henny View lay-by and also the entrance to the Willowmere Caravan Park. The survey lasts approximately an hour and we are targeting the busy rush hours at the moment.

Three members of the group work together for each survey. We have seven trained members and would very much welcome anyone who would like to join us. We are able to show you what is required. Even if you can only make one day a month, this would be helpful.

Please contact Janice Sampson on 07990 927155 or email janice.sampson75@gmail.com Thank you for any help you are able to give.

#### One Sunday morning...

The preacher in the village church one Sunday morning said Our organist is ill today, will someone play instead An anxious look crept o'er the face of every person there As eagerly they watched to see who'd fill the vacant chair

A man then staggered down the aisle whose clothes were old and torn How strange a drunkard seemed to be in church on Sunday morn But as he touched the organ keys without a single word The melody that followed was the sweetest ever heard

The scene was one I'll ne'er forget as long as I may live And just to see it o'er again all earthly wealth I'd give The congregation all amazed, the preacher old and grey The organ and the organist who volunteered to play

Anon

## Karate Classes Now Running in Little Cornard Village Hall

Mondays - Children's Taster Class 6:30-7:30 Adult Class 8:00 - 9:30

Have you ever had an interest in the martial arts? Are you now just realising that you could be interested?



If so, why not get in touch and ask for more information, whether you're interested in getting a little bit fitter, discovering a new hobby or already have an interest in karate. We are an ever-evolving club, focusing on the students.

Getting in touch just might be one of the best decisions you ever make, you owe it to yourself to at least find out more about it.

Contact Ashley Aldworth on 07769 995902 or a.aldworth.ijr@live.co.uk

#### **Little Cornard Conservation Society**

We have two interesting talks to look forward to. On the 26th March a talk by Mervyn Linford 'Journey down the Stour' which is inspired by Mervyn's book of the same name. It follows the river from its source in Cambridgeshire and then through the Suffolk and Essex borders until it enters the North Sea between Felixstowe and Harwich. The talk covers such subjects as: nature, farming, the arts, poetry, the countryside, country sports, the weather, local history and much more.

On the 30th April following the Society's AGM Chris Gibbons, a conservationist for over 30 years and an experienced speaker. His talk 'Gardening with Wildlife in Mind' will be of interest to all who love gardening and/or wildlife.

Meetings are held at Little Cornard Village Hall meeting at 7.30 for 7.45pm. Tea and coffee is served after the talk. For further information please contact Tina Cutts on 01787 372873 or e-mail tina@copcot.co.uk. Guests £2.00 per visit.

Tina Cutts

Little Cornard Neighbourhood Watch



Phil Gooch NHW Co-ordinator 01787 372013

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Little Cornard Village Hall -Patricia Monk 07540 783516 Ruth Adams 01787 227467 All Saints Church Wardens -Jeremy Apter 01787 373439

Brenda Pentnev 01787 227615

#### **Art Exhibition**

As part of the Flower Festival Julie Iveson has very kindly offered to run this with the help of Vernon Lever. If you would like to exhibit please get in touch with Julie on 07976 558809 or email julieiveson63@gmail.com

We will be raising funds for All Saints Church and we will be making a donation to a local charity.



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#### **Churches Together in Sudbury and District**



Churches Together in Sudbury and District hold a Prayer Breakfast every Saturday morning in different churches, and on 28th March we will be hosting the prayer breakfast in the schoolroom at All Saints, from 8am to 9.30am. All are welcome to come along for a light breakfast and time of prayer, and the opportunity to meet members of other churches.

#### Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2020

Last year £8m was raised to help the fight against poverty and injustice. Look out for the red envelopes during Christian Aid Week, 10 to 16 May, or donate at caweek.org. If you are interested in becoming a local collector, please contact Clare Lodge, tel. 01787 312494, clare.lodge@btinternet.com

# All Saints Church Little Cornard



### FLOWER FESTIVAL

Flowers, Artwork Exhibition & Sale Well Stocked Plant Stall, Refreshments Cakes & Produce, Tombola

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Evensong on 10th May at 4.00 p.m.

All Saints Church, Kedington Hill, Little Cornard, CO10 OPE www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk

Proceeds for Sudbury Citizens Advice Bureau & Upkeep of All Saints Church



#### **Rock Choir Concert to Raise Funds**

for The Kernos Counselling Centre, Friars Street, Sudbury, Suffolk Friday 1st May – 7.30 pm • St. Peter's Cultural Venue - Sudbury

The Kernos Centre is a charity formed in 2003 to provide a counselling service to adults and children. There is a high demand for the services provided and the centre has received high recognition for their work. The Kernos receives no government or NHS funding and is reliant on fundraising donations and gifts of money from local charities. Although most clients are able to make a contribution towards the cost of their counselling, this often does not meet the actual costs of the service. No-one is turned away through their inability to pay.

