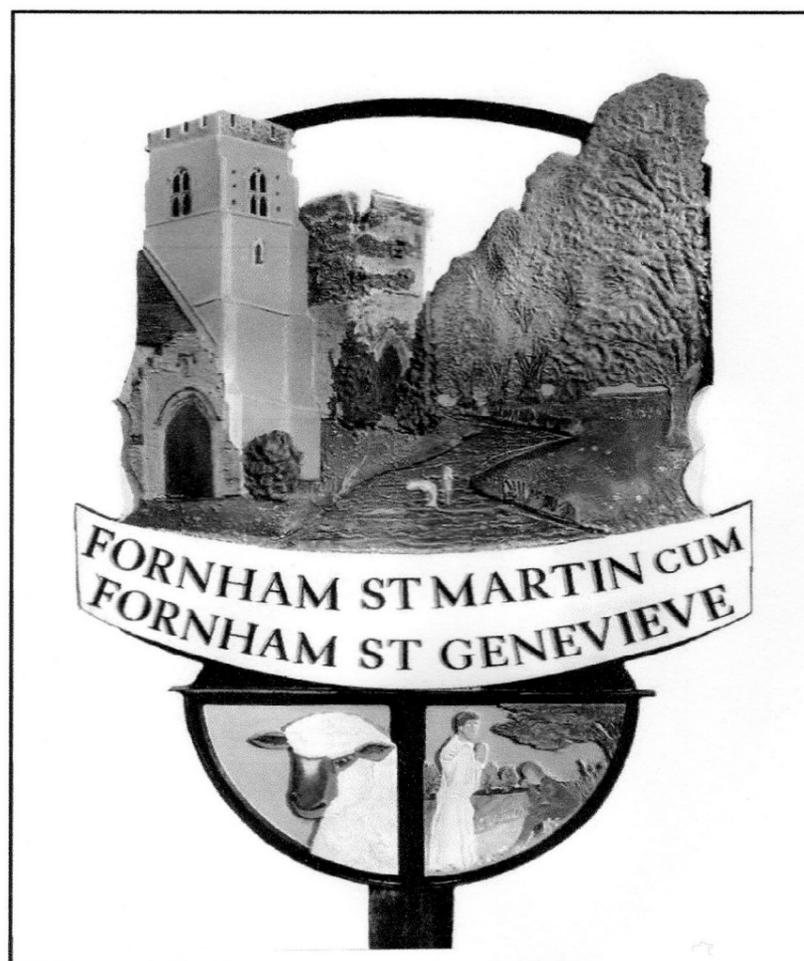


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** * note updated phone number Nov 2014*

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

Weekly

Monday		
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
3rd Sun	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.***

FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

October 7 - 25 members set off by coach on a trip to Wicksteed Park. Some had a ride on a train round the park while others decided to have tea, coffee or other more stimulating refreshments. This was followed by lunch then we watched the first half of a show (SS Broadway) which had the theme of a Transatlantic Cruise and had a selection of songs which formed various musicals. We had a break for afternoon tea and a quiz before watching the second half of the show. It was a good enjoyable day out.

Congratulation to Maureen Clutterham and Brenda Chillingworth for their successful hot air balloon flight.

Nov 4 - we had to make an alteration to our programme for this meeting as Steve Beadle was indisposed, but our own Wally Leeks saved the day and entertained us with his keyboard music and songs. This was much appreciated.

The ladies who organise the refreshments came up trumps by providing a cream tea which was most enjoyable.

On previous occasions the club has had day trips out but we would like to see if there is support for a two day excursion in 2015. A visit to Bath and Longleat next July has been suggested. If there is enough interest this will be investigated further.

Dec 9 - Christmas Lunch at the Three Horseshoes in Cockfield.

Thanks to Jim Lang 01284 705358 for this report .

At the time of compiling this edition of the Bugle, Ron Boughen our usual contributor is in hospital. I am sure you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. Editors

FORNHAM ST MARTIN WEBSITE

A reminder that there is a website for Fornham St Martin the web address is:<http://www.fornhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/>

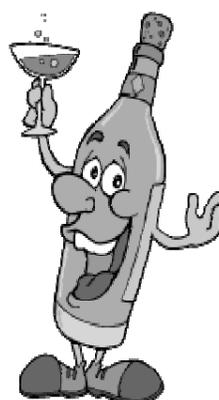
Calling all Club Secretaries:

If you would like a notice posted on the website of any forthcoming Club events or your Club programme for the year, please send it to the website administrator Valerie Seaman at val.seaman1@btinternet.com (contact Tel. 01284 750226).

