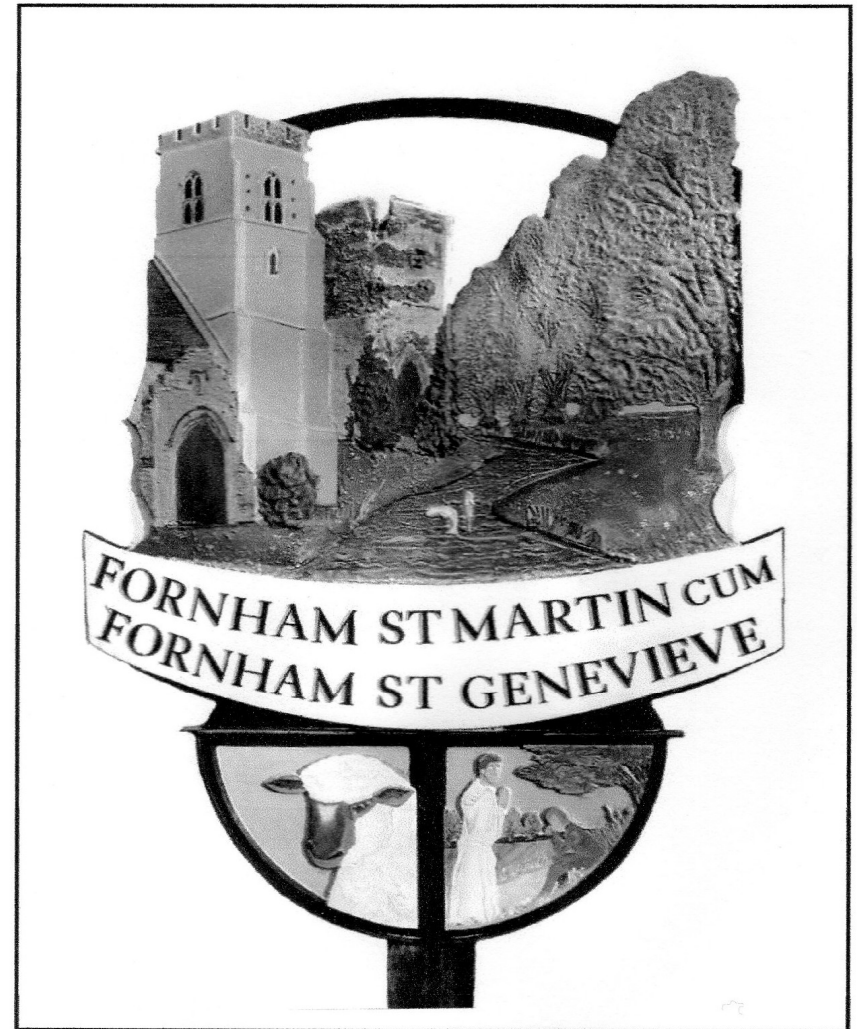
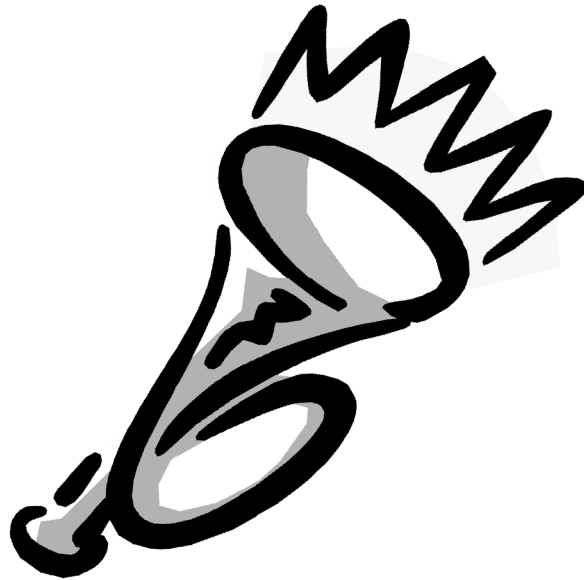


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The Parish Council Minutes of Meetings will in future be submitted in an abbreviated report format to the Bugle.

