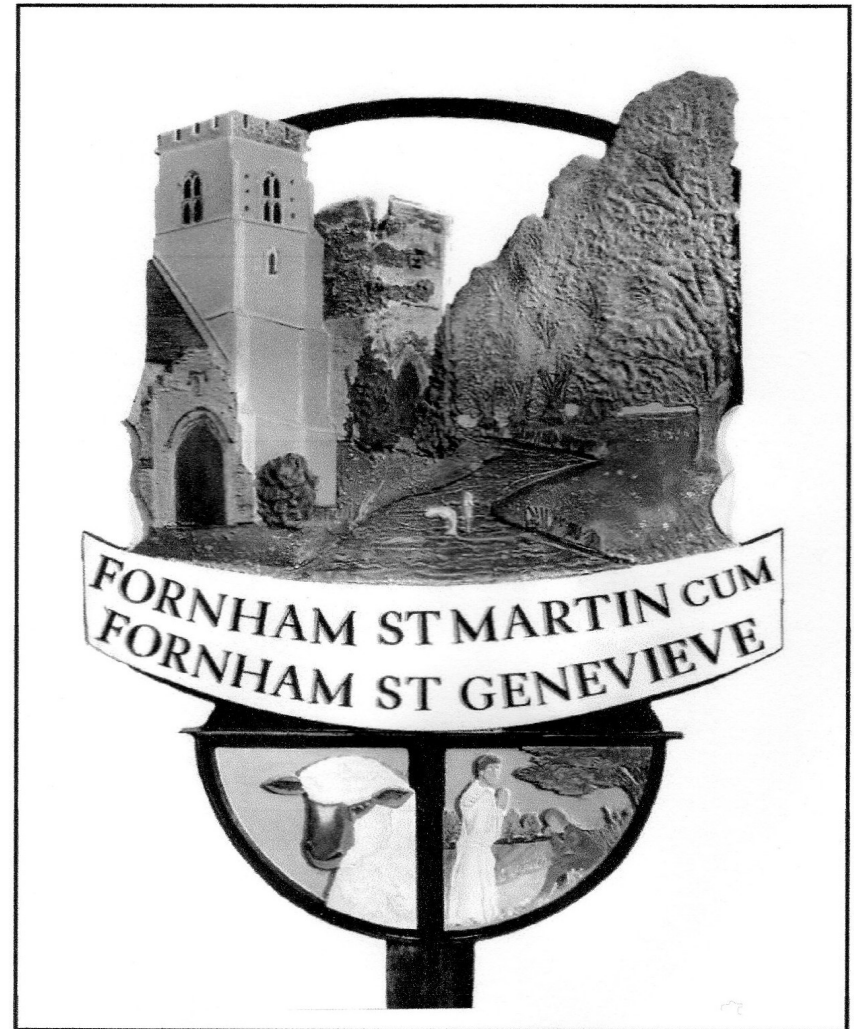
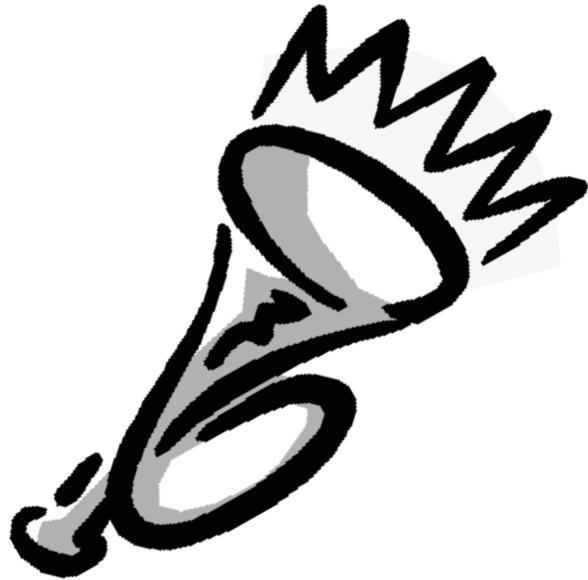