The South Suffolk group of Rock Choirs are coming together to hold a fund-raising concert at St. Peter's Cultural Venue, Market Hill in Sudbury on Friday 1st May at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.15). The choir will be singing an upbeat selection of songs from the 60's upwards and a fun evening is guaranteed.

Tickets are £8.00 and are available from the Kernos Counselling Centre on 01787 882883 or from Janice Sampson on 07990 927155.

#### **Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride**

Only seven riders visited Little Cornard last year and they were all local. The total raised for the county is yet to be announced.

#### **Open Church**

#### COFFFF and FRIENDSHIP FVFNT

On the First Tuesday of every month the church and schoolroom are open from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Coffee and tea are available all day and a light lunch is served at 1.00pm We hope to see you there.

#### **Wise Words**

Every day that is born into the world comes like a burst of music and rings the whole day through, and you make of it a dance, a dirge, or a life march, as you will.

Thomas Carlyle 1795 - 1881

#### Storehouse Foodbank

The Foodbank volunteers work hard all year helping folk who are facing difficult times.

packet foods, tea, coffee

New volunteers are welcomed. For information go to stourvalleyvineyard.org/storehouse Donations of tinned and packet foods, tea, coffee and toiletries are gratefully received. There are donation points at Waitrose, Sainsburys, Ipswich Building Society and the East of England Co-op stores in Great Cornard, Lavenham and Long Melford.

Please contact Sue Mcdiarmid with any questions. Thank you



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

Tel 01206 263649 Mobile 07545 423796 Email: james.finch@suffolk.gov.uk

• County Council approves budget to increase spending for vulnerable residents
On 13 February 2020, Suffolk County Council approved its annual budget. The Council will
increase its spending power again this coming financial year, particularly in Children's and Adults
services, where demand continues to rise year on year.

In 2020/2021, the Council's budget will rise to £556million which represents an increase of £37m (7.1%) from 2019/20. Children's and Adults Services represent around 70% of the Council's overall spend. But this year's budget is based only on a 12-month financial settlement from government, rather than the three or four-year agreement which is usually offered.

• Suffolk celebrates COC success

Suffolk's recent Care Quality Commission statistics are in and Suffolk is now top of the table for comparator local authority areas. In Suffolk, 89% of Adult Social Care locations are rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission, the standards agency for adult care. When it comes to the national rankings, Suffolk is performing equally well. Ranked as fourth nationally for 'Good' or 'Outstanding' rated care locations, Suffolk shines out as a great area for adult social care. This is particularly impressive when it is considered that Suffolk has over 100 more adult social care locations than any of the other areas listed in the top ten.

• Suffolk Highways waives fees for VE and VJ Day Commemoration events. In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe and Victory over Japan Days, Suffolk Highways has confirmed it will waive road closure application fees and help support communities with event traffic management. Communities in Suffolk will be organising commemorative events, some of which may require an application to Suffolk Highways for a road closure.

The cost of road closures and subsequent works associated with event traffic management may be prohibitive for small communities, and so this is a way of helping those communities.

• Hope for better national coordination of offshore wind farm projects Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council have been calling for improved national coordination of the offshore wind farm projects off the county's coast.

This approach has now been recognised in an Ofgem report. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) document, published on 3 February 2020, suggests that money could be saved, and the environment better protected, if there is more coordination around the infrastructure of these projects.

The councils continue to support the principle of offshore wind, as it will help reduce carbon emissions and provide significant economic benefits to the county and the UK. However, this should not be achieved at any cost to Suffolk, its residents and its natural environment. Concerns about the apparent lack of coordination in the connection of energy projects have been repeatedly raised by the councils with government ministers, National Grid and wind farm developers. The key issue for the Stour Valley is the possibility of an increase in the pylons across the Dedham Vale to transmit this additional power.

• Popular Most Active County initiatives inspire Suffolk residents to get active The Great East Swim and Run programmes have been inspiring Suffolk residents to get active for the last eight years. The programmes offer an opportunity for individuals who are not currently physically active to take part in a progressive programme of training and support, with the goal of taking part in the Great East Swim or Great East Run.

