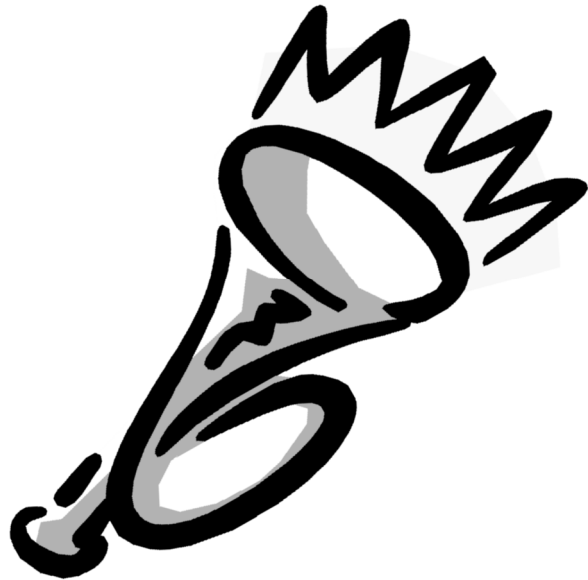
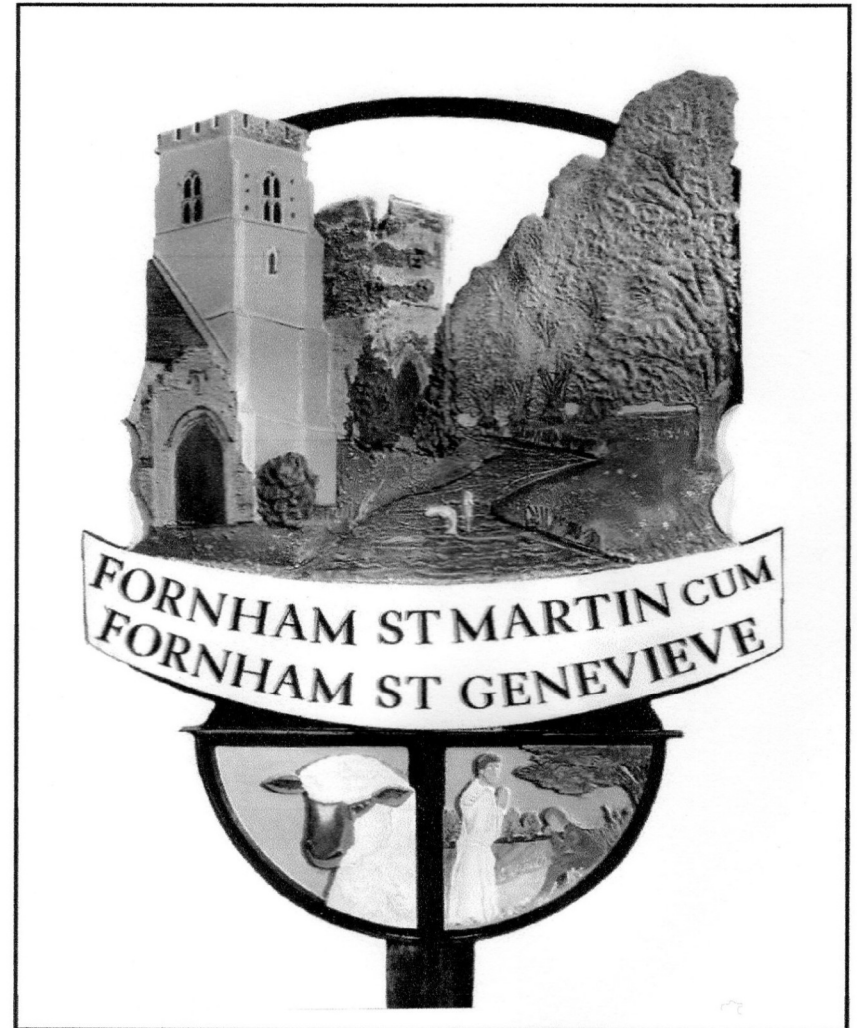


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What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

Weekly

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| Monday | 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm | Slimming World |
| 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 |

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Monthly

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| 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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Occasional meetings

Parish Council, Village Hall Committees


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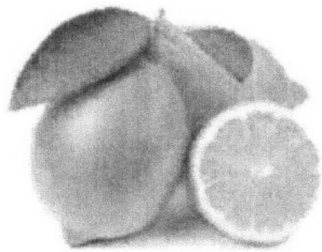


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LADIES CLUB

On 20 March Andrea Newman gave a talk about Leonard Cheshire.

