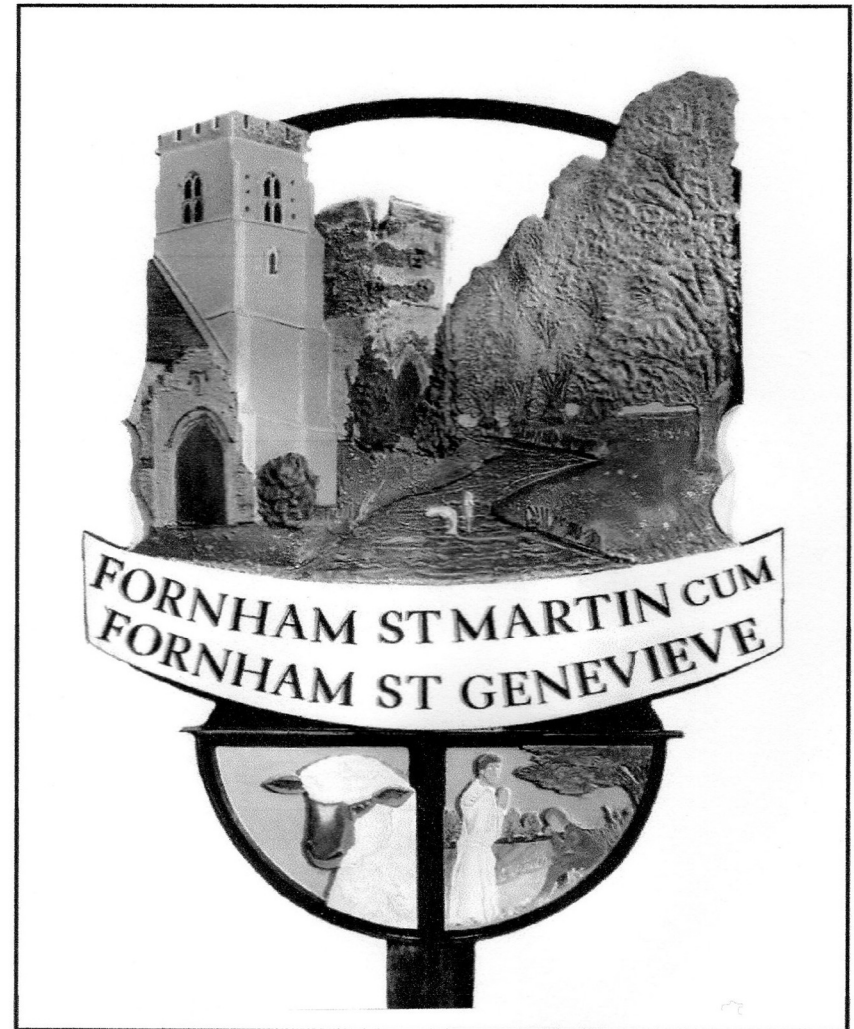




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Happy Christmas to all residents who read the Bugle - all the best for 2021.

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
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1st Wed	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Militar drive in aid of Air Amb
1st Thurs		
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	s and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	arden Club (not January)
2nd Wed		
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	10:00 to 12 noon	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)
3rd Wed	7:15 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
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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Parish Council



West Suffolk Local Plan – Issues and Options consultation - Tues 13 October (9am) to Tuesday 22 December (5pm) 2020

Notes from the Parish Council;

The Parish Council would like to bring to the attention of residents of Fornham St Martin and St Genevieve this consultation. The classification of the villages will be changed from an 'Infill Village' to a Class A, which can allow for new development outside of the village boundaries, thus bringing the villages closer to Bury St Edmunds resulting in the loss of our separate identity. The reason for this declassification is that West Suffolk are classing us as a Class A, under the criteria that the villages are 2km away from local services and amenities; of course the amenities they are referring to is Bury St Edmunds Town Centre, from which we have always been separate. The villages themselves do not have any shops, schools, GP's, libraries or a Post Office. As such, the Parish Council will be submitting our objections to this declassification and would suggest that residents take the time to look at the consultation documents and submit their own objections. For further information, feel free to contact the Clerk fsmsgpc@gmail.com.

The issues and options consultation documents will be available to view as soon as the consultation starts at <https://westsuffolk.inconsult.uk/>. You do not need to register to view the documents but you will need to register to send your comments via the system. This is the most efficient and effective way to send your views.

This issues and options consultation will run for 10 weeks from Tues 13 October (9am) to Tuesday 22 December (5pm) 2020

Responding through the online consultation system provides a number of benefits:

- You can enter your comments as you read through the document, paragraph by paragraph and answer the questions directly into the document.
- You will be able to view other people's comments after consultation closes and they have been accepted.
- You will be automatically notified when new documents are available for consultation.
- You will be able to update your own personal details and areas of interest.
- You will be able to join and leave consultations at any time during the consultation period.
- It is cheaper and quicker.

