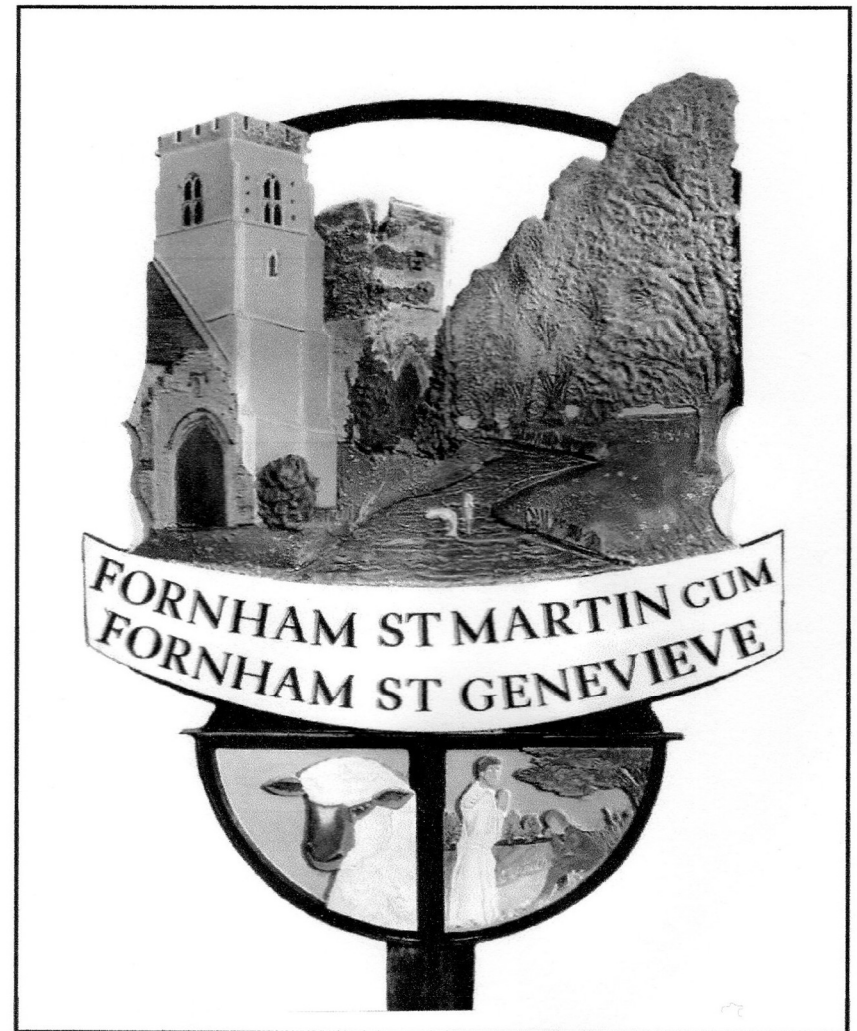
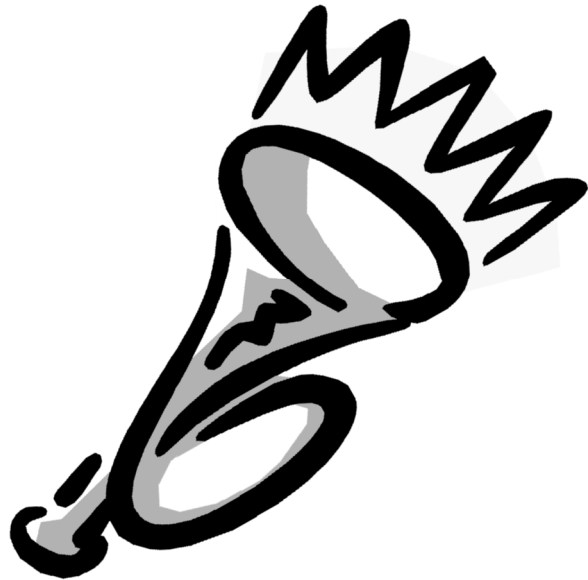


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What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

Weekly

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

1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Sewing Cr
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		
4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)

Occasional meetings

Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

*If you would like to book the Village Hall for a club meeting, exhibition, or private party, please contact **Roger Farnell, Hall Manager for bookings and enquiries on 07855 717 859** fornhamhall@gmail.com or **Maureen Hockett, Committee Chair for information 07887 778 353** maureen_agar@hotmail.com*



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The Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall with the exception of August & December.

