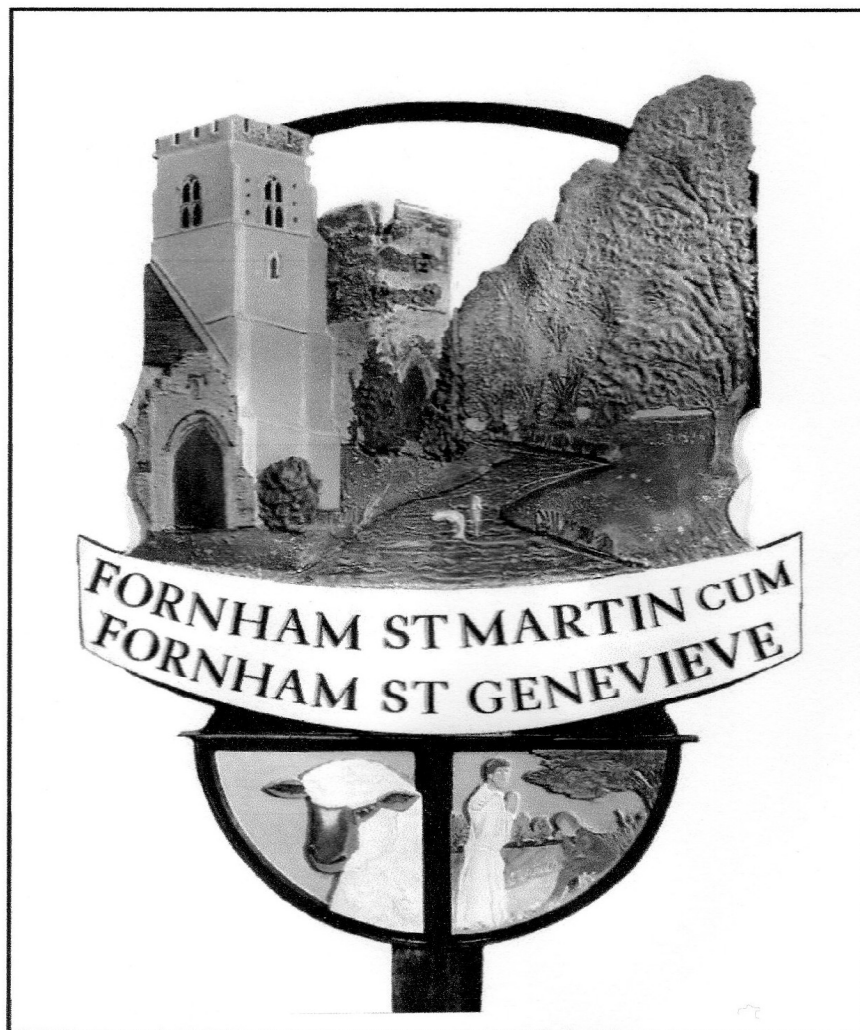


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The Parish Council on behalf of all parishioners would like to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation, the work carried out by the volunteers who organise and distribute the Bugle.

What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall *updated Jan 2013*

Weekly

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

**Term Time Only

Monthly

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

Occasional meetings

Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

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

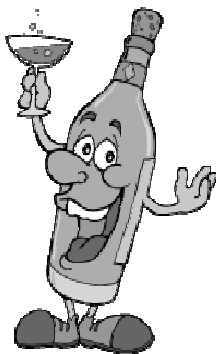
FSM 100 Club Winners

SEPT 2013

1st	No. 61 F Barker
2nd	No. 66 RP Catton
3rd	No. 05 DA Clift

OCT 2013

1st	No. 99 C Hanson
2nd	No. 32 ER Lott
3rd	No. 25 H Prentice



NOV 2013

1st	No. 32 ER Lott
2nd	No. 07 J Groom
3rd	No. 43 M Kyte

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

Please contact **Margaret Ade 01284 750133**

FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Parish Council on 17th October 2013 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin

MINUTES

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

The Clerk
2 Members of the public

AGENDA ITEM

The Chairman thanked Councillor G Hubbard for taking the chair at the September meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs R Hopfensperger
PCSO Jade Morton

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th SEPT 2013

The Minutes were signed as being a true record.

The Council adjourned

3. POLICE REPORT

A report had been submitted giving information on the following crimes:

11/09/2031 A deactivated rifle had been removed from a garage, via an insecure window in St Genevieve.

22/09/2031 Criminal damage to a vehicle with an unknown instrument causing a mark along the whole side of the vehicle. St Martin.

24/09/2031 Theft of a motor vehicle from a driveway. St Martin.

02/10/2013 Theft from a motor vehicle of a disabled badge. The vehicle was insecure. St Martin.

14/10/2013 Theft of a generator from an auction site. St Martin.

A list of visits by the Police flashing sign had been sent. This indicated that the sign had been located along Barton Hill on 3rd October. The Chairman said that he had noticed the sign in The Street but this did not appear on the list.

4. COUNTY COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Councillor Hopfensperger's report, which is appended, forms part of these minutes.

On the issue of the widening of the footpath, Councillor Butler asked what steps we could take to highlight the issue. He said that there had been a recent accident (actually there has been another one of which he was unaware) and surely we can now insist on a risk assessment being carried out. He had a letter which he had drafted which he felt could be sent to the press and/or our MP. The Chairman said we would discuss this later on in the meeting.

5. AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

From the floor Mr Long said he had been in contact with Mr Guy Smith (SCC) regarding pot holes in Russell Baron Road and he had been promised by Mr Smith that he would personally visit to see for himself. As he had not done so, the Clerk would telephone Mr Smith to ask that he treats this issue with some degree of urgency.

Mr Long said, in his opinion, with regard to the widening of the . . .

. . . footpath, the proposed plan would not stop the soil from falling down. The Chairman explained how SCC planned to hold the soil back. Councillor Butler said that we must leave this to the experts and if they say that their proposals will hold back the soil – so be it.

Mr Long asked if the Parish Council was consulted on the transfer station adjacent to the waste recycling site on Rougham Hill. The Chairman said we were not, as our Village was not near to it.

The Council reconvened:

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – None

7. MATTERS ARISING

a. Issues relating to Councillor Quayle's visit

Primarily the visit was taken up with the flashing signs. Councillor's discussed this and felt that the cost of the signs, the logistics of having to move them regularly and to have to charge the batteries weekly made it unworkable. We had received confirmation from Anthony Smith (SCC) that the posts for their signs would be erected between 28th and 30th October and once erected SCC will deploy the mobile vehicle activated sign. Councillors agreed to put the issue on hold, awaiting the outcome of the SCC VAS signs.

On the matter of closer co-operation with All Saints, the Chairman said he would be contacting Councillor Quayle in a week or so.

b. Speeding on the bypass

The Clerk had not received any further communication since 5th September. As Snetterton racing has finished for this season, it was hoped that things would quieten down. Councillor Buxton said that she and her husband had experienced a near miss at the roundabout at the top of Barton Hill when a car travelling along the bypass was approaching the roundabout far too fast. It was agreed to drop this heading from the agenda.

c. Playing field key

Councillors discussed this at some length and finally agreed that Councillor Forster would hand his key over to Mr David Yates who would be responsible for people who wished to use the field for events relating to Church activities, i.e. weddings, funerals etc. He said he would be mindful of weather conditions and would not allow people to park cars if the ground was unsuitable.

d. Youth Club

As the Clerk had not received the requested balance sheet, he would telephone Mrs Flaherty.

e. Playing field hedge cutting

As the two quotations had not come to hand, the Clerk would call them to ask for the figures.

f. Downloading Bugle to the web-site

The Clerk confirmed that this was being done.

There then followed the discussion on the issues relating to the widening of the footpath.

Councillors were given a draft of Councillor Butler's letter which was intended for David Ruffley MP and possibly the press. Councillors all voiced their concerns and opinions and the outcome was that the Clerk would telephone Mr Guy Smith to ask two questions.

1. Are we likely to get the grant from the Borough which we had been told would be sorted out by the end of May.

2. If we are, how much can we expect and when. Councillors further agreed, if we receive a negative answer, we should then, in the first place, send a letter to David Ruffley.

From the floor, Councillors were asked if they knew how many people used the footpath. Councillors felt that this was irrelevant. Councillor G Hubbard said we should press for a risk assessment and visit again the issue of having the speed limit reduced.

Councillor Butler queried whether Fornham's cause had been fully championed.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SALC

Various emails and letters had been received and circulated to Councillors, mainly relating to the cutting of grant funding.

Village Hall

The Chairman commented that he was pleased to see that the toilets had been upgraded.

Playing Field

Councillor Forster said that the memorial tree for the late Ethel Fordham had not yet been planted and he was still concerned about the site which had been chosen. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact the family and ask that they contact Councillor Forster so an alternative spot can be agreed.

The issue of damage done by rooks to the field was discussed. The Clerk had been in touch with the Borough's parks and gardens department and they had put him in touch with Ladybird Plant Care from where they purchase their nematodes. Having spoken to the Company, the Clerk was advised to establish whether the infestation was that of chafer grubs or leatherjackets Councillors wondered how best to find out. Councillor Buxton suggested that we contact one of the green keepers at the Suffolk Golf & Country Club. The Clerk would telephone them.

Councillor Buxton drew attention to the state of Occupation Road which was overgrown with saplings and brambles, some of which encroach on to the Churchyard and the playing field.

It is understood that it belongs to Mr Andrew Long and according to Mr Yates, he wishes to keep it this so as to deter vehicles who have no right to use it. After some thought, Councillors agreed to write to Mr Long to ask if he could cut the brambles at the edge of the road to stop the encroachment, leaving the saplings to deter vehicles.

Tree Warden – Nothing

Rights of Way

The Chairman said that the path running parallel with the bypass has had some attention but a better job could have been done. As winter is approaching, it is unlikely that things will get worse, so it was agreed to leave this until the spring.

Councillors were unsure if the broken stile at the bottom of School Lane had been replaced.

The Clerk would write to Suffolk County Council regarding the cutting of the footpaths from the sub station up to the old golf club house (now the flats) and across to the bottom of Old Hall Lane. Also the footpath by the bypass. Having received a quotation of £170 per cut, we are anxious to obtain SCC's agreement to have these costs reimbursed.

Planning

Clerks and SALC are all concerned about the fact that the Borough have advised that they will no longer send hard copies of future planning applications. This means Parish Councils will have to get these on line, resulting in being unable to see the plans easily, i.e. they will be too small. SALC will continue to lobby both the Borough and Borough Councillors on this issue.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Numerous pieces of correspondence had been received and had been circulated to Councillors and required no response.