FSM 100 Club Winners

OCTOBER 2014

- 1st No. 64 J Stocking
- 2nd No. 21 B Scarfe
- 3rd No. 30 M Groves



NOVEMBER 2014

- 1st No. 25 HC Prentice
- 2nd No. 46 D Yates
- 3rd No. 58 T Claydon

Please contact **Margaret Ade 01284 750133**

FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB

For those members of the club who were part of the group visiting France in 2007 memories were rekindled at our meeting on 14 Oct when Ian Seager delivered his talk on French Renaissance Gardens. After a short introduction Ian explained how the climate and landscape of the Seine and Loire Valleys made it possible for Louis 14th, amongst other, to imitate the structure of Italian Gardens of note. Using his vast fortune (to the detriment of the country's population) and the manpower of his army when not engaged in war canals, lakes and gardens were built in the grounds of the magnificent Palace of Versailles. Sculptors were employed to design and produce statues and grand fountains, with wide avenues cleared through forests to allow riding and carriages to be driven through. Ian had visited Versailles and his slides sadly photographed on a dull day did not show it at its most impressive and likewise with poor light when he visited Fontainebleau and Vaux le Vicomte, but we have to accept whatever the weather throws at us once we make plans to visit and photograph our surroundings. A brighter day for his tour of Chantilly lifted the architecture, the parterres and the wonderful views he took from the tethered balloon in the grounds really revealed the sheer grandeur and incredible beauty of the Chateau and in the distance the town of Chantilly where we were based in 2007.

On 11 November we welcomed Graeme Proctor from Crown Nursery, Ufford to deliver what turned to be a very entertaining and interesting talk entitled 'All you want to know about Apples'. Graeme features on Radio Suffolk answering gardener's questions so it was good to put a face to the familiar voice! Condensing his talk into an hour was a difficult task, but with humour very much in evidence he took us through from the choice of rootstock (which determines the

final height of the tree and the age at which it will bear fruit), to pollination pruning, varieties of apple with disease and bugs also covered. It seems everyone present left having learned something they hadn't previously known about apples. The tasting of three different varieties also added another dimension to the evening.

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

Dec 9th Yvonne Leonard. The Story of a Garden. An introduction to the National Garden Scheme. A talk and slide show.

2015
Jan 13th Annual Dinner at Bury Golf club

Feb 10th Rodney Tibbs. Vegetables for Value. Talk and slide show.

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**.



CANCER RESEARCH UK

A collection took place in September on the Lark Valley Estate which raised a grand total of £223.81.

Thank you to all who contributed.

Judith Scott



**WARNING AFTER BOGUS 'POLICE OFFICER'
SCAMS PENSIONER**

Police are again urging people to be vigilant after a pensioner was conned out of thousands of pounds while another had a 'lucky escape' by men posing as police officers.

On Monday 20 October, an 81year-old woman from the Bury St Edmunds area was contacted by phone by a man claiming that he was a police officer. He said that someone had tried to access her bank account and she would therefore need to withdraw the cash so that it could be checked.

The bogus police officer made several phone calls, instructing the victim not to tell anyone about his requests because he was working undercover and saying he would book a taxi for her so that she could bring him the money. The woman refused and told a friend after which police were contacted. No money was handed over.

On Thursday 23 October, a 77year-old woman from Shotley also received a telephone call from a man purporting to be a police officer. He claimed that bank staff were trying to steal all her money from her account and, in order to protect it, she should withdraw it all and hand it over to him. Again, she was told not to tell anyone and a taxi was booked for her. She got the taxi to her bank where she withdrew money, before travelling to London where she handed over £4,000 to a man.

Detectives investigating both crimes are reminding people not to divulge bank account details, PINs or withdraw any cash for the police.

DI David Giles said: "If you have vulnerable or elderly family, friends, or neighbours, please take the time to make sure they are aware never to give out personal information over the phone to people they don't know – especially bank details.

"The police or your bank will never ask for this information on the phone so if you do get a call like this please hang up immediately and leave five minutes before reporting it to the police, as the fraudsters may stay on the line.

"We will also never ask to take money from people so please don't hand over cash to anyone claiming to be working for the police."

Suffolk police officers have spoken to both women and are currently carrying out investigations. If you believe that you or someone you know may have been affected by a scam such as this, or similar, **please call the police on 101 or 999** if it is an emergency.

Suffolk Police Headquarters, Martlesham Heath,

Suffolk, IP5 3QS, Tel: 01473 782722,

E-Mail: media@suffolk.pnn.police.uk,

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FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 16th October 2014
in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin.**

MINUTES

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

The Mayor of Bury St Edmunds, Mr Robert Everitt
Borough/County Councillor Mrs R Hopfensperger
The Clerk
One Parishioner

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor N Owen
Councillor P Butler
Councillor G Hubbard
PCSO K Ruston

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th SEPT 2014

The Minutes were signed as being a true record.

The Council adjourned for:-

**3. THE MAYOR OF ST EDMUNDSBURY, COUNCILLOR ROBERT
EVERITT**

The Chairman welcomed the Mayor to the meeting and apologised for not having a full compliment of Councillors in attendance.