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What has been happening at All Saints Hotel?

Over the past 12 months All Saints Hotel has undergone some exciting new developments to enhance the customer experience and the local community. Our team has been working hard throughout the lockdowns to improve the facilities of All Saints Hotel, The Suffolk Golf course, and the Health Hub gym.

The Lodge Café

Between lockdowns 2.0 and 3.0 we had launched our Lodge Café, which was very well supported by local walkers and golfers alike, serving coffee and light bites 10am – 4pm every day, we cannot wait to re-open to welcome you back! If you happen to be on social media, please do give us a follow on [@thelodgeatallsaintshotel](https://www.instagram.com/thelodgeatallsaintshotel) to keep up to date with all that is happening at The Lodge. All welcome to come and try!

The Suffolk Golf Club

The Golf Pros at The Suffolk Golf club have taken on many additional tasks alongside tending to the course. The public footpaths through the course have been vastly improved, making these clearer and more accessible for walkers, and once Spring is upon us, they will continue with regular mowing and keeping the paths in good order. Due to health and safety concerns we have replaced the second bridge crossing the River Lark, making this more stable and accessible for members of the public who may have mobility issues, giving access to the newly established Lodge Café on the footpath North of the river. The bridge, which was previously decommissioned has also been removed, allowing for a safer course. With the unprecedented rainfall since November and subsequent water flow through the River Lark, our Pros have got to work clearing rubbish and debris from the river itself, the land drains have also been replaced allowing the water to flow freely back into the river.



Works being made to clear the debris from the River Lark and removed the decommissioned bridge.



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Building work has also been progressing on our brand new relaxation area just off the pool, with heated loungers, a private terrace, and an outdoor hot tub. This will add a new dimension to our leisure facilities, allowing spa guests and gym members a peaceful and private space to relax and unwind. Alongside this we have also made improvements to the pool area, you will be sure to notice the difference!



Building works progressing on the new relaxation area. Pool area

We look forward to seeing you!

Please do feel free to check our website www.allsaintshotel.com as we announce of re-opening dates, and keep your eyes peeled for events and offers over the coming months as the restrictions are lifted. Finally, a huge thank you to you all for your continued support, we very much look forward to seeing old and new faces!

The All Saints Hotel Management

CHURCH NEWS

Halleluiah, and Praise be to Boris, for at last giving us a roadmap out of the latest lockdown.! Lets hope it is the last one.

With services suspended recently, we have been following our policy to 'stay at home' during this latest lockdown, to protect everyone, despite services being allowed.

Covid vaccinations are going very well, perhaps 30m by end of March, with many of us feeling better protected now.

We opened up again for services on 14 March, Mothering Sunday, a good one to start with, although no posies this year afraid to say, then Evening Prayer on 21 March, followed by Family Communion on 28 March, as well as the Tuesday services in between. We can now look forward to Holy Week and Easter in our churches.

We are all feeling a bit strange after many weeks off, but hopefully we can now start to get our lives back into some form of normality, and look forward to a nice Summer, (BST starting 28 March), with at least some shops, cafes and restaurants open again. We are at last starting to think about setting up the usual rotas for readers, sidesmen, cleaners, flowers and organists, with the grateful support of everyone involved.

The Bells and Tower Project has commenced, in preparation for the removal of the 6 bells, which will be taken to the Bellhangers, Nicholson Engineering, from Dorset. The 50 stone steps in the circular stairs have all been repaired and made level, after 600 years wear and use, and the defective trapdoor in the upper belfry floor replaced, by Nick Spall of NS Restorations from Ipswich, a very

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Huge thanks to everyone who has supported and donated to the project, so far, as well as grants from Suffolk County Council and West Suffolk Council, with grateful thanks to our Councillors Beccy Hopfensperger and Sarah Broughton, and Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Nearly £22,000 has been raised so far, and as soon as the next Faculty Permission is issued by the Diocese, in the near future, we will be applying for more larger grants. As the church is still not open during the week, if anyone would like to see the work carried out, please let us know.