Full copies of Draft and Approved Minutes can be viewed on our website;

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SUMMARY February 2022 Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

Councillors present: Cllr. J. Borrett, Chair (JBo), Cllr. M Collier, Vice Chair (MC), Cllr. P. Borrett (PBo), Cllr. P. Butler (PBu), Cllr. P. Forster (PF) & Cllr. F. Stennett (FS).

Also present: Vicky Bright, Clerk, SCC /WSC Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger and four members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM:

The Clerk was asked to report a pothole in the middle of Gilstrap Road.

Chairman's Welcome & Acceptance of Apologies for Absence

Apologies: None.

Absent: Cllr. Gary Hubbard (GH).

Declaration of Members' Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:

Cllr. M. Collier Item 5(iv).

Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2021 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (JBo).

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2021 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (JBo).

Local Authority Reports:

County & District Councillors:

SCC/WSC Cllr. Hopfensperger (RH) presented her monthly report via email, earlier in the day. At this meeting RH gave the following report on Budget & Council Tax setting;

SCC – 1% ring-fenced for Adult Social Care, with 1.99% General.

WSC - £1.71 (£11.52 per annum) for Band D. The St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath areas are still equalizing the Council Tax rates, following the merger of FHDC & SEBC.



Planning:**Update on Enforcement Ref: St Johns Plantation/Golf Course Trees
Ref: EN/21/0057 (RH)**

There has been no update and so far no retrospective application has been submitted to the LPA for the outdoor Gym building, neither have any trees been planted, as requested by the Tree Officer on inspection. The Clerk is to forward all correspondence to RH for her to follow up on enforcement action.

Update on Enforcement Ref: Trees at Land adjacent to the Old Parsonage Ref: EN/21/0115 (RH)

RH advised; "condition 10 of the Reserved Matters application had been discharged. Condition 10 was placed on the planning application following enforcement looking into trees being felled with TPOs. The tree officer visited site and looked at all the trees and confirmed that no protected trees had been felled or crowned, the plan was then reviewed and root protection measures and advice on how much to crown and what could be felled was given, and what couldn't was added as a section 10 condition. The condition 10 means that no work can commence unless these conditions have been addressed and a further visit was made to confirm this. Therefore, the enforcement has been closed.

DC/21/2363/HH - a. part two-storey part single storey side and rear extension, including pitched roof to existing rear extension. Location: 18 Kytson Road, Fornham St Martin IP31 1TF**Resolved 22/02/5.01**

No Objections to application DC/21/2362/HH submitted to LPA 14.01.22 (Delegated 25.01.21 Officer minded to Approve)

DC/21/2422/HH - detached outbuilding to house pool, gym and plant room. Location: 6 Parklands Green, Fornham St Genevieve IP28 6UH

The applicant was present and gave a short explanation of the plans and answered several questions & responded to statements made by residents and Councillors; the key items raised were;

- Not in keeping with street scene
- Squeezed between two house, ruining the green space and

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- Will cause reduction in house prices
- Plant room too close to No. 5 boundary, in fact it's closer to No. 5 than the applicants house
- Chlorinated water and water table contamination is a concern
- Set precedent for infill development and change of character of area

Councillors discussed in full and agreed that chlorinated water waste was not a concern, not over development, no material considerations to object apparent, planning officer does not indicate any objections, not any closer to neighbour boundary than other developments locally, plant room is next to neighbours' garage and should not cause noise disturbance, height is actually less than a 2-storey building and roof has already been changed from pitch to flat to not be so imposing.

Resolved 22/02/5.02

Cllr. M. Collier abstained due to declaring an interest, the vote was 4 in favour with 1 objection.

No objections to application DC/22/2422/HH.

DC/22/0047/HH - a. extension to existing loft conversion comprising half gable end to be installed to front elevation and full gable installed to rear elevation b. one dormer window to side elevation.

Location: 7 Barton Hill, Fornham St Martin IP31 1SN

Resolved 22/02/5.03

No comments.

DC/22/0081/TPO - TPO 164 (1971) - Tree preservation order - nine Lime (T1, T2, T4, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10 and T11 on plan) crown lift over road by five metres; one Lime (T3 on plan) overall crown reduction by 2 metres and crown lift over road by five metres; two Lime (T5 and T12 on plan) group of Elm (G1 on plan) fell. Location: Grass Verge at Junction B1106 North Stow Road, Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve

Resolved 22/02/5.04

No comments.

