

THE LITTLE CORNARD MAGAZINE



Easter 2023



SERVICES at ALL SAINTS

Currently services are held on the
2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10.30 a.m.

19th March Mothering Sunday Service at 10.30 a.m.

2nd April Palm Sunday Service at 10.30 a.m.

9th April Easter Day Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m.
followed by breakfast in the Schoolroom.

**Updates will be posted on the church notice
board and on the website
www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk**

From All Saints Registers

Interment of ashes

Christine Margaret Lambert

Vicar's Letter Easter 2023

Dear Friends



I sit down to write this to you on a day when the news is, once again, filled with fear. Vladimir Putin has today announced that Russia is ending their nuclear deal with the US. Today also, the body found in the River Wyre has been identified as that of Nicola Bulley, who disappeared suddenly three weeks ago. When the world is like this, it is easy to ask: can I trust God?

Or perhaps you have been following the turmoil at General Synod, the Church of England's governing body. I have heard many Christians—within and beyond the denomination—speaking in words of fear, wondering about the future. Can we trust God? Do I really want to be included in this organisation of disciples of Jesus?

Perhaps we can't or we don't. Maybe the daily news is proof that those of us who trust God and put our hope in Christ are to be pitied. One of the earliest Christian teachers, the Apostle Paul, would agree. In chapter 15 of his first letter to the Corinthian churches, Paul says there would be no point working hard to spread the good news about Jesus, and no point hoping in him for eternal life. Well, that's if Jesus had not been raised from the dead!

If Jesus did beat death, it changes everything. It means there is more to reality than the fearful news. This is Jesus' encouragement in the first vision of Revelation, which we have been thinking about recently in church: 'Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the afterlife.' If Jesus did rise from the dead, we don't need to fear the news because we can trust him.

Almost a third of the world's population say they believe in Jesus' resurrection but perhaps you're sceptical. Are you sure enough that you're not going to miss out on the best news and the brilliant reality it brings? Will you join us on the Alpha Course, Friday lunchtimes starting 28 April—even if just to rule it out? Or I'll happily chat if you want to talk and Friday during the day doesn't work for you.

May you enjoy a joyful and hopeful Easter.

Your servant

Daniel

Churchwardens Notes

The snowdrops in the churchyard are a sure sign that spring is on its way, with the lengthening of daylight hours. The church is in the season of Lent, preparing for Easter, with the services for Palm Sunday and Easter Day. The Easter Day Holy Communion service at 8.00 a.m. will be followed by Breakfast in the Schoolroom.

The pattern of Sunday services at All Saints continues as the second and fourth Sundays of the month. There are services at Assington and Bures churches on the other Sundays. The church website shows details of services where this pattern may change on special dates.

The First Tuesday/Café Church will always be on the first Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome to call at the schoolroom for a cup of coffee and a chat or for a light lunch. The church is open on these days for anyone wanting a quiet time in this special place.


We have a busy time ahead as we prepare for the Flower Festival which will be taking the theme of 'The Coronation'. We are joined with the Parish Council in planning and running this event. There are many attractions planned as you can see here in the magazine. We will be most grateful for offers of help with the Festival: offers of flower arrangements, cake baking or "hands on" with the catering.

Donations of books, jigsaw puzzles and games etc. will be most welcome and can be made to any PCC member or contact Liz Smith (Email: lizziemary@hotmail.co.uk) who has kindly agreed to act as a collection point. Near neighbours of Liz and Mark can leave items in their porch – just let them know when please!

Best wishes


Brenda Pentney and Jeremy Apter





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Little Cornard Resident Celebrates 103rd Birthday

Mrs Mary Wright who lived for many years with her husband Harry and their family at The Belchers, now known as Flint House, on the Bures Road has just celebrated her 103rd birthday. Happy Birthday and well done Mary from all at Little Cornard. We think Mary must be our oldest resident - unless you know different!

To mark her 100th birthday Mary's life was featured in the Easter 2020 edition of the Little Cornard Magazine which is available to read on the church website.