The Mayor said the main purpose for him attending was to thank Councillors for all their hard work and for all they do within the community and as he pointed out, they were not remunerated for their efforts. As the Mayor was in his mayoral robes and chain of office, he was able to explain details of how and when some of the regalia came into being and he felt that generally people were proud of the heritage and the mayoral system and long may it continue.

He congratulated the PC on the Village website. The Mayor was delighted to be able to present the Parish Council with an illuminated scroll commemorating the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, which was accepted by the Chairman with grateful thanks and appreciation. Councillor Everitt said he would be pleased to answer any questions and there followed some which he dealt with. The Chairman thanked the Mayor for his visit and for his informative talk.

4. POLICE REPORT

A report was to hand. Three crimes had been committed since the September meeting. A theft from a conveyance, other than a motor vehicle, overnight Sunday/Monday 21st/22nd September on a trailer from Fulford Close. No suspects have been found.

Theft other x 2 between 5pm Friday 19th and 2pm Tues 23rd Sept on two separate occasions, cash was stolen from business premises. A suspect had been arrested and bailed pending further enquiries.

34 speed checks had been carried out across the area by SNT staff resulting in 19 verbal warnings, 98 written warnings, 7 fixed penalty tickets and 4 notice of impending prosecution.

5. BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mrs Hopfensperger to the meeting. Areas covered in her report included SCC Road Campaign dealing with hazards on the County's roads, Raising the Bar which is a 5 year project costing £60k for the improvement of maths in Suffolk, launch of Active Community Campaign (details of which she will send to the Clerk), the Borough is currently looking into formalising their policy on advertising "A" boards. The Vision 2031 has been ratified by Cabinet.

On local issues, Councillor Hopfensperger was pleased to be able to report that she would be able to allocate £1k from her Locality Budget to assist the Village Hall Management Committee with their legal costs relating to boundary issues. The Clerk reported that the £400 which Councillor Hopfensperger had been able to allocate from her Locality Budget for the refurbishment of the War Memorial, had been received. The Chairman thanked her for being able to help in this worthwhile project.

Councillor Hopfensperger informed Councillors about an issue relating to the Tut Hill development, whereby a resident of Philip Road, Bury St Edmunds was challenging issues regarding this area being of historical importance and was asking for further archaeological reports.

Councillor Hopfensperger said there were signs of an ancient burial site but not where houses were to be built.



She would be having further talks with this person to discuss his concerns.

The Chairman was able to let her know that the Parklands Green sign had now been replaced as had the street light. The Barton Hill sign had not been attended to, so Councillor Hopfensperger said she would chase this with the relevant department. The Clerk handed Councillor Hopfensperger a copy of Mr Hilder's papers on Larkspool matters for her perusal. On the oak tree, Park Avenue, Councillor Hopfensperger said she would ask again that this was investigated further. Councillor Mrs Buxton drew Councillor Hopfensperger's attention to large number of pot holes throughout the Village. She did confirm that the extra money for repairing pot holes had now been received from Government. The Chairman thanked Councillor Hopfensperger for her attendance and for her report.

6. AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

From the floor, Mr Yates wished to inform Councillors of the date of the Remembrance Day Service which would be on 9th November. There would be a communion service commencing 9:15am followed by the Remembrance service commencing 10:15am.

He gave details of the Tudor Rose Singers concert taking place in the Church on 18th October at 7-30pm.

The Council reconvened.

7. DECLARATION OF INTEREST - The Chairman declared an interest in planning application for 6 Parkland's Green, being a resident of that Development.

8. MATTERS ARISING

a. Plans for widening the footpath.

Council Hopfensperger said she had not received these but would make sure that when she did, she would let the Parish Council have them straight away.

b. Suggested meeting with Ross Corbyn & Village Walk.

Councillor Hopfensperger would make arrangements to suit Councillors. Councillor Mrs Buxton said she was extremely anxious about the parking at the Woolpack which was seriously restricting pedestrians and causing visibility issues when exiting from Old Hall Lane. It was agreed that this item would be looked at when the Village walk took place but in the meantime, the Clerk would write to Superintendent Mason to see what could be done.

c. Flashing signs.

Councillor Hopfensperger confirmed that she would be able to help with the funding if the Parish Council decided to purchase a sign. The Chairman felt that this matter should be decided at the November meeting, when it was hoped that there would be a full complement of Councillors present.

9. CYCLING ON FOOTPATHS

The Chairman said that he was concerned about this dangerous practice which was contrary to the Highway Code. It was decided that he and the Clerk should agree a piece about this issue to be published in the Bugle.

10. LITTER PICKING

This was deferred to the November meeting.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SALC

An email had been received re SALC awards. It was agreed to enter the Village website for the award.

Councillors had been circulated with the following: Planning Practice Guidance: Housing Assessment, Development Benefits Pilot and the Transparency Code on finance (This applies to larger councils).

Playing Field

Councillor Forster had received the playing field reports from the Borough.