I like many ladies Club members had heard something about him and knew a little about Cheshire Homes but Andrea filled in much of the detail about this interesting man. His life was lived in two halves. First there was his military career as a highly decorated bomber pilot. His final mission, in 1945, was as the official British observer at the dropping of the atom bomb in Nagasaki. Witnessing this completely changed his outlook on life. He decided for the sake of those who did not survive he wanted to make the post war world a better place. He went on to dedicate his life to humanitarian work. He founded the charity Leonard Cheshire Disability, which supports disabled people in the UK and around the world to fulfil their potential and live the lives they choose. In 1948 this work started with Leonard taking terminally ex servicemen living at Le Court. This became the first Cheshire Home and similar homes soon opened across the country supporting disabled people in their local communities. The work of the foundation Leonard Cheshire Disability can be investigated at rewind.leonardcheshire.org

Our Ladies Club secretary Beryl Dykes worked at Le court as a nurse in her younger days and added details of her time with Leonard Cheshire. Beryl thanked Andrea for her interesting and informative talk.

Tom Tyler came to talk to us on 17 April about the history of jigsaws. He came with an amazing variety of jigsaws and his beautiful dog, who paid close attention to what was going on! Tom told us that jigsaws, called dissections, originated as far back as 1762, when European mapmakers pasted maps on to wood and then cut them into small pieces. John Spilsbury, an engraver and mapmaker is credited with inventing the first jigsaw puzzle in 1767 and the dissected map has been a successful educational toy ever since. It wasn't until 1865 that the first adult puzzle was made. At the time, wooden puzzles were cut one piece at a time, making them very expensive. Then pieces shaped like dogs or other recognisable objects came into being followed by interlocking pieces, but corners were not right angles and to confuse, there were not straight edges. Puzzles were used for advertising, particularly by Cunard and The Great Western Railway. By the late 1930's, pieces of jigsaws

were pressed out by machine and took about 8 seconds. As the years went on laser cutters were introduced, and a double headed laser was able to cut out two puzzles at a time in six minutes. Even a very strong fine water jet was used in the cutting process.

We were able to look at Tom's collection and he had some jigsaws and books on the History of Jigsaws for sale. A very enjoyable evening.

The next Ladies Club meeting is on 15 May and Peter Hesketh will be talking about the Circumnavigating the World on Container Ships.

Do come and join us, a warm welcome awaits you at Fornham St Martin Village Hall, 7.45 pm on 3rd Wed each month.

For further details contact Secretary Beryl Dykes Tel 01284 704109 beryldkes@outlook.com

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GARDEN CLUB

Fornham Garden Club's AGM on 9 April was well attended. The Chairman presented her review of the 2018/19 programme. The Treasurer presented the accounts and, in view of the healthy balance sheet, indicated that membership and visitor fees would remain unchanged. Some changes were made to the committee and the Programme Secretary gave details of the new schedule, including the forthcoming outings for 2019/20.

The evening's speaker was then introduced. This year we welcomed Stephen Poulter who talked about "To the Hammer Born: Confessions of an Occasional Auctioneer." Having opened an independent bookshop in Hertfordshire in 2005, recession soon struck and he was forced to follow other avenues to keep his business afloat. A foray into second-hand books led him to the local auction houses where, along with books, he began to acquire collectables to sell in his shop and online. However, neither venture was enough to keep the bookshop going. Luckily, he had also been helping at an auction house, firstly as a part-time porter and then as a weekend auctioneer, and the rest as they say is history. We heard a very interesting account of the history of auctions, including unfortunately the auction of people: women for marriage in ancient Babylon (starting with the woman the auctioneer considered the most beautiful and ending with the least!), the auction of slaves in Roman times, along the Barbary coast in the 16th to mid-18th century, and for the plantations in North America.

