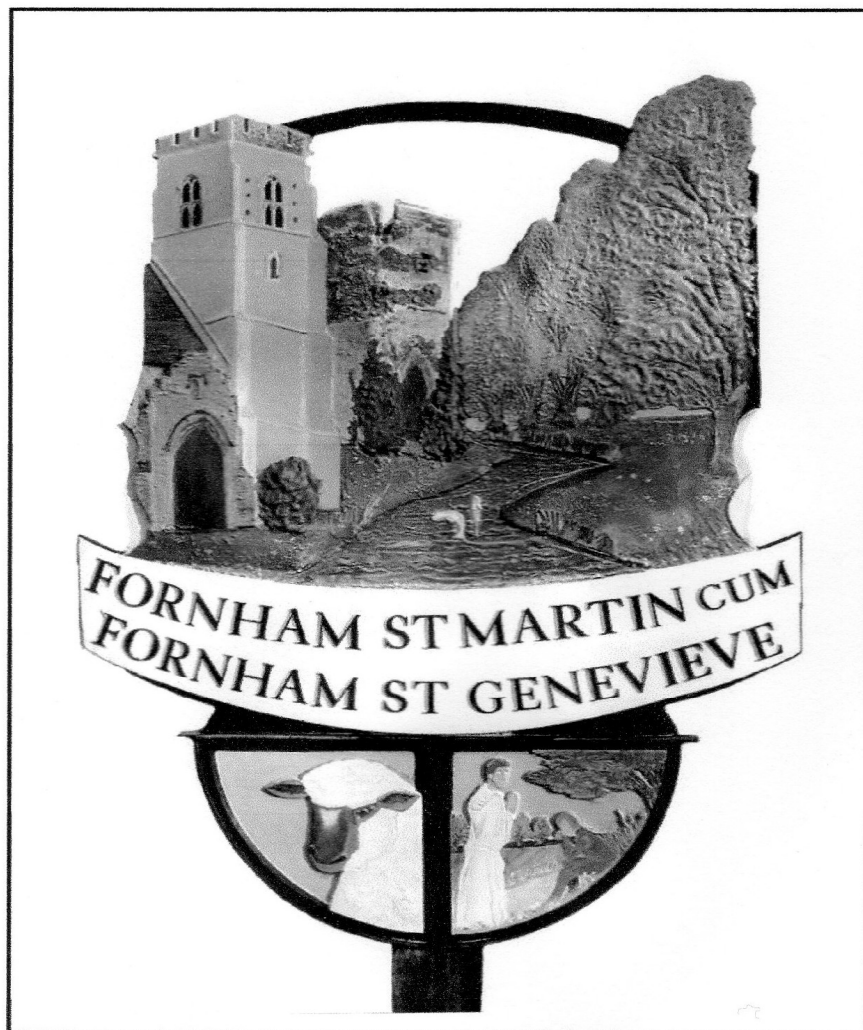


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The Parish Council on behalf of all parishioners would like to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation, the work carried out by the volunteers who organise and distribute the Bugle.

What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

Weekly

Monday	7:30 pm	YOGA
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	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice
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

*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 ST MARTIN WEBSITE

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

Calling all Club Secretaries:

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



**Join East Anglian Air Ambulance
and celebrate 15 years of Saving Lives**

This year, we are celebrating a special anniversary, 15 years of saving lives! We would love **YOU** to get involved in our celebration year and host a tea party at **15.00** and raise vital funds for **East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA)**.

We can supply you with everything you need to get you on your way, including invitations and posters. You can even buy tea pots, tea towels, aprons and bone china mugs, what more do you need?

Visit <http://www.eaaa.org.uk/tea-15-00-r/> or call your local fundraising team on **0845 066 9999** to get your **Tea at 15.00 Fundraising Kit** today. **Together we save lives.**

We would love to see your pictures and hear your stories from your tea at 15.00 - so please get in touch and spread the word today!

FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB

The Club's AGM was held on April 14th and following the Chairman's review of 2014/15 programme, which included the annual holiday, five memorable day trips and the monthly meetings, the Treasurer presented the accounts. There was only one change to the Committee with Joey Winsor voted Vice Chairman. The Programme Secretary informed members of the programme for 2015/16 before the Chairman completed the formalities and introduced Leon Petterson of Ceramic Craft, our speaker for the evening.

Leon and his wife Jenny have been potters for over 30 years making functional decorative high fired earthenware, by slip casting and wheel throwing. Unfortunately due to an off the scale insurance premium, he was unable to demonstrate or let any of us loose on the wheel throwing so no repeat of the 'Generation Game' antics and ensuing hilarity. However with an infectious touch of humour Leon took us through the progress of the business. Currently supplying National Trust shops in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and an example of slip casting, decorating etc. With their original designs and shapes, hand painted decorations inspired from nature and the English countryside such as hares, cockerels and dragonflies. The examples arranged before us made it easy to ensure Leon went away with less stock than he had brought with him! A very entertaining conclusion to the evening.

The first day trip of 2015 on Sunday May 10th found members and guest on their way to Sheringham where they had enough time to walk to the sea front, watch steam trains at the railway station and enjoy a mid morning coffee before moving on to the Pheasant Hotel in Kelling for lunch. The staff at the recently grandly refurbished hotel made us welcome and served up a delicious lunch before we moved on to Stody Lodge near Holt to stroll through the wonderful display of pieris, azaleas and rhododendrons, though many of the latter were just breaking from their buds. The weather could not have been kinder with sunshine to warm us and the absence of the recent nagging cold wind.

At the first meeting of the new programme we welcomed the return of a very popular speaker, Matthew Tanton- Brown, revisiting a subject he covered in 2011, planting Summer containers and baskets. Matthew demonstrated the system he uses, producing an example of each using plants many of us had never even considered as being suitable let alone the colour combinations. One container had a pale pink and white theme using plants such as dwarf forms of cosmos and marguerites,

amongst others, with the suggestion that perennials could replace some annuals and possibly a dwarf conifer. The basket with a geranium at the centre to give height was filled with trailing plants such as petunias, bidens and viola giving an overall amber, gold effect. With tips on everything from the type of basket/container to use to their placement in the garden, feeding etc. Matthew then found himself with a queue of customers to buy a large percentage of the plants he had shown to be appropriate for the purpose, supplied by The Walled Garden Nursery at Benhall, where he is manager.