The Clerk reported that Mr Hoggett had weeded the trim trail.

Tree Warden

The Chairman said the overhanging trees in Parklands Green had not been attended to. The Clerk would chase this matter once again.

The issue of the holm oak tree in the Street adjacent to the Old Rectory, whilst having received a reference number, no action had been taken by SCC. The Clerk would chase this again.

In regard to the basal growth on the limes, it was agreed to keep this on the agenda to see whether, under their budget constraints, SCC would undertake this work.

On the Barton Hill issue of overgrowing trees and hedges, both Councillor Forster and Mrs Hubbard said that work had recently been carried out but not satisfactorily. A hacking job had been done but more than that, many overhanging branches have been left which are causing problems to residents. The Clerk would get on to SCC.

Rights of Way

The Clerk confirmed that SCC had reimbursed the PC for the path clearing undertaken by T & J S's.

The Barton Hill sign has not been attended to. Councillor Hopfensperger said she would chase this matter.

It was not clear if the rodding of the drains near Carrs had been carried out. The Clerk would check.

The work to be carried out opposite Flint Cottages is in SCC's programme of work to be done, but we have no actual date.

The Chairman would let the Clerk know if the overhanging hedge at Ord Lodge had been cut.

Still no news about the little sweeper. The Clerk would send another reminder, copying in Councillor Hopfensperger.

Village Hall

The minutes of their meeting had been circulated to Councillors. Councillors discussed, in the light of Councillor Hopfensperger's grant of £1k for legal expenses, how much the PC would be able to give by way of financial help towards the roof repairs. It was unanimously agreed to make a grant of £2k but this would include the annual grant which was normally paid in February. The Clerk would also calculate the electricity payment for the past year, as this payment had been capped at £1K per annum. Previously, before the Government's grant cutting, the Hall electricity had been met in full by the Parish Council, whatever the consumption.

On the possible re-location of the planter, The Chairman said he had met with Guy Smith (SCC) regarding this. It would appear that some 17 years ago a licence had been granted for the planter to be placed in its present position and should it be moved, a new licence would be required. It was agreed that due to the shortage of Councillors in attendance, to defer this until the November meeting, when it would be on the agenda.

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Buxton could go ahead with planting the two planters with bulbs and pansies.

Planning

The following application was discussed:

DC/14/1857/HH Mr Hockett, 3 Turnberry Drive. First floor side extension above existing garage and associated alterations.
NO OBJECTION

The following result was to hand.

DC/14/1555HH Mr T Field, 4 Lark Valley Drive. Two storey side extension. APPROVED

The following had been dealt with at a planning meeting during the month.

DC/14/1757/HH Mr Axton, Vistri Vale, Old Hall Lane. First floor extension over existing garage, single storey and two rear extension.
NO OBJECTION

DC/14/1779/HH Mr & Mrs Frost, Ducksluice Farm, Fornham Park. Detached two bay cart lodge with games room above .
NO OBJECTION **

DC/14/1507/HH Mr D Evans, 6 Parklands Green. Following the Parish Council's comments that it had no objection to this application, Councillors were made aware of an issue which they were concerned about. It was decided to write to the planners stating that "whilst the Parish Council had no objection in principle, have the following reservations. We have been made aware of an external stairway and we strongly feel that this will compromise the privacy on the occupants of No 7 and support the suggestion that the stairway be placed internally".

Regarding Application DC/14/1779 Ducksluice Farm

Following the decision not to object to this application ** Councillors have been approached by a parishioner throwing some uncertainty about the decision. It was agreed to hold a planning meeting on 22nd October to consider this application in more detail.

This parishioner had sent details of alleged infringements of planning and non-payment of business rates at Larkspool, Fornham Park. This would be investigated and discussed further.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Various pieces of correspondence had been circulated which did not require replies.

An email was to hand from a parishioner who had complaints about parking issues at Pru House and the Woolpack. Also the noise from cockerels. The Clerk would suggest that in respect of the latter, she should contact the Environmental department at St Edmundsbury and in respect of the former issue, the Clerk would say that we are looking into this issue with the Police.

A letter from a parishioner re overhanging branches in a private road was to hand. The Clerk suggested that the Parks and Gardens Department would be the first port of call.

A letter regarding signs being placed outside South Lodge Drive would be answered by the Clerk.

Various emails had been received from Mr Zarattini, all of which had been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk would reply, as per agreed with Councillors.

13. ACCOUNTS

The following were presented and passed for payment:-

Realise Futures	Printing Bugle (March)	177.52
D Hoggett	Playing Field/Litter Picking	203.60
P & S Brooklyn	Bugle Editors	186.73
M & TJ's	Grass Cutting	162.00
eon	Village Hall Electricity	117.66
Revenue & Customs	PAYE	87.00
S Rodwell	Tree Cutting Playing Field	60.00
N Pitcher	Postage and Expenses	49.81
SALC	Training	18.00

Councillor Mrs Buxton reminded the meeting that the bulb planting would be on Saturday at 10:00am.

