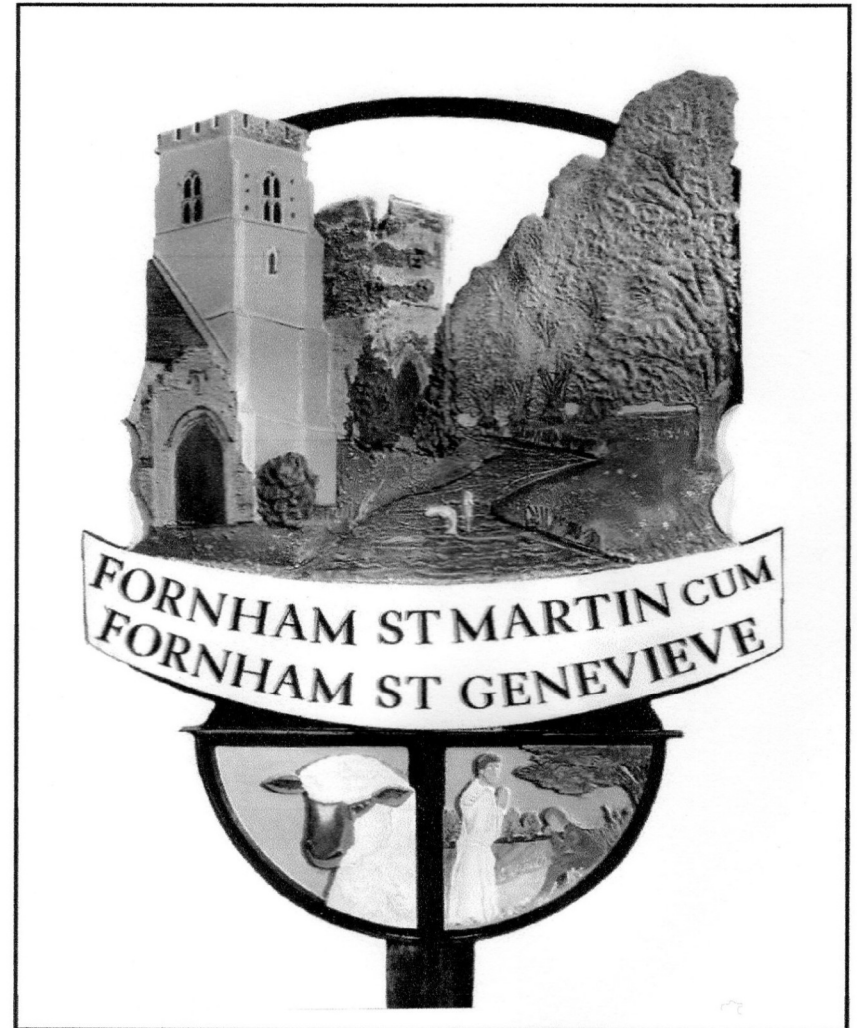


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Friday	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice

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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		
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Garden Club (not January)
2nd Wed		
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)
3rd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
3rd Sun		
4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)

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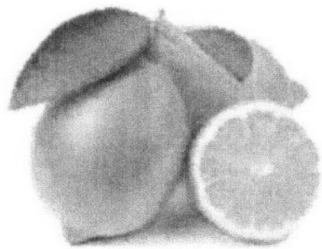
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Parish Office: 3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7LT*

The Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall with the exception of August & December.

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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.

FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

Notice Board Barton Hill

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that the new Notice Board has been installed at Barton Hill. The Notice Board was purchased with a Grant provided from our County Councillor, Rebecca Hopfensperger, so our thanks go to her.

Vehicle Activated Speed Unit

In a bid to aid Traffic Calming in the villages, the Parish Council have purchased a second VAS unit. This will be rotated around the village in conjunction with the unit we already have. The Data will be collected and compiled and used to request further targeted Police Speed Checks in the villages. Our thanks to County Councillor, Rebecca Hopfensperger for her donation towards the purchase of the unit, from her Locality Budget.

