

THE
LITTLE CORNARD
MAGAZINE



HARVEST 2020



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From All Saints Registers

FUNERALS

Ivan Barry Hollocks
Christopher William Knights
Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Layzell

Vicar's Letter Harvest 2020

Dear Friends

I was speaking the other day to an old school friend and he was a bit worried. He'd been asked to a meeting the following day with his boss and the signs didn't look good. He'd been on furlough from his job on full pay since April and because the company's business was arranging conferences, there was little prospect of work in the foreseeable future. He was pretty sure he was going to be made redundant and at his age, the chances of another job didn't look good.

This time of year we traditionally think of all the good things we enjoy and we give thanks for God's provision through our Harvest services in church. Usually we enjoy each other's company in Harvest suppers and lunches. Sadly, the need to control the transmission of COVID-19 means that those social events won't take place this year and our Harvest services will be restricted by social-distancing and other necessary health precautions.

I think of those events and I think about my friend and thousands like him across the country and somehow I can't help the sense that the celebration of God's provision this Autumn feels just a little bit thin.

And then I have to remind myself that one of the great themes of the Christian faith is hope. Not a vague "I wish things could be better" sort of hope, but a hope which is founded in the promises of a God who I believe is in control, who dearly loves us and his creation, and who works with us to bring his purposes to fruition. Things may be unsettling and uncertain still as we head into the Autumn, but God still has his hand on the tiller. Things will get better. An effective vaccine will eventually be developed. The risk will subside. There will be future Harvest gatherings like the ones we have enjoyed before. God will provide, as he has always done.

When we tentatively opened our churches for public worship a few weeks back, I was reminded of the story in the Bible where the prophet Ezekiel is shown a vision of what the ruined temple in Jerusalem will look like when it's restored. Out of the desolate ground on one side begins to flow a tiny trickle of water which grows and grows into a deep, wide river, with all sorts of trees for food on its banks. The trees are so fruitful, that they can be harvested not just every year, but every month. It's a vision of abundance from desolation: a vision of hope.

My friend finished our conversation on a note of hope. "Oh well", he said, "the sun's shining and I'm going out to enjoy it and have a couple of beers". The next day his boss extended his furlough for another couple of months. He's not out of the woods yet, but he still has hope.

With very best wishes

Steve.

Churchwarden's Corner

Since the last magazine was issued in March we have all been in lockdown or shielding. We apologise if you did not receive the Easter edition, this was because some of the delivery volunteers were shielding from the virus. It is always possible to view the magazine on the church website www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk.

The decision to suspend the Mothering Sunday service on 22nd March came late and the gifts of polyanthus had already been bought. These were donated to the Hillside Care Home (see photo).



Following the announcement the previous night by the U.K. Government of wide ranging restrictions, the Church of England announced on 24th March that "All Church of England churches are to close with immediate effect..."

Funerals at the graveside were held for Ivan Hollocks, Christopher Knights and Betty Layzell. Our thoughts and prayers are for the families and friends of Ivan, Christopher and Betty.

Other plans have had to be revised with two weddings that were booked now planned for future dates. The Flower Festival and Harvest Fair cannot happen this year and so we are missing those happy events with friends and visitors.

During this period the Benefice Ministry Team have been in regular contact and are always available to take your calls.

We have carried out the necessary COVID-19 safety measures and are now able to reopen the church for services. The dates and times of the forthcoming services will be on the church website and can also be found at www.achurchnearyou.com or give us a phone call.

The beautiful churchyard, God's Acre, is always open for anyone who wishes for a quiet time in a tranquil setting or we can arrange to open the church for a visit or private prayer.

Best wishes

Brenda and Jeremy

Little Cornard Conservation Society

What a strange year this has been and a difficult one for all local societies, with cancelled meetings and visits. It has been no different for Little Cornard Conservation Society of course so sadly no news to report on that front.

BUT the Conservation Society has a pressing problem. The Chairman and Secretary will be moving out of the area, leaving the Society in a precarious situation, in urgent need of a new Chairman and a new Secretary.

The Society is quite small - it has thirty members and holds four winter meetings and we make two summer visits. The secretary arranges speakers for the meetings and the summer visits and keeps members up to date on happenings. The Chairman takes the meetings and heads the Committee of seven members (including the Chairman and Secretary).

If there is anyone willing to consider taking on either of these roles please get in touch with me, Tina Cutts on
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Tina Cutts


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Flower Festival Plant Stall

We have been running the plant stall each year at the All Saints Flower Festival now for twenty years and over that time many people return each year and kindly buy what we and others have grown for their gardens.

Cheryl and I begin planting seeds in the greenhouses each January and grow lots of plants through the spring so we had a substantial stock here when suddenly the coronavirus lockdown came along and the Flower Festival was cancelled.

