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MAGAZINE



Easter 2021



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## **From All Saints Registers**

**BURIAL**  
Eileen Betty King

# Vicar's Letter Easter 2021

Dear Friends

A few days ago, I came across an article about the Japanese art of Kintsugi - the traditional process of repairing a broken article of pottery by fusing the pieces back together using a special lacquer with gold gilding.

One of the old stories behind the technique talks of an occasion when a young servant accidentally dropped and broke into five pieces the favourite piece of tea-ware belonging to a Japanese warlord - not the kind of thing you want to do if you want to see your old age. In his fury, the warlord was about to do what warlords do to incompetent servants, when one of the prominent tea masters of the time intervened in behalf of the hapless servant and arranged for the pottery to be repaired. The warlord was so moved by the beauty of the resultant Kintsugi tea-ware that the servant was spared.

Kintsugi doesn't just fix or restore a broken vessel: rather, the technique makes the once-broken pottery even more beautiful than the original. The shape and integrity of the vessel are restored, but in the process, it now becomes so much more, the pieces now held together with a stunning gold lacquer creating a design which was never there before.

We're now in the season of Lent and heading towards Easter. Lent is traditionally a time for reflection and lament - perhaps even more so this year as we try to make sense of a world which can feel rather broken at the moment. It feels as though something precious - life as it was before the virus - has been dropped and lies in pieces on the floor. And then God comes along at Easter and through the death and resurrection of Jesus takes the broken bits and joins them wonderfully back together. Evidence of the brokenness still remains - you can still see the joins where the pieces come together again - but what God does is just like the Kintsugi bowl. The original thing is not just fixed, it's re-created into something better and more beautiful. So the death and resurrection of Jesus doesn't just 'fix' us: it changes us in the process into something new and better. Beauty out of brokenness.

A few weeks ago, some of the schoolchildren from Bures school took simple written messages of encouragement round the village and presented them to people who were rather marooned because of Covid-19 restrictions or whose spirits just need a lift. All the people visited were thrilled, but it was the impact on the children that was most striking as they began to see the fruits of a simple act of care and kindness. Beauty out of brokenness.

As we move through Lent and into Easter, I hope the Kintsugi tea vessel might be for us a little image of the hope we have for beauty out of brokenness and the new creation toward which God invites us.

With blessings and best wishes

*Steve.*



## Churchwarden's Corner

There are swathes of snowdrops showing in the churchyard as well as primroses and some daffodils. Spring is showing itself here. We are now in the Church season of Lent, preparing for Easter Day. We are still not sure if we will be able to celebrate Easter with a service in our Church.

It is not possible to publish the services plan for March and April but the dates and times will be shown on the church website. Online services are available each week from St Mary's Church in Bures.


The villagers of Little Cornard have been saddened recently by the deaths of residents George Crane, Matthew Johnson, Eileen King and also Graeme Weir, who lived in the village for many years. Our love and prayers go to the friends and families of George, Matthew, Eileen and Graeme.

The War Memorial that stands in the churchyard will be refurbished during this year. The War Memorials Trust have offered a grant to help with the cost of the work. In year 2000 the Memorial was refurbished and a re-dedication service and celebratory lunch was held. Were you at this event? Your memories of this can be sent to the Editor.

With Best Wishes


*Brenda and Jeremy*





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## Little Cornard Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

It has been a difficult year for all of us and I am very grateful for all the hard work by residents in providing information, ideas and photographs. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan has now reached the stage where it has passed a number of official processes and can now be considered by the Parish Council. Once the Parish Council approve the draft it can then be made public for consideration by residents and other bodies. This is known as regulation 14 and we will have to decide how best to make the plan available to people. We are expecting to use the Parish Council website and possibly a mail drop. It is very important to ensure everyone has a chance to study the Plan.

There will be a period of six weeks for people to respond to the draft Plan and make suggestions as to changes/additions. The Steering Group will then consider whether to make any changes to the draft before it moves to the next stage. If everything proceeds as expected the draft Plan should be available for residents around Easter.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to members of the Steering Group and our consultant Chris Bowden for all their hard work in writing the Plan.

*Nick Hammond*

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

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### A Prayer for All Those Affected by Coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
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# Flower Festival – Spring Plant Sale

**To be held online and telephone orders as last year. Lists to be circulated and available on the Lt Cornard Church and village websites.**

This year the plant sale that we have run for the past twenty years at the Lt Cornard Church May flower festival will be once again going online as we did last year.