Whilst he has been on site, Nick has carried out some necessary repairs and maintenance to the church roof; replacing / reaffixing slates, leaking gutters, downcomers and drains, pointing copings, and repairing a lead flashing, some of which are only seen from the top of his very tall ladder, until the water pours out of the leaks.!

We are now starting to think about planning some social fundraising events, so badly missed last year. Starting with another **Jams and Chutney Sale** at the Gate on **Saturday 1 May 10 - 2pm**, thanks to Heather and Beryl, plus maybe a few other treats. Followed by some, long awaited and even more badly missed by our avid readers, Book Sales, in the Summer, when the



Pandemic restrictions are expected to be lifted, with one or two more to follow later. Then some more events to enable us to socialise again, whilst raising vital funds, and a concert by celebrated Cellist Yalda Davis with some friends, currently arranged for 30 October.

Due to a number of factors we will not be having fetes.

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APRIL 2021

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3rd John Borrett £10

Thanks to everyone who has continued to participate in this, a valuable fund raiser in these difficult times, and a nice little flutter!.

Services in **April** :

Sundays at 10 am on 11th and 25th and a short communion on Tuesdays 10 am on 6th and 20th.

In **May** :

Sundays at 10 am on 9th and 23rd and a short communion on Tuesdays 10 am on 4th and 18th.

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They are expected to join us in the Summer, from their present church in Durham. We look forward to meeting and welcoming them, after our last Rector left a year ago, and Vicar 4 years ago. Over that period our staff team of Clergy, Readers and Assistants, including our resident Priest Revd Sylvia Bareham, have kept all our services running smoothly.

On a brief personal note, David is recovering well from a nasty tonsillitis, after an immediate referral to A&E, with an overnight stay on a penicillin drip, and has resumed his duties.!

Beryl Dykes (704109) Oak Rise, The Street

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Churchwardens



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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Our Hall Manager, Roger Farnell, and the Committee are really looking forward to welcoming everyone and to having the Hall back in use.

Whilst the building has been closed Roger has been looking after it and has carried out some redecoration in the Main Hall.

Sadly for us all Roger has decided to retire in June 2021 and so we will need to recruit a new Hall Manager. He has done an excellent job and we consider ourselves very fortunate to have had his expertise and commitment. Recruitment will start in April.

If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in the role (part time salaried) please ask them to call either Roger or myself for an informal chat regarding the duties involved.

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The Parish Council is currently looking at updating the Welcome Pack and would welcome any ideas or suggestions for new content, that residents feel would be valuable to any new people coming into the village.

If you have any suggestions, or if you are a Community Group or Organisation that wishes to place an article/information in the Welcome Pack, then please contact the Clerk on fsmgpc@gmail.com or write to 3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP28 7LT, or telephone: 07712 232920.

FSMSGPC March 2021 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).

3 Members of the public were present.

Planning:

DC/20/2253/HH - single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage to habitable space – Location: 17 Wentworth Close, Fornham St Martin

Resolved

No Objections.

DC/21/0090/OUT - Outline Planning Application (Means of access to be considered) - detached dwelling and garage – Location: Tollbridge House, Thetford Road, Fornham St Martin

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By the time you get around to reading this the Easter weekend may well have been and gone **(Please check !)** and if you hadn't already noticed there's a whole new crop of rocks hidden around the village and just waiting to be found and rehidden.

Please do try and remember to take a picture and post to our Fornham St Martin Rock Trail page on Facebook – it means such a lot to the Rock Fairy !

Have a happy unlocked time as the restrictions ease and look forward to meeting even more of you on walks out and about in the village.

“The Rock Fairy”

P.S. A little bit of excitement for us. The Smith family at Bleak House have set a 'time capsule' in a wall they have had repaired. I painted a slate including details of the Rock Trail and it was placed into the box. Goodness knows what the Fornham St Martinites of a few hundred years from now will make of it when and if it is unearthed.

