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2014





SERVICES at ALL SAINTS

Regular Sunday Services at 10.30am at All Saints

except 1st Sunday of the month
Benefice Communion
at St Mary's, Bures at 10.30am



Harvest Festival
Sunday, 14th September at 6.30 p.m.



Remembrance Day
Sunday, 9th November at 10.30 a.m.

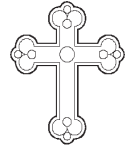


Christingle
Sunday, 23rd November at 10.30 a.m.

Dear Friends,

March 2014

It's many years now since, as a frantically busy lawyer, I was encouraged by my wife Angela to make time to attend a weekend course called "You and the Ministry" - a course aimed at people who felt that God might be giving them a gentle nudge in that direction. While we were on the course, we found the words of one particular speaker very striking. He reminded us all of the story of how Abraham left his homeland in response to a prompting from God and set off in faith for an undefined Promised Land, without a clue to where it all might lead.



The story of Abraham came to me again today, as Angela and I begin our very last week of ministry in Somerset, before we pack up and head East to join you in Little Cornard and the rest of the Benefice. By the time you read this, the packing cases will have been emptied (or most of them!) and we will have started to get to know many of you already. It is of course sad to be leaving Somerset after so many years, but the example of Abraham helps me to remember that God's style is often to ask us to step out into new things and to take a risk or two away from whatever the comfort zone of the moment might be.

And so we find ourselves about to cross to the other side of the country full of excitement for what God holds in store. We're thrilled at the prospect of coming to Suffolk, getting to know the churches, their communities and a new part of the country. Most of all, we're looking forward to making new friends with whom we can step out into a new adventure together.

We'll be joined by our son Jonathan, 20, who is the youngest of our three (now adult) children. His older sisters, Sarah and Eleanor, both teachers, now spend most of the time away from home, in Croydon and Berkshire respectively. No doubt they'll be seen around from time to time in the school holidays. Angela will be taking a break from her previous work as a School Business Manager (what we used to call a bursar in the old days) while she finds her feet and explores new possibilities.

Since attending that "You and the Ministry" course all those years ago, we've found that God has given us the opportunity to do things and to go places that we would never have thought possible - and now that includes coming to Suffolk! Unlike Abraham, we at least know where our destination will be on the map. He hadn't a clue where his journey would end and I suppose there's another sense in which that is true of all of us. How might God be gently prompting us all to journey on with him? Time will tell - that's what makes the future risky, but exciting!

With very best wishes,
Steve.

CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP

A merry band of helpers
turned out on Saturday,
5th April for a churchyard
clear-up and tidy.

The photograph shows the
team enjoying coffee,
bacon rolls and doughnuts
during their break.



Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday was celebrated with Holy Communion by a congregation of 50 all of whom were given Cadbury's Creme Eggs after the service. Thirty stayed on for our Easter Breakfast of fruit juice, cereals, ham & eggs, toast, coffee and tea, always a very jolly and convivial gathering. Thanks go to the ladies and gentlemen of the PCC for their hard work and provision of the food.

Flower Festival

Although the weather wasn't brilliant, we had a steady turnout of visitors to our Annual Flower Festival, held 10th and 11th May. In addition to the beautiful floral arrangements, there was also a magnificent display of hand-made quilts which were much admired by our visitors, many of them being available to buy. The tea room was busy over the whole two days, our Ploughman's lunches and our "Famous Sausage Rolls" doing particularly well. Thanks must go to all the ladies who helped serve refreshments and also to Lorraine who did a splendid job on her cake sales table. Thank you also to the ladies who provided the flower arrangements, and also those who helped in putting up the tents, etc. A grand sum of £2100 was raised over the two days, this to be shared between the Tony Moore Memorial Bell Fund and Coping with Breast Cancer.

Church Flowers

We will be decorating the Church for the Harvest Festival as usual and I will contact the helpers nearer the time to give details of when the Church will be open for this. Any queries, please contact Marian Turner - 01787 377889 or myself, Sue Macdiarmid - 01787 375858.

