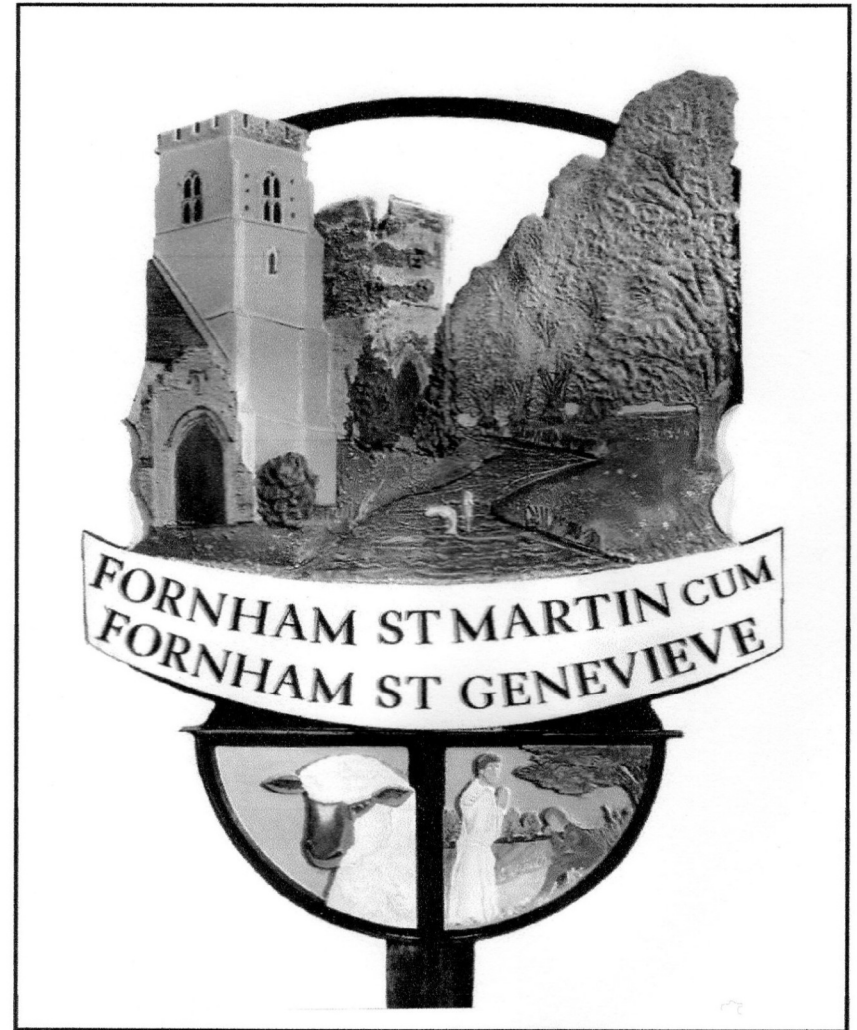


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Thursday	10:00 am to 3:30 pm	Patchwork
Friday	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice

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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
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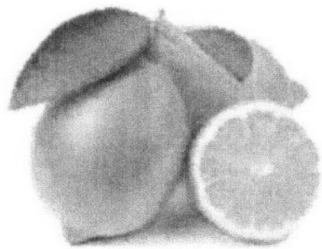
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February is the first month of the 100 Club year and the subscription of £12 is due from each member. I hope all members will renew their membership. Cheques should be made payable to 'FSM 100 Club' and sent to me at 8 Birkdale Court, Fornham St Martin, Bury St Edmunds IP28 6XF

Many thanks. Margaret Ade 01284 750133



Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council Tax Precept 2019-2020

For Residents information an annual review of our budget for 2019-2020 has indicated that we need to increase our Precept. We have calculated that our precept request this year must increase by £1,654.00 (£53.44 for a Band D property). This would equate to an increase of £3.33 per household over the year, or 28p per month. The justification for this much needed increase is that we need to build up our diminished reserves for future Community Projects, and to make provisional allowance for Elections costs for May 2019. This increase will show on your 2019/20 Council Tax Bill.

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DRAFT FSMGPC JANUARY 2019 Meeting Summary

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

Public Forum:

4 Members of the public were present.

It was mentioned how nice the Christmas lights on the trees at Carnoustie Drive were and thanks were given to the residents responsible for their efforts.

County & Borough Councillor:

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger gave an update on the following;
SEBC

The decision whether to have a Mayor or Chairman, has been deferred until the new West Suffolk Council is formed.