With your support from the loyal customers we have had for many years and villagers we manage to raise some funds for the church and some local causes each year. We will make a partial donation to St Gregory's Church in Sudbury this year towards their bell restoration/repairs as they have helped us a great deal in learning to ring at Lt Cornard.

We will be sending out lists of plants available, circularised on the village and church websites etc in the hope we can help you fill your gardens, containers and baskets with flowers and some vegetables.

It should work as last year with collection available from the front of our property at Canhams, Upper Road, Little Cornard CO10 0PA. We will be open for orders from the end of March.

We will be doing hanging baskets again so do keep last years and we can refill them for you or we can provide some new ones where needed.

We expect to have: Rubeckia, Lupin, Esther Reed white daisy, Sweet peas, Petunias, Geraniums, Lobelia, Cosmos, Bacopa, Crocosmia Lucifer, Gladioli, Delphiniums, Hardy geraniums, White foxglove, Begonias, Box hedging plants, Geum, Salvia, Thrift, Hellebores, Tomato plants, squash, sweet peppers, courgette and lots more.

Please do support us again and thanks for the past support. **Orders taken on 01787 227259 or emailed to [gabird@btinternet.com](mailto:gabird@btinternet.com).**

It will be nice to be able to see everyone again at the Church in future years when hopefully we can return to normality.

*Gerald & Cheryl Bird*

**Little Cornard  
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**Phil Gooch  
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After the ending of the First World War the British economy plummeted and by 1921 there were two million people unemployed. More than six million men had served in the war with one and three quarter millions of those who survived to return home having suffered severe injuries. Half of these were now permanently disabled. Various organisations of ex-servicemen were formed to support them and their dependents. On 15th May 1921 The British Legion was formed bringing together four such organisations, The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers, The British National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers, The Comrades of The Great War and The Officers Association. Instrumental in this were Tom Lister of The Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers and Field Marshall Earl Haig who served as President of the Royal British Legion as it became in 1971 until his death.

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## The Mobile Library

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the mobile library and home library services remain unavailable until further notice. Check for updated information at <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/mobilelibraries> or telephone 01473 351249

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# Little Cornard Parish Council News

Hi Everyone. It's been a tough year with many of us impacted by our lives changing in many ways. Furloughing, shielding, isolation, working from home. Many of us have lost friends and family to this horrible virus and suffered in so many ways with the impact on our communities and the services we need. It has and continues to prove what a great community we are with so many helping neighbours with shopping, prescriptions, and volunteering.

As a parish council we have met over Zoom to ensure we can still drive forward issues important to the village, including the Neighbourhood Plan, getting a replacement Speed Indicator Device (SID) installed, trying to get road and highways issues resolved and ensuring our footpaths remain safe for the massive increase in footfall in our beautiful village. We would like to thank our footpath maintenance service provider David Gotts who is funded by a grant from County to get more cuts per year than we did previously - he does a sterling job and we thank him!

Bradley Smith and his team of dedicated Community Wardens are helping us by doing a safe litter pick earlier on and now by managing our SID and gathering the data from the unit. Thank you Bradley, your team are a valuable asset to the whole Sudbury, Great Cornard and Little Cornard community.

The SID records the time and speed of each vehicle, currently in one of two locations which are at Henny View and Willowmere Caravan Park. We are due to discuss how we publish or share the detailed SID stats and how the information can be best used at our forthcoming parish meeting. Headlines are of no surprise. We see speeding vehicles averaging nearly 40mph with top speeds up to 65mph (mostly at night).

Ruth Adams and I are due to attend a virtual session with Tim Passmore - Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk with the central subject being speeding vehicles.

The spectre of pylons has once again reared its head, and the Parish Council are engaging with UKPN about the issue. They have offered a meeting with us to outline plans. Undergrounding still remains the preference for us of course, and we will represent the village with that view, but it does not mean individuals should refrain from making their views known in the public forums which will follow. Consultation is just that - we need to tell them how we value our landscape now and for the future.

Our meetings, though virtual, remain open and public. Details of dates and how to get involved are on our website, and we would like to reassure the village that our meetings are more convivial than some that have been reported on social media!!