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DC/21/2507/TPO - TPO 164 (1971) tree preservation order - one Oak (T1 on plan T27 on order) a. overall crown reduction by up to two metres b. crown lift to six metres above ground level. Location: 18 Gleneagles Close, Fornham St Martin IP28 6XA

Resolved 22/02/5.05

No comments to application DC/21/2507/TPO submitted to LPA 03.02.22

West Suffolk Local Plan Update

The timeline for the preparation of the West Suffolk Local Plan has been amended and the preferred options consultation is now scheduled to take place between May-July 2022. If you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us at West Suffolk at planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk or by calling 01284 757368.

Highways/Footpaths & Trees:

Flooding & Drainage Works. RH – Community Engineer, Matthew Fox is to do a Ward Walk of the village (Date TBC), to address all outstanding and new Highways issues. RH to arrange. The Clerk is to compile a list of issues with map and reference numbers (if have them) and send this to RH before the meeting to forward to Matthew Fox for his info.

Village Sign/Highway Gates. RH – Confirmed that Locality Funding will cover the cost of a new wooden entry sign (nr. Fornham).

30mph Roundels/damaged/missing 30mph signs; also hedge/speed signs at FSG roundabout. – To be included in the Ward Walk list.

VAS Data Update & Purchase of new SID Unit (Update on Locality funding)

A volunteer has come forward to download and compile the VAS data, Matthew Kemsley. It was agreed to purchase a new SID Unit.

Footpath-cum-cycleway from Barton Hill (A135 Roundabout) to the WSOH (Hub) Crossing Safety Update – The new path is very wide; this is due to a cycleway being included. The safety of the crossing is a

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concern, it is difficult to see down the road clearly because of the bend, the speed limit is fast on approach to the crossing and traffic comes off a roundabout before reaching it. RH is trying to raise concerns with the Project Manager; the Clerk is to send RH a list of the parishes concerns.

NB: (also discussed);

Cycling provision in the Villages. - RH advised that the Cycleways Assessment showed that cycleways in FSM & FSG were not desirable and were too expensive to be considered. As such, the village is unlikely to get a cycleway based on grading on assessment. Cllr. Butler raised his disappointment.

Tut Hill Closure – A scheme for closure has been drawn up and the provisional scheme has been circulated to Ward/County Cllr's. Consultation will run this month (6 weeks public). FSMSG were not consulted on the vote for closure.

Parish Matters.

Weekly Play Area Inspection Reports & Agree rota.

No new issues highlighted. The Springers have been repaired. Bark top up to be added to the April agenda.

Finance & Policies:

**Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from list of payments/receipts
Resolved 22/02/9.01**

The bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts were received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman. The bank account balance as of the 1st February 2022 is £22,256.66.

Budget 2022/23 To be Reviewed and Adopted

The projected budget for 2022/23, was scrutinised and approved and signed by the Chairman. With projected expenditure of £31,875.00

Resolved 22/02/9.03

It was agreed to adopt the budget for 2022/23 with expenditure of £17,221.00.

Precept 2022/23 Figures to be Agreed and Adopted



It was agreed to adopt Option 3; this was voted on with 6 For & 1 Abstaining.

Resolved 22/02/9.04

It was agreed to submit the Precept request at £29,285.00, a 0% increase.

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Chairman's Welcome & Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)):

Apologies: Cllr. G. Hubbard, Cllr. P. Butler & Cllr. F. Stennett.

Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2022 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (JBo).

