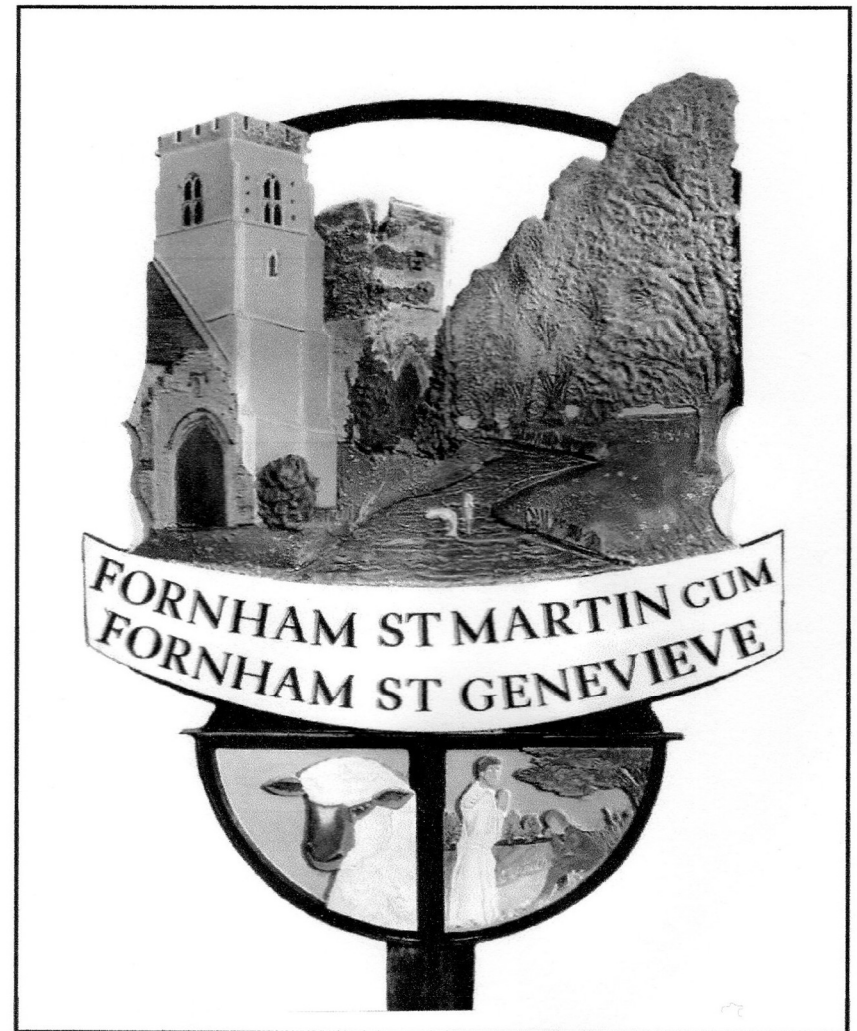
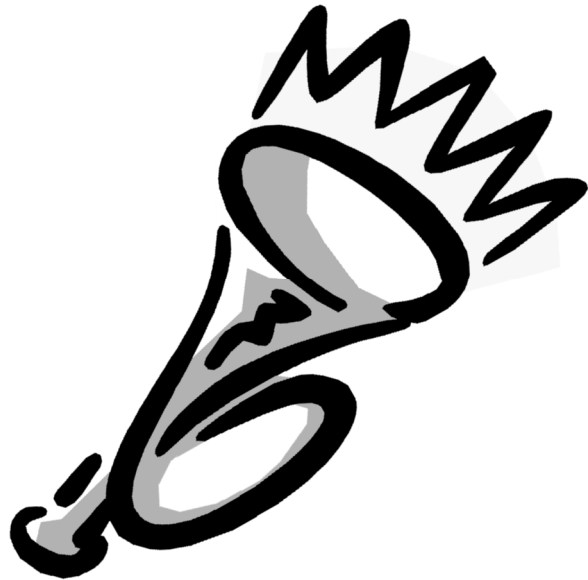


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Thurs 8 Oct 2020 at 7:30pm, via Zoom;

Zoom Meeting see page 14 for how to join in.

What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

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Monday	5:30 pm & 7:30 pm	Slimming World
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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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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
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3rd Sun		
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4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)

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CHURCH NEWS

Its very pleasing to have Sunday Services continue again, with Family Communion commenced on 26 July. We also started up again from 4 August our 10 am Communion services on alternate Tuesdays, a small quiet service, ideally suited to some.

We have also managed to recruit the services of one of our favourite organists again, Paul Beddoe, to play suitable music during the Sunday services, which gives a really nice and fitting atmosphere. Even better Revd Sylvia suggested that Paul play the hymns we would have had, and we follow the words. It was very hard to resist bursting into song, but we coped!

We held our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on 27 September, to maintain this important tradition, but unfortunately in the present circumstances this was not possible. In front of the altar decorations of fresh fruit and vegetables were laid out, donated after, but the Bishop's advice was to mainly donate dried or tinned produce, to be donated to local food banks after, like Gatehouse.