Mary Wright on the occasion of her 100th birthday

Little Cornard Community Speed Watch

The Little Cornard CSW team was not operating towards the end of last year or the beginning of this year. We hope that by the time you read this we will have re-grouped and are again carrying out surveys once or twice a week. As detailed in the last newsletter we had the benefit of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition scheme which was installed for one week at Henny View in late October of last year. We have to share this equipment with sixteen other villages. The ANPR was again at Henny View in the week commencing 6th February. An evaluation of the scheme is being prepared and I will share this with you when it is available.

Is there anyone out there who has an hour to spare occasionally? We would love you to join our small team. Training can be done on the spot and we will provide a hi-visibility jacket. Please contact me - Janice Sampson on 07990 927155. Thank you.

Janice Sampson

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Little Cornard Parish Council

I hope this update on Parish Council matters provides information you find useful.

Unfortunately our Clerk, Martin Quinton, has had to resign and we are very grateful to Cheryl Crane and Mark Irwin for stepping in at short notice while we find a replacement. If anyone knows of a possible replacement please let Cheryl Crane or me know. We have just had an application so we may be lucky.

Also stepping down is our Chairman, Clive Johnson. Clive has served the Parish of Little Cornard for many years and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all his hard work and commitment and I am delighted he is remaining as a Parish Councillor.

Thanks also to Karen Gilbert who has been leading our campaign to install at least two defibrillators in the village. In a parish with a relatively elderly population these would provide an additional level of security for us all.

I would be interested in any thoughts about 'Quiet Lanes': have you noticed any improvement in driving habits? As a Council we will be discussing whether to ask SCC to reduce the speed limit from the National 60mph on our lanes to a safer limit.

There is no news about National Grid's proposals, the consultation has ended and they will submit a formal proposal in due course. Please keep up the pressure on our elected representatives to ensure our beautiful countryside is not blighted by more pylons.

At the last meeting one resident asked the question whether we had a list of individuals within the community who had certain skills and who may be able to help others in times of need. The answer is we don't but at the same time acknowledge that several local residents did rise to challenges presented during the difficult times brought about by COVID restrictions and rallied round to support those most in need. However, we do not have an established structure of support in the community but as your Parish Council we would welcome any thoughts or ideas as to how such a structure might be put in place if you felt one was needed.

Please feel free to join us at our next meeting at the Village Hall on Tuesday March 14th at 7.00pm or 16th May if you are reading this after that date. You can speak or write to any of our councillors, details of which can be found on the Parish Council website. Go to www.littlecornard.onesuffolk.net

Best wishes,

Nick Hammond

Chair Little Cornard Parish Council.

LITTLE CORNARD VILLAGE HALL

Fundraising Event

SPRING QUIZ

Saturday, 1st April at 7.00 pm

£7.50 per person to include tea/coffee

Bring your own nibbles, drinks (and glasses)

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Fundraising Event

HOG ROAST

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More details to follow

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Plant Sale

We will have a good selection of plants for sale online and at the Flower Festival. There will be lots of bedding plants for your baskets and tubs as well as hardy perennial plants to replace any lost to the harsh weather this last winter. All proceeds raised will go to the church to help with repairs to the tower roof and supports. If anyone has any interesting plants to donate or that need splitting we will appreciate a call on 01787 227210 and will collect some cuttings or separate them to pot on. We are grateful for your contributions and for your support over many years.

Gerald and Cheryl Bird

Flowers for Easter

We will be buying lilies to decorate the church for Easter. If anyone would like to make a donation towards this in memory of a loved one please get in touch with our PCC treasurer Paul Baker on 07929 005620.

Sue Macdiarmid

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Defibrillator Project

At a recent meeting of Little Cornard Parish Council it was decided to purchase and install defibrillators within the parish in order that all residents, visitors, walkers, horse riders and workers would be covered in times of cardiac emergency.

To cover the whole parish so that everyone is within 1600 metres we need at least two defibrillators.

Individuals have already begun to pledge sums of money to support the acquisition. These pledges will be collected through the parish account when we have a total for the cost of buying and installing.

So far, we have generous pledges from our Babergh DC Councillor Lee Parker and Suffolk County Council Councillor James Finch from their locality budgets. Thank you Gents! We also have considerable sums pledged by local residents. We need to raise about £3000 for two defibrillators. Can you help? If you feel you would like to support us with this project please pass your details to Cllr Karen Gilbert on aw.kgilbert@hotmail.co.uk or 07926275754 (text/Whatsapp) who will then hold them in confidence. You will be contacted when we have costing for the purchase and installation with details as to how to honour your pledge.

