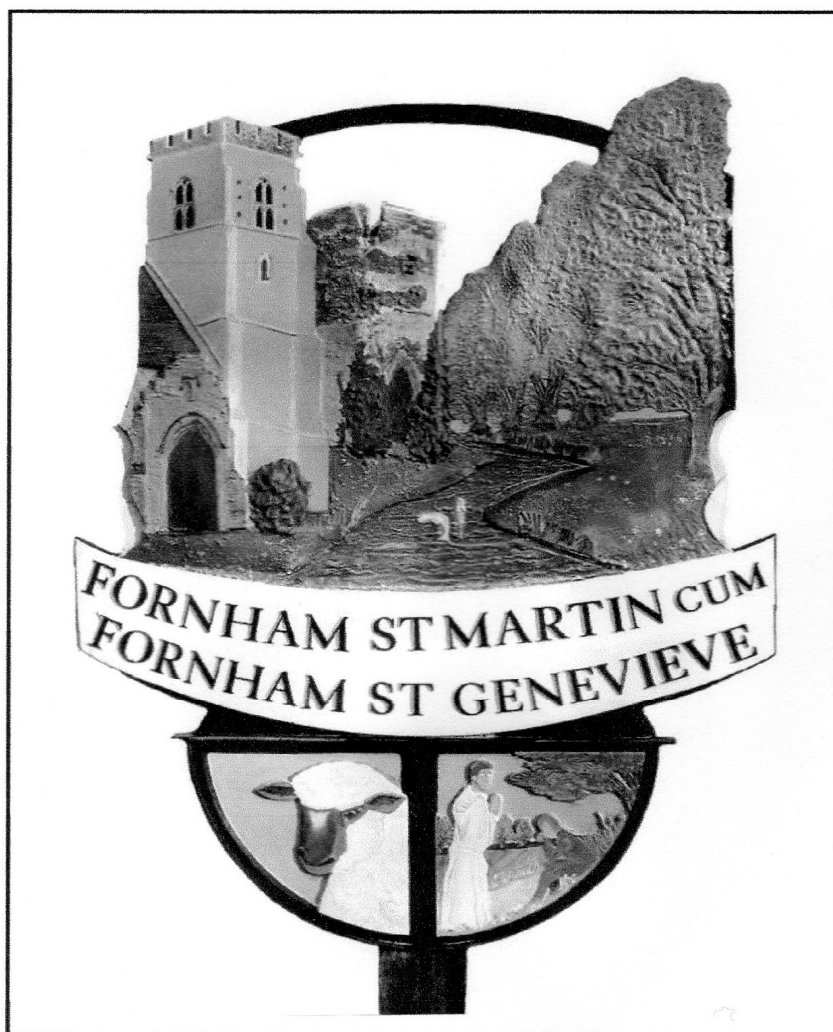


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What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

Weekly

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

****Term Time Only**

Monthly

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

Occasional meetings
Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

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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.

COCONUT MACAROONS

These coconut macaroons have a wonderfully sweet coconut flavour with a crisp exterior and a soft and chewy texture.

Serves: 30 - Ready in: Less than 30 Minutes - Suitable for vegetarians:

ingredients

- ◆ 4 egg whites
- ◆ 198g sugar
- ◆ 71g desiccated coconut

Beat the egg whites until frothy (Make sure no yolk whatsoever has contaminated the egg whites, otherwise you could be whisking for ever!) Add the sugar and beat until stiff. Fold in the coconut, put mixture into a piping bag with a star nozzle and pipe 30 macaroons onto a parchment covered baking sheet.

Bake for 30 minutes in a preheated oven (170°C/150°C Fan/Gas Mark 3).

Remove from oven, and allow to cool for a few minutes before removing them from the baking sheet. ENJOY!

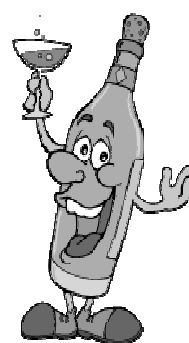
FSM 100 Club Winners

JUNE 2016

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| 3rd | No. 82 B A Sharman |

JULY 2016

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| 1st | No. 64 J Stocking |
| 2nd | No. 100 R C Ade |
| 3rd | No. 66 R P Catton |



Margaret Ade 01284 750133

FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

On 7th June we were joined by members of the Great Whelnetham over 60's club for our visit to Wicksteed Park. We had lunch followed by a show with music from the 1960's. It even had the effect of enticing some of our members to get up on to the dance floor.

This reminded us of the popular songs of our youth. We had afternoon tea during the interval. It proved to be an enjoyable excursion.

For the next meeting on 5th July we welcomed Don Hill who gave us an interesting talk on the exploits of the Caister Lifeboat men and highlighted the stories of some of the rescues. We were surprised at the large number of lives saved by these brave men. Don then invited questions and got a good response.

Our next meetings will be:-

2nd August with a trip to Bressingham Gardens.

The coach will leave Fornhams around 9.30 am.

6th September will be the date for our Annual Garden Party at the Community Centre.

4th October we will have a talk by Peter Hackett, relating stories of his travels on container ships

JIM LANG 01284 705 358

FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB

The first outing for this year was on May 12th, a warm and sunny day. Mike Clark had arranged a morning visit to Capel Manor Gardens in Enfield, which also houses College buildings and practical areas for the students to gain practical experience. The estate has numerous gardens to explore from prize winning themed gardens (some previous Chelsea Flower Show winners), and historical gardens, amongst others. Spring flowers abounded with cherry blossom and wisteria drawing the eyes upwards, together with a scent filled pelargonium greenhouse, ponds and a lake. Benches placed throughout the grounds gave many the opportunity to enjoy a picnic lunch while others used the large cafeteria. Heading closer to home we drove to Little Easton near Gt Dunmow in Essex to see the partially restored walled and Italian gardens of Easton Lodge. A complete contrast to the gardens we usually visit (but no less enjoyable), we could only admire the sheer dedication of the team of volunteers (two of whom gave us a guided tour and potted history) attempting against all the odds to carry out the work and maintain the glorious surrounding parkland. The task they face is enormous, bearing in mind there is much uncertainty regarding its future with its closeness to Stansted Airport and rumours of a possible large housing development. We were certainly not short of conversation on the way home through some lovely villages and wild flower filled hedgerows before reaching the M11.