We either had to bin a lot of plants or try to find a way of operating a sale safely within the lockdown rules. Thankfully with help from Patricia Monk we were able to email out lists of the plants available and many villagers kindly bought them, collecting from our 'sleepers' on the driveway as they took their daily exercise or shopping trip and leaving us the money in envelopes.

We prepared and sold twenty one hanging baskets as well as the bedding and perennial plants and thanks to you kind folks raised £720.00 for the church through that sale. That is a new record for us and was without having the benefit of the usual donations of plants and vegetables that we receive from various sources.

Our thanks go to you all for your generosity, kindness and courtesy in helping with the sale and distribution. It's been a pleasure to provide the plants and something of a relief to be able to say most have sold now.

At a time when funds have been running low we hope it will help the church through these difficult times.

Many thanks from us and stay safe and healthy.

Gerald & Cheryl Bird

Ride and Stride 2020

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride will go ahead on September 12th. If you would like sponsor forms or information please contact John and Sue Macdiarmid on 01787 375858. Also if there is anyone who would like to volunteer to sign the cyclists in at the church on the day please let us know. Thank you.

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News from the Bell Tower

Well it's been a barren spell for us all whether bell ringers, visitors, helpers or churchgoers. No bell ringing or church services since lockdown with even our regular and popular Flower Festival, along with our plans to ring, cancelled.

The Little Cornard bell band members have kept in touch during this time and have been watching assorted online bell ringing learning sessions on U-tube etc. There is no substitute for pulling those ropes and hearing the bells ring out though. We are all looking forward to getting back when we are allowed.

Sadly we have not been able to find out who was in the last bell band for our church some 150 years ago. I can remember, as does Peter Cutmore, Ernie Rising tolling the tenor bell many years ago at services before it became unsafe to do so. He would often put his foot in a loop to toll the bell as well as holding the rope – nowadays a complete no-no for safe ringing.

Two weddings at All Saints that we had been asked to ring for were postponed because of lockdown. Both have been rearranged for next year so we hope to be able to ring for them when that time comes around. Sadly we have had two funerals at which the bell would have been tolled but again we could not do so. Hopefully we will be able to celebrate those lives with thanksgiving services later or next year.

Bell practice will recommence every Wednesday evening 7.30pm to 9.00pm as soon as we get the clearance. 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.

The booklet/album telling the story of the bells restoration is available now so if anyone would like one please contact me. They sell for £12.00 each and tell the story, mainly in pictures, of the work that was undertaken to remove and repair the old bells, cast the new one and fabricate the new frame and installation. The photographs are accompanied by explanations and some basic history. It is an interesting record of such a remarkable feat for such a small parish.

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

Gerald Bird

**Little Cornard
Neighbourhood
Watch**



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

Remember to close and lock all doors and windows when you go out and to leave a light on if you are away from home in the evening.

Betty and Joe Layzell

There are two small cottages in the Bures Road, between Ivy Cottage and the mere, which have been renovated in recent years. The bungalow was previously occupied by Betty and Joe Layzell. Amos Layzell, Joe's Uncle, had bought much of the local farmland in the valley around the Bures Road in the mid 1900s. Joe was his nephew and he worked the land for Amos, starting in the days when horse power really was horse power then later progressing to tractor power. They were challenging and changing times.

I thought it would be nice to collate some memories of Joe and of Betty who passed peacefully away recently in a residential care home, Joe having died with dementia some years earlier. I remember Joe well as we often met at the railway or on the meadows where he walked every day. Neighbours remember him as a lovely polite and gentle fellow. Joe's cousin Peter, who owned the Shalford meadow after Amos, has his ashes under a tree there with a plaque to remember him.

Betty was born Betty Kilby, her parents had the shop that was the larger of the now renovated pair of cottages by the mere in Bures Road. It was when a young Peter Cutmore moved into Ivy House, as it is now called, that they became good friends. They attended Great Cornard Primary school together. Below is a picture of the class.

Betty has a large white ribbon in her hair, middle row, on the right. Peter Cutmore is just behind her with his partner in crime Geoff Game, another lovely fellow I was proud to know. Also in this 1944 photograph with Headmaster Lionel Hurst are Norman Game, John Wordley, Joyce and Edna Wicks,



Jean Binks, Bridget Cook, Shirley Stephenson, John Gerrard, Derek and John Beer, David Steed, Tony Carter, Eddie Stivey, Frank Tatum and Eric Kidman also twin girl evacuees in the front row.

My research with Peter uncovered some lovely pictures of Betty with Peter in her garden, you can imagine someone has made the lovely skirt she is wearing (any Sewing Bee fans and the Thimbles Ladies will appreciate the work). Betty went on to work at Stephen Walters, becoming a well-respected member of the weaving team. One of their top weavers I gather. She was very proud to tell anyone that she had worked on weaving silk for the wedding dress of a certain Lady Diana Spencer in the early eighties. Each of the team was given a piece of the silk fabric as a memento.