More than 470 individuals looking to make a positive change to their health and wellbeing have

taken part in the programmes to date, with more than 85% completing the full 12 and 16-week programmes, respectively. Participants have cited that, as well as weight loss and more energy, they felt a boost in confidence, improved self-esteem, and a real sense of pride and achievement through completing the programme.

The programmes are suitable for all ages, with participants from 18 to 80+ taking part in previous years. Nearly 6,000 participants took part in the main Great East Swim and the Great East Run events last year, many of whom were Suffolk residents. Entries are now open for the 2020 events.

Dates Great East Swim - Saturday 20th June 2020

Great East Run - Sunday 20th September

More information can be found on

https://www.greatrun.org/great-east-run and https://findarace.com/events/great-east-swim

I am delighted to say that I have secured Suffolk Mind, my Chairman's Charity, as one of the main charities that is being supported by these two events.

• More Fostering and Adoption Sessions in Boxford and the Stour Valley

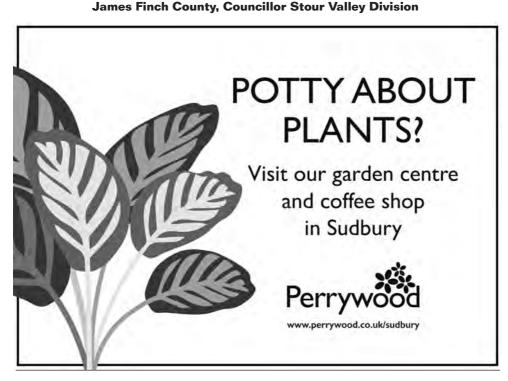
Following another successful session in Mary's House in December, I give below the next dates and times of a session for this year which will continue throughout 2020.

The Garrad Room, Bures Community Centre - Monday 6th April, 19.00-21.00

The Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland - Thursday 7th May, 19.00-21.00

#### **My Priorities**

Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth - Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength all underpinned by strong financial management and low council tax



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Route 756 runs via West Bergholt Village, calling at the Queens Head (QH) at 0755 and does not serve the Treble Tile.

PO - route 752 stops at Sicklesmere Post Office at 1617 - NOT Raynsford Road. The 1624 departure from Sudbury on route 754 departs 2 minutes later from all points after Gainsborough School on schooldays The 1515 departure from Sudbury on route 754 departs from Sudbury and Great Cornard 4 minutes later on Saturdays and during school holidays.

#### Village Hall Update

We have two new committee members, Mark Irwin and Liz Smith, who join Nigel and Patricia Monk (treasurer and secretary), Clive Johnson (chair), Karen Gilbert and Peter Cook (resident musician). Liz has created the first "Little Cornard Sale Trail" which is planned for Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd August. See Liz's item elsewhere in the magazine which gives further details.

Edwina Johnson has organised a Little Cornard Charity Ride for Sunday 23rd August to raise funds jointly for the village hall and Air Ambulance, a charity that serves country activities very well. It will involve a lot of riders coming to Yorley Farm and taking a ride around the tracks and paths of the village, a lovely way to see the countryside we have here. Some short parts will be along the lanes, so feel free to nourish your roses if any deposits are left behind....

We have raised a good sum in the last year and managed to complete decoration of the inside of the hall so it now looks as smart as the outside. CCTV has been installed and the internal lighting has been upgraded to brighter but dimmable low energy strip lights. The heaters have timer switches on them, to prevent them being left on by users. A longer term project is the acquisition of some adjoining land by the hall to extend the car park. This will be arranged with the kind cooperation of RABI, who own and administer the surrounding estate land. They were the original owners who "sold" the hall to the Parish (for a whole pound I understand). It is held on trust for the Parish by the Parish Council. There are legal hoops to jump, so the project will be a slow one but we hope to extend the car park to accommodate users and activities for the future.

The Model Railway Club continue to be the resident Friday night booking and we have hosted a Pilates / Yoga class, and now a Karate club, along with the other community clubs that use the hall. Remember if you have a club that is looking for accommodation, think of the hall. You can have half days or evenings all at a very reasonable rate.

We hope to see you at our events through the year and please remember you don't have to be on the committee to help out or suggest / organise an event of your own.

If you would like to be included in the email Round Robin in order to keep up with news of events etc. please contact Patricia Monk.

Karen Gilbert

#### Parish Council Update....

We have thanks to give to the volunteers in the village who are trying to improve the status quo. The steering group volunteers are steadily working on the details of the Neighbourhood Plan. We also send our thanks on behalf of residents to the Little Cornard Village Speed Watch Group. They have begun their campaign to raise the profile of speeding in our village. It's not an easy job, so we are grateful to all involved.

