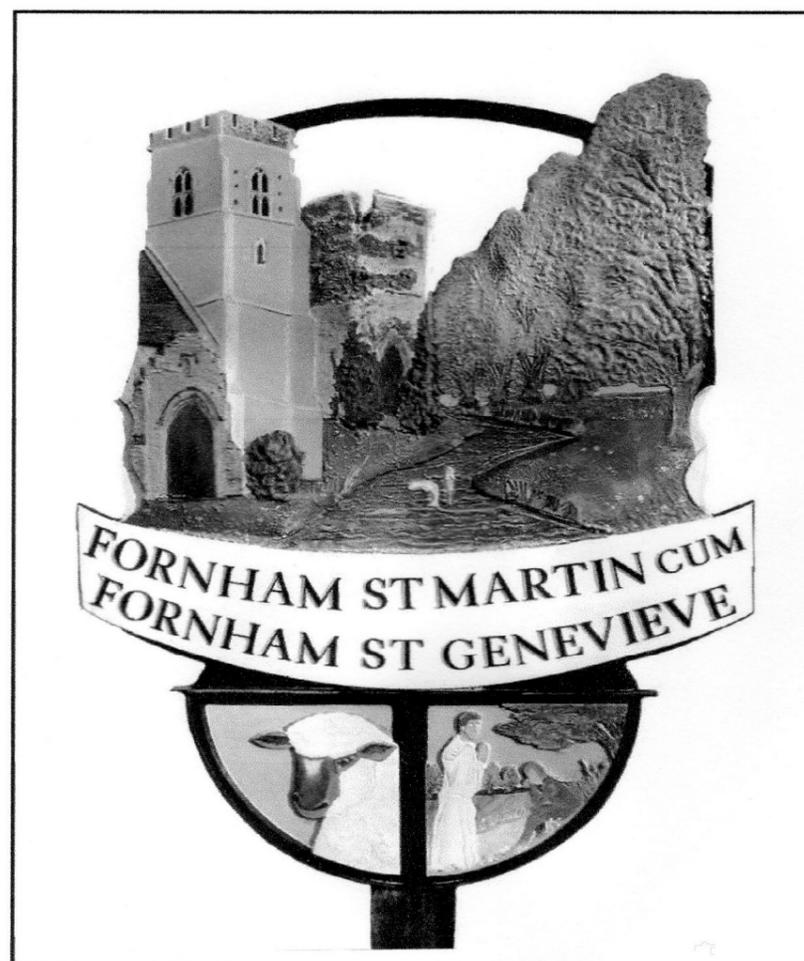


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### What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

#### 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
<b>3rd Sun</b>	7:15pm to 10:00pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice
4th Wed	10:00am to 4:00pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Card Making

#### **Occasional meetings**

Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

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

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

**June 3rd** - On a damp afternoon 37 members turned out to be entertained by Gillian Grinman, speaking on the life and works of Jane Austin, after giving a brief history off Jane's life and that of her family, Gillian selected and read passages from some of Jane Austin's well known novels. After tea and the raffle had been drawn, there was the goods on the bring and buy stall to look over.

**July 1st** - What a lovely day for the trip on the river at Wroxham, 37 member boarded the coach at 9.30am and arrived at Wroxham with plenty off time for lunch before setting of on the 2 hour boat trip along the River Bure. With an excellent guide who pointed out places of interest and the wildlife along the way, making the trip more enjoyable. On arriving back at Wroxham there was time for refreshment before the journey home.

### **Forthcoming events**

**Aug 5th** Eve Greygoose A talk. My Pop Friends of the 1960s.

**Sept 2nd** Annual Garden Party.

**Oct 7th** Visit to Wicksteed Park, Entertainment, Lunch & Tea.

**Ron Boughen 01284 704725**

## **WORLD WAR 1 CENTENARY SERVICE**

The Parish Council has received very favourable comments regarding the refurbishment of the War Memorial and to dedicate this, there will be a **Memorial Service** held at the **War Memorial** in the **Churchyard** at **10:15am on 10th August 2014**.

Anyone who is a relative of one of the fallen and wishes to have his name mentioned at the service should contact **Mr David Yates** on **01284 705157**.

**Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve  
Parish Council.**

## **FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB**

What do you get if you take 42 people by coach, with an excellent driver, to a lovely hotel near Chester for 4 nights in May, visit seven superb, varied gardens, the seaside, arrange an open top vintage bus tour of Chester and give them good weather (with the odd thunderstorm and heavy rain throw in) ? The answer - a superb holiday, good fun, many photographic opportunities and all in all a marvellous time. Dot and Mike Clark, responsible for the organisation of the whole package, must take a bow for their sheer attention to detail and ensuring everyone was happy.