Joe was actually named Raymond. It seems no one was called their actual name in those days, not in Suffolk anyway. He and Betty never had children but were visited regularly by friends and their nephew Raymond. They enjoyed having visitors and meeting new neighbours. I certainly enjoyed visiting them. I used to take my extra beans, cucumbers etc. over and it seems I wasn't the only person doing so as Joe once exclaimed "sometimes we have so much we have to give some to our neighbours!" I thought I was being neighbourly as Joe didn't grow his own veg any more. I bet they dreaded runner bean season!



Do you recognise anyone else from the picture? Or have any pictures or memories of the village? If so why not share them through the magazine.

Thank you to Peter and Doris Cutmore and to Raymond Layzell for their memories and tales, some of which I was able to print!

Karen Gilbert

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Parish Council round up....

We hope you have all been coping well through the recent lockdown. The village has pulled together, helping each other by any means necessary. Ally Bain quickly got busy organising a volunteer group to coordinate assistance for villagers who had no one else local to ask, with some having their own families in isolation. Thank you to Ally for your help from all who used the service, or may need to do so in the future. It's not over as we all know. Thank you to everyone who has popped over to see a neighbour, delivered shopping or medication, chatted through a window or waved from a foot path...isolation can be hard.

So, parish news: Speed Watch has had a holiday but is back with a vengeance. Some of the team are isolating so any new volunteers who may feel like joining, please get in touch with Janice Sampson (see page 14). Now the team are all certified speed gun trained, new members can be trained "on the hoof". I have volunteered as scribe for them for a few dates. All social distancing measures are being adhered to.

The chevrons have arrived at Chapel Lane corner and we hope they are enough to alert any drivers that there is in fact a corner. That's one Highways project covered! The main road was resurfaced, (yay) some manhole covers were replaced, we await the Speed Indicator Device Saga to progress. James Finch (SCC) has reported rumours of an Average Speed Enforcement trial in Suffolk, and has volunteered our area. As I said in the last report we need patience....

Do you want to attend a Parish Council meeting? We can't meet in person at present but it's easy, just email our clerk, Dave Crimmin, he will invite you to a zoom Parish meeting (a link on an email). You can use a smart phone - you don't need a web cam, we've all been Zooming, and trying to keep our backgrounds as tidy as we can...

We need to give thanks to those who have been carrying out "guerrilla footpath maintenance" - fixing stiles and bridges, and laying aggregate to beat the war with mud pools. We are seeing many walkers coming to our beautiful village, to take in the wonderful countryside we live in. Making this safer has been a challenge but the village have been helping – thank you! If anyone notices a problem with a footpath, please tell us and we can see it is reported to Rights of Way, or maybe mobilise a "footpath fairy". Photos are always helpful. Contact details of the councillors are in the magazine or email our clerk.

There has been much discussion so we need to remind users that the footpaths are not maintained for horses, or cyclists. Please ensure other forms of travel keep to routes assigned for their use (green lanes, bridle paths, roads). If you have a horse or pony, permission needs to be sought from the landowner to use their land for exercising them. More signs are going up, but we are aware these are already ignored.

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Karen Gilbert on behalf of Your Parish Council Team.

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Little Cornard Village Hall

A risk assessment has been carried out by the management committee. As a consequence, signage is in place regarding social distancing, pinch points and sanitizing gel. Gel dispensers have been purchased and installed, one just inside the main door and one just inside the back door. It is therefore felt that the village hall is COVID-19 Secure for hires, however, the requirements of social distancing will limit the number of people able to use the hall at any one time.

Patricia Monk

Sergeant Frederick Cardy

My name is Geoff Cardy and my grandfather Sergeant Frederick Cardy lived in Little Cornard. Sadly he was killed in Belgium in the First World War and his name is on the memorial in Little Cornard church yard. Up until last year it was not known where he was buried but following intensive investigations by a third party his actual grave was discovered in a cemetery in Belgium and a report submitted through the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to the Ministry of Defence who, having accepted the evidence, have written to say that his grave is to be rededicated in November of this year subject to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

My grandfather was married to Emily Cardy nee Layzell who, up until the time of her death, lived at Mere Cottage which was her old family home. Emily's father was a blacksmith in the village.

Geoff Cardy

Little Cornard Community Speed Watch

The CSW surveys carried out at Henny View and Willowmere on the Bures Road were suspended on 19th March due to the COVID-19 Virus.

Suffolk Police confirmed on 27th June that surveys could now be reinstated. We are a small trained team of seven (two of whom are shielding at the moment) but since 29th June we have been managing to meet for CSW twice a week. As detailed in the last magazine, it is very concerning that there are a number of drivers exceeding the 30mph speed limit. On average we record details of over 20 vehicles during a one hour session. This information is then sent to Suffolk Police for them to process by either sending a letter or on subsequent occasions carrying out a home visit.

We would very much welcome anyone who would like to join us - any help even on an irregular basis would be much appreciated.

