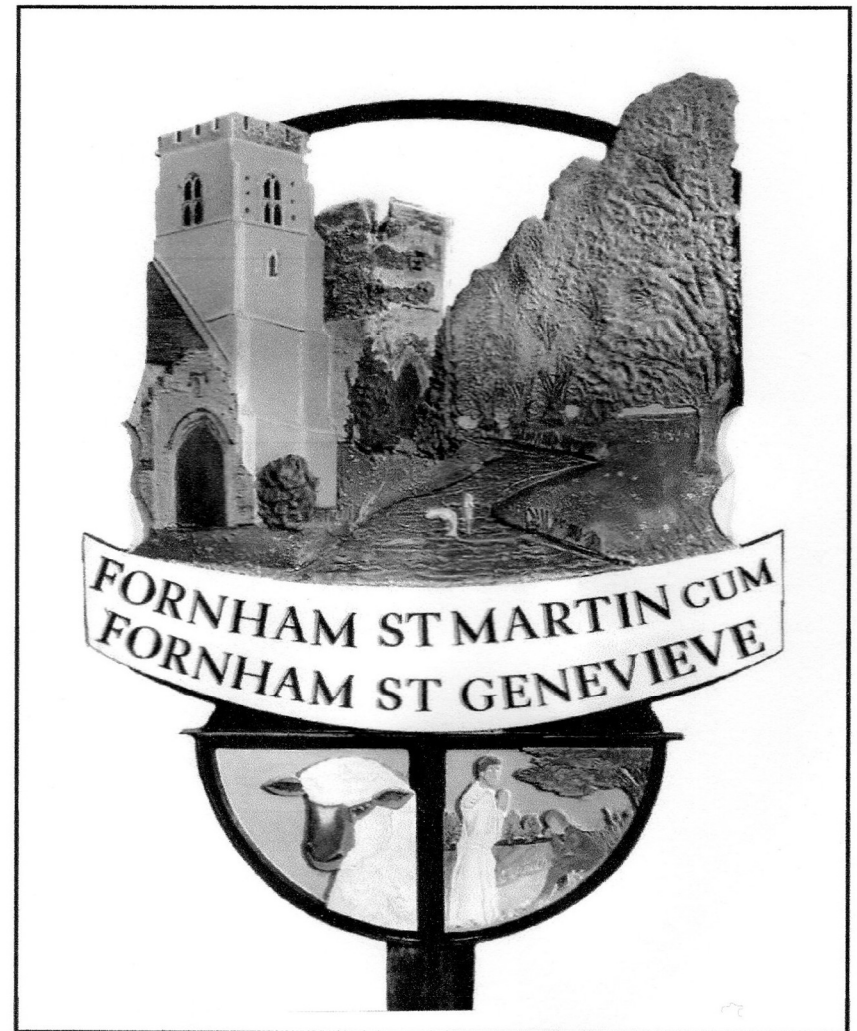
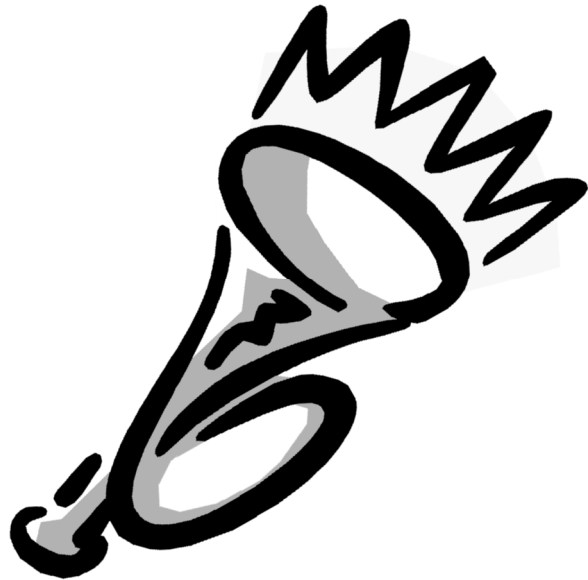


