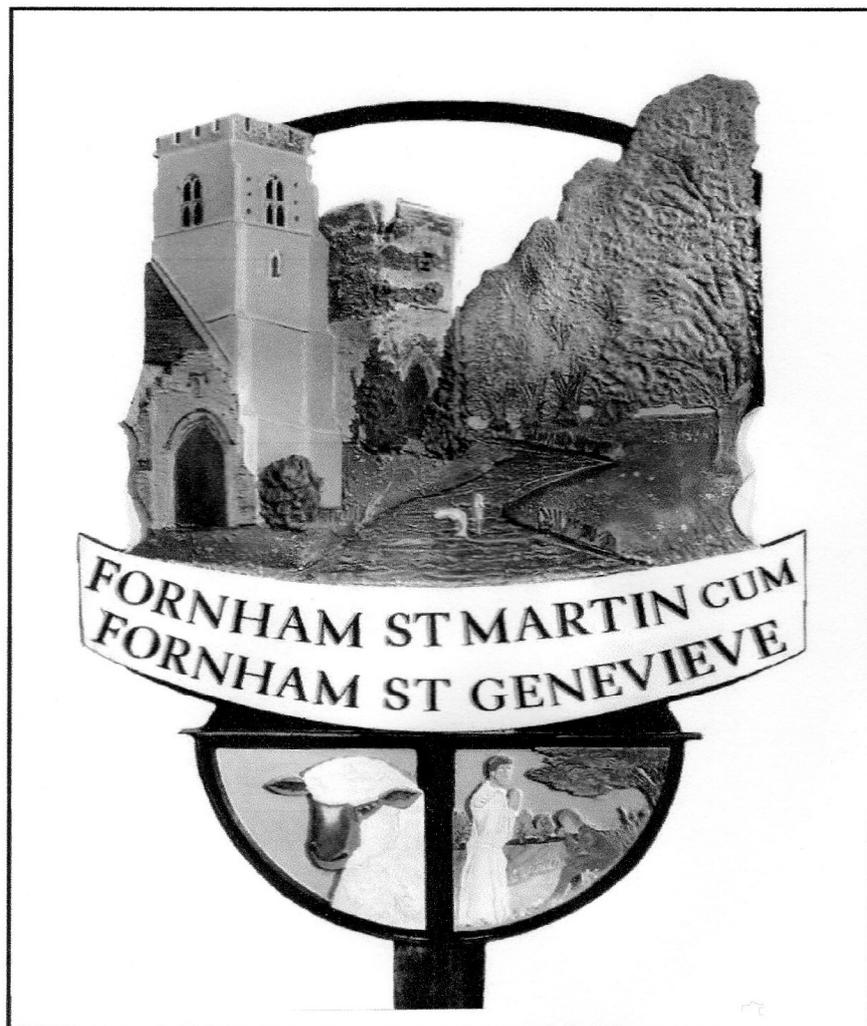


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*The Parish Council on behalf of all parishioners would like to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation, the work carried out by the volunteers who organise and distribute the Bugle.*

## What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall *updated Jan 2014*

### Weekly

Monday	From 6:30pm to 8:30pm	Youth Club**
Tuesday	10:00am to 12 noon	Mums & Toddlers**
Thursday	10:00am to 3:30pm	Patchwork
Friday	7:15pm to 10:00pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice

### \*\*Term Time Only

### Monthly

1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00pm	Sewing Craft
1st Wed	7:15pm to 10:00pm	Military Whist Drive in aid of Air Ambulance
1st Thurs	7:00pm to 10:00pm	Jazz Club
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Garden Club
2nd Wed	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Card Making
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12noon to 4:00pm	Spinners and Weavers
<b>3rd Sun</b>	7:15pm to 10:00pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice
4th Wed	10:00am to 4:00pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Card Making

### **Occasional meetings**

Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

*If you would like to book the Village Hall for a club meeting, exhibition, or private party, please contact **Colleen Leach** on **01284 756507**.*

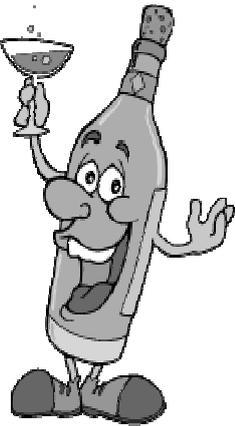
**FSM 100 Club Winners**

**FEB 2014**

1st	No. 90 M Gerrard
2nd	No. 38 M Jones
3rd	No. 37 R Purdy

**MAR 2014**

1st	No. 28 C Taylor
2nd	No. 45 S Hilton
3rd	No. 14 W Leeks



February is the start of the 100 Club year and the £12 subscription is due. I hope all members will renew their membership. New members to this monthly draw would be most welcome. Half the money is given in prizes and the other half goes to St Martin's Church Fabric Fund.