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

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| June 9th | Howard Norton. Delphiniums, Slide show and talk with plants to sell and possible cutting demonstration. |
| Sunday
June 28th | Outing to Peter Beales Roses. Introductory talk and guided gardens tour. Visit to Blickling Hall, Aylsham. |
| July 14th | Evening visit to Mill Hill House,, Brockley. Members and their guests only. |
| Saturday
July 18th | Outing to Lamport Hall Gardens, Northants and The Old Stables Gardens, Bruntingthorpe, Leics. |
| Aug 11th | David White. A Packet of Parsley. A talk on David's career in horticulture with a range of the unusual plants he grows to sell. |

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.



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FSM CHURCH NEWS

Following the last Bugle news about the organ restoration, its started!

On 21st April Mike Osborne, our regular tuner and repairer, started dismantling it, all 1000 pipes, boxes, brackets, etc. etc. and its all lying carefully in order spread all over the south aisle. Work will take some 2 months, probably till the end of June, when hopefully every thing will have gone back in its right place, with new leather joints, fittings and refurbished pipes. Fundraising has nearly reached the £12,500 required, and hopefully should be reached by the time the final bill arrives!

Our most grateful thanks go to everyone who has donated and supported the appeal, to restore this wonderful 102 year old organ, made by celebrated organ makers Nelsons of Durham, and installed in 1974 by Cousans.



In October we plan to have a music concert in Church with the Tudor Rose Singers, led by Christopher Moore, who will include some organ pieces to celebrate the works carried out. As a retired professional organist that will be a very enjoyable experience, as those who have heard him play before will know.

During the restoration the Church will only be open to visitors when Mike is working on the organ, which will be most days of the week, but it has to be locked on other days, to satisfy insurance requirements. We can open it if contacted, by special arrangement.

The last Book Sale Coffee and Cakes on 18th April raised £350 which was our best ever, so thanks again to everyone who supported this, buying or donating books and cakes. The next one will be in September, and the funds raised will continue to maintain the Church building and churchyard.

We are now actively planning The Fornhams Summer Fete, combined with Fornham All Saints, on **Saturday 4th July at 2pm**, in Fornham House, with grateful thanks to Manager Heather Choat and staff. The gardens are an ideal setting for our traditional village fete, with lots of stalls, tombola, games and teas on the lawn. Do come along and enjoy, and help if you can, as we are sure the weather will be warm and sunny, like all our typical summer weather! As usual we will be doing a house to house collection the week before, and will be very grateful for any donations of goods, produce, tins, bottles, books etc, so we can stock up the stalls. Contributions of cakes, scones etc will be very welcome, contact Sylvia. The 1st prize in the Grand Draw is £50 as usual, with also vouchers for a family day out at Center Parcs, and meals at the Woolpack and Tollgate. We have invited our new MP, Jo Churchill to join us, and I am assured it's in her diary, after a hectic campaigning for the General Election.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Christian Aid collection, especially the 15 people who gave a lot of time doing the collections at every house in the village. **£1036 was donated, with £138 added from gift aid tax refunds,** making a **total of £1174**, our best ever, and an excellent contribution towards the Bury area's national collection, so thanks again to all who supported this. As the tag says this year "Help the poor help themselves" through 800 partner organisations in 50 countries, so the poorest communities can lift themselves out of poverty, or even 'life before death' for some.

Sunday Services at 10am in June and July :-

14th and 28th June and 12th and 26th July.

Every Tuesday a short Holy Communion at 10am.

All other services in our benefice group of 7 churches are shown on the notice board.

David Yates and Sylvia Hilton, Churchwardens.

A personal note from David

"I don't know what I've done to deserve this' The typical response I suppose when someone gets an award. Well that's what I said to The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, when I received a letter a few months ago saying I had been nominated to attend a Garden Party - at Buckingham Palace.!

It followed the Parish Council's recommendation last February 2014 to the Suffolk Community Foundation, who requested the name of anybody suitable, so they nominate me for their award for Community Service.

As you can imagine, we both then forgot all about it, as it was seen to be a bit like the chances of winning the lottery. I still didn't believe it, until last month when I received an official invitation that "The Lord Chamberlain is commanded by Her Majesty to invite Mr and Mrs David Yates to attend Her Garden Party on 28th May at Buckingham Palace"

I cannot thank the Parish Council enough, just for doing what I enjoy, working with and for our village community, more so in recent years as I have gradually taken over the baton from those who have carried it before me, and with the help and support of so many others.

As I write this Margaret and I are looking forward to what will be a once in a lifetimes experience.

FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Parish Council on 16th April 2015 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin

MINUTES

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Mrs Hopfensperger
Mr Paul MacLachlan
The Clerk
16 Members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor P Butler and PCSO McDade

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming parishioners to the meeting.

Councillor Collier said he was pleased to introduce Paul MacLachlan who had accepted the post of Clerk, commencing duties on 1st July 2015. Councillors unanimously confirmed Paul's appointment and were pleased to have such an able and well qualified person in the post.

The Chairman said he wished to place on record how marvellous the daffodils were looking this year and he wished to thank all volunteers who gave of their time to undertake the planting and to thank Councillor Mrs Buxton for organising and obtaining the bulbs. On Councillor Mrs Buxton's suggestion, it was agreed to send a letter to Fornham House thanking them for donating money towards the cost of the bulbs.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th MARCH 2015

The minutes were signed as being a true record, following a correction for a typo'.

The Council will adjourn for:

Before the commencement of business, the Chairman reported that he had received a telephone call from Mr Andrew Long informing him that Mr Long's father's grave had been desecrated and quite naturally he was outraged. (Mr Yates – churchwarden) who was attending the meeting was unaware of this; consequently he would assess the situation. Mr Long also drew attention to the bottles, cans and other rubbish which had been tied to poles/30mph signs, which was a disgrace. The Clerk would ask Mr Hoggett to clear these and also those near Norfolk Road. Mr Long said that his wife had seen pictures on a notice board of Indian children playing on rubbish tips. None of the Councillors had seen this picture nor were they aware of who was responsible for that or for hanging up the rubbish.

Councillor Mrs Buxton said that on Monday she had seen someone about to tip some rubbish at Occupation Road. She had called the police. The rubbish was not tipped.

The Council adjourned.