Defibrillator Cabinet Code

The Clerk has available fridge magnets and keyring fobs, with the code for the Community Defibrillator. If you would like one, please contact the Parish Clerk, fsmgpc@gmail.com

Picnic Benches

The Parish Council have been approached with the suggestion of installing picnic benches at the Play Area. We would like residents to put forward their comments and suggestions on whether they would like to see picnic benches in this area, and if so, how many should we install. We would also like to hear opinion on what type and style of bench to install. Comments to be made to the Parish Clerk, fsmgpc@gmail.com

Dog Fouling

It was raised again at the recent Parish Council meeting that dog fouling on the playing field and near the play area/Trim Trail, is still a problem. It has also been noted that dogs have also been fouling in the churchyard and resident's lawns. I am sure that all residents that own dogs will assist us by ensuring they collect their dog's waste and dispose of it in the Dog Waste Bins provided. Dog Waste can be very hazardous to children, causing blindness (Toxocariasis). If you are in charge of dog then you must immediately clear up if it fouls in any area open to the public in West Suffolk. This will be a legal requirement from 1 October 2017, as all public spaces within West Suffolk will be subject to a



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The Parish Council hope that this notice will encourage all dog owners to act responsibly, and to improve the problem without the need to introduce fines for offenders. If anyone has any information on dog fouler's in the area, please contact the Clerk 07712 232920.

The Parish Council would also like to remind dog owners that dogs are not allowed in the Children's Play Area/Trim Trail.

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DEAR NEIGHBOUR' - WEST SUFFOLK OPERATIONAL HUB

Our newsletter that keeps you updated on West Suffolk Operational Hub, Bury St Edmunds. The groundworks are continuing to progress around the site, with drainage (installation of both foul and rainwater run-off), foundations, concrete, steelwork securing bolts and formation of sloping ground around the perimeter to facilitate permanent fencing installation.

October has seen a major milestone of the project being commenced. Steelwork has been manufactured, delivered and installed to the depot and workshop building. Other groundworks activities continue to be progressed which include drainage works and foundations for the remainder of the buildings. All piling works to the project are now complete - circa 360 piles. Next month we will be looking to commence the roof cladding installation to the depot and workshop building which will then release activities such as Mechanical and electrical containment, internal partitions and external wall cladding.

Barton Hill road closure - Residents of Barton Hill and local parishes will have received information on the Barton Hill road closure. This will commence on Monday 12th November 2018 in order to carry out a new foul drainage installation. The works will be split into two phases either side of the Christmas Fayre period. This will ensure the road remains fully open during this busy event. Please be sure to keep an eye out for signage and information around the area. A route will be maintained for residents of this road only. An approved diversion route will be in place, so be sure to follow the signs provided. We will of course keep you updated on the progress of these works.

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LADIES CLUB

Our Year got off to a very good start with a well attended AGM. Our Treasurer, Rosemary Chenery, reported on the Finances. Costs have been rising both for the hire of Fornham St Martin Village Hall and for individual Speakers but the Committee had decided to keep the annual subscription to £15 for this year and to monitor carefully how things go.

Our chosen charity for 2017/18 was Diabetes UK and a cheque for £220 raised during the year is to be presented to them tonight. Secretary Beryl Dykes briefly reviewed last year's programme and outlined the new programmes once again. Julia Ely proposed a short list of possible venues for our Christmas Dinner and the date was fixed for 5th December. Members will let Julia know their preferred venue.

The business of the AGM being concluded, Ian Simpson from Diabetes UK told us about the work of the society. He showed us a photograph of members of his family and asked us if we could tell which person had diabetes. We, of course, could not. Diabetes is not a visible problem in its early stages. Later we learned that it is his young niece who has Type One diabetes. Ian explained the two types of diabetes, how they are treated - type one needed regular insulin and type two, which can be managed with lifestyle changes. These changes involve careful attention to diet and taking regular exercise. This is rather a simplification. Ian gave us lots of facts and it is horrifying to find diabetes is a rapidly growing problem. Several of our Ladies Club have family members with it and understand something of the challenges that living with diabetes brings.

In October Elizabeth Mann told us about the National Memorial Arboretum and her presentation included many of the memorials in their beautiful and tranquil setting. Elizabeth told us the history of the project, explaining the involvement of Leonard Cheshire and Commander David Childs and how an unlikely area of swampy land became the magnificent National Memorial Arboretum, opened in 2001 and still adding new memorials today. It now has a state of the art Visitors Centre and 'little train' to transport visitors around. In this year of the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 it was a fitting moment for us to learn about the many, many memorials that have been created in memory of not just groups but also individuals.

Our November meeting looks forward to Christmas with a presentation by John Goodhand, 'Welcome Stranger'.

In December we meet on the earlier date of 5th December for our Christmas Dinner at the Cadogan, Ingham, 6.30 for 7pm. For details please contact Ladies Club Secretary Beryl Dykes, 01284 704109 or beryldykes@outlook.com Do come and join us - a warm welcome awaits you.

