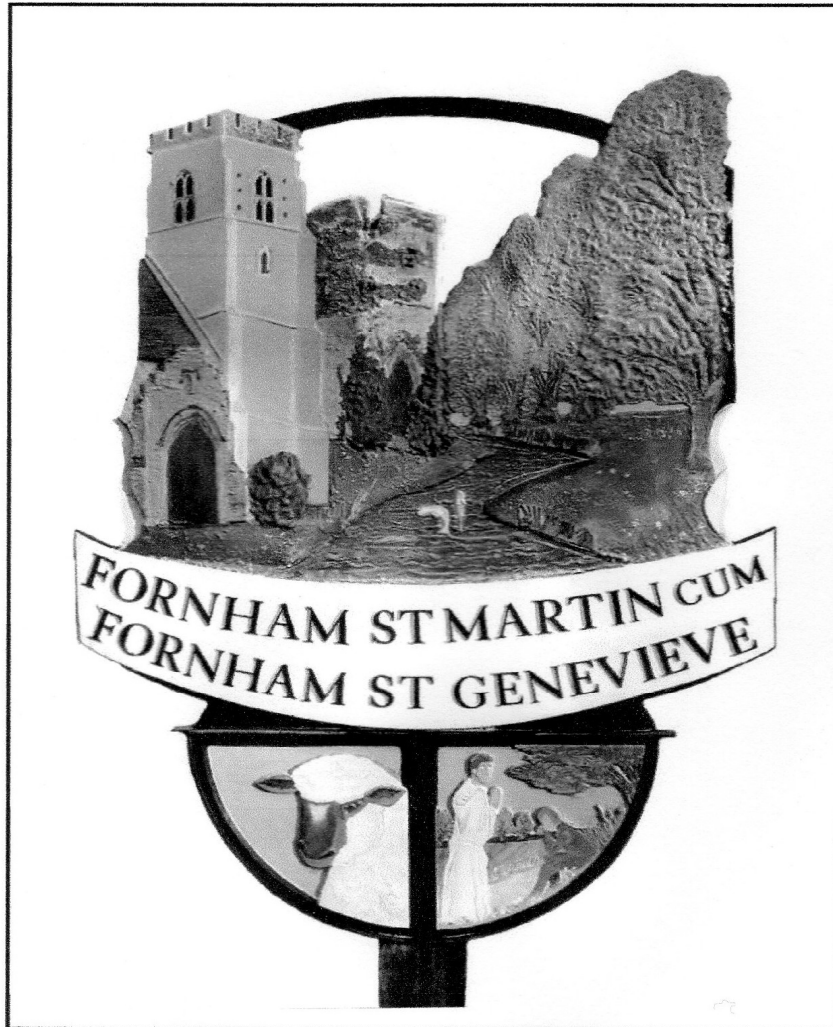


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The Parish Council on behalf of all parishioners would like to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation, the work carried out by the volunteers who organise and distribute the Bugle.

What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

Weekly

Monday	7:30 pm	YOGA
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

****Term Time Only**

Monthly

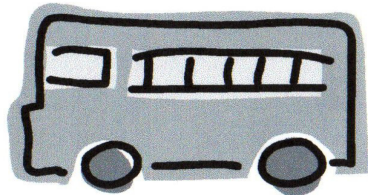
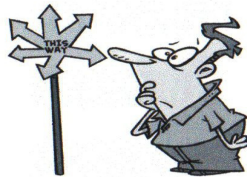
1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Sewing Craft
1st Wed	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Military Whist Drive in aid of Air
1st Thurs	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Jazz Club
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Garden Club
2nd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
3rd Sun	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas
4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making

Occasional meetings
Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

*If you would like to book the Village Hall for a club meeting, exhibition, or private party, please contact **Colleen Leach on 01284 756507.***

<http://www.suffolkonboard.com/>

Suffolk County Council's SuffolkonBoard website has details of all local transport and links to relevant websites. It helps you find the easiest way to get around, depending on your mobility and how you want to travel, and includes journey planners.