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Buxton and the Clerk would attend The Parish Conference on 22nd October being held in the Apex. There was to be a special item on the reduction of the support grant which will hopefully let us know the full implications of this reduction.

The emails received from Mr Zarattini would be acknowledged and his comments noted.

The website manager had advised that 72 people had visited the site between September 12th and October 12th.



10. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment

P & S Brooklyn	Bugle Editors	157.00
D Hoggett	Playing Field/Litter Picker	283.56
M & TJ's	Grass Cutting	324.00
Denny Bros	Ink Jet Cartridges	229.41
Realise Futures	Printing Bugle	208.69
Eon	Village Hall Electricity	144.43
BT	Phone/Fax/email	110.13
Village Hall Management	Youth Club Hall Hire	260.00
N Pitcher	Expenses / Postages	38.70
Customs & Revenue	PAYE	87.00
Mrs Buxton	Planters	48.89
Mr Forster	Bugle distribution costs	60.12
Mrs Hilton	Remembrance Day Wreath	17.50

The Clerk provided budgets to enable setting a precept for 2014/15. This matter would be on the November agenda as we would have to let the Borough know our requirements at the beginning of December.

The editors of the Bugle had emailed a request for an increase in their payment. Councillors agreed to discuss this at the November meeting.

Councillors drew attention to the new bus timetables in the latest issue of the Bugle and it was the consensus that this was too detailed and added extra pages and thus extra to printing costs. The Clerk would ask the editors to revert to the previous format and to advertise the website for obtaining bus timetables in the Bugle. It was felt that we only need to print the timetables twice – once for the winter and once for the summer schedules.

Councillor Mrs Hubbard asked about the possibility of recognising the centenary next year of the commencement of the First World War. It was agreed to place this on the February 2014 agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7:30pm

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

FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING DATES FOR 2014

16th January 2014	15th May 2014
20th February 2014	19th June 2014
20th March 2014	17th July 2014
17th April 2014	18th September 2014
8th May 2014 Annual Parish and	16th October 2014
Annual Parish Council Meeting	20th November 2014
Commencing 7:00pm	

ALL MEETINGS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 8th MAY WILL COMMENCE AT 7-30PM

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AN UPDATE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Earlier in the year we announced in the Bugle that there was good news regarding the path from the village to the bottom of Barton Hill. It was going to be made wider and have the banks reinforced so that prams, wheelchairs and walkers could navigate the path with ease and with a higher degree of safety. We were also told that by the end of May we would be informed how much money would be allocated to the project so that we would be then able to raise any further monies needed to complete the task.

Alas we have still to date not received any information regarding the grant, despite our Borough Councillor Mrs Rebecca Hopfensperger and her efforts in chasing the information.

We are now given to understand that we will receive this vital information before Christmas. This news if positive will allow the Parish Council to pursue applications for additional monies to start the project. We are disappointed that this process has taken so long however we remain hopeful of a satisfactory result in due course.

Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council.

FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB

Linda Gascoigne entertained us at our meeting on September 10th with her talk entitled Wildflowers & Wildlife Gardening. With just a few large photographs and a small selection of plants to help illustrate some points in her talk, Linda, who works part time at Simpsons Nursery in Fordham, led us through their different properties such as medicinal use and even liquid feed. Reference was made to the many forms of wildlife that are attracted to wild flowers, e.g. bees, butterflies (in all their stages), numerous insects like beetles and flies, to bird, frogs etc. Linda highlighted the huge number of plants including fritillary and foxglove, that we now grow in our gardens, possibly unaware of the fact they were originally only to be found in field, hedgerows and roadside verges. Having spent a great deal of her life studying her subject matter Linda's depth of knowledge and enthusiasm were undeniable.

An A to Z of Bulbs was an appropriate talk for our meeting on October 8th as garden centres, market flower stalls etc currently have huge displays of bulbs to make us think of spring. John Walkers from Walkers Bulbs came suitably laden to tempt us to make purchases following his excellent talk and slide show, taking us through the extensive range of bulbs available. He began with a brief explanation of how his highly successful and long association with bulb growing began, inspired by his Father's involvement with the industry, then in its infancy, after settling in Spalding. John turned his attention to the mail order side from 1986, eventually selling out to Taylor's a local company, but providing them with his expertise to promote the mail order side of their business. A most entertaining speaker providing us with a stream of tips to ensure successful results from bulbs and ideas for planting summer bulbs to follow on from the wonderful explosion of colour in our gardens from the ever popular spring bulbs.

One tip is to use a tomato feed on bulbs in containers and an unusual bulb to plant for summer is Eucomis.

On November 12th we welcomed Michael Perry, the product development manager at Thompson & Morgan of Ipswich. Launched by William Thompson from his bakers shop in Ipswich some 160 years ago, (John Morgan joining later as the business expert), the Company has undergone many changes. It now has its own plant breeding programme, overseas plant hunting trips and extensive development schemes. Many will have seen the extensive media coverage regarding the TomTato this year. This plant (costing £14.99) produces sweet red cherry tomatoes, with a root bearing a late cropping tasty white potato and can be grown by those with just a patio as it is planted direct into a patio bag.

With great enthusiasm for his subject and a superb slide show to accompany it, Michael took us through the 'New, Different and Unusual Plants' the title of his talk. These ranged from a fragrant trailing begonia, a climbing fuchsia, a sterile patio buddleia, a perennial rather than a biennial foxglove, through to a green carnation, a really black hyacinth and a tree lily reaching a height of six feet in its first year, its hardy and doesn't require staking. Perhaps an alternative plant for children to grow rather than a sunflower (but more expensive)!