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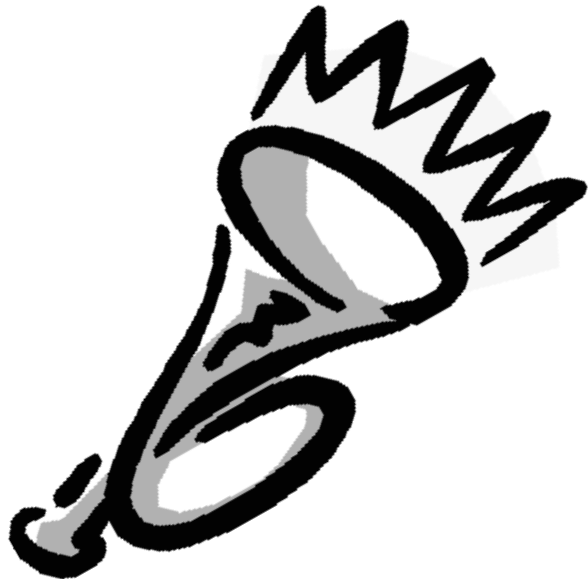
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## BUGLE EDITOR VACANCY

The Parish Council of Fornham St Martin and St Genevieve would like to give heartfelt thanks to Su Brooklyn, our Bugle Editor, for her many years of hard work in producing the six bi-monthly editions of the Bugle newsletter. Sadly, Su has decided to retire.

We are therefore looking for any resident who may be interested in taking on the role of Editor going forward. Full training will be given and you will be paid for your time and any expenses associated with Email/ Telephone use.

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## WHAT'S ON IN FORNHAM ST MARTIN VILLAGE

### Weekly

Tuesday 10:00 am to 12 noon Mums & Toddlers\*\*

\*\*Term Time Only

### Monthly

1st Mon	10:00am to 1.00pm	Chain Reaction
1st Tues	2:00am to 4:00pm	Jazz
1st Thurs	10:00am to 4:00pm	Patchwork ##
2nd Tues	10:00am to 4:00pm	Textiles +
3rd Mon	10:00am to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	7:30pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Thurs	10:00am to 4:00pm	Patchwork ##
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
4th Wed	10:00am to 4:00 pm	Quilters
4th Fri	10:00am to 4:00pm	Textiles +

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*Parish Council, Village Hall Committees*

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*Maureen Hockett, Committee Chair for information 07887 778 353*

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The rebels were caught fording the River Lark near the present villages of Fornham St Genevieve, Fornham All Saints, and Fornham St Martin in Suffolk at a location about 4 miles (6.4 km) north of Bury St Edmunds. With his forces split, Leicester's cavalry was captured and his mercenaries were driven into nearby swamps where the local peasants killed most of them. Leicester was captured, as was his wife, Petronilla de Grandmesnil, who had put on armour herself.

<https://www.battlefieldstrust.com/>



*Battle of Fornham 1173*



## *Battle of Fornham 850th Anniversary – Battlefields Trust*

The Battlefields Trust is a volunteer-based charity dedicated to protecting, promoting, and interpreting Britain's battlefields. We are currently coordinating the Trust's 850 years celebrations of the battle of Fornham. The battle was the scene of the most significant loss of life (3-4 thousand) on East Anglian soil, so we think it is important to commemorate and promote this event. Therefore, we are planning some activities around the battle's anniversary on 14/15 October. Our event will occur at the All Saints Hotel that overlooks the battle site on Sunday, 15 October 2023. The event will include a series of lectures at the hotel and a religious commemoration service at the ruined church, details will follow.