Thank you to everyone for their assistance for the May Flower Festival - the flowers were wonderful and so enjoyed by all the visitors we had over that weekend.

SUE MACDIARMID

CHURCH OPENING

The Schoolroom and Church are open every first Tuesday of the month,
between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm

Anyone will be welcome to join us for refreshments,
(including soup at lunchtime!) and general socialising or, if you prefer, enjoy
some peace and quiet reflection in our church.

If you require any further information please contact

Brenda Pentney 01787 227615 or Virginia Mackman 01787 228077

Pet Service

The annual Pet Service was held on Sunday, 23rd June at Workhouse Green. The service is usually held in our marquee which is erected on the Green, and in previous years we have literally had to hold down the poles to stop it blowing away. However, it was a very calm day this year and with a good forecast it was decided to set the chairs out on the Green without the protection of the marquee. Sunhats and sunglasses were the order of the service with added umbrellas for sun-shading. An elderflower drink and biscuits were enjoyed by the congregation afterwards.

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THE CENTENARY FUND

A NEW FUND FOR A NEW CENTURY

To mark one hundred years of the diocese of Ipswich and St Edmundsbury, a new fund has been launched to support church based community projects. Rather than a short term fund, this is an endowment fund where the interest is used to make small grants to qualifying projects, and the money available will grow and grow in the coming years as more people make contributions..

The fund will support projects that help serve the local community, eg the adaptation of a church and church hall for more community use, or a project that supports a particular group in the community, or an innovative children's or youth project. Applications must be by an Anglican organisation but partnership working with others is encouraged.

Rather than trying to reinvent the wheel, the Diocesan Board of Finance has decided to work with the Suffolk Community Foundation. Over recent years the Foundation has developed endowment funds in excess of £4M. Last year it allocated grants of £1.6M to community groups throughout Suffolk. The Foundation has developed an expertise in managing such funds. It also has experienced Grants Officers who will be able to support groups as they make applications and advise the Grants Panel (made up of people appointed by the Bishop) which will make the final decision about which projects get funded. This is a much more cost effective solution than the diocese trying to do the work.

If the Fund is to succeed it will require income. Individuals can give, either on a one off basis or by standing order. Legacies are very important for the future work of the church, so why not remember the Fund in your will. The PCC will also be considering how we may contribute.

Full details about the Fund and how to support it are in the information packs in the church and also on the Suffolk Community Foundation website

www.suffolklcf.org.uk

Clare Lodge - Secretary to Little Cornard Parochial Church Council.

Little Cornard Conservation Society

The winter programme kicks-off in September with a talk by Brian Sinclair on the Jubilee Sailing Trust. A new speaker for us in October, and one very well known in the local community of Sudbury and its surrounding villages, is Roger Green who will give us "600 years in 60 minutes." Pip Wright is our speaker for November, talking about Lady Alice de Bryene of Acton. Our meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at Little Cornard Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. Guests and new members are always welcome – enquiries to **Patricia Monk on 01787 227614.**

Harvest Fair

Saturday, 13th September, 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Games, Produce, Fun Dog Show, Refreshments, Bric-a-brac, etc.

If you would like to donate preserves, produce, or a cake for our cake stall/refreshments table, please call Patricia on 227614.

Eileen and Noel will once again run their bottle stall.

All donations of bottles for the stall to Eileen and Noel (227447).

There will be a bric-a-brac stall (Marian on 377889 or Jill on 373439)

Donations of books for the book stall should be given to the Churchwardens.

Further notices will be posted about the fun dog show

Please watch the village notice boards.

More Dates for Your Diary

Harvest Supper in the Schoolroom

Saturday, 4th October, 7.00 p.m.

I you would like to join us for a two course supper and entertainment

Please call Virginia on 228077 or Brenda on 227615

Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Schoolroom

Friday, 26th September

10.00 a.m. until 12.30 p.m.