Highways & Footpaths:

- Litter on the Fornham Bypass – Cllr. Hopfensperger to report to Head of Waste, WSC.
- Potholes on Mildenhall Road & Manners Rd and the condition of footpaths Thetford Rd to Bury St Ed's – Cllr. Hopfensperger to elevate to a Highways Engineer to assess.
- Flooding;
- B1106 – The gulley's have been jetted and further clearance and regrading of the ditches is in progress.
- Barton Hill (BMW garage) – This has been rated as high priority and works will be carried out in the next 2-3 months.
- Russell Baron Road – Scheduled for further gulley cleansing.
- Works to install 30mph Roundels on Barton Hill (funded by Genevieve Farms) will be carried out by the end of March 2021.
- The Village Sign Highways Gates on The Street (By the Roundabout on B1106) is badly damaged and the Parish Council & Cllr. Hopfensperger are working to get these replaced.

Parish Matters:

- The Parish Council are working with Greener Growth to look at further Eco Initiatives for the King George Playing field. The wildflower areas are now complete and there will also be Annuals sowed as well. We are looking at signage. If you have any ideas/suggestion, please contact the Clerk fsmgpc@gmail.com
- The current Village Historian, Cedric Hanson is retiring after many years of hard work and commitment, the Parish Council offers him our thanks and best wishes for the future and would like to welcome our new Historian, Matthew Kimsey.

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. The bank account balance as of 1 March 2021 is £12,115.80.

**Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 15 April 2021 at 7:30pm, via Zoom;
TO ACCESS GO TO <https://zoom.us/join>
ENTER THE MEETING ID NUMBER: 322 406 7235 & PASSWORD: OCjzGG.
Meeting Closed 9:19pm**

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club will be all set to restart its meetings as soon as regulations allow. Speakers are lined up and ready to go, so let's hope that we can meet soon. Before that it might be possible to get out and about to visit some local Suffolk gardens.

If, like me, you are desperate to cross the county boundary after these months of winter lockdown, a visit to Wakehurst could be interesting. It comprises a house and botanic gardens in West Sussex, owned by the National Trust but used and managed by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. A visit to look at progress of their recently established American Prairie could be worthwhile. Only 1% of the iconic prairies of North America remains today. At Wakehurst they are creating a 6 acre prairie to provide their scientists with a living laboratory which will help them research and understand one of the world's most threatened ecosystems. The website [kew.org/wakehurst] has some fascinating videos of how this was created from scratch and how it might develop over the years.

Also south of the Thames are the gardens surrounding Standen, a beautiful Arts and Crafts house set in fine Sussex countryside. Standen, another National Trust property, was designed by Philip Webb (1831-1915) for the Beale family who purchased the land in 1890. Margaret Beale (1847-1936) was a talented amateur artist and brought her eye for colour to creating gardens around the house. She was also an enthusiastic collector of rare plants at home and abroad. In Japan during a world tour in 1906-7, she ordered many acers that still provide spring and autumn colour. The gardens reached their peak in the 1920's, with trees and shrubs maturing and the extent of the garden at its greatest. Sadly, over the years the gardens became overgrown and neglected. The Great Storm of October 1987 devastated the gardens, destroying many of the trees. Restoration was urgently needed and, since 2005, repairs and replanting have aimed to restore the gardens to reflect the beauty of Margaret's original design.

Even further afield are the 4 acre Laskett Gardens in Herefordshire on the Welsh Borders, which featured in the February edition of the RHS Garden magazine. In 1974, Sir Roy Strong (Director of the National Portrait Gallery from 1967-73 and the V&A Museum from 1974-87) and

SELF ISOLATING due to Corona Virus

The Fornham's, Ingham, Culford & Hengrave has a **COMMUNITY PHONE** you can ring or text if you need help with:

- Picking basic groceries up
- Collecting medicines (please ensure prescriptions are ordered in advance)
- Posting mail
- Or just a friendly chat!

Stacy at Stennett's Tel: 07824370892

We have enough volunteers that it will never be too much to ask – please use this service when you need it. If the phone goes to voicemail, please leave a message and someone will get back to you ASAP.

The Parish Council would like to offer THANKS to Stacy and the Stennett's and all the volunteers involved.