### *History of the Battle:*

The Revolt began in April 1173 and resulted from the efforts of King Henry II of England to find lands for his youngest son, Prince John. John's other three legitimate brothers - Henry, Richard, and Geoffrey - objected and fled to the court of King Louis VIII of France, where they raised a rebellion. The rebelling sons and the French king secured a number of allies and invaded Normandy, while the Scottish king invaded England. These invasions failed and although negotiations between the rebels and the English king were started, they resulted in no peace. Robert de Beaumont, the Earl of Leicester, then decided to invade England with a force of Flemish mercenaries. He landed at Walton in Suffolk in late September or early October. Leicester attempted to join forces with another rebel, Hugh Bigod, the Earl of Norfolk, who was based at the castle of Framlingham. After some inconclusive fighting, Leicester decided to lead his men to his own base of Leicester, but royalist forces prevented this. The battle was fought on 17 October 1173 between rebel forces under the command of Leicester and royal forces under the command of Richard de Lucy, the Chief Justiciar as well as Humphrey de Bohun Lord High Constable, Reginald de Dunstanville, the Earl of Cornwall, William of Gloucester, the Earl of Gloucester, and William d'Aubigny, the Earl of Arundel. The rebel forces were numbered at 3000 mercenaries, and the royal forces included at least 300 knights as well as the Earl of Norfolk's son, Roger Bigod, who had remained loyal to the king. Along with these knights, the royal forces also had the local levies and the military followings of three earls of Gloucester, Arundel, and Cornwall.

## PARISH COUNCIL

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### VACANCY

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*6 pm - 7 pm Mon & Thurs evenings. Or email anytime : fsmsgpc@gmail.com.*

*Parish Office: 3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7LT*

*(By 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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## PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

### **Our Parish Councillors:**

*Are available for PC meetings, held monthly (with the exception of August & December) after 7pm in the evenings. Usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday.*

*Attend the odd training sessions.*

*Attend occasional consultation events and informative local authority meetings.*

*Undertake any actions delegated to them from meetings.*

*Receive and respond to PC emails in between meetings.*

*May help with the Village activities*

### **You must be:**

*a British Citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union;*

*Be 18 years of age or over*

*during that 12-month period resided in the council area; or within 3 mile*

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*have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area;*

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*Closing date is 12noon Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The Parish Council members will then make the final decision, using a voting system if necessary, at the Council's October 2022 meeting.*

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### SUMMARY JUNE 2022 MINUTES OF FORNHAM ST MARTIN 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).

**Also present:** Dicky Bright, Clerk, and one member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Frank Stennett.

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 -**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (JBo).

**Planning: (For Information)**

DC/22/0787/H/H - three bay cart lodge with annexe at first floor level. Location: Larks Pool, Mill Road, Fornham St Genevieve - Pending decision by LPA

DC/22/0731/H/H - detached double garage (following demolition of existing garage). Location: 1A Russell Baron Road, Fornham St Martin - Pending decision by LPA

DC/21/2245/FUL - AMENDED APPLICATION - a. one dwelling (following demolition of existing dwelling) b. new vehicular access c. 2 metre close boarded acoustic fence. Location: Rathkeltair Lodge, Barton Hill, Fornham St Martin - Pending decision by LPA

DC/22/0483/FUL - a. reconfiguration of second floor roof to existing bedroom wing b. four storey linked extension creating 46 bedrooms. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve - Pending decision by LPA

**Enforcement Ref: Golf Course Trees & Outdoor Gym Building Ref: EN/21/0057**  
No update received. Clerk is to follow up with Cllr. Hopfensperger and Enforcement WSC.



### Highways/Footpaths & Trees:

#### Update on Highways Outstanding Issues

No update. Clerk to follow up with Cllr. Hopfensperger and Fran Clarke - Highways.

The Clerk is also to raise the following issues;

Grass cutting and verge/weed clearing of the village verges, particularly Parklands Green, Lark Valley and Barton Hill/Thetford Rd

Cul-de-Sac sign on Russell Baron Road damaged and needs replacing

Vegetation needs cutting back from 30mph sign next to bus shelter top of Barton Hill.

#### Footpath-cum-cycleway from Barton Hill (A135 Roundabout) to the WSOH / Crossing

No updates received. The Clerk is to report to Cllr. Hopfensperger that the concrete panels have been removed/stolen and now the soil is subsiding.

### Parish Matters.

#### Weekly Play Area Inspection Reports & Agree rota.

No new issues highlighted. Cllr. Forster is to look at the broken strut on the new picnic table. Bark top-up quotes are still pending.

