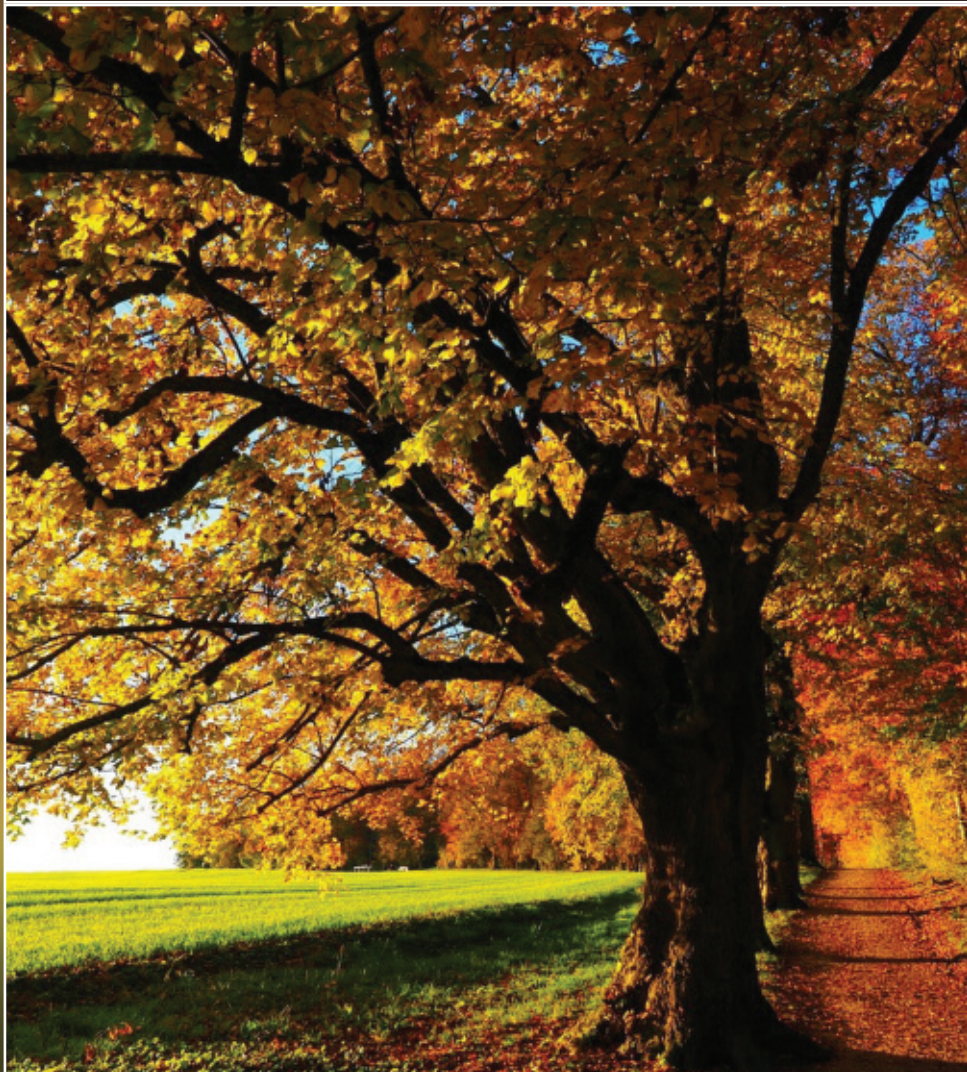


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Harvest 2023



SERVICES at ALL SAINTS

Currently services are held on the
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Sunday 10th September 4.30pm Harvest Evensong

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From All Saints Registers

Burial

Marguerite Cordelia Harrington

Burial of Ashes

Sheila Vincent
Olive May Cardy
Michael D. Cornish

Vicar's Letter Harvest 2023

Dear Friends



Have you ever wondered at the purpose of harvest festivals? I suppose, at least here in rural Suffolk we see the harvest happening around us, even if many of us are not directly involved. In my previous parish, in Bromley, which is in the suburban sprawl of Greater London, attendees of the church harvest festival could well have avoided seeing a tractor all year! Yet it was—perhaps even more—important for us to mark the festival.

