

# THE LITTLE CORNARD MAGAZINE



Harvest 2025



## **SERVICES at ALL SAINTS**

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

### **Special services are as follows**

**Sunday 14th September Harvest Evensong at 4.30 pm**

**Sunday 12th October Songs of Praise Service at 10.30 am**

**Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday at 10.30 am**

**Updates will be posted on the church notice  
board and on the website**

**[www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk](http://www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk)**

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## **From All Saints Registers**

### **BURIAL OF ASHES**

William Peter Wheldon

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*Cover photo taken by Jill Apter at All Saints Harvest Fair September 2024*

# Vicar's Letter Harvest 2025

Dear friends

I write to you surrounded by treasures though, I confess, not everyone would see it that way. Some may call it clutter; I prefer “curated nostalgia.” Despite the recent rise in “decluttering” evangelists, I just can't seem to catch the bug. Really, I'm sure it would be better if “tidying” were not a constant item on the to-do list. And who wouldn't want to open a cupboard without risking a mild concussion from a tumbling Tupperware avalanche? But, what if one day I need that instruction manual and charger for the phone I haven't owned since the time the world was worried about the Millenium Bug (or perhaps my Nokia 3310 is still in a drawer here somewhere!)? Apparently, I'm a hoarder, you see from a long line of hoarders. My father, like his father before him, requires multiple sheds for ephemera the house can't contain.



Perhaps there is a psychological explanation for my tendencies. Maybe, deep down, it's about security, the comfort of knowing that no matter what the world throws my way, I am equipped with a lifetime's supply of rubber bands and three copies of Knowing God by J.I. Packer (it's a great book, by the way). I should know better really... Jesus' Parable of the Rich Fool is a warning against the perils of being secure in our stuff instead of our Father God's careful provision. Do you know it? If not, search for “Luke 12:13–21”. Is it ok just to say, “It's in my genes!”?

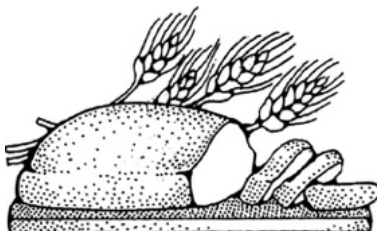
So, to the de-clutterers and the home organisers, I tip my hat no doubt rescued from a charity shop in 2008. May your shelves be ever sparse, your cupboards calm, and your hearts unburdened. But spare a thought for those of us who just can't escape the chaos, who cherish the neglected and the nearly forgotten. For in every hoarder, there lives a hopeful archivist, intent on saving the world, one spare button at a time.

Yours, with a mountain of miscellaneous affection,

*Daniel*

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**Blessed are you** Lord God of all creation: for in your abundant care you have given us fertile land, rich soil, the seasons in their courses.



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## **Churchwardens Notes Harvest 2025**

A big round of applause to everyone for their help with the Spring Flower Festival, it was one of our most successful ever - not just from the attendance but also for the money that was raised.

The exhibition linked to the village war memorial was especially popular and there is now a link to all our heritage records on the church website. We now have the Harvest Festival on the 13th & 14th of September to look forward to.

Sadly, we lost two characters just as the last magazine had gone to the printers.

Dr Peter Cooper was well known to most people for playing the Little Cornard church organ for more years than most of us can remember. Whilst some may have felt that he played a little sedately he was a fine musician who kept the congregation on their toes. If he felt we were making a mess of a tune he would stop playing and instruct us what to do. Whilst we were used to this it sometimes bemused visiting clergy. He had a dry sense of humour and his reports on deanery synod meetings were undoubtedly more interesting than the meetings themselves. The ultimate accolade was to be invited to Selwyn, his old Cambridge College, for dinner and evensong in the chapel. Even though he was an advocate for women in all other walks of life he had what he considered to be theological reasons for not supporting the ordination of women, but it was when Little Cornard stopped using the Book of Common Prayer that he felt it was time to retire.

Robert Mackman was a well-known, larger than life figure. When he and Virginia came to Little Cornard they were delighted by the friendliness at the church. Robert engaged fully with life in the village and was invited onto the PCC. He soon said that he'd like to be churchwarden, which was a pleasant surprise as you normally have to be dead six months before they let you retire and look for a replacement. Robert had plenty of drive which he put to good use. He helped complete the building of the church loo and had the sound system and hearing loop installed in the church. What he will most be remembered for was the refurbishment and rehangings of the church bells. This was the first time they had rung for several generations and has led to the creation of a thriving band of ringers based at the church. There were some breakdowns in relationships, but it will be for his achievements that Robert will be remembered, and our thoughts and love go out to all of his family.