On Sunday June 12th we spent a showery but most enjoyable day in Essex visiting two contrasting gardens. Beth Chatto's Garden is always a delight and with the recent heavy rain it looked lush and green everywhere (apart from the dry garden) with splashes of colour wherever you looked. Green Island Gardens in nearby Ardleigh is, by contrast, a more natural garden with a large part of the 20 acres given over to woodland with mown paths through the long and very wet grass and home to azaleas and rhododendrons in Spring. Mixed borders in the more structured garden were full of many unusual shrubs and perennials, some of which are of borderline tenderness yet they thrive in the sites unique microclimate.

Andy and Linda Simpson welcomed us to their garden at Batteley's Cottage in Wortham for an evening visit on June 14th and arranged for the rain to stop! We explored the one acre plantsmans garden described as a haven for birds, filled with both mature and newer mixed plantings including many

unusual perennials, grasses, roses and clematis. Ponds, a potager garden, fruit and vegetable patch, orchard and meadow area, there is something for everyone's taste with many corners to sit in, which provided us with a perfect spot to relish the delicious cakes and tea to round off a delightful time.

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

Sat Aug 6th Outing to RHS Hyde Hall and Summer Flower Show

Aug 9th Steven Poyser; Beekeeping and the Gardener.
Talk with a demonstration of some of the equipment used.

Sept 13th Melanie Collins; Hostas - Beware of Gifts?
Talk about Hostas, her Nursery and plants for sale.

The Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at **7:30 pm** in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. Membership is £13 per year with visitors paying £3 per visit. For further information please telephone the programme secretary **Frances Harpley** on **01284 755876**.



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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Fornham St Martin, IP31 1SW on Monday 23 May 2016 at 6:30pm.

Present:

Councillors (Cllrs) Penny Borrett, Paul Butler, Michael Collier (Chair), Peter Forster, Gary Hubbard, Jayne Hubbard and Nick Owen.

In attendance:

Paul MacLachlan (Clerk) and four members of the public.

The agenda, together with appendices 1 to 9 will be appended to the signed minutes.

1. Election of Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Gary Hubbard, seconded by Cllr Borrett and agreed unanimously that Cllr Michael Collier be elected Chairman of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council.
Cllr Collier signed the Acceptance of Office form.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Election of Vice Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Collier, seconded by Cllr Forster and agreed unanimously that Cllr Gary Hubbard be elected Vice Chairman of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council.

4. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared. No dispensations were sought.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 14 April 2016 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chair.

6. Governance issues

- i) It was proposed by Cllr Gary Hubbard, seconded by Cllr Borrett and agreed unanimously that the delegation arrangement to the Clerk at appendix be adopted;
- ii) It was proposed by Cllr Gary Hubbard, seconded by Cllr Borrett and agreed unanimously that the standing order adopted on 10 March 2016 be confirmed;
- iii) It was proposed by Cllr Gary Hubbard seconded by Cllr Borrett and agreed unanimously that the financial regulation adopted on 10 March 2016 be confirmed;

- iv) The following arrangements for representation on, or work with, external bodies were agreed:
 - ◆ Suffolk Association of Local councils - Cllrs to be nominated as available;
- v) It was noted that the inventory of land and assets adopted on 10 March 2016 was unchanged;
- vi) It was agreed that consideration of the Council's insurance cover be deferred to a future meeting;
- vii) The following 2016/17 council and staff subscriptions were agreed:
 - ◆ National Association of Local Councils;
 - ◆ Suffolk Association of Local Councils;
 - ◆ Community Action Suffolk;
- viii) It was proposed by Cllr Jayne Hubbard, seconded by Cllr Forster and agreed unanimously that the complaints procedure at appendix 2 be adopted;
- ix) It was proposed by Cllr Collier, seconded by Cllr Gary Hubbard and agreed unanimously that the procedures for handling requested made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998 at appendices 3 and 4 be adopted;
- x) It was proposed by Cllr Collier, seconded by Cllr Forster and agreed unanimously that the policy for dealing with the press /media at appendix 5 be adopted;
- xi) It was proposed by Cllr Collier, seconded by Cllr Forster and agreed unanimously that the following existing arrangements for ordinary meetings of the full council be confirmed.
 - ◆ 9 June 2016;
 - ◆ 14 July 2016;
 - ◆ 8 September 2016;
 - ◆ 13 October 2016;
 - ◆ 10 November 2016.

All meeting to commence at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, The Street Fornham St Martin. It was agreed to consider 2017 meetings in conjunction with the new Clerk.

The meeting was adjourned for public question time.



A local resident advised the decision of the Development Control Committee regarding the planning application at Lark's Pool Farm and expressed concern that some of the conditions and consents may not be lawful.

A local resident commented on the Fornham Park application noting that yet another revision had been submitted. Cllrs felt that a meeting with the case officer might be helpful and the Chairman undertook to arrange this.

A local resident commented and speculated on the outcome of the local boundary review.

A local resident commented on the missing VAS pole formerly outside the All Saints Hotel. This had been noted and the Chairman will be raising this with the hotel.

The meeting reconvened.

7. Clerk's report

The Clerk reported progress on actions arising from prior meetings (see Appendix 6).

8. Decisions taken since the last meeting

The appointment of Victoria Bright as Clerk to the Council from 1 June 2016 was noted.

9. Planning and Environment

i) Cllrs considered the following planning application:

16/0632/FUL: Hollow Road Farm, Hollow Road, FSM, IP31 1SJ
Vegetable store and 2.5m high earth bund as amended on 29/04/16
Cllrs expressed concern about the volume of traffic during harvest and the safety issues arising from the wide turning circle required by the vehicles entering and exiting the site. SUPPORT

16/0808/FUL: Suffolk Golf and Spa Hotel, The Street, FSG, IP28 6JQ
Equipment and maintenance store. SUPPORT

16/0784/HH: 37 Lark Valley Drive, FSM, IP28 6UQ
Single storey rear extension to existing detached double garage
SUPPORT

ii) Cllrs noted the planning decisions recorded at Appendix 6.

10. Finance

i) Cllrs agreed the schedule of payments at appendix 7;

- ii) Cllrs Jayne Hubbard and Penelope Borrett confirmed that they had undertaken the following checks finding everything to be in order;
 - ◆ Accounting checks for the quarter to 31 December 2015 and 31 March 2016;
 - ◆ The proposed responses to section 1 and 2 of the Annual Report;
 - ◆ The Council's risk and management document.
- iii) Cllrs received and noted with satisfaction the report of the council's internal auditor, SALC, dated 29 April 2016 (Appendix 8).
- iv) It was proposed by Cllr Collier, seconded by Cllr Jayne Hubbard and agreed unanimously that the accounts for the year to 31 March 2016 at appendix 9 be adopted;
- v) Cllrs agreed the compliance statement in section 1 of the 2015/16 Annual Return and authorised the Chairman to sign the declaration on behalf of the Council;
- vi) Cllrs agreed the statement of accounts in section 2 of the 2015/16 Annual Return and authorised the Chairman to sign the declaration on behalf of the Council.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Fornham St Martin at 7:30 on Monday 23 May 2016.