#### Update on Market Stall 21 Barton Hill & Petting Zoo bottom/opposite of Barton Hill

The Clerk confirmed that she had reported both issues as separate reports with Enforcement at WSC, as advised by Cllr, Hopfensperger, awaiting response.

### Correspondence:

The Clerk presented a letter from a resident raising concerns regarding the overgrown vegetation on the public footpath/stile from School Lane to Lark Valley. The Clerk has reported online to SCC.

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### 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 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 is £49,549.58.*

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

*It was agreed to approve payments of outstanding invoices as below and cheques were signed by Cllr. M. Collier & Cllr. P. Forster.*

Mrs V Bright	Mileage & postage	002289	£11.52
Mrs D Pott	Litter picker	002290	£108.33
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#### *Adoption of New Model Code of Conduct (NALC)*

*The new Suffolk Code of Conduct was formally adopted by the Council and duly signed by the Vice Chair, Cllr. J. Borrett.*

#### *Adoption of Updated Model Standing Order 18 - Procurement*

*It was agreed to adopt the new Standing Order 18 - Procurement and include it in the Parish Councils Standing Orders.*

*The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at 7pm, in the Village Hall.*

*The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Gary Hubbard, thanking him for his many years on the Parish Council.*

*Meeting closed at 8:32pm*

### REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN.

The Parish Council has had a fairly busy year with a number of Planning Issues to deal with and I offer personal thanks to my fellow Councillors for their valued contributions and considered opinions on all P C business undertaken, and for their help and support. I would like to thank our Clerk, Dicky Bright, for all her hard work and dedication throughout the year, which we know has proven to have been a difficult one for her personally. She is always ready and willing to provide helpful and well considered advice to the Councillors, delivered with confidence and enthusiasm, so many thanks to her for being there for us. I would also like to thank our two District Council Councillors Sarah Broughton and particularly Rebecca Hopfensperger for her welcome advice and support. The P C has responsibility for the King George's Playing Field, as Trustees, and this year we have employed a Specialist Company to replace worn protective sheathes to the "Springies," in the Children's play area, and to overhaul and repaint them. The Springies, not the Children. We are aware there is a need for further work to be undertaken to the Children's area and to the trim Trail plus the Playing Field generally and we will be looking to do that later this year. With the help of Rebecca Hopfensperger, the P C have also purchased and installed a second wooden picnic table, dedicated to H/M the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, as the first bench proved very popular. Unfortunately, funds wouldn't stretch to a platinum one. The new fruit trees seem to be doing well generally, although a few have been damaged, possibly by miss-kicked footballs - and that was always to be expected I suppose. I'm not sure the hedgehog hotel has seen any guests but there are 'strong indications' the bird boxes have been put to good use. Sadly, it seems the composting boxes have not and I would remind residents they are there for public use. The P C has purchased a further VAS machine and batteries, with more generous financial assistance from our two District Councillors; Rebecca Hopfensperger and Sarah Broughton. This means we can now have all three machines installed in separate fixed positions in the village, meaning they won't now have to be relocated periodically. Without doubt they definitely help reduce traffic speeds. I would record our many grateful thanks to Peter Forster and Michael Collier for charging and relocating the machines, come rain or shine, for a good number of years. Matthew Kemsley will be taking over the charging of the machines, from next month and will also be downloading recorded information from the machines and handling the collected data to provide information for the police to take action, if necessary; power to his elbow for taking this on. Matthew is also our village historian so even more thanks to him for that too. We are indebted to David Randall for keeping a close eye on weeds on the Trim Trail and for planting-out the flower tubs in the villages and for having helped establish the new fruit trees; we do value your efforts, thank you David. We are also very grateful to village residents who volunteered to check the Defibrillator equipment on a weekly basis, so our thanks go to Brandon Mahon & Simon Loughe. Donna and Laurie Pott have again continued their good work in keeping our their inspirational 'Fornham Rocks' which have entertained village children for years now. Our thanks go to them both for their dedication. Our congratulations go to Stacey at Stennet's for running the now-established Community Support Scheme, giving support to vulnerable local people. Su Brooklyn has continued to edit The Bugle and our gratitude goes to her for all her hard work. We also express our gratitude to Parish Councillor Peter Forster, who collects and sorts the Bugles ready for distribution, and to the team of volunteers who deliver the Bugle to all the village homes. We have successful clubs and societies based in the villages and we owe a debt of gratitude to all the volunteers who contribute their time to making them a success. The Village Hall has again been well managed and maintained with redecorations carried out and some new windows and blinds installed and a particular parking problem now seems to have been resolved. Our thanks go to the Management committee.