Please contact **Margaret Ade 01284 750133**

## **FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB**

**Feb 4th** - Peter Banham was our speaker, his subject being the origins of well known phrases and sayings. He used audience participation getting us each to read out a saying and to guess its origin before providing us with the correct answer. For example TANKS were names simply because they were made in a factory that made water tanks, etc during WW1. We had about 50 sayings that provided an entertaining and informative afternoon.

**March 4th** - The AGM was well attended by 35 members and the Chairman thanked them for their support during the year. He confirmed that the membership fee would remain at £5 and that the programme for 2014-15 had been finalised and copies available. The present committee was re elected with the addition of Joan Humphries. Joan Nice and Dorothy Pettit who have retired from the committee this year were thanked for their work. The treasurer gave her report and explained the balance sheet showing that we were living within our means.

After a tea break we played a few games of Beetle Drive.

Forthcoming Events

April 1st - Diana Patrick (carry on cooking)

May 6th - Club Pub Lunch (venue to be confirmed)

**Ron Boughen 01284 704725**

## FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB

Since our AGM in April 2013 members have raised the sum of £330 for the West Suffolk Hospital and Bury Free Press Beat It appeal. Dave Gooderham expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude for our efforts when he accepted the cheque before our meeting on February 11th got under way.

Adrian Walters gave us the opportunity, for an hour at least, to leave behind the wind and rain and become absorbed by the breathtakingly beautiful scenery of the Swiss Alps and their flora and fauna. Providing us with a brief history of the area of central Switzerland covered in the slide show and his personal knowledge of the area. Adrian was at pains to point out the circle of life that exists there and the emphasis put on it to ensure it continues. In a nutshell the Alpine meadows with their extraordinary range of wildflowers including familiar names such as meadow cranesbill, buttercup, clover and red campion are mown when the yellow rattle seeds rattle !... The hay feeds the cattle in autumn / winter and the meadows feed them in spring / summer. The cattle provide the farmers with milk, from which they make butter and cheese, which is high in protein and keeps well. The farmhouse is built next to the building housing the cattle and the hay crop. The areas of forest, with pimpernel and yellow violets on the forest floor are managed to supply wood to build the houses and for burning to heat their home. The Swiss government acknowledge the vital part that the Alps play in attracting tourists, with the huge benefit to their economy and they subsidise the farmers to a great extent as most only have a small number of cattle as a smallholder would have here. Adrian covered the ground from the lake in the valley floor to the mountain top and included slides of many different species of butterfly and incredible flowers such as orchid and aquilegia, just too many to mention. With the quality of the digital slides and Adrian's commentary, which was so interesting and informative, the hour just flew by.

With an upturn in the temperature Mike Day's talk on March 11th entitled 'Salad's All Year Round' was timely. Reminding us just how much our ideas on what constituted a salad have changed in the last 25 years or so. How many different ingredients were now readily available for us to eat in the salad dishes we prepare, it proved to be

quite a revelation. Urging us to be experimental with salad crops we grow in our gardens and to keep trying new crops and especially new varieties as continuous improvements are being made. An excellent slideshow which accompanied the talk, let us see some of the many types of lettuce, tomatoes and peppers (amongst others) growing commercially, in vast greenhouses, over large acres of fields as well as in gardens and in containers for those with just a patio.

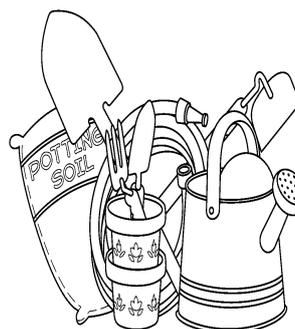
Mike retired some two years ago having spent many years with the National Institute of Agricultural Botany near Cambridge during which he travelled widely researching new varieties of the various salad crops and this work has contributed greatly in making our idea of a salad much more than a lettuce leaf, a tomato and a couple of slices of cucumber. A well received talk with many hastily scribbled notes of named varieties made to try growing ourselves.

Details of our programme for the coming months are as follows:-

- Apr 8th** A G M
- May 13th** Ben Potterton from Blacksmith's Nursery. Early summer colour. Slide show and talk, plants to buy.
- Jun 10th** Kevin Parker. Hedges and Hedge laying. Slideshow and talk.

The Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at **7:30 pm** in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. Membership is £12 per year with visitors paying £2.50 per visit.