Present:

Parish Councillors Mike Collier (Chairman), Jayne and Gary Hubbard, Penelope Borrett, Peter Forster and Paul Butler together with 36 members of the public.

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Mike Collier, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting dated 14 May 2015

The minutes were agreed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 To receive a report from the Parish Council

The Chairman read the report at appendix. There were no questions arising.



5. To consider proposals for the wild meadow area in King George's Field

The chairman explained that, following chafer bug damage to the King George Field, the Parish council had decided to divide the field so that part would be converted to a wild flower meadow whilst the remainder was left as open field for ball games.

The Chairman explained that the decision to convert part of the field to a wild flower meadow had been advertised in The Bugle via minutes of the Parish council and by articles explain what was intended and seeking residents' views. On the basis of feedback received the Parish Council had decided to proceed to convert two thirds of the field to wild flower meadow, retaining one third for ball games.

The Chairman confirmed that because Fields in Trust have an interest in the field they have been consulted about the proposed division of the field and have no objection to the proposal.

A local resident read from a prepared statement objecting to the proposals. The Chairman asked to receive a copy of the statement so that the parish council could consider the points raised at their next meeting.

A local resident asked the Parish Council to ensure trustee approval for the scheme.

A local resident asked the Parish Council to consider how the field would be maintained in order to maintain the area as a thriving wild flower meadow.

A local resident expressed the view that the field ought to maintain capacity to provide a car park area for church events.

A local resident wondered whether there might be interest from local youth teams wishing to use the field. The Chairman explained that there had been no such interest for some years.

The Chairman invited any interested local resident wishing to form a Management Committee for management of the field to contact him.

6. Interim results of the consultation for the West Suffolk Operational Hub

The Chairman welcomed Adrian Graves and invited him to address the meeting. Adrian spoke from a powerpoint presentation the content of which can be viewed at Appendix 2.

Adrian concluded the presentation by encouraging local residents to continue their opposition to the siting of the proposed hub at Hollow Road Farm.

7. Reports from local clubs and societies

- i) David Yates gave a report on behalf of Fornham Parish church. The content of the report can be seen at appendix 3.

- ii) Michel Clark gave a report on behalf of the Garden Club. Michael detailed the activities of the club, gave the dates and times of meetings and invited new members. The Chairman commented that it was one of the foremost gardening clubs in the County.
- iii) The Chairman read a prepared statement (see appendix 4) on behalf of the Ladies Club.
- iv) Maureen Hockett spoke on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. The content of the report can be seen at appendix. A local resident asked the Villa Hall Committee to consider installing wi-fi.

8. Development of the All Saints Hotel

The Chairman welcomed David Harris and invited him to bring the community up to date with the improvements being undertaken at the All Saints Hotel.

David explained that the hotel had required a significant injection of funds to turn around what, for many year, had been a failing business. Well over £1m had been spent on improving the grounds, the golf course and the hotel facilities. Mr Harris invited local residents to contact him if they would like a tour of the complex. He hoped that residents would take the opportunity to use the bar and restaurant facilities offered at the hotel.

Residents commented on the improved appearance of the hotel from the roadside and welcomed the improvements made to date.

In response to a question from a local resident Mr Harris acknowledged that the changes would have some impact on wildlife but, where possible, efforts were made to safeguard their environment.

9. County and Borough Councillor's report

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger was not present at the meeting due to illness.

10. Open session

Local residents contributed as follows:

- ◆ Commenting on the potholes developing along The Street;
- ◆ Asking the Parish Council to seek *Quiet Lane* status for appropriate roads within the parish;
- ◆ Commenting that the path from Barton Hill to the village was in need of maintenance.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:21pm thanking everyone for their attendance and contributions.

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Fornham St Martin - St Genevieve Parish Council Chairman's Report for year ending 2016

The Parish Council

The West Suffolk Operation Hub (WSOH) has dominated Parish Council business and our thoughts and efforts throughout the year. I personally have been to numerous meetings with the Chairmen of Great Barton and Fornham All Saints Parish councils together with our professional advisor Adrian Graves. There have been two full consultation periods where the public have been able to respond and also drop in sessions where questions could be asked.

Currently my understanding is that we should have sight of the final report around week commencing 6th June 2016, before it goes to Cabinet. You will be hearing from Adrian Graves later on this evening with some details of the results of the consultation.. Tonight I wish to direct my remarks and recognition to all the residents who responded. The three chairmen have been able to review the contents of all the submissions (suitably redacted) and have been very impressed with the sound arguments and ideas and opinions that have been evident. Thank you, to all of you who have participated. I also wish to say that a major opportunity has been grasped, by the three Parish Councils involved and others on the periphery of the West Suffolk Operational Hub by working so close together and sharing resources. These clearly are lessons and experiences that will be very useful for future major planning / development issues.

Other Business

The much anticipated widening and improvements to the path from the bottom of Baron Hill to The Rectory was finally completed after four years of gestation. Considerable positive feedback has been received and I am happy to say the improvements were completed at no cost to the Parish Council.

Speeding

The Parish Councils emphasis on speeding in the village will be strengthened by the introduction of VAS (vehicle activated signage). There have been a number of experiments in the last couple of years with these signs which flash the actual speed at which the vehicle is travelling. They also have sophisticated software that records actual speeds and times for the purpose of analysis. They do not remember

number plates. The Parish Council has purchased one of these and it will be used in four locations in the village on a rota basis. We hope this will be up and running in the near future.

Change of Personnel

We sadly have to say farewell to Nick Owen who has taken an opportunity four days a week in Luxembourg where he will be using his considerable banking and insurance experience to help develop a business. I would like to thank him personally for all his wise input to Parish Council matters. We are also saying farewell to our Clerk. Paul is leaving us for a larger Parish 'Council that is nearer his home in Lavenham, this will save him considerable time travelling. During his short time with us Paul has instigated a number of reforms within the Parish Council bring us more up to date with modern accounting procedures. We wish them both well in their new ventures. I am delighted to announce that our new clerk is Victoria Bright who is also a very experienced clerk with three other Parish Councils in her portfolio. Victoria is due to start in early June and her contact details will be published in The Bugle. We look forward to welcoming her to our team.