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*Karen Gilbert*

On behalf of your Parish Council

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# Feedback from James Finch

## Your County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### • **COVID 19 infection rates over February**

The rapid increase at the beginning of January has been reversed and the 7 day average per week as at 13th February was **4 per week in our area**. However as those afflicted are still very much “close to home”, we must continue to stick to this guidance rigidly **NOT LEAST NOW** to protect our accident and emergency teams in our hospitals. I am now pleased to say that there is good news in that Suffolk has now been allocated enough vaccines to treat all the over 80's and the majority of over 70's were vaccinated by mid February.

### • **Progress of Vaccination in the Stour Valley – A message from Dr Hasan Chowhan, Senior Partner of the Creffield Medical Group with an update:-**

*I know many of you are now wondering about second jabs. We are told by NHS England that in the coming weeks they will release details of when we can start booking these. At the moment it needs to be the same vaccine, and for ease of administration it is best done where you had the first. However as more details come to light we will let you all know. In the meantime, please be safe and follow the rules."*

### • **More Coronavirus Rapid Testing Centres are opening in South Suffolk**

**Lateral Flow Testing (LFT)**, with results delivered in under an hour has opened locally in South Suffolk for those showing no symptoms – i.e. asymptomatic. These tests are most useful at identifying people who are infectious on the day of the test but not showing any symptoms. **These centres are being arranged by Suffolk County Council (SCC) for anyone who is working but who cannot work from home.** The new sites local to the Stour Valley are located at:-

- The Stevenson Centre, Stevenson Approach, Great Cornard, Sudbury. CO10 0WD (in partnership with Commisceo – Shift Partner.)
- The Fire Station in Bear Street Nayland CO6 4LA
- The United Reform Church, Market Place, Hadleigh. IP7 5DL.

Appointments can be booked online - <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/getting-a-test/covid-19-asymptomatic-testing/> or by telephone - 0333 772 6144

### • **Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service praised for its work throughout the pandemic**

On January 22nd, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service was recognised nationally for its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) has been praised for its positive contribution to the local community and commitment to the welfare of its staff.

In August 2020, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) was commissioned by the Home Secretary to examine how fire and rescue services are responding to the pandemic.

In her report, Zoë Billingham, HM Inspector of Fire & Rescue Services, said of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service: “We were impressed with how the service adapted and responded to the pandemic effectively. The efficient use of its staff was notable, utilising extra capacity and providing support and resource for remote and home working”.

### • **County Council is very concerned by recommendations for new pylon lines in Suffolk**

Suffolk County Council is concerned about a proposal for new electricity pylons to be constructed in the Suffolk countryside, rather than using offshore solutions. It will be seeking further clarification from National Grid as to what is driving the need for this type of connection, and why earlier deployment of offshore coordination is not being proposed. It is not clear how many additional pylon lines are required. The new recommendations, published by National Grid Electricity System Operator in their Network Options Assessment on 27 January 2021 for new high voltage overhead power lines, plan to connect from both the north and south, into the National Grid substation at Bramford in Suffolk.

These new proposals are in addition to projects that National Grid Electricity Transmission has confirmed,

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on 30 June 2020, that they intend to build in Suffolk by 2028. These are:

- A 2GW offshore undersea cable, between Suffolk and Kent
- The long-paused project, for a new pylon line with sections of underground cable, in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Stour Valley, between the Bramford substation and Twinstead in Essex.

#### • **Suffolk County Council complete sale of Chilton Woods land**

The £35m sale of a significant part of the development site at Chilton Woods is now complete, with Taylor Wimpey taking immediate ownership to progress plans for a new community. Situated within the parishes of Chilton, Acton, Sudbury and Long Melford, the Chilton Woods site had been allocated for development in Babergh District Council's Core Strategy and was granted outline planning permission by Babergh District Council in 2018.

Taylor Wimpey has purchased a portion of the site and will deliver 1,150 new homes, a quarter of which will be affordable for rent or shared ownership. The housebuilder will also provide a village centre with shops, a pub and a community hall, large areas of new community woodland, land for a new primary school and pre-school, sports pitches, allotments and play areas for young people.

The outline planning permission also includes an employment development, county wildlife site, hotel and household waste recycling centre which Taylor Wimpey will not be delivering. Other landowners have the opportunity to bring forward developments which would be considered by Babergh District in the context of the outline planning permission.

#### • **2021 Census**

As you may already be aware, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) have confirmed that the 2021 Census will go ahead as planned on Sunday 21st March 2021. This is the first "digital-first" census, with people being encouraged to respond online on their mobile phones, laptops, PCs or tablets. People can also complete the census over the phone, with the help of ONS trained staff, or by using the traditional paper form.