God gives the history of the people of Israel in the Old Testament as a model for all of us, teaching about our relationship with him. The Israelites were warned, in Deuteronomy chapters six and eight, of a great danger. Moses cautions, 'when you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God.' It is so easy to slip into living as though all the good we enjoy we earned for ourselves. I'm sure you have worked hard for what you enjoy. Even so, it is God 'who gives us the ability to produce wealth.' Again and again, through their history, God's people forgot God and what he had given them.

The greatest gift God has given us is Jesus. Through his self-sacrifice, he provides forgiveness for when we have failed to give our generous God his due in our lives. We're also told that, through faith in Jesus, we're given new hearts—no longer prone to forget the Lord our God.

At our yearly harvest festivals, we are helped not to forget God. Our praise and thanks for our food reminds us who it is who gives all good things. Let us also offer prayers for those who, in the ongoing cost of living crisis, have less than they need. 'We might plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.'

Your servant

Daniel

Psalm 67: 6

The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God blesses us.

Churchwardens Notes

We are continuing with two services a month on the second and fourth Sundays, led by Rev'd Daniel or a member of the Benefice ministry team. Services are always followed by coffee served in the schoolroom. In addition to the usual pattern of services there will be a Harvest Festival Evensong at 4.30 pm on Sunday 10th of September.

This means it will be Harvest Fair time again and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Hugh, Mimi and Will Wheldon for the support they have always given us by letting us incorporate their fields into the event. New for this year are The Tudor Archers who are based in Great Cornard and meet regularly throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a go; you never know, you might have found a new hobby. There will be donkey rides around the churchyard for children and the Sudbury Model Railway Club who meet on Friday evenings in Little Cornard Village Hall will be exhibiting some of their layouts in the church. We will still have the Have-a-Go Pigeon Shoot which is open to all ages and abilities, and the amazing "Self-Driving Tractor" for anyone to have a go on. There will be a novelty dog show on Saturday afternoon and a rally of cars and vintage tractors on the Sunday. There will be all the usual games, stalls, bar, BBQ, teas and cakes so come along and have some fun.

Sue Macdiarmid and Patricia Monk have had to leave as members of the PCC. We will miss them both for their hard work and support over many years. We send our good wishes and thanks to them both.

Our thoughts and prayers are for the families of Marguerite, Michael, Sylvia and Olive who have been laid to rest in the churchyard.

Jeremy Apter and Brenda Pentney

First Tuesday

Open Church and Café

On the first Tuesday of each month, other than January, the schoolroom is open with a continuous supply of teas and coffees from 10.00am until 4.00pm with lunch at 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome to call in for chat and friendship.

If you are wanting a quiet space for thoughts and reflection, the church is open for you on these days. For access to the church at any other time, please speak to Brenda or Jeremy (see Who's Who in our Parish for contact details).

Brenda Pentney



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News from Cornard Mere

by Robin Ford (Suffolk Wildlife Trust Voluntary Warden)

On Sunday April 30th a group of children and their parents from Sudbury Wildlife Watch, a junior branch of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, followed the public footpath to the steps leading down onto the Mere. A few yards further on they were greeted by a rich and varied song emanating from the nearby scrub. For most of the Watch members, whether young or old, it was a first encounter with the unforgettable strains of a Nightingale. Upon reaching the Oak tree where the public footpath rises upwards in the direction of Cornard Country Park, the eyes of one of our younger visitors followed the flightpath of a Long-tailed Tit towards a Blackthorn thicket. A closer inspection revealed the bird's elaborate nest.

In early June we were able to cut trails around the reserve with a newly acquired clearing saw from funds donated by members after the closure of the Little Cornard Conservation Society. The S.W.T. thanks the Society's members for their generous support.



In early July Peacock, Red Admiral (see photo), Small Tortoiseshell and Comma butterflies were seen in large numbers around the nettles bordering onto the arable field adjacent to Blackhouse Lane. Hopefully some of these butterflies will disperse to nearby gardens, sheds and outhouses where they will successfully hibernate through the coming months of Winter.

Wanted...

Donations of tombola prizes, bric-a-brac, jigsaw puzzles, books, CD's, vinyls etc. If you have any items you are able to donate for the Harvest Fair please contact any PCC member. In addition we would welcome any donations of cakes, jams, produce etc.