Vegetables were also included before Michael pointed out that the company welcome the public's own creations, where they have found maybe in their own garden or on the roadside verge, a plant that does not conform to its normal colour, leaf shape etc. The company then discover whether it can be bred commercially and the finder is rewarded for bringing it to their attention.



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

Nov 12th Michael Perry. New, different and unusual seeds and plants. Digital slide show and talk.

Dec 10th Tim Fuller. Naturalistic gardening. A talk using plants from Tim's Nursery and plants for sale.

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Jan 14th Annual Dinner for Members and their guests only.

Feb 11th Adrian Walters. Swiss Mountain Flora. A talk and slide show.

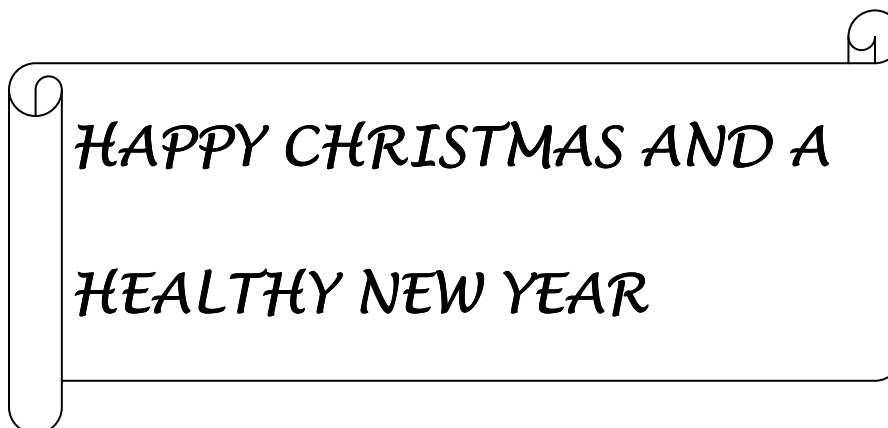
Mar 11th Mike Day. Salads all year round. A talk on the changes to salads and their ingredients.

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

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



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FORNHAM LADIES CLUB



September is the month of our Annual General Meeting so we began with the brief formalities.

All the committee members were willing to continue in office and a warm invitation was given to anyone who wished to join them. In the absence of the treasurer, the secretary presented the accounts for the year. Income totalled £1,212.50, including subscriptions for the year of £324.00, and expenditure was £754.12, major expenses being hire of village hall £176.00 and cost of speakers £363.50. Balance carried forward was £458.38.

Our Speaker for the evening, paying us a return visit, was Celia Sims and her subject was "My Wild Childhood". Born in 1936, with an older sister of 13 and brother of 11, Celia was brought up almost as an only child. Her siblings had taught her to read by the age of 3. When she started at her private school she was bullied and by the age of 8 she was sent to a boarding school in Somerset. Here she was constantly homesick and sent many letters to her mother begging to return home. Her mother always replied urging her to try to settle and be happy. Her mother visited her and stayed in a hotel local to the school and Celia was allowed to visit and have tea with her. The night before her mother was due to return home, Celia got up at 3am and walked to the hotel. She was then taken out of the boarding school, taken home and sent to the local council school where she immediately settled and blossomed. Her ambition was to act and, aged 10, she attended a London Acting and Drama School one afternoon a week. Having obtained an agent at that young age, she was invited to accept child roles, one of which was in "The Blue Lamp", Dirk Bogarde's first film. Her acting career ended when she was unable to accept an offer and was dropped by her agent. She studied Hotel and Catering Management and then became a journalist.

Celia and her friend were very keen Scrabble players and decided to keep a tally of all their scores until they reached one million. This . . .

. . . took 47 years to achieve Celia contacted the "East Anglian Daily Times" who featured the story and it then made front page in "The Sun" and featured in "The Daily Mirror" and a national weekly magazine.

Our Speaker for October was Diane Barker and her subject was "Magnet Therapy". Diane is a farmer's wife. One Christmas she hurt her thumb breaking open a cashew nut and within six months her whole hand was painful. She looked into the possibility of magnet therapy but dismissed it as being 'all in the mind'. However one of the farm dogs, an elderly Labrador, had arthritic hips and could not join the other dogs in their walk. She decided to try a magnet on him and within weeks he was rushing about enjoying being active with the other dogs. So Diane tried it for herself and very quickly her hand improved.

The therapy consists of wearing a strap on the wrist with a positive force on one side and a negative on the other so that the blood is energised as it circulates through the magnetic force. The effect is better circulation as the red platelets are discouraged from sticking together so that more oxygen is carried and toxins are flushed more efficiently from the body. It claims to reduce stress, reduces inflammation, helps mend fractures, restores energy and reduces fatigue, improves the quality of sleep and helps reduce the side effect of chemotherapy treatment and helps the body heal itself. It is not recommended for anyone fitted with a Pacemaker.

Diane was also a keen advocate of drinking more water. It is said that 80% of people are dehydrated with the result that the blood is thicker and the heart has to work harder and is therefore under stress. The brain becomes less active, it is hard to concentrate and the whole body feels fatigued. A steady dose of 8 glasses of water a day is recommended.

