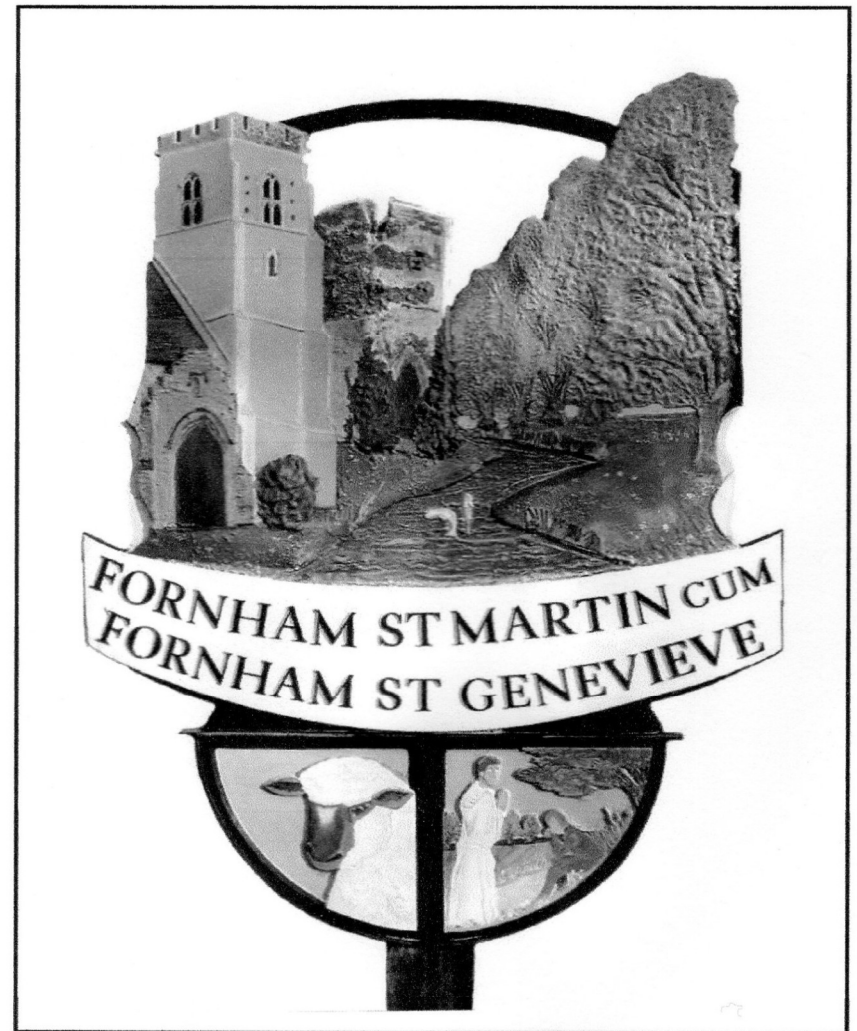


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1st Thurs		
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2nd Wed		
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3rd Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)
3rd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12 noon 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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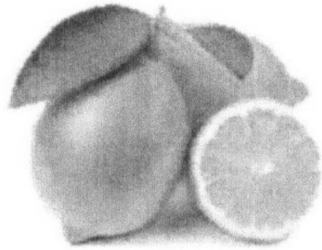
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Sadly, our November outing to see a show at Felixstowe had to be cancelled. The company had double booked. A lunch at Rushbrooke arms was quickly organised.

In December we will be having our Christmas lunch at the community centre. We have the same caterers as last year so it will be good.

On **January 7** John Saunders is coming to talk to us. It's titled Time On Our Hands.

Do come and join us 2pm in the Fornham All Saints Community Centre.

## Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

### Morgan Sindall – West Suffolk Operational Hub

The Parish wish to record its thanks on behalf of the village, to Morgan Sindall and Adam and his team for all their efforts in our village Hall. The damaged ceiling has been fully repaired and decorated and the small side room has had two Air Bricks installed to help with the damp issue.

The team has also repaired the Playing Field gates and they now work more effectively.

The residents on Barton Hill are also very grateful to Morgan Sindall for reducing the light pollution on the West Suffolk Operational Hub.

The Parish Council also wishes to record its gratitude to the very professional manner, with which the entire major development has been conducted and for all their efforts to minimise any disruption to our village over the last two years.

### King George Playing Field – Eco Initiatives

The Parish Council are working with Greener Growth to introduce some Eco initiatives, such as small areas of wild flower planting, some fruit tree planting, Bird & Owl boxes, Bug hotels, Hedgehog & Bat houses etc. The idea of a volunteer group to help with the scheme and aftercare and maintenance is hoped to be put in place. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved in the project, please contact the Clerk [clerk.bgpc@ymail.com](mailto:clerk.bgpc@ymail.com) Tel: **07712 232920**. Please see the Preliminary Draft Drawing of proposals put forward by Greener Growth, any comments or ideas are welcome. We hope to have final draft drawings and plans available at the February Parish Council meeting for residents to view.