If you are planning to take part in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride please consider making All Saints the beneficiary of your sponsorship. Half of money raised in this way is returned direct to your nominated church.

We are always grateful for extra help over the two days of the Fair with all manner of tasks from helping to put up the tents on the Friday afternoon to manning a stall or helping in the tearoom or perhaps you are a whizz at flower arranging. Do get in touch if you are able to help in any way.

Decorating the Church for Harvest

I will be in touch with the regular helpers who decorate the church so beautifully. New helpers would be very welcome. Please contact me,

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Bell Tower Report

Our Wednesday practice evenings and Sunday service ringing continue. On Wednesdays we are at the church from 7.00 pm and welcome anyone who would like to learn how to ring the bells or discover more about it.

For the Coronation of King Charles III we rang the bells at Little Cornard, at Acton, at Bures and at St Gregory's in Sudbury where they are short of ringers. See below for our recorded entry on the national bell board register. Kings, Queens and Orb & Sceptre are patterns of changing the order of the bells.

Recently we provided ringers for a wedding at Acton Church.

Our three new learners are progressing well, and another beginner started in early August. Laura Cook and Tony Baker have progressed to ringing with us at Sunday services. Both have passed competence tests and been admitted to the Suffolk Guild of Ringers this past month so well done both. That brings our tower membership to twelve with four more to develop.

We rang at the Flower Festival in May and offered a few folks the opportunity to try ringing a bell. Our first entry as a Little Cornard band at a District Striking Competition resulted in us coming second of three in the call change competition. We did ring well: the experience will be useful for the future.

I should say a big thank you to our immediate neighbours and church goers for their tolerance and encouragement of our ringing. It is a great help to us, to the Church in general and we very much appreciate your support.

The Harvest Fair is in September. We will be there to ring and offer the opportunity for anyone to try bell ringing and learn what it is about. It is good exercise, gets you out among very friendly groups of people and maintains an ancient traditional art.

In early August we had a tower visit from the 'Roving Ringers' who travel around by bicycle and ring at various Churches. The group include a gentleman who is paraplegic, travels in a hand pedal cycle and rings from a wheelchair. Amazing ringer and an inspiration. Recently a chap came up from Weston super Mare to ring at practice in our tower.

We welcome anyone on a Wednesday evening 7.00 pm who would like to learn this traditional skill so do come along. Tea and cakes are served in the schoolroom after practice, something we are famous for amongst Essex and Suffolk bell ringers.

Gerald Bird

Bell board recorded entry for Lt Cornard Church



All Saints Church Little Cornard. Coronation Call Changes

Methods - Kings, Queens, Orb and Sceptre. Jill Apter (Caller) Jenny Filby, Ray Filby, Sue Howland-Jackson, Robyn Slater, Tony Baker, Cheryl Bird, Gerald Bird, Laura Cook, James Croft and Jenny Croft. Also, present - Rosemary Bullen. To celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III.

Report from District Councillor Lee Parker

I am honoured to have been returned as your District Councillor for a third term.

Whilst the Greens have enjoyed electoral success across the County and taken control of our neighbouring Council in Mid-Suffolk, Babergh continues to be something of an outlier in that it remains in no overall political control. In fact, Babergh has only ever experienced one majority administration since its inception some fifty years ago and that was between 2015-19 when the Conservatives gained a large majority. The experience proved that big doesn't necessarily correlate with beautiful, and the Administration was soon beset with in-fighting and a highly acrimonious split that ended with the toppling of the then leader. Arguably the Conservatives locally never recovered, mirroring the national scene, which might explain them returning only seven Councillors this May down from thirty-two in 2015.

So, we once more have a coalition, made up of a resurgent Green Party who returned 10 Councillors, the Independents who returned 9, all ably led (for the first year) by the Liberal Democrats, who returned 5. The Conservatives and sole Labour Councillor aren't part of the Coalition choosing to remain in opposition. An innovative arrangement will see the Council Leadership revolve between the Lib Dems, Greens and Independents over the next four years. The Cabinet have issued their mission statement for the term which pledges to give communities far greater say in matters of Planning, Environment and the local economy.

For my part I have been elected Leader of the Babergh Liberal Democrats and am relishing the opportunity to continue building on the renaissance of the Lib Dems locally.