Jeremy Apter

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## **Songs of Praise**

We have a Songs of Praise Service planned at All Saints for Sunday 12th October.

If you would like to suggest your favourite hymn to be included in the service, please contact us. Do come along on that day at 10.30 am to enjoy a good sing!





# **LITTLE CORNARD**

## **All Saints Church**

### **HARVEST & CRAFT FAIR**

**13th & 14th September 2025**

**11am to 4pm**

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:**

LICENCED BAR  
REFRESHMENTS - BBQ  
HOMEMADE CAKES & PRODUCE  
HERITAGE DISPLAY - MODEL RAILWAY  
BELL RINGING - BRIC A BRAC  
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GAMES - AIR RIFLES  
FLOWER ARRANGING

**SUNDAY ONLY:**

**CRAFT FAIR - VINTAGE CARS**

**EVENSONG**

Sunday 14th September at 4:30pm

All Saints Church, Kedington Hill,  
Little Cornard, CO10 0PE

[www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk](http://www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk)



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## **First Tuesday Open Church and Cafe**

On the first Tuesday of each month, other than January, the Schoolroom is open from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm for tea, coffee and biscuits. Everyone is welcome to call in for chat and friendship.

A freshly prepared lunch is served at 1.00 pm. In recent months we have welcomed some first timers to the 1.00 pm lunch and these folks have now become regulars.

To help with catering, if you are planning to come for the first time or if you are a regular, it would be helpful if you could phone either Brenda on 01787 227615 or Glyn on 01787 312580 a few days in advance. You do not have to phone but it is helpful.

Dates for Autumn and Winter are September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd.

The church is open on these days giving a quiet space for thoughts and reflection. For access to the church at other times please speak to Brenda or Jeremy (see Who's Who in our Parish for contact details).

*Brenda Pentney*

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## **Decorating the church**

Many, many thanks to all the ladies who helped to decorate the church for the Flower Festival. It looked amazing and we were able to enjoy the wonderful floral arrangements for another service too. Well done everyone.

We are now looking forward to the Harvest Festival weekend of the 13th/14th September. We will be setting up the flower arrangements starting at 9.30am on Friday September 12th.

Please join us once more, we will look forward to meeting you all again. Many thanks once again, your time and donations of flowers are very much appreciated.

*Glyn Donnelly and Marian Turner*

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## **Three hundred years ago...**

John Newton, author of "Amazing Grace" and other hymns, was born in London on 4th August 1725. Converted to Christianity while working on a slave ship, he hoped as a Christian to restrain the worst excesses of the slave trade, "promoting the life of God in the soul" of both his crew and his African cargo. In 1764 he became an Anglican minister and each week wrote a hymn to be sung to a familiar tune. In 1787 Newton wrote Thoughts Upon the African Slave Trade to help William Wilberforce's campaign to end the slave trade.

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# Neighbourhood Watch Report Harvest 2025

It has been over two years since we re-formed the Little Cornard Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in July 2023 and there are now over eighty residents who have signed up to be members. We have new signs around the village, a What's App group and a great relationship with our local community police officers. The officers have attended a number of our local events this year.

As we come into the darker nights, I would like to remind everyone to make their homes less attractive to burglars. Burglars will use a variety of ways to avoid being noticed. They do not want to be seen or heard by a neighbour or a passer-by. Distraction burglars will pretend to be someone they are not, so it is important you are aware of some of the methods they will try to get into your property.

Do not leave keys near doors, letterboxes, or windows. Simple measures you can take include locking all doors and windows, improving lighting to make your home appear occupied and using timer switches to turn on lights. Ensure side gates, sheds and garages are locked. Consider installing security lights, a burglar alarm or security cameras.

## **Other things to consider are:**

Lower fences at the front, around one-metre high, are preferable to high fences as they allow for a clear view over the top and don't provide cover for anyone wishing to hide. At the rear and sides, taller fencing is recommended to prevent easy access. Trellis, thorny plants, or a suitable anti-climb topping such as plastic spikes make it difficult for anyone climbing over a fence or gate. Planting prickly or barbed shrubbery along boundaries and fence lines acts as an effective natural barrier. Gravel driveways and paths will make sure you hear anyone approach.

## **Common methods used by distraction burglars**

1) Pretending to be from a care agency, the council or a utility company investigating a gas or water leak. 2) Seeking help to leave a note for a neighbour or even asking for a drink of water if they claim to be thirsty or unwell. 3) Claiming to be in a hurry or dealing with an emergency and needing to get into your home quickly. 4) Working in teams, with one person distracting you while the other searches your home

We must remain vigilant and support one another. If you see anything suspicious - call 999. For non-emergencies please report it on-line, via 101 or the new chat service.