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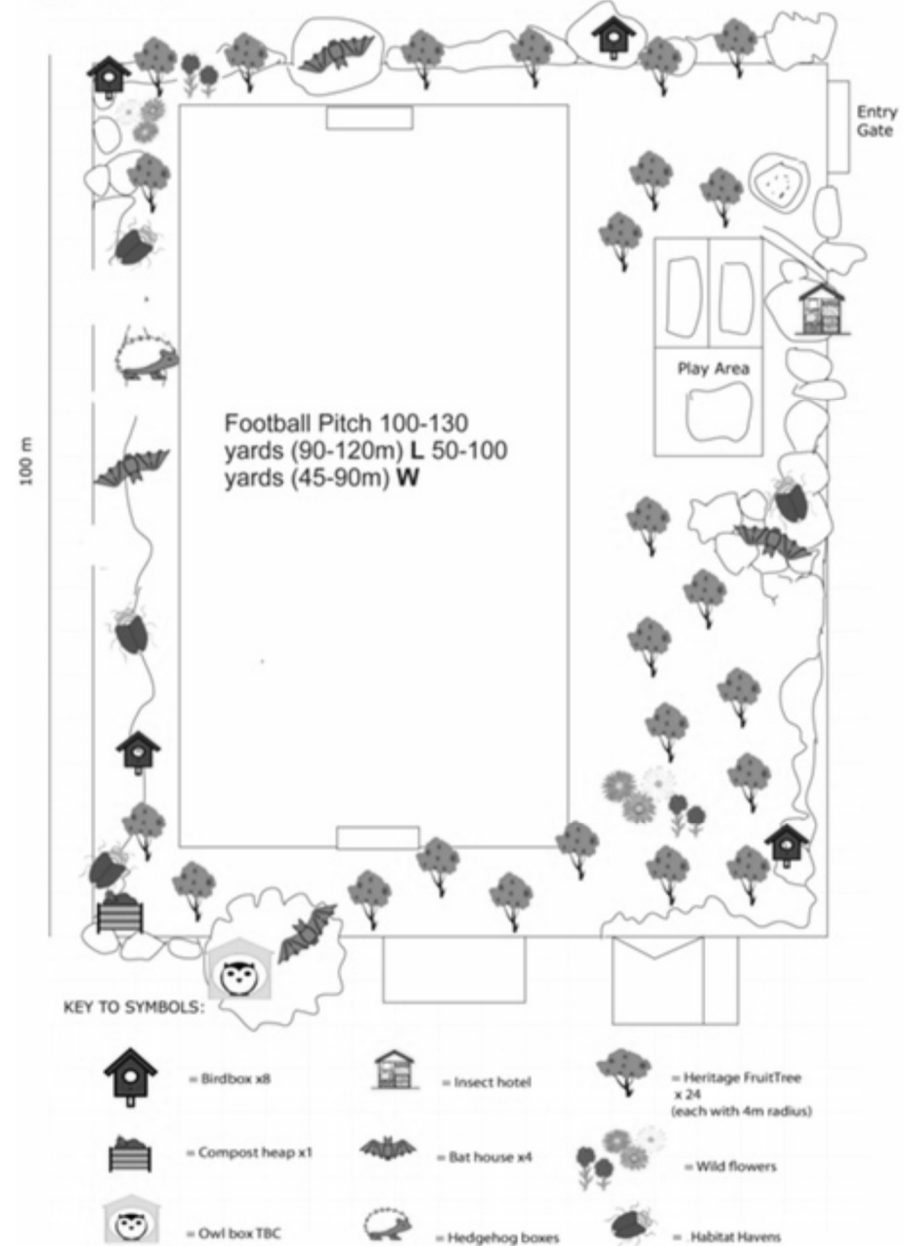
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## Draft Plans for- King George Playing Field

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## Village Hall

The Village Hall continues to be well supported by a variety of groups, and is maintained to a high standard, on a day to day basis, by our Hall Manager, Roger Farnell.

In order to support Roger we are presently undertaking recruitment for a part time cleaner to work one week per month, and to cover any additional holiday. We hope to have someone in place very soon.

As part of maintaining the Hall, Roger and the Committee undertook some redecoration of both halls during a week in August. Roger painted the inside of the main window in the small hall, and some of us painted the dado rail and lower wall in the main hall.

The projector screen has been removed as it had been broken for some time, and had fallen off the wall on a couple of occasions. The wall has now been painted white for screening images on to, and a projector stand has been purchased.

Following discussions between the contractors at the Hub; the Parish Council and the Hall Committee, we have been fortunate to have been able to have some work done at the Hall by Morgan Sindall as part of their Community engagement. This was carried out during the last week in October when they patched up and re-painted the ceiling in the Main Hall. They also put in two airbricks in the Small Hall to help with the condensation problem we have in there.