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What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

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

**Term Time Only

Monthly

1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Sewing Craft
1st Wed	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Military Whist Drive in aid of Air Ambulance
1st Thurs		
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Garden Club (not January)
2nd Wed		
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)
3rd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
3rd Sun		
4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)

Occasional meetings

Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

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Parish Office: 3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7LT (Appointment only)*

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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NOTICE

2021 Annual Parish Assembly (Meeting)

The Local Government Act 1972 requires that a meeting of the parish shall assemble annually, on a day between 1st March and 1st June [both dates inclusive].

Please note that due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Government regarding restrictions on public assemblies, the Parish Council voted that it would not be in the interests of public safety for:

The Parish Council to fix a date for the 2021 Annual Parish Assembly, until after Step 4 of the Roadmap out of Lockdown [21 June 2021]

The Chairman of the Parish Council will convene the Parish Assembly later in the year, and a date will be confirmed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2021.

Cllr. Mike Collier
Chairman of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

Date: 7th May 2021

*Any six local government electors for the parish can convene the Annual Parish Assembly if they wish. Should they want to do this for the 2021 Annual Parish Assembly, before the Parish Council sets a date later in the year, then it is recommended that they first study the Government's guidance regarding restrictions on public assemblies, and the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 as it applies to Annual Parish Assemblies.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021

This is our first meeting in the Village Hall since Covid 19 struck us all in February 2020. We managed to keep the wheels turning with three Zoom Meetings, and whilst useful in dealing with mundane business zoom does not exactly encourage flowing discussion.

PLAYING FIELD

Covid 19 did not stop us achieving some important work on the Playing Field. We got together with Eco Initiatives and planted 24 fruit trees around the field, together with a Hedge Hog Hotel and two more bird boxes. We also prepared some ground in two places for a wild flower area and we look forward to seeing the results soon. We had a tremendous response with help from Peter Forster, John Borrett and David Randall and his wife who took on the vital watering of the saplings for the summer period. Our thanks to all for their help and commitment. We also purchased a round 8 person picnic table for the children's play area and this has proved very popular. We will see if we can purchase a second one this year.

VAS MACHINE

With help from Becky Hopfensperger another VAS machine was purchased which will help with the continuing issue of speeding in our village as we are now able to monitor two locations at a time.

OTHER BUSINESS

We are lucky enough in our lovely village to have many people who give freely of their time for the community.

Our litter Pickers Donna and Laurie Pott constantly work hard at keeping our village free of litter. Our village planters have looked great this year as usual thanks to David Randall and his sterling efforts.

Our important Defibrillator has been watched over by Alan Reid who has carried out all the necessary checks. Incidentally Alan wants to retire this year so any one who would like to take up the task please contact Vicky our Clerk .

We would have no Village Bugle without our editors Su and Pat Brooklyn and Peter Forster who collects and sorts the Bugle for the team of volunteers who distribute to all residents. Our sincere thanks to them all.



Sadly of course due to Covid 19 our village Hall and most of the societies have not been able to function properly. Roger our Village Hall Caretaker is retiring this year and recruitment is in progress. Our thanks to him for all the work he has done in the Hall for the benefit of us all.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would also like to thank Borough Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger for all her professional help and advice throughout the year.

I would like to recognise and thank all those volunteers who are involved in the Community Phone, and in particular "Stacy at Stennetts" I know how valuable this has been to some residents and Councillors send their grateful thanks to all involved.

Our current Village Historian Cedric Hanson is retiring this year and we all wish him well and send him our good wishes. He has been quietly recording areas of future historical interest on behalf of the village for a number of years. I am pleased to report that Matthew Kemsley has volunteered to take over the task and we wish him well.

Finally I would like to record my personal thanks to Vicky for all her support to the Parish. This year has been very difficult for her as sadly she has not enjoyed the best of health, but she has coped admirably with all the confusion of Covid 19, together with managing 4 other Parish Council's and home schooling her two young children when needed. Thank you Vicky on behalf of all Councillors for your constant enthusiasm and in a job well done.