Kevin Parker was our speaker on June 10th and he gave us an excellent detailed digital slide show and accompanying talk on his passion and a major part of his livelihood, hedge laying. His love for the countryside surrounding him led him to learn the basics of the craft after being made redundant from a job in graphics and he now gives talks and runs courses on hedge laying and the ecology and history of hedges. He is also a tree surgeon in the summer months. The slides showed clearly his skill in cutting partly through stems of hedging, laying them over at an angle and weaving them through stakes. Hazel rods are woven and twisted along the top of the stake before final trimming and finishing. Kevin also brought several examples of the tools of his trade such as axes and was at pains to point out that when a hedge is lost, a sanctuary for a vast range of wildlife is lost, something he will do all in his power to prevent.

The following Saturday, June 14th, some members and guests went to the RHS gardens at Hyde Hall in Essex. Despite some drizzle the gardens, as always, were spectacular with the changing seasons always producing something eye catching to enjoy. On our return it was with great sadness we learnt that Len Long had passed away earlier in the day, and many club members attended the recent service of thanksgiving for his life. His involvement with the Club as a committee member will be sorely missed.

On July 5th our plant stall at the Church Fete raised the grand sum of £200.00 which was split 50/50 between Church funds and the Garden Club. Many thanks to everyone who helped us by supplying the plants etc to sell and to those who setup and manned the stall.

Our July meeting was spent in the lovely surroundings of the garden at Cobbs Hall in Gt Saxham, the home of Dr and Mrs Soper who were the most welcoming of hosts. Following a guided tour of the herbaceous borders, lawns leading to a really attractive fish and lily pond many unusual features, we were led to the highlight for many and a dream of a walled vegetable garden. Fully stocked with a wide variety of popular and unusual vegetables it attracted a great deal of interest. The delightful secluded courtyard where we enjoyed delicious refreshments was another feature of our visit. The garden is open to the public under the National Garden Scheme on Sunday August 10th.

8am on Thursday morning July 10th and with rain falling, found members and guests leaving for Hampton Court Flower Show. A journey of delays brought us to a dry day and an opportunity to look at and savour the perfumes and everything such a show has to offer. Some relished the chance to view the show gardens, others to purchase unusual plants, whilst many were happy to stroll up and down the many avenues and just take in whatever they came across. Many took the chance to admire the Flintknappers Garden presented as a story of Thetford and justifiably given much coverage in the media. It is a community project and aimed to draw people to the history of the town. We returned foot weary but much enriched by what we had experienced.

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

**Aug 12th** Peter Jackson from Scotsdales Garden Centre.  
Perennials, digital slide show with plants.





## Kitch's Kilimanjaro Climb

On 24th August 2014 Simon and Kathryn Kitching, Father and daughter, of Fornham St. Martin will be climbing the tallest free standing mountain in the world, Kilimanjaro in Tanzania (5895m), for the charity Water Aid.

Please sponsor us as we take on this huge physically and mentally challenging event! We would greatly appreciate any donations, however large or small, your money will help to make a big difference...



Lack of access to clean water and sanitation kills children at a rate equivalent of a jumbo jet crashing every four hours!

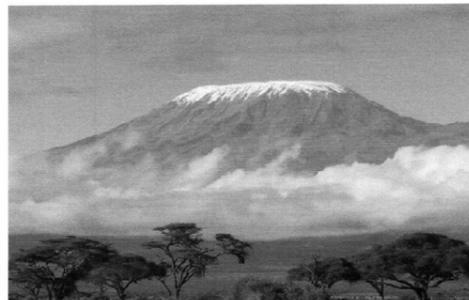
The trip is totally self-funded and all money raised will go to Water Aid.

If you would like to support us or find out more about our trip, please follow the link below:

<http://my.wateraidfundraising.org.uk/kathrynkitching>

**Thank you for your support.**

 **WaterAid**



### **ADVICE FROM THE POLICE**

Most burglaries are committed by opportunist criminals who happen to see insecure premises where they can help themselves to the property inside. In most cases the burglary could have been prevented.

By following a few simple precautions, you can reduce the chance of you becoming a victim of burglary.

- Fit secure locks to all doors and fit a door chain or bar
- Fit visible window locks, including rear or side windows and those above a low roof
- Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice; get specialist advice and consult your insurance company
- Use timer switches to turn on lights and radios when you are out to give the impression that your home is occupied
- Be alert to strangers loitering in residential streets; if in doubt call the police

Be aware of fire risks and means of escape. Make sure you have a smoke alarm fitted.