If you would like to join, please sign up to [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

*Mark*

**Mark Smith - Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association**  
**Executive Committee Member - Police Liaison**  
**Area Coordinator for W15, W16, W17**  
**[Area-coordinator.ms@suffolknwa.co.uk](mailto:Area-coordinator.ms@suffolknwa.co.uk)**



# **LITTLE CORNARD**

**All Saints Church**

## **HARVEST & CRAFT FAIR**

**13th & 14th September 2025**

**11am to 4pm**

### **DONATIONS NEEDED:**

**GOOD QUALITY TOMBOLA ITEMS:**

**ASSORTED BOTTLES - GIFT ITEMS**

**CANDLES - TOILETRIES**

**DROP OFF: 1<sup>ST</sup> TUES / MONTH AT SCHOOL ROOM 10AM-3PM**

**&**

**HOMEMADE BAKED CAKES**

**DROP OFF: FRI 12<sup>TH</sup> OR DAYS OF EVENT**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**SET-UP: FRI 12<sup>TH</sup> 10:30AM**

**SET-DOWN: MON 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**STAFFING STALLS & GAMES**

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**All Saints Church, Kedington Hill,  
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**CONTACT: [HARVESTFAIR@PARISHCHURCH.CO.UK](mailto:HARVESTFAIR@PARISHCHURCH.CO.UK)**



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# Ride and Stride 2025

This year's Ride & Stride will take place on **Saturday 13th September**, which is the weekend of the Harvest Fair, so riders (and striders, though we don't usually see many of those) can be sure of a warm welcome and hopefully be tempted to spend a few minutes looking round the church, stalls and perhaps the delights of the tea-room when they come to be signed in.

Ride & Stride was started by the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust in 1973 to raise funds to help Suffolk churches of all denominations with repairs and improvements. It now takes place all over the country. Half of the money raised goes to the Trust to be awarded in grants, and half is given to the local church as nominated by the participant. Last year the total raised in Suffolk was £200,000. Participants are sponsored for each place of worship visited, or with a donation regardless of the number of churches visited.

If you are thinking of taking part, please contact me for sponsor forms and a list of churches. I would also be grateful for offers to man the church for an hour during the day between 9am and 5pm to sign in riders and striders.

Clare Lodge 01787 312494 or 07931 807793

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## USEFUL CONTACTS & EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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**Little Cornard Parish Council website**

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Little Cornard Village Hall -

Mark Irwin

**07545 543729**

**markirwin777@gmail.com**

All Saints Church Wardens -

Jeremy Apter

Brenda Pentney

**07813 717659**

**01787 227615**

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## Village Hall Refurbishment Plans

I am delighted to confirm that our funding application to Babergh Council has been successful, and we have been awarded a grant of £25,428 towards the refurbishment plans.

The improvements which have received planning approval include:

- new hard standing area to accommodate parking for disabled
- new pathway to the rear of the hall and new doorway with improved access
- new bathroom facilities including one large disabled / unisex WC and two separate WCs
- improved storage facilities in the hallway
- improved ventilation in the kitchen

Total project costs are £36,734 plus VAT. The shortfall between total project costs and CIL funding will be met from available funds held by the village hall management trustees. It is hoped that works may start later this year, subject to the builder's availability. The village hall management trustees will continue to explore other funding opportunities, as and when they present themselves, in order to progress further enhancements to the village hall.

### **Forthcoming events to be held at the village hall**

**Wednesday September 24th** from 10.00am to 12 noon - **Macmillan coffee morning**.

Please call in to enjoy a chat over a hot drink and piece of homemade cake.

**Saturday evening October 11th** from 6.30pm for 7.00pm start - **Fun Quiz** - bring your own drinks and nibbles £5 per head. This event sells out with maximum 40 places.

**Saturday evening November 22nd** from 7.00pm - **Fun Casino night**. Play roulette and/or Blackjack. Play money provided with prizes for the big winners. £10 per head including a glass of Fizz and canapés.

Booking a place for the Quiz / Casino night is essential due to limited spaces. Please contact Mark Irwin by email [markirwin777@gmail.com](mailto:markirwin777@gmail.com) to reserve your place. Please remember that the village hall is a community asset and is available to all for hire. Hire rates for residents of Little Cornard are very reasonable starting from £10 per hour or £25 for 3 hours.

*Mark Irwin*

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## Suffolk Mobile Library Service

The mobile library calls at Workhouse Green, Little Cornard every fourth Saturday between 2.30 and 2.50. Regular library users please note the new time! Dates for Autumn 2025 are September 6th, October 4th, November 1st and November 29th.