3, 5 & 6 BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO PUBLIC

Councillor Hopfensperger said that she had a meeting with the chairman of Great Barton Parish Council with 4 or 5 of their parishioners looking at an alternative site on land at Rougham Hill, adjacent to the A45. They measured the land which was not being farmed, although the grass had been cut. Councillor Hopfensperger wants this site to be seriously considered in place of Hollow Road. She said that she has been encouraging people to make their comments known and she has found that some people think that it "is a done deal". It is important to emphasise the issue of quality of life when making their views known. Councillor Hopfensperger has put to the Council that they should consult on more than one site, preferably in industrial areas, well away from housing. An ideal site would be on the Industrial Site, where there would be excellent access, following the construction of the eastern inner relief road.

Councillor Owen pointed out that the proposed site at Hollow Road was not in the 2031 Vision Document and therefore should not be considered.

Mr Hilder, from the floor, said he would urge people to look at Cabinet Papers which are on the Borough's website and in particular the North East Bury St Edmunds Master Plan. He said that the Borough had been asking operators of vehicles if they would like to use the Hub facility. This would add to all the other vehicles from Western Way, dust carts etc.

The Chairman reported on his visit to recycling plants in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire, none of which were near residential areas, or combined with a transfer site which made him certain that the proposed site was inappropriate. Councillors were given a copy of the Chairman's letter to the Chief Executive, Ian Gallin, setting out the Parish Council's position on the proposed hub. This letter would be published in the Bugle (*see page 22*).

The rook issue was discussed. The Clerk said he had spoken to two operators. One said that he would be reluctant to shoot the rooks as they were too close to properties and he would need a DEFRA licence. He favoured poking the nests out by using very long poles which he would do in November. As this rookery has been there for many years (Councillor Buxton said they had been there for as long as she could remember) the thought must be that they would return and build again. The second man said he favoured large cage traps but he said that one would have to get the full agreement of people living nearby. After discussion, it was agreed to write to the Environmental Officer asking for advice as there is a possible health risk. Mr Hilder kindly gave the Clerk some useful information which he had on the subject.

From the floor, the issue of Eastern Concrete's application to the Traffic Commissioner for additional vehicles/trailers was discussed. (The Chairman pointed out that unless a site is owned by a parish council, they cannot have any influence on the outcome of the application).

Mr Hilder said he had contacted Mr Woods who is head of planning at St Edmundsbury, asking that he puts in a condition on the site that working can only be on week days between the hours of 8.00am and 5.00pm, consider light pollution and the noise from reversing beepers. Mr Hilder said that with the requested extra lorries/trailers, this will bring the total on the site to 40. Mr Woods has said that he will accommodate the request.

Mr Hilder pointed out that the Hub operators (if it goes ahead at Hollow Road) would require a licence from the Traffic Commissioner.

Councillor Hopfensperger said that the Barton Hill sign had been repaired and the bus shelter cleaned. Councillor Forster said a good job

had been done.

Councillor Hopfensperger said there should be a new bus stop sign at the bottom of Barton Hill where a dropped kerb has been installed. She has asked that the sign be ordered.

A lamp post is in need of attention at the back of Russell Baron Road. This would be attended to.

Councillor Hopfensperger said the final piece of resurfacing in Russell Baron would be carried out shortly.

Councillor Hopfensperger said, following the email from a resident of Carnoustie Drive regarding a tree problem, she visited the site and found that the tree in question was half dead and the matter would now be resolved.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hopfensperger for attending the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

Councillors were circulated with the yearly crime statistics, together with other useful information, some of which will be in the Bugle.

From the floor parishioners from the Fornham Park area wished to deal with the matter concerning the application relating to the golf course and log cabins. The Chairman said that, due to the lack of information, from the Planning Department, it would not be possible to come to any conclusion this evening. Councillor Owen, who heads up the planning committee, is endeavouring to get hold of all the relevant past papers, going back to 2002, so that a clear picture can be seen.

Mr Aston addressed the meeting and for the record to be accurate, his points follow verbatim:-

"Thank you, Mr Chairman. I and these gentlemen here live in the restored houses in the centre of Fornham Park. Most of you will, I think, be aware that permission was granted in 2006 for the building of a 9-hole golf course and 26 holiday lodges on the Park. One of the conditions imposed was that the golf course had to be built first. Last month a company called Dream Lodge Group submitted a planning application, asking the Borough Council to lift that condition and to allow the 26 lodges to be built on their own. They gave two reasons:

1. The Council's development management policies have changed, and they no longer require leisure facilities to be built before holiday accommodation.

2.. The proposal for a golf course is not economically viable.

The Borough Council will have its own view as to the validity of Dream Lodge's first argument. The second argument – that a golf course on the park would not be profitable – may well be correct. However, Dream Lodge's brochure and website both tell us that instead of 26 lodges there will be 84, plus "further facilities as planning approvals are gained." This suggests that they think a development of just 26 lodges would not be viable either – it simply wouldn't generate enough income to fund the management of the 260 acres of parkland they are acquiring. So the new application looks rather like a Trojan horse – an attempt to establish a precedent for the building of lodges, to make it easier to gain permission for additional development. Unfortunately, some of the statutory consultees appear not to have engaged fully with the new application, and two have already responded that they have no comments to make.

Dream Lodge have not yet published any information on the location of the extra lodges or the further facilities, which would probably be a restaurant and a swimming pool, because that is what they already have in their larger parks. The presence of the landfill site and the noise and smells from the concrete and sewerage works will inevitably limit their options. And there are two other factors which are likely to further restrict development. Fornham Park is designated in the 2031 Plan as a Special Landscape Area, and the Council describes these as landscapes that have "a very limited capacity to absorb change." The buildings that survived the demolition of the original hall in 1951, including the church tower, are all listed, and the Council's policy on listed buildings says that "proposals that detract from the setting [of such buildings] will be resisted." Even if the first 26 lodges were approved, it cannot be a foregone conclusion that permission would be granted for further development. Dream Lodge's precedent setting strategy could well backfire on them. So, in order to prevent permission being granted for a development that is probably not viable – and one which could put the future of the Park itself in jeopardy – we'd suggest that the Parish Council respond to this application by asking the Borough Council:

- 1. to investigate Dream Lodge's plans for Fornham Park thoroughly,*
- 2. to establish whether the company believes the 26 lodge proposal is viable on its own,*
- 3. and to encourage the company that if its intention is to undertake substantial additional development, then the current application should be withdrawn and a fresh one submitted, showing exactly where the additional lodges and facilities would be located, so that the proposal can be properly assessed by all concerned."*

Mr Hilder drew attention to the proposals for West Stow Country Park

and the large number of caravans and tents which will add to the noise light and traffic issues. He drew attention to the fact that if the planners allow the golf course to be dropped from the application, this would in effect mean that the original application would fall and they would have to start from scratch with a new application for the lodges. There is also the matter relating to 106 agreements. Councillor Owen would take this on board and also to see whether further archaeological investigations should take place. As time is of the essence, a planning meeting will be arranged, giving 3 working days' notice. The Clerk to find out about the Village Hall's availability. Paul MacLachlan advised to request ALL material information, starting from day one.