- Never leave spare keys in a hiding place such as under a doormat, in a flowerpot or inside the letterbox
- Ensure valuables are suitably security marked; if not practicable, take photographs of valuable items and keep a note of any serial numbers.
- Ensure that handbags, wallets, mobile phones and car keys are kept safely in your bedroom at night. Some thieves purposely enter houses to take car keys in order to steal cars sat on the driveway
- Fit a strong, lockable gate across side passages
- Always leave garages and sheds locked
- Consider fitting an alarm to your garage or shed
- Keep any ladders locked
- Keep expensive garden equipment and furniture locked in a shed overnight or when you are away
- Provide good lighting and fit movement detectors
- Keep dustbins and wheel-bins away from fencing/gates, which access your property (these are used by thieves to easily climb over barriers).

**THE SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

Your Parish Council is actively engaged with The Suffolk Wildlife Trust in exploring ideas and avenues in which we can improve the flora and fauna of our attractive village and we are keen to hear from any parishioners who would like to be involved. We have been given many ideas of how to attract birds and insects by sowing wild flowers, planting more bulbs, building log piles and shelter for hedgehogs, the list is endless. We are therefore asking you for any suggestions as to suitable sites for these projects. The Suffolk Wildlife trust has visited the village and has produced an interesting report making suggestions and recommendations all of which you can find on the village website and we would encourage anyone who is interested to take a look.

Just type into Google "fornham st martin cum st genevieve parish council"

We do hope that those of you that are interested will share your ideas via the Parish Council website or by contacting our Parish Clerk [nep@fsmgpc.fsncst.co.uk](mailto:nep@fsmgpc.fsncst.co.uk)

**The Chairman - Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council.**

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## FSM CHURCH NEWS

Well the rain held off and with a dry and warm afternoon we had an enjoyable Summer Fete, and with over 300 coming along meant we had a very successful afternoon, at The Community Centre, Fornham All Saints this year.



The many and varied stalls kept everyone busy trying to win at the tombola, bottle stall, lucky dip, hoopla, name the rabbit and the clown's bucket, when they weren't equally busy finding bargains on the bric a brac, plants, produce, cakes and books stalls.

The fete was kindly opened by David Ruffley, MP, who then took great delight in playing a full part in the proceedings, meeting lots of people and being very lucky on some stalls. The Silvermist Majorettes put on a magnificent display of baton and pom pom twirling, in their smart purple and white outfits, and were greatly appreciated by the admiring audience. Grateful thanks to Carrs who again supported us and this year displayed a Mini and BMW, as well as Redmayne Bentley.

Then when refreshments were needed, teas, scones and cakes were on hand to keep everyone sustained and relaxed. This year we were able to provide ice creams, thanks to the loan of freezers by Peter Watts. The children's races were again popular for the more energetic youngsters, after they had tried their luck on bowl a pig, and a great time was had by all.

In the Grand Draw, the first prize of £50 was won by Alan Groves, the family voucher for a day at Center Parcs by Mark Turner, Dr King the meal for two at The Woolpack, Andrea Hurrell a £10 voucher at Fornham Fine Foods and Nigel Priestnall the Marlow's £10 voucher. Our grateful thanks to all those above for the prize donations, as well as for the numerous other prizes of wine, whiskey, chocolates and Beryl for making up a lovely hamper. The cake competition was won by Jenny Stocking for her Victoria Sandwich cake.

Approximately £2750 was raised for the running of the two village Churches, a great and invaluable amount, and we are very grateful to everyone who helped in the planning, collecting donations to stock the stalls and for helping on the day, but especially everyone who supported this great day out in our villages community.

**WW1 Centenary** is on 4th August, when England declared war, and there are many commemorations being held around the country, with a lot of TV programmes being shown. We will have a **Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th August at 10:15am**, at the newly refurbished War Memorial, after a **Communion Service brought forward to 9:15am**.

We hope this will be well supported as it represents the whole village in what was a momentous involvement with so many going off to war, and those 15 fallen listed on the Memorial not returning to the village after. There will be teas and refreshments afterwards as usual and everyone is welcome.

Our next **Book Sale Coffee and Cakes** is on **Saturday 20th Sept**, between **11am - 3pm**. Do come along for a browse of some 1400 books, and a gossip over coffee. If you would like to donate some books that would be appreciated, so bring them along in the morning from 10am, or we can collect.