BUS TO NORWICH

Suffolk Norse operate a bus service 134 to Norwich every Tuesday departing from Bury St Edmunds and now picking up at bus stops at Fornham St Martin at approximately 9:40 am.

The bus then proceeds to Ingham, returning to Fornham St Martin at approximately 5:50 pm. Bus passes accepts.

Any queries contact 01473 341500 or
visit Suffolk on board website.

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FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

On 2nd February Ron Davis from the Bury Wood Turning Club and his club chairman Vic visited us and Ron gave a very interesting talk about this art. Ron set up a lathe and made many items from blocks of wood and closed his demonstration by making a very nice bowl which he donated to the club as a prize in our monthly free raffle. Ron and Vic have offered to visit us again and let some of us use the lathe. At least one of our members has shown interest in joining the wood turners and we look forward to seeing them again.

On March 1st we held the club AGM at the All Saints Community Centre. After the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports there were some slight changes to the constitution recommended and the committee for the forthcoming year elected. We then had refreshments followed by a talk by Sheila Barnard from Auntie Pam's Sweet Shop in Bury. This was very interesting and Sheila stocked some of the more unusual confectionery and some old favourites such as spangles, sherbet dabs, gobstoppers and Scottish tablet. She also brought some samples which we enjoyed. Sheila also had sweets with an Easter theme which we could buy. It proved to be a very successful afternoon.

For our next meeting on 5th April we welcome back Peter Banham who will talk about well-known sayings and their Origins.

The committee suggested that if our allocation for trips was not taken up fully then we could invite non-members.

JIM LANG 01284 705 358

Catherine Buxton writes:-

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I was sad to notice the Clock Tower on the Coach House, at Fornham House has been dismantled, although the clock hasn't struck the hour for many years.

However, it evoked many memories - 11:00 am on 11th November marking the sad time when many were lost and soldiers from Fornham Park were paraded on the road in front of the Woolpack before going into church (no cars then). 4 o'clock strikes, quick go home for a cup of tea and one of those lovely pink wafers, it will be time for Mrs Dales Diary! When as a small child I remembered being told, 3:00 am was burglars time. I awoke petrified to count three strikes from the clock tower. I clutched my teddy bear tight and didn't move for ages waiting for four to strike, at last, I'm safe I remembered thinking, ha ha! Not so simple now. 5 o'clock good Dad will be home soon.

I guess rising costs of maintenance causes the changing scene.
Any more memories anyone?

Catherine Buxton

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A new optional garden waste collection service starts Monday 4 April 2016

The new garden waste only service will cost £40 a year for a bin. This charge covers your collections between 4 April 2016 and 31 March 2017. The new service will continue to use your existing brown bin.

To guarantee you do not have any breaks in your service it was necessary to sign up by 22 March 2016. However, you can join the scheme at any time.

To find out everything you need to know about the service and to sign up visit:
www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/gardenwaste

If you do not want to sign up to the new service you do not need to do anything. **You will not be charged if you do not want the new service.** West Suffolk will not be removing your brown bin - if you change your mind, you can join the new scheme at any time by following the steps above.

Email: customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Telephone: 01638 719119 or 01284 776119

FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB

There is only one way to garden in January and that is to talk about it over a meal in the company of 60 or so like minded people proving excellent dinner companion. Our venue on January 12th was Bury St Edmunds Golf club and an extremely successful evening it turned out to be. The bar and waiting staff together with the chefs and kitchen staff provided us with a delicious 3 course meal, following which we were able to express to them our grateful thanks. The traditional raffle concluded the evening with members and guests gradually making their way home ensuring as they went that Mike Clark realised how much we all appreciated how much time and effort he had put into organising the evening.