At our first "live" annual meeting for over a year last night I decided to call it a day on my role as Chairman of your Parish Council. I have really enjoyed the privilege for the last 17 years but I do now feel the Village would benefit from a new Councillor in the role.

I am delighted to say that John Borrett has unanimously been selected last night into the Chairman's seat. John will bring considerable expertise into the role, with particular emphasis on Planning issues. I have every confidence that John will be very successful in his new role and he will have my total support

Mike Collier



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FSMSGPC April 2021 MINUTES Meeting Summary

Councillor's Present: Cllr. Mike Collier (MC), 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.

Planning:

DC/21/0128/FUL - Two storey extensions above bedroom wings to create nine dwellings on second and third floor levels. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve

The Council heard a presentation from Josh Harris and reviewed the amended plans.

Resolved 21/04/5.01

No objections to application DC/21/0128/FUL

DC/21/0547/HH - a. Conversion outbuilding to habitable room b. single storey side link extension to house c. detached double garage d. weatherboarding to existing dwelling. Location: 1-2 Rectory Cottage, The Drift, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 21/04/5.02

The Parish Council Objects to application DC/21/0547/HH, on the grounds that they object to the cladding, on the basis of it being incongruous to the character of this and other local buildings.

DC/21/0534/TPO TPO 290(1973) - Two Yew (T1 and T2 on plan within G9 on order) overall crown reduction by one metre. Location: Land Adjacent to The Old Parsonage, The Street, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 21/04/5.03

DC/21/0426/FUL - AMENDED a. Single storey building to provide mixed use flexible meeting space and catering services to the businesses operating from the existing office buildings at Park Farm, b. parking with electric vehicle charge points, c. battery storage for roof top solar panels, d. landscaping and associated works. Location: Park Farm Business Centre, Culford Road, Fornham St Genevieve,

Resolved 21/04/5.04

No Objections submitted to application DC/21/0426/FUL.

DC/21/0576/HH - a. Two storey side extension b. single storey rear extension. Location: Oak Lodge, Mill Road, Hengrave IP28 6LP

Resolved 21/04/5.05

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DC/20/2253/HH - a. Single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage to habitable space b. cladding to front elevation. Location:

17 Wentworth Close, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 21/04/5.06

No Objections submitted 1st April 2021.

Highways & Footpaths:

Flooding & Drainage Works Update - (BMW Garage) Barton Hill, Russell Baron Road & B1106 (Ditches)(RH)

The works to Barton Hill are scheduled to start in the next 6 months, works will involve cutting culverts into the grass area as an interim soakaway.

30mph Roundel Works Update – Barton Hill (RH)

The works have been scheduled for before the Bank Holiday.

Replace Village Sign/Highway Gates Update (RH)

Awaiting date to be fixed.

Update on footpaths Thetford Rd to B St Ed's and potholes: Mildenhall Rd & Manners Road (RH)

Manners Road and Russell Baron Road are to be inspected for works to potholes and surfacing erosion.

Highways are planning to fill in 23 defects in the next 2 weeks and then resurface in the next 6 months on the Mildenhall Road A1101.

Parish Matters:

St Johns Plantation/Golf Course Trees

Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed that Enforcement Action is being carried out regarding the tree works and structures that have been erected.

Update on Village Planters (David Randall)

The Clerk confirmed that David Randall has planted out the planters. Thanks were given to David Randall for his hard work in the village.

Defibrillator – Retirement of Alan Reid

Alan Reid has decided to retire and the Clerk is to place an advert in the Bugle to try and find another volunteer to check the Defibrillator weekly.

Finance & Policies:

The bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts are to be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman. The bank account balance as of 1st April 2021 is £10,998.89.

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

Community Public Access Defibrillator – VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

The Parish Council supplies a Community Defibrillator, which is located in the telephone kiosk outside the Village Hall.