Also in September will be The **Fornhams Harvest Service on Sunday 14th at 11am**, with a bring and share lunch after, to mark the age old celebration of a good harvest, and the fact we now have plenteous food to enjoy. Please let us know if would like to join us, so catering can be prepared.

On 27th June the ashes of Len Long were buried in the Churchyard, after a Service of Thanksgiving at St Marys in Bury, which was packed. Len was a great character in the village, and was Bury born and bred and widely known. He was involved in so many things, from helping and supporting fetes to organising BBQ's and hobby days in the Church, for at least the last 30 years. His treatment for prostate cancer lasted six years, and he . . . .

. .celebrated his 70th birthday with a big party at home in January, with so many of his family and friends. Our deepest sympathies go to Heather and sons Jonathan and Justin.

**Services in August and September are as follows,**

10am as normal unless noted:-

10th August Communion at 9:15am, with Remembrance at 10:15am,

24th August.

14th September Harvest Festival at 11 am, and

28th September.

**David Yates and Sylvia Hilton, Churchwardens**

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**FORNHAM ST MARTIN – CUM - ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL**

**There was a meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th June 2014 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

- Councillor M Collier (Chairman)
- Councillor P Butler
- Councillor Mrs Jayne Hubbard
- Councillor P Forster
- Councillor Mrs C Buxton
- Councillor G Hubbard

**IN ATTENDANCE**

- The Clerk
- 2 members of the public

The Chairman said he was sure Councillors would wish to mark the passing of Len Long, who had served as a Parish Councillor, by observing a minutes silence.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger  
PCSO Kenneth Ruston

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th MAY 2014**

The Minutes were signed as being a true record.

The Council adjourned

**3. POLICE REPORT**

A report was to hand which indicated that there had been no incidents since the May meeting.

The Police had sent details of their new priorities and details of security marking of catalytic converters.

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

There was no report to hand

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

A member of the public wished to raise issues not on the agenda. The Chairman explained the correct procedure but decided to allow them to be raised.

(1) He was pleased to see the flashing sign on Barton Hill but was surprised to see that it was not a permanent feature. The Chairman explained that SCC only have a few signs which have to be spread around over 50 villages on a rota basis, staying in one place for approximately one week.

It was agreed to place this item on the July agenda, so that we may again explore the possibility of having permanent signs, which SCC were originally against.

(2) The matter of dogs being off the lead on the playing field was raised and he said that recently a large dog had almost knocked over a child. Councillors were in favour of having two signs asking dog owners to be in control of their dogs at all times. They did not feel it appropriate to make it mandatory for dogs to be kept on a lead. The Clerk would see if he could find details of an appropriate notice on the internet.

(3) The issue of the 60mph limit was raised by the parishioner. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had for years tried, in vain, to have the 30mph limit extended from Bury to the Village but this had been refused on many occasions. The Chairman thanked the parishioner for his interest in these matters.

The Council reconvened

**6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None

Councillors unanimously adopted the New Code of Conduct.

**7. COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

The Clerk would telephone the Borough on Friday to confirm that it is in order to go ahead with the co-option process. The Chairman would invite Mr Nicholas Owen to the July meeting as he has indicated he would be willing to serve as a Parish Councillor.

**8. MATTERS ARISING**

a. Widening the footpath

There was nothing to hand, although the Clerk did receive an email from Councillor Hopfensperger, sent at 7:30pm on Thursday evening, giving details of the progress of the proposed scheme, which was welcome news.

b. Parking issues at the Village Hall

Councillors had been circulated with emails from the Hall Committee giving details of their progress and the matter of establishing the actual boundaries and having them registered. Councillors were given copies of Councillor Jayne Hubbard's report of the Village Hall meeting and that of the actual minutes provided by the Hall Committee. As there would be substantial costs involved with legal matters, the Parish Council agreed unanimously that it would consider financial help by making a contribution.

c. Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Councillors discussed issues at length, arising from the report drawn up by Leonie Washington, resulting in the following decisions/suggestions:-

- 1) To post the report on the Village website
- 2) Remove brambles from Occupation Road and possibly seed with wild flowers. Try to establish who actually owns the road. The Clerk to check with the Borough and Councillor Mrs Buxton may be able to locate an old plan of the area which may help.
- 3) Cut hedge sides on alternate years. There will be a requirement to liaise with Mr Long regarding hedge cutting.