To join the mobile library complete the online joining form or visit any Suffolk Mobile Library with proof of identity. The service is free to use. More information is available at [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk) or you can contact the library service by telephoning 01473 351249 or email [help@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:help@suffolklibraries.co.uk)

## Rising Hope Rooms

Rising Hope is a small community working on permaculture and Christian spirituality on a little wild farm in Little Cornard. We love to welcome visitors and have a comfortable double room available for overnight stays or retreats.

Please call Sara or visit  
<https://lightwave.community/hubs/rising-hope>  
for more details and pictures!



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Additional hours £8 per hour.

### Saturday / Sunday

As above for hours up until 5.00pm

After 5.00pm until 11.30pm £60

**All lettings are at the discretion of the committee.**

Please contact the Bookings Secretary if interested.

**Mark Irwin Tel: 07545 543729 or email [markirwin777@gmail.com](mailto:markirwin777@gmail.com)**



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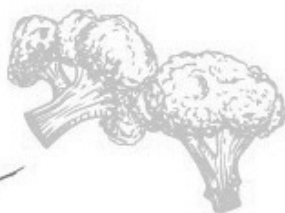
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## Remembrance Day

In November churches and communities across the land will once again be observing Remembrance Day, one hundred and seven years after the end of the First World War in November 1918. Little Cornard lost thirty-three men with others returning wounded or disabled. The following, which is taken from a press cutting found amongst the All Saints archives, is from the early 1920s when the aftermath of the conflict was still being keenly felt.

### **LITTLE CORNARD**

*The people of this parish observed their Remembrance Day on Sunday. The Rector had previously asked the congregation to dismiss from their minds all thoughts of a sad, mournful, funereal day, and to look the matter straight in the face, and try and gain an intelligent and true view of those who had been called away, and think of the noble cause served by their removal, and to bring flowers to lay upon the memorial in loving memory of their bright lives, and of the sacrifice they had made. To this the people responded, and Sunday School scholars and congregation came with bunches of flowers for the purpose. At morning service, after singing the hymn "O God, our help" they were led by General Hinde and Mr E. Rising (in the absence of the wardens), to the memorial cross in the churchyard, and after reading the names of those who had fallen from the parish, and offering a prayer of thanksgiving for their noble sacrifice, and one for their bereaved parents, wives and children, those present walked round the memorial, and reverently laid flowers upon it. They returned to the church, where the Rector asked for a few moments silence, after which an appropriate sermon was delivered. The singing of the hymn "Fight the good fight" and the Blessing closed a helpful service. At the afternoon service the names were again read in church and a time of silence observed and the Rector preached from part of the gospel for the day, "Thy son liveth".*

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## Wedding of Sara Merritt and Mike Thompson

Sara Merritt and Mike Thompson, residents of Sawyers Farm, Little Cornard who were married recently at the Friends Meeting House in Sudbury. Sara is a Pioneer Reader attached to All Saints and runs the Rising Hope community at Sawyers.



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## Cornard Black Brook

Cornard Black Brook flows from the high ground above Abbas Hall down to Prospect Hill, along Blackhouse Lane and into Cornard Mere nature reserve, a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). It's sometimes referred to as a ditch - but it definitely isn't. It's an important watercourse, in fact the stretch along Blackhouse Lane is classified as a Main River and therefore under the control of the Environment Agency.

The brook is a very important ecosystem, providing fresh water for birds, mammals and other organisms to drink. It provides habitats for a range of species making it important for biodiversity. The vegetation along its banks also provides vital habitat for birds to nest and find food, mammals to hide from predators and to hibernate through the winter.

The community of organisms in the brook includes water plants which provide oxygen, food and cover for insect larvae (dragon flies and damselflies can be seen in the summer), small fish such as sticklebacks, grass snakes, frogs, and, excitingly, water voles.

Water voles are red-listed and highly threatened mammals, having suffered dramatic decline due to river pollution and habitat loss. They are protected by law, and their recent discovery in the brook means that any activity that could affect their borrows, habitat or places of shelter along the brook risks breaking the law. We are lucky to have them and must look after them.

Many bird species feed in the brook and rely on it for water. Kingfishers are sometimes seen perched on the bollards along Blackhouse Lane looking for fish. Moorhens, and occasionally water rails and snipe are seen in the brook. Many other bird species - whitethroats, blackcaps, bullfinches, goldfinches and house sparrows to name a few- seek cover in the hedges and brambles along the brook and dip in for a bath and a drink, some breeding in the hedges and brambles along its banks.

