

THE LITTLE CORNARD MAGAZINE



Harvest 2026



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 13th September Harvest Evensong at 4.30 pm

Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday at 10.30 am

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

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From All Saints Registers

BURIAL

Shirley Mary Cotton

INTERMENT of ASHES

Roger Thomas Layzell

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Vicar's Letter Harvest 2026

Dear friends,

Recently, my child and I found ourselves unexpectedly entertained by the potato harvest in a field we often pass. (That's probably not a sentence I ever imagined writing!) A conveyor belt whisked potatoes from the ground into a huge trailer parked on the road. Most made the journey perfectly. But every so often one would attempt an ambitious escape, launch itself at entirely the wrong angle, and land with an undignified thud onto the road. The trailer rolled on without it.



Watching this reminded me that the Bible often speaks about a different kind of harvest not of potatoes, but of people. It looks forward to the day when God gathers his people into his wonderful new creation, where sadness, pain and death are gone for good.

We hear a lot these days about *FOMO* the fear of missing out. Usually, it's about missing a bargain or arriving late to the village fête because you misread the time (I did that once!). Disappointing, perhaps. But missing out on eternal life with God in his paradise? That would be in a completely different league.

So how can we be sure we're included? Jesus gives a wonderfully simple answer: "*The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.*" (John 6:29). His invitation is open to everyone. As we celebrate Harvest Festival, let's give thanks not only for food on our tables, but also for the greatest invitation any of us will ever receive.

Daniel

Decorating the Church for the Harvest Fair

Once again, many thanks to all the ladies who helped decorate the church for the Flower Festival in May. The church looked amazing and we were able to continue to enjoy the displays at the Flower Festival Evensong service that Sunday evening. Well done everyone.

We are now looking forward to the Harvest Festival weekend of the 12th/13th September and will be setting up the flower arrangements starting at 9.30 am on Friday the 11th September.

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 so much appreciated.

Glyn Donnelly and Marian Turner

Churchwarden's Notes Harvest 2026

As this magazine goes to press, plans are taking shape for the Harvest Fair in September. The recent Flower Festival was a great success with the Saturday being like a summer's day and the Sunday being much cooler. Two days of fun and friendship concluded with a well-attended Evensong led by Rev'd Daniel. Thanks are due to so many people for making the weekend a success: a big Thank You to everyone who contributed in any way.

Sadly, we have lost dear Shirley Cotton, who passed away recently. We are also mourning the loss of Jonathan Drew, and now just this week we learn of the death of Jacqueline Tilbrook. Our thoughts and prayers are for their families and friends.

Our monthly gatherings on the First Tuesday of each month are a great time to enjoy fellowship and food. The schoolroom is open for coffee and tea from 10am until 3pm on these days and lunch is served at 1pm. All are welcome.

We would love to welcome you to one of our services or events. For service dates and times see the inside front cover of this magazine. We hope to see you soon.

Best wishes

Brenda Pentney

Remembrance Day

This year Remembrance Day falls on Sunday 8th November when once again we will gather around the war memorial in All Saints Churchyard to remember the fallen, and particularly those Little Cornard parishioners who lost their lives in the two world wars. We will hear the familiar words of the Remembrance Day service, the names on the war memorial will be read aloud, the last post and reveille will be sounded, and a two-minute silence will be observed.

The first two-minute silence held in London on 11th November 1919 was reported upon in The Manchester Guardian the following day:

The first stroke of eleven produced a magical effect.

The tram cars glided into stillness, motors ceased to cough and fume, and stopped dead, and the mighty limbed dray horses hunched back upon their loads and stopped also, seeming to do it of their own volition.

Someone took off his hat, and with a nervous hesitancy the rest of the men bowed their heads also. Here and there an old soldier could be detected slipping unconsciously into the posture of 'attention'. An elderly woman not far away, wiped her eyes, and the man beside her looked white and stern. Everyone stood very still... The hush deepened. It had spread over the whole city and became so pronounced as to impress one with a sense of audibility. It was a silence which was almost pain... And the spirit of memory brooded over it all.

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 the remainder of 2026 are: September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd and December 1st. 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

Bible ListenIN

Bite-size bits of inspiration from the Bible. Each time, *read* a tiny bit of the Bible, *reflect*, and *respond* with a prayer idea. This month we have two of Jesus' 'Kingdom Parables'.