Where will they go? One on the Bures Road at Willowmere to ensure it can be electrically frost protected in cold weather, and one on Upper Road by Workhouse Green in a position to ensure an electrical supply. This is just the first stage of this project as we envisage more defibrillators to be required later on. They will be registered on "The Circuit" a national database for defibrillators. The device is accessed by a keypad, the number being disclosed by the 999 call handler to enable use. The unit provides full instructions, will only activate when defibrillation is required and if CPR only is needed it talks the user through this and can even assess the CPR given to tell you that you are timing and pumping at a rate and force needed. Amazing isn't it?

Thank you for your help. If you would like to know more about this venture any of the members of the Parish Council will be able to explain more.

Karen Gilbert

Do you remember the 1953 Coronation?

Do you remember the Coronation of our late Queen Elizabeth II which took place on 2nd June 1953? We are hoping to collect some memories of where you were and how you celebrated the occasion with a view to printing a compilation in the Harvest magazine. You don't need to write a lot: a paragraph or two would be fine. Send your memories by Email to bullenrosemary@gmail.com by Tuesday 1st August or phone 01787 379890

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The Bell Tower Report

Our Wednesday practise evenings and Sunday Service ringing continue. Our two new learners are progressing well and the core band continues to improve.

We have rung the bells here at All Saints for the Carol Service and on Christmas Day, also at Acton, Bures and Sudbury's St Gregory's where they were short of bell ringers for their Christmas Carol and Crib Services. We were pleased to provide ringers for a wedding at Lavenham Church before Christmas.

Since our last report we have had a full peal rung in the tower by a local experienced band of Suffolk ringers – that's 5040 changes (that's the bells changing order) based on Cambridge Surprise Minor method taking two hours and forty two minutes to complete. The peal must be completed without stopping or significant error in the method. That's some achievement and it sounded very good. I should say a big thank you to our immediate neighbours for their tolerance and encouragement of our ringing. That is a great help to us and the church in general. We appreciate your support.

Sadly, the first quarter peal rung by our own Suffolk Guild members and helpers on All Saints Day November 1st failed just before completion so cannot be recorded. That will be rearranged for another day. It takes about forty five minutes to ring a quarter peal, that's around 1260 changes of the bells.

We were pleased to ring on November 21st for the licencing service, taken by the Archdeacon, for Tricia Box, Assistant Priest to the Benefice and Sara Merritt, Pioneer Reader. Happy to teach you both to ring the bells!

Our bells and band are well regarded both in the Suffolk Guild and Essex Association of Change Ringers (there are separate guilds for each county). This church is popular now as a location to visit. Most recently (28th January) we were asked at short notice to host the SW region of the Suffolk Guild's District Practise which was transferred from Bures as on the previous Sunday morning the clapper in the Bures tenor bell broke and crashed across the bell chamber. The clapper weighs half a hundredweight so you can imagine the crash. It has been repaired now and will be reinstalled shortly. Forty ringers visited and a great mix of method ringing was heard. These events all help bring people to the church events and services.

We are now planning the ringing for the Coronation of King Charles in June and will be ringing at the Flower Festival on the 13th & 14th May where we should be able to offer a chance for any of you to come and 'have a go' at bell ringing. It is good exercise, gets you out among very friendly groups of people and maintains an ancient traditional art. We offer a cup of tea and cakes after ringing practise and the cakes are good – I usually test them – all low calories!

We have some tower visits booked for visiting bands this year and we continue to

Gerald Bird



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Suffolk Guild

Little Cornard, Suffolk

All Saints

Monday, 19 September 2022 in 30m (8-1-22 in A)

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Gerald Bird

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Cheryl Bird

For the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

This performance is linked to the event **Suffolk Guild – Ringing in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II**.

This performance was rung in memoriam – In memoriam – 1994 Queen Elizabeth.



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This performance has been closed 8 times.