Several members decided to explore the advantages of magnet therapy and Diane was thanked for a most interesting talk.

Thanks to Mary Payne and Margaret Ade for these reports.

In November our speaker was Sarah Valentine and her subject was "Hats Off" an overview of millinery. Sarah started her talk with a short history of hats. Pre-16thC head covering was mainly a scarf for warmth or something like a wimple as a status symbol. In the 16thC hats were worn mainly by men, so were a masculine top hat shape. In the early 17thC wigs became fashionable and their very elaborate shape was not suited to hats. By mid-17thC haberdashers in Milan started to make a felt material for hats (and that is where the word 'millinery' comes from). In the 18thC hats became very feminine and in the 19thC straw was introduced for hat-making and hats became very big with feather and flower decoration. Large hats often required large hat pins, sometimes as long as 9" for which length a licence was required as they could become a dangerous weapon!

The two World Wars were a time for practical hats but from the 1970s onward millinery creations knew no bounds. Famous milliners like Philip Tracey created fabulous hats for royalty and film stars and some really exotic hats for exhibition.

Sarah makes hats starting with the basic materials which she moulds onto a block into one of two basic shapes - the crown and the brim. These are then treated with stiffeners and dyed, stitched and decorated. She displayed several beautiful hats and fascinators, as well as shoe clips, corsages and brooches. Several ladies spent a very happy few minutes modelling these wonderful hats and we all agreed that Sarah had given us a most interesting evening.

We meet early in December – on **Wednesday 4th** – for our **Christmas Dinner at The Bunbury Arms, Great Barton, 7** for 7:30pm. For details contact Julia Ely 701879

Looking ahead: 15th January 2014 – Penny Brice will give advice on dealing with Probate.

We invite you to join us on the **third Wednesday** of the month, at **Fornham St Martin Village Hall, 7.45pm.** For more information please contact the secretary **Janet Petch 01284 768280.**

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FSM CHURCH NEWS



The Tudor Rose Concert on 2nd November was the best ever. The 30 singers did some lovely and varied songs from Gershwin, Elgar, Mendelssohn and other show-time songs, as well as some traditional pieces including Pie Jesu, Sanctus, The Lord is my Shepherd, and highlighted by John Rutter's Requiem.

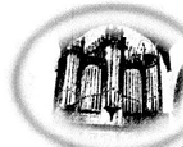
Accompanied by a seven piece orchestra, playing flute, oboe, cello, timpani, glockenspiel, piano and organ, all directed by their conductor Christopher Moore, the music just filled the Church with a wondrous sound. We are very fortunate to have Christopher, a retired professional international organist support us in this way, together with The Tudor Rose Singers, who have now given eight concerts in the Church, which was full to overflowing.

After, we enjoyed a buffet with wine, which was very enjoyable, and thanks to everyone who supplied the food and drink. Unfortunately it did run out towards the end with so many attending, so apologies to those who did not get their share. We will provide more next time, but judging how many will come, without tickets, is never easy.

Over £500 was raised, for the Organ Restoration Appeal, which together with the Organ Recital given by Christopher Moore on 14th September has raised nearly £1000.

Sponsorships of the 1000 wind pipes in the organ have additionally raised over £1100 to date, so the initial funds raised so far is a magnificent start so huge thanks to everyone. A sponsorship form is included on page 23 if you would like to sponsor some of the pipes still left, it will be greatly appreciated, gift aided if possible so we can reclaim some tax.

Sponsor a Pipe!



The likely cost of restoring the organ in St Martins church will be in the region of £10,000. It is a very complex instrument with around 1000 pipes, a different one for every note and every 'voice', operated entirely mechanically from the playing console!

As a part of the renovation process, each organ pipe will receive individual refurbishment, to ensure that it is 'pitch perfect'. For a £5 donation, you can be identified with the maintenance of one of these pipes and your name will be entered in the book that will record details of the renovation and of the donations received.

To help in this very tangible way, please complete the slip below and send it with your cheque to one of the addresses given.

We are most grateful for your support, thank you.



Fornham St Martin Organ Restoration Appeal

I/We would like to sponsor the servicing oforgan pipe(s), and enclose a cheque payable to 'Fornham St Martin Organ Restoration Appeal' for £.....(at £5 per pipe)

Name:

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'I am a UK taxpayer intending tax to be reclaimed on the donation I have made under the Gift Aid scheme'.

Signed: Date:

Please post your donation to:

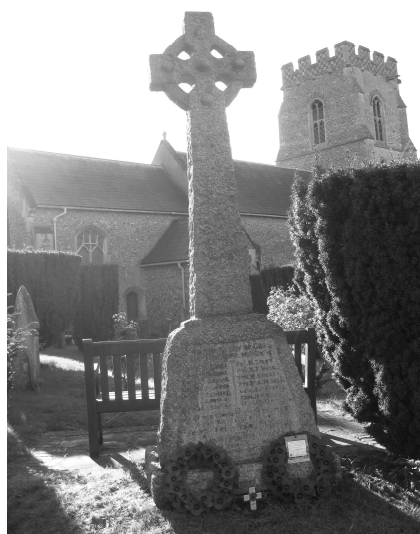
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or Mrs Sylvia Hilton, Church Warden, 2 Troon Court, Fornham St Martin, IP28 6TJ
or Mr Leonard Long, 1 Ord Road, Fornham St Martin, IP31 1TB



Thanks to everyone who has so far supported this large undertaking to raise £10,000 to carry out a thorough and perhaps overdue restoration & refurbishment of our 101 year old organ. It was brought to our Church nearly 40 years ago in 1974 from a Church in Lincoln, thanks to the generosity of the Clergy, congregation and supporters at the time, with their names on a plaque on the side of the organ.