The Council reconvened

7. DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MARCH MEETING

a. Flashing signs

The Clerk had not received anything from Mr Mitson. Councillor Hopfensperger said she would chase him again.

b. Barton Hill sign

This has now been repaired.

c. Barton Hill Bus shelter

This has been cleaned.

d. Rooks

This issue had been discussed earlier but Councillor Owen did tell Councillors that he had been informed by a parishioner that the rooks had damaged their car which cost £1k to be repaired.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. SALC

Councillors had been circulated with an email from SALC re: "Wings Over the Brecks"

b. Playing Field – Nothing

c. Tree Warden

As advised last month, the Borough has refused to issue the Parish Council with a map of the TPO's. Mr Hilder said that he may have some paperwork which he will gladly look out.

d. Rights of Way

Councillors felt that it was time the matter of the path opposite Flint Cottages was resolved. It has been 18 months since remedial work had been promised and many excuses have been received. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive, asking for immediate action.

e. Village Hall – Nothing

f. Planning

The Clerk has received no responses to his requests for an update on the Fornham Farm, Thetford Road matter. He would ask Councillor Hopfensperger to obtain an answer.

Both the applications made by Carrs BMW for additional advertisements have been approved.

The applications in respect of tree work in Carnoustie Drive, Fulford Close, Gleneagles Close and Parkland's Green have been approved.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Several pieces of correspondence, circulars etc had been received and circulated to Councillors and did not require answers.

The emails from Mr Zarattini would be answered by the Clerk.

Richard Freeman had sent the text for the article to be placed in the Bugle which he and Cedric Hanson had compiled, called the "Fornham St Martin Mills". Councillors were pleased with this and agreed it would be appropriate for it to be in the next issue of the Bugle

The Parish and Town Council Task and Finish Liaison Group Vision 2031 notes of meeting had been circulated. The Chairman had attended this 3½ hour meeting and found it worthwhile as it was keeping our Parish Council in the loop.

Mr Elliott had advised that his party for his children on 18th July subject to conditions discussed at the March meeting.

Other matters discussed were:

Councillor Mrs Buxton said she was concerned about an advertising board (garden design) outside Fornham House which impinged upon the daffodils. The Clerk would have the board removed.

Councillor Mrs Hubbard said that the 700 signature petition was to be

handed over at the Borough Offices at 9-30 Friday 17th April.

The press would be in attendance and Radio Suffolk.

Councillor Forster thanked Gary and Jayne Hubbard for delivering leaflets in Barton Hill.

The Chairman also wished to thank both Sarah Bartrum and Jayne for their efforts in delivering HUB information through the Village and to the wider community; even involving calling door to door. Thanks was expressed to all volunteers who have given so freely of their time.

Relating to the Hub, in the light of Mr Michael Jones' email (former Borough Councillor and ex-Mayor) it was unanimously felt that should it be necessary, Mr Jones would make an excellent advocate at any Development Control Committee hearing. The Clerk would speak to him.

Councillor Mrs Buxton asked whether we had been approach by Ambulance First Response. The Clerk said we had not been.

Mrs Buxton asked if the Parish Council would like her to do the planters this time. The Chairman said that the PC would be grateful if she did so.

From the floor, Mr Yates said following the Parish Council nominating him last year for an award, he had received notice that he and his wife have been invited to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

Both he and his wife were delighted and he thanked the Parish Council for nominating him.

11. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

Section 137 Grants

The Clerk had written to the usual local bodies and so far only the Toddler Group had responded, sending in their balance sheet and requesting some help. Councillors discussed this and felt that they would like to offer to purchase some form of equipment rather than a monetary grant. The Clerk would deal with this.

Councillors would consider the Church grant for the churchyard maintenance and the Village Hall electricity at the May meeting.

Councillors discussed the charges for advertising in the Bugle which had not been increased for 5 years. The current rates are £30 for half page and £60 for a full page. It was agreed to increase them to £70 for full page and £35 for half page.

Councillors were given the internal auditors report and the accounts and bank reconciliation for the year ending 31st March 2015. These will be posted on the website.

The Annual Return which will go to BDO was signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment

Mrs J Hubbard	Stationery	41.65
The Borough	Weekly bin collection	62.40
Revenue and Customs	PAYE	88.80
eon	Hall electricity	606.89
IDS Business Services	Internal Audit	280.00
P & S Brooklyn	Bugle editors	147.25
D Hoggett	Litter picking/playing field	137.70
SALC	Subscription	480.00
N Pitcher	Salary/expenses/computer services	***349.47

*** The Clerk had made an error when advising the bank of a change in his standing order. Instead of quoting the net amount he quoted the gross. This meant that he owed the Parish Council £89. This amount has been deducted from this month's salary and the standing order has been cancelled by a letter signed by the Chairman and Councillor Forster.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 14th MAY 2015 - ANNUAL PARISH AND ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCING 7:00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting, thanking everyone for their attendance.



Feeling under the weather ?

We want to encourage everyone NOT to ignore the signs and symptoms of illness, to get the help and advice they need in order to stay healthy and avoid an unnecessary hospital stay.

There are a number of healthcare options:




**Over 60 and feeling under the weather?
A minor illness can quickly get worse.**

To Keep Well:

- Pop into your local pharmacy for quick health advice
- Have enough prescription medicine to last over bank holidays
- Keep a well-stocked medicine cabinet
- Call NHS 111 anytime for urgent medical advice

www.nhs.uk/asap

- ◆ NHS 111 for help and advice on urgent medical matters. When the GP surgery is closed and it's not a life threatening emergency then call NHS 111. Calls are free and will be answered by a trained health advisor, 24 hours a day.
- ◆ Pharmacists are experts on medicines and can offer a range of over the counter medicines to help treat minor illness. Many pharmacies are open long hours, so they are very accessible.
- ◆ Make a GP appointment. Many older people are reluctant to make a GP appointment.

**Chairman's letter to the
Chief Executive, St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Reference Proposed Suffolk Operational Hub.**

Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council wish to place on record its unanimous objection to the suggested WSOH on the 16 acre greenfield site at Hollow Road Farm.