Bible Read 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'
Matthew 13:31–32

Bible Reflect Jesus often spoke about a world where he is king - 'the Kingdom of heaven'. A tiny mustard seed hardly looks impressive, yet Jesus says that God's kingdom grows far beyond what anyone expects. When we look at the small beginnings of Jesus' church, we may be tempted to underestimate what God is doing. Yet millions of people across the world already belong to Jesus, and his kingdom is still growing.

Bible Respond *Father God, help us to see reality from your perspective. Amen.*

Bible Read 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.'
Matthew 13:44

Bible Reflect What would be worth investing everything in? Jesus invites us to imagine a world full of justice, kindness and peace; a world without hospitals, hankies or hearses; a world ruled by a perfectly wise and selfless King, and one that will never fade or fail. Suddenly the man's decision does not seem reckless at all - it seems wonderfully wise.

Bible Respond *Father God, show us what is truly valuable. Amen.*

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East Anglian Air Ambulance

Continues fundraising push for new Cambridge Air Base

East Anglian Air Ambulance has raised £2.6 million towards its £8.2 million Cambridge Air Base Appeal, thanks to the generosity of supporters across the region – but still has a long way to go to reach its fundraising target.

The charity is urgently trying to fund the creation of a new air base near Fulbourn, Cambridgeshire to replace its current home at Cambridge Airport, which is due to close before the end of the decade.

The new facility is essential to ensure East Anglian Air Ambulance can continue delivering its 24/7 lifesaving critical care service across Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk for decades to come.

The charity's distinctive yellow helicopters are a familiar sight across the region. Whether responding to serious road collisions, cardiac arrests, or medical emergencies at home or in the workplace, the charity's specialist doctors and critical care paramedics bring hospital-level treatment directly to patients when every second matters.

Dr Nicola Ebbs, Deputy Medical Director at East Anglian Air Ambulance, said: "We'd like to thank everyone who has donated to the Cambridge Air Base Appeal so far. Together, we've made an incredibly strong start and have been humbled by people's generosity. But this is only the beginning. There's still a significant amount of money to raise. Every donation will help ensure our crews can continue reaching critically ill and injured patients as quickly as possible, when every second counts."

East Anglian Air Ambulance relies entirely on charitable donations to deliver its lifesaving service and aftercare support for patients and their families. To support the Cambridge Air Base Appeal, visit: <https://www.eaaa.org.uk/cambridge-air-base-appeal>

Churches Providing Sanctuary During Heatwaves

England's churches and cathedrals have long been thought of as places of sanctuary and during this summer's heatwaves that has taken on a new meaning. Cathedrals are typically open during the day and have been providing cool spaces and welcome respite to help people cope with rising temperatures. Many churches not routinely open have been welcoming people. Rough sleepers and those living in accommodation with no outside space have been among those particularly to benefit. When one primary school closed because of the high temperatures in its classrooms a nearby church opened its doors for the children and teachers to shelter from the heat.



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Two Hundred Years Ago...

A three month heatwave and drought gripped the country in the summer of 1826. With no rain and temperatures on many days in the high 20s and some in the 30s, grain yields were poor with crops being so stunted that they had to be gathered by hand. Mill streams dried up meaning no corn could be ground and farmers cut down tree branches, the foliage of which was all they could find to feed to their cattle. Between the 1st June and the 31st August the mean temperature was 17.60C (63.68F) Making it the hottest summer on CET records since 1659 until 1976 and 2025 meaning that it is the third hottest summer in the CET records. This will almost certainly be surpassed by 2026 once all the data has been processed.

The **Central England Temperature** (CET) record is a meteorological dataset originally published by Professor Gordon Manley in 1953 and subsequently extended and updated in 1974, following many decades of work. The monthly mean surface air temperatures, for the Midlands region of England, are given (in degrees Celsius) from the year 1659 to the present. It is monthly from 1659, and a daily version has been produced from 1772.

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Shirley Mary Cotton

Shirley was born in 1935, the daughter of Ken and Dylis Deeks. She and her younger sister, Jean, grew up at Greys Hall Farm.

Growing up in a hunting and racing family, it was only natural that her first love was horses, from the smallest ponies to hunters and point-to-pointers. As a child she was once found trying to persuade her pony to climb into her tree house. Her other great passion was art, and her sketchbooks were filled with drawings and paintings of horses. Her father, who hunted with the artist Sir Alfred Munnings, once showed him her sketchbooks - much to her embarrassment.