We are re-planting the garden with a variety of plants from our own gardens and would like to thank Roger and his mother for their hard work. If anyone would like to donate something for the garden then please do get in touch with Roger.

Our next project is to upgrade the lighting to LED, and we hope to put in secondary glazing in the main hall. This all depends on getting funding.

Our previous Chair of the Management Committee, Barbara Hill, sadly died recently and we plan to remember her in some way at the Hall.

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**FSMSGPC October 2019 Meeting Summary**

**Councillor's Present:** Cllr. Mike Collier (MC), Cllr. Gary Hubbard (GH), Cllr. Peter Forster (PF), Cllr. John Borrett (JB), Cllr. Penny Borrett (PBo). 12 Members of the public were present.

Cllr. Collier advised that two members of the public were representatives who were in attendance to speak in support of Planning item 6.ii, at the appropriate time, and that they were happy to answer any questions raised. Cllr. Collier congratulated the All Saints Hotel on the improvements made by the current ownership to the hotel and Golf course over recent years. He also pointed out that other similar developments already approved, or awaiting decision, and lying within 0.6 miles of the hotel and another local development, scheduled for starting soon, would bring another 100 units within a similar distance; raising the question whether The Fornham's needed or could cope with yet more. The Chair and Councillor's questioned what advantage there would be for the villages, if the proposal were to be approved, set against obvious disadvantages. Later in the meeting Mr. David Harris from All Saints Hotel outlined the Application for 37 Lodges on Fornham All Saints golf course, and explained that if he had labelled the buildings as Lodges the cost of the Application would be twice as expensive as if he called them caravans; hence the confusion between caravans/lodges and the reason they are referred to as caravans.

Steve Hall, the All Saints Hotel Golf Manager, also spoke on behalf of the Applicant and invited any members of the public to seek him out and he would escort them to visit the site and see it for themselves.

A number of questions and comments were raised and answered and Mr. Harris assured everyone that all objections or concerns noted by various Consultees had been dealt with and all were now in support of the Application, this is to be confirmed by the Clerk, with the Planning Officer. Comments were made that the proposal has proven to be controversial in The Fornham's, with many emotional responses from residents; a number of written objections from the public have been very well researched and composed.

Cllr. Collier read out a draft letter of objection and noted that it would be edited and amended as agreed by the PC, following this meeting.



**Local Authority Reports:****County & Borough Councillor**

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger was not present at the meeting.

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**Planning:**

**DC/19/1700/FUL - (i) Change of use of part of golf course to 37no. caravan lodge holiday homes (ii) new access from A1101 (iii) construction of access roads, parking spaces and associated infrastructure – Location Caravan Site South Pigeon Lane, Fornham All Saints Hotel, Fornham All Saints.**


**Resolved 19/10/6.02**

It was agreed to submit Objections to application DC/19/1700/FUL, with the following comments;

Fornham All Saints is an infill village, and is not part of the Bury St Edmunds Development Area, and as such the development will breach the rural green space between them and Bury St Edmund's contravening Vision 2031 and JDMDP Policy DM34 para a.). The proposal is not in-keeping with the rural setting and the character of the area, and is therefore in contravention of Policy DM2 of the JDMDP, specifically paras a) & c).



The site is also a recognised SSSI, and has several protected species, such as Canadian Geese, Egyptian Geese, Reed Warblers. Also on the site is Japanese Knotweed (*Japanese Knotweed is a recognised pest, requiring removal*) and is therefore in contravention of JDMDP Policy's DM10, DM11 & DM13 and DM34 para d).

The site is located on a principal aquifer and source protection zone (SPZ 2), and there are great concerns regarding the risks of contamination; The site falls within a Flood Plain, which has a history of flooding during wet weather, there was significant flooding of the area in 1968. In accordance with Policy DM6, the applicant should be required to provide a flooding and sustainable drainage scheme, which outlines the sewerage/water and drainage strategy and maintenance schedule. There have also been concerns raised by the River Lark Catchment Partnership, that the river may be affected by pollution and sewerage and that this may result in a detrimental impact on the Water Course. The Lark corridor is recognised as an important Biodiversity and is Nationally recognised for protection.



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There are no plans indicating how Cycleways between the site and Fornham Park, West Stow, & Genevieve Lakes will be linked, nor is there any provision for cycle storage, (as highlighted by SCC Highways in their comments);

The Access on to the A1101 Mildenhall Rd, has not adequately addressed how traffic flow will affect the road and the traffic through the villages, and the applicant is using out of date data on their Traffic Assessment. The permission granted under DC/17/1351/FUL for access, has a condition set for use only by maintenance vehicles, which will be breached if the proposed new access road uses this access as planned. As a result of this Highways have submitted a holding objection, based on these issues along with lack of information on the watercourse which will be crossed by the development and lack of information on parking; The Battlefield Trust, SCC Archaeological Services & Historic England have not withdrawn their concerns over the impact on the historic values of the site and the possible damage or loss of artefacts from when the battle 'did cross the River', and the development will have an 'impact' on the retreat that took place after the battle.