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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

COVID-19 related news The new action which is key to continuing the reduction of infection is “TEST AND TRACE”. Tracing virus spread is critical to containing it locally. So from now on, if you have symptoms, you MUST immediately self-isolate and make a request for a test on line - www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-COVID-19-getting-tested or call the telephone number 119.

Moving from national to more locally recommended guidance, the Suffolk County Council is forming a local Outbreak Control Programme (LOCP) overseen by a COVID-19 dedicated health protection board chaired by the Director of Public Health for Suffolk - Stuart Keeble. This board includes leaders of all the County, District and Borough Councils together with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The LOCP will be triggered where there are suspected or confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks in any setting or community within the county. The plan outlines measures to prevent, manage, and contain outbreaks of Coronavirus and protect the public's health. It builds on existing relationships and processes in place with partner agencies across Suffolk. It outlines how complex cases will be managed in more than 30 high-risk places, locations, and communities, particularly care homes and schools. It also outlines local testing capacity, use of data to identify and proactively manage outbreaks, and contact tracing in complex settings. An outbreak is defined when there are two or more cases in high-risk settings, or a greater than expected occurrence of COVID-19 compared with the usual level for a particular place and time.

Please continue to promote “Home but not alone” with the help line 0800 876 6926 to ensure that no vulnerable residents in your parish or community are left without support.

Suffolk Corona Watch I wanted to bring to your attention a new service named ‘Coronawatch’, led by the Public Health Function of the County Council. The online dashboard gathers all publicly available data on COVID-19 in Suffolk in one place. Based on the logic that “a picture tells 1000 words”, these data and graphics can be found here - www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/jsna/coronawatch - well worth a look.

First business benefits from council's free solar panel scheme As part of the county climate emergency plans to be carbon neutral by 2030, a Lowestoft-based charity is the first organisation to benefit from free solar panels, as part of Suffolk County Council's Renewable Energy Fund. Nirvana Health and Fitness, on Pinbush Road in Lowestoft, is now hosting a 70kWp solar panel installation and is benefitting from zero-carbon electricity.

The council's £400,000 Renewable Energy Fund is open to eligible businesses looking to reduce their energy costs and carbon footprint through solar power. Successful applicants will have solar panels supplied and installed for free. Once the panels are installed, the business is sold electricity at a better rate than their existing tariff, so they will see immediate savings.

The Fund itself benefits from income generated by the sale of the solar-generated electricity. This means money goes back into the pot, allowing more solar panel applications to be considered by the Fund and installed across Suffolk.

Businesses with a relatively high daytime energy demand and large roof space, and who are interested in applying to the Renewable Energy Fund, can contact Sarah Gill at Groundwork Suffolk sarah.gill@groundwork.org.uk or call 07720 098980.

VAS Signs and Chevrons on B1508 With the help of Karen Gilbert we have been pushing to get this project finally completed. The Chevrons have been erected and the re-positioning of a VAS pole to the entrance of the Anglian Water Pumping station is programmed. I have been requesting that this is urgently prioritised.


Fostering and Adoption Sessions in the Stour Valley - Go Virtual Regrettably all recruitment events based locally in the parishes have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Since the incidence of COVID-19 sadly the demand for this service has increased significantly. I am pleased to say that despite these sad circumstances the recruitment of foster parents and adoptees has also increased. Sadly the need is as vital as ever!!

Therefore, those who would like to find out more can refer to the website - <https://www.fosterandadopt.suffolk.gov.uk/> and / or join one of the following events during the next three months, which will be conducted by video conference with one of the team, following the government guidance:-

For those wanting more information on Fostering only:- Wednesdays 5th August and 2nd September at 7:00pm.


For those wanting more information on Adoption only:- Thursdays 6th August and 3rd September at 7:00pm.

To book a place please email Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk. She will then send instructions on how to join the virtual meeting. As always, our team will be happy to answer any questions you have about fostering or adoption. They will normally have a foster carer or adoptive parent available to help you at these events. For other questions please telephone 01473 264800.



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The Mayflower: 400th anniversary

The people we now refer to as “The Pilgrims” were religious separatists, some of whom had earlier left England for Holland where they had religious freedom but found the easy going secular life there more difficult to cope with. After being granted permission by the Virginia Company to establish a settlement or “plantation” on the east coast of America and the King giving them permission to leave the Church of England “provided they carried themselves peaceably” the separatists made plans to leave for America.

And so it was that two ships, the Mayflower and the Speedwell, carrying the separatists set sail from the south coast of England on August 15th 1620. The Speedwell leaked so badly that both ships twice returned to port. Most of the passengers from the Speedwell then joined those already on the Mayflower which eventually left Plymouth on 16th September. The delay meant that they would be crossing the Atlantic at the height of the storm season.

The Mayflower was a typical cargo ship of her time measuring eighty feet in length and twenty four feet wide. On board were one hundred and two passengers and thirty seven crew plus some livestock and domestic pets. The captain and crew lived in cabins at the back of the ship’s upper deck while the passengers lived on the gun deck which was only five and a half feet high. Many of those on board suffered horribly from seasickness and many became ill due to the cold, damp conditions.