She went on to Art College, but when there was a national appeal for more nurses, she answered the call and moved to London to train for four years. Nursing opened up opportunities to work overseas. Her first post was in Finland before she travelled to America with a friend. Finding the work there disappointing, they applied for positions advertised by the Canadian Government and took jobs in Sioux Lookout, a remote community in northern Ontario.



Shirley Cotton

It was there that fate intervened. Shirley met a young Englishman who was nursing there, Ken Apter, who would become our father. They returned to England to marry before heading back to Canada, this time to an even more isolated post at Moose Factory on the shores of Hudson Bay. While they were there, Shirley adopted an orphaned black bear cub. Around the same time, she discovered she was expecting her first child. She was determined to return home to have the baby and equally determined to bring the bear with her. Nothing her mother could say would change her mind. Only when the spoilsports at BOAC refused to book a live bear onto a transatlantic flight was she finally forced to leave him behind.

Back in England, the three of us children were born in quick succession: 'Bud', Jem and Sue. Dad was never destined to be a farmer, so in 1969 the family emigrated once again, this time to Gods Lake Narrows in northern Manitoba. The small community was accessible only by float plane, while heavy freight arrived each January via the ice road. Mum and Dad ran the nursing station, caring primarily for several hundred members of the local Cree First Nation, alongside a handful of white families.

As children, we loved life there. Unfortunately, while the one-room school was great fun, the education was rather limited, so we eventually returned to school in England, supported by the wider family.

After a few years the family moved to Norway House, a larger community with the regional hospital, where Mum and Dad took charge of the Public Health Department.

The loss of Bud at Christmas 1976 changed everything, and a fresh start was needed. The following summer they moved to Pond Inlet, a small community in the Canadian High Arctic, some 400 miles north of the Arctic Circle. The scenery and wildlife were extraordinary, with polar bears, walrus, whales and an abundance of bird life. During the summer, narwhal and beluga whales migrated past the community. One of Shirley's most memorable journeys was to hold a clinic at an Inuit hunting camp on the floe edge - a 50-mile journey across the ice to where it meets the open sea, a place teeming with wildlife on the land, in the sea and in the air.



Shirley in her nursing days

In 1980 the family returned to England for good. Shirley enrolled once more at Art College, this time alongside Sue. Later she took a post with the Simon Community in London, working with people experiencing homelessness.

In the run up to Christmas, she managed to fall off the Aga while dusting the shelf above it! The accident shattered her hip, and from then on, she walked with a crutch, although it did little to slow her down.

She now married John Cotton, and together they set off on an extended journey through India, Nepal and Kathmandu, including walking in the foothills of Annapurna.

Mum was also a devoted grandmother. She would park her caravan in the meadow so she could be close at hand whenever she was needed. Later, she and John drove all the way to Sicily when he took up a six-month appointment as the Anglican vicar in Taormina. Their home at Chillesford was always full of warmth, laughter and family, especially when the grandchildren were there.

After John's death, Mum bought herself a cabin and moved back to Greys Hall. She filled her days with family and friends, particularly her bridge circle, fellow artists and poets. She continued sculpting and, among many other works, created sculptures of each of her young grandchildren.

The arrival of her great-grandchildren brought her immense joy. They are now the sixth generation to grow up on the farm.

Jeremy Apter



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Hello Timothy!

Two groups of children from Pot Kiln School have undertaken a survey of the flowers seeded during January 2025, on the grass verge near their school. Some of those carrying out the surveys had taken part in the sowing of the seed. A hitherto mown area of grass verge is now a meadow, and a habitat for wildlife, right there!

Kidney Vetch, Corncockle, Cornflower and Yellow Rattle were not present in the patch before it was seeded. It was a good time for the survey as all 4 species were still in flower but had also set seed from early blooms. We examined the seed pods and how they have developed from their respective flower; the differing shapes and means of seed dispersal reflected in the pods. Picking and opening 8 of the dry corncockle seed pods it was fascinating to find that 3 of them had 48 seeds, they all held between 45 and 50 seeds.

As we walked through the area grasshoppers were springing up and moths fluttering away.

Looking more closely at the grass revealed that there are different types, and of course, like flowers, they do have names – Barren Brome, Cock's Foot, Yorkshire Fog and Timothy Grass. A grass called Timothy! Many of the children asked if they could take their grasses away; they all took some Timothy, and would no doubt, be introducing other children to Timothy!