As a note of concern we would also like to raise the fact that the amount of holiday lodges within the local area is disproportionate to the need. There are currently 24 Lodges already built at Fornham Park, with 27 further lodges approved and with foundations in progress; there is also a 12 lodges application still pending determination. So if the proposed 37 lodges application at the hotel is approved this would equal 100 lodges in total. Plus, with the RV6 Stennett's provision which has been allocated, a further possible 100 lodges at Genevieve Lakes could also happen, all within close proximity of each other, being only 1/6 of a mile apart. Surely this is over development and does not represent correct use of JDMDP Policy DM34.

#### Finance & Policies:

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

#### Resolved 19/10/10.01

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (HQ). The bank account balance as of 1st October 2019 is £18,418.04.

#### Highways & Footpaths:

**Lark Valley Trees & Footpaths Update**

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In response to a question from the floor, Cllr. Mike Collier confirmed that action had now been taken in trimming offending trees on Lark Valley Drive. A further update is anticipated for the next meeting.

**Parish Matters:**

**Eco Initiatives for the King George Playing Field Update**

The Clerk, Chair and Cllr. Hopfensperger met with Greener Growth, on site, on 31 July. Several different ideas were discussed and Greener Growth are yet to prepare formal designs and costings which were expected to be available by now; this item is to be deferred to the November meeting and the Clerk is to chase up Greener Growth for for the proposals.

**Defibrillator Update**

The Clerk is liaising with our Insurance Company in order to get a replacement unit which is expected to cost in the region of £950.00. In the mean-time the loan unit from CHT is in use and the site is now reactivated with the Ambulance Service as a live site.

**Meeting Closed 9:12pm**

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**FSMSGPC November 2019 DRAFT MINUTES Meeting Summary**

**Councillor's Present:** Cllr. Mike Collier (MC), Cllr. Gary Hubbard (GH), Cllr. Peter Forster (PF), Cllr. John Borrett (JB), Cllr. Penny Borrett (PBo), Cllr. Paul Butler (PBu), Cllr. Frank Stennett (FS).

2 Members of the public were present.

The Clerk was asked to report the flooding at Barton Hill (BMW Garage) again to Highways and Cllr. Hopfensperger.

**Local Authority Reports:**

**County & Borough Councillor**

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger was not present at the meeting.

Police SNT newsletters are available to view at; [www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/snt-newsletters](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/snt-newsletters)

**Clerks Report:**

- The Clerk is to chase again the report to the Trees Officer regarding the Oak Trees at No.'s 8 & 9 Park Avenue.

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- The Clerk confirmed that she had reported the fallen tree on The Street, opposite the 'Old Thetford Road' gateway. The Tree Officer from WSC had visited and determined no action was necessary.
- The Clerk reported the Graffiti on the Gas Chamber at Barton Hill to Cadent, they have already been out and removed it.
- The Village Planters have been planted out with bulbs by David Randall. Our thanks to him for all his help and hard work.

#### Planning:

**DC/19/2144/FUL - Single storey reception hall extension to front of hotel - Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve**

**Resolved**

No Objections.

**DC/19/2201/FUL - single storey rear extension - Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve**

**Resolved**

No Objections.

#### Highways & Footpaths:

##### Lark Valley Trees & Footpaths Update

An update is anticipated for the next meeting from Cllr. Hopfensperger.

##### Access/Egress to 'Bleak House' and Playing Field

The Clerk is to report online the need for maintenance to the vegetation and hedges on the verge, which is obstructing visibility to 'Bleak House' entrance, as well as the Playing Field entrance, and obscuring of the signage.

##### Traffic Calming and Signage Feasibility - Barton Hill

The Clerk is awaiting a date from Highways and Cllr. Hopfensperger to do a site visit and to discuss the issues.

##### Eco Initiatives for the King George Playing Field Update

The Clerk, presented preliminary designs and plans from Greener Growth, the plans are to be put in the Bugle for consultation. Plans are also available to view by contacting the Clerk. The Clerk will work with Greener Growth to get final draft 3D plans for the next meeting, it is then hoped to have them on display at the February Parish Council meeting.

### Bugle Advertising Costs Review

It was agreed to increase the fee to place an advert in the Bugle by 10%; £66 for a ½ page and £132 for a full page, from the December 2019/ January 2020 edition.

It was also agreed to increase the Editorial fees by 1%, rising from £184 to £185.83 per edition.

### Finance & Policies:

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

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (HQ). The bank account balance as of 1 November 2019 is £16,939.92.