The ship suffered damage in a severe storm and would have sunk but for the carpentry skills of the passengers and the tools, intended for construction of buildings in the New World, that they had brought with them. When, after sixty six days at sea, landfall was finally made they found that they were at Cape Cod, well north of the Virginia Company’s territory. With their food supplies perilously low they decided to remain where they were.

The first harsh winter was spent living on the ship and by the end of it only fifty three passengers and half the crew were still alive. Those that died succumbed to scurvy, pneumonia and the bitter cold. It is doubtful if any of them would have survived at all had it not been for the help of the area’s native people who taught them how to hunt, gather shellfish and grow crops.

The Mayflower became an icon of European colonisation. Descendants of the separatists who sailed on her include Presidents John Adams, James Garfield and Zachary Taylor and today an estimated thirty million people around the world can trace their ancestry to those early settlers.

Wise Words

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. - *Winston Churchill 1874 - 1965*

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Adon, Queensway	0827	0723	0836	0702	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1463	1560	1703	1863
Long Melford, Post Office	0835	0710	0733	0843	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1473	1569	1711	1811
Sudbury, Suffolk Road A1/D1	0843	0717	0741	0852	1029	1129	1229	1329	1431	1511	1617	1718	1818
Sudbury, Bus Station air	0845	0719	0743	0856	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1513	1620	1720	1820

Sudbury, Bus Station dep	0645	0720	0749	0805	0895	0935	1035	1035	1105	1135	1235	1335	1435	1522	1629	1728	1820	1924
Great Camard, Queensway	0649	0724	0754	0810	0910	0940	1040	1040	1110	1140	1240	1340	1440	1527	1634	1731	1826	1928
Thomas (Gainsborough) School (when open)																		
Great Camard, Rugby Road	0651	0726	0756	0822	0912	0942	1042	1042	1112	1142	1242	1342	1442	1529	1636	1733	1828	
Lillie Camard, Spout Lane	0657	0732	0802	0828	0918	0948	1048	1048	1118	1148	1248	1348	1448	1535	1641	1738	1834	
Bures, Church	0705	0740	0811	0837	0927	0957	1057	1057	1127	1157	1257	1357	1457	1544	1649	1746	1843	
Wormingford, Church Road	0710	0745	0816	0842	0932	1002	1102											
West Bergholt, Queen's Head																		
West Bergholt, Trowse Tile	0718		0824		0940	1010	1110			1210								
Colchester North Station Lay-by	0725	0803	0831	0943	0946	1017	1117	1113	1143	1216	1319	1416NS	1516	1604	1709	1808NS		
Colchester High Street	0729	0807	0835	0948	0951	1021	1121	1118	1148	1221	1324	1421NS	1521	1608	1713	1812NS		
Colchester Colborne Street	0732	0813	0841	0954	0957	1027	1127	1123	1154	1227	1330	1427NS	1527	1614	1719	1818NS		
Colchester, Norman Way (Sats when open)	0825																	

Colchester, Norman Way (Sats when open)	NS	754	754	754	754	754	754	754	754	754	754	754	754	754	754	754	754	754
Colchester, Osea Street (KJ)																		
Colchester, Head Street (EJ)	0749	0809	0824	1005	1008	1038	1138	1208	1238	1338	1438	1538	1624	1709	1739	1844		
Colchester, North Station Lay-by	0753	0812	0838	1012	1012	1042	1142	1212	1242	1342	1442	1542	1628	1713	1743	1845		
West Bergholt, Trowse Tile	0840	0920		1020			1120					1220						
West Bergholt, Queen's Head	0849	0927		1027			1127					1227						
Wormingford, Church Road	0708NS	0815	0834	1004	1004	1034	1134	1204	1234	1334	1434	1534	1620	1705	1735	1840		
Bures, Church	0718NS	0825	0833	1003	1003	1033	1133	1203	1233	1333	1433	1533	1619	1704	1734	1839		
Lillie Camard, Spout Lane	0738NS	0845	0853	1005	1005	1035	1135	1205	1235	1335	1435	1535	1621	1706	1736	1841		
Great Camard, Rugby Road	0831	0721	0837	0950	1017	1051	1050	1115	1220	1290	1315	1420	1522	1620	1706	1821	1922	
Great Camard, Queensway	0833	0728	0846	0959	1025	1059	1123	1229	1299	1323	1429	1530		1628	1715	1828	1924	
Sudbury, Bus Station air	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753	753