SCC

A Quality Impact Assessment on the Citizens Advice Bureau, with a consultation and survey on 30th January, regarding the 2-stage withdrawal of grants.

Planning:

DC/18/2152/FUL- Planning Application - 2no water pipes, 1no armoured electricity cable and a heat exchanger building (in association with planning application DC/18/1039/FUL for commercial glasshouse) - Land at Fornham Sewage Works, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve

DC/18/2540/FUL - Planning Application - Installation of utilities trench containing 2no. water pipes, 1no. gas pipe and 1no. electricity cable, connecting permitted glasshouse development DC/18/1039/FUL to proposed heat exchanger building (DC/18/2512/FUL) - Land at Place Farm, The Street, Ingham IP31 1NQ

Resolved 19/01/6.01

Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council offer **No Objections in Principal**, but would like to express the following concerns and proposals for conditions to be set upon approval of the application;

There are justifiable concerns about the general disruption that would be caused by the works along the proposed trench route, through the centre of the village of Fornham St Martin, and the traffic flow along the B1106, and whether it would cause any access issues for adjoining side roads and junctions, for who the B1106 is the sole access into and out of the estates

[Lark Valley]. The road is also used by GHV's and in some place the road is narrow, so allowances for this need to be considered.

It is felt that the following condition, during the construction phase, be enforced upon approval of the application, and that any disturbance to residents be kept to a minimum;

Demolition or construction works shall not take place outside 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours Mondays to Fridays and 08:00 hours to 13:00 hours on Saturdays and at no time on Sundays, public holidays or bank holidays. To protect the amenity of occupiers of adjacent properties from noise and disturbance, in accordance with policies DM2 and DM14 of the West Suffolk Joint Development Management Policy.

It should also be enforced that the contractors, upon completion, remedy and repair any damage caused to verges, Public Rights of Way and footpaths, and reinstate the Highways to its present condition, perhaps the uneven footpath in Lark Valley is repaired at the same time to make up for the potential inconvenience. It might also be worth a request that the 30 mph roundels on the road surface should be renewed at the same time as any reinstatement of resurfacing of the Highways is carried out. The Parish Council would specifically like to stress the importance of access being available at all times for the footpath at the Barton Hill end of the village.

Cycle Ways – Dream Lodge, Fornham Park:

Cllr. Hopsfensperger has asked Paul Horne, Cycleways Community Officer at SCC to look at feasibility studies and costs and options for the village and Fornham Park for cycle ways.

Finance & Policies:

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

Resolved 19/01/7.01

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 31st December 2018 is £9,362.64.

Cheques for Signing and Approval

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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. P. Forster.

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Budget 2019-2020 & Precept Request Approval

Resolved 19/01/7.03

The projected budget for 2019-2020 was set at an expenditure of £28,791.00.

2019-2020 Precept Request

Resolved 19/01/7.04

The Precept figure was set at £26,041.00, which is a 6.65% increase on the previous financial year, which equates to an increase of £3.33 per household per annum (Band D).

Highways & Footpaths:

VAS Update

The new SID is now in use. We have also received permission to use the VAS machines 2-way directional on the Culford Road and The Street locations.

Cllr. Flaherty has been downloading and compiling the data from the VAS machines, the average speed has been recorded as 41mph, between 1am-2am.

Footpaths Update

The Clerk and Cllr. Collier is to meet with 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.

Lark Valley Trees / Carnoustie Drive Trees Updates

Cllr. Hopfensperger has asked for the issue of the Lark Valley trees to be escalated to Cabinet Member, after the inspection determined it was outside the intervention criteria.

The Tree Officer has agreed a planting plan for the Carnoustie Drive trees, of box hedges, evergreen screen. Planting should begin this Winter.

Meeting Closed 9:05pm

PLEASE NOTE : *The deadline for articles to be included in the APR 19/MAY 19) edition of the Bugle will be **NOON SUN 17 MAR 2019** This will ensure that residents receive their copy before the beginning of the month shown on the front cover.*

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GARDEN CLUB

On 11th December we welcomed David White, who gave an illustrated and fascinating talk on the “World of Kew”, the botanic gardens by the side of the Thames near Richmond, Surrey. Originally a 9-acre site established around Kew Palace in 1759 by Princess Augusta (George III’s mother), Kew has grown to a 300-acre garden of international renown and is now a site with World Heritage status. It is celebrated as a world leader in botanical collections, plant science and diversity, global conservation, and research. Kew’s Millennium Seed Bank is a major force for the conservation of plant life and research into sustainable future for plants and people. Kew houses an Herbarium holding over 7 million specimens, some dating back to the plant hunting voyages of Sir Joseph Banks (1743-1820) in Captain Cook’s Endeavour! This Herbarium is not available to the general public but is a valuable resource to the thousands of researchers who visit Kew every year. Moving with the times, digitalised images are now available on the internet of many of the specimens. There is also an important micropropagation unit. We also heard a bit about Wakehurst Place in Sussex, which is Kew’s country estate. It has a milder climate and different soils, which allows many of the plants that struggle at Kew to thrive. Like Kew, however, it is a garden with year-round interest.