- 4) The suggestion of throwing bulbs in the air and then planting them where they drop is not feasible as this would make grass cutting impossible. Block planting is the only option.
- 5) Councillor Mrs Buxton said that the daffodils need replacing from Fornham House towards Flint Cottages as they seem not to have thrived. The Chairman and the Clerk have spare bulbs.
- 6) Councillor Butler thought we could have wild flowers around the edges of the playing field.
- 7) Councillor Buxton said there was room to have some seeding in Old Hall Lane.
- 8) It was thought that there was sufficient space within the Churchyard to have some wild flowers which would not impinge upon grave stones nor paths. The Parish Council would have to consult with church wardens.
- 9) On the matter of yew clippings being sold for medical purposes, the Clerk would pass on details to Mr Yates.
- 10) The Parish Council should seek advice from Ms Washington about what could be done about the footpath Old Thetford Road.
- 11) It was agreed to give the Gardening Club a copy of the report.
- 12) Councillor Butler said it was important to engage with the public, asking them for ideas, designate areas where they feel flora and fauna could be encouraged but not forgetting their own gardens where small areas could be set aside for wild flowers, log piles etc. Councillor Hubbard said we need to keep people focused on this issue.
- 13) The Chairman would contact Leonie Washington to come along to a meeting to address Councillors.
- 14) The Chairman and Clerk to write a suitable piece for publication in the Bugle.

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### *SALC*

Papers relating to the new Code of Conduct and Governance and Accountability Guide were circulated to Councillors.

### *Playing Field*

Councillor Forster had a copy of the Play Inspection Report which was satisfactory.

The nettles behind the goal posts have been cut.



*Village Hall*

Councillor Butler said he was pleased to see that it is the intention to undertake some re-decoration of the Hall. He will attend the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting on 22nd July. Councillor Mrs Buxton said that their recent table top sale was not wholly successful but there was to be another one in November which will be advertised well in advance.

*Rights of Way*

The Chairman asked the Clerk to telephone AIDA Pest Control to deal with the recent infestation of moles (left at the roundabout at the end of the avenue of oaks by the bus stop on the right).

Councillor Forster drew attention to the overhanging trees/shrubs at the bottom of Barton Hill on the left hand side going up the hill. They not only impede the path but also obscure the 30mph sign. The Clerk to write to the owners.

The Clerk has not yet received a reply from SCC regarding cutting the basal growth on the limes. (they did cut them last year).

Councillor Mrs Buxton said she would like to see the ivy removed from trees.

The footpath running along side the Golf Club, turning right from the flats, is in dire need of cutting back. The Clerk would contact SCC. At the same time he would ask what progress had been made with the path on the opposite side where dead trees should have been removed.

The Chairman said the path where the old kiosk was situated was in need of the little sweeper. The Clerk would request this to be done. There were brambles at Oak Close and nettles hanging over the path towards Fornham Lock Bridge. The Clerk would ask Mr Rodwell to contact the Chairman for details.

Councillor Mrs Buxton said between the Village Hall and Ord Lodge a privet was overhanging the path. The Chairman said he would take a look and advise the Clerk.

Councillor Forster would look to see if there was a problem with brambles impeding the path opposite Carrs. He would advise the Clerk.

The Clerk would chase M & T J's re the footpath from the village to the bottom of Barton Hill.

Mr Guy Smith had not responded to two emails regarding the footpath opposite Flint Cottages. The Clerk would send yet another reminder.

The Clerk has informed SCC about the village sign at the top of Barton Hill which was in a state of collapse.

Another reminder would be sent to SCC re the street name plate at the entrance to Parkland's Green.

*Tree Warden*

The Clerk has not received a full response from SCC regarding the oak trees at Park Avenue.

Councillors had been circulated with an email from Liz Flaherty.

Still awaiting a response from SCC about the damaged holm oak next to Old Rectory.

Planning

The Borough had advised that they have refused the application for a two storey side extension at 8 Park Avenue.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Various papers, emails and correspondence had been received and circulated to Councillors which did not require answers.

Mr Yates' email had been circulated and had been answered by the Clerk.

A resident had complained about coaches which stop at the top of School Lane, blocking the lane. Councillors were aware of one coach stopping to pick up members of the Gardening Club. They were unaware of any others. The person was concerned about the way being blocked causing problems for emergency vehicles. As pointed out, the coach driver was in attendance, who would immediately move his vehicle should the need arise. As far as the Gardening Club is concerned, when they do undertake coach trips the vehicle pick up is at the Woolpack but in this case it was not possible. The Clerk will reply.

The email from Age UK will be passed to Councillor Forster.

The West Suffolk Voluntary Association for the Blind had sent a request to place a small advert in the Bugle. Councillors agreed that this was fine and there would be no charge.

An email had been received from a parishioner regarding the oak trees in Park Avenue. The Clerk would reply stating it was not the Parish Council's intention to cut down or damage trees, only to remove any damaged/rotten/dangerous branches.