Remembrance Day is **Sun 8 Nov**, and it would be good to see many from the village, in memory of, and to recognise, all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, especially the 15 from Fornham St Martin. There will be a shorter than usual Communion Service in Church at 9.15 am, followed by the Remembrance Day Service at 10.15 am, and then prayers, reading of the names of the fallen, and laying of wreaths at the War Memorial at 11.00 am. Pray for fine weather.!

We joined in the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) Ride and Stride on Sat 12 Sept, held throughout Suffolk. Judith Eley was our "Rider " and Heather Long was our "Strider " (accompanied by Mary Payne) making sponsorship possible, which was very good, to generate some much needed funds, with our grateful thanks. Much thanks too, to everyone who supported us by sponsoring them and Val Seaman who did her own Ride for the Church. It was a beautiful warm and sunny day, and they enjoyed our glorious Suffolk countryside and Bury, visiting 27 churches altogether. Sponsorships amount to £800, a magnificent amount for this event, which goes to SHCT, who return half, and keep the other half to amass a fund to give out as grants for needy Suffolk church fabric repairs. We have been fortunate to receive such a grant towards repairing our very badly worn tower steps, worn down after some 700 years use, as part of our Bells and Tower Project.

To raise some badly needed late funds this year, we are holding a Jam & Chutney sale at the Church Gates on **Sat 21 Nov** and a Prize Draw, that we had planned for the Summer Fete but has now become a Christmas Draw, as the fete had to be cancelled. In order to make the Draw worthwhile and sell enough tickets we will be calling at houses during November with advance notice by leaflets, as we do

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for the fete. Whilst we hope many will support this venture, we appreciate some may not. Lots of prizes as usual £50 and £25 cash and a Family Day Pass to Center Parcs leading the way.

The church has been available for individual private prayer since early July, with Beryl and I available to open for anyone, as it is kept locked for the time being. This way we feel we can control, and keep a record of, anyone wishing to visit for this purpose and keep the risk of any virus transmission to subsequent visitors, to a minimum. Do please contact us if you would like to spend a few private spiritual moments in the Church, often a source of great comfort in difficult, maybe personal, times.

We have now set a date for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sun 11 October at 11.15 am after the 10 am Communion Service, much delayed from the original date of 14 April due to the Chinese Pandemic. We hope as many as feel able, and safe, will attend this very important meeting of the church. This will enable us to formally elect a Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Churchwardens for 2021. Better late than never you might say, after all the restrictions and disruption we have, and still are, suffering.

In September we held funeral / memorial services, followed by interment of ashes, for Eileen Laffin and Joyce Bridges. Our support, thoughts and prayers are with their families.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan Goodenough at the funeral of Teresa, a long standing friend and supporter of both Fornhams Churches, whose Funeral Service was held at Fornham All Saints Church on 16 September.

Parish Treasurers meet at the end of October, to consider next years Parish Share requested by the Diocese, mainly to cover the costs of providing Ministers, and their support. Obviously income from events is disastrously down. Appeal letters sent out have received limited, but encouraging responses, for which we are very grateful, but we need more if we are to be viable next year, and maintain the facilities the church offers for weddings, funerals and burials for example. We also have to justify to the Diocese that we are a viable and financially stable Church, in these difficult times.

Services at 10 am are :

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November :- Sundays 8 and 22 Tuesdays 3 and 17.

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David Yates (705157)

Beryl Dykes (704109) Churchwardens



GARDEN CLUB

On 17 August, the Committee held a meeting in the Chairman's garden; luckily the sun was out and we could all safely socially distance! We were reduced in number to 6 in order to abide by the current coronavirus restrictions. Among other items, we deliberated on the feasibility of restarting our monthly meetings. We came to the conclusion that the restrictions on holding large indoor meetings were unlikely to be relaxed in the short term and that we would therefore cancel all our speakers for the rest of the year. Almost all visiting speakers have been happy to rebook for next year. Our January meeting would normally be the Annual Dinner at Bury Golf Club; the Committee will be in touch once we know if this will be possible.

Although it is disappointing that we are unable to hold our monthly meetings, we currently still plan to go ahead with our trip to the Christmas Candlelight Tour at Holkham Hall, Norfolk on Friday, 11 December. Places on the coach are still available and if you would like to go please contact Mike Clark (01284 750125). This is also open to non-members but numbers on the coach will be limited.

More and more gardens are now open and although the need to book ahead is almost universal, this process has definitely become much easier than it was when we came out of lockdown. In the East of England, several gardens are free to RHS members on certain days of the week: Beth Chatto's in Essex (any day from Nov-Mar), Anglesey Abbey gardens near Cambridge (any day), Fullers Mill at West Stow (Wednesday when open), Sandringham gardens, Norfolk (Wednesdays), and the Swiss Garden, Biggleswade (Thursday). All have websites to enable you to check that the above details still apply. In case we all end up in lockdown again, I would suggest getting out and visiting as many gardens as possible in the next month or so!