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Councillor's Present: Cllr. Mike Collier, Cllr. Gary Hubbard, Cllr. Jayne Hubbard, Cllr. Peter Forster, Cllr. Paul Butler, Cllr. Penny Borrett & Cllr. Lizzi Flaherty.

Public Forum:

4 Members of the public were present.

County & Borough Councillor

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger sent apologies.

Police

SNT newsletter is available to view at; www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/snt-newsletters

Planning and Environment:

DC/18/1887/FUL - Creation of secure Car storage area with fencing - Lancaster BMW, Thetford Road, Fornham St Martin

It was confirmed that the development does not affect any TPO's or tree roots.

Resolved 18/10/6.01

It was agreed to submit No Objections to application DC/18/1887/FUL.

DC/18/1724/HH - Widening of existing access - Burwell House, The Street, Fornham St Martin

It was raised that a neighbouring resident had raised concerns about the plans affecting her boundary, but it was agreed that it will not incur on neighbouring boundaries.

Resolved 18/10/6.02

It was agreed to submit No Objections to application DC/18/1724/HH.

DC/18/1922/HH - Single storey front extension - 29 Barton Hill, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 18/10/6.03

It was agreed to submit No Objections to application DC/18/1922/HH.

DC/18/1474/TPO - Amended plans - Tree Preservation Order - 301 (2000) - (i) T4 Oak - Reduce crown on western aspect by reducing branches in length by 2 metres (ii) T8 Oak - Reduce lateral crown spread to northeast by up to 3 meters (iii) T12 Oak - Reduce crown on Eastern T12 - Oak - remove major deadwood - Oak House, Barton Hill, Fornham St Martin



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aspect by reducing branches in length by 2 metres (iv) T13 - Cherry - fell to ground level (v) Exempt works T4 - Oak - Remove major deadwood T6 Oak - 2 small trees on edge of parking area - Remove major deadwood T8 - Oak- remove major deadwood

The Clerk confirmed that No Objections had previously been submitted..

WSOH / CLG Update

A CLG meeting was held this week and works are ahead of schedule, the dry summer weather has helped. The steel work is to start to go in in the next two weeks. They are currently halfway through the Piling. Coffee Mornings are to be arranged, and the details will go in the 'Dear Neighbour' newsletter, a copy of which will go in the Bugle and is on the Parish Council website. The foul water pipe which will go from WSOH to the bottom of Barton Hill is currently being readdressed, to find dates that will not affect the Bury Xmas Fayre, they plan to use a mole to dig through, which is more expensive, but should cause the least inconvenience to road users, and will mean shorter road closures. The next meeting is to be held in December. Highways are planning to carry out a full safety assessment when the development is finished and the Hub is up and running.

LGBCE Electoral Boundary Review Consultation Update

The decision should be available on the website from 23rd October 2018.

Cycle Ways - Dream Lodge, Fornham Park

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr. Hopsfensperger has asked Britta Heidecke, SEBC Planning, the Planning Officer in charge of the Dream Lodges application, to check the planning conditions in reference to Cycle Ways.

28 Birkdale Extension

The Clerk explained that after receiving concerns that there was an extension being built without planning, she asked the Planning Enforcement Team to investigate and their findings concluded that the development is within Permitted Rights and does not require Planning permission.

Finance & Policies:

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

Resolved 18/10/7.01

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (MC). The bank account balance as of 1st October 2018 is £17,503.89.

Cheques for Signing and Approval

Resolved 18/10/7.02

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

PKF Littlejohn	External audit	2021	£240.00
Came & Company	Annual Insurance	2022	£447.93
M&TJ's	Grass cutting	2023	£480.00
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Community Action Suffolk	Website annual fee	2025	£60.00
Mrs. V Bright	Mileage & expenses	2026	£113.83
Mr & Mrs P Brooklyn	Bugle editing	2027	£182.50
First Impressions	Bugle printing	2028	£342.00
Westcotec	Second VAS Purchase	2029	£3,210.00

2017/2018 External Audit Report & Conclusion of Audit Notice

The Clerk confirmed she had received back the External Audit report and Certificate; no issues had been highlighted. The notice has been displayed on the notice boards and the website.

Resolved 18/10/7.03

The External Audit Certificate from PKF Littlejohn was adopted.

Renewal and Adoption of the Annual Insurance Policy & Schedule

The Clerk presented the insurance schedule and three comparison quotes from AXA Inspire, Hiscox & Ecclesiastical.