The Parish Council is aware that there are other suitable sites that have been given consideration, all of which would NOT have such a negative environmental impact on the Village, in particular Barton Hill and the 180 or so dwellings nearby.

Apart from the potential extra noise, odours and major traffic issues and light pollution together with 24 hour working, this is all within 400 metres of family dwellings. This would all appear to have been ignored by recommending officers who are supporting this application.

The Parish Council also has concerns that the proposed site is being designed to anticipate future expansion which clearly means that the Village can look forward to having waste products from other areas, much further afield, i.e. Mildenhall, Haverhill etc.

Councillors from three parish councils visited three recycling centres and two transfer sites in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire this week, in order to better understand the issues and implications. Concerns that the councillors took from the visit only serve to emphasise our objection to the current planning proposition.

These were:-

- 1.** All the sites visited were in industrial locations with no dwellings nearby.
- 2.** None of the sites combined transfer facilities with recycling as is the case with the current plan for Hollow Road.

3. Doors to the transfer sheds were open all the time and staff indicated that this was normally the case.

4. Noise was heard constantly from the extractor fans which apparently run for 24 hours

This Parish Council has also been very disappointed at the apparent disregard for the Borough's own policies in Vision 2031 - BV14 which identifies areas of "employment land" within the Borough. It does NOT identify Hollow Road Farm, so any industrial employment development on this site would contravene that policy.

In February 2001 St Edmundsbury opposed a planning application for a small waste transfer station on the now Lumley's planning site at Hollow Road Farm, on the grounds it "constitutes an inappropriate use in the countryside and would have an adverse impact on residential areas by virtue of noise and traffic generation" We question why this WSOH is now being considered as an appropriate site when it clearly was not in 2001?

Whilst we recognise the concept and aspiration for a West Suffolk Operational Hub, together with all the synergies and productivity improvements that would be generated, we are passionate in our conviction that this proposed sites' location is patently the wrong choice. There are other obvious, logical and much better alternatives available which do NOT impact on the environment and have such a significant encroachment on the surrounding area.

As a Parish Council we are very aware of the depth of feeling and anxiety that is manifest in our Village on this issue. We ask all parties to this proposal to respect the strength of residents opinion and opposition to this WSOH.

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

FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 14th May 2015 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Councillor M Collier (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs J Hubbard
Councillor N Owen
Councillor P Butler
Councillor G Hubbard
Councillor P Forster

IN ATTENDANCE

Borough/County Councillor Mrs R Hopfensperger
The clerk
Two members of the public

1. APOLOGIES - PCSO Teakle

2. MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
These were signed as being a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING - None.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - see pages 28/29

5. POLICE REPORT

Crimes in last 12 months were:
9 Thefts
5 Burglaries
2 Criminal Damage
2 Assaults
9 Other

6. BOROUGH /COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Hopfensperger to the meeting.

She advised Councillors that SCC had made savings of £38.2 million: being part of the 4 year savings plan of £156 million.

On education, Councillor Hopfensperger said that in Suffolk this last year there had been an improvement in the league table - from 137th down to 125th out of a total of 150, although in our immediate area, we were above average.

SCC has agreed a deal with Norfolk County Council to take 40,000 tons of waste to Great Blakenham. This will be a positive monetary benefit.

On VAS signs, Councillor Hopfensperger explained the reason for the delays but now things appear to be back on track and she is liaising with Hen Abbott.

The footpath drawings in respect of the path widening scheme are underway and work should commence as soon as everyone is happy with the plans. Colin Noble is the new leader of SCC.

On the proposed waste HUB, Councillor Hopfensperger said she had held meetings with the leader elect and others and assured the meeting that SCC is serious about looking for an alternative site. She felt that the meeting was positive and there was light at the end of the tunnel. She mentioned the 700 signature petition which had been handed in to the SCC.

The Chairman wondered why, if SCC was serious about an alternative site, were they carrying out sound test. Councillor Hopfensperger said that this may be because the order for this had been made before the issue of looking for another site had been mooted. Councillor Hopfensperger said she would keep councillors fully apprised with any developments. She confirmed that the new MP, Jo Churchill is very supportive of the Village's opposition to the proposed HUB.

On Borough matters, Councillor Hopfensperger said that the Vision 2031 document had been ratified.

The Borough had achieved £2 million savings, mainly due to shared services with Forest Heath and merging services.

The Apex is achieving more revenue and the subsidy is now £500,000.00 per annum.

Regarding the Fornham Park proposed development, Councillor Hopfensperger said she has had talks with residents in that area and is keeping an eye on this. She said her fear was that this could easily be a Trojan Horse, opening the flood gates for overdevelopment. She asked Councillors what they would like her to do. Councillor Hopfensperger was told that the Parish Council would as that this application should go before the full Planning Committee. She said she would speak to the case officer to have it 'called in'. Councillors felt very strongly that since the approval in 2006 the laws have significantly changed and there are clearly new guidelines so this application should be withdrawn and be resubmitted.

On the Tollgate interchange, Councillor Hopfensperger said she was still pressing for additional funding to enable the preferred and much better option to be agreed.

Councillor Hopfensperger said due to the woeful lack of traffic planning, she is pressing to have a traffic plan for Bury. She was urged to make sure that any plan/survey included villages surrounding Bury as there will be huge impact placed upon them by the enormous increase in traffic generated by the additional houses.

Councillor Owen said that in the Vision 2031 document, there is no mention of the Fornham Park site, Hollow Road Farm and West Stow, indeed as to the latter, this had been kept a closely guarded secret.

On the Park Farm issue, Councillor Hopfensperger said that the owner was to meet with Ingham Parish Council to apprise them of their proposals.

The Chairman said that the Park Farm planning consultant was coming to the June Parish Council Meeting.

Asked when the Tutt Hill development was to commence, Councillor Hopfensperger thought that it would be in August. There are still archaeology issues to be resolved.

Councillor Butler congratulated Councillor Hopfensperger on her election, with an increased majority.

7. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The annual accounts to the end of March 2015 had been internally audited and the Annual Return signed by the Chairman and sent to BDO. The accounts which are shown in full appear on the Village website and show a balance in hand of £10,378 being carried over to 2015/16.

8 VILLAGE HALL ACCOUNTS

The treasurer's report had been circulated to Councillors and this showed a balance as at 31st March 2015 of £5443. The Clerk would ask the Chairman of the Hall Committee if they would like the accounts and their Chairman's report put on the PC website.