All proceeds to **MACMILLAN** Cancer Support

QUIZ NIGHT - Bures Community Hall

Saturday, 25th October - 7.00 p.m.

Little Cornard Village Hall Committee are hosting a Quiz Night with supper to raise funds for Village Hall repairs.

If you would like to join us.

Please call Ruth on 227467 or Patricia on 227614

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES ANNUAL BICYCLE RIDE

This year's cycle ride will be taking place on September 13th. For information and sponsor forms please telephone Sue and John Macdiarmid, who are the local contacts for this event, on **01787 375858**.



WORLDS BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

You are invited to the Schoolroom at All Saints Church on Friday 26th September between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm to join the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. There will be Coffee and Cakes, a Bring and Buy stall and a Raffle. This is a new venue for my annual event as it seems to have outgrown my dining room.

Please do support Macmillan Cancer Care while enjoying Coffee and Cake
Brenda Pentney

Churchwardens Corner - News from All Saints

Here we are sitting in the sun at the beginning of July eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new incumbent, the Rev Stephen Morley, who will be installed by the time you read this.

Spring and summer have been a busy time with the season of Lent, Easter and Pentecost. We celebrated Mothering Sunday with a light hearted service and flowers for all Mothers.

Palm Sunday saw us processing round the churchyard led by a donkey to replicate the ride into Jerusalem.

Our Easter Service was followed by the usual Church Family breakfast.

May saw us into the Flower Festival at which the church as usual looked absolutely splendid decorated not only with flowers but also bedecked in quilts of many colours and designs. The sum of over £2100 was raised which will be donated to The Tony Moore Memorial Bell Fund and Coping with Breast Cancer. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the weekend such a success.

We have had our usual services here in church with the Pet Service held at Workhouse Green which for a change was held in brilliant sunshine with no need of a tent but just sunshades.

We are looking forward to supporting Steve as he starts his Ministry here at All Saints and in the Benefice. We are sure that you will join us in welcoming Steve, Angela and their family.

By Sarah Griffin

Room 4 in the corner of one of the big event areas of London's Excel centre is not a lovely or a glamorous place. It has bright white breeze block walls, a grey office carpet and sagging curtains across the hastily erected exit. The sharp overhead lights shine cruelly off the bald head of an earnest looking man who sits beside a woman of such exquisite, jaw dropping, reality-defying beauty that no one is looking at the panel of speakers. Well, not all the time anyway.

The man is Foreign Secretary William Hague. The woman is Hollywood star Angelina Jolie. And here they are standing shoulder to shoulder (to borrow from the lexicon of the Blair-Bush era of trans-Atlantic co-operation) fighting the evil of rape in war zones.

He shuffles occasionally in his seat - it's hard not to imagine that he's running multiple scripts in his head with Iraq, Syria and the Ukraine all in trouble - even while the passionate, heart breaking testimony of a rape survivor from Uganda called Esther echoes around the room.

But Jolie? She is stillness itself, perched on a white plastic chair, oblivious to all but this one voice telling of abduction and multiple rape at the age of just nine, a child snatched from the potato field in which she'd gone to hide when warlords visited her village.

Discreet grey suits, some with wires up the back of their necks and curling into their ears stand like a Praetorian Guard a couple of metres away. Who they're for it's hard to say since Hague and Jolie both merit close protection. But at the Global Summit to end Sexual Violence in War held in London in June, the power of her beauty and stardust outgunned his statesmanship.

And there, right there, is the fulcrum on which this unexpected relationship between Hollywood and Westminster pivots. Crucially, it's also what got them both into rather a lot of bother in the broadsheets, the tabloids and with the dear old Rottweiler himself John Humphrys on Radio 4's Today programme.

Jolie, with her chiselled cheekbones, soft eyes and pillowing lips, is wearing a modest ivory shirt with a pussy cat bow at the neck and grey Oxford bags. Her hair is caught in a sophisticated roll above large pearl earrings with only the absolutely whopping diamond engagement ring given to her by Brad Pitt adding a bit of bling. She is media and public catnip.