The Clerk said he had spoken to M & TJ's who confirmed that they had not carried out weed killing at Fornham House. Councillor Forster said he could supply 4 traffic cones.

The Clerk confirmed that Parish Council elections would take place in May 2015, coinciding with the General Election.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 20th NOV 2014 COMMENCING 7:30PM

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

FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING DATES FOR 2015

January 15

February 19

March 26

April 16

May 14 Annual Parish and Annual Parish council Meeting **7:00pm****

May 21

June 18

July 16

September 17

October 15

November 19

Meetings commence at 7:30pm with the exception of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting**

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

FORNHAM LADIES CLUB



On Wednesday 17th September we held our AGM. The "formal" side of this was soon dealt with, last year reviewed, the treasurer's report accepted and the committee re-elected. We did ask that new, younger members consider joining us. We live in hope!

Then followed a more lively part of the evening – Tai-Chi. Gary Brighton gave us the background to Tai-Chi, telling us that it is a Martial Art which started in China in the 13 hundreds and it developed from a set of exercises which were at least 5,000 years old. Chi Gung, a Daoist philosopher, observed animals (Monkey, Tiger, Crane, Bear and Deer) and developed the exercises as a Martial Art. Today they can be for the whole body or to target specific areas. It can be for all ages. We then had the opportunity to have a go, standing up or sitting down. Well, we bent and stretched, twisted and turned, reached (or tried) to reach parts we hadn't reached for a long time and finally we sat down and watched a very impressive demonstration by Gary. It was then supper time which we all thought we had earned.

All in all, it was a different and very enjoyable AGM. Thank you Gary and all who joined us.

Our October meeting was entitled Paper Jewellery with Moon Monkey! Jemma Fifield enjoys turning re-cycled material into something beautiful and we spent a very enjoyable evening doing just that. The idea was formed while rocking the baby during the long nights. We remember it well! Arts & craft groups meet on a Saturday in a room above the Woolpack. If you are interested ring Jemma on 01284 724761.

Thank you to Kyra for these reports.

In November we welcomed Graham Higgins, a local magistrate, to deliver his "Tales from the Bench". His lively, informative and entertaining talk had us thinking about how the nature of crimes has changed over time and the way it is dealt with, from the Normans to the present day. Bury St Edmunds is not only famous for being the gathering place of the Knights preparing to force King John to sign the Magna Carta but for having one of the first purpose built prisons and the first "treadmill". Maybe more infamously not only the town but the villages had their share of criminals. We all knew about the Red Barn but were surprised to hear about the eleven people transported to Australia in the 17th & 18th centuries from the Fornhams. Nowadays there has been a huge increase in domestic violence and drink and drug related cases. There was much for us to enjoy but equally much to make us think.

On December 3rd we meet at the Bunbury Arms for our Christmas Dinner.

The first meeting in 2015 will be on 21st January. Linda Scoles shares with us "Everything she wanted to know about sex – but was afraid to ask!" Do join us! (Ladies only!)

Subscriptions will remain at £12 for 2014 -15. Please join us in Fornham St Martin Village Hall at 7:45pm. A warm welcome awaits you. Mary Payne 01284 704801. For more information please contact Secretary Janet Petch 01284 768280



East Anglian Air Ambulance is a 365 day-a-year lifesaving helicopter emergency medical service working across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

EAAA receive NO direct government funding. This means that the £7.6 million needed this year to continue our vital work comes directly from our generous supporters.

Many local EAAA supporters chose to show their support for the Charity by holding fundraising events. An event that raises £280 for EAAA is enough to fund three lifesaving Autopulse life bands which are used during chest compressions. The Autopulse is an automated, portable, battery powered cardiopulmonary resuscitation device, which compresses the entire chest to give electronic CPR.

Gosia Hobson from Sweffling in Suffolk has been hosting the Sweffling Field Dance for the last 20 years. After a tragic accident in a local village in 2013 the group decided to support EAAA by donating the profits from their event to the lifesaving charity. This summer the group raised £300, enough to fund three Autopulse life bands.

Gosia said: 'We love hosting this event for EAAA as it's our way of saying thank you for the work they do throughout East Anglia. Every pound we raise goes towards miles in the sky and vital lifesaving equipment.'

If you are interested in hosting an event for EAAA, and helping us to fund our service over East Anglia, why not contact your local fundraising co-ordinator, Helen Glenholmes on 01473 745007, who would be happy to help.

If you are looking for an even quicker way to help the charity, why not follow us on Facebook and Twitter?