Sarah Davies

Cornard Environment and Wildlife Group



*Kidney Vetch and Corncockle
seed heads*



Timothy Grass



Cornflower

Parish Council Update

Current Projects

In collaboration with the trustees of the Layzell Bures Charity and fulfilling a request from the beloved Ray Davis, a new permissive path between Kedington Hill and the Mere path has been opened. This provides a safe link to and from our lanes and the upper village to the valley, other places such as the Hennys and into town. Thanks to Jason Wilson, who organised the path signs and clearance for us.

Hopefully, the walkers in the village will have noticed a difference in the maintenance of footpaths. We believe that delivering path maintenance at a local level is an improvement on previous services supplied. In the same vein, the Parish Council has appointed a new private contractor for hedge cutting. This means that hedges will now be cut earlier in the season.

The National Grid has launched its Local Fund. Working closely with the Village Hall team and All Saints Church, we have attended a presentation to understand how to successfully navigate the application process. The fund has several criteria; however, essentially it is not time-bound and does not require match funding. The Parish Council has formed its project group to start making applications for village projects.

Many of us experienced chaos, in some shape or form, due to the recent planned and unplanned road closures on the B1508. The Parish Council has written to Mark Thurston, CEO of Anglian Water. Our letter not only documents the repercussions of poor road closures but formally requests a different approach to signage, to prevent vehicles from using our lanes as informal cut-throughs. We have invited Mr Thurston and his team to visit Little Cornard to understand the topography and to discuss how we can work together to achieve outcomes that will help Anglian Water's maintenance teams and safeguard our lanes. We are committed to resolving this issue and will be pressing for the mains pipework to be replaced to minimise disruption in the long term.

The speed reduction project continues to progress. At the beginning of July, there were two speed indication devices (SID) placed at the bottom of Spout Lane and one on Blackhouse Lane. These provide data regarding the volume and speeds of vehicles. Once the data has been downloaded and analysed, Suffolk County Council will collate these data with previously gathered data and produce a report for legal consideration.

Following the success of last year's daffodil planting project, we will continue planting up areas in the village to create spring displays. If you would like to join the planting group or buy half bags (approximately 250 bulbs) of daffodils at wholesale prices for your own garden or frontage, please direct message Karen Gilbert or email clrgilbert@littlecornard-pc.gov.uk

For updates on these and other projects we continue to work on, come along to the parish council meetings or look out for the meeting minutes. Meeting dates for 2026 are: September 15th and November 17th at 7 pm, in the village hall.

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

Cllr Karen Winter

on behalf of Little Cornard Parish Council

News From Cornard Mere

Cornard Mere has been attracting naturalists for over 250 years. Not all of them visited in person. During the late 1980s Mary Briggs who was, at the time, secretary of the BSBI (now the Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland), discovered Cornard Mere from the comfort of a seat in London's Natural History Museum. She was making an in depth study of the Herbarium of Joseph Andrews, an apothecary/botanist who practised from premises in Sudbury during the first half of the 18th century. According to labels attached to over 500 specimens found in the herbarium, at least 50 species were collected from Cornard Mere. These included Golden Dock *Rumex maritimus* and Cypress Sedge *Carex pseudocyperus*, two species, with unusual habitat requirements, that can still be found growing at Cornard Mere today.

Joseph Andrews (1688-1764) was the older half brother of Robert who appears in the painting by Thomas Gainsborough now displayed as part of the National Gallery collection in Trafalgar Square. His mother was Elizabeth Nunn who was a member of a prominent family of Sudbury drapers. In the early 1990s, Eileen King of the Little Cornard Conservation Society, found the will of Joseph Andrews in the Suffolk Record Office, now housed at the Hold in Ipswich. In his will, dated 19th June 1762, Joseph expressly wished to be buried next to his mother in Great Cornard Churchyard. The Table Tomb can still be seen today but all traces of the inscription have long since been worn away.

Robin Ford

**Voluntary Suffolk Wildlife
Trust Warden**



Nunn family tomb

The Bell Tower Report July 2026

Our Wednesday practise evenings and Sunday service ringing continue following a recent busy period when Little Cornard provided ringers for weddings at Bures, Nayland and Acton churches and rang at the special Service of Dedication following the major restoration work carried out on the four clock faces at St Mary's Church in Bures.