For the last 3 years the Defibrillator has been checked weekly, by one of our residents Alan Reid, who has now decided to retire.

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the responsibility of checking the Defibrillator weekly, to ensure it is in working order. This person will enter the weekly checks onto the Webnos website and will also act as contact for the Ambulance Service, if the Defibrillator is used, in order for it to be collected and returned and cleaned and re-set.

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If you are interested, please contact the Clerk fsmgpc@gmail.com or telephone 07712 232920.

On behalf of the village, the Parish Council offers its thanks and gratitude to Mr. Reid for his help and support with the project and we wish him all the best for a happy retirement.

We look forward to welcoming our new Rector Revd Andrew Miller, for his induction into the benefice by Bishop Martin on 26th August, together with his wife Revd Alison Miller, who will fill the other vacant post of Team Vicar.

Services in June :

Sundays at 10 am on 13th and 27th, and on Tuesdays 8th and 2nd

In July :

Sundays at 10 am on 11th and 25th, and Tuesdays 10 am on 6th and 20th

All welcome, and soon one day to be followed we hope by coffee and chat, getting back to 'normal' , Boris permitting.!

Beryl Dykes, 704109

David Yates 705157

Churchwardens



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ELDERBURY SOCIAL CLUB

It is with deep regret I have to announce that the Elderbury Social Club is closing.

It started in 2009 as the Fornham's over 60's and through the years members have enjoyed interesting speakers and memorable outings. An enjoyable social club but diminishing numbers and the lockdown through Covid 19, means we are unable to continue.

Margaret Leeder

Resolved 21/04/10.02

It was agreed to approve payments of outstanding invoices below and the cheques were approved and signed by Cllr. M. Collier (MC) and Cllr. P. Forster (PF).

Mrs D Pott	Litter Picker	002194	£216.66
Mr D Randall	Village Planting	002195	£58.96
SALC	Membership	002196	£544.50
Mrs V Bright	Office Allowance 21/22	002197	£312.00

WCAG 2.1 Website Compatibility Report

The Clerk is currently working on making sure the website content is Accessible to all and meets the new WCAG 2.1 Guidelines.

Discuss Increase in Clerks Pay Scale (SCP) in-line with the NJC Pay Scales Review 2020

Resolved 21/04/9.03

It was agreed to move the Clerk onto the NJC Pay Scales LC2 SCP 26.

Approve new rate for Clerk's Working from Home Allowance (HMRC 2020)

Resolved 21/04/9.04

It was agreed to increase the Clerks Annual Office Allowance in-line with new HMRC figures at £312 per year (£6 per week).

Update on Remote Meetings Legislation (The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021)

The Clerk confirmed that remote meetings legislation ends on 7th May 2021, so no more remote meetings are to be held after 6 May. The Government guidance states that Face-to-Face meetings can be held again after 17 May 2021 (Step 3 Roadmap out of Lockdown).

Meeting Closed 9:06 pm

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FSMSGPC DRAFT ANNUAL MAY 2021 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).

zero Members of the public were present.

WSC/SCC Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger gave her Annual Report – See Appendix.

ANNUAL BUSINESS:

Election of new Chair; Cllr. John Borrett.

Election of Vice Chair; Cllr. Gary Hubbard.

Adoption of Annual Governance Statement (Sect. 1 AGAR) 2020/21

Review & Adoption of the Internal Audit Report 2020/21

To approve the Accounts & Bank Reconciliation for the year ending 31 March 2021 Balance carried forward £9,972.68.

Adoption of the Accounting Statements 2020/21 (Sect. 2 AGAR)

Approved changes to the Budget for 2021/22

All Financial information, Bank Reconciliation and copies of the AGAR and Internal Audit Report are available to view on the Parish Council website; www.fornhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net

Planning:

DC/21/0547/HH AMENDED – a. Single storey side link extension to house b. weatherboarding to existing dwelling. – Location: 1-2 Rectory Cottage, The Drift, Fornham St Martin IP31 1SU

Resolved 21/05/18.01

Objects to application DC/21/0547/HH on the grounds that they object to the cladding, on the basis of it being incongruous to the character of this and other local buildings.