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Less troubling was his account of the candle auctions, popular in the 1600's; the name derived from the end of the auction being signalled by the expiration of the candle flame! Samuel Pepys records an occasion in his famous diary of how the Admiralty sold ships "by an inch of candle". The word "auction" is derived from the Latin *augeō*, which means "I increase" or "I augment". However, it wasn't until comparatively recently that auctions were known by this name, previously they were referred to by the term "Outcry". Modern-day auction houses, such as Sotheby's and Bonhams, appeared in the mid-1700's holding regular auctions with printed catalogues of items. In the years between the World Wars, many large estates became impossible to run due to lack of staff and rising costs, and often following the loss of the heir in WWI. This heralded the start of the Estate Auction when the entire property and its contents were auctioned off, the whole sale sometimes taking at least a week. These were hugely popular with the public who were able to get a "good look"! The biggest change of all though has been the arrival of the internet, forcing auction houses to embrace the new technology of online bidding to keep pace with the competition from online websites. Stephen finished with some entertaining tales of fake items originally sold for thousands of pounds and subsequently proven to be forgeries! For example, van Meegeren's fake Vermeer that was sold to Goring (who traded 137 other paintings for it) and the "fake" Leonardo da Vinci drawing that some experts claim is worth £100 million, but which a convicted forger claims as his own work based on "Sally from the Co-op in Bolton"! A wonderfully entertaining talk to conclude the AGM.

At the meeting on 14 May, Helen Hillier who runs a nursery in Norfolk, gave a talk on "Choosing Plants for Flower Arranging Within a Garden". Helen prepared 5 different arrangements, starting with one that she used to prepare for the Royal Box at Epsom on Derby Day. This arrangement, with a natural, wildflower meadow look, was created by placing stems of various flowers upright into a pre-soaked oasis base. It included dornicum, aquilegias, Alchemilla mollis (lady's mantle), grape hyacinths, lamium, geraniums, parsley, and a final flourish of small yellow tulips. The base was covered by a band of Stachys (lamb's ears) leaves. The second was a landscape creation also in a base of oasis. We saw a charming woodland-style arrangement built up around a small moss-covered branch, with heuchera leaves of various shades, Epimedium foliage, Pheasant's eye narcissi, bluebells, pineapple mint, bronze fennel, and alliums. The third was created using a square block of oasis, wrapped in cellophane to make it watertight.

There was no foliage in this arrangement, just an array of colourful flower heads: Scilla peruviana, peonies, alliums, primulas and valerian. Arrangement 4 was constructed using a jam jar (covered first in fishnet stockings) and comprised only 3 plants/flowers: pittosporum, lily of the valley and cowslips. The final arrangement was a large hand tied bouquet, which was assembled gradually stem by stem using a spirally technique that appeared effortless but was clearly the work of an expert! The finished article was beautiful and contained many stems of aquilegias, geraniums, grasses, valerian, heuchera flowers, lychnis, cornus stems, and nepeta. Once all stems were in place, the bouquet was tied across the narrowest part, the stems were cut straight across, a waterproof wrap was tied in place and water added, resulting in a bouquet that could stand on its own and would last several days. As Helen created these 5 very different arrangements, she kept us entertained with a very witty and relaxed commentary. She kindly donated all the arrangements to our raffle. Thus, 5 lucky members went home bearing lovely floral prizes!

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, Keith Jones, on 01284 728077.**

PLEASE NOTE : *The deadline for articles to be included in the **AUG 19/SEP 19** edition of the Bugle will be **NOON SAT 20 July 2019** This will ensure that residents receive their copy before the beginning of the month shown on the front cover.*

NOTE: email for contributors buglemsg@gmail.com

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Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council**Cycleway – Footpath Consultation**

For Residents information the Parish Council has been in talks with Highways regarding a proposed cycleway/footway, from the B1106 Fornham St Genevieve roundabout (Dream Lodges, Fornham Park), to the fork in the road to West Stow/Culford, the distance would be 1.3km. The estimated costs (to be confirmed by SCC Highways after a formal feasibility study) are in the region of £450,000 - £700,000. The costs of a feasibility study (drawings and cost estimates) would cost £5,000 - £10,000. The Parish Council are keen to get the opinion of the residents, but so far have received a lack of interest in the consultation, therefore it was agreed at our last meeting that should no response be forthcoming then the proposal will be taken off future agendas.