Planning (For consideration):

DC/22/0203/HH - - a. front porch b. first floor dormer to front elevation c. rear first floor dormer window and balcony d. chimney to side elevation e. first floor rear roof extension and window f. first floor side window and alterations to existing windows. Location: Burwell House, The Street, Fornham St Martin – ***Formal Resolution of Comments/No Objections submitted 9th March 2022***

DC/21/1933/FUL - The Lilacs, Old Hall Lane, Fornham St Martin – ***Resolved to uphold previous Objections submitted***

Update on Enforcement Ref: St Johns Plantation/Golf Course Trees Ref: EN/21/0057 (RH)

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DC/21/2245/FUL - a. one dwelling (following demolition of existing dwelling) b. detached garage/outbuilding c. new vehicular access d. 2.7 metre close boarded acoustic fence - Location Rathkeltair Lodge, Barton Hill, Fornham St Martin – ***Still pending decision***

DC/21/2166/VAR - Variation of condition nine of DC/16/2792/FUL to enable the site covering phase two to be occupied for holiday accommodation without a restriction on the length of stay for the change of use of park land to land for siting of 26 additional holiday lodges with access from B1106 - extension to previously approved application SE/05/02293; construction of access road, parking spaces and hardstanding bases and associated landscape planting and infrastructure – Location: Fornham Park Fornham St Genevieve – ***Still pending decision***

DC/21/2164/VAR - variation of condition five of DC/15/0662/VAR to enable the site covering phase one to be occupied for holiday accommodation without a restriction on the length of stay for a. change of use of land to nine hole pay and play golf course with changing room facilities and associated landscaping b. 26 timber lodges, manager's lodge and associated landscaping – Location: Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve – ***Still pending decision***

DC/21/1940/FUL. - one detached three bay cart lodge - Land Adjacent to The Old Parsonage, The Street, Fornham St Martin – **Still pending decision**

DC/21/2363/HH - a. part two-storey part single storey side and rear extension, including pitched roof to existing rear extension. Location: 18 Kytson Road, Fornham St Martin IP31 1TF – **Approved by LPA 26/01/22**

DC/21/1763/HH - Householder planning application; front porch, 14 Hoylake Close, FSM. IP28 6XB – **Approved by LPA 19/10/21**

DC/21/0445/FUL - two tennis courts, one pickle court and golf range with fencing. – **Approved by LPA 15/11/21**

DC/21/1142/FUL - a. change of use of part of golf course for the siting of 15 caravan lodge holiday homes b. associated infrastructure - **Refused by LPA 04.02.22**

Highways/Footpaths & Trees:

A Highways Engineer is to carry out a Villages Walk-about, accompanied by Parish Council members and Cllr. Hopfensperger, to highlight all outstanding Highways issues (Date TBC).

VAS Data Update & Purchase of new SID Unit

A volunteer has come forward to download and compile the VAS data; Matthew Kemsley. The new SID Unit is being funded by Cllr. Hopfensperger & Cllr. Broughton's Locality funding.

Footpath-cum-cycleway from Barton Hill (A135 Roundabout) to the WSOH (Hub) Crossing Safety Update – The Clerk is to write to the Project Manager and copy in Cllr. Hopfensperger, listing all concerns regarding the footpath/cycleway, Crossing safety and Bus Shelter location and the missing village sign that was removed during the works and has not been replaced.



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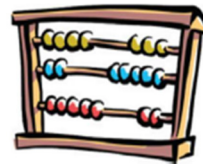
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Trees/TPO enforcement

It was also agreed that the Clerk is to write to the Trees Officer, with concerns regarding the enforcement of TPO's.

Parish Matters.

Update on Anglian Water Pumping Station – Lark Valley

The Clerk is to forward correspondence received regarding the alarm still sounding, to Cllr. Hopfensperger.

Repair to damage to entranceway slope to playing field

It was agreed to look at different options and get quotes for the slope to be repaired, ideas such as mesh/grid matting to be used.

Queens Jubilee and Festival of Suffolk 2022

The Clerk is to look at purchase of another picnic bench for the playing field, to commemorate the Queens Jubilee. The Clerk is to ask Cllr. Hopfensperger of funding is available for this.

Finance & Policies:

Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from list of payments/receipts

The bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts were received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman.

The bank account balance as of the 1st March 2022 is £20,215.69.

Councillor Reports:

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been informed that Mrs Bridges-Adams has bequeathed a parcel of land to the Parish Council in her Will. Thanks were offered to Mrs Bridges-Adams, with the hope that it is a long time yet before the land is bequeathed.