They are aware that some individuals and communities may need support with the 'digital-first' approach and the main census field operation will begin only after Census Day. Field staff will never need to enter people's houses; they will always be socially distanced, wear PPE and work in line with all government guidance. The role of field officers is to give help and encouragement to those who have not yet filled in their census questionnaire online or on paper after Census Day and direct them to the support services they need. They will be operating in the same way as a postal or food delivery visit. It's important that everyone take part in the census.

#### • **Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions for the Stour Valley**

Since the incidence of COVID 19 sadly the demand for this service has increased significantly.

Therefore, those who would like to find out more refer to the website -

<https://www.fosterandadopt.suffolk.gov.uk> or join one of the following events.

For those wanting more information on Fostering only:-

**Wednesday 7th April - 7:00pm in your home.**

For those wanting more information on Adoption only:-

**Thursday 8th April - at 7:00pm in your home.**

To book a place please email [Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto: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 normally will have a foster carer or adoptive parent available to help you too at these events.

#### • **My Priorities**

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**James Finch,**

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## Peggy Minns

My Grandma Peggy Eileen Minns, or Gug (a nickname bestowed on her by Thomas de Pass who lived at The Old Rectory) was born on the 26th October 1926. One of four siblings, she lived in Assington during her childhood and worked in domestic service during the Second World War, doing her bit for the war effort working both inside and 'digging for victory' outside on the land. She was eighteen when the war ended, and a little while afterwards she met Grandad.

Grandad fought in the Far East, in Burma, during the war, and a chance encounter whilst on leave in India led, eventually, to him meeting Gug. Whilst delivering the post, Grandad noticed that somebody had been sent a copy of the Suffolk Free Press. Grandad sought out this individual, and it happened to be Gug's older brother, Terry. Grandad and Terry became great friends and after he was de-mobbed in 1947, he came back to the UK and was introduced to Gug in the Hare and Hounds in Leavenheath.



**Peggy Minns & Great Granddaughter Nora**

Grandad sold the family pig and used the money to buy Gug's engagement ring. It cost fourteen pounds and ten shillings. They were married in Assington Church on the 14th May 1949 and had their wedding reception at the Shoulder of Mutton. They lived at 22, The Street, Assington before moving to Prospect Hill in 1959. I remember Grandad telling me that they never quarrelled, though I'm fairly sure that was just him trying to convince himself!

Their marriage produced three children, Diane, Trevor and my mum Donna as well as seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Gug worked for many years at Greys Hall as a domestic help, retiring in 2001 aged 75. Here her duties were many and varied including, especially in later years, putting the world to rights with Mr and Mrs Deeks over a sherry! She had many passions but something she put an awful lot of effort into was her work as part of a fundraising committee for Quidenham Children's Hospice (which is part of EACH). They raised thousands of pounds for the Hospice in various food related ways such



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as Cheese and Wine evenings and Strawberry Suppers.

She also loved to travel. I remember her and Grandad taking holidays to places such as Jersey, Guernsey, Norfolk, Ireland and Yorkshire, quite often accompanied by Di and Neil.

After I was born, Mum and I lived with Gug and Grandad for the first five years of my life before Mum met Dad and we moved out as a family. I continued to go to Gug and Grandad's house every night after school, and every school holiday until I was 17. They were like a second set of parents. Those were amazing times spent with the pair of them and I can't begin to tell you how fondly I look back on them.

After Grandad passed away in 2007, Gug and Mum moved to Bures Road in Great Cornard where Gug lived in an annexe she affectionately dubbed "The Hutch". She described living there as some of her happiest years. I think it was fantastic that she could live out her final few years somewhere she had independence and where Mum and the wider family could keep an eye on her. Gug suffered a fair few knockbacks in the last few years of her life; losing Grandad, having breast cancer and suffering a couple of very serious falls. After the last of those falls three or so years ago, I got to the hospital and asked her how she was... she looked me straight in the eye and said "Don't worry about me, I'm a tough old bird".

Gug was an incredible baker and a wonderful cook. She loved gardening. She made the best porridge you could ever imagine. I doubt anyone in this family could ever look at a cheese straw, a butterfly bun or any form of cake for that matter without thinking about her. Gug lived a wholesome and fulfilled life, she was a happy, caring and loving person who always put others first. She had an unbelievable laugh, I'd describe it more as a cackle. She loved a joke and was genuinely a lot of fun. Most of all she loved her family, and it's going to be very hard without her.