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*Fornham House offers a range of lounges and relaxation areas, where many social activities take place and are complemented by patio and garden areas for outdoor relaxation. There are generous rooms, some ideal for couples and all with en-suite facilities. Fornham House's range of private and communal spaces provide residents with the necessary facilities for a quality life in later years. Our brand new purpose-built extension has 17 en-suite rooms suitable for those living with dementia. Our extension provides modern fittings throughout, yet exudes a cosy atmosphere, in keeping with the tradition of Fornham House. All rooms are fully fur-*



*nished, however we encourage residents to bring with them items of furniture and personal possessions so that their room can be a true 'home from home'.*

## CHURCH NEWS

*Well the highlight of July was most definitely the Wedding Festival over 15 - 16<sup>th</sup> July, with the church filled with over 40 wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses, christening robes and wedding memorabilia, all gratefully loaned by so many, clearly wanting to display their dresses and fondest memories of their Big Day. A new and innovative venture for us, and over 100 people came to admire it all, after the hard work of assembling everything out on display. Flower arrangements beautifully decorated the church, old wedding registers were available from 1830 to the present, so those married in St Martins could look up their wedding, some quite a few years ago. We have already had this year 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary's.*

*Catherine Buxton donated a beautiful hand crafted quilt with prize draw tickets available at the Festival and thereafter. The draw will take place at the Christmas Book Sale on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Reods Ali and Andy created a children's quiz trail round the church which the children enjoyed and kept them occupied.*

*Some live music interludes were provided by Celia, Paul and Andrew on the organ, together with a delightful finale on Saturday afternoon by the Praise Be group of string musicians and keyboard.*

*A huge thanks to everyone involved in arranging and setting it all up, together with the refreshments, and it has been very nice and rewarding to have subsequently received many complimentary comments, and even disappointments by those who were unable to come, so clearly greatly appreciated as something just a bit different.*

*£715 was raised for the Bells and Tower Project.*

*Whilst on the subject we look forward to the wedding of Anna-Marie Mallinson and Stuart Scarfe on 12 August, at the time of writing.*

*Future events include the next Book Sale Coffee and Cakes on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, so plenty of time to catch up on some enjoyable holiday reading over the Summer, and then ready for more.!*

*Then, the annual Suffolk Historic Church's Trust Ride and Stride on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, with cyclists and walkers touring around Suffolk's delightful heritage churches, to be sponsored to raise essential funds, predominantly to maintain the fabric of the buildings. The Trust give out grants from some of the money raised, and last year gave us a grant of £1500 towards repairs to the 50 steps in the tower up to the bells platform, now in sound and safe condition to enable works to be carried out.*

*Then, on 1<sup>st</sup> October another of our Jams and Chutney Sales at the Gate, in the churchyard, with a very nice selection lovingly made by Beryl, Heather, Sarah and Sylvia, at present.*

*Teas and probably a few cakes and scones will be available too.*

*Then, finally we welcome the return of the Tudor Rose Singers on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, after the last few years' disruption due to the Covid Pandemic.*

*They have performed in the church many times, and it will be nice to see them again, with their usual variety of light entertaining singing, to keyboard accompaniment.*



The annual training refresher for Churchwardens is / was 27 July, to keep us all up to date, and anything new we need to be aware of, to ensure we can continue to manage and run the church's function, in accordance with Diocese regulations. It's also nice to meet colleagues in other churches, and compare notes and share invaluable encouragement.