9. COMMITTEE COMMENTS ON :- PLANNING

The Chairman explained that a new planning committee had been formed; comprising Councillors N Owen, Mrs Hubbard and P Butler who were undergoing a baptism of fire, due to the one or two very complicated proposed developments. Councillor Butler said Councillor Owen had done a fantastic job.

RIGHTS OF WAY

The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Councillor Hopfensperger to ask her, as a matter of high importance, to see why the path opposite Flint Cottage had not been repaired as this item was on the same report last year.

Councillor Butler said, with the impending inevitable increase in traffic, it was imperative that cycle ways are constructed. Councillor Hubbard pointed out with the proposed development at Fornham Park, Park Farm and West Stow this will increase the number of cyclists greatly.

SALC - nothing to report.

VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Butler said the thorny issue of car parking has to be addressed and brought to a satisfactory conclusion. This will be a special item on the June agenda.

Councillor Butler said Tarmac and another contractor had been approached to see if they would donate some materials for the repair of School Lane. They had done something similar for another organisation.

PLAYING FIELD

Councillor Forster had been given the Borough's report on the playing field. There were a few minor issues which he would attend to. He would also check on the mole infestation and let the Clerk know if the pest controller was required again.

TREE WARDEN

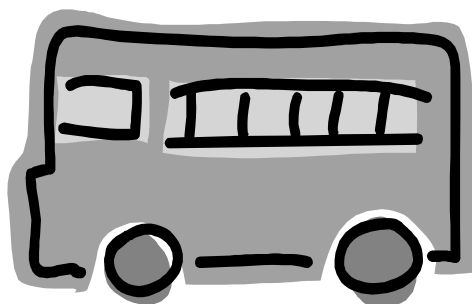
From the floor Mr Zarattini wondered what the remit was for this. Mr Hilder, a past Councillor and tree warden, explained the role could be for a Councillor or anyone nominated by the Parish Council and the remit would range over a wide area, including identifying the need to hedging, trees, plants etc. The Chairman would continue keeping a watching brief.

11 CORRESPONDENCE- None

DATE OF 2016 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 19th MAY 2016 AT 7:00 pm

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Fornham St Martin - cum - St Genevieve Parish Council Chairman's Report for year ending 2015

The Parish Council

There has been a hectic end to our business year with the proposed plans for The West Suffolk operational HUB at Hollow Farm, with its potentially far reaching effect on village life going forward and particular emphasis to the Barton Hill area. As of writing indications are that The Borough Council is beginning to realise that the plans and the location are totally inappropriate. Much has been written elsewhere but the Parish Council is determined to support residents in their fight to stop this unwanted intrusion. A lesson clearly learnt from the last few weeks is that the extra emphasis and recourses that have been brought to bare by the three Parish Councils working together sharing thoughts and plans to the benefit of all residents. My sincere thanks to Philip Reeve from Great Barton and to Howard Quayle from Fornham All Saints for their help and support.

Other Business

The much discussed widening and improvements to the path from Barton Hill to The Rectory has still not been started and is a major frustration to councillors. We have been assured however that the monies for the work are granted and readily available. The drawings for the work have been prioritised and this should expedite its completion.

Speeding

The Parish Council together with considerable financial help from the Borough Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger is in the process of purchasing and introducing our own flashing speed sign. Residents might recall the experiment that was introduced last year at three locations in the village. Positive feedback on the signs effectiveness was received both from this village and others in the experiment. The flashing signs will be used at the same three locations on a rota basis which should give much improved awareness of the speed limits within the village.

Retirement

One of our long serving councillors Catherine Buxton has decided to retire from the Parish Council this year. She has served for 17 years on the council and has contributed enormously to its effectiveness and to the village generally. Catherine also looks after the planters in the village which always enhance the village scene.

As already advised in the recent Bugle Nigel Pitcher has also decided to retire after 13 year as our clerk. Nigel has been a stalwart in providing enormous support to me personally and to all the councillors. Nigel has also been a clerk elsewhere for over 25 years so he really has earned his retirement. I would like to thank them both personally for their dedication and wise input to business throughout their time on the Parish Council. They will both be genuinely missed by all of us.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Mr Paul MacLachlan as our new Clerk. Paul has considerable experience of the role and is extremely well qualified. We look forward to working with him from July 1st 2015.

In Conclusion

I wish to thank all councillors for their efforts and contributions to council business and for giving up their free time so generously. My thanks must also go to Rebecca Hopfensperger for her professional advice and guidance and her generous financial assistance to Village projects throughout the year. My thanks on everyone's behalf go to "The Bugle" editors Su and Pat Brooklyn for continuing to produce our bi monthly village newsletter in such a professional way, also to the team who give up their free time to deliver a copy to all households and to our litter picker David Hoggett who keeps our village litter free. Furthermore our appreciation must go to Valerie Seaman who manages our Village website so effectively.

I also believe it is very important to recognise the many people from within the village who contribute so much to village life, welfare and activities. They are too numerous to mention, but all contribute enormously to making the village such a great place to live. The community spirit has always been very evident in Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve and it has recently been reinforced by all the campaigning regarding the proposed waste HUB.

Fornham is a great place to live lets keep it that way.

Michael Collier, Chairman.

FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on 14th May 2015, in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin

MINUTES

PRESENT

Councillor M Collier
Councillor P Forster
Councillor N Owen
Councillor P Butler
Councillor Mrs J Hubbard
Councillor G Hubbard

IN ATTENDANCE

The Clerk
2 Members of the Public

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Councillor Owen, seconded by Councillor Hubbard, Councillor Collier was elected as Chairman. There were no other nominations.

2. CHAIRMAN SIGNS ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORM

The Chairman and fellow Councillors signed their forms at the planning meeting held on 13th May 2015

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - PCSO Teakle

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Councillor Collier, seconded by Councillor Butler, Councillor G Hubbard was elected as Vice-chairman. There were no other nominations.

5. REGISTER OF ELECTORS

Members would let the Clerk have their completed forms shortly (Councillor Owen handed his to the Clerk).

6. MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a true record.

7. MATTERS ARISING - None

8. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FOLLOWING

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the status quo, being:-
TREE WARDEN- The Chairman
RIGHTS OF WAY - The Chairman

SALC – The Clerk and Councillor Hubbard

VILLAGE HALL – Councillor Butler

PLAYING FIELD – Councillor Forster

PLANNING – Councillors Owen, Butler and Mrs Hubbard.

9. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th APRIL 2015

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a true record.

10. MATTERS ARISING

a. Rook issue

The matter of rook damage to a car that was actually parked at the rear of Fornham House

Mr Zarattini said he had posted details of the rook problem on "Street Life" a social media site which had received 22 responses. Councillors discuss this at length and decided that it would be a good idea to involve those parishioners who were suffering from the rooks and agreed to place a tear off questionnaire in the Bugle. This would gauge the strength of feeling. Councillor Hubbard would draft the notice for Councillor's approval. Mr Hilder pointed Councillors in the direction of the Suffolk Ornithology Group's Rookery Survey 2015

b. Bus stop - bottom of Barton Hill

Councillors had been given letters and emails relating to this issue which seems to have been held up by a rather petty H & S issue. Councillor Hopfensperger is on the case.

c. Resurfacing Russell Baron Road

Councillor Forster would let the Clerk know if the work has been completed.

d. Flashing signs

This was dealt with under Borough/County Councillor's Report.

e. Churchyard Maintenance grant

Councillors unanimously agreed to grant £1,000.00, being the same as last year.

d. Village Hall Electricity Grant

Councillors unanimously agreed to make the £1000 grant towards the Hall's electricity consumption.

Councillor Hubbard wondered if the Hall Committee had considered solar panels and/ or insulation.

Councillor Butler would mention this at the next Hall Committee meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Many pieces of correspondence, not requiring replies, had been circulated to Councillors

Mr Zarattini's email of 23rd April was discussed, in particular to the Tollgate Interchange, which had been covered in Councillor Hopfensperger's report. This did prompt Councillors to query whether or not SCC/The Borough have made any provision for improvements at Station Hill interchange. The Clerk would email Councillor Hopfensperger to find the answer.

In Mr Zarattini's email of 3rd May, most items have been covered but with regard to a photographic record of the whole landscape, the Borough have flatly refused to even let the PC have photographs of trees which are under TPO's so there is not much hope for the "bigger picture". The Chairman thanked Mr Zarattini for his input and suggestions throughout the year

12. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment

Gt Barton Parish Council	Share of flyers re HUB	50.00
Community Suffolk Action	Subscription	30.00
M & TJ's	Grass cutting/basal growths	804.00
Revenue and Customs	PAYE	88.80
Denny Bros	Stationery	90.89
N Pitcher	Salary	355.81
N Pitcher	Postages & expenses	11.41

The Clerk reported that the VAT refund had been received in the sum of £1610.89 as had the precept in the sum of £20,000.00

Sundry matters:

Councillor Owen thought there was a time limit on how long one was allowed to display temporary notices. The Clerk would find out

The Chairman said the way in which the grass at the rear of the basal growth had been cut made a complete job and felt cutting the grass say twice or three times per year would be desirable. The Clerk would ask the contractors how much extra this would cost.

**DATE OF 2016 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 19th MAY 2016
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WHICH COMMENCES AT 7:00 PM**

FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL ROOK SURVEY	
<p>The Parish Council has been aware of the problem concerning the rook population within the villages for some time. As a council we are asking residents of the villages for their assistance in determining its full extent; to identify areas that are most affected and the type of problem(s) [i.e.. noise, droppings or damage] residents are subjected to on a regular basis.</p> <p>Once this information has been collated and analysed the council will attempt to resolve the issues raised by the residents, through consultation with professional bodies and implementing recommendations where appropriate and possible.</p>	
Your location (road name)	
Do you consider the rook population to be a problem?	
What are the most common problems (if any) sustained at your location?	
How often are you affected?	
Has your property (home, car etc) sustained damage as a direct result from rook activity?	
Would you welcome measures to reduce the rook population	
Additional comments	
<p>Completed survey form can be sent/delivered to 17 Barton Hill, Fornham St Martin or alternatively completed on line on the village website http://fornhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/</p>	



FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

On 7th April we welcomed John Millward who gave us a talk on his experiences in military intelligence. He told us of the time he spent in Berlin during 'the cold war' and the contact with the Russians. He later transferred to Hong Kong and related stories of his posting there. The talk was very interesting and John sprinkled it with some amusing anecdotes about life in the services. Hopefully we can persuade John to return next year and tell us some more.

Our next meeting was on 5th May when we had our 'pub lunch' at the Greengage. We were made very welcome and enjoyed an excellent meal and chats with our friends.

On 2nd June commencing at 2pm we have Peter Banham returning to give us the third instalment of 'well known saying and their origins'. The venue is the community centre in Fornham All Saints and we would be pleased to meet newcomers who might wish to join our club.

Jim Lang

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Headway Suffolk supports local people with acquired brain injuries and neurological conditions through its neuro and satellite hubs, therapies, community and home support.

It is hosting a charity fundraiser as below:

The Fornham's 4 Pub Challenge on Saturday 5 September, starting at 11am.

It's a 6 mile sponsored walk, starting and finishing at Headway's hub at St George's House, Olding Road (opposite Asda), Bury St Edmunds.

The walk goes along Beetons Way and passing through all three Fornham villages: All Saints, St Genevieve and St Martin, and then along Thetford Road and Norfolk Road back to Headway.

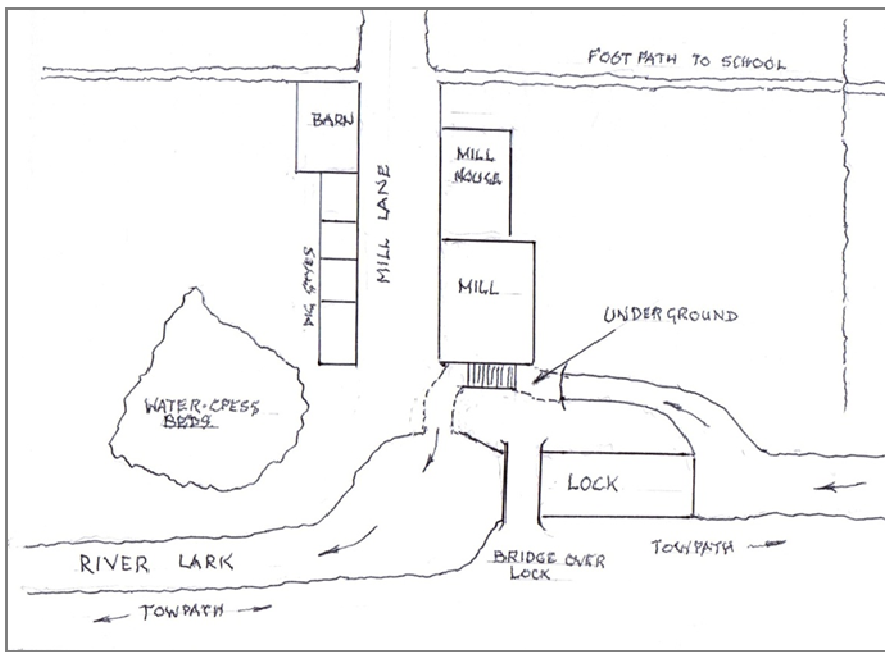
The route takes in 4 Greene King pubs – The Greengage, The Three Kings, The Woolpack and The Tollgate – as well as The Organic Shop, Café, Bistro and Bar in Fornham All Saints, with the walkers encouraged to stop and enjoy lunch and refreshments.