She struggled in the past few years and I think the thing that she had most difficulty coming to terms with was losing her hearing. It became difficult to involve her in conversations and it was harder to communicate with her. On the whole, she was extremely lucky to be in relatively good health for 93 of her 94 years but the last few weeks of her life were really difficult for her and it's some comfort to know she is now at peace.

Gug was the matriarch of our family. It's incredibly difficult to think that we now wake up in a world without her although that's not strictly true. Her influence is everywhere. She's instilled good honest values in our family which will continue to be passed down through the generations. We named our daughter Nora Peggy Ruth after her and it was one of my proudest moments when we were able to introduce them to each other. It's down to us as a family to make sure that Nora and future generations now carry Gug's essence and values into the future.

*Adam Minns*





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# Quiet Lanes Resident Notice

Dear Resident/Business Owner

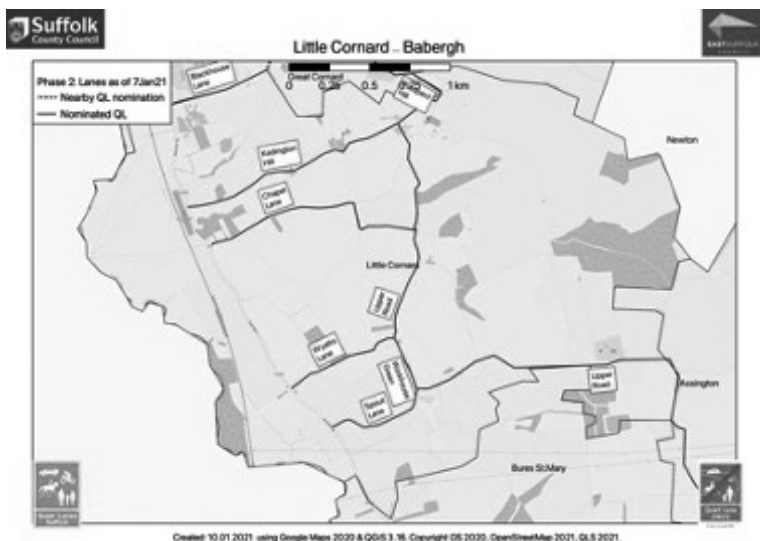
Little Cornard Parish Council, is exploring opportunities to designate certain rural lanes in the village as “Quiet Lanes” as part of a county wide project.

According to responses to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, residents considered Road Safety to be a top priority for the village in the future. Quiet Lanes are a nationally recognised designation for narrow, rural roads which are shared by walkers, horse riders, cyclists and other road users. They encourage drivers to ‘Expect and Respect’ more vulnerable road users and so allow non-motorised users to enjoy rural lanes in greater safety.

These types of lanes do not impose traffic restrictions and are not enforced. Advisory signs (like the one opposite) are placed at either end of Quiet Lanes to show motorised users clearly that the road is a shared space.

We feel that this would be of real benefit to the village and those who visit. The lanes being considered are already used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and link with existing footpaths in the village.

We have identified, in conjunction with Suffolk County Council (Highways), Spout Lane, Upper Road, Workhouse Green, Wyatts Lane, Chapel Lane, Keddington Hill, Prospect Hill and Blackhouse Lane as being suitable for designation. These are marked on the map below. We are also working with neighbouring parishes of Assington and Great Cornard to link up with proposed designated routes in their parish.



With the current limited nature of parish council public meetings this letter seeks to inform you as the first stage of a full public consultation process.

If you wish to make any comments about these proposals at this initial stage, we would welcome these in writing either by email to councillor Mark Irwin at

Markirwin777@gmail.com or by post to Stakers Spout Lane, Little Cornard CO10 0NX

This project will receive partial funding from Suffolk County Council 2020 Fund with the balance to be funded by Little Cornard Parish Council. There will be a public meeting (held remotely) at a future date to discuss these proposals.