However, I have always had a conviction that National Politics shouldn't have a role in Local Government or, more accurately, matters that affect us all locally and to that end I pledge to represent you fairly and impartially regardless of political hue or stripe. I am extremely proud that our Ward (Assington, Leavenheath, Little Cornard and Newton) is the first in Babergh to have all its Parishes being afforded protection by your respective Neighbourhood Plans. In this regard we are already ahead of the Cabinet mission statement that promotes local solutions to local issues. The Community Infrastructure Levy was an initiative I was honoured to have been a part of in 2016. The levy is now delivering tangible benefits to our District with over £18M of funds being generated since that time.

One initiative that is close to my heart (excuse the pun) is the provision of community Defibrillators, so I am delighted that Little Cornard have raised the necessary funds to install two of these vital life saving devices. Congratulations to Little Cornard Parish Council for their efforts in making it happen.

The Annual Parish Assembly in May saw the retirement of long-standing Parish

Councillors and a new Chair, Cllr Gilbert, appointed along with new Parish Councillors and Clerk. Little Cornard Parish Council has always been an exemplar of how community representation should be. A-political and constantly striving to represent all in the Parish. It is an honour to be able to work alongside you again and I am very much looking forward to doing so for another four years.

As ever, if there is anything I can assist with please do not hesitate to contact me.
Lee.parker@babbergh.gov.uk or 07970196884.

Lee Parker

Storehouse Foodbank

The Storehouse Foodbank is a compassion ministry affiliated to the Stour Valley Vineyard Church. The aim of the teams of volunteers is to help local families and individuals in crisis. There are donation points at Sudbury branches of Waitrose, Sainsbury's and Tesco and at East of England Co-op shops in Great Cornard, Lavenham and Long Melford. Dry stores foods only please as they do not have refrigeration facilities. More information, including if you would like to volunteer your help, and a list of the most needed items can be found at **<https://stourvalleyvineyard.org/storehouse>**

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Little Hitches

The story of the cottage 1958-2019

By 1957 my Mum and Dad, Katya and Hughie, had four sons which made going away on holiday difficult and expensive. We went to stay several times with family friends, the Bennetts, who had bought Clare Cottage in Pentlow, whilst looking at various places for sale.

Dad was a master engineer with his own business, Tims Engineering, in North London. He had already had to move premises once due to redevelopment and rising rents so Little Hitches with its threequarters of an acre of land would solve the holiday issue and at the same time accommodate new business premises. Hence in 1958 the Tims' bought the cottage from owner Mrs Freya Stark, an American lady with a cockatoo and various dogs, one of which would howl or sing on command. She had given the cottage its name due to having quite a few problems with things going wrong. Mrs Stark had paid £500 for Little Hitches in the early 1950s and was now asking £2,000 but somehow my parents "persuaded" her to part with it for £950.

Little Hitches was in a poor state of repair. The interior was limewashed and it transferred from the walls to your clothes at the slightest touch. It had no electricity, no running water and no sanitation other than an Elsan toilet at the far end of the shed. This consisted of a large oval bucket with a handle at each end underneath a wooden board seat with a wooden flap to cover it. To begin with this was emptied every few days by digging a hole at the top of the garden, carefully emptying the contents into it before even more carefully replacing the soil. Soon a cesspit was installed with wastewater pipes and a manhole cover to facilitate emptying of the Elsan.

The cottage was, in fact, two adjacent buildings. To go from one to the other meant going out of one door, walking along the path and in through the other door. Dad solved that by taking a pickaxe to knock through from one kitchen to the other. The two kitchens were devoid of any fittings. My dad solved the lack of running water by attaching a hosepipe to the standpipe in the front garden, taking it through the wall to a sink complete with cold water tap. The water from the sink drained into a tin bath which was then emptied outside. The same tin bath allowed the smaller members of the family to have a bath using water heated on a two burner Calor Gas cooker, supplied from a large gas bottle under the stairs. The hosepipe arrangement didn't last too long as we all began suffering upset stomachs when staying at the cottage. This was traced to the rubber hosepipe and not, as Mum had been convinced, a tin of Birds custard powder which had "gone off". When electricity arrived in the early sixties it did away with the rather pleasant light given out by the Tilley lamps which in turn had taken over from the candles that had lighted our way upstairs to bed. We had no TV at Little Hitches until the late 1980s and a telephone only at the end of the 1990s.