### 2020 Meeting Dates

It was agreed that the Parish Council will continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month, with the exception of August & December

#### Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin

Meeting Closed 9:24pm

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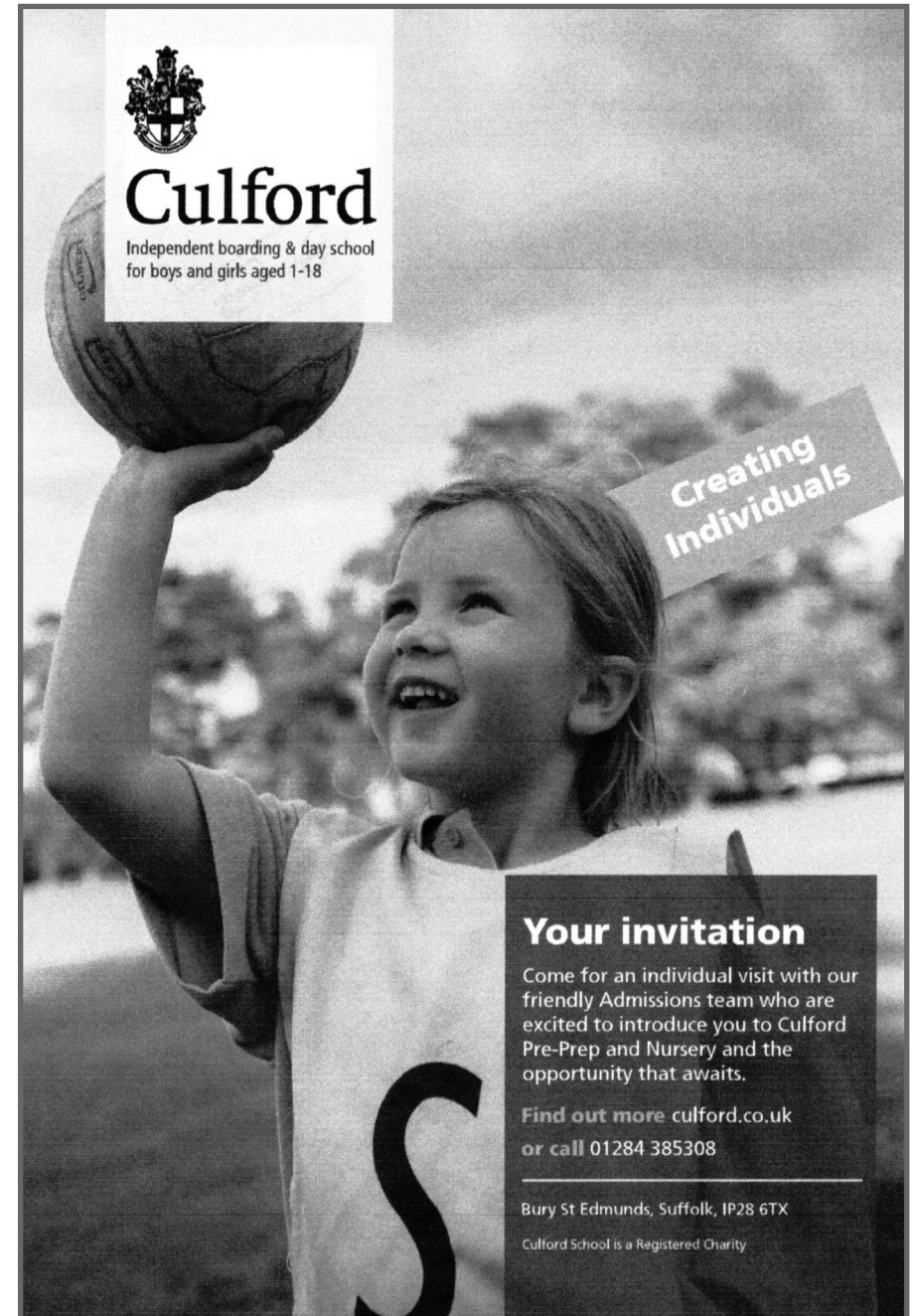
The Parish Council Minutes of Meetings will in future be submitted in an abbreviated report format to the Bugle. Full copies of Draft and Approved Minutes can be viewed on our website;

<http://fornhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/> or can be requested from the Clerk [fmsgpc@gmail.com](mailto:fmsgpc@gmail.com) or in writing at

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**PLEASE NOTE :** *The deadline for articles to be included in the FEB 20/ MAR 20 edition of the Bugle will be **NOON SAT 18 JAN 2020** This will ensure that residents receive their copy before the beginning of the month shown on the front cover.*

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Fornham St Martin Rock Trail

**"Should auld acquaintance be forgot . . ."**

Well that's about it for 2019 . . . and rock-on 2020, welcome to a new decade . . . the Christmas rocks are now officially out-and-about in the village.

We really hope everyone has enjoyed finding and re-hiding throughout the past year.

There have been reports – and pictures – of rocks showing up in far-flung places including: Turkey, the USA, Scandinavia and we've heard that some will be off to Australia early in the New Year. All from our little village in sleepy ol' Suffolk !

It would be great to see some pictures of Our Rocks at Ayers Rock !

For the rest of the winter its up to you 'rockies' to dig out some old rocks that have been hiding in your garden – or under the kids beds – maybe give them a fresh coat of paint and get them back into circulation.