Still on the agenda for the council is to press for the replacement of our destroyed Speed Indicator Device (SID) and village sign for the Bures Road. At a recent Councillor training event the lecturer asked what qualities a parish councillor will benefit from ...we all agreed: "patience"!!

We are trying to improve bus stop facilities for the village, and this process is also a slow one. The council require a fee of some £1,200 just to scope and design the works, before a "spade hits the ground".

We are trying to consider the ownership of the Mere as part of the Neighbourhood Plan, looking at extending the lease for the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, to enable its better protection. The Mere is partly owned by the parish and partly by the SWT, with our part being leased to them. The longer the lease, the better a management plan can be implemented by the SWT.

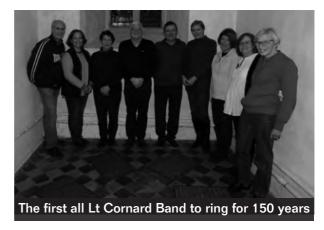
Also on the land front we are supporting the transfer of land adjoining the village hall, with the Village Hall Committee and the RABI. We would encourage any residents who are interested in any matter to attend the parish council meetings. Come and raise an issue if you wish or speak with a councillor beforehand to have an issue raised there. It's your parish council and your village. Agendas are published on notice boards and our website at least three clear days beforehand, normally a week beforehand, so you can see the items we are discussing. Dates of meetings can be found elsewhere in this magazine. Thank you all for your support and help this year.

Karen Gilbert



#### **News from the Bell Tower Spring 2020**

The Carol Service on December 22nd was a watershed for us and for Lt Cornard Church. For the first time in 150 years the bell band was comprised of all Lt Cornard ringers. That's a picture of us all to the right: it was an historic moment. We are trying to find out who was in the last bell band for our Church some 150 years ago – so far without success! Does anyone have any information?



We rang at All Saints and elsewhere over the Christmas period for Christingle and

Carol Services. Some of us did four Carol Services and three Christingles to help other towers who were short of ringers.

Practise continues 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 – it's one of few meeting places in the village.

Our trainees continue to make good steady progress. Hopefully we will get the other four into the Suffolk Guild later this year.

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 assisted by local experienced ringers who come to help us develop our skills. We practise in other towers on their practise nights and



inaugural ringing on

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have had some welcome visits to our tower by Cavendish ringers while the church tower there is undergoing repairs.

We enjoyed our trip to Norwich to the Mancroft Ringing Discovery Centre in November for a special training session to improve our bell handling. That was beneficial to all. We also enjoyed the Guild district ringing session at Lavenham Church in January.

In early February we were delighted to be able to ring a birthday round to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs Mary Wright, a long time village resident. She and her family lived for many years at the Belchers (now called Flint House) in Little Cornard. Her son Ronald recorded it so that it could be played to her.

We have bookings for the coming year from bands from Farnborough, West Anglia, and the Ladies Guild all wanting to ring at all Saints and we also have two wedding bookings at the Church for the bells which continue to generate interest in both the Church and village.

The remarkable efforts of the Bell Committee have now concluded following the recent changing of the clappers. These have been changed to wrought iron and re-balanced. Amazing how technical it all is. The wrought iron is softer and gets a softer ring from the bells and the balance makes sure the ball on the clapper hits the right place on the bell to create the best reverberation. It does make a difference to those of us who listen regularly.

That's a picture of the two sets of Clappers to the right. When they are ringing they go backwards and forwards very quickly – so now you can see where the saying, "going like the clappers" comes from.



We are thankful to those committee members, donors and helpers for such a remarkable achievement in the bell restoration and all or any would be welcome at any practise night. John Taylor has helped us enormously with the project.



The Restoration story mainly in pictures

A book/album has been produced telling the story of the bells restoration and It is hoped to make copies available for sale shortly. The book is largely pictorial with various explanations and some basic history so making an interesting record of such a remarkable feat for such a small parish.

May 8th is VE day 75th Anniversary celebration. Church bells will be rung throughout the country over that weekend. That also happens to be our Lt Cornard Flower festival weekend on the 9th and 10th May.

We plan to ring at lunchtime on both days and hope to be able to allow some visitors to have a try at ringing under strict supervision of our teachers. Do come and try it — we would love to get some more people interested wherever you are from. You do not have to be a regular Churchgoer to learn to ring. Ringing 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.

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## Observations From My Window January/February 2020...