On February 9th we welcomed Adrian Walters who is a Trustee of and Warden for Sudbury Common Lands Charity, the subject of his talk. From the beginning it was obvious that Adrian has a passion for his work and an unbounded enthusiasm for wildlife in all its shapes and forms. With the River Stour running through the common land, which cannot be sold owing to hereditary common rights, the area is managed for the benefit of the cattle that graze it (apart from the winter months) the huge diversity of wildlife it supports and the public who have access to such a wonderful environment. From the 3 species of bat that hibernate in the 2nd World War Pill Boxes, to the birds such as grey wagtail and coots to frogs and toads that enjoy the river habitat and associated insects, to the beautiful marsh and pyramid orchids there is such a diverse range of wildlife to be enjoyed. Accompanying his entertaining and fact filled talk (such as dragonflies have stabilisers in their wing!) Adrian showed us some incredible slides capturing subjects like owls and bee orchids the latter leaving him almost speechless with the wonder of its form and its pollination by the precious bee. Many members took the opportunity to purchase copies of one or the other of the books on the River Stour or the Common Lands profits from which go to the Charity and we were pleased to make a donation by way of a fee. It is to be hoped the successful management of the area continues for many, many years to come and that visitors will continue to enjoy something we are lucky to have virtually on our doorstep.

Alex Pettersson from Fordham Nursery (Scotdales) deals with the wholesale side of the business. His talk on March 8th 'Garden Plants rip off or good value - you decide', was to give us food for thought when we buy plants be they bedding plants, perennial, shrubs or trees from a garden centre or nursery as to the many hidden costs which have to be covered for the retailer to make profit. He took us through the whole gamut of the time, effort and continuous battle against pests, diseases, attacked by vermin, plus of course the inevitable hoops to be jumped through to conform with numerous regulations governing their industry. As far as shrubs are concerned Alex explained the intensive nature of the business from planting cuttings, potting on and nurturing for at least a year before sale. Added to this are the staffing costs, the cost of pots,

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street,
Fornham St Martin, IP31 1SW on Thursday 11 February 2016 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) Penny Borrett, Michael Collier (Chair), Peter Forster Gary Hubbard and Jayne Hubbard.

In attendance: Paul MacLachlan (Clerk) and one member of the public.

The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:
the Agenda;
the following appendices:

- 1: actions arising from prior meetings;
2. planning applications and decisions;
3. Local Council Award Scheme – Foundation Award details;
- 4: report of the Responsible Finance Officer;
- 5: Internal Auditor’s terms of reference.

1. Apologies

The apologies of Cllr Nick Owen (illness) and Paul Butler (business meeting) were received and accepted.
Cllr Hopfensperger was unable to attend as her car had broken down.

2. Declarations of Interest

The requirement to update the Register of Interests was noted.
No further interests were declared. No dispensations were sought.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings dated 14 January 2016 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Borough, County and Community Reports

Cllr Hopfensperger did not attend the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned for public question time

Cllrs were advised of correspondence from the Highways Department advising that the central white lines on *The Street* were not to be restored for safety reasons.

Cllrs were advised that while a new street light column had been erected near the Old Thetford Road it was not yet operative.

The meeting reconvened.

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5. Clerk's report

- (i) The Clerk reported progress on actions arising from prior meetings (see Appendix 1). Cllr Forster proposed, Cllr Collier seconded and it was agreed that 3 new notice boards be ordered from the Noticeboard Company at a cost of £1,007.00 + VAT and that the Parish Council accept Cllr Hopfensperger's offer to fund them out of her Locality budget.

- (ii) The Clerk commented on the following issues:
 - ◆ that the VAS columns had been approved for use and that the cost of purchasing the VAS equipment would be covered by Cllr Hopfensperger;
 - ◆ that potholes near Park Avenue and the poor state of the pavement in Parklands Green had been reported.

6. Decisions taken since the last meeting

The Clerk reported that no decisions had been taken since the last meeting.

7. West Suffolk Operational Hub

The Chairman reported on arrangements for the Parish Council's Hub drop-in consultation to take place on Saturday 13 February.

Cllrs asked the Clerk to draft the Parish Council's response to the West Suffolk Operational Hub consultation and to circularise it for comment prior to submission before the 19 February deadline.