For further information please telephone the programme secretary **Frances Harpley** on **01284 755876**



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## FORNHAM LADIES CLUB



Our talk for February was 'The Royal British Legion Women's Section' but, as last month, our scheduled speaker was unable to come because of illness. One of our members, Mrs. Beryl Dykes, kindly stepped into the breach. Beryl has a long record of service to the Women's Section and is its current Branch Chairman. She was accompanied by Joyce, their extremely smart Standard Bearer, and another member Hazel.

Following the end of WW1 many returning servicemen had no jobs to return to or were disabled by war wounds. So many were physically and mentally disabled that several charities were set up to help them and in 1921 these charities were amalgamated into the British Legion. Later that year a women's section was set up which became known as the British Legion Women's Section. The first Presidents of the two sections were General and Lady Haig respectively. The prefix Royal was added in 1971. The current Presidents are Vice-Admiral Peter Wilkinson and the Princess Anne. Beryl had the honour of receiving a cup from her for the Hampshire County Branch in 2004.

The Women's Section is a charity set up to help ex-servicewomen, widows and dependants of servicemen. To qualify one must have a service connection and a disposable income of less than £10,000 a year. The allowance is given quarterly, together with a small gift and card on their birthday and at Christmas. Children also are helped with books for school and scholarships. One girl was very musically gifted and was lent a violin. When she graduated from the Royal School of Music she was allowed to keep the violin. Service widows who have to leave married quarters are helped with the move and provision of some household equipment. Widows are also helped to visit war graves abroad and can be accompanied by a member if needed. There is also the Poppy Van whose driver will give home assistance with simple problems such as changing light bulbs etc.

The Poppy Appeal was started soon after WW1 when an American woman who had read the poem 'In Flanders Field' wrote a poem in response suggesting that a poppy be worn in remembrance. In 2013 it raised nearly £37million.

The Women's Section hold their meetings in the St John's Centre in BSE on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and anyone is welcome to join them.

Beryl explained the significance of the symbols on the Standard and there were photographs, badges and poppy-decorated gifts on display. Beryl was thanked for a very interesting talk which was appreciated by us all.

Our March meeting was an open meeting and we were very pleased to be joined by some friends and husbands. Our speakers were Christopher and Janet South and their subject was 'Snap out of it' travel tales without slides! Christopher explained that instead of looking at slides we would use our imagination - their voices were the cameras, their speech was the projector and our brains were the screens. We were each given a paper containing 24 titles and we were asked to shout out a choice and they would tell the story connected to it.

The first one was 'Fake Fire in Venice'. Christopher said whilst on holiday in Venice they decided to go into St Mark's Cathedral. It was Holy Saturday and the cathedral was packed. The magnificent altar was draped in black and there was no artificial light in the building. The service was being lead by the Pope. At the appropriate moment all the bells rang, the altar revolved to reveal a brilliantly lit and decorated altar and the Pope lit a taper from the Pascal Candle. He turned and lit the tapers of the front row of priests who then turned and lit the tapers of the row behind them and thus the Holy flame was passed to light the tapers of the many hundred congregation. Unfortunately a tourist decided to light his taper with a cigarette lighter and pass it to his neighbours. This did not please nearby Italians and in the confusion that followed no one was sure whether they had the Holy flame or the profane flame.

Janet dealt with the next choice - 'Puffin Silly!' They were in Iceland and from the North of the country decided to take a boat to an offshore island. They started to climb up a hill and found themselves just a few feet away from a pair of puffins. They settled down quietly to watch these fascinating birds, who were not disturbed by their presence at all, for 20 minutes or so. They thought how lucky they were to see the puffins and as they continued their climb and breasted the top of the hill they were met by hundreds of thousands of puffins in the air, on the sea and on the side of the cliff!

'Shoes, shoes, shoes' On holiday in Japan Christopher and Janet were to

spend two days in a family home in a traditional Japanese village. They were welcomed with much bowing and warmly invited into the house, only to be stopped at the door and given brown leather slip-on house shoes. All the floors were highly polished and they were in fear of falling over. They were shown to their room on the second floor, up two flights of slippery stairs, and at the door were two pairs of red bedroom shoes. The room was charming but they were met with blank looks when they asked where the en suite was. However, they were shown to the bathroom and lavatories on the ground floor - change of shoes at bedroom door, down the slippery stairs in house shoes, change to green lavatory shoes at bathroom door. They spent the two days changing shoes and worrying about falling over.

Christopher and Janet gave us four other interesting snap shots and we all agreed that they would have to pay a return visit to tell us more.

As it was an open meeting it was decided to have a raffle to raise money for a good cause. As the husband of one of our members had recently received wonderful surgery and care in Papworth Hospital (and several of us have cause to be thankful for their skill and excellence) it was decided to donate the £61 raised to that hospital.