FSM CHURCH NEWS

The Tudor Rose Singers Concert on 18th October was greatly enjoyed by all who came along to support the Church, and have a night out, in the village. Starting with a variety of sung Choral music, Christopher Moore, their excellent musical director, then performed three wonderful organ pieces. After a short interval when the raffle of chocolates, wine and other tasty items was drawn, the Singers entertained us with a lively rendition of Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo by Michael Flanders and Joseph Horowitz. This piece of music told the story of Noah and the Ark in a jazzy tempo, going through from the coming storm which lasted for 40 days and nights, to listing all the animals in 'samba' style rhythm, to submergence 'glug glug glug' of all the doubting sinners, and culminating in the release of all the animals onto dry land 'two by two by two' in a joyful waltz style rhythm. Then we enjoyed the excellent wine buffet supper to round off a very enjoyable and entertaining evening.



Thanks to everyone who supplied the food and wine. £357 was raised for our Organ Restoration Appeal, now totalling over £10,000, so only about another £3,000 to go! If this can be raised in the next six months, we hope to carry out the work next Summer. If you would like to sponsor one of the 1000 pipes, at £5 each, that would be greatly appreciated. Only 357 left!

The Christmas Bazaar, went very well, so thanks to all those who help set up and man the stalls and the ladies serving the refreshments, although they did say they would have liked a few more customers for their lovely homemade cakes and mince pies - still all the more for the rest of us! £410 was raised after paying £30 for the hire of the community centre, for the combined general fund of both Fornhams Churches. We could do with some more bric a brac next time though.

Our Remembrance Day Service was very well supported, including most of the Parish Council, and the Church was almost full. After the washout at the WW1 Commemorative Remembrance Service in August, we were very pleased to be able to gather around the newly refurbished War Memorial for the two minutes silence and reading of the names of the fifteen fallen. In the Church was a display of the Roll of Honour, lit candle and poppies.

Next Book Sale on Saturday 6th December. In the Church **11am to 3pm**, there will also be some festive mince pies with teas and coffee, and our usual selection of delicious scones and cakes. Do drop in for a browse, get some Christmas reading, and a chat over a cuppa. Lots of books, but further donations are always welcome, and can be collected, or drop off early Saturday morning.

Crib Service. We look forward to seeing all the children and parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends at the crib service. This year Revd Carl Melville, a curate at the Cathedral is coming to take the service. As in previous years, we would encourage the children to come dressed up as shepherds, angels or kings. We will then follow the wonderful nativity story of the birth of Jesus, including the placing in the mock up stable all the principal figures, and a few animals.

We look forward to welcoming you all, but come early if you want a seat. **Midnight Mass** is at FSM this year, at **11.30pm**, so do join us if you like an early celebration of Christmas Day Communion.

In memory of Miss Muriel Horrex of Felsham, we have placed a small plaque on the wrought iron porch gates, in whose name we have just recently discovered they were bequeathed in 1979. After her death her elderly mother Mrs Emily Horrex went into care. Unfortunately no-one in the village knows the circumstances of why they bequeathed the gates, or the connection of these ladies with FSM. If anyone has any information, we would be very pleased to hear from them.

The Church was open through the Summer and over 50 signed the visitors book, with some nice comments, often showing appreciation that the Church was open, as many are not these days. Visitors came from near and far, including not only the East Anglian Counties, but Kent, Surrey, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Bristol, Scotland, Wales, and even overseas from Australia, America and Holland.

Most were looking for the graves of relatives, or perhaps re-visiting the Church where they or perhaps parents were married or baptised. Whatever the reason there was clearly still a strong bond with our Church, and another important reason to continue with its upkeep.

If you can help please let us know, as maintenance funds are limited. Thanks to everyone involved in the opening rota over the 6 months.

At the meeting with the Archdeacon on 21st October, it was announced

that our former Rector, David Burrell, will not be replaced, principally due to the insufficient availability of priests. The Lark Valley Benefice of 7 Churches will however continue to be fully serviced by our current Assistant Priests Sylvia Bareham and Mary Elliott, assisted by North Bury Team Rector Mark Howarth with his Lay Elders and Readers, and Carl Melville, a curate at the Cathedral, and retired priests if necessary. They will be supplemented by Rev'd Tim Jones from York, who has recently been appointed Suffolk Diocesan Director of Ordinands. Tim will live in the existing rectory at West Stow with his family, when it has been redecorated and refurbished. Mark will in the meantime be licensed as Priest in Charge of the Lark Valley Benefice, on 9th Dec, at a ceremony at Fornham All Saints Church, marking also the end of the interregnum period.

Eventually the Benefice will be merged with the three Bury Churches of St Johns, St Georges and All Saints, to become a new Benefice, but this will not be for a while as it requires Privy Council legislation.

Services in December & January are normally 2nd & 4th Sundays and Tuesdays at 10am. With Christmas services shown on the notice board and in the Christmas Card delivered to every house in the village, to which everyone is welcome.

David Yates and Sylvia Hilton, Churchwardens

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FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 20th November 2014 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin.