If you have any questions or opinion, please contact the Clerk on fsmgpc@gmail.com or Tel: 07712 232920

Dog Fouling Playing Field and Play Area

It was raised at the recent Parish Council meeting that dog fouling on the playing field and near the play area, has started to become an issue again. 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 Bin provided. Dog Waste can be very hazardous to children, causing blindness (Toxocariasis). Under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 in England and Wales, a person who doesn't clean up after their dog may face an on-the-spot fine of up to £80. These fines are known as fixed penalty notices. If a person refuses to pay, they can be taken to the local Magistrates Court for the dog fouling offence and fined up to £1,000. The Parish Council would also like to remind dog owners that dogs are not allowed in the Children's Play Area.

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

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APPROVED FSMSGPC FEBRUARY 2019 Meeting Summary

Councillor's Present: Cllr. Mike Collier, Cllr. Peter Forster, Cllr. Penny Borrett, Cllr. Gary Hubbard & Cllr. J. Hubbard.

Public Forum:

10 Members of the public were present.

It was agreed to discuss picnic benches for the playing field on the Annual Parish Meeting. It was also suggested that the Parish Council look into safer and more environmentally friendly options to deal with the issues of weeds and moles. It was suggested that Greener Growth, who work with communities such as schools, parish councils, to improve environments in an eco-friendly way, be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.

County & Borough Councillor:

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger reported;

As of 1st April 2019 West Suffolk District Council is now in effect. It was agreed to make the decision whether to apply for Borough status when the new Council takes office. It was confirmed that the ward of Fornhams & Great Barton will be a two-member ward.

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

Planning:

None.


For Information Only:

DC/19/0347/FUL – Holiday Lodges – Golf Course Fornham All Saints Hotel

The Clerk advised that the meeting held by Fornham All Saints PC was well attended by residents of the Fornhams, by 100 people. 70 objections have so far been recorded on the Planning Portal, and presentations were given by the RLCP, Battlefields Trust, Heritage. The Parish Council of Fornham All Saints will be submitting their objections, along with Cllr. Hopfensperger. It is recommended for refusal and the next Development Control meeting will be held in June.



WSOH - Discuss Village Projects eligible for Assistance by Morgan Sindall

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the damp in the back room, the Field Gates, decisions will be made within the week. Morgan Sindall have already committed to help with the Church Fete, providing a £50 advert FOC and name badges for volunteers on the day.

Dream Lodges Update

Enforcement have confirmed that the website has now been changed and the lodges are now being advertised as holiday lets, not residential.

Finance & Policies:

Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation from list of payments and receipts and to approve bills for payment Resolved 19/04/10.01

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 April 2019 is £6,182.61.

Cheques for Signing and Approval

Resolved 19/04/10.02

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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| 11.04.2019 | 2054 | Mr & Mrs Pott | Litter Picker | 108.33 |
| 11.04.2019 | 2055 | Mrs V Bright | Office Allowance | 208.00 |
| 11.04.2019 | 2056 | Mrs V Bright | Mileage & Expenses | 11.42 |
| 11.04.2019 | 2057 | LCPAS | Elections training (clerk) | 9.00 |
| 11.04.2019 | 2058 | SALC | Subscription 2019/20 | 510.85 |
| 11.04.2019 | 2059 | M&TJ's | Grass cutting | 240.00 |
| 11.04.2019 | 2060 | Mrs S Brooklyn | Bugle Editing Issue 104 | 184.00 |
| 11.04.2019 | 2061 | First Impressions | Bugle printing | 342.00 |
| 11.04.2019 | 2062 | Mr D Randall | Village planting | 34.99 |
| 11.04.2019 | 2063 | Mr M Collier | Chain for gates | 24.90 |

Highways & Footpaths:**Lark Valley Trees / Carnoustie Drive Trees Updates**

Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed that the next step is for residents of Lark Valley affected to claim compensation, Cllr. Hopfensperger is to send residents the online link to do this. Highways are to assess the footpath damage caused by the trees in the next 2 weeks.