Mr Zarattini's email had been circulated. As he was present, the Chairman asked him if there were any specific items he wished to have addressed. He said was still concerned about the removal of the style. The Chairman explained that there were two styles within a few feet of one another and as it was owned by the land owner, and it was damaged, it was removed.

Mr Freeman, the Village Recorder, had emailed requesting an article which he and Mr Hanson would be writing about Mr Parnell could be distributed with the Bugle by way of a separate insert. Councillors did not feel that this would be workable. It was agreed that the article could be put on the web site and also in the Bugle, providing it was kept reasonably short.

#### 11. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment

D Hoggett	Litter Picking/playing field	229.50
P & S Brooklyn	Bugle Editors	189.15
M&TJ's	Grass Cutting	324.00
Denny Bros	Cartridges / Stationery	227.36
Realise Futures	Printing Bugle	177.52
BT	Phone/email/fax	112.92
Chris Hunter	Removal of three trees	312.00
AIDA Pest Control	Mole eradication	90.00
Revenue and Customs	PAYE	87.00
Mrs Buxton	Planters	59.00
M Turner	Playing field chafer grub issue	70.00
N Pitcher	Postages / expenses	15.25

It was agreed that the Chairman will send a letter of appreciation to Michael Youngs for his long service on the Parish Council.

Councillor Forster said he had received two possible volunteers for the Bugle distribution.

As the Barton Hill planter had not been planted, the Clerk would let him have details of the lady who had volunteered to undertake this and he would go along to ask if she would be planting it this year.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 17th JULY 2014 AT 7-30 PM**

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

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**FORNHAM ST MARTIN - CUM - ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL**

**There was a meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th July 2014 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

- Councillor M Collier (Chairman)
- Councillor G Hubbard
- Councillor G Hubbard
- Councillor P Forster
- Councillor Mrs J Hubbard
- Councillor P Butler
- Councillor N Owen (following co-option)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

- The Clerk
- 2 Members of the Public

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- PCSO Hollie Cogman

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th JUNE 2014**

The minutes were signed as being a true record.

### **3. COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Nicholas Owen, inviting him to give a brief resume of his experience and background. He said that for the most of his working life he had been in the banking business, taking many senior roles in various countries around the world. He came to Bury in 1986. He has been involved with the Cathedral, Mind and RLNI, amongst others, being treasurer.

Councillors unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Owen who then joined Councillors. Councillor Owen signed the Acceptance of Office form and was given the form for Declaration of Interest which he would complete and return to the Clerk for registration.

The Council adjourned for:

### **4. POLICE REPORT**

A report had been submitted which stated that there had been no crimes of interest since the last meeting.

Speeding data: There had been 17 community speed watch letters sent. Other advice relating to burglaries and keeping property safe was also included. This would be highlighted in the Bugle.

Councillor Forster had taken a photograph of the speed restriction sign at the bottom of Barton Hill which was obscured by foliage.

As requested by PCSO Cogman, this would be passed on to her for action. Councillor Forster said that the large "Fornham St Martin sign" at the top of Barton Hill was now leaning quite badly.

The Clerk would report this.

### **5. BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There was no report to hand.

Councillors were disappointed that Councillor Hopfensperger was not present and the Clerk would contact her to request that she attends the September meeting. In particular, it was hoped that she could give precise dates when the path widening scheme would commence, as we had been informed that it was in the schedule of works to be undertaken.

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

From the floor Mr Yates told the meeting that the WW1 memorial service would be on 10th August. There was to be a communion service commencing 9:15am, to which all are welcome, followed by the memorial service at the War Memorial, commencing 10:15am. The Clerk would see that a note was placed in the Bugle.

The Council reconvened

**7. DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None

**8. MATTERS ARISING**

a. Village Hall Issues

Emails from the Village Hall Management Committee had been circulated to Councillors. An immediate reply was not required. Councillor Butler confirmed that he would attend the Committee meeting on 22nd July.

b. Dog signs

The Chairman said he had placed one sign on the playing field gate and the other on the railings at the children's play area. Councillor Forster said the nettles behind the goal posts had been cut and he had received some appreciative comments.

c. Speeding and traffic safety issues.

Councillors discussed this issue at length, the upshot being, the Clerk would contact Anthony Smith of SCC, to ask that he advises Councillors on what appropriate action which they could take to make the Village roads much safer. Councillor Butler said we really needed more flashing signs, as whilst the SCC signs are very successful in slowing down traffic, Fornham St Martin has only seen the signs once. The question as to whether we can purchase signs was discussed. The Chairman said that whilst this may be an attractive proposition, the signs have to be charged up and moved around by someone and he could not see this being logistically workable. Speeding issues would be on the September agenda.