On 24th March we went to Thingoe Lodge to share tea with the residents and friends. This is always a joyful occasion. Thank you to all who provided the delicious food and to the "waitresses" and tea makers.

*Margaret Ade & Mary Payne*

Next meeting:

Wed 16 April "Farming and Conservation" by Brian Barker

Future programme:

Wed 21 May "Jigsaws" with Tom Tyler

Wed 18 June " Visit to Fullers Mill" meet there at 7pm £6 per person

Fornham Ladies Club meet on the third Wednesday of the month, in Fornham St Martin Village Hall at 7:45pm. A warm welcome awaits you. For more information please contact secretary Janet Petch 01284 768280

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**FORNHAM ST MARTIN cum ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL**

**There was a meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th February 2014 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin.**

**MINUTES****PRESENT**

Councillor M Collier (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs J Hubbard  
Councillor P Butler  
Councillor M Youngs  
Councillor Mrs C Buxton  
Councillor P Forster

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Clerk  
2 Members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor G Hubbard  
Borough/County Councillor Mrs R Hopfensperger  
PCSO Hollie Cogman

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th JANUARY 2014**

The minutes were signed as being a true record.

The Council adjourned for:

**3. POLICE REPORT**

A report had been submitted which stated there had been no incidents since the January meeting.

**4. COUNTY/BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Hopfensperger had emailed a report just before the Clerk left for the meeting, a copy of which was handed to Councillors. This report will form part of these minutes and will be appended hereto.

Councillor Hopfensperger said she would be willing to support/work with members of the Community or the Parish Council to complete a grant application in respect of the War Memorial refurbishment.

On the mobile VAS signs, she said she had chased Anthony Smith and had been told we would see the signs within a month. Councillors were not impressed to hear this news, as we had been promised them many months ago.

On the issue of funding for widening the footpath, it was frustrating to learn that no decision had been made and we are now being told that a decision will be made in early March. The Clerk had been told by Guy Smith that a decision would be made at the end of January 2014 and prior to that, as far back as May 2013, we had been advised that a decision would be made following the May 2013 elections. Councillor Butler was strongly of the opinion we should take a more aggressive stance as this whole issue has made the Parish Council look ineffective, which is patently not the case as we have been constantly pressing for a decision. This is evidenced by the fact that this item has been on the agenda 22 times.

The Chairman said he would be drawing parishioners attention to this issue in his end of year Annual Report at the May Annual Parish Meeting which is on 8th May. Following further discussion, Councillors agreed to wait for the early March promise and if there is no decision by the March Parish Council meeting, we will then review our approach to the situation again.

The Clerk would make Councillor Hopfensperger aware of our frustrations, which are not of her making.

##### **5. AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC**

From the floor, Mr Zarattini wished to see if the Parish Council would like to ask the Suffolk Wildlife Trust to carry out a wildlife audit.

Councillors discussed this and thought that this would be beneficial and could lead to a better understanding of wildlife and habitats in the Village. Mr Zarattini said he would contact the Trust to get things under way. The Chairman thanked him for arranging this and for bringing it to the Council's attention.

Mr Zarattini wished to discuss the issue of the Bugle as to whether it was necessary to deliver it to all householders as those with internet access could either look and or download it from the website.

Councillors discussed the matter and it was agreed that a piece should be included in the Bugle asking for feed back to the Clerk. Presently advertisers who currently account for revenue of £1200 per annum are not included on the website, which was a decision made by Councillors when the Bugle went live on the site.

From the floor, Mr Yates wished to discuss the refurbishment of the War Memorial. He had taken considerable trouble to try to establish who actually owned the monument but no documentary proof could be found but it was the general consensus that it had probably been erected by public subscription. He had obtained quotations, the lesser one for £672.50 plus VAT but he had details of another person who may be able to give a more favourable price. The Clerk would try to make contact with this person. The Chairman said that Councillors had made it clear that the War Memorial should be refurbished and the Parish Council would bear the cost. The Clerk reported that he had received an email from a parishioner who wished to remain anonymous, offering a donation of £75. Mr Yates said in the light of the reduction of the grant for churchyard maintenance, the Church would not be able to offer any financial assistance in respect of the refurbishment of the Memorial, indeed they propose to remove the large yew tree adjacent to the Memorial which add to their costs.