To replace Mrs Stark's goats Dad acquired an Allen Scythe. It was heavy and noisy but very efficient at keeping the grass down.

After Dad died in 1964, we travelled to Suffolk by train. After school finished, I would meet Mum and Andy at Liverpool Street station from where we took the train to Colchester and then the bus to the bottom of Spout Lane. If Mum had telephoned Mrs Ardley she would be waiting there with her car. If not, we would trudge up the hill, past Beeswing, the home of the Jordans, past Ken and Rosie Griggs, past the Spooners and the Tokleys, to what was still the One Bell Inn, now called Tophthorne, where the Stopps family resided.

Mrs Ardley taught Mum to drive, starting on the lawn dodging in and out of the fruit trees before progressing to Waldingfield Aerodrome. While we were waiting for Mum to pass her test we took the bus into Sudbury for shopping, usually on Market Day. Supermarkets were becoming more common, but the range of groceries was very limited compared with today. Mobile shops still came out to Upper Road. There was a baker, a butcher a greengrocer and a household supply van which sold paraffin for the oil lamps. Eventually Mum passed her test. Her first car, CPV 60, was a green Standard 8. My first driving experience was in an Austin 7 Ruby saloon around the fields near Yorley Farm, owned by the Johnson boys Hugh, Clive and Martin. It was Clive Johnson who built us a replacement garage when ours collapsed, this on land that Mum and Dad purchased from Greene King Brewery, owners of the One Bell Inn, and just one of the upgrades and alterations that have been made to Little Hitches over the years. *Rob Tims*

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Memories of The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

2nd June 1953

In the Easter magazine we asked readers to share their memories. This is what they wrote:

Like many other families, this was when we bought our first television with a black and white screen about the size of a modern iPad but in a substantial cabinet. All the farm workers and their families were crowded into the library of Ropers Hall. We all watched, fascinated. I seem to recall it was followed by a substantial repast. I was seventeen, so there must have been a school holiday. *Nicholas Hallidie*

My most memorable event of the day was the treat organised by Great Cornard Primary School. A bus took the three classes to Peoples Park in Waldingfield Road, Sudbury. There we attended a circus...very exciting with clowns and acrobatic displays on high wires but the most exciting part was the live animals: two lions, the first time we had seen such lovely big cats. There were also riding displays, on beautiful ponies with lovely decorated bridles. A memorable day for us all. The other memory I have is that it rained and the grass was very wet. *Marian Turner*

I was just nine years old at the time but the occasion has always stood out in my mind. Weatherwise June 2nd 1953 was not good with rain on and off for most of the day. Our family were lucky in that my father got us a TV. Most were rented at that time and were of course black and white. Family and neighbours were invited in to watch and we all enjoyed it. Some people were opposed to the ceremony being televised but the Queen said yes to it. Great Cornard Primary School, which I attended, arranged a visit to the circus in the afternoon but I was reluctant to go what with the weather, and I was enjoying the company and watching events on TV. *Marion Game*

Several of us children who lived in Bures Road were invited to Brook House, home of Commander Clover and his wife, to watch the Coronation on their television. We were all instructed to bring our slippers and our own food and we sat on the floor in a semi circle in front of the television to watch the broadcast. *Jane Needham*

In 1953 I was five years old. Events including children's sports were held in Little Cornard, on the church meadow. I won a prize in the sports but when it was realised that I lived just inside the Great Cornard boundary, on Prospect Hill, the prize, a Coronation mug, was awarded instead to Ron Davey. *Gerald Bird*

