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MAGAZINE



CHRISTMAS
2012





SERVICES at ALL SAINTS

Regular Sunday Services at 10.30 am at All Saints
except - 1st Sunday of the month - 10.30 am at St Mary's, Bures

ALSO



23rd December - 6.30pm - Carol Service



Christmas Eve
in Bures

4.00pm - Crib Service -
11.30pm - Midnight Communion



Christmas Day
10.30am - Family Service followed by Communion



30th December
10.30am - Benefice Communion Service

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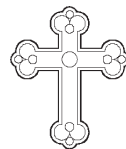


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November, 2012.

One of the first lectures Matthew (our youngest son) attended at medical school last month was a talk about not squandering opportunities. To that end, the staff were going to crack down on some of the less desirable behaviour witnessed in previous years. Immediately a roll call was taken of five random students who should have been there – one of them wasn't and his name was taken down for later. The staff then put some photos on the screen and said they had already looked through the Facebook pages of the students and weren't impressed with the behaviour revealed thus far. By now, one or two of the new students were feeling a bit uncomfortable.

Another five names were read out and told to report to the front at the end of the lecture for a random drug/alcohol test. More nervous twitching.

The staff then turned to the issue of people lying on their application forms in order to beef up their CV, and one particular girl was mentioned – she had claimed that by the age of eleven she was Grade 8 on the trumpet. A trumpet was produced and she was asked to come down and give a demonstration. The girl crawled to the front of the lecture theatre and dissolved into floods of tears as she confessed to not being able to play any musical instrument at all.

Matthew said that by now a serious panic had spread across the whole student body. What had they said on their application form and posted on their Facebook pages? How they were going to be exposed and humiliated? How did the staff know so much? They knew they'd all done something in the past to be ashamed of.

Eventually the lecturers, and the girl who couldn't play the trumpet, revealed themselves as fifth year medical students who were simply winding up the first years! A huge sigh of relief all around, and a brilliant prank – but it got me thinking...

The season of Advent is a season of preparation, getting ready for Christmas, but also getting ready for the coming of Christ, who comes as the light of the world to reveal everything. I suspect that anyone sitting alongside Matthew last month would have been squirming at the thought of the things they'd said and done in the past. I think we all know that we really do need a saviour, we do need forgiveness, and the good news of Christmas is that Jesus comes to offer just that – life, love, joy and peace, all because we need no longer be ashamed. Enjoy the season.

Yours in Christ,

Rob King

CHURCH FLOWER DECORATION

Thank you very much to all the ladies that decorated the church so well for Harvest this year. As always the arrangements were beautiful and much admired.

A big thank you also to everyone who cleans and decorates the church throughout the year. Your hard work is very much appreciated. While on the subject, the 'Organising Team' for the flower rota will from now on number three. Marian Turner was pleased to be asked to join us which will help if one of us is on holiday as has previously happened over the years on more than one occasion.

The Carol service is on Sunday 23rd December. The Church will be open on the Friday 21st for people to decorate but if you are unable to manage that day we can all be contacted to make other arrangements.

Sue Macdiarmid 375858, Eileen King 227447, Marian Turner 377889

Village Carol Singing

The Village Carol Singing Evening will be on Tuesday 18th December.

All money going to a local charity.

Meeting as usual at Workhouse Green at 6.30pm weather permitting. Finishing at Eileen and Noel's for drinks and mince pies. We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come, even the younger singers for whom school will not have finished. Any help with the edibles would be greatly appreciated!

Eileen on behalf of Geoff Gardiner

Dear Friends,

Jesus told us to 'Love God and love your neighbour as yourself'. It is not always easy to love our neighbour but it is our Christian duty to try to do so. Sometimes that neighbour seems unredeemably unlikable, sometimes we are inclined to resent others taking things on that we used to do and find it hard to let go. It takes effort to deal with such matters. I don't think God necessarily expects of us spectacular actions so much as small efforts to express His love. Every little effort toward love and reconciliation counts more than we might know. Here is a Christmassy story:

'Tell me the weight of a snowflake', the coaltit asked a wild dove. 'Nothing more than nothing' was the answer. 'In that case I must tell you a story', the coaltit said. I sat on the branch of a fir tree close to its trunk. It began to snow gently. Since I had nothing to do, I counted the snowflakes as they settled on the twigs and needles of my branch. Their number was exactly 3,741,951. When the 3,741,952 snowflake dropped onto the branch, nothing more than nothing, as you say, the branch broke off.' Having said that the coaltit flew away.

Love and peace to you all,

Tony Moore

Associate Priest, All Saints, Little Cornard

News from All Saints Church

November 2012

We have had a change in personnel in the church over the last week. Barbara Rea said when she took over as Churchwarden that she would do it for 2 years. The time seems to have passed very quickly and all too soon she has now decided to hang up her key. We all say thank you for all that she has done to help the smooth running of the Church.