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Our church entry on the national record of those tolling for the passing of the Queen

Feedback from James Finch

County Councillor for the Stour Valley

Suffolk Information Partnership Celebrates 100 Partners - More than 100 organisations have now signed up to the Suffolk Information Partnership (SIP). The Suffolk Information Partnership is a network of organisations offering information and advice and delivering services to support people's health and wellbeing in Suffolk. The partnership was formed in 2010 with five key voluntary sector organisations in Suffolk - Age UK Suffolk, Optua (now Avenues East), Suffolk Family Carers, Suffolk Libraries and Suffolk Mind - alongside Suffolk County Council's Adult Social Care services. Now it has expanded to more than 100 statutory, voluntary and independent sector organisations delivering services to support young and older people, adults and families across Suffolk.

The 100th partner to join the network was Our Special Friends, a Suffolk based charity that works to help people to benefit from animal companionship by providing physical and emotional support during illness, bereavement or other crises.

The partnership meets regularly to share updates on its services and discuss topics of interest as well as providing peer support and informal mentoring. Being in the partnership also gives organisations access to a toolkit of resources and the Warm Handover referral scheme.

The Warm Handover referral scheme allows organisations to refer clients directly to another organisation, where they identify that the client would benefit from other support that their organisation cannot provide.

The process supports vulnerable clients and those who may struggle to contact another organisation if they are signposted to that organisation.

The Suffolk Information Partnership is open to statutory, voluntary and independent sector organisations operating across or within local communities in Suffolk. If your organisation would like to join send a short paragraph about what your organisation does, your logo and contact details to suffolkinformationpartnership@suffolk.gov.uk

The Hold's spring exhibition, Suffolk's Green Story, to explore the county's environment past and present - The Hold's spring exhibition, Suffolk's Green Story: Reflect; Learn; Act, opens on Friday 3 February and will run until Sunday 18th June. It looks at Suffolk's environment past and present, the changes and challenges impacting the local area today and what we can do to make a difference.

This free Suffolk Archives exhibition on Ipswich Waterfront will showcase Suffolk's rich environmental heritage including original archive materials dating from the 17th century to the present day.

The exhibition will take visitors on a journey that explores Suffolk's Green Story; through Suffolk's wonderfully diverse landscapes – the sandy Breckland of the northwest, the woodland of the central belt and the coastal sands and marshes of the eastern Sandlings.

It will reflect on major events in Suffolk's weather and climate history, such as the 1953 floods, and tell the story of Suffolk's agricultural heritage, unique wildlife and flora.

The exhibition will feature some specially loaned items from the Met Office and Britten Pears Arts, including some original scores from Noye's Fludde, Benjamin Britten's one-act opera which took inspiration from the 1953 floods.

Suffolk's Royal Anglo-Saxon history on show in new exhibition - Rendlesham Revealed: The Heart of a Kingdom AD 400-800 is a new exhibition opening at the National Trust's Sutton Hoo in March, telling the story of an Anglo-Saxon royal settlement in Suffolk, the largest and wealthiest of its time known in England.

On display will be 1,400 year-old artefacts, many never before seen by the public, which help tell the story of Rendlesham's royal connections and its international importance.

Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service is curating the exhibition, to celebrate "Rendlesham Revealed", a community archaeology project funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Two years of excavations at sites in the Deben valley have now been completed, with the final season running this autumn.

Extra funding for Citizens Advice to support people during Cost-of-Living challenges - Suffolk County Council now plans to increase its funding to Local Citizens Advice in Suffolk by £45,000, to support Suffolk Residents during the current Cost of Living challenges.

The Council has set out in its 2023/24 budget proposals, that it plans to increase the amount of funding it provides to the Citizens Advice Bureau from £120,000 in the 2022/23 financial year, to £165,000 for the 2023/24 financial year. Suffolk County Council's budget proposals will be voted on in February. The additional funding reflects the increased demand the service is seeing in light of the current cost of living pressures.

Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions for the Stour Valley - I attended the Corporate Parenting board, on 7th February and was astonished to receive the level of the number of youngsters Suffolk County Council have now in Care. The number has now reached a record number ever recorded within Suffolk at 972. There is therefore an even greater importance to secure more fosters carers and Adopters for these youngsters who are in need. Please spread the word.

A Foster Carer Recruitment Event is held the 1st Wednesday of every month, and an Adoption Event is on the 1st Thursday all 7:00pm in your home.