Parish Matters:

St Johns Plantation/Golf Course Trees

Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed that Enforcement Action is being carried out regarding the tree works and structures that have been erected.

Discuss Noise Pollution/Fly Tipping & Vandalism Complaint – Pumping Station, Lark Valley

The Clerk is liaising with Cllr. Hopfensperger to try and establish land ownership and responsibility.

they should be after the final lifting of restrictions happens on 21st June. These have to be advertised in all the local papers a month beforehand.

The 100 Club Winners for June are :-

1st Mary Lawrence no. 63 ; **2nd** Alan Goodenough no. 28 ; **3rd** Margaret Yates no. 8 - With our thanks for their / your continuing support.

Recently a large item of dog poo was deposited on the public footpath outside the church gates. David, quick as a flash, removed it to the nearby bin, 2m away, before he or anyone else stood in it. Why this still occurs with all the publicity to protect health, is very disappointing, when most dog owners are responsible in picking it up, but the few that don't, reflects badly on all. Would ALL dog owners please pick up any poo deposited by their dog, and let David know of any offending dog, and their owner, who do not, as its removal is not part of his job description.! Any further instance will be reported to West Suffolk and the Parish Councils, with the risk of a £1000 fine. Similar applies to the churchyard which is also covered by the Public Space Protection Order, as well of course as the playing field, which I understand has the same problem. Lets ALL respect and protect our environment, from dog poo, as well as litter. And where would we be without our Litter Pickers Donna and Laurie.? Upto our necks in MacDonald's wrappers probably.! SO, thanks to them doing the weekly collection, in all weathers, of picking up all the rubbish dropped by people, much from cars, and thanks to the Parish Council for funding this for many years. It certainly maintains a tidy village, which we should not take for granted. Talking to a visitor from Nottingham a few years ago, he was so impressed how tidy and well kept the street, houses and gardens were, he called it how 'Real England should be.' We should be proud of that. Although, as most of the litter is from cars passing through, maybe we need one of those new cameras that identify those responsible.

At our Annual Meetings, delayed to 18th May, Beryl and I were re-elected as Churchwardens for another year, with Parochial Church Council (PCC) Members Sylvia Hilton, Judith Eley, Joan Webb, Sarah Cooledge, Heather Long and Matt Killick, and Revd Sylvia Bareham Co-opted under Church Rules. The elected PCC then appointed the Treasurer, David, Secretary, Judith, Safeguarding and Electoral Roll Officer Sarah and Bells and Tower Project Manager Matthew Kemsley.

The preparatory work in the tower is progressing well, towards taking down the 6 bells for refurbishment, and replacing the old oak bell frame with a new steel one. The steel lifting beams to enable a hoist to be used to lower the bells, should be installed soon, and we have recently met with Andrew Nicholson, Bellhangers, in the church, to review arrangements.



CHURCH NEWS

Well, here we go again, the highlight of May was definitely another successful Jams, Chutney, Marmalade Sale at the Gate, as well as this time by popular demand teas, coffees, lots of cakes and books. All laid out in the fresh air at the Church Gate and the front area of the churchyard. Fortunately the weather was kind but cold, with only a brief 10 min shower, but thanks to the Cooledge Gazebos, kept everything and everybody dry. With thanks to Beryl, Heather, Joan, Sarah and Sylvia for making all the arrangements and selling loads, £575 was raised for the Bells and Tower Project. Oh, and David sold quite a few books, and Beryl her delightful embroidered cards, some personalised, with more available by special request. Many thanks to everyone who donated all the delicious cakes, and books, and all those who came to support us, especially in these dire times of social and fundraising opportunities. We hope to plan more events for the Summer and rest of the year, Boris permitting.!