Councillor Buxton drew attention to the issue of people crossing the road by the playing field where the grass is so high as to impede visibility. The Clerk would contact a contractor to undertake this work and would ask that he contacts the Chairman before commencing this work.

d. Suffolk Wildlife Trust

The Chairman had been unable to contact Leonie Washington but he would see if she could attend the November meeting, although he was a little bit anxious as to what this would achieve. Councillor G Hubbard said the Parish Council needed to engage with the public so as to get them involved. The Chairman went

through all the things which had been talked about. Councillors did feel that seeding with wild flowers was a really good thing to do and they discussed areas. Top of Old Hall Lane and two sides of the playing field and possibly other areas could be identified.

e. Barton Hill Planter

Mrs Kelly who used to look after the planter had now left the village. Councillor Forster had planted it and said he would look after it. The Chairman thanked him for undertaking to do this.

f. Coaches stopping at the top of School Lane

The Chairman reported that the Gardening Club had arranged for the coaches for their outings to pick up at the Woolpack and arrangements had been made for them to park their cars on the playing field. This item would be dropped from future agendas.

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

*SALC* – Nothing

*Playing Field* – Nothing

*Village Hall*

This had been covered earlier in the meeting.

*Tree Warden*

The Clerk said he had received nothing from SCC in regard to the basal growth on the lime trees. He had send reminders but to no avail. It was agreed to obtain two quotations for this work and to pass the charge on to SCC, as they did cut the growths last year.

The Chairman would let the Clerk know if the fallen branch in Parkland's Green had been removed.

Yet again, no response from SCC regarding the oak trees – Park Avenue. Emails had been sent on 24th April, 16th May, 28th May and 20th June, a lamentable situation. The Clerk would contact the Chief Executive.

The same situation with the request that SCC look at the holm oak situated by the Old Rectory (two emails with no acknowledgement).

*Rights of Way*

The Parkland's Green road sign which is near collapse was reported in April, May and June, again no response.

In respect of the footpath opposite Flint Cottages, we were promised that this would be repaired last year.

Numerous emails to Guy Smith (Councillor Hopfensperger being copied in) have been ignored. The most recent ones being 18th April, 16th May and 20th June. Councillors, quite unsurprisingly, have felt very frustrated at the lack of response. This is not acceptable and it is also unprofessional. In this particular case, the Clerk will inform Mr Guy Smith that unless we receive a response within ten days, we will have to refer this matter to his Chief Executive.

The Chairman said that there was now a very serious issue with mole infestation. He would speak to the Clerk on the telephone about this.

The Chairman said he had been told by a dog walker that the surrounding area of the small path, little used, on the left hand side at the Sewerage Works is deep in sewage. The Clerk would write to Anglian Water, copying in the environmental officer at the Borough.

#### Planning

The following applications were considered:

DC/14/1091/HH Mr S Pettit, 7 Troon Court. Erection of a porch.  
NO OBJECTION

DC/14/1036TPO Mrs K Owen, Fornham Grange, School Lane. Reduce growth of an oak back to boundary COUNCILLORS WILL LEAVE THIS DECISION TO THE BOROUGH'S TREE SPECIALIST.

#### **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

A letter was to hand from a lady in The Street drawing attention to the sign erected on an electricity pole on the corner of Old Hall Lane.

Councillor Mrs Buxton also wished to bring this to the attention of Councillors.

Whilst contractors do erect directional signs to their sites, this sign is large and has been affixed with metal bolts to the pole. The Clerk would contact the contractors, Emmerson Critchley asking to see sight of the power company's authority to erect this sign.

The Mayor of St Edmundsbury Borough Council had written to see if he

could pay a visit and to talk to Councillors to thank them for their efforts. It was agreed to invite him to the September meeting.

An email had been circulated regarding Vision 2031 Notification of the publication of the Inspector's Report which can be viewed by going to the Borough website. [www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/vision2031](http://www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/vision2031). This is a very lengthy document but the Clerk will see if he can extract relevant parts.

Three emails were to hand from Mr Zarattini which Councillors discussed. A reply was agreed upon and would be sent by the Clerk.

The email from SALC in relation to Suffolk Advisory Parking Standards was circulated. The Clerk would extract details from the web and circulate to Councillors.