Resolved 18/10/7.04

It was agreed to accept the Insurance from AXA Inspire, through Came & Company for the 3-year LTA at a cost of £447.93.

Parish Matters:

Play Area Repairs Quotes

The Clerk advised that PlayScapes had been to inspect the cracking on the new balance beam and log rolls on the ramp and had advised that it was just wear caused by the extreme heat and dryness in the summer months, no action is needed.

The Clerk presented two quotes to repair and replace the rotten hurdles and



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Resolved 18/10/8.01

It was agreed to accept the quote from M&TJ's to replace the two rotten hurdles, to replace one rotten post on the chin up bars and re-seat two other posts, and to supply and spread 6m³ of play grade bark, for a cost of £1077.00 + VAT.

New Notice Board at Barton Hill

The Clerk advised that new notice board had been delivered and was to be installed by Cllr. Forster. Cllr. Forster is also to refurbish the old notice board and re-site at the Village Hall.

Highways & Footpaths:

VAS Data & Purchase of a Second VAS Unit

The Clerk confirmed she has ordered the second VAS unit from Westcotec and also the cables and software disc to enable download of the data from the units. Once, these have arrived Cllr. Flaherty will look to see if she can download and compile the data.

It was agreed to approach Highways to ask if the existing sites could be 2-way and if the post site at the Hotel could be re-assessed, to get another pole erected there.

Update on BMW Garage (Barton Hill) Flooding and Gulley's Clearance

Cllr. Hopfensperger is waiting on date for works to clear the remaining 39 gullies on the Bypass to be jetted and cleared. She is also waiting on a date for works to repair the 4 damaged drains/gullies at the BMW Garage (Barton Hill).

Footpaths Update

The Clerk reported that discussion with British Sugar were progressing and a Public Consultation is expected soon regarding the proposed footpath at Kytson Road.

Old Thetford Road

The Clerk advised that PROW, Highways and Land Registry had failed to help establish ownership and responsibility for the footpath which runs on the old Thetford Road. The Clerk is to contact the owners again to ask for permission to apply to Planning to get the Oak trees on his land, which are overhanging the footpath, cut back.

Lark valley Trees Update

Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed she is waiting for the report to come back

from the Inspection carried out on the trees at Lark Valley. She is also waiting on the schedule of works on the trees in Carnoustie Drive, once she has this she will arrange to speak with the residents and the information will be sent to the Parish Council.

Correspondence:

- The Clerk presented a letter from a resident asking if the Parish Council could look again at an application for speed reduction on the derestricted piece of road between the Village sign and Barton Hill. It was agreed to add this to the next agenda for discussion. In the meantime, the Clerk is to ask Highways to cut back the vegetation obscuring the 30mph signs and Cllr. Collier is going to ask M&TJ's to cut back the vegetation on the footpath, as per the works schedule.
- The Clerk presented a letter from a resident regarding parking on the Street. It was agreed that previous discussion with the Police had resulted in the opinion that it helped with Traffic Calming and as it is not illegal to park on this road, no action will be taken.
- The Village Hall Committee reports that the windows on the outside of the hall have been repaired where necessary. Thanks go to Paul Mullen and Sam. It was noted that several users of the hall had approached Sam whilst he was working, asking him to leave.
- West Suffolk Housing Strategy consultation to take the opportunity to reflect priorities, actions and projects set out in the Strategic Framework 2018-2020. Furthermore, there are a number of additional duties and fundamental changes to housing legislation that are being reflected in the Housing Strategy. The consultation is taking place from **9 October to 20 November 2018** and the online survey can be found at the following link: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/housingstrategy.



Meeting Closed 9:33pm

The Parish Council Minutes of Meetings will in future be submitted in an abbreviated report format to the Bugle. Full copies of Draft and Approved Minutes can be viewed on our website;

<http://fornhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/> or can be requested from the Clerk fsmsgpc@gmail.com or in writing at **3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall Suffolk IP28 7LT.**


PLEASE NOTE : *The deadline for articles to be included in the FEB 19/MAR 19) edition of the Bugle will be **NOON Sat 19 Jan 19**This will ensure that residents receive their copy before the beginning of the month shown on the front cover.*

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DRAFT FSMGPGC NOVEMBER 2018 Meeting Summary

Councillor's Present:

Cllr. Mike Collier, Cllr. Gary Hubbard, Cllr. Jayne Hubbard, Cllr. Peter Forster, Cllr. Paul Butler, Cllr. Penny Borrett & Cllr. Lizzi Flaherty.