We continue having our Sunday and Tuesday Services, after another long break. Following the success at FAS of actually singing the last hymn outside, with the organ playing and the band singers leading near the priests door, we did the same. Unfortunately without our regular organist, Paul, we tried turning up the volume on the CD's played through the PA system. Despite only at 50% volume, it was loud enough just outside the porch to be able to sing along with, to everyone's enjoyment, although David's ears at the controls are still ringing.!. Lets hope being able to sing again inside is not too far away, its a big part of services and certainly lifts the spirits.

At the time of writing, many of the Pandemic Restrictions were lifted on 17th May, to everyone's relief. This should now make a huge difference to our wellbeing, socialising at The Woolpack, cafes for a coffee with friends, and maybe celebration meals at restaurants, like for missed birthdays treats, anniversaries or just to feel the thrill of being allowed to again.!. It also permits more people being allowed to attend funerals and weddings, both so very important to families and their friends. All whilst still being cautious and sensible, as Boris says, not to let the Covid start spreading again.

We will have to wait a bit longer, till after 21 June, before being able to provide refreshments after services, which are so important to the fellowship we can enjoy again, as a vital part of our Christian following. This also gives us the opportunity to welcome newcomers and visitors to our services, and invite them to join us at forthcoming social events. When we plan and organise them.!

After the success of the May Day Sale above, we want to start up our popular Book Sales Coffee and Cakes, in the Summer, but to be safe and sure, we feel

Defibrillator – Retirement of Alan Reid
Alan Reid has decided to retire and the Clerk is to place an advert in the Bugle to try and find another volunteer to check the Defibrillator weekly.

Finance & Policies:
Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from list of payments/ receipts
The bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts are to be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman. The bank account balance as of 30 April 2021 is £39,952.80.

Meeting Closed 9:43pm

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 or in writing at
3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall Suffolk IP28 7LT.

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FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL NEW CHAIRMAN 2021/22

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th May 2021, a new Chair was elected; Cllr. John Borrett has been on the Council since May 2019. He has over the last 2 years played an active role in the Council, sitting on the Planning Committee and taking responsibility for Footpath and Trees issues within the villages, actively campaigning for Highways to address several flooding issues in the villages.

The previous Chair; Cllr. Mike Collier has taken the decision to stand down as Chair, after 17 years as Chairman. Cllr. Collier will remain a member of the Parish Council and will still take an active role and interest in issues involving the villages. The Parish Council, on behalf of the villages would like to offer their sincere thanks and gratitude for all the hard work and time that Cllr. Collier has dedicated to the Parish. We hope he will be with the Parish Council for many more years to come!

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The good news is that the Hall is once again open to Groups, although the capacity is greatly reduced at the moment. Masks must continue to be worn in the Hall; a one-way system is in operation; hand sanitiser is available at both entrance and exit doors; a QR code poster is available to scan.

We can accommodate 15 people seated; and if using tables then only 8 people. The small hall is available for use with 3 tables.

The sad news is that Roger Farnell, our present Hall Manager, is retiring at the end of June but will remain in touch with us in order to help out now and again. On behalf of the Committee, and the various Groups who use the Hall, I would like to say a huge Thank You for all that he has done in support of the Village Hall. He will be missed.

Another piece of good news is that we have appointed a new Hall Manager, Lynne Quelch, who starts on 1 June 2021. Someone with a wealth of experience in administration and working with both the public and organisations. She will have a month of handover time with Roger and we are looking forward to working with her.

Roger Farnell -07855 717859 (until 30 June 2021)

Lynne Quelch, 07552 061 480, (from 1 July 2021)

FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL S.137 DONATIONS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS & SCC RESTART FUND

The Parish Council has a pot of funds that allows them to give donations to Community Groups/Organisations, to assist them with their running costs etc. Due to the Pandemic, we realise that many groups have been unable to meet for some time, therefore if your group is now in a position to meet again and you need assistance with any running costs associated with this, please contact the Clerk; fsmsgpc@gmail.com to apply for a donation.