8. Planning and Environment

- (i) Responses to planning consultations
Cllrs resolved to support application 16/O140/HH for a single storey rear extension at 6 Wentworth Close, Fornham St Martin.
- (ii) Cllrs noted the planning decisions recorded at Appendix 2.

Cllr Collier proposed, Cllr Borrett seconded and it was agreed that agenda items 8(iii), 8(iv) and 8(v) be taken at the end of the meeting.

9. Governance

- (i) The Clerk reported on questions raised with the Charity Commissioners regarding the trustee status of the King George Field in Fornham St Martin;
- (ii) Cllrs Borrett and Jayne Hubbard were nominated and agreed to review the Parish Council's compliance with the accounting and governance statements within the Annual Return and the Parish Council's own Risk and Management statement;
- (iii) Cllrs considered the information at Appendix 3 and resolved that the Clerk should take such action as is necessary for the Parish Council to achieve the Local Council Award Scheme's Foundation Status;

- (iv) Cllrs noted the interim findings of the Community Governance Review and noted that the next round of consultation will begin in mid-February 2016 running until late April 2016 with a final decision being made by the Borough Council in June 2016.

10. Finance

- (i) Cllrs agreed that the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for February 2015 (Appendix 3) be received and that any outstanding payments be made.
Cllrs approved all payments and agreed that:
 - ◆ payments to the Information Commissioner be paid by direct debit;
 - ◆ that the Village Hall Committee be asked to agree a new electricity contract from 11 May 2016.
- (ii) Cllrs asked the Clerk to seek a quotation for the insurance of the assets at the King George Field;
- (iii) Cllrs approved the Internal Auditor's terms of reference at Appendix 5;
- (iv) Cllrs agreed that the 2015/16 accounts inspection period for the exercise of electors' rights be Friday 10 June to Thursday 21 July 2016 and the 2015/16 Annual Return be submitted on or before Monday 6 June 2016

11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

- (i) Reports on meetings attended had been considered;
- (ii) There were no future meetings requiring attendance;
- (iii) No further items were identified for consideration at future meetings. It was however decided not to discuss the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan before the West Suffolk Operational Hub issue was resolved.
- (iv) No further items of information were raised.

8 Planning and Environment (continued)

- (iii) Cllrs reviewed two quotations for the environmental management of the parish. It was proposed by Cllr Borrett, seconded by Cllr Jayne Hubbard and agreed that:
 - ◆ further information be sought from the existing litter picker;
 - ◆ the Clerk and Chairman be authorised to make appropriate arrangements for the environmental management of the parish.
- (iv) Cllrs decided that all 3 rights of way within the parish should be maintained by the County Council 4 times per annum at a 2016 cost of £177.55;
- (v) Cllrs considered residents' feedback from The Bugle article (Jan/Feb 2016 issue) and decided that two-thirds of the King George Field should

be planted with a mix of top quality wild flower and grass seed, leaving one-third as grass for ball games and other community uses. It was further decided that:

- ◆ the community should be asked to assist with the design of the wild meadow area;
- ◆ grants be sought to assist with the cost of this work.

The meeting ended at 9:45 pm.

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Fornham St Martin, IP31 1SW on Thursday 10 March 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) Penny Borrett, Paul Butler, Michael Collier (Chair), Peter Forster and Jayne Hubbard.
In attendance: Paul MacLachlan (Clerk), Rebecca Hopfensperger (Borough and County Councillor) and one member of the public.

The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:

- ◆ the Agenda;
- ◆ the following appendices:
 1. actions arising from prior meetings;
 2. planning applications and decisions;
 3. recommendations regarding the environmental management of the parish;
 4. changes to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations;
 5. report of the Responsible Finance Officer;
 6. fixed asset register.