Public Forum:

7 Members of the public were present.

Following concerns raised by a resident regarding the development in the garden of Burwell House, (Summer House), it was suggested the Clerk write to Planning Enforcement to investigate, as the height and also how close it is to neighbouring boundary is a concern. It was also agreed that the Clerk would write to Highways regarding the state of the grass verges outside Burwell House, due to the large contractor vehicles churning up the grass and mud.

County & Borough Councillor

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger gave an update on the following;

The remaining gullies to be cleared on the Bypass will be carried out at the end of November.

One drain at the BMW Garage (Barton Hill) has been repaired and the other three are awaiting works orders.

The Relief Road and Tut Hill were opened but traffic was doing 3 point turns into oncoming traffic instead of following road signs, even with 3 days of traffic directing, this problem became a safety issue and Tut Hill has been closed again and is awaiting further engineering works. Long term the traffic movement on Tut Hill will be monitored to inform on any actions on Tut Hill closure or restriction for HGV's

Cllr Hopfensperger was asked to report two drains which need cleaning, as they are causing road surface flooding, on the roundabout Culford Road (Avenue of Oaks) and also on the main road going, near the old phone box.

Police

SNT newsletter is available to view at; www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/snt-newsletters

Planning and Environment:

For Information Only:

DC/18/1677/HH - New front car port, chimney to rear garden out-building (Retrospective) - 10 Wentworth Close, Fornham St Martin - Update

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council objections were submitted on 14th September, and the application was then approved by Planning and permission granted on 12th October. As none of the Parish Council's concerns regarding the chimney were considered or addressed the Clerk forwarded the concerns to Cllr. Hopfensperger and she has raised this with the Planning Officer involved.

LGBCE Electoral Boundary Review Consultation Update

The final recommendations have been issued and Fornham St Martin and St Genevieve will be joined with Fornham All Saints and Great Barton, ward to be called The Fornhams and Great Barton, with 2 councillor representation. The final recommendations are now with Parliament for 40 days and will be in force by May 2019.

Cycle Ways – Dream Lodge, Fornham Park

Cllr. Hopfensperger advised that there was no condition linked with the Dream Lodges application to provide a cycleway, the conditions state “no development shall commence until Section 278 agreement including a proposed footway link to South Lodge Drive”. She also confirmed that they do have a right of access for South Lodge Drive. It was discussed that large development should bring infrastructure improvements, which are yet to be seen, it was agreed there was a missed opportunity as a condition of planning to ensure a Cycleway was included. It is felt that a cycleway is needed along the side of Fornham Park and also within the village itself. Cllr, Hopfensperger has asked Paul Horne, Cycleways Community Officer at SCC to look at feasibility studies and costs and options for the village and Fornham Park. The Clerk is to investigate further the right of access to South Lodge Drive and the landownership for the land in between.

Finance & Policies:

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

Resolved 18/11/7.01

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (MC). The bank account balance as of 1st November 2018 is £11,400.93.

Cheques for Signing and Approval

Resolved 18/11/7.02

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

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Mr. M Collier	Wreath for Remembrance service	2034	£20.00
Mr. M Collier	Locks for new VAS unit	2035	£20.85
Mr. A Horne	Mole catcher	2036	£30.00
Mr. P Forster	Installation of new notice board	2037	£257.28

Budget to Actual Report 2018/2019 & Provisional Precept Figures 2019/2010

The Clerk presented a Budget to Actual Report, which was duly adopted by the Council.

Resolved 18/11/7.03

The Budget to Actual Report to November 2018 was adopted and signed by the Chairman, Mike Collier (MC).

The Clerk advised that the budget next year would need to include Elections costs, which were projected at £2,000.00 and it was also agreed to start thinking about budgeting for Community Events to prepare for change of Head of State and Commemoration and Coronation projects. The Clerk presented a projected budget for 2019/2020 and provisional figures for the Precept request for 2019/2020. This is to be discussed in full and approved at the January meeting.

Highways & Footpaths:

VAS Update & Speed Reduction Application Barton Hill Update

The new SID has been delivered along with the cables and software for the Data Collection unit on the old SID unit. Cllr. Forster and Cllr. Collier will install the new sign this weekend. Cllr. Flaherty is to look at the data collection unit and try to download and compile the data. The Clerk is in the process of submitting an application to the Speed & Safety Management team at SCC to request new sites for posts at;

- Barton Hill
- All Saints Hotel/Park Avenue

And also to request the two existing sites to be approved to collect 2-way data from traffic coming from both ways. Cllr. Flaherty is to take photos of

the existing posts and send to the Clerk.