In Conclusion

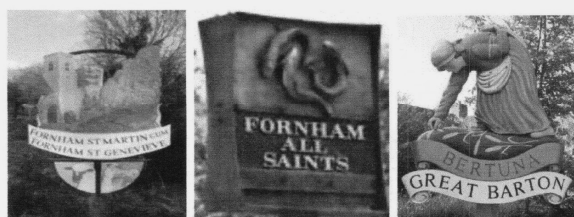
It has been a very busy year for myself and Parish Council colleagues. I would like to thank them for their efforts and contribution to business which has this year taken up even more of our free time. I also must thank Rebecca Hopfensperger for her professional advice and guidance and her ongoing generous financial assistance for village projects. Our bi monthly village newsletter is produced by editors Su and Pat Brooklyn and my thanks go to them and also the team who give up their free time to deliver a copy to all households. David Hoggett continues to keep our village in pristine condition and our collective thanks must go to him.

Our village is blessed with many residents who willingly contribute much to village life, welfare and its activities. They are too numerous to mention but their contribution goes a long way to making the village such a great place to live. The way the village has pulled together this year particularly with the challenge of the West Suffolk Operational Hub has been very positive and helps to ensure that Fornham remains a great place to live.

Michael Collier - Chairman

To all Residents for information....By now you will be aware of the result of the Full Council meeting on the 28th June when the future of the West Suffolk Operational Hub was to be decided. Below, for your interest is a copy of the letter all three parishes sent to all 72 councillors in West Suffolk before the meeting took place. Many Thanks....Mike Collier

**Letter to St Edmundsbury Borough Councillors
from the Parish Council Chairmen of**



Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve, Fornham All Saints & Great Barton

25th June 2016

Dear Councillor Peter Stevens,

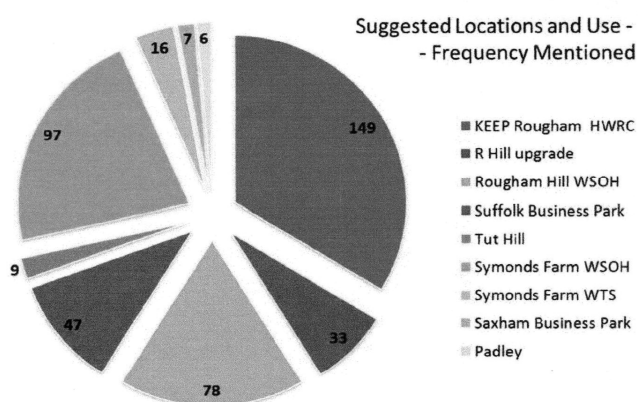
Re: West Suffolk Operational Hub

On Tuesday 28th June 2016, you will be asked to endorse recommendations by Cabinet to proceed to the next stage of proposals to build a West Suffolk Operational Hub at Hollow Road Farm in Fornham St. Martin. Thus, before you vote, the communities which would have to live with the full, unmitigated impact and devastating lasting consequences of this project as currently proposed, would like you to be fully aware of the legacy which your endorsement will leave. The communities also wish you to be properly informed of a number of key facts.

1. During the second consultation, a significant majority of respondents opposed the principle of a combined multi-function hub – let alone it being sited at Hollow Road Farm. This was reflected in the preliminary findings by the authority's consultants. Further analysis by the Community Liaison Group (CLG), which drilled down into the detail of respondents opinion, showed opposition to 'a hub' was even higher – *59.4%

Co-locate all Facilities	COPPER		CLG	
Agree	194	35%	192	35%
Disagree	266	48%	329 ^a	60%
Don't Know	26	5%	28	5%
No Answer	65	12%	1	0%
Total	551		550	

2. The consultation also revealed overwhelming support for the retention of the existing household waste recycling centre (HWRC) at Rougham Hill – with a significant number of respondents supporting its upgrade and further development. In this case, other functions – a waste transfer station (WTS), depot and associated facilities, would be located on an alternative site, remote from residential amenity and with direct access to key routes – one of the authority's original objectives.



The above factors are effectively summarised by the authority's options 4 and 5. Financial analysis of both these options actually demonstrates that option 5 could be significantly more cost efficient, lower capital cost, less impact on key communities and a more sustainable long-term solution.



To put the impact of a combined Hollow Road Farm site into perspective for you, the authority's own forecasts for the operation include 1750 vehicle movements a day on a neighbourhood infrastructure which is already inadequate and congested.

When engaging with the consultation process, the village communities, their representatives and others evolved, researched and presented a range of wholly viable alternatives. These would split the functions between two sites, such that no one community would have to suffer the full impact of the combined hub proposal. Despite robust financial evidence that these alternatives might at least match or better the authority's business case, all these submissions have been cast aside and ignored. Indeed, the criteria and scoring procedures which have been used to weight the results in favour and in support of the authority's 'preferred option' original and unchanged plan, have used worryingly subjective criteria and scoring procedures to present Hollow Road Farm as the only viable option. This is absolutely not true.

Should the WSOH preferred option proceed without any change or mitigating factors applied, which will result in the devastating consequences for the quality of life of these neighbourhoods, please understand that the communities will recognise this as absolute failure by Councillors and officers towards local democracy, good governance and public accountability.

Please would you think and re-think long and hard before you vote to approve these proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Collier, Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council
Howard Quayle, Fornham All Saints Parish Council
Philip Reeve, Great Barton Parish Council

Address for reply: The Clerk to Great Barton Parish Council is acting in a co-ordinating function on this subject and will pass any replies received to the Clerks and Chairmen of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve & Fornham All Saints. E-mail: harley.parish@btinternet.com

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Full Council Meeting regarding the West Suffolk Operational Hub.

I would like to thank all residents who managed to get to the above meeting for their terrific support. The council chamber was full to overflowing and your response was very welcome and encouraging.

You will all know the result by now so we can all "gird our Loins" for the next consultation which will be in the autumn. There will be a great deal to play for at this Planning Consultation as we will push for specific Conditions around traffic infrastructure and management, and state of the art buildings so that the Hub causes minimum disruption to residents.

For those of you who could not make the meeting and for your information my statement to the full council is published below.

There is no doubt that one of the major concerns for residents of Fornham-St Martin and the proposal of a West Suffolk Operational Hub at Hollow Road Farm is the potential for a dramatic increase in traffic. The spectre of an added 200 vehicle movements an hour (your figures not ours) around Junction 43, Barton Hill, Compiegne Way, and Tollgate and other places does not bear thinking about.