The Remembrance Day Service was well supported, as it should be, and we especially welcomed the Parish Council with Chairman Mike Collier. Wreaths were laid by Mike on behalf of the village, and by Sylvia Hilton for the Church, at the War Memorial in the Churchyard at 11:0am after the service, for the 2 minutes silence and after the names of the fallen were read out. Fortunately it was a dry sunny, if cold, morning.

Thanks to Peter Forster for photo.



Our Harvest Service was on 13th October with visiting preacher Vernon Cutler officiating to assist Rev'd Sylvia Bareham, and it was an All Age Service where young people are encouraged to join us and assist with reading, serving at the altar and taking up the collection. After, we enjoyed a traditional harvest lunch and plentiful it was, with thanks to everyone who provided such a good spread, with drinks, so it must have been a good harvest this year!

Following last years successful inaugural Patronal or Dedication Festival service at Fornham All Saints, we held ours on 27th Oct, as planned, to alternate this annual Festival service each year between the villages, as we are actually a United Parish.

It was hoped for similar success but attendance was poor and the idea of both dedicating the Church to our Patron Saint, St Martin

and giving people the opportunity to give thanksgiving for their own circumstances, or in memory of family or friend, was only taken up by a few. We hope it was nevertheless appreciated by those few. Next year it will be held at Fornham All Saints in October again.

The Christmas Bazaar, combined with Fornham All Saints, at the FAS Community Centre on 16th November was very successful, to raise funds for the running of both Churches. The tombola, raffle and cakes stall were especially popular and all the stalls from books, jewellery and bric a brac to the Christmas cards and decorations did very well, as well as the teas. Thanks to everyone who contributed to, and helped run the Bazaar, as well as all those who supported us.

Our Book Sale, Coffee and Cakes on 23rd November, was joined by a Craft Stall run by Catherine Buxton and Cindy Hudson, which included a hand knitted quilt donated by Betty Gibson, a Fordham relation now living in Whitstable, Kent who wants to support the Church in memory of her grandparents buried in the Churchyard. The new stall did very well and we appreciate their support. We had a good turnout and with lots more books donated there was plenty to choose from. Thanks to everyone who helps set up all the books and the ladies for supplying the teas and cakes. The next Book Sale will probably be sometime in February 2014

We look forward to our Christmas services, with The Fornhams Carol Service here this year on **Tuesday 17th December at 7pm**. Our Children's Crib Service is on **Christmas Eve at 4pm**, where children place the figures in the model of the stable at Jesus' birth and join in the festival meaning of Christmas with their families. If any children would like to join a Nativity Play, please get in touch as soon as you can, so we can practice and prepare them beforehand. This is probably our most popular service, so come early if you want a seat. We will have a short communion service on **Christmas Day at 10.30am**.

Christmas Services will be listed in the Benefice Christmas card to be sent to everyone.

We wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Sylvia Hilton and David Yates, Churchwardens

FORNHAM ST MARTIN cum ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

**There was a meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st November 2013
in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin**

MINUTES**PRESENT**

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Borough/County Councillor Mrs R Hopfensperger
The Clerk

1. APOLOGIES**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th OCTOBER 2013**

The Clerk apologised to Councillor Butler for failing to record his name as being present at the meeting and to Councillor Mrs J Hubbard for listing her name twice. Under Rights of Way (Page 42) relating to cutting footpaths, it should have read "School Lane" and not Old Hall Lane. Other than these corrections, the minutes were signed as being a true record.

The Council adjourned for:

3. POLICE REPORT

A report had been submitted which listed two incidents. **1)** theft of an exhaust and catalytic converter removed from a vehicle situated on a secure driveway. **2)** access gained to secure fenced garage, entry was then gained to a vehicle by breaking a window to get the locking wheel nut. Alloy wheels were removed and the vehicle dumped on its axles, damaging the underside sills.

Details of the next Tasking Meeting (3rd December) was given to Councillors. The report on speeding information was given to Councillors.

5. AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

No public attended.

The Council reconvened.

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

7. MATTERS ARISING

a. Widening the footpath.

Councillors discussed this and agreed to leave the final decision on how to move forward until the January meeting. Councillors were all of the opinion that parishioners should be made aware of the Parish Council's efforts in trying to progress this issue and felt it appropriate to place a piece in the Bugle, explaining why there has been no decision forthcoming from Suffolk County Council. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would liaise on the notice, probably using parts of Councillor Butler's draft letter. Councillors agreed that the footpath was in need of being cut back and also the overhanging branches required trimming. The Clerk would ask M & TJ's for a quote. The Clerk said he was unsure if SCC would reimburse the Parish Council for this, as he had experience of requests from other Parishes which had been refused.

b. Flashing signs

Councillors were handed details of the positions of the mobile flashing signs. There would be four in St Martin/St Genevieve. The Chairman said he had received a call from a parishioner on Barton Hill who was unhappy about seeing a pole erected outside her property and wanted to know its purpose. The Chairman said he thought it was for a flashing sign and the parishioner said she was concerned about the light causing her inconvenience.