We welcome Brenda Pentney who is taking over as the next Churchwarden.

The Harvest Fair was very successful, with lovely weather and a fun Dog Show. We raised £1,137.00 for Church funds. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the day so enjoyable and profitable.

Harvest Supper in the schoolroom was a very convivial evening with a hearty supper followed by entertainment from Brenda Green which ended with a good sing song by us all! The schoolroom was decorated in true harvest fashion and even had a scarecrow sitting outside. Many people donated the customary apple pies or other sweets so our thanks go to you all.

September also brought us our Songs of Praise Service with six hymns chosen by parishioners. There was a full Church, as included, was a Christening in which we welcomed Ella Johnson into the church family. We also attended Long Melford Church on the 14th October for the confirmation of Hayley Castano, by retired Bishop John Waine.

On the First Tuesday of December (4th) we will open the schoolroom as usual but will have mulled wine and mince pies as well as the usual refreshments and lunch. Do come and join us and get the festive season off to a good start. Do also join us for the candle lit Carol Service on the 23rd.

Advanced notice

During Lent we will again be holding Soup Lunches every Tuesday. There is no charge for the soup but any donations are given to charity. Last year money donated was given to local charities including Homestart, The Salvation Army Day Centre, The Samaritans and The Epilepsy Society.

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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 Virginia Mackman 01787 228077

Reverend Robin King 01787 227315

CONFIRMATION

The church of Holy Trinity, Long Melford looked magnificent for the Confirmation Service that took place there the evening of Sunday 14th October 2012. There were twenty five candidates from the local area, mostly adult, to be confirmed, including Hayley Castano a member of our own congregation here at Little Cornard.

The Right Reverend John Waine, former Bishop of this Diocese, officiated. A number of the Little Cornard congregation attended to give support to Hayley and her family and with a full church, organ, choir and rousing hymns, it was an uplifting and happy occasion. The Reverend Tony Moore, who had prepared Hayley for confirmation in the previous weeks, presented her to the Bishop who placed his hands upon her with the words 'Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit'. As Hayley remarked afterward, it was a powerful moment.

The candidates then each took their first Communion and, at the end of the Service, were handed a lighted candle to represent Christ the Light of the World and then, together, processed out of the church to signify that they would each take the way of Christ out into the world.

What a pity that the good news of this did not appear in any of the local papers; the church needs to make more effort to promote news of the good things that go on.

Tony Moore

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The house-to-house collection in the village raised the sum of £165.66. Thanks go to Annmarie Deere, Virginia and Robert Mackman, for visiting houses with the collection tins. Additionally, it has become traditional for the collection taken at the Remembrance Day Service at All Saints Church to be donated to the Royal British Legion and this year £158.30 was collected.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously

MACMILLAN Coffee Morning

Thank you so much!!! to all friends who came to my Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised the magnificent sum of £684.00 which will pay for Macmillan time for those suffering from cancer. I never cease to be amazed at the amount of money that can be raised by friends for such a good cause. Thank you for your generosity.

Brenda Pentney

Cards for Good Causes

The card shop at 13 Friars Street Sudbury opened on October 4th and runs until 19th December. Still time to buy any cards or other Christmas items you need. Cards for Good Causes pays the participating charities at least 75p in the £1, so sending good wishes to friends and families can also help a variety of charities.

Mini Christmas Tree Festival at Lamarsh

A magical experience awaits you in Lamarsh Church over the weekend of 15th, 16th and 17th December, where a mini Christmas Tree Festival will be held. Come between 3.00 pm and 6.30 pm to view the trees at their best, lit up and decorated by local people in country themes. Hot mulled drinks and nibbles will be available or you could go on for a meal at the Lamarsh Lion (pre-booking advised). On Monday evening there will be carol singing in the Lion at 7 pm. Entry free, donations to the Church.

Parking at the Village Hall, Henny Road. CO8 5EU.

Enquiries to Fiona Adedotun, Telephone 01787 228707.

Helen Morgan

All Saints Church Grass Cutting Rota for 2013

I will be drawing up the rota for 2013 before the next issue of this magazine. I thank all the volunteers who have kept the grass in top form this year. I would be very pleased to receive offers of help from anyone who would be willing to join the team - **Please Contact Peter Pentney - telephone: 01787 227615**

APOLOGIES

Please accept apologies from the Parish Council and Parish Hall Management Committee for the delay in circulating this issue of The Little Cornard Magazine. Those concerned felt it essential that all facts regarding the critical situation pertaining to the Village Hall should reach all parishioners via this Magazine as soon as possible.

Because publication was held up, it sadly became necessary to remove references to some events and both the Christingle and Taizé Services at All Saints. We wish to express regret for the concerns raised by the Parochial Church Council and of course indirectly to the Rev. Robin King for these unfortunate omissions.