Sudbury, Bus Station dep	0640	0730	0940	1005	1105	1135	1235	1335	1445	1545	1645	1745	1828
Long Melford, Post Office	0650	0740	0910	1015	1115	1145	1245	1345	1455	1555	1655	1755	1840
Adon, Queensway	0657	0747	0917	1022	1122	1152	1252	1352	1502	1602	1702	1794	1845
Great Waldingfield, Bowers & Social Club	0700	0750	0920	1025	1125	1155	1255	1355	1505	1605	1705	1796	1846
Lavenham, The Swan	0710	0800	0931	1036	1136	1206	1306	1406	1616	1716	1748		1895
Cross Green, Old Hill Lane	0720	0810	0940	1045	1145	1215	1315	1415	1625	1725	1758		
Stanningfold, Bus Shelter	0725	0815	0944	1049	1149	1219	1319	1419	1629	1729	1808		
Great Whelsham, Raystford Road	0730	0820	0950	1054	1154	1224	1324	1424	1634	1734	1808		
Stokenham Post Office	0730	0821	0950	1055	1155	1225	1325	1425	1635	1735	1809		
West Suffolk Hospital	0738	0828	0957	1102	1202	1232	1332	1432	1642	1742	1816		
Bury St Edmunds, Arc Shopping Centre	0743	0833	1003	1108	1208	1238	1338	1438	1648	1748	1821		
Bury St Edmunds, Bus Station	0747	0835	1007	1110	1212	1242	1342	1442	1652	1752	1823		

Revised timetable for Colchester - Sudbury routes from 20th July 2020.

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For other buses between Sudbury and Colchester & full details of 784 (PTO) - please turn over.

Bus Service Updates as Lockdown Lifts

As the provider of a significant number of local bus services within your area, I am writing to update you on the services that Chambers continues to provide for those who require travel, as well as on what is needed to ensure that we can continue to provide an efficient service for these passengers.

Safety is our priority and we continue to adapt our procedures in line with government advice to instil confidence in our passengers and thus encourage safe travel. We have implemented a cleaning regime which targets touch points every day and we give our buses a full clean every week. We are using a cleaning product with virus-killing properties in both the daily and weekly cleaning schedules and advise passengers to carry hand sanitiser for use before and after travel to minimise the spread of germs whilst on board.

We have also introduced screens for the drivers' cabs and require passengers to wear face coverings (except in cases where exemptions apply) and to adhere to the social distancing advice publicised on the buses. We recommend that passengers sit in window rather than aisle seats to impose a greater distance between those seated and those using the aisle to enter and exit the vehicle. We are requesting that those able to mount stairs on double deckers do so, with a view to leaving the downstairs area free for passengers with more limited mobility. We have also used tape to prevent passengers from sitting within 2 metres of the driver or in seats that face each other.

Additionally, we are asking for tickets to be purchased via our East Anglia Buses app or contactless payments where possible. In cases where customers need to use cash, we request that they provide correct change to reduce the risk of infection through cash-handling. As stated, this information is available on board buses and further advice can be found on our website: www.chambersbus.co.uk

Due to these social distancing guidelines, we are only operating our buses at 50% capacity and have introduced a 'When to Travel' feature on our website so that passengers can plan their journeys based on up to date information on passenger loadings for their desired departures. We hope that this will inspire confidence that they will be able to find a seat on a journey that suits them. Current guidance from the Department for Education is that school only buses will be safe to load to their full capacity from September and we are currently planning with the county council to ensure all children will be able to travel safely when schools re-open.

Social distancing regulations and a general drop in passengers have meant that passenger numbers are only at about 30% of the levels we were experiencing prior to the pandemic. We are therefore reliant on government support to enable us to provide near normal timetables for passenger convenience and safety. The funding arrangements organised by the government involve ensuring that local authority contracts and concessionary income continue to be paid, with additional funds being provided to bus operators directly by the government to enable us to cover service costs. This mechanism has allowed us to respond in an agile manner with lockdown easing. However, we will need DfT funding to continue until passenger levels return to normal, or we will be unable to continue the range of unsubsidised services that we have provided hitherto.

Chambers is currently running regular services on all routes and normal service levels are to be reinstated after the Bures bridge closure period. We have continued to work closely with Suffolk County Council to re-establish these timetables and the arrangements are working well. However, we are hopeful that passenger numbers will return to pre-COVID-19 levels and that most bus routes will become commercially viable again so that their costs will be covered by passenger revenue.

Whilst we appreciate the need for caution, we are concerned that the recent 'avoid public transport' message may have long term negative impacts, with increased traffic jams and a worsening of air pollution. Despite education remaining largely closed and a greater number of people working from home, weekday car use is already at over 85% of normal levels and continues to increase. We are concerned that we will struggle to operate our services punctually from September, thus potentially adding to people's reluctance to use public transport, if congestion is as bad as the rise in second-hand car sales suggests it could be. We need your support for continued bus priority as well as car parking restrictions in congested places if we are to be able to maintain vital services.

These are challenging times, but we are working hard to enable customers to travel safely and with confidence on our buses.

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Ivan Hollocks

Sadly early April saw the passing of Ivan Hollocks of Prospect Hill just days before his 76th birthday. Ivan's funeral was held at All Saints church.