MINUTES

PRESENT

- Councillor M Collier (Chairman)
- Councillor Mrs J Hubbard
- Councillor P Forster
- Councillor N Owen
- Councillor Mrs C Buxton

IN ATTENDANCE

- The Clerk
- 2 Members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor G Hubbard
Councillor P Butler
PCSO McDaid

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th OCT 2014

The minutes were signed as being a true record, after making the following changes.

Page 41 under Borough/County Councillor's report No 5 – third line from the bottom, the words following large number of pot holes, THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE, were deleted. There were two typo' changes.

The Council will adjourn.

3. AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

The Chairman moved item 9 on the Agenda LARKSPOOL ISSUES – as the parishioner who was interested in this matter, was present.

Councillors had been given details of the issues raised by the person present and the Chairman asked that he reiterated the salient points of concern. These covered the increase in traffic both by lorries and other vehicles which visit the many businesses which have now increased dramatically. There had been unacceptable traffic movements at the weekend but thankfully these seem to have slowed down. There are some 8 units, 7 being divided into two, which has undoubtedly caused the increase in traffic. There was a material change of use in March of 1989 to which the Planners have taken no notice whatsoever.

The Parish Council expressed their concerns in April 2007, when they had a meeting at West Suffolk House with Patsy Dell and Sandra Pell who apologised for lack of action which they blamed on lack of enforcement staff due to personnel shortages. This matter was brought to the Borough's attention again in December 2007 but no action was forthcoming. In 2013, the Borough passed matters to a lawyer in Colchester and in May/June of this year a site visit was made and letters were written to occupiers but there has been nothing further. It would seem therefore, that the site is probably being used without permission. The allegation that business rates may have been avoided is a concern to the Parish Council and to that end; it will take this matter up with the rating department. The Parish Council will write to the head of planning at the Borough regarding their unacceptable inaction over the past seven years (since the meeting at West Suffolk House) and insist that they resolve all issues without further prevarication.

Other issues which concern the parishioner is the cutting down of screening trees whilst a boundary fence was erected.
The Chairman and the Clerk would liaise over the letter to the Borough.

From the floor, Mr Yates gave details of the new changes relating to the Lark Valley Benefice, all of which will be seen in the Bugle. He also drew attention to the state of School Lane which requires some attention. The Clerk would speak to Mr Underwood.

4. POLICE REPORT

The report to hand indicated that there had been no crimes since the October meeting.

5. BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report to hand.

The Council reconvened.

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None.

7. MATTERS ARISING

a. Barton Hill sign

The sign had not been attended to, therefore the Clerk would contact Councillor Hopfensperger and ask that she chases this matter - copy to Guy Smith.

b. Pot Holes

This item would be dropped from the agenda as the pot holes referred to were not in Fornham St Martin.

c. Plans for widening the footpath

The Clerk had chased Councillor Hopfensperger for these and had also asked if the intended contractor was Kier.

d. Parking at the Woolpack

Councillors had been given the response from PCSO Ruston but it did not address the issue of cars parking on the roadside. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the PCSO to visit the site with a Councillor/Councillors present, to see exactly what the problem is.

e. Flashing signs

Councillors discussed this issue and agreed to have a sign. Councillor Hopfensperger had indicated that she would be willing to fund this from her Quality of Life Budget, so the Clerk would contact her to put the wheels in motion. Councillors thought that it would be advisable to have an extra battery which could be already charged when the other one was changed. Discussions took place as to whether the Parish Council should pay for someone to look after the sign and its movement between the three sites but it was felt that this could be undertaken by volunteers. The Chairman and Councillors Owen and Forster said they would be prepared volunteer. Other Councillors, not present at this meeting, may wish to do likewise. Training will be given by SCC. There must be two persons trained and two must execute the changeover. High visibility jackets must be worn. Only step ladders are allowed.

f. Cycling on footpaths

The Chairman said that it was him who brought this matter to Councillor's attention but he has seen a marked improvement, whereby cyclists do give way to pedestrians. It was agreed to drop this item from the agenda.

g. Litter Picking

Councillors agreed that the Village was free of litter and were pleased with a "job well done".

h. Planter adjacent to the Village Hall

Councillors discussed this and upon reflection, decided no action would be taken.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SALC

Councillors Collier and Mrs Hubbard, with the Clerk would attend the planning meeting on 3rd December.

Playing Field

The playing field report from the Borough was handed to Councillor Forster.

It would seem that the chafer grub treatment had been a success; therefore no further action was required.

Tree Warden

The Arboricultural Officer had visited Parkland's Green and reported that he could only see some minor places where branches of trees were touching hedges of properties and he would not consider pruning. The Chairman said, in his case, he would cut back overhanging branches.

Regarding the holm oak in the Street, we have been advised that this is the responsibility of the home owner. The Clerk to make contact.

In respect of basal growth on the lime trees, it was agreed to leave this until the New Year and if SCC have not undertaken this job, the Parish Council will engage a contractor and bill SCC.

Mr Yates said that following his request, SCC had trimmed back some overhanging branches in Lark Valley Estate.