Cllr. Hopfensperger is to approach Road Safety Team to establish the criteria and eligibility of a speed reduction at Barton Hill (Derestricted road), coming into the village.

Footpaths Update

The landowner replied to the Clerks letters regarding 'Old Thetford Road' he has advised that the footpath belongs to SCC and they are responsible for maintenance. The Clerk has forwarded this to Cllr. Hopfensperger who has asked Claire Dickson, PROW to carry out a site visit to establish correct landownership for the part of the footpath being discussed and to establish what works are needed. This is to be added to the January Agenda for update.

The Clerk confirmed that the Daffodils on Barton Hill have now been replaced by Anglian Water.

Lark Valley Trees / Carnoustie Drive Trees Updates

Cllr. Hopfensperger has asked the Tree Officer to look at additional planting in Carnoustie Drive, to replace the trees being removed that acts as screening and gives residents privacy and security and protection from sound pollution. Cllr. Hopfensperger has also asked them to liaise with the residents and she has provided residents with the contact details of the Tree Officer.

The inspection by the Community Engineer is still to take place at Lark Valley Drive.

Correspondence:

The Clerk presented the recent Newsletter 'Dear Neighbour' from the WSOH, this will be in the Bugle. The Clerk advised of the Barton Hill closure from 12nd November 2018 to 21st December 2018, the road will be open between 21st November to 25th November 2018 to allow access for the Bury Xmas Fayre.


The SCC Minerals & Waste Local Plan has now produced an Appropriate Assessment Report, consultation on this runs from 5th November 2018 to 17th December 2018; <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste>

Polling District Review for West Suffolk Council – A review of electoral arrangements has been undertaken. Closing date for comments 11th December 2018 <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/pollingdistrictreview>


The WSOH Coffee Morning will be held on 22nd November 2018 at 10am, on site, contact danny.branson@morgansindall.com

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CHURCH NEWS

Well, the highlight of October had to be the **Edmund Octet** concert on 20th visiting us for the first time. A superb evening of entertainment from the 11 male singers forming the Octet, that's 8 + 3 spares they said in case of drop outs, led by Ivor Thulborn with musical director Gill Garside, with some solos by mezzo soprano Sara Jackson. With a widely varied programme including show music, ballads, opera classics, Gilbert & Sullivan and rounding off with some well know 70's pop, it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Well supported, but always room for a few more.! After we enjoyed a typical FSM wine buffet, thanks to everyone who contributed and helped. After expenses £246 was raised for the Bells & Tower Project.



The final figure for sponsorships of Judith Eley's **cycle ride for SHCT** was £470, thanks to a last minute spurt, so thanks again to Judith and everyone who sponsored her. We have now received the half share back from SHCT, with half retained to give out as grants.

Anglian Water finally connected our new reinforced plastic **replacement water pipe** to the water main in the public footpath (not in the middle of the road as their plans showed!) with a brand-new meter, so we are delighted we have clean water on tap again. With some wetter Autumn weather now, the seeded area over the pipe needs to be covered in grass again, and at least the rest of the Churchyard is gradually recovering from the hot Summer.

Our 963 pipe 1912 Nelson wind **pipe organ** has had its Autumn tune, ready for the winter season, and especially for Christmas services.

All our electrics installation and services were given their regulatory 5 year check, and duly certified, which for a rather old circuitry was pleasing.

The **Harvest Festival** back on 23rd September, followed by lunch, was very enjoyable, thanks to all the delicious variety of food provided by everyone, with much thanks.

The highlight of November was of course the **Remembrance Day Centenary Commemoration**. We were pleased to welcome so many, including the Parish Council with Chairman Mike Collier and Councillor Penny Borritt doing the 2 readings at the 10.15 am service, and Anita Rooney reading the well known poem 'In Flanders Fields' at the War Memorial, followed by the . . .

. . . prayers, reading of the names of the 15 fallen from the village and the 2 minutes silence, always a moving experience, especially when their ages are read out, most only 19 – 23 years old. We were especially pleased to welcome Rosemary Long, nee Feakes, who read the special prayer for relatives, in memory of her 2 Uncles Cecil and William Feakes, brothers, listed on the memorial, and we are delighted she brought with her to donate to the church 2 of the ceramic poppies from the Tower of London display in 2015. Also her friend Barbara Pease, nee Fordham and related to the Bullen family, and she is sending a copy of the Order of Service and the Act of Remembrance to her relatives in New Zealand.