Ivan was born at his Prospect Hill home on 4th April 1944 and lived there all his life, taking the house over from his parents when he married. As well as wife Jenny he leaves behind two lovely daughters, Trina and Lisa and three grandchildren.

Ivan was well known to the farming community in the area having worked in his youth and after retirement on the local farms at Greys Hall, Wainsford Farm and Peacock Hall.

His daughters write, "Ivan was a kind devoted family man. He had a varied career, always associated with transport; whether driving lorries, buses or tractors. He enjoyed his travels around the UK and knew the road networks so well he rarely if ever used a map. He always knew the right way to do things and always had the right tool to do any job – and could find them straightaway in the plethora of equipment he kept in his garage."

With his grey beard and cheerful smile Ivan was most recognizable in the village in recent years as the tractor driver for the shooting parties. He was a popular figure with those who took part.

Ivan had a strong interest and many skills in engineering. He was a motor engineer in his early life and was a great builder and restorer of anything mechanical. He built a speedboat (which I tested with him in Brightlinsea harbour), stock cars that raced at Ipswich Stadium and rally cars. He built a swimming pool and carried out numerous home improvements. He restored several classic cars including his much loved MGB sports cars that he owned until his death. He loved showing and teaching his grandsons his accomplished mechanical skills and was always willing to share his knowledge with those who needed it.

Ivan was a quiet man; much loved by his family and many friends. He and I grew up together as the only two children on Prospect Hill in the post war years and many a mischief was attributed to us during those times.

His father Archibald, mother Irene and sister Betty were all longstanding and well loved members of the Prospect Hill community, all with associations with the local farms and both Little and Great Cornard villages.

It is hoped that a thanksgiving service can be organised for those who were unable to attend the funeral, held during the corona virus restrictions, when the churches return to full services. We will be ringing the bells for him and those others lost. RIP Ivan.

Gerald Bird



Storehouse Foodbank

The COVID-19 crisis has led to more families and individuals being referred to the food bank for emergency help. There are donation points at Sudbury branches of Tesco, Waitrose, 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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A Letter from Home

Earlier this year we celebrated the seventy fifth anniversary of VE Day. As a post script to that these are the words, written eighty years ago, by Rev Pratt to Fred Crick who was in France with the RAF. Fred's family home was The Stocks, the flint cottages at the top of Stocks Hill, that were demolished in the 1960s. By 19th May, the date of the letter, Germany had already moved forward into Holland and Belgium and the beginning of the Dunkirk evacuation was just a week away.

Little Cornard Rectory, Sudbury Suffolk, May 19th 1940

Dear Fred,

Somebody told me you were thinking of writing to me. That is remarkably good of you: it must be difficult to write letters out there; and time must be scarce so I am beginning a letter to you. I hope you are keeping well. How different it must be from life here and at Melford. Things have not altered much here yet: but we know there may be great happenings at any time. The greatest good that has been done here so far is the calling of a Day of National Prayer. This is not because we are frightened, or because it is the last possible hope. It is because we know God is superior over all, and in Him lies our hope. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him. And He will direct thy paths". We are embarked on a terrific enterprise, and we need to be in touch with God. We believe firmly He will direct us to victory. So next Sunday throughout England we shall be engaged most earnestly in prayer as a nation, placing our reliance on Him.

We eagerly listen to the news day by day: we know it is serious, but we are full of hope. Relying on God we can trust our men. We are terribly sorry about Holland and Belgium. Deep indignation fills our minds. The cruelty and wickedness of the Germans surpasses everything ever known. The world will be set against them and they will be brought down.

The RAF fill us with admiration. They are splendid. In time they will make the German pilots nervous, and then their power will give way.

How small our little matters here seem in comparison with the great and terrible things out there. But you like to picture the old scenes, I expect.

The Rectory is empty: we live in the Deeks' house near Newton Green. It is very much better. I expect the Rectory will soon be taken for some National purpose. The Green is rather altered by the presence of the searchlight: but Little Cornard itself does not seem much engaged in war affairs.

Now good bye; we are all in good heart here and we believe you are too. May God defend us all, and give us courage for whatever may come. His cause will certainly prevail. Believe me.

Yours sincerely

C. C.Pratt

CORNARD MERE -

By Robin Ford, Voluntary Warden - Cornard Mere

The daily walk during “lockdown” gave me the opportunity to check the condition of the public footpath that skirts the edge of the mere and record the return of the Nightingale to the blackthorn thicket by the 13th of April. The arrival of other migrant species of birds marked the beginning of a long hot Spring. The weather also encouraged an early emergence of the Dragonflies and Damselflies. On May the 17th a Scarce Chaser *Libellula fulva* (see photo) took its maiden flight as far



as the edge of the reed bed. This species was unknown in the Stour Valley before 1997 but is now slowly colonising other Suffolk river systems. The males eventually lose the orange pigmentation revealing a pale blue bloom at maturity; whereupon they return to the water in search of females. Permission was given by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust to resume work parties in June providing sanitizer gel was available and social distancing was observed, the members working in groups of no more than three persons. After finishing work at the July meeting the group witnessed a family of four Little Grebes confidently cross the main pool now much reduced in size.