The 100 Club winners in August are:

1st £30 David Clift no.5; 2nd £20 Catriona Smart no.76; 3rd £10 Maureen Groves no.30.

And in September will be: 1st £30 Margaret Perry no.36; 2nd £20 Jane Lee no.1; 3rd £10 Liz Robinson no. 69.

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

A vacancy has just arisen, if anyone is interested in joining The Club, to maintain the 100 membership. Just £1.25 per month. Contact David 705157.

Church Services at 10am, in August are on Sundays 14th and 28<sup>th</sup> August; and Tuesdays 9th and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On September on Sundays 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September; and Tuesdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

All welcome: young, not so young, male and female etc.

We re-commenced services at Fornham House Care Residence in July, with Revd Sylvia, by arrangement with the Manager, Dagmar, after a long suspension due to Covid restrictions. These have always been popular with the residents and their families, and are another activity feature much appreciated for their benefit, and have been badly missed.

Taking this opportunity, we have a volunteer vacancy for help with cleaning the church, once a month, to run the Hoover over the carpets, and a duster over the pews.

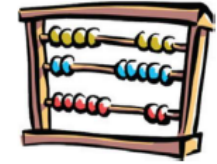
SO, not a lot necessary but help would be much appreciated to keep the church suitably clean and ready for the services and other events. Come and join the team.

Churchwardens Beryl Dykes 704109 and David Yates 705157



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### *Bikers call in to visit residents at Fornham House*

*Making residents' dreams come true is all part of the working day for the activity team at Fornham House care Home. This week that included calling in a favour and getting some leather-clad bikers to visit the home in the village of Fornham St Martin, near Bury St Edmunds. Activity Co-ordinator Amanda Rose said, "We get to know all our residents well and I had spent quite a bit of time with one of our residents and his family finding out about his life story which included owning a Triumph motorbike when he was younger." His son said that dad, Stuart, who is now living with dementia, does not generally like noise but loves the throbbing sound of a motorbike engine revving up.*

*"I have a few friends with bikes so called in a favour," added Amanda.*

*"We have a big car park and grounds at Fornham House so it was perfect for them to call in while out on a ride and see the residents who wanted to have a look at the bikes.*

*"The bikers came from across Suffolk, they were the most wonderful people they all had so much time for our residents.*

*"Sometimes it is the little things which get our residents chatting and reminiscing, there are good people in the world and as we take the time to really know our residents we can all help to make their days more sunny."*

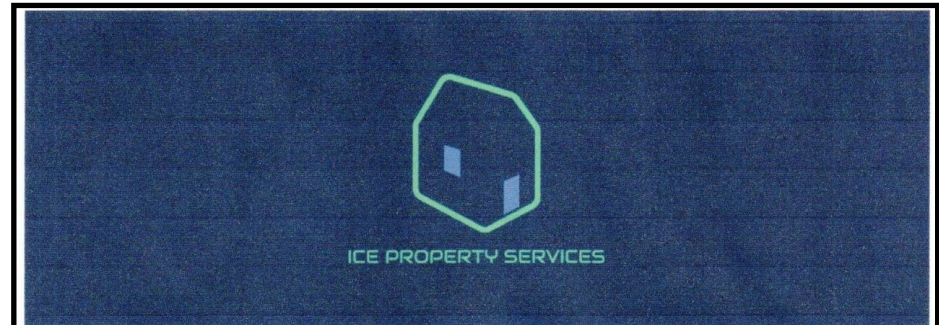
*Amanda added that she has a couple of other wishes to grant for resident including another gentleman who will be going out to a local Mini dealership to look at the cars and have a chat with the salesmen, his last car was a soft-top Mini. Fornham House care home is part of the Healthcare Homes group of 48 care homes and 11 home care branches. It is rated Good by the Care Quality Commission and has a 9.3 output of 10 score on independent review site carehome.co.uk For further information contact PR and Communications Lead Sue Varley [sue.varley@healthcarehomes.co.uk](mailto:sue.varley@healthcarehomes.co.uk)*