Hague is rather more handsome in the flesh than pictures give him credit for. He looks fitter and fresher than your average politician and those flat Yorkshire tones are authoritative and measured but not for nothing is politics known as showbiz for ugly people.

They should make a very odd couple but their body language is a revelation. It is warm, familiar and admiring. They are at the helm of 80 hours of global action and they want to make every one of those hours matter. They work hard: when they are not at the negotiating table they are on the floor at the fringe or hosting evening events. In more than 20 years on Fleet Street I have never seen a film star and a Cabinet Minister act so accessible.

And for this they were pilloried throughout the four-day summit which was attended by representatives from 200 nations, a gathering of politicians, policemen, the military, faith leaders, health workers, community leaders and victims - victims like Esther.

Let's consider her for a second. Esther was used daily for sex by dozens of rebel fighters for whom she also had to cook and clean and carry jerry cans of oil on her head all while shackled round the waist. When she ultimately escaped she ran naked and barefoot for a day and a night until she got to a village where she was given a sack to preserve her modesty. A true story of sackcloth and ashes - for a child whose only crime was to have hidden in the wrong field. There are tens of thousands more stories like hers - many from our own back yard in the Balkans.

It took two years to organise a conference which created new global protocols to investigate and prosecute rape as a war crime. It's unfortunate that Iraq was being overrun by Muslim extremists the very week it was held but honestly, somewhere in the world is always going to be going to hell in a handcart whenever you schedule something like this.

Yet given the hostility directed at William Hague for chairing it and the spitting fury that Angelina Jolie's human rights work should have earned her a Damehood in the Queen's Birthday Honours, you'd have thought the pair of them had gone for a picnic, chin-chinned some Pimms and enjoyed a languid afternoon in a punt.

Westminster was star struck and Hollywood was posturing, shouted the headlines. Why was the Foreign Secretary hanging out with Angelina when he should be saving the Middle East and why was Jolie messing about with politics when she should be wearing a nice frock on the red carpet and doing publicity for her new Disney film?

Well, um, because they are both brave and principled and strategic warriors for vulnerable women and children who know that together they are far more than the sum of their parts. He has the political clout to create change. She can make it box office. Criticising them for trying to do so was neither clever nor compassionate.

And if you don't believe me then try asking Esther.



Missing Buzzards?

For some time now we have been able to watch from our vantage point at Workhouse Green a pair of buzzards soaring over the valley. Earlier this year an adolescent joined them and screeches could be heard from schooling in the art of flying. We have not seen them for some time and wonder where they are and have questioned whether they are still alive? It has been suggested by Peter Cutmore that the recently seen Red Kite could have evicted them from their chosen home (or has something more sinister happened to them).

Dave and Jan Porter

‘The roads in Little Cornard’

Widely discussed and not a popular subject but I would offer some points for consideration. Personally I feel trapped living in Spout Lane, I would like to take my grand-daughter for a walk but the inconsiderate driving standards of a minority together with the mud and water on the road make it too great a risk. I suspect that many of you living on the other approach roads have similar concerns. But what can we do about it?

In the Channel Islands there are designated ‘Green Lanes,’ these are roads very similar to the ones in Little Cornard. A Green Lane has a mandatory 20mph speed limit and drivers have to give priority to walkers, cyclists and riders. Why can’t we have a Green Lane policy which allows residents to take advantage of the benefit of living in a beautiful rural area. After all it is not as though we get a lot for our local taxes!

After weeks of rain road conditions are deplorable and it is easy to blame the local council for poor investment and low standards of workmanship. I believe there is another factor which seems to be largely ignored. When I was young we had men described as ‘hedgers and ditchers,’ their job was to cut hedges and clear ditches. Nowadays hedges are mechanically cut leaving all the brash to lie in the ditches. The ditches overflow and the culverts under and alongside roads become blocked. Instead of the ditches taking water away from the roads they now overflow onto the roads causing considerable damage. My understanding is that councils and landowners have responsibility for the maintenance of ditches and culverts on their land. I will raise these points at the next Parish Council meeting and hope some of you might support me. I would also ask all of us to encourage both local and non local drivers to drive responsibly.