Traffic has only brief mention in the introduction to the consultation report, confirming only that a Traffic and transport assessment will be carried out. Surely common sense suggests that an in depth traffic and transport assessment should be taken BEFORE an application request so that the major costs can be considered and included in the proposals financial appraisal plans. These costs could be substantial and make the proposal unaffordable, or less viable, or worse still lead to vital infrastructure improvements not being considered.

Councillors you will be voting tonight on a very contested issue and you all have had an informative presentation on the WSOH. However that could not possibly enable you to fully appreciate the traffic issues, and assist with your far reaching decision.

I cannot help but wonder if any of you have experienced driving up Barton Hill and exiting on to the A134 by pass, with vehicles approaching at speed from the right from Compiegne Way and more vehicles coming from the left on a derestricted dual carriage way. It can be a memorable experience. As of this afternoon there is one damaged bollard and three signs that have been destroyed by accidents very recently. I wonder if any of you have tried at the busy times of day to drive down Barton Hill and exit to the left on to the Thetford road towards the Tollgate. Regular users will tell you the queue can be as long as Barton Hill itself!



Have you ever tried to navigate the Tollgate roundabout at busy times? If you have try and imagine what it will be like with extra vehicles travelling to and from the WSOH and the inevitable increase of traffic when 900 houses are built on Mildenhall Road. Junction 43 the famous Tesco roundabout is acknowledged by Suffolk County Council as being of serious concern regarding its ability to be able to handle the current traffic volumes safely, let alone the hundreds of extra traffic movements that will come with the WSOH

The question therefore must be, how detailed will this Traffic and Transport and Highways assessment be? Will it include British Sugars Campaign effect? Will it take place during summer holiday periods?

The million dollar question will be how much it will cost to implement the infrastructure improvements that will be necessary? Will this encourage corners to be cut to save money or vital improvements cut to the minimum?

Copper the firm who conducted this consultation states and I quote "Any planning application submitted is unlikely to be approved if there are outstanding traffic highway safety issues"

Can the joint councils confirm that the results of a Traffic Transport and highways assessment and review carried out as part of the Planning Application for the WSOH will address all the inevitable issues of safety and congestion as part of a comprehensive Traffic Plan for our historic town.

FINALLY

There is of course a way to reduce the traffic problem dramatically and save capital expenditures Say NO to the West Suffolk Operational Hub at Hollow Road Farm and embrace Option 5 from the consultation Summary booklet i.e. Co Locate waste transfer facility and depot on any of the appropriate suggested sites and leave the HWRC at Rougham Hill. Result considerable money saved and the Boroughs reputation as a council who listens to its residents restored.

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**Minutes of the meeting of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council
held at the Village Hall on Thursday 9th June 2016 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: Cllr. Mike Collier (MC), Cllr. Penny Borrett (PB), Cllr. Peter Forster (PF), Cllr. Gary Hubbard (GH) and Cllr. Jayne Hubbard (JH).

Present: Vicky Bright - Parish Clerk and Rebecca Hopfensperger, Borough & County Councillor.
4 members of the public were present.

Item		Action
	The Chairman welcomed everyone.	
	<p><u>Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):</u> The Larks Pool application has now been to panel for the third time and has had the following conditions corrected and applied;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hours of Use to not include Sundays or Public Holidays ◆ No Lorry Parking over 3.5 tonnes ◆ No storage of external materials/plant or waste on site <p>Wi-Fi at the Village Hall was raised with the Council being presented with 4 possible options.</p>	VHC
16/06/1	<p><u>Accepted Apologies for absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) and (2):</u> Cllr. Paul Butler. <u>Absent:</u> None.</p>	
16/06/2	<p><u>Declarations of Members' Interests (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:</u> None.</p>	
16/06/3	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting – LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para41(2):</u> <u>Resolved 16/06/3.01</u> The Minutes of the AGM meeting of 23rd May 2016 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chair (MC).</p>	



16/06/4	<p><u>Local Authority Reports:</u></p> <p>County & Borough Councillor</p> <p>Rebecca Hopfensperger updated the meeting with the following:</p> <p>The site visit in the village to discuss Highways issues with Hen Abbott is still to be confirmed hopefully within the next two weeks.</p> <p>The repairs to the village sign on Barton Hill has been scheduled, but is not considered a priority.</p> <p>With regards to the retrospective planning approval on the Bund, this has now been inspected by Highways, and identified with no physical safety issues. It was agreed that Cllr. Hopfensperger will raise issues of concern regarding this application, in the hope that it will be taken to panel.</p> <p>All Highways issues in the village have now been reported online. Any Highways issue can be reported by the public via the Suffolk County Council website. Guidelines on how to do this are on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Cllr. Hopfensperger agreed that she would instruct Nigel Painting to remove the village from the VAS Scheme rota.</p> <p>The WSOH will be discussed under Item 7 on the agenda.</p>	<p>RH/Clerk/ MC</p> <p>RH</p> <p>RH</p>
16/06/5	<p><u>Clerks Report</u></p> <p>i) The Clerk advised that the 3 further sets of brackets for the VAS had been ordered by Cllr. Collier.</p> <p>Cllr. Hopfensperger has confirmed that the repairs to the village sign on Barton Hill are now scheduled.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she was in the process of updating the Governance Documents & Policies on the website and was using this opportunity to update the website in full.</p> <p>ii) The Clerk advised that she would be looking at streamlining the format and layout of the agenda and minutes, and also the system for accounts and bank reconciliation. The Clerk also advised that updated contact details for the Clerk and the Councillor's had been added to the website and the notice boards within the village. The new Clerks details have also gone into the Bugle.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/MC</p>

16/06/6	<u>Decisions Taken Since Last Meeting</u> None.
16/06/7	<u>West Suffolk Operational Hub</u> <p>The most recent press release (can be seen on the PC website) has confirmed that the opinions of the Public Consultation have been ignored, Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed this. The Cabinet Meeting, which is joint with FHDC is to be held on Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 5:30pm, the public will be given opportunity for 15 minutes to voice their opinions or ask questions. The Chairman (MC) advised he is unable to attend this meeting; however, it was stressed that public attendance would be highly beneficial. Cllr. Hopfensperger will speak on behalf of residents and their concerns.</p> <p>The Full Council meeting will be held on 28th June 2016 at 5:30pm, it is vital that public attend to show their concerns against the application, to show the strength of feeling and effect. The Chairman confirmed he will be attending and speaking. Again, Cllr. Hopfensperger will speak on behalf of the residents and their concerns and has several issues/suggestions to put forward to Full Council. She also plans to put forward an alternative site that is more suitable, land adjacent to Westley Crematorium (SW corner of the Westley Roundabout), which in her opinion has not been looked into as a possible location fully.</p> <p>Several issues were raised against the application to be considered by Full Council;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Mildenhall site will remain, although initially it was advised it would not. ◆ A definitive Financial Plan is needed, showing clear justification of the expense and the suggested 1.1 million savings, before the application can be approved. ◆ The scoring for Traffic by Highways does not appear to represent peak times. ◆ HGV firms have unofficially confirmed that the current roundabout will not cope with the HGV traffic. ◆ The Environment Agency have shown that the increased traffic on the A14 will be at least 50m away from the nearest residence, not the proposed 250m.