Seeing from my dining room window for a couple of weeks now a Carrion Crow was building a nest in a fork of a tree in the ground next to our garden. Recently two Crows have been guarding the nest, one on sticks nearby and another on an adjacent branch. Recently four more Crows joined the nest guarding team against a take-over by Pigeons.

Carrion Crows are evil birds. In conjunction with Magpies and Sparrowhawks they have decimated our garden and farmland birds. No wonder they are very unpopular and were hunted in years gone by.

NB - Since writing this I have lost this bird watching interest as the tree in question was blown down by Storm Ciara - fortunately well away from our boundary!

Peter Cutmore - Chapel Lane Little Cornard

Perhaps surprisingly Crows are classified as passerine birds, sometimes called perching birds or songbirds. Passerines are distinguished from other orders of birds by the arrangement of their toes (three pointing forward and one back) which facilitates perching. Whilst it is true Crows will predate smaller songbirds these latter have also suffered from loss of habitat and fragmentation of woodland. Crows living in urban areas are known to gather nuts, then place them in the street for passing cars to crack open the shells. After waiting patiently for the traffic lights to change, they return to the street to eat them. Collective nouns for Crows include horde, hover, muster, parcel and probably the best known, murder. In Medieval times small children armed with wooden clappers and smoky fires were employed to keep the birds away from freshly sown crops. After the bubonic plague had swept through Europe there were no longer sufficient children available which is when farmers turned to making the man-shaped decoys we know as scarecrows.

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#### **CORNARD MERE -**

By Robin Ford, Voluntary Warden - Cornard Mere

I have just received a copy of SUFFOLK NATURAL HISTORY 2019, the transactions of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society. It contains an up to date check list of flies (diptera) recorded in Suffolk. Under the heading Gall Midges (Cecidomyiini) one of the ninety seven species so far seen in the county, Wachtliella persicariae, was first described from Cornard Mere. The date was 1st August 1978 and the finder E. Milne-Redhead. This midge creates a gall on Amphibious Bistort Persicaria amphibia (see photo) and its larva resides in this growth formed by in-rolling and thickening each side of the oblong, heart-shaped leaf. Edgar Milne-Redhead, being a botanist, was able to identify



the species without ever seeing the midge. Look out for me on the Mere, between July and September when the pink flower heads stand proud of the surrounding vegetation, as I search to re-find the tell-tale gall of this unremarkable midge. Edgar Milne-Redhead spent most of his working life as a member of staff at Kew Gardens, retiring to Nayland where he spent the remainder of a long career devoted to the study of the Black Poplar *Populus nigra*. As a supporter of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust it was Edgar who, in the late 1970s, drew the Trust's attention to Cornard Mere and persuaded the then "Suffolk Trust for Nature Conservation" Reserve Manager to lease this "Site of Special Scientific Interest" from Little Cornard Parish Council.

#### LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

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#### **First Time Central Heating Systems for Suffolk Residents**

Extract from the report given by James Finch, County Councillor for the Stour Valley, to Little Cornard Parish Council's meeting on 12th November 2019

A further 200 Suffolk homes without central heating will soon be able to have their first ever system installed. On 7th October it was reported that Suffolk's local authorities have secured an additional £760,000 of funding from the Warm Homes Fund. This will enable the installation of 204 first time central heating systems in eligible, fuel-poor households across Suffolk over the next three years. This is in addition to the original funding secured by the partnership in 2017 for 514 systems, over 200 of which have already been delivered.

Around four million UK households are in fuel poverty, unable to affordably heat their home to the temperature needed to stay warm and healthy. As well as being on low incomes many of these households are also faced with the additional burden of relying on heating systems that are inefficient and expensive to run.

I would encourage anyone who does not have a central heating system and finds it a challenge to afford their energy bills to contact Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People on 03456 037686 quoting the Warm Homes Fund or visit www.greensuffolk.org/whf to find out more.

#### Thomas Becket's robe at Canterbury Cathedral

To mark the eight hundred and fifty years since the death of the saint clothes thought to have been worn by Thomas Becket at the time of his murder will be on loan from the Santa Maria Maggiore church in Rome. Protected by an ornate glass reliquary dating back to the seventeenth century the robe will be at Canterbury Cathedral from July 4th until August 3rd. Thomas Becket was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 until his murder in the cathedral in 1170. He is venerated as a saint and martyr by both the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion.

#### **MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

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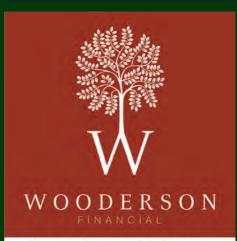
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