For more information about this project see the Quiet Lanes Suffolk website - [www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk](http://www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk)

Clive Johnson – Chair of Little Cornard Parish Council

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## News from the Bell Tower February 2021

It's been a funny old year hasn't it! Sadly we have not been able to pursue any bell ringing in the tower at All Saints through the lockdown periods so the bells have been silenced again. We are all hoping for release soon with many of us having had our Covid-19 vaccine jabs (shows the average age of our ringing band doesn't it!). We need some younger members so do come and learn. It's a very enjoyable and friendly pastime.

We have been keeping our minds working by ringing practice online. There is a website called Ringing Room that enables us to practise together using this and Zoom. We can keep our heads remembering the different methods we have to follow. It's an enjoyable evening with lots of laughter and makes a great break from lockdown. You will be welcomed to join in if you would like to. We do this with the help of Pauline Brown, one of our very valuable teachers. Pauline also helped teach us by providing access to the tower in St Gregory's Church in Sudbury. St Gregory's have to get some substantial maintenance work done on their bells so we will be trying to help them raise some funds towards their target for repairs. They have a JustGiving site under St Gregory's name if anyone wants information. We will be donating some of the money we raise from the plant sale this year to help them as they have been very generous to our band in helping us learn and Pauline gives so much of her time to help us at Lt Cornard.

We have been blessed with the services of Derek Rose (a Ringing Master), Pauline Brown and David Lee who teach us plus we are helped with local experienced ringers who come to help us develop our limited skills. It's nice to be able to lend them a hand in return. Duncan who is one of our regular helpers has been working virtually seven days a week for the past year making ventilators for the Covid-19 hospitals. We all support him and thank him and his colleagues for doing a great job along with those in the NHS.

The PCC are arranging some work to the tower to renew the cupola at the top as the lead has worn through and is leaking. I took some pictures of the old lead with graffiti from many years ago and some interesting notes and footprints on it. These will be included in the next edition.

*Gerald Bird*



The Tower cupola to be repaired



Top: View across Prospect Hill  
Bottom: Looking towards the TV masts from the Tower

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## Storehouse Foodbank

The foodbank is run by Stour Valley Vineyard Church and gives emergency food bags to families and individuals in crisis. It operates through a referral system, partnering with a growing number of agencies in Sudbury and the surrounding district.

More information including a list of the most needed items can be found at <https://stourvalleyvineyard.org/storehouse/>

There are donation points at Waitrose, Tesco, Sainsburys and at East of England Co-op branches in Great Cornard, Lavenham and Long Melford. New volunteers to help with sorting and packing are welcome.

Telephone 07973 710905 for information.

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## **Carols in the Churchyard**

In the run up to Christmas we all probably heard Christmas music played on TV and in the shops that we were still able to go to. However, the thought of being unable to sing carols in church was something that just didn't feel right. My husband Paul felt the same way and so we invited those who could join us for an informal singing of carols in the churchyard on 21st December, once the necessary Covid-19 risk assessment had been done.

It was a lovely crisp, clear night as eleven of us gathered outside the schoolroom. Paul read a few brief passages from the Bible and I introduced the carols. We sang a small selection of six carols accompanied by organist Stuart Mathieson playing his cornet. It was a lovely if low key affair and so much better than missing out completely. Thank you to those who joined us to swell the numbers and raise their voices to the stars.

*Lucy Baker*

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## **New Church Website**

All Saints Church now has a bright new website.

Take a look at **[www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk](http://www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk)**

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

The coronavirus meant not as many churches could participate in last years event, yet despite that, it surpassed its previous fundraising record of £128,223 set in 2019.

The organisers send their profound thanks to all and with cash still coming in hope to take the figure over £155,000.

Pedal and Drive, a sister event for vintage and classic cars, was also held again this year - raising an extra £15,000, with more than 100 vehicles taking part.

Grants are given by the Trust to churches in need of repair, with the most recent to benefit including All Saints Hartest, All Saints Ashbocking, The Unitarian Meeting House in Ipswich and St Mary's Pakenham.

The 2021 Ride and Stride will be held on Saturday, September 11th

*Sue Macdiarmid*

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## News from Cornard Mere

Robin Ford, Voluntary Warden at Cornard Mere took this photograph of a Goosander *Mergus merganser* on the mere in February. Goosanders are diving ducks with long serrated bills, used for catching fish. According to the RSPB website they first bred in the UK in 1871 with numbers building up in Scotland before spreading across northern England into Wales and reaching south-west England. Goosanders can be seen all year round in their breeding range, but only in winter across England south of the Humber. The UK breeding population is estimated at 3,100 – 3,800 pairs with around 12,000 birds wintering here.