Rights of Way

The little sweeper has been in the Village and has generally done a good job but unfortunately failed to turn left at the roundabout, The Clerk would email, thanking them for sending the sweeper, ask for it to return to complete the job, and to request that we see it more often, say two or three times a year.

The on-going saga of the path etc. opposite Flint Cottages seems to have stalled, due to the fact that SCC is unable to obtain a date from their contractors, Kier. This is unacceptable, so the Clerk will take this issue up with Guy Smith and Councillor Hopfensperger.

With regard to the drains at Carrs garage, SCC state that they have inspected them and they appear not to be blocked and they will continue to monitor the situation.

The Chairman said the moles were again very active along the grassed area where the kiosk used to be. The Clerk would contact AIDA Pest Control. Mr Yates said he had been trying to progress the issue of resurfacing Russell Baron Road with Guy Smith which was something the late Len Long was involved with. Councillors were unaware of this matter. The Clerk would speak to Mr Yates, asking if he would be good enough in future to channel such matters through the Parish Council.

Planning

There were no planning issues.

Village Hall

The Clerk would email the Village Hall Committee to ask permission to place the, now framed, Magna Carta scroll on the wall in the Hall.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There were numerous pieces of correspondence which did not require a response. The following were considered:

The email and attached photographs from Mr Zarattini in relation to the All Saints water recycling centre and Anglian Water's response was received. His other email dated 16th November would be fully responded to following the January 2015 meeting

10. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment

D Hoggett	Playing field/litter picking	229.50
P Bird	Grass cutting playing field	959.35
Realise Futures	Printing the Bugle	146.35
M & T.J's	Grass cutting	162.00
Denny Bros	Cartridges	253.83
The Borough	Dog Bin emptying	206.70
S Rodwell	Clearing area from Golf Club to river bridge	75.00
Mrs Buxton	Plants	25.00
Revenue & Customs	PAYE	87.00
N Pitcher	Postages/ expenses, including picture frame and computer repair	98.89

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 15th JAN 2015 COMMENCING 7:30pm

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Councillor Mrs Buxton asked if it would be in order for a letter to be sent to Fornham House regarding the daffodil planting and asking that their grounds men are made aware of issues relating to weed killers and leaving the foliage to die down naturally. Councillors approved the wording of the letter.

There being no further business, the Chairman wished everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and closed the meeting.

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

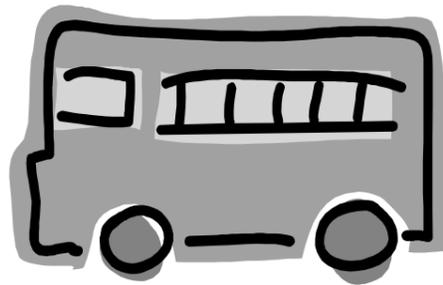
USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

CONTACT	DETAIL	NUMBER
Anglian Water	Emergency (Reporting leaks etc)	0800 771 881
Cinema	Cineworld, Parkway	0871 200 2000
Councils	St Edmundsbury	01284 763233
	Suffolk County	01284 352000
Electricity	EDF Energy (Power cuts)	0800 783 8838
	Customer Enquiry	0800 096 2270
EMERGENCY	POLICE FIRE AMBULANCE	999
NHS	NON medical information line	111
Hospital	West Suffolk Hospital	01284 713000
Police	General enquiries	101
	Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Samaritans	Bury St Edmunds	0845 790 9090
Transport	National Rail Enquiries	0845 748 4950
	BSE Bus Station	01284 702020
	Taxi	01284 766777

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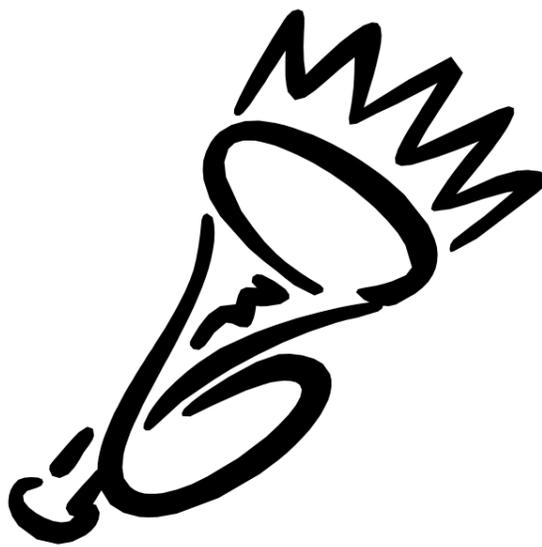
Sat	6th	11am to 3pm	Book Sale at Fornham St Martin Church
Wed	24th	Midnight Mass	Fornham St Martin Church

JANUARY 2015

SUNDAY	25th	Noon	Deadline for articles to be included in the next edition of Bugle (brookfranklin@virginmedia.com)
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