We were very pleased to adorn the altar with a beautiful veil of hand knitted poppies, forming a central cross, with thanks to Heather Long and her dedicated group of knitters over the previous weeks, as well as her display of memorabilia. Also much thanks to Donna and Laurie Pott for decorating the porch with some 150 black painted rocks with poppies painted on, with a display of poems and personal histories of some of the fallen. Thanks also to Mary Dunbavin and Matthew Kemsley and friends for the short **peal of bells** at 12.30 pm, the time the Armistice was signed.

Our next **Book Sale with a Christmas Stall** is on **Saturday 1st December**, and we look forward to welcoming people in the festive mood. With the **Church open** for an extended period this year, we continue to be pleased to welcome visitors, and from names in the visitors book, from near and as far away as USA, France, Wales, Canada and Scotland, often visiting relatives graves. There are still very strong connections to the Church from these far flung families, many having fond memories of attending as children.

We now look forward to Christmas with all the **carol services**, supported by the benefice choir led by Celia Jeal on the organ, and welcoming everyone to our Crib Service, always very popular, and Midnight Mass. The **Christmas Cards** with all the Christmas Services will be delivered to every house by the end of November hopefully. This year we have the Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve as usual, always very popular especially with young families, and Midnight Mass later in the day at 11.30 pm. Do join us and enjoy some of the real meaning of Christmas, as well as all the other festive activities. The Fornhams Carol Service this year is at Fornham All Saints on Tuesday 18th December at 7pm. The rest of our services are as usual at 10 am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, and 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, all as shown on the notice boards, together with services in our 9 sister churches in the benefice group.

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Greetings Rock fans ! Well that's it: summer's almost gone, we've had The Fall and now winter's almost here. And talking of 'fallen leaves' how many of you saw the Poppy Rocks and Slate tribute to the men of the village lost in World War One in the Church Porch for the Centenary Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, November 11 ?

Christmas Rocks are just starting to make their appearance: holly, mistletoe, poinsettias, Xmas trees, Santas, sleighs and presents; so happy seasonal hunting . . . and moving. Please try and remember to move them on to a new home – in or out of the village – so that other families can have the pleasure of finding them. And if you can put pictures of your finds up on the Facebook page then so much the better.

Also just to let you know that I, at least, shall be taking a well-earned rocking break between the New Year and Easter (April 19 – 22), if for no other reason than that the days are so short and cold at the moment . . . it'll be difficult to find rocks covered by snow !

But if anyone else out there is willing to paint up a few and put them out then that would be much appreciated. Finally, just a reminder that any 'sad' or faded rocks can be left at The Red House for rock-cycling.

Wishing you all a Rockin' Xmas & New Year and see you all again at Easter

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In October Barry Gayton gave us a slide show and talk called Desert World. It was all about Cacti which he had started growing 61 years ago. All Cacti come originally from the Americas. There is such a variety it is unbelievable. They like sandy soil and hardly any water some can take 3 years to germinate. Many of them have beautiful flowers. Pink and Yellow. There are no blues in Cacti. Some flowers cover the entire plant, others have only one flower. There is one that only flowers at night. One plant sinks below the compost in winter and doesn't emerge again until the first drop of water in spring. In the wild they are pollinated by insects and fruit bats. One can grow up to 30 feet in the wild and has an overpowering scent. Another takes 120 years to flower! Cacti often have a very sharp spines but they are extremely clean and not as harmful as rose thorns. There are over 200 varieties and I think Barry must have nearly all of them. It was a very interesting and informative talk and we hope he will come again.

On November 13th we went with members of the bowls club to Thursford to see the Christmas Spectacular. A lovely sunny ride through the forest arriving at Thursford in time for lunch and look round the shops. The show really was spectacular. Absolutely wonderful. The lights and decorations inside the theatre were amazing. We had carols, songs from the shows, Nessum Dorma. The singing dancing and costumes were magnificent. They did a marvellous can can as well as tap, ballet and Irish tap. Doves flew round at the end. Coming out in the dark all the trees were lit with wonderful lights and there were lit up deer grazing on the lawn. A truly wonderful experience.