We would also like to make groups aware of a COVID-19 Grant available to groups and organisations, see below;

The Suffolk Community Restart fund, funded through Suffolk County Council, is a grant fund totalling £300,000 and each District and Borough Council within Suffolk have been given £75,000 each to offer voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) groups a grant to help them resume their

GARDEN CLUB

As with all societies and clubs, Fornham Garden Club has been forced into dormancy over the past year or so, with no meetings or outings since March 2020. However, we are hoping to start up in July with an evening visit to a local garden. Our Chairman Keith Jones will be contacting everyone with details once we are certain this can go ahead.

Meanwhile, we are very keen indeed to welcome new members! The Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Fornham St Martin village hall. We have a speaker at each meeting who cover a variety of topics. This year our programme includes talks on: Propagation, Theobalds Royal Palace in Hertfordshire, Butterfly Gardening, Hardy Geraniums, and the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh. In addition, in lieu of a talk at the village hall, in June or July we organise an evening visit to a local garden and in January we gather for a Club Dinner, which in recent years has been held at Bury Golf Club.

Apart from the monthly meetings, our Events Secretary (Michael Clark) organises trips to gardens a bit further afield. This year he has planned visits to: The Old Rectory Gardens, Sudborough and Holdenby House Gardens (both in Northamptonshire) on Wednesday, 28 July, RHS Hyde Hall on Wednesday, 25 August, and Holkham Hall for their "Christmas at Holkham" event, which includes a tour of the house to view the Christmas Lights etc., on Wednesday, 8 December. Anyone interested in going on any of these outings should contact Michael on 750125. Places on the coaches are limited and so please "book early to avoid disappointment"!

Anybody with any queries about membership or the forthcoming programme for 2021-22 should contact Keith Jones (728077). Annual subscription is £13; visitors pay £3 per evening talk. We would really love to welcome new members. If you are thinking about joining, why not come along to a meeting as a visitor and see what you think...!?



Holdenby House Gardens

LADIES CLUB

The news is good!

The Governments' Road Map" is being rolled out and so far so good!

The next major milestone for the easing of lockdown happened on Monday, 17 May and confidence has been growing steadily - there was a real buzz in the town as shops opened and pavement cafes and restaurants started to do good business, inside and out!

Last month I hinted that Ladies Club could be planning to get together again soon and this is still the plan BUT our fingers are still very firmly crossed as we hope to get together for our long planned Summer Supper and Quiz on Wednesday 21 July in FSM Village hall. All being well the committee will meet on 30 June when final arrangements for this supper will be made.

It is so good at long last to be more confident about our future together but Beryl, our secretary has reminded me that these plans are all still "Hopes" not quite certainties!

I am so looking forward to seeing you again and swapping lockdown stories. Bluebells are blooming beautifully and many birds are in full song! A favourite of ours is the blackbird who sings lustily from a nearby chimney pot morning and evening and this week David & I went to Lackford Lakes hoping to hear a Nightingale. To our delight, just as we arrived, close to the Visitor Centre, we heard it's beautiful song! We joined the small group of appreciative bird watchers and listeners, no fancy cameras for us - just our ears! It brought back memories of when we lived in Fornham St Genevieve and could hear this magical songbird in our garden. When the sun is shining now it feels lovely and warm. Summer is coming!

Take care, keep safe.

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PLEASE NOTE : *The deadline for articles to be included in the **AUG 21 /SEPT 21** edition of the Bugle will be **NOON SAT 24 JULY 2021** This will ensure that residents receive their copy before the beginning of the month shown on the front cover.*

NOTE: email for contributors buglemsg@gmail.com

previous activities safely and/or to support them to transition to new ways of working.

This scheme offers grant of between £250 and £2,500 to voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in Suffolk.

The aim of the fund is to enable VCSE organisations to restart previous activities safely and/or to support them to switch to new ways of working. All VCSE groups are eligible to apply, provided funding requested is for equipment, adaptations or staffing (but these need to be additional and not part of your core costs) to enable an existing/previous activity to resume safely or to enable a new activity/service to be developed/launched.