c. Pot holes – Russell Baron Road

The Clerk had received an email from Mr Guy Smith who said “although the road surface is not great, there are no defects which meet SCC's repair criteria and would monitor and review. I have put this down for a total resurfacing scheme (as opposed to the cheaper option of surface dressing) for 2014/15 – although this is dependant on the budget I receive, which we won't get notified of until the New Year. If unsuccessful, it will be a major priority for 2015/16”. The complainant, Mr L Long, has been notified of Mr Smith's email.

d. Youth Club

The Clerk had received the financial information which for the year, October 2012 to September 2013, read as follows:
Receipts £446.01 and expenditure £714.89. The Balance in hand at the year end was £511.01.
It was agreed to discuss this when Councillors addressed the precept.

e. Playing field hedge cutting

Two quotations had been received: Heartwood £300 and Mr Rodwell £450. The former had been given the job and the work has been completed. Councillor Forster said he was satisfied with the work, however Councillor Buxton said she felt the field side should not have been cut as Mr Long always cut his side and also she felt that the cutting was not level. In future years it would be made clear when obtaining quotes, the field side should be left.

f. Parish Conference

The Clerk said he and many other present had wasted their time. The information given on budgets cuts turned out to be inaccurate.

g. Bugle editors payment

Councillors discussed this and asked the Clerk to obtain more information, particularly on having to come to Bury to see the printers. Councillors were unanimous in agreeing how well the editors produced the Bugle and were not at all averse to agreeing an increase in their charge for the editing. Councillors will discuss this at the January meeting as it will form part of the precept calculations.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SALC

Councillors had been advised of the meeting to be held on 27th November. The Sustainable Communities Act details had been circulated to Councillors.

Rights of Way

It was noted that Mr Long had trimmed and cut Occupation Road. The Clerk would send a letter of thanks.

The fallen tree on the footpath running parallel with the bypass had been attended to.

Councillor Forster said the salt bins had been filled.

He drew attention to the new notice board at the top of Barton Hill. Rain was getting in. The Clerk had seen this also and had contacted Workwise. It was agreed to withhold their cheque until modifications and repairs had been carried out.

It was agreed to email Councillor Hopfensperger regarding the state of the road following the works carried out on Fornham Lock Bridge. There was quite a dip which could be dangerous.

Councillor Butler said he would like to know what powers the Parish Council had in relation to cars being parked on grass verges. We have no powers as such but we can ask SCC to take action, particularly against those people who try to sell cars. If the Clerk is given details of the registration number . . .

. . . and the telephone contact number which presumably will be stuck to the vehicle window, he will alert the authorities.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall Management Committee to ascertain whether they give permission to people to park their cars in FRONT of the hall on a permanent basis.

A letter had been received from SCC stating they will not reimburse the Parish Council for costs relating to cutting the three footpaths as their contractor is half of that quoted by M & T J's.

The Clerk reported that there is a street light in The Drift which has been continually lit for over two months. He has reported this for the third time. The Chairman said that the broken stile had been removed which still left one stile which can be used.

The Council adjourned for:

4. BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILOR'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Hopfensperger

Councillor Hopfensperger began by saying that regrettably she had no news on the possible funding of the footpath. She has requested an urgent meeting with the Cabinet Member responsible as she is frustrated and is embarrassed with the appalling lack of progress. She has been promised that she will be given a yes or no before Christmas.

The posts for the VAS signs have been erected. She too has received a call from the parishioner on Barton Hill. Both she and the Chairman will try to put the lady's mind at rest. Asked about the way in which the signs will be moved about, Councillor Hopfensperger said the signs will probably be at one location for 2 to 3 weeks and then moved on, probably to another village. It is unlikely that they will go from one location to another in the same village. She was asked to let us have details of how many signs were being deployed and how many villages were to be covered.

Councillor Hopfensperger covered items relating to the Budget Scrutiny Meeting and the Government time scales. Suffolk County Council have to make £156million cuts over the next four years. This equates to a 30% reduction. This means that more volunteer groups will be required. More shared services. SCC are already in talks with Norfolk County Council to share certain services. Other things covered by Councillor Hopfensperger were the waste programmes, the Great Blakenham waste site and looking at the blue/brown/black bin collections.

Councillor Hopfensperger said she would let the Clerk have details of briefing notes which he could circulate to Councillors.

The Chairman reminded Councillor Hopfensperger about the state of the path opposite Flint Cottages and also the one near Kristy Cottage, both of which were in need of attention. She was also told about the issue of the . . .

... defect in the road at Fornham Lock Bridge.

Councillor Hopfensperger said SCC were well prepared for the winter. 28,000 tonnes of grit had been delivered. Last winter 32,000 tonnes of grit had been spread on Suffolk's roads

The Chairman said Suffolk was well catered for in respect of gritting compared to other counties.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hopfensperger for her report and for her attendance.

The Council reconvened.

Tree Warden

Councillor Forster said the tree in memory of the late Ethel Fordham had not been planted.

Village Hall

The Minutes of the last Village Hall Management Committee had been given to Councillors.

Councillor Forster told Councillors that the Over 60's Club now held their events/meeting in All Saints Community Centre as they had superior facilities, particularly parking and easy access for the disabled.

Councillor Butler said the heating needed to be looked at. The Committee are having some electrical work done and the Clerk was asked to write to the Hall Committee to ask if the switching system is efficient, legal and appropriate.