- 1. Apologies**
The apologies of Cllr Nick Owen (recuperation) and Gary Hubbard (business commitment) were received and accepted.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
The requirement to update the Register of Interests was noted. No further interests were declared. No dispensations were sought.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council meetings dated 11 February 2016 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Borough, County and Community Reports

Cllr Hopfensperger reported that:

- ◆ she had been able to progress the Village Hall Committee's application for funds to erect notice boards in the parish. The Chairman expressed the Council's thanks to Cllr Hopfensperger for her support.
- ◆ St Edmundsbury Borough Council will make brown bin collection charges from April 2016;
- ◆ an extension of time for the parish council to respond to the most recent amendment to the Fornham Park planning application has been requested;
- ◆ the 2016/17 budget increases are 1.95% (St Edmundsbury Borough Council) and 2% (Suffolk County Council, all ring-fenced for adult social care);
- ◆ the vehicle activated signage order is being progressed by the Borough Council;
- ◆ changes to the Fire Service arising from the recent public consultation will be considered by the County Council Cabinet in April/May 2016.

The meeting was adjourned for public question time

Points relating to the most recent amendment to the Fornham Park planning application were raised with the Parish Council.

It was regretted that neither the Borough Councillor nor any Parish Councillor had attended the Development Control Committee meeting at which the Lark's Pool applications had been finally decided.

The meeting reconvened.

5. Clerk's report

- (i) The Clerk reported progress on actions arising from prior meetings (see Appendix 1).
- (ii) The Clerk commented on the following issues:
 - ◆ the Parish Conference will be held at 6.00pm on Monday 11 April at Stanton Community Village Hall;
 - ◆ Great Barton's first Neighbourhood Plan meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23 March in the Village Hall;
 - ◆ a resident has asked councillors to investigate whether action is required to protect the grassed area near the village sign by the old Thetford Road. Cllr Collier indicated he would follow this up;
 - ◆ local resident, David Randall, has offered to plant and maintain the planters near the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to accept David's kind offer and to propose a budget of approximately £50.00. It was agreed that a similar sum be provided for the planting and maintenance of planters on Barton Hill;
 - ◆ the 2016/17 section 137 expenditure limit is £7.42 (2015/16 £7.36).

6. Decisions taken since the last meeting

The Clerk reported that no decisions had been taken since the last meeting.

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7. West Suffolk Operational Hub

The Chairman commented that the Hub was now planning to accept food as part of black bin waste.

The Chairman further reported that, on 14 March, the 3 local parish council chairmen will receive a briefing on how the Borough Council propose to analyse the public's responses to the latest hub consultation.

8. Planning and Environment

(i) Councillors noted that, since publication of the agenda, planning application DC/15/0662/VAR, Fornham Park, had been received. It was proposed by Cllr Butler, seconded by Cllr Collier and agreed that the Clerk be authorised to submit a reply on behalf of the Council.

Cllrs noted the decisions of the Planning Authority recorded in Appendix 2.

(ii) Cllrs considered the paper at Appendix 3. It was proposed by Cllr Collier, seconded by Cllr Butler and agreed that all environmental management recommendations proposed within Appendix 3 be adopted with the exception of 4(iii) which was not approved.

(iii) Cllrs asked the Clerk to draft an article for the April/ May issue of The Bugle inviting residents' input into the design of the proposed wild flower meadow in the King George Field.

9. Governance

(i) Councillors considered necessary amendments to the Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations arising from recent legislative changes. It was agreed that the changes proposed in Appendix 4 be adopted.

(ii) The Clerk reported that, following a meeting with Parish Council Chairman, Mike Collier, and King George Field Trustee, David Payne, he had agreed to act, in his capacity as Clerk to the Council, as the nominated Charity Commission contact for the King George's Field charity. The Clerk indicated that he would take advice from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and that it may be necessary to seek legal advice. Cllrs authorised the Clerk to proceed.

(iii) Having previously agreed that both the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Monday 23 May 2016 it was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council should commence at 6:30 pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:30pm. The Clerk was asked to draft an article for April/May issue of The Bugle publicising the Annual Parish Meeting.

10. Finance

- (i) Cllrs agreed that the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for March 2015 (Appendix 5) be received and that any outstanding payments be made.
Cllrs approved all payments and agreed that, in addition, a payment of £340.00 be made to the Village Hall Committee for 2015 meetings.
- (ii) Cllrs considered and adopted the fixed asset register at Appendix 6.