I know I've said this before, but it really would be nice to see some more postings on the Facebook page and give me a bit more inspiration to carry on – although it's still nice when people just stop me in the street to say how much they enjoy finding them. I'd also like to thank my small, but very enthusiastic bunch of helpers – especially Coleen - who distribute the rocks around the village.

Wishing you all a Rockin' good Christmas and a Happy New Year, from Donna & Laurie, and looking forward to starting up again for Easter 2020.

**Keep on Rockin !**

## LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club meeting started with a report, given by the secretary, Beryl Dykes, of the year's activities. We then had the financial report from the Treasurer, Rosemary Chenery. The committee members were all happy to continue in their posts for next year. Beryl then introduced our guest speaker, Lyn Mortimer, who gave us a very amusing insight into the role of a local journalist. Lyn has been a feature writer and columnist for the East Anglian Daily Times and the Eastern Daily Press. She is a 64-year-old, now retired and describes herself as having been denied HRT and the mother-in-law from hell. She has worked with Stephen Foster, is known for her Monday column, has written a great deal about her first grandchild and received a lot of letters about the correct way to wean a baby, baby intercoms and of course how to bribe small kiddies or not as the case may be. She showed us some wonderful

cartoons of herself and told us that she and her husband are still heavily involved in pantomime writing. She had several jobs before she joined the newspaper's training course at the age of 35. Her first day in the newsroom was in 1990 and she spent several years as a Court reporter, has done a lot of interviews with well-known people and has been in the press entourage for royal events. She was an amusing speaker and although now retired, her busy life goes on.

There was a definite air of expectation as Ladies Club members arrived for the October meeting, some were speculating about what our speaker Lisa Jones would be telling us and maybe even "showing" us! I do not think we are a narrow-minded group or prudish but there is something just a touch naughty about this evening's subject of "knickers". I do not think anyone would have forgotten what this evening would be about! Lisa took us way back to ancient history when undergarments were either nonexistent or at best very rudimentary. The upper classes might have had a servant who assisted them or if in the lower orders then one's many petticoats could be used to give a little privacy. I found it hard to imagine such times! It was during the Victorian era that 'knickers' (or a garment like them) came into regular use. Lisa had several examples to show us from this history. Our own memories provided other experiences. Many aspects of "underwear" were



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a family member buried in an unmarked grave. If names and approximate dates can be provided, we can verify these at the Suffolk Records Office, and add the details to the plan and list, very important to record for posterity.

Now its December, we look forward to **Christmas Carols and Services**, both here and in our sister Churches. Christmas cards listing all the services will be distributed to all houses. Particularly for the popular **Carols Service on Tuesday 17th December at 7pm**, and the **Crib Service on Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve at 4pm**, rounding off with Christmas Day morning at 10.30am with a Family Communion. Normal Sunday services at 10am are on 8th and 22nd December. In January they are on 12th and 26th, all as shown on the notice boards.

*Beryl Dykes and David Yates, Churchwardens*

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discussed from Liberty bodices to cami knickers via knitted swimming 'cozzies' (which drooped when wet) to petticoats, some made from parachute silk or paper nylon. Many of Lisa's examples were originals. Pockets of conversation, discussion and laughter rose and fell as we shared our many memories - suspender belts, roll-ons, stockings and tights, a few iconic bras (including the "wonder bra". We realised that we had been and are living in a marvellous period of developing freedoms for women!

Bees and bee keeping are becoming more and more important at this time of our changing Climate. Bees are responsible for a very large proportion of the necessary pollination needed for our 'Worlds' crops to grow and flourish. Ralph Bayley, our speaker this evening, explained how problems with this are becoming evident to him. He explained that he now has fewer hives with fewer bees. His Grandfather had kept bees. This was during wartime where the honey produced would have made a welcome addition to the family's sugar ration. But this year has been a difficult one, Ralph had followed in his grandfather's footsteps, taken a beekeeping course and started several hives. He explained about the different bees found in the hive, their different roles and the story of honey production. Ralph is clearly fascinated by his bees, dedicated to looking after them and his enthusiasm was catching!

We had some pots of his honey to taste and other bee products to buy - beeswax soap and candles.

On 4 December, at The Priory Hotel in Bury St Edmunds, we shall gather to celebrate Christmas together, 6.30 for 7pm. For more information please contact **Secretary Beryl Dykes 01284 704109** **berlydykes@outlook.com**

Normal meetings begin again on 15 January 2020 at Fornham St Martin Village Hall, 7.45pm. Linda Shadbolt will talk about Antique Baby Bottles.