Nick Hammond

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - DID YOU KNOW?

1. If you wish to plant up your roadside verge with flowers or shrubs, even if you may own the verge in question, you will need to apply for a licence from the Highway Authority which in this parish is Suffolk County Council.
2. The placing of hard items on roadside verges to protect them from inconsiderate or impatient drivers, even though you may own the verge, contravenes Sections 148 and 161 of the Highways Act 1980. The Highway Authority can require such items to be removed.

PETER CUTMORE - Vice-Chairman Little Cornard Parish Council

Quiet Lanes Suffolk - *from* James Finch

Suffolk County Councillor - Stour Valley Division

Project contact details - Quiet Lanes Suffolk www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk

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DOWNLOAD THE LEAFLET

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The Quiet Lanes Suffolk pilot project is coordinated by a group of representatives from the parishes of Bromeswell, Butley, Chillesford, Eyke, Felixstowe, Newbourne and Waldringfield, and by Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB.

Funding support has come from the AONB Sustainable Development Fund, Amenity & Accessibility Fund, Big Lottery Awards for All and donations from the county councillors local transport budgets and parish councils.

“Quiet Lanes – EXPECT rural lanes to be used by a variety of people, animals and transport, and in return RESPECT other users rights with considerate road use. Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads on which all users, large and small, on wheels or legs, are expected to respect each other. These designated lanes have been chosen because of their quiet nature, their proximity to other public rights of way (footpaths, bridleways, cycle ways etc.) and because there is an alternative or more suitable road close by for motorised transport to use.

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The Quiet Lanes Suffolk project aims to preserve the rural nature of Suffolk’s lanes for all to enjoy.

James Finch - Suffolk County Councillor - Stour Valley Division.

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Yellow Brain Fungus Tremella Mesenterica

CORNARD MERE

From Robin Ford, voluntary warden.

Last year's October gale sparked off a winter of storms and deluges and left a lower limb of the only mature oak blocking the public footpath. Staff from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust removed the obstruction within the week and arranged for a contractor to deal with a massive Poplar tree that had fallen onto the mere from a neighbouring garden. The trunk has been cut into



sections and left close to the road as a wildlife habitat. The very high water table, experienced throughout the winter months, has prevented the volunteers clearing up the tops of this tree, and this work will now be carried out after the bird breeding season. Migrating Snipe have taken advantage of the exposed mud near where the Poplar fell to stop off and refuel.

Fungi have benefited from the damp conditions with interesting growths sprouting from the fallen oak branches. As well as the gelatinous "Witches Butter" *Exidia Glandulosa*, examples of "Yellow Brain" *Tremella mesenterica* glistened in the winter sunshine. Wildfowl also enjoyed the depth of water in the main pond. The small flock of Teal and over wintering Tufted Ducks were joined by Gadwall, Wigeon and two Pintails.

Finally, I can report an update on Little Cornard's Black Poplar trees. Cuttings from both specimens growing on the mere have been introduced to

the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project's new clone bank nursery at Alphamstone from where future generations of trees will be planted out across the valley.

Little Cornard History Group

The aim of our small group is to progressively place the village history as already researched to the new Website as kindly supported by the Parish Council.

This is being formatted and published in stages by John Quick.

If you are a computer user the site can accessed at:

www.little-cornard-history.org.uk

It can also be found via a link on the village site:

www.workhousegreen.me.uk

If you do not have access to the internet we are all happy to supply copies of anything we have on record that particularly interests you.

On behalf of the History Group members, Eileen (01787 227447)

Stour Valley Community Archaeology Group

Stour Valley Community Archaeology is a new group that has formed as a legacy of Managing a Masterpiece, a three year programme to understand, conserve and celebrate the landscape of the Stour Valley.