Councillors had been circulated with a copy of the letter from The Parochial Church Council responding to the Parish Council's letter relating to the cutting of the grant for Churchyard maintenance. The PCC feel that the reduction is excessive and they state that they interpret this as a 33% reduction against the 5% cut to Parish Council grant funding by Government and Mr Yates wished to know if the Parish Council stood by this decision. Councillor Butler pointed out that the grant to the PCC was discretionary and the 33% cut to which the PCC referred, had no direct correlation to the cuts of 5% made by Government. Naturally those who have the largest grants, have to bear a greater burden. It was pointed out that the Village Hall had been similarly treated and other areas such as grass cutting had also been cut. It was also pointed out that the 5% cut by Government would continue for a further three years. Councillors said they had reached a collective decision regarding the grant to the PCC which they stood by. The Chairman reiterated his remarks made at the January meeting when he said the Parish Council was always willing to consider any approach from Village bodies for financial help should there be an urgent need.

The Council reconvened

**6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None

## **7. MATTERS ARISING**

a. Widening the footpath.

This had been fully discussed under Agenda Item 4.

b. Flashing signs

This had been discussed under Agenda Item 4.

c. Volunteers for Village Recorder

Mr Cedric Hanson had said he would like to take this on but unfortunately he does not have internet access which precludes him from taking this on. Councillors felt that this was a great shame. Mr Richard Freeman had now put his name forward.

d. Schedules from the Borough/SCC re grass cutting & path clearing

In Councillor Hopfensperger's report she said that she had requested the information.

e. Possible audit of Wildlife

This had been discussed under Agenda Number 5.

f. Anniversary of WW1

Councillors discussed the matter of holding an anniversary service and it was unanimously felt that this would be desirable and appropriate and at this service, the refurbishment of the War Memorial could be dedicated. Mr Yates said he would come back to the Clerk to advise on the date suitable to the Church (possibly 10th August). Upon receipt of this information, a notice could be placed in the Bugle.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### *SALC*

Details of the forthcoming area meeting had been circulated to Councillors as had the email on precept referendums.

### *Village Hall*

The matter relating to car parking was discussed and the Hall Committee's email had been circulated to Councillors. It was felt it would be beneficial to invite a member of the Hall Committee to the next meeting to see if the Parish Council could help in any way to alleviate the parking issue.

The Clerk reported that he had negotiated a new contract for the Village Hall electricity. Eon had reduced their rate from 17.09p to 10.85p per kWh.

*Playing Field*

Councillor Forster had taken photographs of the owl box which had now been erected on the playing field. There is another box in the Churchyard. Councillor Forster said that the trim trail was in good order.

*Tree Warden*

The Clerk would find out when SCC will be attending to the oak tree at Park Avenue. The fallen tree in Parkland's Green had been removed very swiftly.

*Rights of Way*

The Chairman reported that the Parkland's Green sign on the right hand side had become rusted which resulted in it being broken. The Clerk would report this.

As regards footpath No 3 where there are dead trees and ivy covered ones, SCC has written to the owner asking that action is taken. Some of the branches are overhanging the path. Should the owner not comply, SCC will undertake the work and pass the bill on to the owner.

Councillor Youngs said the ditch adjacent to Mrs Laflin's house and which is channelled under the road has become full of rubbish and is overgrown by willows. The Clerk will report this.

The Chairman said the drain by the notice board where the kiosk used to stand required rodding. This had been reported previously, so the Clerk would send a reminder.

## Planning

The following results were to hand

SE/13/0841. Mr H Lee, 19 Gleneagles Close. Two storey front extension and single storey rear extension and detached car port GRANTED.

SE/13/0910 Mr P Hope, 14 Gleneagles Close. Erection of a single storey rear extension and single storey infill extension.

The following application was considered.

SE/14/0025/HH Mr and Mrs Le Poidevin, 4 Birkdale Court. Erection of a single storey side extension. NO OBJECTION.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

Several letters and emails had been received, all of which had been circulated to Councillors.

The email received from a parishioner questioning what Councillors actually do will be answered by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

Councillors accepted Mr Bird's quotation for cutting the playing field in the sum of £584.70.

Councillors accepted M & TJ's quote in the sum of £135 per cut, the cuts being reduced to 12 per year.

The letter from the Suffolk Community Foundation asking for nominations for an honour was discussed. Councillors were unanimous in putting Mr Yates' name forward in recognition of his many years of dedicated work for the Church.

**10. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment

Village Hall	Annual grant	600.00
D Hoggett	Litter picker / playing field	229.50
P & S Brooklyn	Bugle Editors	253.61
Denny Bros	Ink Jet Cartridges	210.44
Realise Futures	Printing the Bugle	156.74
Revenue & Customs	PAYE	87.20
N Pitcher	Postages / Expenses	75.40

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 20th MARCH 2014 AT 7:40PM**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

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## FSM CHURCH NEWS

As we look forward to Easter, on Sunday 20th April, and enjoy some very pleasant sunshine with all the crocus and daffodils, we wonder what happened to Winter? Apart from a few small gales, a bit of frost and occasional hailstones, we seem to have got by without a 'proper' winter. We do nevertheless have the greatest sympathy for all those in the South West and Norfolk who have not got away so lightly.