Although it is preferred for you to use the online system, comments made by email or letter will still be accepted. These will be summarised by the policy team and entered into the online system so that other people can see them and they can be included in reports. Unless you are registered you will not be able to view other people's responses.

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- West Suffolk Local Plan – Part Two – Local Issues
- West Suffolk Local Plan – Part Three – Settlements
- Sustainability Appraisal
- Habitats Regulations Appraisal
- Sustainable Settlements Study

Public consultation events - due to COVID-19 they are unable to hold public consultation events at this time, however, they are running an online virtual exhibition between 13 October to 22 December 2020. The virtual exhibition will be open for anyone to join and you will have the chance to read through information, ask the project team questions and provide feedback via the council's online consultation system. You will be able to access the virtual exhibition from 13 October by clicking the link on the consultation homepage.

Live chat will be available with planning officers in the virtual exhibition space during the consultation period. There will be additional hours for live chat on launch day 13 October: 10am-12pm and 2-6pm. But generally live chat will be 10am-12pm and 4pm to 6pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On the consultation closing day, the live chat will be available 10am-12pm and 2-5pm.

Once consultation is live - visit the exhibition <https://westsuffolk.exhibition.app/>

The consultation **closes at 5pm on Tuesday 22 December** and they are unable to accept any comments submitted after that time.

If you need any further information, please feel free to contact the Strategic Planning team on planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk or 01284 757368

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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Whilst restrictions are in place, we are limited to welcoming fifteen people in the main hall (including babies and toddlers). Therefore, sessions are booked and paid for in advance. At the time of writing, the sessions are proving very popular and we are fully booked well into November.

Before the beginning of each session, the toys selected are thoroughly cleaned as are the chairs for adults. Cleaning wipes are available whilst the group is taking place so that the toys can be cleaned as necessary.

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Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Parish Council meetings are currently being held via Zoom online.

Meetings are still being held monthly on the second Thursday at 7:30pm, and members of the public are still welcome to attend and join us online;

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To access copies of the Parish Council Minutes please go to our website; <http://fornhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/>

Please be aware that there was no meeting held in October 2020. There will be no meeting in December, with the next meeting to be held on **Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7:30pm.**

To add something to be included on the Agenda, please contact the Clerk; fsmgpc@gmail.com



The Parish Council would like to wish residents a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2021!**



PLEASE NOTE : *The deadline for articles to be included in the FEB 21 /MAR 21 edition of the Bugle will be **NOON FRI 22 JAN 2021** This will ensure that residents receive their copy before the beginning of the month shown on the front cover.*

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The purpose-built wooden cabin, which the residents have named the “Rainbow Room”, is located in the beautiful grounds of the home and provides a safe space for relatives to visit residents whilst Covid-19 continues to pose a risk across the country.

With all external visits halted since before lockdown began in March, Healthcare Homes Group which operates Fornham House, has been researching ways to make it safe for residents to see family members. The answer has been to create temporary garden rooms, which are equipped with a Perspex screen to separate visitors from residents and an intercom to make communicating easy. The room is also equipped with heating when required, insulation and nurse call buttons.



The room has already been put to good use with relatives recently visiting to celebrate the 99th birthday of their mother. A review from the resident’s daughter, posted to the carehome.co.uk website, said, “Fornham House has



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Home Manager Desiree Jooste said; "We're so delighted to be able to offer this lovely new facility. The garden room structure enables loved ones to get together without increased worry. With visits still needed to be kept outside of the main home, having this warm, welcoming and comforting space is making such a difference to residents and their families. "Seeing friends and relatives is so important for the wellbeing of those we care for so we're delighted to be able to offer this new innovative facility. It has been warmly welcomed by residents and their relatives alike." Fornham House care residence is part of the Healthcare Homes Group and is based on Fornham St Martin near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. For more information on the range of services provided, call 01284 768327 or visit www.healthcarehomes.co.uk

Fornham St Martin Rock Trail

Rock-down Latest

Hello Rockies ! Well that's about it for what's has been a pretty awful year for all of us.

We hope you've enjoyed the Fornham St Martin Rock Trail, especially through BOTH 'lockdowns'. Certainly many villages – and visitors – said that it really brightened up taking the children, and grandchildren, for a walk.

I've genuinely lost count of how many I've put out, but during the first lockdown alone it was over 1,000 . . . good job I'd spent the winter months 'stocking up' and will do so again as we move into 2021.

As you read this the last of Christmas rocks are out. **HINT** as the Rock Fairy goes into hibernation that's it until Easter 2021 . . . unless you feel like putting some of your own hoards back out around the village.

Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year everyone ! And I'll end with my usual plea: 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.

"Rockin' around the Christmas tree"

CHURCH NEWS

Well, the highlight of October was our Annual Meetings on 11 Oct, as nothing much else happened!

First of course was the Annual Vestry when our 2 Churchwardens were elected for the next term, however long that is to be in the present circumstances. Attended in person by the faithful few, not zoomed, whilst taking the due precautions of distancing, sanitising and face masking, oh joy of joys! Beryl and I were the only nominations, so we were duly re-elected.

This was immediately followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), with its consideration of all reports : fabric, bells project and events for 2019, in view of the previously intended date of 14 April. Looking back on these, it was quite a busy year, as usual, not like 2020.

PCC Members Sylvia Hilton, Joan Webb, Judith Eley and Matt Killick were duly elected, with Sarah Cooledge and Heather Long ex-officio as Deanery Synod Reps, and Revd Sylvia Bareham co-opted. Anita Rooney resigned, to start her Ministry training and attachment accordingly to the Cathedral staff. Also Maureen Groves after many years of faithful service, and both were thanked for their worthwhile commitments and with good wishes for the future.

In order to appoint a Secretary to replace Anita, and treasurer, a normal Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting was then held, some 8 months after the last, to bring everyone up to date with the drastic situation of the Pandemic which has hugely disrupted so many aspects of national life, as well as the church's. Judith Eley has kindly offered to take on the Secretary role, with our thanks, her first job being to take the minutes, and David continues as treasurer

This was followed in November by Remembrance Day on Sunday 8th.

Regrettably all services in churches were banned due to this dreadful ongoing Pandemic, so we only had an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the churchyard. Well supported, in the circumstances, by ourselves, FSM Parish Councillors and a few from the village. Led by Revd Sylvia, we remembered in prayer the 15 fallen soldiers from the village, who died in WW1, whose names will be forever listed on the War Memorial, and were read out by David. What is striking each year is their ages, generally 19 - 23, with only a few older, and most were Privates in the Army. Beryl read one of her delightful poems, written for the occasion, and Poppy Wreaths were laid on behalf of the church by Beryl and the village by Mike Collier. The Collection Plate left out after the service raised £86 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Following the interment of the ashes in October of our beloved Margaret Ade, joining husband Ron's in the churchyard, we suggested to her sons Steve and



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Usual Collection	Revised Collection	Change
Fri 25 Dec	Tue 29 Dec	4 days late
Mon 28 Dec	Wed 30 Dec	2 days late
Tue 29 Dec	Thu 31 Dec	2 days late
Wed 30 Dec	Sat 2 Jan	3 days late
Thu 31 Dec	Mon 4 Jan	4 days late
Fri 1 Jan	Tue 5 Jan	4 days late
Mon 4 Jan	Wed 6 Jan	2 days late
Tue 5 Jan	Thu 7 Jan	2 days late
Wed 6 Jan	Fri 8 Jan	2 days late
Thu 7 Jan	Sat 9 Jan	2 days late
Fri 8 Jan	Mon 11 Jan	3 days late
Mon 11 Jan	Tues 12 Jan	1 day late
Tues 12 Jan	Weds 13 Jan	1 day late
Weds 13 Jan	Thurs 14 Jan	1 day late
Thurs 14 Jan	Fri 15 Jan	1 day late
Fri 15 Jan	Sat 16 Jan	1 day late

Derek, we would like to have something in the church, in her memory. We have agreed a new red Altar Curtain would be very suitable. Sylvia Hilton, our resident seamstress, has now made up a suitable material from Vanpoules, and it now hangs in place. The design style is called 'St Margaret' most suitably, & matches the same Tudor Rose style featuring embossed Roses and Crowns, in blue and gold, that Sylvia made for the Dorsal Curtain replacement behind the side altar a few years ago.

Regrettably there were no applications for Team Rector by the closing date 31st October, so we hope and pray for some when a new national advert commences on 1st January for 4 weeks.

The Diocesan request for the 2021 Parish Share allocated to our Lark Valley & North Bury Benefice [LVNB], for funding towards providing Ministers and all their necessary support, has been received. The Treasurers meeting in October concluded with a large shortfall by LVNB Benefice, as well as most of the other 5 Benefices in our Thingoe Deanery group of churches, due in many cases to the Pandemic Restrictions on fund raising events. Bishop Martin has written to all Churchwardens and Treasurers appealing for as much generosity as possible from our church and village communities, to fulfil our Christian commitment, so the final figures may improve by January, hopefully. He described the current Pandemic's affect on all the churches as "dire", and went on to say that the huge shortfalls predicted are likely to have "significant and serious consequences" for those churches that do not fulfil their financial obligations. We do not want FSM to be on that "at risk" list.