Key information:

Before applying, please note that this funding is not intended to replace lost income/hardship experienced by VCSE organisations as a result of the pandemic, although it can be used help you to resume activities suspended due to Covid-19. We cannot provide retrospective funding for projects, unless it was something that has had to 'pause' due to COVID-19.

What can be funded/Criteria:

The attached criteria provide examples of the types of activity the fund can be used for:

- **Minor facility alterations** – i.e. Reconfiguration/refurbishment to meet social distancing requirements
- **Service alterations** – i.e. Volunteer training, e.g. health and safety requirements, risk assessments, etc.
- **Operational alterations** - i.e. Signage/floor markings – maintaining social distance and avoiding congestion

Process: Applicants will first contact Community Action Suffolk by email at vcse-support@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk or telephone 01473 345400 to discuss their project and to ensure that it meets the attached criteria.

How to apply: If you would like to access funding through the scheme, please complete the application form online <https://forms.office.com/r/hYXMsYNkrK>

Tales from The Drift - Perils of the Treasure Map

"Tales from The Drift" is the title of a new children's book by Chris Morris and, yes, if you're starting to wonder that is our Drift: the farm track that starts on The Street and runs up to Long's Farm and on to Great Barton.

It tells the adventure story of a group of animals living happily in The Drift until a mysterious treasure map appears and Toby, the fox, mysteriously disappears with part of it. It features a host of characters: Rollie the pine marten, Donie the hedgehog, Rowan the badger, Miles and Kayle the rabbits, Varley and Marley the otters, Hagan the owl and a nefarious gang of up to no good grey squirrels.

In terms of characterisation the book harks back to 'Wind in the Willows' and while Chris' Drift is fictional it is, nonetheless, based closely on real life. He currently lives in Coventry but admits that he drew inspiration from the many happy holidays spent staying with his grandparents in Fornham St Martin.

They were Mr and Mrs Day who lived at The Red House (opposite The Woolpack) until the early 1980s . . . and which has been our, equally happy, home for the past 35 years !

The book is a charming and well-written tale – including a number of illustrations – and features local landmarks, such as St Martin's Church and the old railway line. Eminently suitable for children from around nine years up, I would say, or for reading to younger children.

'Tales from The Drift' was published on April 14, 2021 and is available from Amazon, price £8.00. By Laurie Pott

P.S. Graham and Clare at The Woolpack have a copy if anyone would like to 'peruse' !

THEATRE LIVES...IN FORNHAM ST MARTIN!

Dear local residents

Well what a year we've all had!

It's been a culturally barren 12 months with our theatres and live music venues remaining closed throughout the pandemic. Whilst they are now tentatively beginning to reopen their doors, it will be some time before the UK's world leading arts sector returns to the thriving industry it once was.

But, fear not, as live performance *is* about to return. Prepare to be enthralled moved and amused by the magic of storytelling once again because we - **HALF CUT THEATRE** - are bringing the theatre to YOU!

We are delighted and very privileged to be visiting **The Woolpack** in **Fornham St Martin** on **Wednesday 16 June** with our new adaptation of Shakespeare's...**TWELFTH NIGHT**

Whether you're a seasoned theatre-goer or Shakespeare novice, this 75 minute raucous reimagining of one of the Bard's best loved comedies is a guaranteed winner for all! Age guidance: 3 to 103!

Half Cut Theatre passionately believe that theatre should be available and affordable for everyone so we

do not set advance ticket prices - instead you reserve your space for free at www.halfcuttheatre.co.uk/ **book** and **Pay What You Decide** after the performance - it's up to you!

The performance starts at **7:30pm** and, of course, the bar at **The Woolpack** will be open making this a pub garden experience like no other!

Don't miss this occasion of post lockdown joy and merriment - we cannot wait to see you there!

The HCT team

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