Our members met on many of the archaeological projects and when the programme finally came to an end, we decided, along with the support of our Patrons Carenza Lewis & Ashley Cooper, to set up our own group. We are in the process of putting together a five year plan of events for our members & the Stour Valley community, including local schoolchildren.

The type of activities we would like to undertake are as follows:

- 1. Field walking** – a technique for finding or studying archaeological sites by walking systematically across a ploughed field, collecting artefacts on the surface.
- 2. Church Graffiti** - recording the carvings on the walls of churches, with bare stone walls being most suitable, rather than those that have been restored in recent years or have heavy limewash.
- 3. Geophysical Survey** – a ground-based physical sensing technique used for archaeological imaging or mapping.
- 4. Test Pitting** – to identify future sites for excavation.
- 5. Excavation** – removing layers of soil to unearth artefacts.

Any work carried out would be with reference to the local County Council Archaeological Unit and a full report would be provided within one year of the project commencing - there is no charge for our services. Any items found remain the ownership of the landowner and an agreement to this effect is always signed before the commencement of the activities. Many of our team are CRB/DBS checked and have varying levels of experience.

What we need are interested people, agreeable landowners and sites at which no previous archaeological work has been carried out, so that the information we uncover will add to the known history of a village.

Please can you let us know if you have any projects you would like us to undertake or forward this letter to any organisations within your parish who may be interested?

Thanking you in anticipation, Julie Thomson, Community Liaison SVCA



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Sudbury Symphony Orchestra

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and will include Dvorak`s Eighth Symphony

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LOCAL NEWS

Our sitting MP, Tim Yeo will not be representing us in the coming elections during May 2015. James Cartlidge, who at present is our local District Councillor has been selected by the Conservative Party as the new parliamentary candidate for South Suffolk. If elected one would hope the energy he applies to his present position will continue and genuine representation for our local needs will become more apparent.

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Summer 2014 - Getting the right healthcare advice and treatment

If you feel unwell, here's some advice which we hope will help you choose the right route to fast treatment and get well soon!

For good self-care, keep your medicine cabinet well-stocked with the items you and your family need.

For minor illnesses, advice on medications and colds, coughs, minor burns, strains and sprains - or if you need emergency repeat prescriptions - contact a pharmacist. Your surgery is great for advice on health problems, and examinations and treatments. All main surgeries are open between 8am and 6.30pm Monday to Friday. On the day appointments are available if your need is urgent.

If you need help when your surgery is closed call 111. You will be asked for information to direct you to the correct service, or to arrange for an ambulance where appropriate.

Ipswich Hospital & West Suffolk Hospital have Emergency Departments.

These are for emergencies only.

Call 999, only for life-threatening illnesses or injuries.

Little Cornard Village Hall

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee was held in April, and there has been a change in the elected officers as follows:

Chair - **Ruth Adams** *Secretary* - **Patricia Monk** *Treasurer* - **Noel King**

After many years, Annemarie Deere has retired from the Committee, and we are grateful for her help over the years. Nigel Monk has joined the committee. Unfortunately, there was a water leak in the kitchen over the winter, which caused much damage to the kitchen units. We are still dealing with the insurance company, and hopefully work will start soon to restore the kitchen to full working order!

Thank you to those of you who came to support the Village Hall fundraising event on the 6th July (see below).

Ruth Adams

Little Cornard Village Hall Fundraising Barbeque

The forecast for Sunday, 6th July, four days before, didn't look too good but we were heartened by an improved forecast nearer the date. Then, on 5th the horrible fact – it was going to rain on 6th but possibly clear by the afternoon.

So, Ruth and her merry band of helpers turned up, in the rain, to the delightful surrounds of Peter Schwind's garden on the morning of 6th to put up some more gazebos, the main tents having been erected on Saturday by "the tent team," set out tables and chairs and start to bring in everything we needed for our Fundraising Barbecue, which was to start at 1.00 p.m. Then a quick dash home to change and keep fingers crossed that the rain would stop. Well, it did, and the sun really did us proud!