In 1953 I went to watch the Coronation with my friend Sybil Doe from Cavendish who was living in a hostel in London, near Oxford Street. As my father put me on the train at Colchester he said, 'Don't you sleep in Hyde Park, and in that great crowd keep your elbows up!' He wasn't very fond of London. We had decided to get up very early to find ourselves a spot by the route but at about 6pm some of the girls came back to the hostel and told us the crowd was so huge the Mall was closed already. So off we went, then and there, afraid we wouldn't get a place. We took some nuts and raisins and an air cushion each. Two of the other girls came with us and we found a good spot in Hyde Park, arriving

with crowds of other people. I suppose we must have slept, and I know it rained but I don't remember getting wet, I suppose the trees sheltered us. Unfortunately, our nuts were still in their shells which when broken, punctured our air cushions! Things kept passing along the route all night and at midnight the loudspeaker announced that Everest had been climbed for the first time by Hilary and Tensing which was thrilling and everybody cheered. In the morning while the Coronation Service was taking place in Westminster Abbey, the return procession was assembled on the route. I was pleased because waiting in front of us was a company of Canadian Mounties on their fine black horses. The service was relayed over the loudspeakers, and I remember the thrilling sound of "Zadoc the Priest" coming through the trees of Hyde Park. At last, it was time for the procession to proceed. We were on a low stand and had a wonderful view of all the splendour. The Queen, so young and lovely, with Prince Phillip in the golden coach followed by many other coaches. They all had the hoods up in the rain except for Queen Salote of Tonga who ignored the rain and smiled and waved as she was driven by. When all was over and we turned to go, the boys who had been watching behind us said 'Goodbye – see you at the fireworks.' The amazing thing was we did. And the sad thing was, we didn't fancy them.



A young reporter from Metro News phoned me before King Charles' Coronation for memories of an older person from the previous one. He wanted to know if the crowd were wearing red, white and blue and if the good spirits was because of the bottled spirits. No, I said, nobody was in fancy dress, it wasn't long after the war and we were still on rationing, and I don't remember any drinking going on. Also, he wasn't impressed

that Everest was climbed, now it is climbed so often, and he didn't know that a Mountie was a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. *Shirley Cotton*

One hundred years ago...

On 1st September 1923 what became known as the Great Kanto Earthquake struck the Kanto Plain on the main Japanese island of Honshu. The aftermath of this event, which claimed an estimated 142,800 lives, many of whom were victims of the fires and firestorms which swept across cities, is well documented and makes for disturbing reading. Imagine then, the relief of one Suffolk father upon learning that his son and family were safe.

On a wall in the ringing chamber at All Saints Church, Acton is a large brown board that bears the following wording painted in gold: **To the Glory of God these bells were rehung in Jan 1926 by J. K. Rodwell of Babergh Hall, as a thankoffering for the escape of his son H. K. Rodwell and his family, in the earthquake disaster at Tokio in Japan. Sep. 1st 1923 The tower having been restored in 1923 by the efforts of the parishoners.**

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Church Garden Fete 8th September 1928

Whilst looking through some of the older documents that rest with the Church Records Office, I found the attached 'flyer' advertising the Garden Fete in September 1928. How many things they managed to get through when it was held at The Rectory!

Many things we still do such as refreshments, various stalls, games etc but not poultry as that's a little more restricted by trading rules nowadays!

A **Tennis tournament!** How many of us in the village could still wield a racket? Were they a younger population then? We would need some younger fit players to hold one. Are there any tennis courts in the village now? The **Sudbury Brass band** – long gone I fear although the Long Melford Silver Band is still flourishing. Not sure whether **pig pelting** would bring the RSPCA in or whether it was bowling for the pig as we still do. A coconut shy, or as they spell it, **Cokernut shies**, would probably still be a popular attraction. A concert too! All on the same day – I assume that would have been in the early evening. Do we have a Palmistry person in the village now? If so, maybe a place for you at the Harvest Fair. **Dancing in the Evening** – we are usually worn out by the evening – I am looking for my armchair – clearly too old and unfit!

I like the idea of **Buses** coming up from Sudbury and Great Cornard too. How would a bus negotiate our poor access roads now - Chaos!

The moneys raised was for **Parochial objects and the District Nurses fund** – the latter has a modern-day ring about it with our Nurses seeking better support and pay! Also amongst the records is a newspaper cutting with a report on the Fete which tells us that: *"It was ideal weather in the Rectory grounds and attendance was fairly good."* A long list of parishioners and former parishioners who attended is provided. Lots of long known village family names many of which I remember well: Deeks, Cardy, Mumford, Bird, Cutmore, Turkentine, Rising, Layzell, Wade, Brigadier Hinde, Francis, Jordan and many more. Lovely to look back over and compare our efforts today.