11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

- (i) Reports on meetings attended had been considered.
- (ii) Cllr Collier indicated that he would endeavour to attend the Parish Conference on 11 April. There were no other meetings requiring attendance.
- (iii) No further items were identified for consideration at future meetings.
- (iv) No further items of information were raised.

The meeting ended at 9:30pm.

Please note that these minutes together with all referenced appendices can be viewed on the Parish Council website at <http://fornhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/>

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PLEASE NOTE : *The Parish Council has decided that the deadline for articles to be included in the Bugle will be brought forward where possible. JUN/JUL edition deadline NOON 16 May 2016. This will ensure that residents receive their copy before the beginning of the month shown on the front cover.*

NOTE: new email for contributors fornhambugle@virginmedia.com

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AGM on Tuesday 3 May at 19:30

If anyone is interested in joining the Committee
please contact Maureen Hockett (Chair) on
01284 755840 prior to the meeting.

Watchdog seeks views on diabetic foot care services in Suffolk

Healthwatch Suffolk is working with a leading Consultant Physician of Diabetes and Endocrinology at the Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust Diabetic Centre to explore local experiences of using diabetic foot care services in Suffolk.

Good foot care is essential for people living with diabetes because it can prevent complications caused by high blood glucose levels including damage to nerves and blood vessels. In fact, active foot disease is a leading cause of amputation in the UK.

That is why Healthwatch is keen to explore whether people at high risk of developing foot disease in Suffolk are receiving appropriate care. It is interested in your experiences about the full range of services that may care for your feet and this includes those accessed in GP practices, hospitals and in the community.

Andy Yacoub (Chief Executive of Healthwatch Suffolk) said:

“Our aim is to ensure that these essential services are shaped by the experiences of people using them. This survey will help us to independently check that patients are receiving the right messages to help them manage their condition and that there is fair and appropriate access to foot care services across the county. If you have diabetes or know someone that does, please take part. It only takes a moment and your views could make a positive difference to care in Suffolk.”

To take part, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/suffolkdiabetes>. You can also contact Healthwatch Suffolk on 01449 703949 or by email to info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk to request a hard copy survey.

This survey will close on 30th April 2016.

FSM^B CHURCH NEWS



The big event approaching for the Church is our Annual General Meeting, or Annual Parochial Church Meeting as we call it, on Thursday 21st April, in the church at 7.30pm. As an added attraction there will be refreshments, so anyone interested will be very welcome. The main purpose is to elect Churchwardens for another year, and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) so if you fancy a nice easy job, suitably committed of course, please come along, and at least see what happens. Also the Electoral Roll will be updated, deleting people who are no longer with us and/or left the village, and hopefully add some new names. The future of the church in the village will also be on the agenda. With our last Rector, David Burrell not being replaced, but now under the good management of North Bury Team Rector, Mark Haworth, as Priest in Charge, it is proposed the 7 Lark Valley Benefice group of churches that we are part of, is merged with North Bury's 3 churches, to form a combined benefice of 10 churches, under Mark.

Also that the uniting of FSM church with Fornham All Saints church 25 years ago, to form a United Parish, is decoupled. This will allow both churches to manage their own services and building maintenances, whilst continuing to have all the regular services on alternate Sundays and Tuesday mornings, as at present. Flyers explaining all this will be distributed to all houses.

Our last Book Sale Coffee and Cakes on 13th February was the best ever, and a very enjoyable and convivial day for all of us, and especially our visitors, in what is a community building for the day. It was packed out in the morning, and so many seemed to have £20 notes itching to be spent. Consequently we raised £500 for the first time, but hopefully not the last, for the church building fabric and maintenance. It was a good job we had plenty of cakes, scones, sausage rolls etc, thanks to Sylvia and all the ladies who helped her. The next one is on **Saturday 14th May, 11 - 3pm**, so do come along for a browse of some 1400 books, have a cuppa and chat. Book donations always welcome.