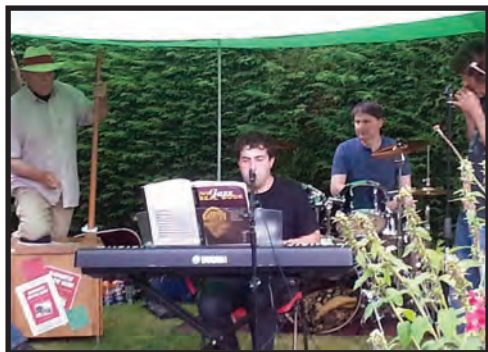
What a fabulous gathering it became. We enjoyed burgers, sausages, chicken kebabs, lamb kebabs and pork ribs, all supplied (and mostly made) by Clive Johnson and cooked to perfection by himself on hotplate and Bill Adams on charcoal. These were accompanied by hot new potatoes and salads. Then the Wow Factor desserts – what more could people want. Nigel Monk manned the bar and so much beer was sold that he had to dash home to replenish the bar from our own stock! Frank and Rosemarie Balls did a sterling job on the produce and raffle stall.

But I think everyone would agree that the band was the star attraction. We had asked Gervais Jordan if he could organise music for us as we knew that he had played in a band in the past. What we didn't know was that at very short notice he brought together a group of local musicians, including local superstar Charlie Haylock (on the one string "double bass") who were truly wonderful. Towards the end of the afternoon the crowd was gathered around the band and demanding "more."

We set out to raise some much needed funds for the village hall for essential repairs. The final sum raised was £803.00 which will certainly help.

A very big thank you is extended to everyone who helped and especially to Peter Schwind for allowing us to use his lovely garden.

Patricia Monk



Apart from the Cup Cakes for sale Carol also made an Elderflower and Almond Cake to go along with the many other wonderful offerings on the
Dessert Table

It proved to be very popular and I was asked by various attendees if the recipe was available. I promised to publish the recipe in the next edition of the Parish Magazine - so here it is! JQ

Elderflower and Almond Cake

Serves 8-10

225g softened butter, plus extra for greasing

50g self-raising flour

(use Doves Farm for a Gluten Free version)

1 level tsp baking powder

200g ground almonds

225g golden caster sugar

Finely grated zest of 1 lemon

4 Medium eggs, lightly beaten

For the syrup and icing

160ml undiluted elderflower cordial

(use the sort that needs diluting about 1:10)

Juice of 1 lemon

1 tbs golden caster sugar

150ml Mascarpone cheese

150ml double cream

A handful of chopped pistachios



Preheat oven to 180C. Grease a 23cm springform tin and line the base with baking parchment. Mix together the flour, baking powder and almonds. Cream together the butter, sugar and lemon zest until fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs one at a time, making sure each one is incorporated before adding the next. Quickly beat in the almonds and flour, then spoon into the greased tin and smooth the top. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until risen and golden.

Whilst the cake cooks, stir 100ml of the cordial with the lemon juice and 1 tbs. sugar. Remove the cake from the oven, then spike it all over. Drizzle the syrup over the surface, guiding the liquid towards the holes. Leave in the tin until cool then remove and prepare the topping.

Put the Mascarpone in a bowl with the remaining cordial and whisk until smooth. Add the cream and whisk again to make a softly spreadable icing. Spread over the top of the cake and scatter with chopped pistachios.



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Little Cornard Neighbourhood Watch



POLICE CONCERNS & WARNINGS

Crimes continue being committed and garden sheds also vehicles, are being targeted.

If you leave your property remember to close all windows and lock sheds and garages.

Bearing in mind an attempted break-in was recently made at our lovely Church please report if you see anything suspicious at any time and ring 101. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Phil Gooch
NHW Co-ordinator
01787 372013

Thoughts on the Future of Suffolk Governance

From Councillor James Cartledge BDC


Looking back over my notes from Little Cornard parish councils to date, it is striking how many of the issues raised come under one administrative banner: highways. Highways, and all matters therein relating from pot holes to speeding (two of the biggest issues for Little Cornard residents) are the responsibility of the County Council. As a District Councillor, I therefore have little input on this side of things. Which raises an interesting question.