We enjoyed ringing in our own tower for the renewal of wedding vows celebration of Scott and Helene Savage. We rang for the first wedding celebration held at St Peters (The Sudbury Arts Centre) since ownership was handed over to the Churches Conservation Trust. The first wedding celebration to be held there, so we believe, for fifty years.

On a sadder note, we rang at Acton Church for the funeral of Roger Lane, a childhood resident of this village (we went to school together at Great Cornard & Sudbury) who sadly passed away from a heart attack whilst raising the St Georges Day flag on top of the Acton Church tower. The fire service had to recover his body.

He was a lovely chap, worked for the Sue Ryder Charity for many years, did great things for Acton Village and was an accomplished artist. He always retained a love for Little Cornard.

On Tuesday 9th June Jill Apter tolled the 6 tailors and 91 strokes on the All Saints tenor bell in memory of her mother-in-law Shirley Cotton, who passed away recently. This solemn tolling is traditionally used to announce a death in the village. Nine tolls to announce the death of a man, six for a woman and three for a child. This is then followed by one stroke for each year of the person's life.

Some from our All Saints band rang at Wormingford church in memory of Barry Gibbons, long-time captain of the bell tower there and life member of the Essex Association of Change Ringers. He was 'Mr Wormingford' to many folks. He helped many of us in learning to ring.

We enjoyed sessions of ringing and providing the opportunity to have a go at ringing a bell at the Flower Festival in May. What a good couple of days we had there. Thank you all for the support from village and surrounds for that weekend. Our plant stall was ultra busy!

More recently we provided ringers for the St Peters Day Service, organised by Churches Together in Sudbury and District, and held in St Peters on Sudbury's Market Hill. We received thanks for our efforts from Rev Doarks, rector of St Gregory's church in Sudbury, who helped conduct the service.

During July we had a visit from the Framland ringers from Leicestershire and Lincolnshire to ring our bells. As usual they loved them! Interestingly, they had with them five dogs and two parrots!! (the parrots did not ring!), and later in July another accomplished band, also from Leicestershire, visited.



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Our Little Cornard Tower membership now stands at sixteen, all Suffolk Guild members with five of us also having membership of the Essex Association of Change Ringers. Membership of either gives insurance cover for us during ringing.

We welcome anyone who would like to learn how to ring the bells or just learn more about them. If you would like to talk about it first, feel free to ring me on 01787 227259 or just come along on a Wednesday evening. Practise starts at 7.00 pm

If you learn to ring it is helpful if you offer a session or two to ring for Sunday services, but it is not obligatory. Some people learn and do not attend church. It is good exercise, gets you out among very friendly groups of people all over the district and maintains an ancient traditional art. There must be more Little Cornard, Bures and Assington area folk who would like to learn! Several people from Assington have expressed an interest – we are here if you would like to give it a try.

We are planning to do some ringing and give anyone who would like to have a go, a chance to try ringing a bell over the Harvest Fair weekend in September. Hope to see all of you there.

Gerald Bird

Did you know:

1. A quarter peal of bellringing takes around 45 minutes continuous ringing – (without mistakes) and consists of 1260 changes.
2. A full peal is 5040 changes and takes around 3 hours continuous ringing without error.
3. Bures Church bells had been in the tower since the 15th century but in 1733 lightning struck the tower and melted all but one bell (the number 6) which had been cast in 1658!
4. The Bures bells ring in an anticlockwise direction unlike most towers that ring clockwise.

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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. Dates for the remainder of 2026 are 5th September, 3rd October, 31st October and 28th November.

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 or you can contact the library service by telephoning 01473 351249 or email help@suffolklibraries.co.uk

Tree Maintenance Work

You may have noticed that we recently had some dead trees that were in the churchyard cut down as they could have become a safety hazard. The larger sections were cut up into logs which have been stacked within the churchyard where, as they decay, will provide a home for the beetles and bugs. All part of the Eco church strategy.



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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 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>

Please note that Tesco no longer has a Foodbank collection point.

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Ride and Stride 2026

The annual bike ride in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust will take place on **Saturday 12th September**, which is the weekend of the Harvest Fair, so riders (and striders) can be sure of a warm welcome when they come to be signed in.

Last year the total raised in Suffolk was £220,000. 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.

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. Participants are sponsored for each place of worship visited, or with a donation regardless of the number of churches visited. Little Cornard has benefited from grants from SHCT, so it is a worthwhile cause, as well as an excuse to spend some time exploring the lovely Suffolk countryside at one of the best times of the year.

If you are thinking of taking part, please contact me for sponsor forms and a list of churches.