## GARDEN CLUB

*Catriona Smart*

*At our meeting in June we listened to a fascinating talk by Nick Gifford (one of our members) on "Going Peat Free - what are the alternatives?" On the UK, there will be a total ban on the use of peat by 2024 (amateur gardeners) and 2029 (horticultural industry). A similar timeline exists in Germany and Switzerland, but not elsewhere. Nick outlined the alternatives. Coir: is a by-product of the coconut industry, and can vary in quality. It is expensive to produce (involves the use of a lot of water and chemicals) and import (long distance travel). Green waste compost: product from recycling of garden waste. Affected by issues with consistency and contamination. Wood fibre and bark products: big industry in the UK; used in peat-free composts, pathways and horse bedding. It can be quite dry and requires addition of nitrogen. Anaerobic digestion (AD): is the breakdown of organic material by micro-organisms in the absence of oxygen. AD produces biogas (a methane-rich gas that can be used as a fuel) and digestate (a nutrient-rich substance that can be used as a fertiliser. It comprises leftover indigestible material and dead micro-organisms.) Solid digestate: not suitable as growing medium on its own but is a good soil conditioner and mulch; it is biologically active and can deter snails and slugs. It can also be pelleted and spread on soil to act as a slow-release fertiliser. All in all, an extremely informative evening!*



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*In early July the members had a private tour of the glasshouses at Dngham. We learnt about the technology involved in running the organisation, where they pick up to 125,000 capsicum peppers a day. These are delivered to a central packing unit in Essex and distributed on to supermarkets.*

*In mid-July, instead of an evening meeting with a speaker, we visited the gardens of Holm House, Drinkstone. These gardens are relatively young having been established around 12 years ago but look remarkably mature. They comprise cutting and kitchen gardens, a beautiful and peaceful woodland garden with pathways meandering through, areas with more traditional flower borders, and formal lawns and topiary. We were also able to walk around the extensive wildflower meadow that surrounds a large lake. The meadow had been created in 2017 using a specially designed wildflower seed mix. A very enjoyable evening rounded off with tea and delicious cakes!*

*Fornham Garden Club meetings are held at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre, Fornham All Saints.*

*Forthcoming talks are 9 Aug (Rose Growing Made Easy), 13 Sept (Gardens of Gertrude Jekyll) and 11 Oct (Autumn Wreaths). Visitors and new members are very welcome. Anybody with any queries should contact the Chairman, Dan Robertson (787118).*

### Useful Links:

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## LADIES CLUB

*A tale in 3 parts - Part one - Outside!*

*A happy, if rather surprised group of Ladies Club members, we're outside Fornham St Martin Village Hall on Wednesday 18 May at 7.30pm. Fortunately it was a warm evening! Why were they there - well the key was failing to allow entry through the Front door! Several people, including Simon White, our speaker for tonight's meeting, had tried unsuccessfully to open the door. It was possible to look right through the lock but something was stopping it from turning to allow entry! So help was called for - first from Beryl (usual key holder), next Mike Collier (last Chair of the PC) was contacted, next the current Chair of the PC. No one was able to help with entry to the Village Hall! Eventually the Village Hall Caretaker was contacted, Lyn, who arrived with her partner and Praise Be - entry was made through the back door! All this took some time but we were in!*

*Part two - Inside!*

*Chairs were quickly arranged, Simon set up his laptop, the kettle was put on, Rosemary started to take money from all members - usual £3, and I gave the notices and apologies for absence. At last I could welcome Simon to give his talk on The Alphabet of Roses from Peter Beale's Rose Garden, very beautiful they were but when we eventually reached "J" we realised this was going to be a long evening! We had seen new blooms and many old favourites like Canary Bird and Golden Wedding. I think Simon must have sensed a certain restlessness because we were now seeing roses flashing past at increasing speed! It was a magnificent spectacle! It had been an evening of surprises, excitement and joy! We had a change to our advertised programme for June, instead of visiting The Guild Hall in Bury St Edmunds, we had a Jubilee Tea on Wednesday 15 June in FSM Village Hall at 3.30. A chance to wear our Red, White and Blue for one last time and swap memories of The Coronation and the several Jubilees we have experienced. A Right Royal Collection of Celebrations!*