There are threats to the brook - siltation is an increasing problem, silt from the higher ground at the Woodland Rise area contributing to flooding issues and affecting the brook itself and Cornard Mere.

Eutrophication can be a serious problem - it is caused by excess nutrients in the water, which feed the river algae making it grow rapidly - when it dies it is then fed on by bacteria which multiply rapidly on the dead algae and use up the oxygen in the water. The low oxygen levels result in the death of other water organisms like fish. Anything that increases the nutrient content leads to eutrophication - fertiliser leaching from adjacent land; horse manure leaching in when it rains; grass and vegetation cuttings being allowed to fall into



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the brook. These nutrients also affect Cornard Mere and can put its SSSI status at risk. It's important that these extra nutrients are not allowed to get into the brook and cause pollution, upsetting the delicate balance of the ecosystem.

Habitat loss is a threat to the wildlife in and around the brook: the ancient hedges, brambles, nettles and wild flowers provide vital habitat and winter cover for mammals including water voles and hedgehogs, invertebrates and birds.

Cornard Environment and Wildlife Group are working with the Environment Agency to maintain and, where necessary, to restore any habitat damage or loss. We are also monitoring nutrient levels and recording species along the brook, so that the biodiversity is maintained and improved.

We must look after this special and important ecosystem.

*Debbie Ping*

*Cornard Wildlife and Environment Group*

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## **Bures and Chappel & Wakes Colne**

### **Stations nominated for award**

Last year saw the 175th anniversary of the magnificent Chappel viaduct, which was marked with appropriate celebrations. This year is the 200th anniversary of passenger trains in the UK, which in effect, means the world, as the UK led the way. In 2024 Bures station was nominated in the Small Station category of the National Rail Awards. It did not win; the accolade went deservedly to Wemyss Bay in South West



Scotland. Bures is one of the six nominees again this year but not only is Bures nominated, Chappel and Wakes Colne is also one of the six. This is really remarkable, I have not been able to find a previous incidence of adjacent stations both receiving a nomination.

Nominations are made by Greater Anglia, Network Rail and Community Rail Partnerships. The judging process will involve both stations being visited and will be assessed against the following criteria: access for all, ticketing, customer service, presentation and special features such as links with the community, gardens etc. The judges will be particularly looking for innovation and initiative.

The other four nominees are Dorridge, near Solihull (Chilton Railways), Llandudno (Transport for Wales), Penrith (Avanti West Coast) and St Annes on the Sea (Northern). Bury St Edmunds station has been nominated in the Medium Station category. The winner will be announced on Wednesday 17th September.

*Ron Davies*

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## The Bell Tower Report

Our Wednesday practise evenings and Sunday service ringing continue. We have recently welcomed two new learners, James and Dotty, who are settling in very well. Robyn Slater has recently completed a quarter peal, his first, at Glemsford Church, following in the footsteps of his ancestor Samuel Slater who rang there. Well done, Robyn!

We welcome anyone who would like to learn how to ring the bells or just learn more about it. If you would like to talk about it first feel free to ring me. My number is 01787 227259. Our practise evening is Wednesday starting at 7.00 pm.

Our bell band have been heavily involved in the heritage outreach work, including the WW2 families' recordings and exhibition, with visits to Wells Hall and Bures schools and the school's festival at All Saints when we hosted a total of one hundred and twenty children from the two schools. They had a great time. Amongst other activities each child had a go on the hand bells and the tower bells so they could feel what it's like to become a bell ringer. Hopefully we have sown some seeds for future ringers. We had close to a hundred lovely thank you letters from the children.

The wartime exhibition was very well received, and we followed that up with visits to the schools. Rosemary Bullen and I went to Bures School to answer questions on the post war years and effect on our families. The intelligent questions raised by eleven-year-old children were amazing and a credit to them and their school. I took in a loaned Lancaster bomber co-pilot's jacket and a replica incendiary bomb. I am told that I am now known in Bures as the "Bloke with the bomb". Jenny Croft, another bell ringer, visited Wells Hall school with handbells, and a good time was had by all there.

The bell and war time exhibitions will be on display at the Harvest Fair on September 13th and 14th weekend. Do come and browse.

The heritage team have been logging local history documents so lots of valuable records being retained.

All the community engagement events have been in accordance with the terms of the National Lottery Heritage Fund grant for the church tower repairs. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have donated information, time, artefacts and help.



*Anne Johnson, centre, with members of the Little Cornard bell band*



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Little Cornard ringers have continued to represent the village at several events around the district.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to hosting the SW Suffolk bell ringers striking competition on July 26th at All Saints. Teams of bellringers from local churches compete to see which of them can achieve the best striking in a four-minute session. All Saints were last year's winners and so host the event this year.