Fornhams Churches Summer FETE this year is at Fornham All Saints Community Centre, on **Saturday 2nd July, 2pm till about 4pm**, so do put it in your diary to come along, and even better if you can help. It takes some 50 'willing' volunteers to run all the stalls and games, serve teas, so please contact us if you can help in some way.

Our Lent Lunches this year were at Anita Rooney's and Sylvia Hilton's, consisting of a simple fare of delicious home made soups, cheese and biscuits and fruit. These are part of Lent, in preparation for Easter, both as a frugal, but healthy, meal, and to raise some charitable funds, again part of the theme of Lent. £265 was raised and has been donated to the Garland Street Baptist Church Drop In Centre to help homeless in Bury with comfort and food, so grateful thanks to Anita and Sylvia, and everyone who supported them.

The Church is now open during the Summer, from about 9am to 5pm, so thanks to all those who help with opening and closing each day making the Church available to both visitors perhaps looking for relatives graves, or those visiting again from afar after spending a childhood in the village, or perhaps just to spend some quiet time for spiritual well being. The visitors book regularly contains comments typical of these reasons for enjoying our lovely 700 year old Church, or maybe just someone locally curious to see what the inside looks like, and discover it might just mean more to them than they anticipated. All are very welcome.

The current 477 graves in the churchyard, going back to 1685 (John Sparke, in case anyone remembers him) are all numbered on a survey plan in church, together with accompanying list of names, so graves can easily be found.

Regular maintenance items of the church and churchyard should commence in April, costing some £3000+.

A funeral was held for Betty Mills on 22nd January.

Services in April and May are on Sundays at 10am, on 10th and 24th April, and 8th and 22nd May, together with Tuesdays at 10am on 5th and 19th April and 3th and 17th May, all shown on the notice board, together with services in the other churches.

David Yates and Sylvia Hilton, Churchwardens

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**Have you called for an ambulance recently?
Share your 999 story with Healthwatch Suffolk**

Healthwatch Suffolk is working with Local Healthwatch across the East of England to find out what people think of local ambulance services. It is always interested to hear of your experiences but is seeking views now because it wants to inform an upcoming Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection of the East of England Ambulance service.

The Care Quality Commission monitors regulates services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety. It has a legal duty to listen to the things Local Healthwatch say about services.

As your local watchdog on health and social care services, Healthwatch Suffolk is best placed to inform the work of the CQC with the experiences of local people in Suffolk.

Whether you had a good or a bad experience, it is easy to share your story. Simply visit the Healthwatch Suffolk website (www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk) where you can search for the service and leave a review, call 01449 703949 or email info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk.

HELP DESIGN THE LAYOUT OF YOUR NEW WILD FLOWER MEADOW

As you will be aware, in 2015, the playing field in Fornham St Martin was ravaged by Chafer bugs with the result that the majority of the field has been withdrawn from use.

This unfortunate episode has given the Parish Council an opportunity to consider how the field can best serve the local community. The play equipment and trim trail will definitely be retained as will a green space for youngsters to play and kick a ball about.

However, after careful consideration it has been decided that the recently rotavated area of the field will be converted into a wild flower meadow - and this is where the Parish Council would welcome your input. You are invited to submit your ideas as to how the wild flower meadow should be laid out. The Parish Council would welcome your thoughts (and your drawings?) addressing such issues as:

- ◆ whether there should be a seating area? If so, where?
- ◆ how should the paths be routed through the wild flower area?
- ◆ what, if any, special features should be incorporated into the area?

Please forward your ideas by post to The Clerk, 17 The Glebe, Lavenham, Suffolk, CO10 9SN or by email to fsmsgpc@gmail.com by Monday 9 May.

It is proposed to discuss the various ideas submitted at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at 7:30 pm on Monday 23 May 2016.

Your Parish Council looks forward to hearing from you.

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**Annual Parish Meeting: 7:30 pm
on Monday 23 May**

I would like to remind all residents that the Annual Parish Meeting is YOUR meeting, held only once a year, to provide you with an opportunity to “have your say” and raise any issues that concern you. It is also a useful vehicle for you to receive and request up to date information from Parish Councilors, your Borough and County Councillor, and representatives from your local church, clubs and societies.