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**St Mary's
Bures**

Lent Lecture
Wed 29 March 7pm

Catherine Crawford facilitates Bible translation in West Africa, working for Wycliffe Bible Translators. We're looking forward to hearing about her experiences and this interesting work. All welcome! Refreshments served.

Little Cornard Church



FLOWER FESTIVAL

Flowers, Well Stocked Plant Stall
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Saturday, 13th & Sunday, 14th May 2023

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Evensong on 14th May at 4.30 p.m.

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Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride 2022

This annual event was started in Suffolk in 1982 and the idea has now spread across England. Last September, with over four hundred churches and chapels open and good weather on the day, the total raised for Suffolk was in excess of £205,000

We had our usual number of visiting walkers and cyclists including Susan Sills and her son Oliver who between them collected £1,000 in sponsorship, half of which the Trust has already donated back to All Saints, Little Cornard. Our grateful thanks to Susan and Oliver for their wonderful effort.

Sue Macdiarmid

Flower Festival May 13th - 14th

If there is anyone who would like to help with decorating the church for the Flower Festival please contact Marian Turner on 01787 377889 or Sue Macdiarmid on 01787 375858 and we will get in touch nearer the time. New helpers would be very welcome.

Sue Macdiarmid



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News from Cornard Mere

by Robin Ford (Suffolk Wildlife Trust Voluntary Warden)



With many vehicles negotiating the bends along the B1058 at well over the speed limit I prefer to walk on the grass verge when approaching the public footpath opposite the railway bridge. The Blackhouse Brook passes beneath the road at this point on its way to meet the Stour. Watching my footing one afternoon, during

last year's heat wave, my eyes were drawn to pale specks of vegetation that contrasted with the bare, crumbly, earth beside the curb. On closer inspection, these turned out to be the pink petals of Sand Spurrey *Spergularia rubra* (see picture). The plants stretched for about twenty yards along the verge. As its name suggests this member of the Campion family prefers lighter soils and can be found, in suitable locations, along the Stour as the river widens and meets the estuary. I have not been able to trace, however, any previous reports of this plant from Little Cornard, a botanically well recorded parish with information dating back to the early 18th century. A combination of the long hot summer and regular mowing of the verge probably accounts for the possible addition of this native species to the flora of Little Cornard.

Christine Lambert nee Roberts 1943 - 2021

My sister Christine Roberts was born in 1943 and we lived until 1953 at the cottage next to the Little Cornard brickworks located on Chapel Lane. Our mother Bessie Beadle also lived at the brickworks house where her father Sydney Beadle was the foreman at the brickworks until his retirement in the 1950's. Both my sister Christine and I were christened at Little Cornard Church and our grandfather Sydney Beadle and our grandmother Lilly May Cooper were married there on Boxing Day in about 1912.

One childhood memory of our early years in Little Cornard was our Sunday afternoon walks up Chapel Lane, then across to the top of Spout Lane, down the hill and walking back home along the Bures Road. Not sure how safe that would be now!

Christine and I spent the rest of our childhood in Great Cornard but held fond memories of our early years in Little Cornard.

Michael Roberts



Plough Sunday

Jeremy representing the farming community asked Rev Tricia Box to ask God's blessing on the year's labour by those of the parish who work the land, of which this plough is the sign and token.

The plough is blessed by Rev Tricia Box

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New Chairman to be appointed

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Village Hall Update

The committee are still hoping to have disabled facilities installed at the hall and to this end advice has been sought from an architect, who we hope will be able to suggest the reconfiguration of the current toilets and entrance to the hall.

New land: the trees are now planted. The grass has had its first cut in the autumn and the hedge has taken well so all looking good.

Painting of the exterior of the hall is booked to take place in late spring and the soffits/guttering will be repaired.

We are holding a Spring Quiz on Saturday, 2nd April at 7.00 pm. An entrance fee of £7.50 per person is charged and you are asked to bring your own drinks, nibbles and glasses. However, we will have tea and coffee available, included in the price.

In the summer, on 5th August (1.00 pm to 5.00 pm) we will be holding a Hog Roast on our new land. Further details will follow in due course but if you wish to put your name(s) down for this, then please contact Nigel Monk (nmnmhst@gmail.com)

The village hall is nominated as a "Warm Space" and anyone wishing to take advantage of this is asked to also contact Nigel.