NATURE NOTES

From my window I recently watched a Wood Pigeon investigating a dead and redundant part of a Lilac bush . The Pigeon was going through the bush testing every twig and dead hop vine - I thought it was looking for nesting material. However, on reflection, I decided it was more likely the bird was testing the strength of the bush to ascertain whether it would sustain a nest with up to two fledglings and a brooding hen bird. This bush has, in the past, hosted Pigeon nests - it was always very difficult to see the location because of the leaves plus the hen bird usually sneaked into the nest from behind! From my observations, this year`s Wood Pigeons seem to have had a good breeding season - much to the disgust of farmers and gardeners I imagine!

Peter Cutmore, Chapel Lane

LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Unveiling of the Cenotaph 100 years ago

Cenotaph: from the Greek term “kenotaphion”

Following the ending of hostilities on 11th November 1918 and the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on 28th June 1919 the British government planned to hold a victory parade (also referred to as a peace celebration) in London on 19th July, which would involve soldiers marching down Whitehall. Architect Edward Lutyens who was already acting as an advisor to the Imperial War Graves Commission was summoned by Prime Minister Lloyd George and asked to design a non-denominational “catafalque” to act as a saluting point. The unveiling took place on 18th July 1919, the day before the parade when fifteen thousand soldiers and one thousand, five hundred officers marched past and saluted the newly constructed wood and plaster Cenotaph.



From early on in the First World War repatriation of the dead had been forbidden. The Cenotaph quickly captured the public’s imagination, representing the absent dead and serving as a substitute for a tomb. Within a week over one million people came to the Cenotaph to pay their respects and to lay flowers and wreaths. Suggestions that the temporary Cenotaph be rebuilt as a permanent structure began almost immediately and by 30th July the cabinet bowed to public pressure, approving the re-building in Portland stone and in the same location.

Construction began on 19th January 1920 and the structure was completed in time to be unveiled on the second anniversary of the Armistice, 11th November. The unveiling was performed by King George V as part of the funeral procession and interment in Westminster Abbey of The Unknown Warrior, an unidentified soldier exhumed from a grave in France.

The public’s response to the newly unveiled memorial resulted in Whitehall being closed to traffic for three days as an estimated one and a quarter million people filed past. Within a week the memorial was ten feet deep in flowers.

The Cenotaph is austere with very little decoration. At each end is a laurel wreath, the work of sculptor Francis Derwent Wood and on the sides is the inscription THE GLORIOUS DEAD. The only other inscription is the dates, in Roman numerals, of the two world wars.

Abbey of St. Edmund

This year marks one thousand years since the founding of the Abbey of St Edmund in Bury St Edmunds by the Viking king Canute. It was among the great Benedictine abbeys of Saxon England, claiming allegiance directly to Rome. The abbey was burned in c1150, rebuilt following damage during the Peasants' Revolt of 1381 and was subsequently burned and rebuilt again. Stone fragments, likened by one writer to "eroded Henry Moores", left behind when the abbey was demolished following the Dissolution, can be seen in the town's present day Abbey Gardens.

Who's Who in our Parish

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Church Flowers & Cleaning:	Sue Macdiarmid, Marian Turner	

Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan

Despite the challenge of not being able to hold normal meetings the Steering Group has continued to develop ideas that came out of the questionnaire. We were also successful in our bid for a grant to fund the appointment of a consultant to help with drafting our plan. Chris Bowden our consultant from Navigus is providing a great deal of extra information for us to use.

At the moment our priorities are to identify what makes Little Cornard special. This includes wildlife, history and heritage. The next stage is how to protect and enhance what we have identified. We also want to plan how to improve access to our countryside, this involves protecting and maintaining existing Rights of Way and looking for new opportunities for non-motorised users.

A few years ago the Parish Council considered introducing 'Quiet Lanes' in the Parish, for a number of reasons we did not proceed. In current times there is significantly increased usage of our lanes by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Sadly, at the same time, we continue to be plagued by a small minority of drivers who show little regard for the safety of non-motorised users. We will be looking at a new 'Quiet Lanes' initiative that has been introduced. 'Quiet Lanes,' have multi-fold benefits but primary purposes are: To preserve the rural nature of our countryside; encourage active and sustainable travel for residents as well as visitors; change driver behaviour to create a safer journey for everyone.

As we develop the plan one of our challenges will be how to consult on all issues with residents. We want a plan that reflects the aims and aspirations of all residents. As before we thank you for your support and are interested in any opinions and ideas that you may have.

Nick Hammond

Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan Steering group.

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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All material for the Christmas 2020 magazine to be received by Monday 2nd November

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