Five of us were able to walk a short distance with the amazing Anne Johnson on her Coast to Coast Walk in memory of her son. We were able to join with the Yorkshire Association of Bell Ringers in Whitby and ring a five-minute session with them in memory of Matthew and in celebration of Anne's achievement. We were made very welcome, so thanks to the YACR. That's what bellringing can do!

Derek Rose, who taught us all, has recently had a back operation so is currently out of action. We wish him a speedy recovery.

On a sad note – since our last report we have lost the driver behind the restoration of the bells at this church. Robert Mackman passed away after a long and remarkably brave battle with cancer. He is very fondly remembered by all of us in the Little Cornard bell band, and we intend to ring a quarter peal at All Saints in his memory. Recently we had the opportunity to ring with John Taylor, the engineer who helped project manage the bell restoration, at his home tower in Debenham.

*Gerald Bird*

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## **One thousand, four hundred and sixty years ago...**

On 22nd August in the year 565 Celtic missionary and abbot Columba reportedly confronted the Loch Ness Monster and became the first recorded observer of the creature. "At the voice of the saint, the monster was terrified", wrote his 7th biographer St Adamnan, in his book, *The Life of Saint Columba*, "and fled more quickly than if it had been pulled back by ropes". Columba had been standing on the bank of the River Ness, which flows out of Loch Ness, contemplating the best way to cross to the other side. Whilst considering this problem, he encountered a group of Picts busy burying a friend who had been attacked by an "enormous water beast" while swimming in the river. In one of his many recorded miracles Columba laid his staff across the man's chest and brought him back to life. Columba then sent one of his monks to the opposite bank to fetch a cable that was moored there. The monster, alerted by the splashing around, reappeared and made for the swimming monk. Columba stepped boldly forward, made the sign of the cross and commanded "You will go no further! Do not touch the man! Leave at once!" The Picts were so impressed with this and the restoration to life of their friend that they all gave glory to the God of the Christians, were converted on the spot and baptized in the waters of the River Ness.

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## Parish Council update

I think this has been the hardest few months for me since I joined the Parish Council. With challenge comes immense satisfaction when the light shines in through the overgrown footpath. Yes, I'm talking footpath-gate – it rumbled on through the undergrowth. To the rescue came Josh on a machine that ate through, amongst others, the path from Spout Lane to the Lamarsh Lion pub. The paths are now all clear and on a programme. Money will be saved from this to be earmarked as under-spend for use on next year's budget. Saving money wasn't the reason they didn't get done, the reason for that was trusting an oversubscribed council contractor. We live and learn.

We are looking forward to summer parties, harvest festivals and the prospect of National Grid working ever closer to our village. When will work in the village start? No one will say. The PC are in communication with the Group to ensure we get some kind of repair to our village for the activity, hopefully to fund improvements to the Village Hall, which could be some play equipment, as the village hall repairs and improvements will likely be done long before any money arrives from National Grid. We have also appealed to SCC highways about diversions and road safety when the access roads are installed and vehicle movements begin with the huge kit it will need.

We continue to talk with SCC about a speed restricted village, the goal posts may well be changing as we are not the only village asking for this, and they will have to listen. It will take time though. The quiet lanes movement was rebutted at first – then later was agreed to.

We have benefitted from a resurfaced foot path to Henny from the Mere, courtesy of Babergh DC grants, with a more accessible kissing gate, and a new bridge across the Black Brook to the meadows. We will be asking for the stile to be removed and replaced with a gate at the Henny end to fully ensure those not able to navigate a stile can use the way.

This autumn the PC will purchase a bulk supply of daffodil bulbs, and we will invite everyone to take part in mass planting events where we hope to plant up to 5000 bulbs in Chapel Lane to brighten up the early spring. If you want to take part please share your details with us – if you are on the village WhatsApp we will publish dates there, but if you like a quieter life then get in touch with me or any councillor directly and we will ensure you are told when we will meet to do the mass planting. If successful, this may be an annual event.

If you have any feedback or questions please get in touch, and we will help where we can.

*Karen Gilbert on behalf of Little Cornard Parish Council*



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## Childhood Memories of Little Cornard

I was born at 3, Wyatts Lane, Little Cornard on 12th January 1941, the youngest of six children. I was the first baby to be born in Wyatts Lane. My parents, Stanley and Florence Walsh, along with my brothers and sisters Beryl, Roy, Connie (sadly no longer with us) and twins Tessa and Bobby had recently moved to Wyatts Lane. Later our family moved along to No 6 as it was bigger. Water for the cottages was from a pump in the road outside and we used paraffin lamps until electricity came to the village in the early 1960s. Paraffin and candles were bought from Wash's mobile shop.