Cycle Ways Feasibility Study / Application Update

The Clerk confirmed that so far no response had been received from residents regarding the consultation in the Bugle, neither has the Parish Council for West Stow and Culford replied. The Clerk is to add discussion to the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Lorries/HGV's on B1106 (All Saints Bridge)

Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed that she had been in touch with Network Assurance and they explained that the Environmental Order on the bridge had been lifted temporarily for the Diversion route. It was agreed that the bridge has an Environmental Order for a reason and is therefore not appropriate as a diversion route. Network Assurance confirmed that Officers were on site to ensure road users were using the roads appropriately and works had been committed to overnight where possible.

Correspondence:

Anglian Water informed of their intention to carry out major works on the A143 Compiegne Way in Bury St. Edmunds. These works (due to begin in April 2019) include the installation of 2km of new water main to help support future growth of the area and ensure existing customers do not suffer from low pressure. This reinforcement main will run from Orttewell Road, along the A143 Compiegne Way and end just off of Barton Hill. While traffic management arrangements are still to be confirmed (other than the closure of Orttewell Road), Anglian Water have advised that the likely scenario is as follows:

- Temporary traffic signals on Compiegne Way A134/A143 roundabout
- Two-way temporary traffic signals along A143 Compiegne Way to Hollow Road
- Temporary traffic signals on Compiegne Way/Hollow Road roundabout

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- Two-way temporary traffic signals along A143 Compiegne Way to Orttewell Road
- Road closure of Orttewell Road

Please note that the closure of Orttewell Road is due to be in-place for approximately 2 weeks during the school holidays.

Meeting Closed 8:51pm

FSMSGPC May 2019 Annual Meeting Summary

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

ANNUAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Election of Chairman:

Cllr. P. Butler proposed Cllr. M. Collier, this was seconded by Cllr. P. Forster. All voted in favour and Cllr. Collier accepted and signed his Declaration of Acceptance to Office as Chairman.

Chairman's Welcome & Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)):

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

Apologies: Cllr. F. Stennett.

Election of Vice Chairman:

Cllr. P. Butler proposed Cllr. G. Hubbard, this was seconded by Cllr. P. Borrett. All voted in favour. Cllr. Hubbard accepted and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Vice Chair.

To Approve the Final Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st-March 2019:

The Income for 2018/19 was £28,068.10, the Expenditure was £31,034.84. The balance of 2018/19 carried forward £6,182.61.

Resolved 19/05/9.01

The final accounts and Bank Reconciliations for the financial year ended 31st March 2019 were scrutinised and approved by all Councillor's. The accounts were signed as a true statement by the Chairman (MC) & the RFO.

To Consider any Annual Donations:**Resolved 19/05/13.01**

Village Hall Committee = £500 (LGA 1976 (Miscellaneous Provisions) s19).

St Martins Church (Churchyard Maintenance) = £500 plus a donation of £200 towards a new water supply pipe for the churchyard (Local Government Act 1972, s. 214(6&8)).

Elderberry & Friendship Club = £200 (s137)

Fornham St Martin Mother & Toddler Group = £200 (s137)

Fornham Computer Club = £200 (s137)

Fornham Ladies Club = £200 (s137).


ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS**Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2019- LGA 1972,****Schedule 12, para 41(2):****Resolved 19/05/14.01**


The minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2019 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (MC).