**11. ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment

P Forster	Bugle/Planter/remove brambles	47.60
N Pitcher	Postages / expenses	40.96
Revenue & Customs	PAYE	87.00
M Collier	Dog Signs	60.00
Eon	Village Hall Electricity	181.70
D Hoggett	Playing field/Litter picking	240.72
Community Action Suffolk	Playing field insurance	141.00
Fornham St Martin PCC	Churchyard upkeep grant	1000.00

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 18 SEPTEMBER 2014 COMMENCING 7:30pm**

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

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## FORNHAM LADIES CLUB



On a lovely sunny Summer evening in June members of Fornham Ladies Club gathered at the entrance to Fullers Mill, West Stow. We were welcomed by Mr Bernard Tickner. He had started the garden in 1958 and developed it gradually until it became the beautiful garden it is today, a delightful combination of water and vibrant planting. We were escorted by the Gardener and Christine, a volunteer at Fullers Mill, who answered our many questions as we wandered along the paths admiring the many and various trees, shrubs and plants. As the light began to fade we made our way back to the warm and cosy tearoom for refreshments – the perfect end to a perfect evening. If you have not yet visited Fullers Mill it is open Wednesday, Friday and Sunday 2 to 5pm and well worth a visit.

The members of Fornham Ladies Club gave a very warm welcome to Jenny Gibbs at their July meeting. Jenny and Mustafa were making a return visit to the club. Once again Jenny worked her magic, transforming herself into a typical village woman from a rural mountain village in Turkey.

Her stories this time told how she and Mustafa started taking Bed & Breakfast guests following many requests to do so after hearing her talks. The two of them set about transforming part of their farmhouse into comfortable accommodation with all mod cons. It had no furniture – they bought furniture because they were not sure the paying guests would be comfortable sitting on cushions on the floor as they, like all the locals, did. The guests would need a bathroom - so Mustafa built a bathroom. The guest rooms were up a steep slope –Mustafa made a staircase. Admittedly 'Heath Robinson' came to mind!.. Food was prepared from local delicacies.

We sat mesmerised as preparations continued in readiness for the first guests. By the time they arrived I was ready to catch the next available flight to Turkey to join them! From those first guests many more have enjoyed Jenny and Mustafa's hospitality. It could be difficult to travel to Turkey but if you get the chance to hear Jenny talk about her life in Rural Turkey then please do take it. It was another magical evening.

There is no meeting in August. We return on 17th September for the AGM and the chance to learn about Tai Chi from Gary Brighton and have a chance to join in!.....

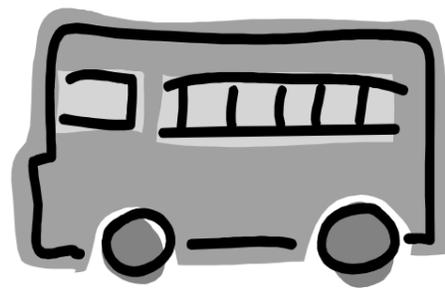
Subscriptions will remain at £12 for 2014 -15. Please join us in Fornham St Martin Village Hall at 7.45pm. A warm welcome awaits you. Mary Payne 01284 704801. For more information please contact Secretary Janet Petch 01284 768280

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

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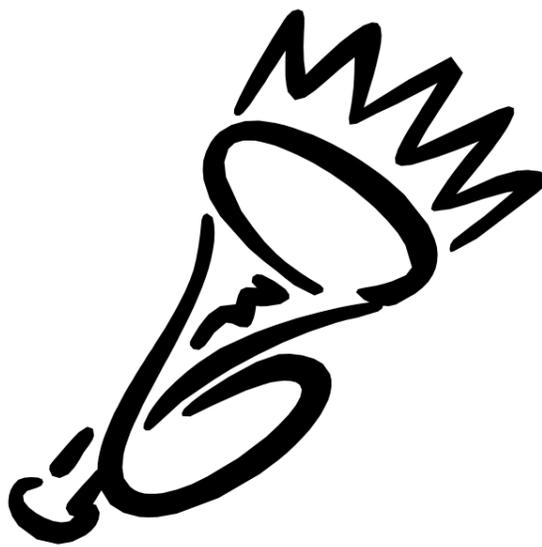
Sun	10th	09:15	Communion followed by Remembrance Service at the War Memorial at 10:15.
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**SEPTEMBER**

Sun	14th	11:00	The Fornhams Harvest Service at Fornham St Martin Church.
Thurs	18th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	20th	11 am to 3pm	Book Sale, coffee and cakes.
Sat	27th	Midday	Deadline for articles to be included in next edition of Bugle ( <a href="mailto:brookfranklin@virginmedia.com">brookfranklin@virginmedia.com</a> )

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