Please come and join us, a warm welcome awaits you!  
Mary Payne 704801

## GARDEN CLUB

The speaker booked to address our meeting on 10 September was unavailable at the last minute and we fully appreciated the offer by one of our members to step into the breach. Ian Robertson was Farm Manager at the Elveden Estate for 28 years and delivered a fascinating talk, with accompanying detailed slideshow, entitled "History and Modern Farming at Elveden". Beginning with the imposing Elveden Hall and tales of its occupancy by Duleep Singh (a favourite of Queen Victoria) in the 1880's, to its use by Americans as a hospital during WW2, we learnt that the Hall has since remained unoccupied. In 1984, the Hall's contents were auctioned, realising some 5 million pounds. Despite this, it's magnificent interior has made the Hall very sought after and popular as a film set. The nearby St Andrew's and St Patrick's churches are most unusual and well worth a visit, with Duleep Singh and his family graves having been restored in recent years by his descendants. Currently covering around 22,000 acres some of the estate's land was used during WW1 to trial the newly designed tanks. The aim was to train the soldiers in how to handle these recently built war machines on land that was criss-crossed by trenches. The War Memorial, unveiled in November 1921, can be seen as a prominent landmark by the side of the A11 dual carriageway.

The 2nd Earl of Iveagh (1874-1967) invested his energy, time and finances into developing the farming, which continues to this day on the Breckland soil with its distinctive flora and fauna. Two reservoirs and a vast irrigation system have been installed to supply the arable and livestock farming, which is only a part of the huge modern-day enterprise. Thus, this former shooting estate has now grown to include, not only the productive farming component, but also the Courtyard shopping area, the Elveden Inn and a 4x4 off-road driving experience - not forgetting the sale of Christmas trees and a chance to meet Father Christmas! Ian gave us his personal experiences and this made his fact-filled talk all the more enjoyable. The Club made a donation to Elveden Church as a token of our appreciation.

Our speaker in October was Karon Sanders from Stackyard Nursery, Mendlesham who delivered a fascinating talk on the "Olympic Park". Karon was one of a large team of horticulturalists and landscape

Several residents, and family members, from Fornham House were welcomed to the Remembrance Service On Sunday 10th November. The congregation enjoyed warming refreshments and fellowship in the church afterwards. There is a very suitable display of poppies and laid out in church and across the altar, including a boxed set of two ceramic poppies from the Tower of London exhibition a few years ago, in memory of two brothers Cecil and William Feakes, named on the War Memorial, donated by the family, with our grateful thanks. Also a very good display in the porch of the names, backgrounds and history of the 15 fallen, by Donna Pott, with our thanks, with some suitably decorated small rocks, her current hobby. Beryl organised the sale of poppies around the village, and the amount collected will be available for the next edition. Nationally last year £51m was raised by the 40,000 collectors.

On 3rd December we hold the **funeral of Eileen Laflin**, a long standing resident of the village. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

On 6th December we will hold a **Memorial Service for Barbara Hill**, who lived in the village for many years until recently. She was a former Mayor of St Edmundsbury, well known and liked by many residents.

A report on the **Book Sale Coffee and Cakes with Christmas Stall** on Saturday 30th November, will be included in next edition of the Bugle, as its after the printing deadline. Lots of books are currently arriving, so thanks to everyone who has donated. The Christmas stall, to give some seasonal variety, is an opportunity to buy some Christmas cards and presents. Always a sociable and friendly day out with friends, or to make new ones, we look forward to welcoming our regular or new readers from near and surrounding towns and villages.

Following some late sponsorships the final amount raised by Judith Eley's **Cycle Ride for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust** was £145, so thanks again to Judith, as we keep half, and SHCT keep the other half to give out in grants.

As we near the end of the year, its good to see the **visitors book** filling up with names from near and very far away, many looking to find graves and pay respects to relatives, perhaps with flowers or a wreath. Of great assistance in finding graves is our **Churchyard Survey Plan**, on the table by the organ, with a full list of all the 480 graves, each numbered for ease of locating. Often talking to relatives, they point out



## CHURCH NEWS

The **Tudor Rose Concert** on Saturday 19th October went very well and enjoyed by everyone, although there were a few empty seats that needed filling.

With a nice variety of music including popular pieces by Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Pachelbel, there was also Irish Air, Hungarian Folk Songs and some songs from the Shows. Combined with some organ pieces by Musical Director Kevin Slingsby, there was something for everyone. With a short interval for a break and draw the raffle, we rounded the evening off with a wine buffet and chance to mix and socialise. Thanks to everyone who came and supported this event, and especially those who helped organise and provided the excellent refreshments £400 was raised towards the **Bells and Tower Project**.



Plans and arrangements for this are progressing, including grant applications, and a leaflet describing the works and proposals is enclosed, by kind permission of the Parish Council. If you would like to help in any way, and perhaps make a donation to be part of this venture, it would be great to hear from you.

Church bells are a fundamental part of all churches, rung to celebrate many occasions such as weddings, or as part of a memorial of a loved one's life, or perhaps a national event where it becomes a requirement. Ringing of the village's bells has been severely restricted for many years, and we feel it is now time for them to be brought back to a full and proper life, and part of the village's long heritage of nearly 700 years.