Planning:**DC/18/1372/FUL - RE-CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF A PLANNING PROPOSAL - Planning Application - New bedroom wing to existing hotel to create 42 no. additional rooms - All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve**

It was agreed for the Clerk to submit a request for further information and an extension to the deadline for comments;

- There is concern that the Public Right of Way will be affected, and we would request clarification on this issue and how the Public Right of Way may be affected due to the new layout.
- The site was previously at risk for flooding, but this was then re-categorised, however there is no information as to whether flood risk has been considered in relation to the new layout.
- There are concerns regarding traffic impact on the Highway network, with decreased visibility on the site entrance, we feel the new layout should be subject to a new Visual Impact Analysis.
- The Parish Council would also like to see a Tree Survey/Arborist report that details the tree line which is now impacted due to the proposed changed layout, as the previous tree report is for the original layout.




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Finance & Policies:

Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts Resolved 19/05/17.01.

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 28th May 2018 is £6,182.61.

Cheques for signing and approval and to authorise payment of outstanding invoices

Resolved 19/05/17.02

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

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|------|---------|
| Mr & Mrs Pott | Litter pickers | 2064 | £108.33 |
| M&TJ's | Grass cutting | 2065 | £480.00 |
| Mrs V Bright | Mileage, expenses & backdated pay | 2066 | £72.46 |
| Mr P Forster | Bench maintenance | 2067 | £386.99 |

Adopt new NALC Model Standing Orders

19/05/17.03

The revised NALC Model Standing Orders (July 2018), were adopted and signed by the Chairman (MC).

Highways & Footpaths:

Update on 'Oak Trees' TPO's application - 'Old Thetford Road' Footpath

The Clerk confirmed she is in the process of putting the Planning Application together to be submitted to West Suffolk.

Lark Valley Trees/Footpaths Update

The 'Lark valley' residents have been advised to submit through the compensation process. The footpaths are to be added to future program of works.

The Carnoustie Drive screenage is now in place and there are plans to get more established screening as well.

Cllr. Collier is to meet with M&TJ's to discuss works to the trees at Gleneagles.

Cycleways - Consultation Update

The Clerk confirmed she had yet to receive any response from West Stow & Culford PC. So far she has received 2 submissions from residents in response to the Bugle consultation, both were negative and against the cycleway. It was agreed to put the consultation in the Bugle again and the Clerk is to chase other consultees. If no interest from residents, then the proposal will be removed from future agenda's.

Correspondence:

A134 Fornham St Martin Road Resurfacing

Road resurfacing works will be carried out at the A134/B1106 Roundabout, overnight between 21st May 2019 to 28th May 2019

SCC Highways Grass Cutting 2019/20

Following a review of the 2018 grass cutting season, improvements are being made to include;

- Apportioning of the country into 2 areas covered by 2 separate supply chain partners to give the service greater resilience
- Publication of the grass cutting schedule earlier to enable stakeholders to better plan any additional cutting

Employment of new supply chain partners to work with SCC Highways to undertake the works.

Parish Matters:

Play Area Inspection Reports & Agree Rota

Cllr. Forster confirmed the bench maintenance works had now been completed. The Clerk was asked to report the dog bin at the bottom of Barton Hill which had not been emptied for some time. The Clerk is to place a notice in the Bugle reminding people of Dog Fouling in the field and play area.

Discuss Quotes & Purchase of Picnic Benches for Play Area

The Clerk presented a variety of options and designs and quotes. The Clerk advised that she had received no response to the Bugle consultation. It was agreed to place it in the Bugle again and to consult with the Toddler Group.

Meeting Closed 10:03pm



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At our April meeting Karl Smith an ex detective inspector and ex family liaison officer in the Ipswich Police came to tell us how the murder of 5 Ipswich girls in 2006 was solved. Ipswich was able to get assistance from specialist officers from all over the country. There was a media invasion from all over the world camped outside Ipswich police station. Each investigation had its own senior police officer. A press officer to ensure that no media releases without prior notification to the family liaison officer. One man's DNA was found on 3 of the girls. He was kept under surveillance then arrested and interviewed. The families were made aware of his arrest. More evidence was found on his clothes and in his car. The murders were committed when his girlfriend was working nights. The whole operation involved 300 officers. There were 6,500 statements and experts on 13 subjects 6,500 plus documents to be examined. There was a pre-trial meeting of all the families, the first time they had all met. Opening evidence was a 90-page document! He admitted to being with the girls. The jury took 8 hours to find him guilty and he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Our May meeting was a pub lunch at the Dog at Norton. Everyone said how much they enjoyed it.