Do come and support the Harvest Fair. Our village events are steeped in history and to discover documents like these reminds us that we are only a very small part of the area in which we live but are creating local history that someone may look back on with amusement in another hundred years' time! Hope to see you all on September 9th and 10th.

Gerald Bird

The Rectory, Little Cornard

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Agnes Mary Wright

15th February 1920 - 11th April 2023

In the Easter edition of this magazine we reported that Mary had just celebrated her 103rd birthday: a remarkable achievement. Now it is our sad duty to report that Mary passed away on 11th April. A long time resident of Little Cornard, Mary was known to many. She will be sadly missed by family and friends alike.

To mark her 100th birthday the story of Mary's life was featured in the Easter 2020 edition of the Little Cornard Magazine which is available to read on the church website.
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The mobile library calls at Workhouse Green, Little Cornard every fourth Saturday between 15.40 and 16.05. The dates for 2023 are 9th September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December and 30th December. The library will deliver to anyone who finds it difficult to visit in person, including those living in care homes. To join the mobile library complete the online form or visit any Suffolk Mobile Library with proof of identity. The service is free to use. For more information go to www.suffolklibraries.co.uk or telephone 01473 351249 or email help@suffolklibraries.co.uk



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Farming 2023

I am a 4th generation young farmer and a farmer's daughter, our family farms land around Little Cornard and Sudbury. I am aged 12.

Farming is an ever-changing industry which always has its challenges, as it tries to feed the world and be environmentally friendly at the same time.

Climate change is making farming very unpredictable with the extremes of weather we have experienced in the last couple of years, with wet winters, lack of frosts and a scorching summer drought last year, we are waiting to see what the next few seasons bring.

We are arable farmers and grow crops for both human consumption (milling wheat) and grains for livestock and the pet food industry.

Global consumption of wheat saw a slight increase over the last year, with just under 793 million metric tons consumed in 2021/2022 marketing year compared to around 782.5 million metric tons in 2020/2021. Coupled with the world's global population growth and uncertain global politics, growing crops to feed the world has never been more important. I'd like to see greater emphasis on our domestic food security here in the UK so we grow for ourselves.

As a young farmer I am extremely optimistic and excited for the future of our industry because like it or not - everyone needs a farmer three times a day for their breakfast, lunch and dinner and most likely for their pet's food as well.

Thank you for reading. Happy Harvest.

Borage

Many of us have noticed the purple fields about the valley this year. Purple patch work rather than the yellow we are used to. The crop we are seeing is borage – a flowering herb. It's a pretty plant that is grown as a break crop. What's a break crop? It's a crop of something that provides a break in the usual crop cycle where there has been a proliferation of weeds, unwanted invading plants or pests or disease. Breaking the cycle of the usual crop can starve the disease out, drive the pest away or benefit the soil in other ways. Field beans being legumes grown as livestock feed nitrify the soil. Growing Rape too much can promote flea beetle which is devastating to the productivity. This is why farmers rotate crops. Farmers are continuously making better decisions to naturally deter these problems as they would in the past rather than chemical use. They are driven by financial drivers, legislative drivers, environmental drivers and conscience too, as they steward our landscapes. Meanwhile borage is grown, it is harvested and used as an oil in cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals, whilst nurturing a great pollinator population, and benefitting the fauna of the countryside. It has a long flowering season which is to all our benefit as we walk our footpaths and drive our lanes.

Wise Words

All things in creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man. God wants us to help animals if they need help. Every creature in distress has the same right to be protected.

St Francis of Assisi c.1181 - 1226

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Marguerite Cordelia Harrington

20th October 1936 – 9th March 2023



On the 9th March this year an event happened which I had been dreading all my married life: Marguerite, my lovely wife, passed away. She was my first and only love and we were married for over sixty-five years. Marguerite was born in Welling, Kent. Following the death of her mother in 1947 her father re-married and moved to Eltham in south east London. Her teenage years were traumatic due to the attitude of her mentally unstable stepmother. This experience taught her how not to behave and her school, where she became Deputy Head Girl before leaving at age fifteen, became her sanctuary. At the school they had a complete house where all the girls were taught the art of housekeeping. On leaving

school she trained as an audio typist before working for the BBC, Associated British Cinemas and an estate agent in St James, London where she was working when we met in December 1956. We were married in August 1957 and moved to Wimbledon, Surrey.