Our biggest item of news is that our Rev'd David Burrell is leaving the Lark Valley Benefice group of 7 Churches after 18 years to take up a new appointment in the East of the County, where he will look after 8 Churches. His last Service will be on Sunday 11th May in FSM Church, and all are welcome to join us. There will be refreshments after.

There will also be a Service in 'celebration' of his service here, and for his new ministry, and a venue, date and details are currently being finalised. These will be posted on the notice board and circulated in the Church magazine as soon as known, or contact us say late April. If you would like to join with us, and perhaps make a contribution to a leaving gift, do please contact us.

The last Book Sale Coffee and Cakes on 15th February was well supported with some 500 additional books donated, to give plenty of variety. The next one is on **Saturday 3rd May** in Church, from **11 am - 3pm**. Do come along for a browse, pick up some bargains and enjoy a coffee with home made cakes and pastries. If you have any books to donate please bring them on Saturday morning, or we can collect.

**Christian Aid Week** commences on **Sunday 11th May**, with the annual distribution and collection of envelopes to all houses in the village. We hope you will support this to enable Christian Aid to support those who have so little, in many cases even to survive each day. Naturally not everyone will want to of course, so we would just ask for a polite response to collectors, who give up their time freely.

The **Fornhams Fete** this year will be at **Fornham All Saints Community Centre** on **Saturday 5th July**, in aid of Church funds.

2014 is the centenary of the start of WW1, and the Government have announced plans to commemorate this over the next 4 years of its duration.

Britain declared war on 4th August, and in conjunction with the **Parish Council, we will have a service on Sunday 10th August**, dedicated to this, and in particular in memory of the 15 villagers who made the ultimate sacrifice. As part of this commemoration, the War Memorial is to be cleaned and the lettering re-painted. The Parish Council have appointed a stonemason to do this work, and we are to remove the large Yew in front of it to give clearer access and view. This has now been carried out by Sunshine Gardens, who do such an excellent job of looking after the Churchyard with grass cutting and hedge trimming, and they have made a kind donation towards the Yew removal.

The Lent Course has been running for a few weeks now, and is based on other faiths, which includes Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism and Islam. It concludes on 8th April, at Rev'd Sylvia Bareham's.

The Organ Refurbishment Appeal continues to grow, with over £9,000 now raised, which is magnificent and much more than we expected at this stage, thanks to ongoing wind pipe sponsorships, and we thank everyone who has contributed. There are still 463 pipes left, out of the 1000, so if you would like to sponsor a pipe, at £5 each, we would be very grateful. All names will be recorded in an Organ Refurbishment Record Book, similar to the scroll on the organ recording all those who supported its purchase and installation in 1974, although it is now 101 years old. We are also applying for grants to see if we can raise the full £14,000 required, in which case we would like to carry out the work later this year.

Services at FSM in April and May are :-

13th April, Palm Sunday, 10am.

18th April, Good Friday for the Last Hour, 2.00 - 3.00pm.

27th April, Holy Communion, 10am.

11th May, Holy Communion, 10am, Rev'd David Burrell's last Service.

25th May, Rogation Sunday, Communion and baptism, 10am.

The Easter Sunday service is at Fornham All Saints this year, on 20th April. All other intermediate services at other Churches in the benefice are posted on the notice board next to the gate.

**Sylvia Hilton and David Yates, Churchwardens.**

**FORNHAM ST MARTIN cum ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL**

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in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin.**

**MINUTES****PRESENT**

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Councillor P Forster  
Councillor Mrs C Buxton  
Councillor M Youngs  
Councillor Mrs J Hubbard

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Clerk  
Mr and Mrs Hockett

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor P Butler  
Councillor G Hubbard  
Borough/County Councillor Mrs Hopfensperger  
PCSO Rushden

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th FEB 2014.**

The Minutes were signed as being a true record.

The Council adjourned for:

**3. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

The Chairman welcomed Mr and Mrs Hockett to the meeting and he said that the Parish Council were anxious to help in any way possible. Mrs Hockett (chair) of the Village Hall Management Committee explained that they had issues with car parking at the Hall. There followed meaningful discussion on this issue and that of the boundary.

The Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Hockett for attending.

#### **4. POLICE REPORT**

A report was to hand. There had been one incident since the February meeting which was criminal damage to a vehicle parked in The Street between 27th February and 3rd March, a tyre was slashed and a rear wiper damaged.

#### **5. COUNTY/BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

There was no report to hand.

The Clerk had emailed Councillor Hopfensperger regarding the widening of the footpath, asking for an update but an answer had not been forthcoming.