We are having our Christmas lunch on December 4th. Sadly our Chairman Tom Rowe was rushed into hospital on October 12th with a heart attack. Thankfully he seems to be making good progress and was recently transferred to Papworth where he has been waiting for a bed. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Margaret Leeder

GARDEN CLUB

On Tuesday 8th October, we were pleased to welcome Helen Worvill to the Garden Club. Helen is a very accomplished gardener, nurserywoman and knowledgeable speaker based near Norwich. Her talk, which was entitled "The 4 Seasons Garden", was the first time that members of the Garden Club had seen seasonal garden borders developed before their eyes! We suspected this might be a talk-with-a-difference as we helped to carry in an enormous and vast array of plants from Helen's van before the talk.

Following a brief introduction, Helen laid out a large piece of black matting on the floor and proceeded to create her border by placing individual pots of plants strategically on the matting one by one until it was entirely covered and the final border could be envisaged in all its glory. She accompanied the placing of each plant with splendid overheads showing photographs of the plant in flower or at other stages of maturity, together with information about its cultivation and care. Two different seasonal borders were created this way. After the talk, members were able to purchase from a wide selection of excellent plants that Helen had brought. She was very attentive to the queries from her purchasers and all those who bought a plant from Helen definitely left fully armed with information on its cultivation. There were also hand-outs of very useful garden plans with suggested plantings for winter, spring, summer and autumn, all colour coded, which we could take away and thus try our hand at a bit of garden (re)design!

On Tuesday 13th November we had a return visit from a previous speaker, Janet Buist, who visited the club in 2013. Her talk was called "Salvias: A Horticultural Love Affair" and comprised three distinct parts. Janet began by giving a comprehensive history of salvias, a group of almost 1000 species of plants that is found in every continent of the world with the exception of Australasia; a sizeable number are native to the New World. Janet explained how salvias have become increasingly popular since the 1970's. For example "Hot Lips", a salvia that is pretty well ubiquitous these days in most gardens, was only discovered comparatively recently in Mexico in 1999. From there, it was introduced into the US (in 2002) and then into the UK (around 2005-6). Likewise, salvia "Amistad" another increasingly popular and stunning variety of salvia, was introduced relatively recently from Argentina by Robin Middleton (www.robinssalvias.com, is a very informative source). Janet mentioned several others responsible for the marked advance in the popularity of salvias. Pat Vlasto (www.kmc.ac.uk/gardens) and Christine Yeo were associated with the growth of the Plant Heritage movement; they both set up national collections of salvias:

James Crompton (curator of the Chelsea Physic Garden) went plant hunting in Mexico, Turkey and China and introduced many new species from those areas. William Dyson is a breeder running Great Comp, a specialist salvia nursey near Sevenoaks, Kent (www.dysonsalvias.com). There are 4 types of salvias: hardy herbaceous, half-hardy, tender evergreens, and shrubby. Why are salvias so popular? Well they are available in a huge range of colours, they flower for a long time, many well into late autumn, they are drought tolerant, and there is a variety of salvia for almost every position in the garden!! Finally, bees love them, and this fact led us into the second part of the talk, which was delivered by Janet's husband who fascinated us all with information on the botanical aspects of salvias. He described how the internal structures of the flowers are designed and laid out in a way that enables the bees to act as pollinators whilst visiting the plants to collect the nectar. The third and final part of Janet's talk concerned the care and propagation of salvias and their pests and diseases. Hardy herbaceous salvias can be propagated by cuttings taken from the tips. Half-hardy salvias (eg, *S. patens*) equate to dahlias for hardiness and might survive in the ground in our part of the world in all but the harshest winters; Janet recommends a thick layer of mulch and covering with a cloche. Tender evergreens (eg, *S. discolor*), typically New World salvias, cannot take any frost; they make good container plants and can be overwintered in frost-free glasshouses. Shrubby salvias (eg, *Salvia x jamensis* "Hot Lips") are hardy and evergreen but may lose their foliage in a hard winter; they should be pruned in spring when new growth appears. They may also benefit from the "Hampton Hack" (so named to coincide with the Hampton Flower Show!), which means cutting them back in July to encourage a denser growth although flowering will be delayed. This is a good approach for more established plants that have grown a bit straggly. Shrubby salvias can also be propagated by cuttings up until August. Many cultivars are coming on the market. Finally, pests and diseases: slugs and snails can be a nuisance, whitefly can occur in the greenhouse, capsid bugs can nibble the leaves, and powdery mildew can appear especially in poorly ventilated conditions. Throughout, the talk was well illustrated with excellent and instructive photographs, particularly the section on botany and bees, which was accompanied by some fascinating and stunning close-up photographs.

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