16/06/8 i)	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> <u>16/0934/HAZ</u> Hollow Road Farm, Hollow Road, FSM, IP31 1SJ Application for hazardous substance consent for up to 30 tonnes liquid petroleum gas.</p> <p><u>Resolved 16/06/8.1</u> No objections. It was suggested that the Clerk submit comments regarding concerns to the proximity of the WSOH.</p> <p><u>15/0662/VAR</u> Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve, Suffolk, IP28 6TT Planning Application - (i) Change of use of land to 9 hole pay and play golf course with changing room facilities and associated landscaping, (ii) erection of 26 timber lodges, manager's lodge and associated landscaping, (iii) non-compliance with condition 17 of planning permission E/89/2307/P and condition 20 of planning permission E/97/2470/P, relating to retention of existing vehicular access without compliance with condition 6 of SE/05/02293 to enable occupation of holiday lets without bringing the golf course into use.</p> <p><u>Resolved 16/06/8.2</u> The Clerk is to write and submit Objections to the application, reiterating past comments and concerns and adding concerns regarding local benefit, financial reporting and evidence and the Local Plan.</p>	Clerk
ii)	<p>The Clerk advised of a Road Closure Notice for the U6237 Road from West Stow Rd to Culford Road – 4th July 2016 to 7th July 2016 for new water connections works.</p>	
iii)	<p>The Chairman expressed that suggestions that the proposed Wild Meadow Field on the King George Field had not been made public were incorrect. The proposed plan was advertised three times in the Bugle. He also advised that the Fields in Trust had confirmed that the meadow could go ahead, providing no football teams were established.</p> <p>The issue of trusteeship is still outstanding. The Clerk is to establish any previous Governance Documents from the Playing Field Committee and draft up new documents to bring back to the next meeting. At this meeting it was suggested that the Parish Council resolve to take on the trusteeship as a Parish Council Body and the Clerk is to start these proceedings.</p>	Clerk

16/06/9
i)

MC/AC

The Chairman confirmed that the grass was coming on well and will be cut on the advice of Andrew Cobbold to stimulate further improvement and to provide more room for cars when needed and for extra space for activities.

A notice will be placed on the gate asking people to confirm their choice of what next for the field. Wild flower meadow or back to original flat playing field/play area, or possibly something in between. People will be asked to refer to the Bugle for details and how to respond.

The Parish Council wishes to state that the field is fully protected in trust and NOTHING will be done until a majority decision is available from residents and in the meantime the field will be cut as needed.

The Chairman asked if anyone would volunteer to form a management committee but no response was seen.

Finance & Policies:

Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation from list of payments and receipts and to approve bills for payment

Resolved 16/06/9.01

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (MC). The bank account balance as of 1st June 2016 is £31,936.89.

Cheques for Signing and Approval

Resolved 16/06/9.02

It was agreed to approve the payments of the following outstanding invoices and the cheques were approved and signed by Cllr. M. Collier and Cllr. Jayne Hubbard.

Mrs V Bright	Salary June 2016	1846	£437.76
Mrs V Bright	Office Allowance 2016-17	1847	£150.00
Mrs V Bright	Mileage	1848	£20.16
Westcotec Ltd	VAS Brackets	1849	£180.00
SALC	BDO Briefing	1850	£30.00
M&TJ's	Grass cutting May 2016	1851	£162.00
Realise Futures	Bugle	1852	£146.35
Office Depot	Paper & Toner Cartridges	1853	£301.70
Mr P Forster	Expenses	1854	£55.24

<u>Resolved 16/06/9.3</u>			
It was agreed to approve the following cheques signed in between meetings.			
P MacLachlan	Salary May/ June 2016	1844	£509.99
P MacLachlan	Expenses	1845	£107.90
ii)	To complete a new Bank Mandate The Clerk presented a new mandate to add the new Clerks details to the account and to change the correspondence address. <u>Resolved 16/06/9.4</u> The new bank mandate was duly signed by Cllr. Mike Collier and Cllr. Peter Forster.		
iii)	Councillor Responsibilities for 2016/17 and Play Area Inspections Rota <u>Resolved 16/06/9.5</u> It was agreed the following Councillors would have the following responsibilities in 2016-17; Planning: Cllr's Penny Borrett, Paul & Jayne Hubbard Village Hall: Cllr. Paul Butler Rights of Way & Tree Warden: Cllr. Mike Collier It was agreed that the Clerk look into the legalities and requirements of the Council's insurance cover regarding frequency of play area inspections. Cllr. Mike Collier agreed to continue with the inspections for the next 7 weeks until confirmation had been received.		
iv)	Review of Bugle Editor's Remuneration <u>Resolved 1/06/9.6</u> It was agreed to increase the Bugle Editors remuneration by 2.5%.		
16/06/10	Councillors' Reports		
i)	None.		
ii)	Councillors were presented with the forthcoming meeting dates. No apologies submitted at this time.		
iii)	The following items were proposed for the next agenda; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bugle advertising fees revision ◆ Reflective Traffic Bollards Options 		

Clerk

16/06/11	Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th July 2016 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall Meeting dates 2016 8th September 2016 at 7:30pm 13 October 2016 at 7:30pm 10th November 2016 at 7:30pm Meeting closed at 21:36
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Any parishioners wishing to raise an issue should contact the Parish Clerk by email - fsmgpc@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE : *The Parish Council has decided that the deadline for articles to be included in the Bugle will be brought forward where possible. OCT/ NOV edition deadline NOON 16 SEPT 2016. This will ensure that residents receive their copy before the beginning of the month shown on the front cover.*

NOTE: new email for contributors fornhambugle@virginmedia.com

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Suffolk County Council Highways Reporting Online

- ◆ **www.suffolk.gov.uk**
- ◆ **Select Report!**
- ◆ **Select sub topic for report i.e. Pothole, fallen tree, overgrown hedge/verge etc.**
- ◆ **Click Start**
- ◆ **Click Continue**
- ◆ **Enter location i.e. Road name and click search and plot on map**
- ◆ **Enter Description of problem**
- ◆ **Enter location of problem**
- ◆ **Enter your name & contact details**
- ◆ **Upload photos if you have any**
- ◆ **Click Submit Report**

*An email should be sent to you with the Unique Reference Number and a timeframe for actions to be taken.