Following previous appeals a number of people have come forward to join the Planned Giving Scheme, presently with 37 members having lost 3 this year, and others have increased their contributions, for which we are very grateful. However the current predicted shortfall of some £20,000 remains, so we would be even more grateful to hear from anyone who would be able to help, and give our village church a future. "Every little Helps " springs to mind. It does seem there will be unused and vacant churches in the future.

Regrettably the country went into another total lockdown in November, but I am sure we are all hopeful vaccines will become available soon, maybe in time to cheer us up for Christmas, who knows!

The first casualty was our **Jams and Chutney Sale** at the churchyard gate, postponed to **Saturday 12 December, 10 - 4pm**, so we look forward to selling lots of delicious home made produce then.

By popular, if not huge, demand, we are hoping to have a much delayed Book Sale before too long, with some limitations, depending on the often varying Pandemic Restrictions in place at the time. If numbers assembling are restricted, but possible, we could have entry by appointment. There are still some 2000+



books stored and waiting to go to a good home, and lots of donations itching to join them, that we hear from people even more frequently recently.! At the moment we wait to hear what is allowed when the lockdown ends 2nd December, so keep in touch for a 'hot off the press' announcement.

As we approach Winter, our churchyard maintenance is complete with grass cutting and hedge trimming, so little to do there now, except keep the gutters and drains cleaned out.

100 Club Winners in December were :

1st £30 Fiona Barker; **2nd** £15 Elaine Bonney; **3rd** £5 Jean Feakes

The Club has been running now for some 30 years with annual subscription of £12, £1 per month, with half given out in prizes. To raise a little more in these difficult times, with practically all fund raising cancelled, we have decided for 2021 to increase the sub to **£1.25 per month**, that's **£15 pa**, [a brown note and a blue note], which avoids handling small change, and to correspondingly increase the prizes, adding £5 to the 2nd and 3rd prizes now £30, £20 and £10.

We would be grateful if Club Members could let David have the £15 sub in January, to limit personal contact, and save him some shoe leather.! Members do drop out during the year, so if anyone would like to be considered to take their place, please let us know, to put you on the waiting list.

David Yates (705157, 5 St Andrews Drive) Beryl Dykes (704109) Churchwardens

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Ladies in Lockdown 2

Many thanks to Ladies Club member Barbara Scarfe for more of the history of our club.

When the Mothers Union, which was associated with the Church in Fornham St Martin, closed down it was decided to replace it with Fornham Young Wives Group as it was thought there was a need for something for the younger people. Fornham Young Wives Group still had a strong attachment to the Church and so we had prayers before our meetings.

The meetings were held in the small front room at Trisco the home of Ann and Wally Leeks. I first joined the group there in 1965, and remember winning the draw prize on that first visit.

We soon had more members and outgrew Ann's front room. The Maitlands, in School Lane, offered us the use of one of their large sitting rooms for our meetings and the use of their kitchen for our refreshments of tea and coffee.

Not wishing to outstay our welcome we then moved to the Village Hall, by which time we then had enough funds to pay our own way.

Our link with the Church remained and at harvest festival time we would be allocated a corner and two windows in the Church to decorate. On the Saturday morning we would all turn up with children in prams and toddlers running about to set and put on our display. We would bring berries from the hedgerows, flowers and home grown vegetables all of which would be distributed to the elderly of the village the following week.

We held Christmas parties for the special needs children at Riverwalk School who mixed and played games with our own children and enjoyed a tea and Father Christmas with a present for all.

We organised a 2 course sit down lunch for the elderly living in the village. Providing all the food ourselves, which was much appreciated, as for many of them it was an opportunity to see and chat to friends they did not see very often.

Jumble Sales were a regular thing. As we all had young children we had a reputation for good quality children's clothes. Mothers used to walk from as far away as the Mildenhall Estate to queue outside the village hall for the doors to open. Then it was a great scramble once inside and our lovely laid out clothes were soon a jumble.

We always looked forward to our outings to Lowestoft. We set up on the beach near the pier and would spend all day just enjoying ourselves. As membership numbers went down, to encourage more members we decided to invite other ladies in the village and not just 'Wives' and so the name was changed to Fornham Ladies. At first it was suggested we called it 'Fornham Women' but if you say that quick in sounds like 'Fallen Women' so Fornham Ladies Group was born. Although to this day I still refer to it as 'Wives'.

Barbara Scarfe

Next month a report from the Ladies Club Zoom Committee meeting held in October. Stay safe! Mary Payne

Happy Christmas everybody - such a pity we will not actually be able to do it for real! Beryl has a programme ready to run in the New Year. Ever the optimists! Love to all! Mary maryp9@paynedave.plus.com 01284704801