Alternatively, you can find information on the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust website.

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LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes from Parish Council meetings are available on:

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Parish Council Meeting Dates

**17th March, 19th May, 21st July, 15th September
and 17th November**

Nominated Neighbour Scheme

A new Nominated Neighbour Scheme is being launched in Sudbury and Haverhill as part of a partnership between Suffolk Police, Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch and Trading Standards, to help protect elderly and vulnerable residents from distraction burglaries, bogus callers and rogue traders.



The scheme complements existing community safety initiatives, including the No Cold Calling Sticker campaign and the Trusted Trader Scheme run by Trading Standards.

Together, these measures aim to increase residents' confidence, improve home security and reduce the risk of crime targeting vulnerable people.

The free scheme enables residents to nominate a trusted friend, neighbour or relative to act as an intermediary when an unexpected caller arrives at their door.

The nominated person should ideally live nearby or be easily contactable by telephone and be available to help during the day.

To join the scheme, a Police Officer, Trading Standards officer or Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator will visit the resident to explain how it works.

The resident will identify a trusted individual, with their agreement, to become their Nominated Neighbour.

The resident will then receive a leaflet containing the nominated neighbour's details.

If an unfamiliar caller knocks on the door, the resident is advised not to open the door or engage with them. Instead, they can display the leaflet through a window, letterbox or closed door.

The leaflet instructs the caller to contact or visit the nominated neighbour instead.

The nominated neighbour can then verify the caller's identity and, if they are genuine, accompany them back to the resident's home to supervise the visit.

Experience from other areas where similar schemes operate has shown that suspicious callers often leave immediately, while legitimate callers are happy to verify their identity and return for a pre-arranged appointment when the nominated neighbour is present.

The Nominated Neighbour Scheme is another example of successful partnership working between Suffolk Police Community Policing Teams, Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch and Suffolk Trading Standards to keep communities safe.

The initiative is believed to be the first of its kind in Suffolk. It will initially be rolled out

in Sudbury and Haverhill, with the potential for wider expansion across the county in the future.

PC Oakley Haverhill CPT and Mark Smith, NHW Police Liaison.

New Beat Officer for Little Cornard

I would like to introduce you to PC Amos-Brown.

He is the new local Beat Officer for Little Cornard.

If you see him while you are out and about, please feel free to stop and say hello.

Mark Smith Suffolk NHW.

"Following seven years of service in the British Army, I transitioned into policing and have served for six years across both Suffolk and Essex Constabularies.

I bring a strong sense of discipline, and commitment to public service, developed through my military and policing experience.

I am currently based in the Sudbury rural area, my responsibilities include addressing anti-social behaviour, tackling drug-related offences, and engaging with local schools to deliver crime awareness and prevention initiatives.



I take pride in contributing to the safety and wellbeing of the community through proactive policing and partnership working".

PC 555 Amos-Brown
Sudbury & Haverhill
Waldingfield, Boxford and Bures



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
Tuesday 3rd 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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Little Cornard Village Hall Update

Refurbishment works to the hall are now complete and have been well received. On behalf of the village hall management committee, I would like to thank the builders Leaway Development Ltd for their support and quality of workmanship, Gerry Bird for his architectural and project management services and Babergh Council for their financial funding support.

Bookings at the hall since the completion of works have been relatively modest but the number of enquiries for hire has increased in recent weeks. Whilst the hall is small it is ideal for hosting children's parties, small groups with shared interests, band practices etc. and has good disabled access. Additional parking can be accommodated on the green space as well as the erection of marquees if required.

Hire rates have been increased this year but they are still very good value for money starting from £25 for a morning or afternoon session.

The committee hosted a quiz night in April which was again well attended and enjoyed by all, and by the time you read this our annual summer BBQ event will have been held on the 1st August. There will be an Autumn quiz on Saturday 3rd October, and a further Fun Casino night will be held on Saturday 14th November after last year's event was deemed a success. Tickets for these events will be on sale later in the summer but are limited in number so book early.

With the recent announcement of funding opportunities from National Grid the Village Hall committee is working with the Parish Council to consider what children's play equipment and seating may be accommodated on the green space next to the village hall. This project is still at an early stage, but draft plans and costings will be available towards the end of July and can be discussed at future PC meetings.

For any enquiries re hire of the village hall or for any suggestions on what other social events could be held at the hall please don't hesitate to contact me.

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