Little Cornard Village Hall - A New Dawn?

Little Cornard has only two public buildings: All Saints Church and the Parish (or Village) Hall. The Hall, located just off the Bures Road on Spout Lane, is a locally important Victorian building. It was built in 1854 as the village school room and as such was part of a blanket Grade II listing by English Heritage. The Hall is owned by the Parish Council and held in trust for the use of the community; it is also a registered charity (no. 1005116).

Unfortunately the Parish Hall has, over the years, become an under-used amenity in the village. It is available for hire to any member of the public on a session basis, with reduced charges to all residents within the Parish.

The Parish Hall Management Committee has the day-to-day responsibility for running the hall. General bills are mostly met from the hiring fees earned, some are covered by donations from the Parish Council, and some by regular fund-raising events. As the hall does not have many regular paying users, the income is quite limited. Much of this is used for day-to-day



expenses and settling utility payments. This leaves little for the long-term upkeep of the hall. A comprehensive survey of the building was recently undertaken which unfortunately pointed to a great deal of maintenance work becoming necessary in the near future. If undertaken, the investment required will be large. If these costs are to be justified it has become apparent that the hall will need to be used more frequently especially from outside the village. Wider awareness of the facility from increased advertising will hopefully help to increase use of the hall.

At the moment, immediate work is necessary as there are stains showing on the ceiling from leaky flashing around the chimney. Work to remedy the problem is about to be undertaken but a full overhaul of the roof is necessary using the existing pantiles where possible. Roof timbers will be checked and the application of modern insulation undertaken. After the winter, when hopefully the weather is better the rendered outside walls need fine cracks repaired. Weather proof paint will be used to prevent further ingress of moisture to the rare 'Clay Lump Walls'. The survey suggested that eventually the whole building should be re-rendered with traditional lime based materials and a naturally breathable lime wash final coating. The hedges round the site are to be considerably reduced to restore visibility of

the hall. Signage giving Hall hiring rates and general information needs to be readily visible from the road.

The Management Committee and Parish Council are at present putting every effort into the preservation of the Hall for future generations by raising funds from as many sources as possible.

Extensive research into various grants and diverse funding options are in hand. Future fund raising events are being

discussed and also whether donations can be sought from the community (raising money from within the village will be a vital part of this effort!). In addition, a long-term loan funded via the Parish Council Precept* may become the most cost effective way to finance any outlay that cannot be covered by fund-raising.

*Parish Councils are funded through the local Council Tax, which is referred to as 'The Parish Precept'. Each year, the Parish Council submits a request to Babergh District Council for the required budget. In an effort to ensure the Council can fulfil its short term financial obligations in relation to the Hall, an increased precept for 2013/14 has been sought. The effect based on a Band D property will be an increase of less than £10 spread across the whole year – less than £1.00 per month.

Fortunately this cloud hanging over the Hall may have a silver lining! This will be that 'once in a generation' opportunity to completely update our Parish Hall. Improved and attractive modern facilities should transform it into a truly successful social venue capable of becoming a self-supporting asset to the village.

Now is the time for the Parish Hall to once again become the successful amenity that was conceived when originally transferred to the custody of the Parish Council. If you would like to make a donation, hire the hall, or wish to hold or help at a fund raising event to support this cause, please telephone:

Noel King on 01787 227447 or Ruth Adams on 01787 227467

Or of course, if you have any general queries or would like to hire the hall!



VILLAGE HALL OPEN DAY

*You are invited to an Open Day at the hall from
2 pm, Saturday 19th January 2013 where Parish Councillors
and Committee Members will be present to answer any queries.*

Refreshments will be available.

Little Cornard Village Hall - as reported in 2001

Little Cornard Village Hall was built in 1854 at the bottom of Spout Lane. For more than 60 years, the local children attended the school, before it finally closed its doors in 1920.

For the next 25 years the school was rarely used, but in 1945, the landowner agreed to grant a tenancy to the Parish Council for the buildings to be used as a village hall in exchange for a nominal rent.

Even though the land ownership was to subsequently change, this arrangement continued. By the late 1960s the hall was falling into a serious state of disrepair. The Parish Council approached the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution with a view to securing ownership and carrying out much needed repairs. In 1969 agreement was reached that the property would be held in trust by the Parish Council, for the use and benefit of the Parish residents, with a purchase price of just £1.00.

In 1976 the Management Committee proudly opened a newly refurbished School Room that has for the past 25 years served as a focus for the community, providing a valuable meeting place for local clubs, nursery school and children's parties. The Management Committee, which is a registered charity, has been able to maintain the buildings by making a small charge but this has been kept to a minimum so as to allow everyone in the Parish to be able to use the facilities. **Now however, the Hall's future is no longer threatened.....**

Get Involved and Help Save YOUR Village Hall

During recent Parish Meetings it has become obvious both Parish Councillors and members of the public present feel the Parish Hall should be retained as a local amenity. It has been said that the potential expense involved in bringing about a complete repair and refurbishment may be too great and hence not justifiable.