The walk is accessible and open to all ages and abilities, and dogs are welcome too.

You should register to walk by telephoning Headway on 01284 702535 or emailing davidcrane@headwaysuffolk.org.uk.

There is no registration fee and participants are encouraged to gain sponsorship either by using the form available on www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk/events or using the link to gain sponsorship online through Virgin Money Giving. The event is also on Headway Suffolk's Facebook page.

It will officially be started by Suffolk County Councillor for Fornham Rebecca Hopfensperger, who also hopes to join participants along the walk.



The Fornham St. Martin Mills

The River Lark rising south-east of Bury in the Bradfield/Sicklesmere area, and picking up the River Linnet en-route, cannot be considered much of a river. Today the volume of water passing through is less than it used to be, particularly through the Fornhams for, in a dry summer, it has been known to dry up completely.

However, even as far back as the Domesday Book, water-mills have been recorded along its course until it joins the River Ouse at Littleport. The river runs through a relatively flat part of Suffolk and in order to obtain a sufficient head of water to drive a water-mill recourse was made to erecting a staunch across the river, in effect an artificial waterfall which also provided a mill pool. Such a system can be seen at the Pakenham and Anglesey Abbey water-mills. It is also significant that when the River Lark was canalised between Mildenhall and Bury in the mid to late 17th Century these staunches were converted into locks and so served a dual purpose. Hence, the Fornham St. Martin mill was alongside the lock at the bottom of Lark Valley Drive on land that became the site of the original golf-course club house, now a group of flats or apartments.

It is interesting that, in East Anglia, there was often a wind mill not very far from a water-mill, a good example is at Pakenham. It appears that one supported the other when a drought occurred, and Fornham St. Martin was no exception. Sadly there is no evidence on the ground now, but the attached copy of a photograph taken in about 1875 shows very clearly two windmills, fairly close together at the top of the meadow behind Wentworth Close and within a few metres of the public foot path. Fortunately their precise location can be seen as "crop-marks" on the Google earth map, an aerial photograph taken in the summer a year or so ago.

The windmills are two different types, one being an "open-trestle" post-mill and the other, somewhat larger, a smock mill. The former was built in about 1824 but was taken down in about 1880 and supposedly rebuilt at another site. The smock mill was of typical construction, being an octagonal brick built base of some twenty feet in diameter with a timber structure above. Its height to the crown was about fifty feet, and the sails were about sixty feet in diameter, in other words quite a big mill. The post-mill was significantly smaller, with a height of some thirty-five feet and correspondingly smaller sails. The smock mill, built in



1836, was destroyed by a gale in about 1926, although the brick built skirt was still in place until well after the 1939-45 war, i.e., within living memory.

Regarding the water-mill, a Mr Parnell, now living near Wisbech, lived there before the war and he described the situation to us extremely well when we met him recently. His grandfather, a farmer in the Rougham/Rushbrooke area, bought plots of land for his sons and the existing meadow land and water mill were part of that given to Mr Parnell's father. This was in about 1930. At that time the mill was no longer in use although the wheel and three sets of mill stones were still in place. Adjoining the wooden built mill was Mill House, partly flint built and two storeys high. In front of the mill and house was Mill Lane leading up to the Culford Road the top portion of which, much later on, became the drive to the bungalow known as "Rebel's Lodge." Opposite the mill were a collection of farm buildings comprising a barn, sheds and pig sties. Alongside the mill race, which was ducted under the drive, were watercress beds and a well. Near the lock gates there was a simple bridge, connecting with the tow path on the opposite side of the river. All this was to the west of the public foot path which led, as it does now, from Fornham St. Genevieve to the bottom of School Lane, where the village smithy stood. Mill Lane was wide enough to take the lorry which delivered coal to Mill House.

The mill had a low breast wheel fourteen feet in diameter and five feet wide, similar to that at Pakenham. That meant that it would have needed something like a seven foot head of water. This ties in with the size of the lock gates and the much wider river upstream towards Bury, as seen on the photograph of 1875.

Cedric Hanson.
Village Historian

Richard Freeman
Village Local History Recorder

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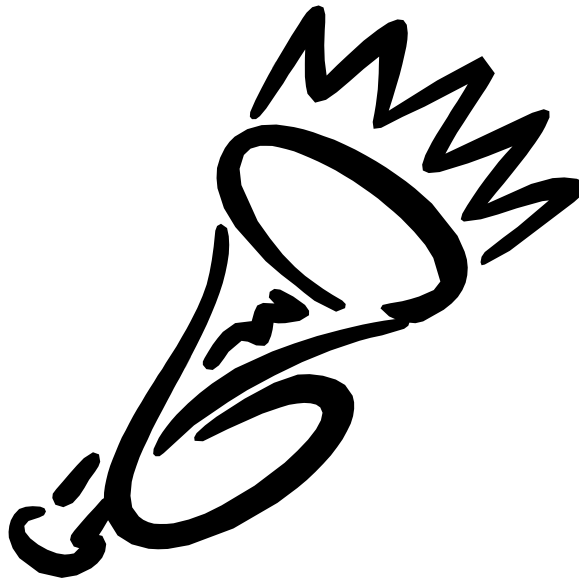


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	Suffolk County	01284 352000
Electricity	EDF Energy (Power cuts)	0800 783 8838
	Customer Enquiry	0800 096 2270
EMERGENCY	POLICE FIRE AMBULANCE	999
NHS	Free-call single non-emergency number medical helpline operating in England and Scotland.	111
Hospital	West Suffolk Hospital	01284 713000
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
Samaritans	Bury St Edmunds	0845 790 9090
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