Playing Field

The Clerk would ask the pest controller to see to the moles on the playing field. The green keeper from Lark Valley Golf Club had treated the whole playing field for the eradication of the chafer grubs. He said the treatment would probably have to be done twice more in the New Year and much of the field would require re-seeding.

A request had been made for the erection of owl boxes. Councillors felt that this would be a great idea. The Clerk would ask that before any boxes were sited, they contact Councillor Forster. Councillor Mrs Buxton thought that a box in the oak tree at the bottom of Church Close would be an appropriate location. Councillors agreed.

Planning

The following planning application was considered.

SE/13/0554/FUL Mr R Tillet, land east of No 1 Russell Baron Road.

Erection of a dwelling, following the demolition of a boat house.

Councillors were not supportive of this application on the grounds that **(1)** This was a gross over development of the site and **(2)** there will be implications in respect of additional cars which will have to park on the road.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Various pieces of correspondence had been received which did not require an answer.

10. PRECEPT

Councillors discussed ways in which money could be saved, following the recent and on going grant reductions to Parish Councils. As the precept did not have to be lodged with the Borough until 31st January 2014, it was agreed that Councillors should give this matter more thought and make a final decision at the meeting on 16th January 2014.

11. ACCOUNTS

The following were presented and passed for payment:

Village Hall	Youth Club room hire	260.00
P Bird	Playing Field grass cutting	895.70
D Hoggett	Litter picking/playing field	229.50
Revenue and Customs	PAYE	174.00
M Turner	Chafer Grub eradication	400.00
The Borough	Dog Bin emptying	206.70
Papworth Trust	New Noticeboard	**566.40
S Rodwell	Removal of old noticeboard	30.00
Denny Bros	Copy Paper	17.99
N Pitcher	Postage/expenses/computer problem	76.90
<i>** payment being withheld until remedial work is deemed satisfactory</i>		

The anniversary of WW1 will be on the January agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 16th January 2014 commencing 7:30pm

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting, thanking Councillors for attending and wishing all seasonal greetings.

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

FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

Oct 8th - Instead of our October meeting we made a very enjoyable visit to Wicksteed Park. A good lunch was followed by an afternoon relaxing to the music and songs from the Hollywood musicals. After the show we had afternoon tea and then got the coach home.

Nov 5th - Considering the wet morning we were surprised by the turn out (41) to hear the music and songs of guitarist Steve Beadle. Steve gave us a condensed history of his musical background, from choirboy and boy soprano in a coalminers choir and as a teenager playing in dance bands at clubs around Yorkshire. He then played and sung music of The Shadows and Hank Marvin, Bert Weedon, Elvis, Cliff Richard and the Beatles. Steve's fine voice and playing held the full attention of the audience all afternoon.

Forthcoming Events.

10th Dec Christmas Lunch.

7th Jan New Year party with food and drink.

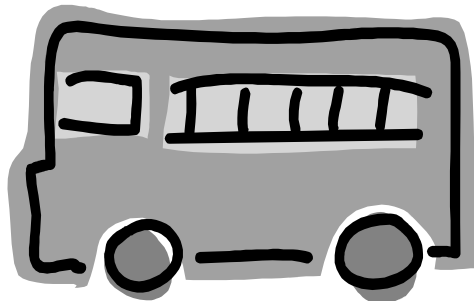
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The collection for Cancer Research, which took place in September on the Lark Valley Estate, raised £218.12. A big thank you to all those who contributed. **Judith Scott**

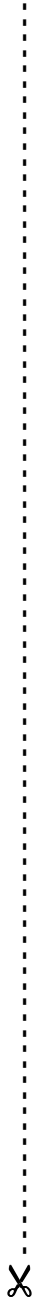
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CONTACT	DETAIL	NUMBER
Anglian Water	Emergency (Reporting leaks etc)	0800 771 881
Cinema	Cineworld, Parkway	0871 200 2000
Councils	St Edmundsbury	01284 763233
	Suffolk County	01284 352000
Electricity	EDF Energy (Power cuts)	0800 783 8838
	Customer Enquiry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



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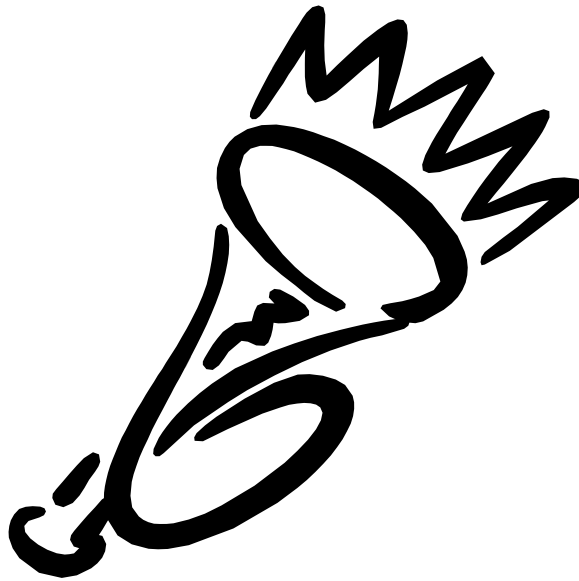
Tues	17th	7:00pm	Fornhams Carol Service FSM Church
Tues	24th	4:00pm	Children's Crib Service FSM Church
Wed	25th	10:30am	Communion Service Fornham St Martin Church

JANUARY 2014

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