CHURCH NEWS

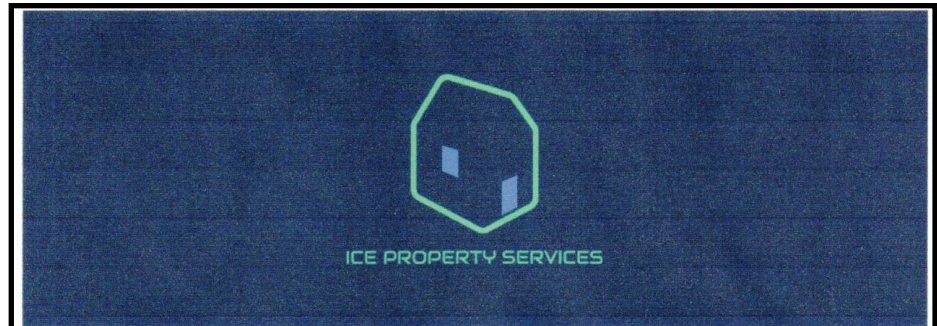
Our Lent Lunch on Saturday 5 March was very enjoyable, thanks to the superb range of very tasty soups, with bread, cheese and biscuits and fruit, thanks to Sylvia, Heather, Beryl and Sarah, beautifully laid out on the long tables. Some 20 joined us from around the benefice, with Revds Andy and Ali and daughter Beatrix, as well as Julie churchwarden at Great Livermere, so well supported thanks to everyone who came to this annual event, similarly run by other churches in our benefice group of ten parishes, as part of the lead up and preparations for Easter. The donations amounted to an impressive and generous £250, which we have donated towards the Bishops Lent Appeal for Ukraine Relief.

Our second Book Sale, Coffee and Cakes of the year, with an Easter Stall and hamper raffle (won by Jean Feakes) raised an excellent £829 for fabric maintenance, including some after sales of Heather's knitted baskets and Easter bonnets with a chocolate inside, and Beryl's embroidered cards (personal orders taken). Thanks to everyone who supported us, and especially all those who organised and managed the day. The next one is **Saturday 14 May, 10 – 3pm** as usual, and we look forward to seeing our regular readers and some new ones, for a browse and get some good reading material for the Summer and maybe holidays, and chat over coffee and cakes.

Another Quiz n' Chips (+ Fish or veg options) is arranged for **Friday 22 April at 7.30pm** in church, as the first one was well received and so back again by popular demand. Tickets are £12 from Beryl. 704109 All welcome.

Our next concert is by Yalda Davis, celebrated local Cellist, planned for Friday 27 May, awaiting confirmation, so more to follow. Yalda is touring around the nearly 500 churches in Suffolk, to create fundraising opportunities with a lovely musical evening. All welcome.

We are holding a Wedding Festival on **15/16th July**, and would like to borrow Wedding dresses, Bridesmaid, and Christening robes, together with any photos and stories of weddings past and present. Offers to help serve teas and or provide cakes, would be very much appreciated as this will be a two-day event. Please contact Beryl. 704109



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Fornham Garden Club – Catriona Smart

In February, we welcomed Mark and Adrienne de Roy who run the Stour Valley Organic Lavender Company (organiclavenderoil.co.uk) from their farm in Essex, which they purchased in the early 1990's. With land classified as Grade 3 there were few crop options, but the soil's low alkaline level meant it was ideal for growing lavender. Indeed, the farm's soil is probably the best in the UK for growing lavender, as it closely resembles the soil type where lavenders are grown and farmed in Provence, an area long associated with lavender and the perfume industry. We heard how lavender oil is obtained by steam distillation from the flower spikes of certain species of lavender. Like all essential oils, lavender is not a pure compound. Rather, it is a highly complex mixture of phytochemicals, with good antioxidant, antiseptic and antimicrobial properties. The two main species of lavender used in commercial production are English lavender and Spike lavender. True English lavender is the best for flavouring, with properties that include the ability to enable other flavours to last longer. The de Roys are the only UK lavender growers employing the same oil extraction method traditionally used in Provence, with distillation carried out at a lower temperature than used in other methods in order to produce the highest quality oils.

In mid-February, 35 members gathered at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club for the annual Dinner. A lovely 3-course meal was followed by a raffle. Sincere thanks to Michael Clark for organising.