Home, but not Alone Scheme (Collaborative Communities Board)



<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/home-but-not-alone>

West Suffolk Council Coronavirus Advice:

<https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus/index.cfm?aud=resident>

Suffolk County Council Coronavirus Advice:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

LADIES CLUB

I used to dread February with its cold, dark dismal days but this year Lockdown has made me far more aware that actually the year is opening up and advancing at a pace, with lighter mornings and longer days. Even our recent cold snap has provided bright, white snowy views.

But time is continuing to play tricks with me, days are getting muddled, everyday feels like Saturday. February provided a feast of Festivities. First we celebrated Chinese New Year - the year of the Ox. Next we celebrated Valentines Day with hearts and flowers in abundance. Shrove Tuesday came next with a feast of pancakes, lemon and sugar are my favourite! Then a quieter note with Ash Wednesday, at the beginning of Lent. Special thoughts abound with the arrival of March.

March 1st being St David's Day and a chance to think about Wales, Rugby, daffodils and Welsh cakes. Many years ago Kate Axford was our secretary. She was very proud of her Welsh origins and she made delicious Welsh cakes for us to enjoy. I am no longer much of a baker so I decided to buy some in Kate's honour, from Waitrose. They were quite easy to find, high up on the top shelf but when I fetched a packet down it was quite warm. I did not fancy buying these so, in stead, I took a packet of Eccles cakes - different geographical location but slightly similar ingredients. I can now expect an explosion of comments agreeing or disagreeing with this!

My next report will be due in April and we could be seeing significant signs of relaxation to the Government's Road Map to freedom. I am aware that many promises are being anticipated concerning lockdown and Ladies Club members are jubilantly joyful having received their first vaccination, one or two have even had both "jabs". So we can truly "look forward".

Our programme of speakers is on hold, just waiting for a green light to put in place! I am missing you all - this lockdown has made me feel even more remote than usual, but Beryl has kept me up to date. Please keep sending us your news. Take care, best wishes, Mary xx

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his late wife Julia Trevelyan Oman (one of the most celebrated theatre, television, ballet and opera designers of the second half of the twentieth century) started to create these beautiful gardens from bare fields. The gardens are considered uniquely personal and a celebration of their life together. At the time of his wife's death in the autumn of 2003, however, Sir Roy described the garden as "overgrown and closed in on itself" and took the decision to implement a radical overhaul. Astonishing amounts of material were moved and many fundamental changes were made, with a great deal of replanting and opening up of vistas to let in light. Now, the Laskett Gardens are entering a third phase, as Sir Roy is moving home and has bequeathed his gardens to the horticultural charity Perennial (who look after Fullers Mill at West Stow and York Gate gardens in Leeds). The charity plans to open the Laskett from April 2021. You can keep up to date by visiting thelaskettgardens.co.uk or perennial.org.uk. The making and re-making of these gardens are described and beautifully illustrated in "Remaking a Garden: The Laskett Transformed", published in 2014. In the first chapter of his book, Sir Roy explains that sometimes it is necessary to be really brutal with one's garden, and not to be afraid of changing it in order to give it new energy and excitement. So, I leave that thought with you - maybe it is time to get the JCB in and make 2021 the year of garden rejuvenation!?

We were very sad to learn of the recent death of John Rushmer, who had been a longstanding member of the Garden Club and served on the Committee as Club Secretary from 2002 to 2008.

Anybody with any queries about the meetings, outings or membership should contact the Chairman (Keith Jones, 728077).

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

NOTE: *email for contributors buglefsmsg@gmail.com*



WEST SUFFOLK COUNCIL – DOG FOULING CAMPAIGN

This is a reminder to all dog owners/walkers to pick up after your pet if it fouls. Whether you own a dog or not, dog poo affects everyone and there has been an increase in instances of fouling recently on footpaths, verges and perhaps more worryingly on the football pitches/playing fields, where children play.

There is simply no excuse for this, just bag it and bin it! It's against the law not to clear up after your dog, and you could face a fine of up to £1,000.

We would encourage anyone witnessing a dog fouling incident to report this to any of the parish/town councillors, the parish clerk (fsmsgpc@gmail.com) or directly to West Suffolk Council on 01284 763233 or by emailing customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk.

The Parish Council are looking at more signage for problematic areas; if you know of a 'hotspot' for dog fouling, please contact the Parish Clerk on fsmsgpc@gmail.com or call 07712 232920.