The Events Group will be meeting in December to consider and plan next year's events, concerts etc, so if you have any suggestions please let us know.

The **Remembrance Day** Services were well supported, including the Parish Council, with Mike Collier and Penny Borrett reading the lessons, and Anita Rooney reading the names of the 15 fallen from Fornham St Martin at the War Memorial for prayers and the 2 minutes silence "In Remembrance, They will not be forgotten". Beryl and Mike Collier laid the wreaths on behalf of the Church and Parish Council for the village, respectively. A small wooden cross has been placed by the grandson of John William Devereux, named on the War Memorial.

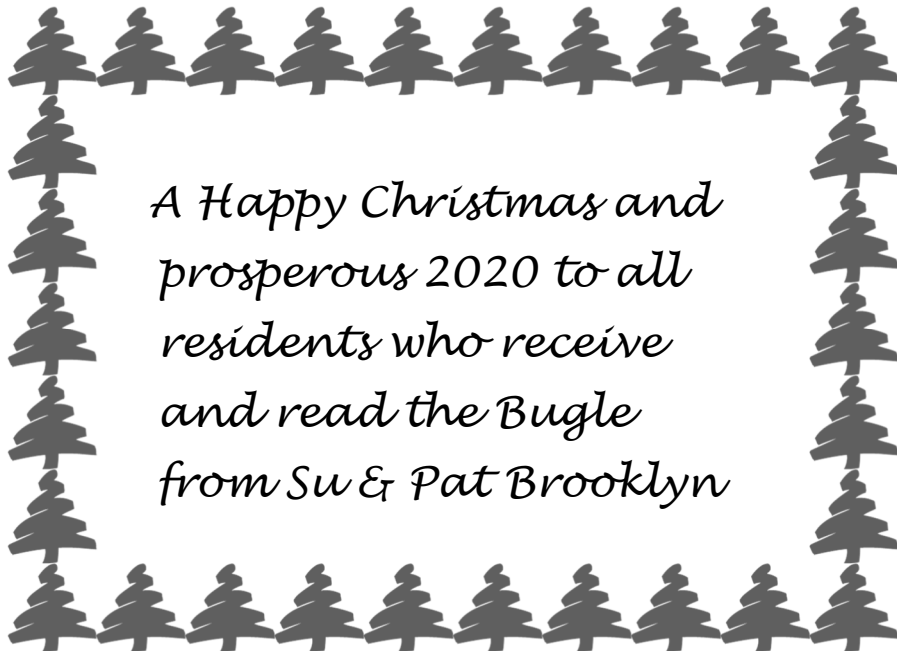
architects who came together in 2005 to move the planting for the 2012 Olympics in the Stratford area of London from the initial concept through to the finished borders. The team was headed by Nigel Dunnett and Professor James Hitchmough. One of the main challenges of the chosen site, an area of about 500 acres, was that it was crossed by 5 tributaries of the Thames and so the first task was the installation of huge land and storm drains. Within 2 years, great results had been achieved with improved and controlled drainage. In addition to the drainage issues, the area had been an industrial site, some of the ground was contaminated and a series of interconnecting manmade waterways (the Bow Back Rivers) were full of rubbish. The Canal and River Trust were involved in a 3-year project to restore the canals and to use them as access routes for the Park. Testament to the ethos of sustainability and ecology that featured so strongly in the minds of the designers of Olympics 2012, is the fact that these waterways are still being used today, with several houseboats moored along the canals. Their restoration has also allowed space for nature and encouraged wildlife back into this once neglected area of East London. While all this was being tackled, the basic design concept for the gardens was being developed with a major focus on sustainability and producing an ecologically orientated park.

In 2008/2009 test beds were established at RHS Wisley, Surrey to trial several ideas of planting combinations, to establish the fitness and robustness of plants in borders with more than one layer of planting, and to achieve a palette of colours lasting several months of the year. It was also important to work out the best initial planting density to achieve the desired goal after 2 years of growth (so that the planting would peak during the actual Olympics!) Whilst these trials were underway, the Park was being cleared of birch trees (it had been discovered that birch trees are the worst for allergies and we learnt that they are no longer planted in schools, hospitals and other public spaces) and wasteland plants. Gabions were installed to achieve a terraced effect in several areas. Eventually the area was ready for planting and the team set about manually planting 1000's and 1000's of plug plants – a Herculean task of which Karon was heavily involved. The goal was to achieve a pictorial meadow and many of the plants were South African prairie plants. Based on the results of the Wisley trials, the planting scheme in the meadow areas was 55% ground

cover plants, 30-35% middle height plants and 5-10% tall plants. Anybody who was at the 2012 Olympics will remember just how successful all the research and hard work was; the horticultural team certainly left a wonderful legacy. There is now an excellent and well used community space and park to enjoy and allotments for local residents to develop.

The Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. Membership is £13/year with visitors paying £3/visit. For further information, please contact the Chairman (Keith Jones, 728077); new members are always very welcome.

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