David gained a National Diploma in Horticulture from Kew and part of his talk was a very entertaining account of his time as a student, including stories of some of the practical jokes that they used to play on each other. Many students from Kew have gone on to illustrious careers in horticulture. We also learnt about the very many different parts to the garden, including the Grade I listed Palm House and the newly opened Grade I Temperate



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House (with planting in geographical zones), the modern Princess of Wales Conservatory (which houses orchids and carnivorous plants), the rose garden, the aquatic garden, Japanese Landscape, and the lakeside with its very elegant and contemporary Sackler Crossing, to name but a few. Behind the Temperate House is a little circle of unusual conifers, the Wollemi pines (conifers that are reminiscent of the monkey puzzle tree). This species was thought to be extinct but was rediscovered in 1994 in a remote canyon in Australia (the exact location is still a closely guarded secret!). The Kew Wollemi pines were grown using micropropagation techniques and have flourished since being planted out in the gardens. Further evidence that Kew Gardens is constantly evolving can be seen in the new Alpine House with its very contemporary design, which was opened in 2006. Its distinctive shape allows cool air to be drawn in at the base as warm air escapes through the roof and, as each side of the glasshouse shading acts independently, so only the "sunny" side is shaded at any one time. We heard about the "Tree Gangs" who are charged with the maintenance of the magnificent collection of trees to be found throughout the gardens. There are over 14,000 trees planted at Kew, some as old as the gardens themselves! Each tree is well labelled, providing the visitor with details of its source, who collected it and its Latin name. David also encouraged anybody visiting to stroll along the 200-metre long circular Treetop Walkway, which allows visitors to walk through the tree canopy 18 metres above the ground. It can be accessed by stairs or a lift. This Walkway was designed by the same architects who designed the London Eye.

At the end of the talk, I think we all felt that a visit to these splendid gardens was a "must"!

On Tuesday 8th January, instead of the usual meeting in the village hall with a speaker, over 60 members and guests gathered at the Bury St Edmunds Golf Club for the Club's annual Christmas Dinner. Gathering at 7:0 for 7:30 pm, to give everyone a chance to buy raffle tickets and drinks, and have a catch-up chat, we sat down to a superb 3-course meal followed by coffee and chocolates. The evening concluded with a raffle of prizes donated by members, and finished with a draw for the table decorations, with one lucky winner per table taking these impressive flower arrangements home. It was an extremely enjoyable evening!

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.

CHURCH NEWS

Well, halfway through Winter, you might say, and are still enjoying relatively mild, a bit **unseasonal, weather**, so far! But lets wait and see if there might be a sting in the tail, yet to come!

What an enjoyable festive **season of Christmas** we have just enjoyed, and much thanks to Revds Mark and Sylvia for holding our services in FSM, as well as around all the Benefice, with all our hard working clergy. Especially enjoyable were the **carol services** around the Benefice, with the choir getting stronger, and bigger, after each one, with thanks to Celia for organising these.



Our **Crib Service** on Christmas Eve was very popular, as usual, with the church full, including some 40 children, enjoying the Christmas Story, many families coming for their annual church outing, but at least it shows that families do place some importance to the religious meaning of Christmas, and into the futures of growing children. Handed a character as they arrived, those children lucky enough, later placed them in the model stable, which was only just big enough, with the slightly larger figures we now have, so it may be a bigger one next year. With a bit of organisation by Anita, the names of each child with a character was noted and called out in turn, so we didn't lose any this time, as Joseph was not recognised at the due time last year, until the mother realised, and the service was able to continue after a bit of a panic delay. The £180 collection was donated to the **EACH** Children's Hospice, with thanks to everyone who donated.

Then it was next door to the **Woolpack** for complimentary mince pies and mulled wine, thanks to Graham and Claire, a now traditional event over the last few years. It was our turn this year for **Midnight Mass Communion**, with FAS hosting Christmas Day, in our usual annual rotation.