The general election is less than a year away, and looming large over next year's political horizon. One wonders whether there will be any changes to the structure of local government. Perhaps a Labour administration would want us to move to a unitary model with district and county government rolled into one? Like all political changes, moving to a unitary would not be a one way ticket to social nirvana, but it's my main observation from council life so far that the separation of responsibilities between district and county is little understood by residents, and doesn't make for efficient or joined up local Government. Would we have an easier political 'interface' with the people of Little Cornard and similar communities if one elected representative sat in on PC meetings, able to deliver a co-ordinated response whatever the issue? We'll see.

For the time being, there is something to be said for being able to refer potholes and the like to 'the other James'!



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Little Cornard Superfast Broadband Update

I still eagerly await the upgrade to FIBRE scheduled for the end of this year. The 'Openreach, 'When & Where' website shows the Bures exchange due to be ready before 2015 and Workhouse Green still under consideration. It now seems probable there will be no 'green boxes' in the village. This means that the guaranteed 2mbps (see <http://www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.co.uk>) is sadly all that 'will' be available from both exchanges serving the village

Fibre is in position at Workhouse Green and BT Wholesale says Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) will be available! BT also states "Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) takes our Wholesale Broadband Connect (WBC) product to the next level, offering speeds of up to 330Mbit/s downstream and up to 30Mbit/s upstream, that's up to 40 times faster than copper". That equates to 165 times faster than is or will be available from either exchange here) I hope they have taken account of the resistance from inferior aluminium cabling in parts of the village!. Whats more, is that FTTP does not "come cheap". (see excerpt below from County as there may be some hope)!!

Extra broadband funding confirmed as broadband roll-out reaches 13,000 properties

Suffolk is being given an extra £5million from the government to help make high-speed fibre broadband available to the hardest-to-reach communities. The news comes as Suffolk's Better Broadband programme passes the 13,000 property mark. Last month's announcement about new funding means that the Better Broadband for Suffolk programme, currently working to make superfast speeds (24 megabits per second (mbps) or more) available to 85% of the county, can start working towards a higher coverage target of up to 95%. At present, all properties in Suffolk have been promised speeds of at least 2 mbps by the end of 2015.

Excerpt from a recent update from Cllr. James Finch BDC.

John Quick

RECIPE - APPLE AND BLUEBERRY COBBLER

Serves 4 and can be kept in fridge for a few days.
Suitable for those requiring a gluten/wheat free diet)

500g cooking apples, lightly stewed
150g blueberries
100g Flora spread, or unsalted butter
100g ground almonds
1 egg, lightly beaten
Flaked almonds
Cinnamon



Cream butter or Flora until light and fluffy. Stir in the beaten egg and ground almonds. Half fill a greased baking dish with the stewed apple and scatter the blueberries over. Spoon the almond mixture on top and spread carefully. Sprinkle with flaked almonds and a light scattering of cinnamon.

Bake at 180c/350f/gas 4 for about 40 minutes on medium shelf.

Serve with cream, ice cream or fromage frais.

LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

Little Cornard Parish Council meets at the Village Hall five times a year. All meetings start at 7pm and members of the public or press may attend.

Meeting dates for 2014

Monday 22th September

Monday 10th November

Minutes from Parish Council meetings are available on:

www.little-cornard-pc.org.uk

or www.lcpc.workhousegreen.me.uk

Parish Meeting dates for 2015

Monday 23th February

Monday 13th April (APM)

Monday 11th May (AGM)

Monday 14th September

Monday 9th November

REVISED DOMAIN NAME for Parish Council Website AND Email Contact Address

It can now be found at:

www.little-cornard-pc.org.uk

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**All articles etc. for the 2014 Christmas Issue
to be received for inclusion by the 14th October.**

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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Reports that it was required as a safety measure for driving the refuse waggon proved incorrect.

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