On the issue of a schedule for grass cutting and path clearing, a reply had been received which was not particularly clear, however, we should be hearing from Simon Pickering/Helen Lidfield.

#### **6. AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC**

No public present.

The Council reconvened.

#### **7. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

#### **8. MATTERS ARISING**

a. Widening the footpath

Councillors were dismayed that yet again we have no news. The Clerk would press SCC for a response.

b. Flashing signs

The flashing signs have been deployed but Barton Hill was left out. The Clerk would contact SCC to request that they rectify this omission. From observations, the Chairman said the signs do make motorists take notice and slow down. These signs actually indicate the vehicle's speed which is much better than the ones which just state 30mph.

c. Bugle issue re the web site

As the piece has not yet appeared in the Bugle, there have been no responses.

d. WW1 and the war memorial

The Clerk confirmed that the order for the refurbishment of the war memorial had been placed with Spencer Wicks Stone Mason Ltd and they would commence work in April.

e. Schedules from SCC on grass cutting and path clearing

This had been covered under Borough/County Councillor's report.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*SALC* - Nothing

### *Rights of Way*

The Clerk would chase up SCC on the issue of the blocked footpath adjacent to the bypass.

The Clerk would chase SCC re rodding the drain opposite the entrance to Parklands Green and also the matter of the ditch situated between the bottom of Barton Hill and Carrs.

The Clerk would ask SCC for an update on the dead trees/ivy on the footpath and the bottom of Lark Valley Drive.

The nameplate at the entrance to Parklands Green has not been attended to. A reminder would be sent.

Mr Zarattini had emailed with concerns over various rights of way issues. The Clerk would reply.

### *Village Hall*

This had been dealt with earlier.

*Tree Warden* - Nothing.

*Playing Field* - Nothing.

## Planning

The following result was to hand

DC/14/0025/HH Mr and Mrs Poidevin, 4 Birkdale Court. Erection of a single storey side extension and change of use of garden land to parking space. GRANTED

The following application was considered

DC/14/0212/HH R L Long Farms Ltd for Mr Andrew Long Hall Farm, The Drift. Erection of garden room following the removal of an existing pergola. NO OBJECTION

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Numerous pieces of correspondence had been received and circulated to Councillors and did not require replies.

Notification that the Youth Club had been disbanded was received with regret. The Clerk would try to contact Liz Flaherty to establish what has to be done about the equipment (table tennis table and two small snooker tables) as they are cluttering up the committee room.

The Clerk would reply to various issues raised by Mr Zarattini.

An email had been received from Joan Baker regarding funds being held by the now disbanded Neighbourhood Watch in Wentworth Close. They were suggesting that surplus funds should be donated to the Youth Club but as this has now ceased, it would be suggested that they may wish to donate the money to the refurbishment of the war memorial.

The email from Mr Yates dated 13th March had been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk would reply on the lines agreed by Councillors.

Mr Zarattini's email re Suffolk Wildlife would be acknowledged. The Chairman said he had received a phone call from The Suffolk

Wildlife Trust but after some discussion, the person said she would speak to Mr Zarattini.

**11. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment

D Hoggett	Playing field/Litter picker	183.60
Revenue and Customs	PAYE	87.00
S Rodwell	Leaf clearance	45.00
Denny Bros	Copy Paper	40.01
AIDA Pest Control	Mole catching	90.00
N Pitcher	Postage /expenses	14.30
BT	Telephone / fax / email	96.83

**SECTION 137 GRANTS**

All bodies with the exception of The Toddler Group said their funds were healthy, so they did not require financial help.

The Toddler Group for the year ending 31st August 2013 had a surplus of £118.00. Councillors discussed this and agreed to make a grant of £100 but to advise the Group that, in line with other cuts, this amount cannot be guaranteed in future years.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 17th APRIL 2014 at 7:30pm**

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**Any parishioners wishing to raise an issue should contact the Parish Clerk by email - nep@fsmsgpc.fsnet.co.uk**

**NOTICE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Bugle as you may know is available on the Village Website. If you would prefer to view it on the web rather than having a hard copy we would like to be made aware. We are trying to gauge the number of residents who would be happy to use the web so that we can give consideration to reducing the printing numbers to save costs.

The website is <http://fornhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/>  
 If you wish to respond with your thoughts please do so by emailing the Clerk at [nep@fsmgpc.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:nep@fsmgpc.fsnet.co.uk) or use the email Parish Clerk link on the website.

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## **THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918**

As I am sure you are all aware August 4th sees the 100th year anniversary of the declaration of war against Germany. Your Parish Council firmly believes that this momentous occasion should not pass without appropriate recognition.