Several garden-related podcasts are available, interesting to follow and generally free. A few suggestions: Gardening with the RHS, The Garden Podcast (also RHS), and Gardener's Question Time, to name but a few. From time to time the English Heritage weekly podcasts, which are very well presented and interesting, will focus on gardens at their properties (eg, Episode 57 on 30 April 2020 discusses the planned transformation of the gardens at Belsay Hall in Northumberland by Dan Pearson). All

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To finish on another cocktail and one that is very suitable for this season of the year. A Bramble is, as its name suggests, based on blackberries, which are now ripening in all the hedgerows. Shake together gin (50 mls), lemon juice (25 mls), sugar syrup (three-quarters of a tablespoon) and a few ice cubes. Then strain this over a glass filled with crushed ice. Drizzle "crème de mure" (a blackberry liqueur) over the top so it trickles down into the drink, finishing with a lemon slice and a couple of fresh blackberries. It is very colourful!

The Fornham Garden Club is always keen to welcome new members. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Fornham St Martin Village Hall and usually have outings to local gardens in the summer. Anybody with any queries about the meetings, outings or membership should contact the Chairman [Keith Jones, 728077].



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At this first information gathering stage, the council will be consulting and seeking comments on a variety of issues and options. This includes questions such as have we identified the challenges correctly and relevant local issues as well as is the settlement hierarchy right and is yours in the right place.

Due to COVID-19 engagement on this will naturally be different to before the pandemic. There will be a range of ways people will be able to see the information, find out more and have their say, including a virtual exhibition online. As and if guidance changes on social gatherings the engagement will change to meet this where possible.

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Fornham St Martin Rock Trail

Late Autumn Rocks

Sorry about missing the last issues of the Bugle . . . but, hey, doesn't time fly when you're having fun and painting rocks.

We hope you have enjoyed the rocks put out of the summer, especially with a longish dose of lockdown thrown in. We've had some lovely comments from villages saying how much it's added to their enjoyment of a walk around the Fornhams – especially with children and grandchildren when, let's face it, there hasn't been too much else to do.

We think there's been somewhere in the region of 2,000 gone out. And guess what? All gone. Who knows where?

On the plus side it was quite exciting to find a lovely 'heart' from Cape Town rocks. It's up on the Facebook page if you want to have a look. We also posted a picture back to their Facebook page and had over 60 'likes' and 'comments'. We know it was first seen up at Moreton Hall before arriving in Fornham and can only hope that whoever hid it has taken some of ours back to South Africa with them.

As we move through autumn and into winter there'll be Halloween and then Christmas rocks to come.

I'll end with the usual plea from The Rock Fairy: have fun finding and re-hiding our Fornham rocks but **PLEASE** try and remember to post some pictures on **#Fornham St Martin Rock Trail** – it only takes a minute.

Happy Autumn Rocking

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LADIES CLUB

“Ladies” in Limbo.

Limbo - an uncertain period of awaiting a decision or resolution - so explains one of the meanings of “limbo” in my concise Oxford Dictionary. I think this fits the bill very well for where Ladies Club find itself now!

Fornham St Martin Village Hall is now “open” but because of COVID-19 restrictions we can only have 15 chairs. Yes, we are a small club, but how to choose which 15 members could attend our meetings - issue tickets perhaps? Or maybe have a lottery? I am smiling as I write this! A very difficult situation for the Committee to resolve - so Ladies Club will remain resting in limbo, linked by the thread of this report and the Village Grapevine - awaiting a more suitable resolution.

We have had difficult situations to resolve in the past. One winter, many years ago, membership numbers went down to 10 attending meetings. Should we close? Fornham St Martin Parish Council came to our rescue with a grant. We held Jumble Sales to boost funds and numbers picked up. Our Club was back in business!

Recently we have been enjoying lovely late Summer weather. This was especially welcome on Saturday 12 September the day for the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride & Stride. I have supported this for many years, first riding and later walking - not striding as the event describes itself! This year I was walking with my friend Heather from Fornham St Martin. She was being sponsored by friends from FSM church? I was walking for All Saints, Bury St Edmunds. It was a glorious day, sunny from end to end!

We started in Fornham All Saints, then off to Fornham St Martin where Heather lives, walking through Fornham St Genevieve where I used to live. After this we reached the town, visiting 17 churches in total. Not many were open but we took photos at each - to prove we had been there!



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We stopped for lunch in the garden/churchyard of the Quakers Chapel in St John's Street having bought our sandwich from "Wrights" just across the street. We stopped again for a cup of tea at Milly Tyler Tearooms in Langton Place.

We eventually reached All Saints, Park Road - our final Church and close to where I live. We had walked from All Saints to All Saints! A lovely day, different from usual, we shared lots of good conversation and laughs!

I wonder what changes might be ahead? Will we be going from Lockdown to Limbo and back to Lockdown again? I hope not, but there are many rumours flying around!

Until next our next edition, stay safe, keep your distance and please send me any news you have of Ladies Club members.

Mary Payne

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The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thurs 8 Oct 2020 at 7:30pm, via Zoom;
 To join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3224067235?pwd=VDItM3hNbnFWYk1ZFdkYVw1EVjU2UT09>
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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:
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