Our next **Book Sale Coffee and Cakes** is on **Saturday 16th February**, 11 - 3pm, so do drop in for a browse and chat over some delicious cakes, scones, sausage rolls etc. donations of clean books, and cakes welcomed. At least our faulty internal electric cable has been replaced, so all heaters will be operational to keep us warm at this time of year. The last one on 1st December raised a fantastic £714, after some late sales, thanks especially to the Christmas Stall, so thanks to everyone who helped, donated and supported this very enjoyable festive day.

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Belated figure recently received for the **Poppy sales** in November in FSM was £506, so thanks to everyone who supported this annual fund raising by the Royal British Legion.

Last but by no means least, **grateful thanks** from myself and fellow Churchwarden Beryl Dykes, to everyone who have helped with all those essential things necessary to open, clean, run, manage, maintain and decorate the church, both last year and now this year to come. Not just for the services, but for all the visitors we have, from near and afar, many of whom comment on how well maintained and welcoming the church and churchyard is. It would not function as it should without you, so many thanks to you all. And that's not to mention the financial support from so many, contributing in paying for our clergy to provide the services, as well as maintaining the building, like plugging the holes in the roof, and maintaining the churchyard, BUT that's a story for another day! It does cost £20,000 a year to keep the church running in all these ways, that's nearly £400 per week, so if you can help in some small way, do please get in touch, if you value the contribution the church makes in the life of our village.

We have started planning the annual **concerts** for this year, and have now booked the **Suffolk Church Singers for Saturday 27th April**, more to follow; and plans for the mid October concert.

We are now short of a **cleaner** or two, to help about once a month with a quick dust and Hoover, as well as a **flower arranger** or two, to keep the church looking clean and attractive. If you can help, do please get in touch.

Although still a bit premature, despite the offerings already in the shops, our thoughts slowly turn towards **Easter**, with Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Passover and some warmer weather. We look forward to Revd Sylvia's Lent Course, starting Ash Wednesday 6th March, based as last year on the religious plays by Dorothy L. Sayers, bringing the Gospels to life. Everyone is welcome.

David Yates, Churchwarden

FORNHAM ST MARTIN TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly and welcoming baby and toddler group. The group is held at Fornham St Martin Village Hall on Tuesdays, during term-time, from 10:00 until 11:30.

All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome!

Recently, we have used some playgroup funds to buy a selection of new toys for the children to enjoy. These include: two Winther Trikes, a reversible playmat, play fruit and vegetables and some wooden vehicles.



On Tuesday 18th December, we held our Christmas party. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing Christmas songs and playing games. This was followed by a special festive buffet. Afterwards, each child received a Christmas gift.

Cost per family: £2.50 per term (payable three times per year), then £2 per week.

20p donation per week to cover tea/coffee and children's refreshments.

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Our Christmas lunch seems a very long time ago. It was very enjoyable and everyone had nothing but praise, for the cooking and presentation. I would certainly recommend the caterer to anyone. The tables were arranged in a square so we could all see each other, they were beautifully decorated and the service was excellent. Our January meeting fell on New years day so it was decided to cancel it. Our chairman Tom is making good progress after his surgery in December but will be out of action for some time yet. Linda Scoles is returning in February. Her talk this time is called Amusing memories.

Should anyone like to come you are most welcome.

Margaret Leeder

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Fornham St Martin Rock Trail

Happy New Year and best wishes for the whole of 2019 to all followers of the Rock Trail.

Well over 200 seasonal rocks were put out over the Christmas and New Year period . . . and all appear to have dis-appeared appeared . . . although we've just received news of one turning up in Thetford Priory.

But it was disappointing that so very few seemed to have made it on to Trail's Facebook page. We'd love to see and read more of you - and your rocks.

Some of you are certainly finding and re-hiding, which is 'brill' thank you and we did have to two recently wash up on the beach: at Felixstowe and Weymouth !

All the forecasts seem to suggest that Winter is Coming, with predictions of frost and snow, so I'm taking a bit of a seasonal break. I am working on a new range of Spring Rocks and they'll be out, with the snowdrops and daffodils, around Easter time.

In the meantime, just a reminder that if you find any sad or faded rocks you're very welcome to drop them round at The Red House for renovation and recycling.

So bye-for-now and Rock'n'Roll on Easter.

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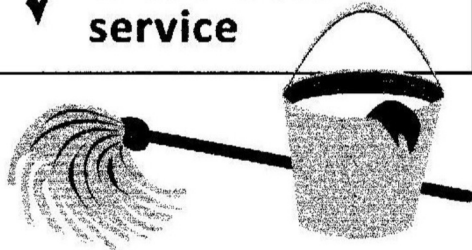
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