On the 4th of June we will be having our garden party, do come and join us.

We meet at 2 pm in the village hall.

Margaret Leeder

CHURCH NEWS

The highlight in April for us was the Suffolk Church Singers Concert on 27th with their 28 singers entertaining us with Faure's Requiem, and a duet from Stainer's Crucifixion with the Easter Hymn Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni, under musical director Chris Bartrop, more than ably accompanied by our old friend Christopher Moore playing the organ, with his own organ solo, and guest soloists soprano Alexandra Baker and baritone Izaak Frost. Clive Paine told us some interesting facts about the origins and history of the Church, like who built some of the pews for their own family use, going back to the 13th Century, so many thanks to him, and we would like to have him back to tell us more, in the future. We then enjoyed wine and light refreshments. A huge thanks to The Singers and Christopher for donating their time and musical talents to FSM, enabling us to raise £550, which together with a late donation of £50 made for a very good evening, which will go towards our Bells and Tower Appeal.



Our lent lunch this year was held at Parklands Green, with grateful thanks to hosts Sarah and Rod Cooledge, as well as everyone who supported this. As usual a very enjoyable, and tasty lunch time with friends, which raised £180, donated to the Bishops Appeal for Kagera, the linked diocese in Tanzania, East Africa, which particularly supports their Theological College and Anglican Primary School.

While Easter seems a long time ago now, we remember some 10 of us reading the Passion Narrative on Palm Sunday, with thanks to Revd Sylvia for arranging the readings, as we also enjoyed at her lent course readings of Dorothy L. Sayers plays.

Christian Aid Week is underway at the time of writing, so we hope our 17 collectors in FSM have a warm and responsive welcome on the doorsteps, with grateful thanks to them and everyone who supported this annual fund raiser. This year the focus is on improving health facilities and training midwives in Sierra Leone, where 10 women a day die in childbirth, through local partner RADA to ensure proper supervision locally.

The article by Archbishop Justin Welby was encouraging, in the new

Team Newsletter, where our support can mean the difference between life and death for many of the worlds poorest people.

Our last Book Sale Coffee and Cakes was on Saturday 18th May, when we welcomed all those avid readers and coffee drinkers who support us, over a good browse and conversation with friends, or made new ones. £400 was raised for the fabric and churchyard maintenance, so a big thanks to everyone who helped, and supported us.

Next one is **Sat 31st August.**

Planning is well underway for this years Summer Fete at Fornham House on Saturday 20th July, 2pm, a bit later than last year, to avoid some high interest sporting events which affected attendance last year. Volunteer availability is a bit down, so all offers of assistance would be welcomed. We look forward to seeing everyone, on a typical sunny Summers day.

Beryl Dykes and myself joined with all the other Churchwardens in the Thingoe Deanery on 23rd May, to make our Declarations to faithfully and diligently discharge our duties of office, in order to be confirmed in office for the coming year.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee [DAC] with Secretary James Halsall, will be visiting us on 24th May, to inspect and review our proposals for the Bells and Tower Project.

Finally Beryl and I with Revd Sylvia Bareham attended the Parish Council AGM on 9th May, to present a Church Report on our activities over the previous year. Liaison with the Parish Council is always beneficial to both of us, as they support us in many ways including maintenance of the churchyard and providing parking on the adjacent playing field at our events and larger services, and we in turn can correspond by providing religious, spiritual and social support to the local community.

It was pleasing to report that over the last year 2215 people, including 59 children, attended the 107 services, both the regular weekly ones in church and at Fornham House, as well as the festival services at Easter and Christmas, Remembrance, 8 funerals, 2 weddings and 3 baptisms. Even more pleasing was to agree the grant again this year towards churchyard maintenance, with our grateful thanks, as this keeps it tidy and well trimmed, by Sunshine Gardens, respectful for both our visitors from far and afield and as a village amenity.

David Yates, Churchwarden