*Finally, Part 3 - we had our Summer Supper on 20 July with a Quiz prepared very kindly by Freddie Chinery. The Quiz was in Two parts with supper in the middle. The questions produced much scratching of heads & whispered exchanges and nodding smiles! Supper had been brought by all our members and delicious it was. The Charity Raffle raised £50 - this will be added to money already collected and was handed to our secretary Beryl Dykes in her other role as Church Warden to be added to Fornham St Martin Church Bells fund.*

*There is No Meeting in August.*

*Meet again on 21 September - AGM plus The History & Architecture of Melford Hall with Lorraine Hesketh-Campbell. We look forward to welcoming you to join us in Fornham St Martin Village Hall, 7.45 on the third Wednesday of the month. A warm welcome awaits you! Contacts: Beryl Dykes Secretary 01284 704109*



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### *West Suffolk Local Plan (Regulation 18) Issues and Options Consultation - July 2022*

#### *Response from Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council*

*The Parish Council on behalf of the residents of Fornham St Martin and Fornham St Genevieve villages have the following comments.*

*The villages have always felt strongly protective of their independence and cherished separate identity as rural infill villages. The separation between the two villages and Bury St Edmunds Town has always been extremely important and there has always been fierce resistance to any coalescence between the town and the surrounding Villages.*

*We understand that the villages will be re classified from "infill" villages to "Type A" villages under the new joint West Suffolk Council Local Plan. The declassification of the villages to "Type A" means that there is the distinct possibility of unwanted new development being allowed within the villages and their boundaries, thus bringing the villages even closer to the town of Bury St Edmunds.*

*The Parish Council strongly objected to the reclassification from 'infill' to 'Type A' under the last consultation in October 2020, and we are deeply disappointed that our views and opinions and those of our residents have been ignored and would now strongly object again to the change of village status.*

*We understand the new classification "Type A" has been based upon the fact that the villages are within two kilometres of local services, however the local services in question are actually those within the town of Bury St Edmunds. There are in fact no schools, GP's, shops or even a post office in the actual villages.*



*The fact that the villages independence and separation from the town of Bury St Edmunds is of vital importance to the residents means that this is just a further incidence of coalescence, which must be avoided and prevented at all costs. It is imperative that the feelings of the residents are taken into consideration. It is also felt that this declassification to "Type A" is yet another stepping stone to the villages losing their infill/rural status and will be setting a precedent for future unwanted development.*

*We understand that the previous infill village metric of "5 properties maximum per plot" is not in the "type A" definition so as a Parish Council we would want to campaign vehemently to try and get this reinstated. This would provide a measure of protection that is vital for resident's piece of mind. Site 5.06a shown on the plan as being available for developments of up to 10 dwellings, is not in-line with the villages current classification of an 'infill' village, which would normally only allow development of up to 5 dwellings, as we strongly oppose the reclassification of our villages, we would ask that this site be changed to a maximum of 5 dwellings only, especially as in the last 2 years the villages have already been affected by several major developments in the area namely; The West Suffolk Operational Hub, Marham Park and Fornham Park. All of which have had their own impact on the infrastructure and environment within the villages. We feel that the two villages and the surrounding area have already made a significant contribution to large scale development and housing provision. Supporting infrastructure (roads, schools, healthcare provision) should all be taken into account and considered fully before the plans are finalised and agreed. The Parish Council were pleased to hear the strong reassurances given by Council representatives at the Apex that the 5.06a site is the only site for development in the villages for the period 2018-2040.*

*The Parish Council would like to reiterate that we strongly object to the declassification of our villages to "Type A" status and we are opposed to the site 5.06a being available for 10 dwellings and would ask that the classification remain as an 'infill' village and the site 5.06a be available for only 5 dwellings development.*

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