Accordingly the Parish Council has commissioned a reconditioning of all the names and letters on the war memorial in our churchyard, so that it continues to serve as a reminder to everyone, including future generations of the service men and woman from our Parish who gave their lives for our country.

The church plans to hold a service to mark the anniversary together with a dedication for the refurbished war memorial, the date of which will be August 10th 2014 commencing at 10am.

The Parish Council hopes that anyone wishing to mark this historic milestone in our country's history will join us on the day.

**Michael Collier**

**Chairman of the Parish Council.**

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

CONTACT	DETAIL	NUMBER
<b>Anglian Water</b>	Emergency (Reporting leaks etc)	0800 771 881
<b>Cinema</b>	Cineworld, Parkway	0871 200 2000
<b>Councils</b>	St Edmundsbury	01284 763233
	Suffolk County	01284 352000
<b>Electricity</b>	EDF Energy (Power cuts)	0800 783 8838
	Customer Enquiry	0800 096 2270
<b>Hospital</b>	West Suffolk Hospital	01284 713000
<b>Police</b>	General enquiries	101
	Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
<b>Samaritans</b>	Bury St Edmunds	0845 790 9090
<b>Transport</b>	National Rail Enquiries	0845 748 4950
	BSE Bus Station	01284 702020
	Taxi	01284 766777

Fornham St Martin cum Fornham St Genevieve

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

**Thursday May 9th 2013**

in the village hall at **7.00 pm**

An invitation to all residents to

meet your councillors and

**come and have your say**

on any issue in Fornham of

importance to **you**, including,

perhaps what **you** think would make

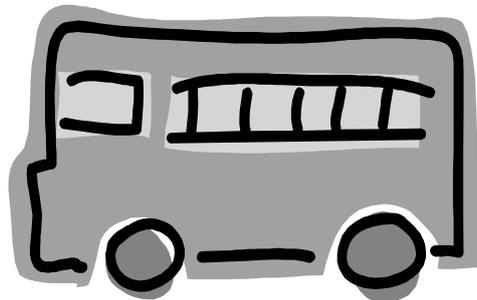
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what way **you** would like to help

make a difference in Fornham.

<http://www.suffolkonboard.com/>

Suffolk County Council's SuffolkonBoard website has details of all local transport and links to relevant websites. It helps you find the easiest way to get around, depending on your mobility and how you want to travel, and includes journey planners.



## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The upgrade of the heating in both the large and small halls has now been completed with the installation of more efficient heaters and thermostats. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank Kevin Cornell, Electrician, for his help and guidance as well as the installation, particularly in resolving the problem in the small hall which has now resulted in the reduction of condensation here, allowing one of the walls to start to dry out. This means that we can now go ahead with plans for this room.

A **Table Top** sale is planned for a **Saturday** afternoon in **June**, date to be announced in the next edition of the Bugle.

Tables may be rented at a cost of **£5 each**, and we think we can fit in 11 tables.

Individuals and Groups are invited to take a table.

**Please contact Colleen Leach on 01284 756507 if you are interested.**

There will be refreshments available for which we will request a donation.

The proceeds from the Refreshments and the rent of the tables will be going towards the redecoration of the main hall.

**RINGING FOR CHANGES**

BT is now charging **£1.75** a month for its **1571** answering service plus the same for its caller display service that shows callers' numbers and helps customer to block calls. BT warned of these changes in its *Update* magazine in late 2013. But if you missed it, you will be paying for something you thought was free. To opt out, go to [bt.com/myfeatures](http://bt.com/myfeatures) and put in your phone number and postcode. It will show you what extra services you are paying for. You can cancel them on the page. If you call **0800 800150**, though, you can talk to someone and ask them to backdate it to January 4 as you didn't see the information BT sent. The caller display service is free for a year if you agree to stay with BT for 12 months. Then shop around as some of BT's competitors offer it free.

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**ANSWER**

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## diary dates !.....

### Services at FSM in April and May are :-

- 13th April, Palm Sunday, 10am.
- 18th April, Good Friday for the Last Hour, 2.00 – 3.00pm.
- 27th April, Holy Communion, 10am.
- 11th May, Holy Communion, 10am, Rev'd David Burrell's last Service.
- 25th May, Rogation Sunday, Communion and baptism, 10am.

The Easter Sunday service is at Fornham All Saints this year, on 20th April.  
 All other intermediate services at other Churches in the benefice are posted on the notice board next to the gate.

## MAY

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>11 am to 3pm</b>	Book Sale, Coffee and Cakes at FSM Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>Midday</b>	Deadline for articles to be included in next edition of Bugle ( <a href="mailto:brookfranklin@virginmedia.com">brookfranklin@virginmedia.com</a> )

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