At our March meeting we listened to a talk by Andrew Babicz, on the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh (rbge.org.uk). Referred to locally as "The Botanics", the gardens are over 350 years old and are situated a mile north of the city centre. The gardens have strong links with Nepal, China and Chile and a long history of plant hunting and seed collection. Highlights include an impressive 230 metre long herbaceous border, Rock Garden, Alpine Houses, Woodland Garden, Arboretum, Chinese Hillside, Rhododendron Collection, Cacti, Fern and Cycad Houses, and Scottish Native Plants Collection. The Temperate House, Grade A listed Victorian Palm House, and the 1960's front-range and research glasshouses are currently closed as they undergo refurbishment as part of the impressive Edinburgh Biomes project. This will see 7 different climate zones housed in new glasshouses linking the Garden's heritage glasshouses "for the future of plant research, education and engagement".

Our next meeting will be on 12 April, at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre, FAS, when a brief AGM will be followed by a talk on Chickens. Visitors are very welcome. Anybody with any queries should contact the Chairman, Keith Jones [728077].

We were delighted to welcome Poppy and Mark Collier with family and friends to our Sunday service on 27 February, with baby Alba Daphne May, for her baptism, beautifully dressed in the handed down family christening robe. Whilst unfortunately no organist was available, David aptly and ably played the hymns himself, selected by Revd Andy from the Kevin Mayhew set of 10 CD's with 200 organ pieces, including the eminently suitable "Give me Joy in my Heart "

Alba clearly enjoyed it, and never stopped smiling, looking curiously at Andy over the font, wondering it seemed as to what he was about to do, but without a murmur. At least the water was warm.!

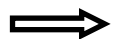
Poppy though had ideally prepared her with baths and splashed faces, to acclimatise her in preparation, and she was undoubtedly the quietest, and perhaps the happiest baby baptised at FSM.

A beautiful Memorial Service was held in church 23 February, for Joan Margaret Stevenson, attended by some 60 family and friends, from Cirencester where she had lived the last few years, as well as locally where she had lived in Shimpling. Joan was the daughter of former FSM Rector Arthur Ozanne, 1934 – 1950. five tributes covered the high regard she was held in, with anecdotes of her life, including by Terry Waite who had known Joan and husband Eric for many years. Her ashes were interred after the service in her parents grave, joining her Father (1950) and Mother Mary (1974) in the family grave. The family generously donated the collection of £215 to our Bells and Tower Project, with our grateful thanks.

The ashes of Doreen Fordham were interred on 4 March, joining husband Donald (2011)

It felt like back to business 'as usual' on 1 March, when we held our first PCC Council meeting of the year, with previous regular meetings only intermittently after all the disruption of the last 2 years. With the Annual PCC (APCM) set for Wednesday 11 May, in church, 10am, we hope this 'return to normal' will continue, Boris and Omicron willing.

We now look forward to celebrating Mothering Sunday on 27 March, alongside the beginning of British Summer Time and longer sunny Summer evenings. Everyone in the congregation will be presented with the usual posies, now the daffodils are springing up in glorious carpets of



colour, especially around FSM, thanks to the Parish Council planting so many along the verges.

Followed by Palm Sunday on 19 April, with everyone given a palm cross, and of course Holy Week before Good Friday then Easter Sunday 17 April, after the 40 days of Lent, celebrated throughout the world by many denominations, which commenced on Ash Wednesday 2 March, commemorating the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert. 'Lent' being the shortened version of the Old English word Lencten, meaning Spring Season.



We will be making an Easter Garden in the church porch on **Easter Saturday 16 April, at 10.30am**, with children especially invited to help.

The 100 Club winners in April are :

- 1st £30 Nick Owen no.23 ;
- 2nd £20 Mary Lawrence no.63 ;
- 3rd £10 Peter Forster no.25

In May the winners will be :

- 1st £30 Joyce Fulcher no.2 ;
- 2nd £20 Sarah Cooledge no.19 ;
- 3rd £10 John Balaam no.96

Thanks again to everyone in the 100 Club supporting the church in this way.

Beryl Dykes 704109 and David Yates 705157



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