Alternatively for any Highways issues residents may contact the Clerk on Tel No. **07712 232920** or fsmgpc@gmail.com

Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

DEVOLUTION CONSULTATION

We are pleased to advise you that Devolution consultation has now been formally launched, running from 8 July until 23 August 2016.

The East Anglian Devolution website www.eastangliadevo.co.uk has information about the proposed deal itself and how to take part in the consultation. We would encourage people to go online and make the most of this opportunity.

Some of the headline financial gains that the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Deal will bring, if approved by the councils involved and government following this consultation, include:

- ◆ A single pot of £25 million a year of new money for the next 30 years (£750 million) to support economic growth, development of local infrastructure and jobs.
- ◆ £100 million over five years of new money to support the building of new homes across Norfolk and Suffolk.
- ◆ A guaranteed £225 million annual transport budget for the next five years.

CYCLISTS

The Parish council would like to bring to the attention of all cyclists that cycling on *footways* (pavement at the side of a carriageway) is prohibited by *Section 72 of the Highways Act 1835, amended by Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1888*. This is punishable by a fixed penalty notice of £30 under *Section 51 and Schedule 3 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988*.

Therefore, in the interest of safety of pedestrians using the footways, we would ask all cyclists to kindly refrain from cycling on the footways where possible.

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Help design the layout of your new wild flower meadow/playing field.

As you will be aware, the Playing Field was recently rotavated to deal with the issue of Chaffer Bugs and the field was planted with grass seed and wild flower seed. Unfortunately, the contractor exceeded the area originally proposed for the wild flower meadow, and the area has now been mowed twice to stimulate growth.

This unfortunate episode has given the Parish Council an opportunity to consider how the field can best serve the local community. It is the Parish Council's suggestion that the wild flower meadow is developed, with at least 1/3 of the area being reinstated as Playing Field at one end and for Parking when needed at the other.

The Parish Council would welcome your input as to whether residents are for or against part of the Playing Field being converted to a wild flower meadow.

You are invited to submit your ideas as to how the wild flower meadow should be laid out. The Parish Council would welcome your thoughts (and your drawings?) addressing such issues as:

- ◆ where the wild flower meadow should be sited within the field and the size?
- ◆ whether there should be a seating area? If so, where?
- ◆ how should the paths be routed through the wild flower area?
- ◆ what, if any, special features should be incorporated into the area?

Please forward your ideas by post to The Clerk, 3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP28 7LT or by email to fsmgpc@gmail.com by Monday 29th August 2016.

It is proposed to discuss the opinions and ideas submitted during this Public Consultation at the **September Parish Council Meeting** to be held at **7.30pm on Thursday 8th September 2016**.

Your Parish Council looks forward to hearing from you, help us to deliver the wishes of the majority of the community.

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Healthwatch Suffolk strengthens its influence in 2015/16 to make a difference for Suffolk residents

Healthwatch Suffolk makes sure that your voice is heard to improve health (NHS) and social care services in Suffolk. It has published its annual report for the year 2015/16, which shows the difference that has been made throughout the year for people using services in the county.

2015/16 has seen Healthwatch Suffolk continue to raise its profile in the county, reaching more people for their views than ever before. It launched a new website for obtaining views from people and well over 3,000 people have already rated their care. It also completed high profile research projects including innovative work with hospitals to listen to the needs of mums and birthing partners who had accessed maternity services.

A number of notable outcomes are highlighted, including the following examples:

- ◆ Ipswich Hospital revised its policy to allow birthing partners to stay with mum overnight so that they might provide much needed support with baby care and emotional wellbeing.
- ◆ It visited seven care homes to talk to residents about their care and treatment. Recommendations were made which have led to a good number of improvements in services.
- ◆ It influenced the decision to slow down the implementation of new domiciliary care services in the county so that people could have more time to make better decisions about how they wanted their care to be delivered.
- ◆ West Suffolk Hospital improved support and information for carers and implemented actions to address concerns about poorly coordinated care for patients at the end of life.
- ◆ Ipswich Hospital took action to address negative feedback about the way it had treated a patient with end term cancer.
- ◆ The Care Quality Commission worked closely with Healthwatch Suffolk to hear the views of local people when inspecting local services.

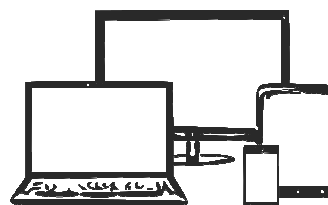
Andy Yacoub (Chief Executive of Healthwatch Suffolk) said:

“We have been pleased with the impact we have made throughout the year. We have achieved some very definite outcomes that will improve the experience of people accessing our local services and we have seen continued support from our local communities for which we are grateful. It is with the strength of public voice behind us that we can make the greatest impact on shaping, influencing and improving local care.”

For more information about Healthwatch Suffolk; it's current projects and most recent outcomes, please visit www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk where you can download a copy of the annual report or take a few moment to watch it's supporting video. You can also use the website to share your experiences of health and social care services in the county so that they can be used to shape local services now and for the future.

Come and Join the Fornham All Saints

COMPUTER GROUP



Well, what a busy month it's been!

We had a great response to the starting-up of our Computer Group. We already have more than fifteen members and are growing by the week. We are organised into two groups, one concentrating on Windows training - particularly Windows 10 - and the second all things Tablet shaped.

We currently meet on a Tuesday afternoon, each group meeting on alternate Tuesdays although many attend both groups. We are still to establish ourselves in a permanent home and our sessions are divided between the Three Kings pub, the Community Centre and the Village Hall, depending on what resources we need. We will soon settle into a more permanent location, though.

We still have space for more members, so if you missed our opening announcement and you would like to join us, it's not too late. Just contact me using the details below.

As a reminder our group is aimed predominantly at adults and older users. We have a number of members who have little or no experience so we try to take things slowly. We will also be aiming to do more advanced work with people who have the basic skills but would like to learn much more.

Perhaps you would like to get involved and help - we still need more experienced members to help train and run the group.

If you want to give it a try, contact **Bernard Grimshaw** on **07860 117680** or email **bernard_grimshaw@hotmail.com** for more information and to register your interest.