Marguerite was a very dedicated wife and mother to our two sons. She took everything in her stride: every event in our home just happened, without fuss. As an example, during the time that the boys were at senior school she passed her driving test, first time. She announced it casually, almost in passing: we had had no idea that she was even taking her test. After a very busy life, when it was near to retirement for us, we visited Suffolk whilst on holiday and, by sheer chance found what was to become our home in Little Cornard. We moved into our bungalow in Chapel Lane on 23rd February 1990. Marguerite loved Suffolk and especially our walks, with the view from Chapel Lane looking westwards towards the Hennys being her favourite. During her last fifteen years she had several medical conditions. Cancer and kidney disease both drastically affected her quality of life. She suffered with Alzheimer's dementia during her last five years with the final two and a quarter years spent as a resident in a local nursing home. When the woman you have loved all your married life no longer recognises you it is hard to come to terms with, to her you are now a complete stranger. Marguerite is laid to rest in a grave at All Saints Church so that it is not far to walk to seek her views on any problem I have. *John G. Harrington*

Lucifer's Boys

I have written a small book about events in Little Cornard in 1844 concerning a local boy who was found guilty of burning down the farm yard of the original Caustons Hall. He was transported to Norfolk Island for life and died out there within a year. This fire was by no means an isolated incident which is why I have given the book the title Lucifer's Boys. Many local names are mentioned. It is my intention to donate all sales to Little Cornard church and I hope to attend the Harvest Fair where anyone interested can purchase a copy. *Mimi Wheldon*

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

Ride and Stride – 50th year

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust was formed in 1973 when a small group of church-lovers realised that, if Suffolk's historic churches and chapels were to survive for the future with increasingly small congregations, they needed financial help. The Trust is non-denominational and all churches, chapels and meeting houses, of any age, are eligible to apply for grants to help fund repairs to their building or to make improvements such as disabled access, toilets and kitchens, enabling the building to be used for community and fundraising events.

In fifty years, supporters have raised the equivalent of around £10 million in today's money, from the membership fees of its 'Friends' organisation, from donations, grants, legacies, and from the annual Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride sponsored event and, more recently, the Pedal and Drive Vintage and Classic Car rally. At its July 2023 meeting the Grants Committee of Suffolk Historic Churches Trust awarded grants totalling £42,500 to eight Suffolk churches, including All Saints Little Cornard.

This year's event will take place on Saturday September 9th, coinciding with the Harvest Fair. If you would like sponsor forms or more information please contact Clare Lodge on 01787 312494, or visit <https://shct.org.uk/>.

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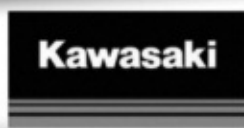
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Village Hall Update

After many years of dedicated service Patricia Monk has retired from the Village Hall Management Committee and from being the bookings secretary. The committee would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to Patricia for her unwavering contribution and service given over many years and wish her well for the future.

For any future Village Hall bookings please contact Mark Irwin Telephone 07545 543729 email: markirwin777@gmail.com

We are already receiving bookings for Christmas parties so please send your requests in early to secure your preferred date. The Village Hall was successfully nominated as a 'Warm Space' over the winter months and received a grant from the local authority which has been used to subsidise heating costs thus enabling hire rates to be maintained at lower levels.

The village Hog Roast on 5th August will have already taken place by the time this goes to print. It is hoped that those who attended the event enjoyed themselves. The Committee would like to express their thanks to Ellisons Solicitors, Colchester for their generous contribution in support of this event.

Following the success of the Spring Quiz another will follow in the Autumn with further details to follow in due course. For those who have access to the Internet please access the Village Hall website from time to time to obtain updates on news and events. The link is <http://littlecornardparishhall.onesuffolk.net>

The committee are pleased to report that bookings for the hall have picked up in recent months and have resumed for a local educational support team and regular bookings are being placed by Rebecca McKenna who has started Yoga classes. Should anyone wish to receive more details on Yoga classes then please contact Rebecca on 07881 271961. We would encourage anyone in the village who wishes to start a club / society or just wants a place to meet for social events to consider using the village hall as it is a great asset.

Village Hall Management Committee

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 magazine to be received by
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