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## Canterbury Tails

Tabby and white Tiger, one of the resident cats at Canterbury Cathedral, has made another unscheduled appearance, this time on Shrove Tuesday, during prayers delivered by The Very Reverend Dr Robert Willis, Dean of Canterbury, in the Cathedral garden. As the Dean finished speaking Tiger, who had been on the bench next to him, was seen putting his paws up onto a small table before carefully helping himself to a pancake. The Dean remarked: Well, Tiger has found some breakfast, it's Pancake Day for him as well so we're not too sorry about that.

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### **LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Minutes from Parish Council meetings are available on:

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### **Parish Council Meeting dates for 2021**

**12th January • 9th March • 11th May (Annual Meeting of Parish Council) • 13th July • 14th September • 9th November**

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## Recipe - Rice Krispie Squares

(Recipe supplied by Jenny Filby)

### INGREDIENTS

100g/4oz

Butter

100g/4oz

Rice Krispies

100g/4oz

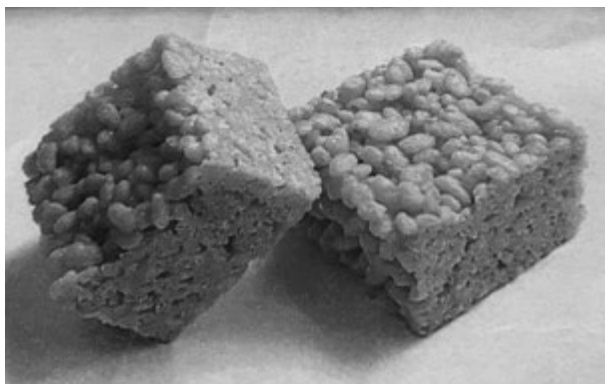
Marshmallows

100g/4oz

Toffees out of wrappers

### METHOD

- Melt the Butter, Toffees and Marshmallows over a low heat in a saucepan.
- Stir in the Rice Krispies until well coated.
- Press mixture evenly into a well greased 8x7 inch tin.
- Allow to cool then cut into squares.
- *Enjoy*



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## Wise Words

This grand show is eternal. It is always sunrise somewhere; the dew is never dried all at once; a shower is forever falling; vapour is ever rising. Eternal sunrise, eternal dawn and gloaming, on sea and continents and islands, each in its turn, as the round earth rolls.

*John Muir 1838 - 1914*

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## Flower and Cleaning Rota

Marian and I will send out a new rota in March in the hopes we can all get back to normal soon. We don't quite know when the Services will be but one of us will confirm with the helpers each week.

*Sue Macdiarmid*

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### Who's Who in our Parish

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	Sue Emerson	269073
	Carol Barnham	228417
	Sarah Pryor	227518
	Sue Ryman	227715
	Andrea Carter	228081
	Jenny Wright	227750
<b>Church Wardens:</b>	Jeremy Apter	373439
	Brenda Pentney	227615
<b>Parochial Church Council:</b>	Lucy Baker, Paul Baker, Rosemary Bullen, Phyllida Hallidie, Clare Lodge, Sue Macdiarmid, Patricia Monk, Marian Turner	
<b>PCC Secretary &amp; Electoral Roll:</b>	Clare Lodge	312494
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<b>Deanery Synod Reps:</b>	Clare Lodge, Jeremy Apter	
<b>Church Flowers &amp; Cleaning:</b>	Sue Macdiarmid, Marian Turner	

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## Photo of Gt Cornard School



Jane Needham (nee Wilding) has sent in this photograph which was taken in the summer of 1956. Jane lived in Bures Road, first at Harries and later at Lismore, now called Ivy House, which is close to Cornard Mere. The photograph shows pupils, a number of whom lived in Little Cornard, with headmaster Lionel Hurst. Bottom row from the left: Anita Winch, Eugene Stebbing, Janet Sargeant, Linda Cowling, Jane Wilding, Jackie Kebble, Linda Bareham, Pauline Smith, Shirley ?, Glenys Carlo. Middle row from left: Richard Long, John Ramsey, Ivan Hollocks, Barry Webb, Gillian Harrington, Margaret Hume, Thelma Green, Vernon Alber, Graham Woodhouse, Richard Hume, Back row from left: Elizabeth Bourn, Marion Game, Patricia Ward, Yvonne Peck and Jean Bell.

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