LADIES CLUB

On 18th May we had a talk by Martyn Taylor, a local author and tour guide. He presented a history tour of Bury St Edmunds. He guided us through streets that are familiar to us pointing out changes that have taken place over the years, as well as exploring some lesser known sights. His knowledge and humour made it a very interesting evening. His latest book "Bury St Edmunds History Tour" contains lots of information and some wonderful old photographs.

Thank you Hilda for this May report.

On Wednesday 15 June David and I drove over to Great Saxham. We were on our way to Cobbs Hall for a garden tour. We were anxiously watching the rather ominous clouds that were gathering. But we need not have worried - it stayed dry! Cobbs Hall is the home of Dick & Sue Soper and their dog Dot. We were welcomed by Dick and rather surprisingly went straight outside to the front wall of the garden. Here Dick explained they had once found truffles - a delicious surprise. Then he led us around the garden - over beautiful lawns (cut by Dick earlier in the day), through the fernery/stumpery, by the folly that has used glass from the old house, round the large fish and lily pond, passed the grass tennis courts to the walled kitchen garden - much to admire here! By now our group had spread out, investigating in more detail aspects that took their eye. Dot accompanied us, tirelessly bringing back the ball she urged us to throw for her.

We finally gathered in the pretty courtyard for refreshments and conversation - making ourselves at home! Thank you Sue, Dick and your tea-makers for a delightful evening and Dot for your company!

We have reluctantly decided to increase the cost of membership to £15 because of the rising costs of speakers and FSM Village Hall charges.

Our programme for 2016/2017 is almost complete and will be available at the AGM on 21 September.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Future programme:

July 20 - Summer Supper & Quiz for members and partners. Charity Raffle. Please bring a plate of food to share. 7.30 start. Music will be provided by Louise Petch.

No meeting in August.

September 21st AGM - Membership for the year 2016/2017 will be £15 (see above). The AGM will be followed by "From Paradise to the Grave" an illustrated talk by John Goodhand.

Meetings as usual in Fornham St Martin Village Hall at 7.45pm unless out on a visit! A warm welcome awaits you. Mary Payne

More information from secretary Janet Petch 01284 768280

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

CONTACTS	DETAIL	NUMBER
Anglian Water	Emergency (Reporting leaks etc)	0800771 881
Cinema	Cineworld, Parkway	0871 200 2000
Councils	St Edmundsbury	01284 763233
	Suffolk County	0345 606 6067
Electricity	UK Power Networks (Power Cuts)	0800 316 3105
EMERGENCY	POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE	999
Police	This is the number to call when you want to contact your local police in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland - less urgent than a 999 call.	101
	Crime stoppers	0800 555 111
NHS	Free-call single non-emergency number medical helpline operating in England and Scotland.	111
Hospital	West Suffolk Hospital	01284 713 000
Samaritans	Bury St Edmunds	01284 750 000 116 123
Transport	National Rail Enquiries	0345 748 4950
	BSE Bus Station	01284 702 020
	Taxi	01284 766777

FSM CHURCH NEWS

Well, another very successful Fornhams Fete on Saturday 2nd July, with nice warm dry weather nearly all day (just a heavy impromptu shower at 3pm to remind us its still Summer!)

Opened again for the second time by Jo Churchill, our MP, who is now getting used to opening lots of Suffolk fetes as part of the job, and talking to familiar faces from last year, and having a go on the stalls and games, and clearly enjoying herself, with husband Peter.



Lots of people came along to enjoy the many stalls and games, from books, produce, bric a brac (lots), as well as the usual popular tombola and bottles stall draws. Bowl a Pig, hoopla and welly wanging were all extremely popular, to gain the highest score or furthest distance, with children's lucky dip and name the bear (not Boris guessed by Jo Churchill, but Bruno).

With teas and cakes, as well as ice creams, in the Community Centre, something for everyone. The cake competitions were popular, with the sponge cake winner Alan Hartup, cup cakes River Perry, and tea loaf by Kyra Turner. Sarah Cooledge won the £50 voucher from FAS Organic Shop. The Prize Draw cash prizes were won by :- Smales £75, Joan Webb £50, and Sophia Johnson £25. The Center Parcs Day Pass for 6 was won by Wendy Cardy, whose grandchildren will enjoy I'm sure. The Woolpack meal voucher was won by Jenny Stocking, the Tollgate voucher by Mo Cadge, and the 3 Kings by Daphne Wilding. The hamper with cheeses, biscuits and bottle of port was won by Lynne Quayle.

Grateful thanks go to Carrs Garage, Eastern Concrete & Howards Accountants for their kind and generous donations, together with Whatley Lane Estate Agents who also provided the advertising boards around the area, and Peter Watts for the loan of a freezer to keep the ice creams cold.!

The Silvermist Majorettes troupe of young girls in their attractive pink vests and purple tutus performed beautifully, twirling their fluffy pom poms, followed by the FAS Zumba Dancers looking very fit and energetic, provided the music and entertainment.

We have raised just over £3,000 on the day and from the prize draw, a new record, which helps the Churches in both Fornhams considerably, to maintain their regular services, and service to their respective villages in providing weddings, baptisms and funerals.

A huge thanks to everyone who helped run the fete, did the house collections to stock the stalls and sold lots of draw tickets, as well as all those who came along to support us, and enjoy themselves in the sunshine.

We have had some interesting visitors to the Church recently, from America and New Zealand, as well as around the area, and its good to see their comments in the visitors book. From New Zealand was Rebecca Bullen, the great great great granddaughter of one of our oldest supporters of the church in the past, Alfred Bullen, whose plaque as an organ blower and bell ringer between 1888 - 1924 is hanging on the wall at the back. She very kindly left a photograph of Alfred and his wife with the plaque, so its very pleasing to be able to see them, and how they dressed in those days. Well worth a look. Others commented they were so pleased to again sit in their family pew, after 70 years, so its good to see how people are drawn back to their origins as youngsters.

Its now time to relax a bit and enjoy the rest of Summer, with just the normal routines of maintaining the church and services, as well as visiting other churches around the benefice and their various BBQ's, concerts, talk on Santiago del Compostella, cricket matches, cream teas and some horse riding.



Thinking ahead to Autumn, our next **Book Sale Coffee and Cakes** will be on **Sat 1st October, 11 - 3pm**, in the church.

Book and cake donations are welcome, and will be eaten.!

We are also welcoming again the Tudor Rose Singers with their Director and accomplished organist Christopher Moore, on Saturday 29th October, with wine buffet, more to follow.

Churchwardens

David Yates 01284 705157,

Sylvia Hilton 01284 725569

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