The Village Hall management committee are pleased to announce that a new website has been set up to promote the Village Hall and to encourage greater use of this community asset.

Our website aims to provide information to residents and visitors in respect of

- hire of the hall and use of the green space
- future social gatherings and community events
- details of current clubs and societies using the hall
- access to the archive of village history
- a classified section to promote local businesses, clubs and societies

Whilst we continue to add further information to the website it can now be accessed using the link below. **<http://littlecornardparishhall.onesuffolk.net>**

We hope that you will find this new site both informative and of value.

Village Hall Management Committee

Wise Words

This world, after all our science and sciences, is still a miracle; wonderful, inscrutable, magical and more, to whosoever will think of it. *Thomas Carlyle 1795 - 1881*

News Items you may have missed...

For the first time fewer than half of people in England and Wales describe themselves as Christian, the 2021 census has revealed. The proportion of people who said they were Christian was 46.2% down from 59.3% in the last census in 2011. By contrast the number who said they have no religion increased to 37.2% of the population, up from a quarter. Those identifying as Muslim rose from 4.9% in 2011 to 6.5% last year.

A recent survey carried out by Savanta Com RES for the Culham St Gabriel's Trust and reported in Church Times found that of two thousand parents living in the UK and with a child aged between five and eighteen two-thirds believed in the importance of RE lessons in school with only fifteen per cent saying that they did not see the value of RE.

Birmingham artist Graham Short has etched The Lord's Prayer onto a speck of gold inserted into the eye of a sewing needle. Each of the two hundred and seventy three letters are half the width of a human hair. Graham works at night to avoid the vibrations of traffic and uses Beta Blockers to slow his heart while working with the aid of a microscope. He has previously produced what is thought to be the world's tiniest nativity scene and a picture of the Queen on a pinhead.

A rosary bead necklace found on a skeleton from Lindisfarne and dated to the 8th - 9th century, the earliest example found in Britain, is one of a number of new objects now on display at the newly refurbished Lindisfarne Priory museum.

As part of a national campaign to tackle drug trafficking a small Buddhist temple in Thailand was left with no monks after they were all dismissed for failing drug tests. Four monks including the abbot tested positive for methamphetamine. They were subsequently sent to a health clinic to undergo drug rehabilitation.

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:

www.littlecornard.onesuffolk.net

Until a new clerk to the Parish Council is appointed please contact Cheryl Crane Tel 01787 227273 or email cheryl.crane@talk21.com or email Little.Cornard.PC@gmail.com

Parish Council meeting dates for 2023

10th January · 14th March · 16th May · 23rd May Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council · 11th July · 12th September · 14th November

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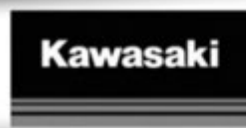
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Five hundred and fifty years ago

Astronomer and cleric Nicolaus Copernicus was born in Poland on 19th February 1473. His "heliocentric" concept of the solar system became the foundation of modern astronomy. His revolutionary theory was condemned by Martin Luther and by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church with his book, *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium* (On the Revolutions of the Celestial Spheres), being banned until 1758. Copernicus remained a faithful member of the Catholic Church and was even a member of the clergy at Frauenburg Cathedral where his uncle was bishop. He wrote "It is our loving duty to seek the truth in all things, in so far as God has granted that to human reason."

Little Cornard rainfall records

I started keeping rudimentary rainfall figures here at Orchard House in January 2000. After 2003 and 2011, 2022 was our third driest year with just 487mm which is roughly 100mm below our average for the period of 585.40mm. Forty per cent of this total fell in November and December and November was the wettest month we have ever recorded with 137mm (we have had 14 other months where we recorded over 100mm). Total rainfall in the months from April to September was the lowest we recorded by some margin with 27% less than the next driest.

Bill Adams

A Voice from Above

In December 1294 an aged, nearly incoherent hermit was chosen to become Pope. He succeeded Pope Nicholas IV to become Pope Celestine V. Celestine was deeply unsuited to the position and served for only fifteen weeks before Cardinal Gaetani, masquerading as a voice from Heaven, convinced him to step down.

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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