My father was born in Bures. He served as a Sergeant Major in the Suffolk Regiment in both World Wars. At the time my parents met, my mother was training to be a nurse. In the early days of their marriage my parents lived at Alan's Farm Cottage, near Bures. Later the family moved to Slough Lane, more commonly referred to as "Slushy", in Little Cornard, before the move to Wyatts Lane.

My mother encouraged us all to be busy. Her saying was "If you can't find anything to do, I will find you something!" I think it was how the paper round was encouraged. It started with my eldest sister, Beryl. The bus from Bures brought the papers at 7.15 am, on its way to Sudbury. When it got to Wyatts Lane the bus slowed down, and the conductor dropped the papers out. Lucky they were tied up! When the papers had been sorted the round began up Spout Lane, Slough Lane, Upper Road, One Bell, Yorley Farm, Work House Green, Pond Farm, then back down Wyatts Lane. Not every house had a paper. We had to be back home to catch the 8.45 bus to school in Great Cornard. Once when one of my sisters was waiting for the paper bus it failed to slow down. It went on to Sudbury and she had to wait for it to come back. It made her late for school. On Saturdays we also had to collect the money for the papers and take it to Mansfield's at Bures. Knowing that I was going to Bures, the elderly lady next door frequently asked me to go to Mynott's and get some knicker elastic for her. I dreaded this as at the age of twelve or thirteen I found it really embarrassing to have to go upstairs at Mynott's to ask for it. I never found out what she did with all the elastic.

All four of us sisters were married at Little Cornard Church a few years later. Mum and Dad moved to a bungalow in Great Cornard.

My brother Roy was in the Royal Navy as a young man and spent time at HMS Ganges. In 1954 he was part of the crew of HMS Phoebe. Before the ship sailed, families of crew members were invited on board and were entertained to lunch and a tot of rum. It would be two years before the ship and its crew returned from its round the world assignment.

*Valerie Bareham*

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## News from Cornard Mere

I associate Meadow Brown butterflies with the months of July and August but to discover a specimen flying around the reserve on the afternoon of the 25th of May was quite unexpected. Celery-leaved Buttercup and Pink Water-Speedwell were flowering profusely, having taken advantage of the hot, dry Spring and early Summer weather, while Cuckoo Flower and Greater Yellowcress added to the display of wetland flora. Small Heaths, butterflies of conservation concern, patrolled the public footpath near the road, having probably travelled from the flourishing colony on Shalford Meadow. By mid-July only a small central pool, hidden from view by reeds, still supported a Mallard and her recently hatched ducklings.



July was an excellent month for butterflies. Commas, Red Admirals, Speckled Woods and Peacocks exploited the shafts of sunlight penetrating the tree canopy along the public footpath.

Towards the end of July cloud and light rain had become more prevalent but did not deter a Small Copper butterfly from searching out the shorter vegetation (see illustration). Their caterpillars feed mainly on Sorrel; a plant more frequently encountered in the meadow at Cornard Country Park.

As August approaches, flower heads of Water Mint are beginning to open and attract a wide variety of insects. I look forward to sharing some of those wildlife discoveries with readers in the next issue of the magazine.

*Robin Ford - Volunteer Suffolk Wildlife Trust Warden*

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## Dogs in the countryside

Little Cornard is a village of many dog owners and walkers. Despite having poo bins at various locations across the village, more and more unpicked poo has appeared which is not acceptable. Please pick up your dog's poo, and use our bins, or use your own bin. Should you be caught out there is the "stick it and flick it" option too, where you can kick or flick poop into the hedge row, so its not in a stepped-on area of a path. **There is no excuse. Please keep our village tidy.**

"The Countryside Code" requires us to keep dogs under control. In a game estate this means not allowing it to wander around game covers unchecked and means keeping to footpaths. Allowing a dog to worry, kill or interfere with game or livestock is not acceptable and can be illegal. Last season a large number of birds were killed by a dog, in their pen, and many more died from the stress. Please ensure dogs are kept on a leash near any covers or woods. There are pens in woods near the footpath from Upper Road to the pond at Caustens, and at Lower Farm, and covers on Kedington Hill and near the Mere. Whether you agree with field sports or not, dogs causing distress to livestock is not acceptable. The birds are not wild animals, they are livestock.