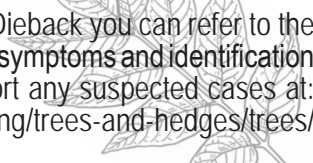
The Parish Council is obliged to maintain the Hall and provide access to its facilities. but if it becomes necessary, the property can be disposed of subject to the proceeds being used to the benefit of all those living in the Parish.

In the past private donation, fund raising events and voluntary working parties have always been sufficient to complete such schemes.

With this in mind we would like to say **Please GET INVOLVED and help to get YOUR VILLAGE HALL back into shape and used as regularly as in the past.**

Reporting Ash Dieback

If you have a suspicion about a tree that may have Ash Dieback you can refer to the Babergh website. There you will find useful information on symptoms and identification (including a video), contact information and how to report any suspected cases at: <http://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning/trees-and-hedges/trees/ash-dieback-disease-chalara-fraxine>



SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES ANNUAL CYCLE RIDE



Twenty intrepid cyclists made their way to Little Cornard Church on Saturday 8th September between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, the keenest arriving just as we were setting up.

As this was also the day of our Harvest Fair many decided to forgo the free supplies of orange squash and biscuits and sampled the delicious refreshments on sale in the schoolroom, looked around the beautifully decorated Church and took advantage of

our excellent toilet facilities.

Many thanks to all who assisted with the registration and the manning of the Church.

Barbara Rea

Cornard Mere - Robin Ford Voluntary Warden

After one of the driest winters on record, water levels at Cornard Mere were well below average and the drying out of the main pond by the middle of summer seemed a distinct possibility. Instead the heavy rains in the spring and early summer of 2012 filled the marsh from end to end, resulting in water levels not seen since the summer of 1987, the year of 'the gale'. The deluges of May and June coincided with the flight period of many butterfly species with Peacocks and Small Tortoiseshells fairing particularly badly. Water birds fared better with Tufted Ducks and Little Grebes raising young to adulthood.

On sunny days, Dragonflies could be seen hawking over deep water and, in consequence, were difficult to identify. However, elderly specimens of the Scarce Chaser, a recent colonist, could be found resting on branches near the public footpath. By mid-September an influx of Migrant Hawkers attracted the attention of a Hobby which was regularly seen pursuing them over the reeds. Slow Worms could often be found under the tin refuges near the road, while Grass Snakes were encountered throughout the reserve. By late August muddy margins began to appear around the edges of the main ponds making it possible to monitor plants, including Cypress Sedge, Bluntflowered Rush and Yellow Loosestrife, that are now scarce in the Stour Valley.

I hope that this report gives a flavour of the wildlife to be found at Cornard Mere during the course of a season. Next time I shall endeavour to describe the geology and history of the site in more detail.



Little Cornard Conservation Society

The summer programme concluded with a ramble from Bulmer to Wickham St Paul followed by Sunday lunch at “The Wickham Ship” - The Victory! We have now started our winter programme and have already enjoyed a return visit of Brian Sinclair who gave us a most interesting illustrated talk on his trip to The Banks Islands of Vanuatu in Melanesia on the sailing ship Soren Larsen, also one of the Trustees of the Aylsham Navigation Project telling us of their plans. Further talks for the winter include Wildflower Gardening, the Dormouse, a Visit to Argentina and Mr Henry Ruse speaking about the history of Ruse Butchers, Long Melford.

Our meetings are held on the last Thursday in each month. Any reader who would like to join one of our talks as a visitor will be most welcome - please contact the undersigned.

Patricia Monk

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Helen Morgan.

Pylons Episode 2012

At least a 'soap' would provide some excitement! The current reinforcement work came to a standstill some time ago. National Grid has provided an excuse that they are busy elsewhere, so much for the quality of their planning! My current gripe is why we have had to put up with all the signs and scaffolding during a time of inactivity and why Babergh and Suffolk Councils haven't made them take them down. On the one hand we are told what a beautiful area we live in and how important it is for tourism; on the other no one seems to care about this blight. Sorry to have a rant but NG do tell us this work will be completed by March 2013.

On a more positive note, NG has now reviewed all the responses to the Connection Options Report from last May and has now confirmed that they intend to underground the section across our valley. As there is still uncertainty about other areas, I wish all the other action groups every success in their continuing battle with National Grid.

Please keep lobbying councillors to keep the issue live.

Nick Hammond



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Don't make it easy for them.

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Meeting dates for 2013

Monday 25th February

Monday 15th April

(Annual Parish Meeting)

Monday 13th May

(Annual General Meeting)

Monday 9th September

Monday 11th November

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