What if your dog brings a bird to you? Can you eat it? Well, no you can't, it belongs to someone. Also, last season the birds were being medicated to ensure their health, they are intensively reared at a game producer and as such disease is a risk. The medication is not suitable for human consumption. They often get medicated early in the season to ensure they are healthy. This can mean they are not fit for the table until the medication has passed through their system. What if you would like some game? Well, you could buy it from John Coleman butchers on the Market Hill, ready dressed (as in oven ready - not in the feather – maybe we should say "undressed" but this is Suffolk - nothing is simple!) or if you asked, I might be able to deliver you a brace of birds in the feather. YouTube has many videos on how to dress a bird. The shoot in our village takes a pride in being sustainable, and ensuring all the game goes to the table. They supply the Henny Swan (a chef there is one of our beating team) and the Crown pub in Stowupland which specialises in game. Their Game Changer dish is very popular!

If you are interested in taking part in the shoot as a team member and learning more about brushing / beating or seeing working dogs in action, doing just what they were bred for, get in touch. We are a very welcoming bunch and it's a great day out. Quite a few village members have joined the gang. Janett's inflatable Santa joined us last year!! I can promise you will see our valley and its amazing scenery from angles you can't normally access.

*Karen Gilbert*



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## **A different perspective**

I'd rather be in the mountains thinking of God, than in church thinking about the mountains.

*John Muir 1838-1914*

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### **Parish Council meeting dates**

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## **Community steps up to support St Nicholas Hospice Care and hospice looks ahead to new adventures**

It's hard to express just how much it means when our community rallies behind St Nicholas Hospice Care and so far this summer that support has been in full bloom.

In June, around 850 people took part in our Sunset Walk, only the second time we've held this special event.

As the sun set over Bury, families, friends and colleagues walked side by side, some in remembrance, others in celebration, but all united for hospice care.

Just a week later, over 1,500 visitors wandered through the Hidden Gardens of Bury. More than 30 generous garden owners opened their gates, sharing hidden courtyards, colourful borders and peaceful green spaces.

Together, these events will help fund the £22,000 the charity needs to raise every day to continue its work across West Suffolk and Thetford.

If this summer's spirit of giving has inspired you, why not look ahead to 2026?

The hospice has recently launched two bucket list fundraising challenges: a London to Paris cycle ride, and a Sahara Desert Trek. Whether you fancy cycling to the Eiffel Tower or hiking under desert stars, you'll make memories to last a lifetime and raise vital funds for local hospice care.

To everyone who's walked, opened a garden gate or is planning an adventure: thank you for standing with us.

Find out more about hospice fundraising challenges here:

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*Natalie Morris – St Nicholas Hospice Care*

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**All material for the Christmas magazine to be received by  
Tuesday 4th November**

This is the Little Cornard Magazine which reports on all areas of interest in the parish. The Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee assist the Church with the finance of this magazine.



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## Rich Fruit Teabread

### Ingredients:

- 275g / 10oz Dried mixed fruit
- 50g / 2oz Light soft brown sugar
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 1tsp clear honey
- 300ml / ½ pint Cold tea
- 1 Eating apple, peeled and grated
- 275g / 10oz Self raising flour

### Method:

Place the dried fruit, tea, sugar and apple in a bowl, cover and leave to soak for 4 to 5 hours. Preheat oven to 180C / 350F. Line a 2lb loaf tin. Stir the egg and flour into the fruit mixture, mix well and spoon into the prepared tin. Bake for 1 hour 20 minutes, covering with greaseproof paper for the last 45 minutes. Turn out and brush with melted honey.

Serve sliced and spread with butter.

*Recipe supplied by Brenda Pentney*

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## Calling all home bakers!

The All Saints Flower Festival in May was a huge success with visitor numbers estimated to be around 500 and thought to be a record for the event. The volunteers in the Schoolroom did a grand job serving sweet treats plus countless mugs of tea and coffee to the many tearoom customers. So busy were we that at one point it looked as though we might be in danger of the unthinkable - running out of cakes, with several bakers rolling up their sleeves and making extra on the Saturday evening.

We know that there must be many excellent cake makers in Little Cornard, so we are hoping that some more of you might consider making a cake (or two!) to donate for the Harvest Fair which is due to take place on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September. We need cakes and tray bakes that can be cut up and served as refreshments and also whole cakes, suitably wrapped, for the popular cake stall. If you are making jams or other preserves or have a glut of fruit, runner beans or other veg in your garden please consider donating some veg or a jar or two of jam to be sold on the stall.

If you are able to help with this please bring your cakes etc along on the day, or on Friday 12th when there will be people at the church getting ready for the weekend's event.

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Thank you in advance, *Rosemary Bullen*

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