We hope to be able to provide an update on the HUB consultation and to have our Borough and County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger there to answer your questions.

Please put this date in your diary. I have provided a draft agenda below but would ask you to keep an eye on the parish notice boards for the final version which should be published in early May.

Remember it is YOUR meeting and YOUR opportunity to influence issues in YOUR village.

I look forward to seeing you on the 23rd May.

Mike Collier

Chairman, Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome from the Chairman
2. To receive any apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 May 2015
4. To receive a report from the Parish Council
5. To consider proposals for the wild meadow area in King George's Field
6. To receive an update on the proposed West Suffolk Operational Hub
7. To invite a report from local clubs and societies.
Among those to be invited to report will be St Martin's Church, the Village Hall Committee and the Garden Club.
If your club or society would like to keep local residents updated about their activities please contact Mike Collier (see below) before 15 April 2016.
8. To receive a report from County and District Councillor, Rebecca Hopfensperger
9. Open session – to hear from residents in attendance wishing to raise matters of local interest

You are warmly invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in the Village Hall, The Street, Fornham St Martin, IP31 1SW on Monday 23 May 2016 at 7:30 pm

West Suffolk Operational Hub Update

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As I am sure you are aware, the second public consultation period for The West Suffolk Operational Hub ended on the 19 February. I am given to understand that the Borough Council received approximately 545 letter or email responses.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank everyone who took time to give their thoughts and recommendations to the Borough on this controversial proposal. Your replies are very important and valuable in the deliberation process and are currently being reviewed in considerable depth and detail by the Borough.

I am advised that early feedback on the consultation results is expected around 23 March. Unfortunately, this is too late for inclusion in this issue of The Bugle. I believe that the final decision making report will be available sometime in June.

For your interest I have published below your Parish Council's response to the WSOH consultation.

Mike Collier

Chairman, Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

17 February 2016

West Suffolk Operational Hub Consultation Feedback
West Suffolk House
Western Way
Bury St Edmunds
IP33 3YU

Dear Sir / Madam

West Suffolk Operational Hub Consultation Feedback

The considered view of the Parish Council can be summarised as follows:

1. the creation of a combined waste hub within Suffolk is fundamentally flawed;
2. without information regarding project costs neither residents nor councillors are in a position to agree the proposed project irrespective of its location;
3. the County and Borough Councils weigh sustainability issues too heavily and thereby reach the wrong conclusion.

The Parish Council recommends consideration of the following points:

- (a) It is insufficient justification to argue that Suffolk will be trailing a new path by creating a combined waste hub. There are good reasons there are no other examples within the UK. These include:
- ◆ the resistance of local residents;
 - ◆ the physical impact on local communities – noise, smells, traffic and air pollution;
 - ◆ safety issues arising from use of facilities by both residential and commercial clients

While all three Suffolk Councils should be commended for considering the idea of a combined Hub it seems to have become a project carried forward by its own momentum, and possibly the need to safeguard political reputation, rather than by a clearly articulated business case.

- (b) Although the County and Borough Councils have entered into yet another round of public consultation they are either unwilling, or unable, to produce information regarding the cost of the proposed project. Without such information neither residents nor councillors can make an informed judgement as to whether the Hub, wherever located, makes financial sense.

The project costs ought to have been clearly articulated to the electorate who will, in large measure, be footing the bill. There is a strong sense of outrage amongst local residents that this information has been withheld. Local views can be succinctly summarised in the phrase:

NO COST- NO CASE - NO HUB!

- (c) As indicated above, it is the view of the Parish Council that the case for a combined Hub has not been made. Furthermore, the Parish Council believes that process used by the County and Borough Councils in recommending the Hollow Road Farm site is flawed for 3 reasons:
- (i) central to the consultation process is the expectation that members of the public are able to make judgements about the suitability of potential sites and what criteria should be used when assessing sites. Furthermore, we believe the criteria used are very subjective and appear to have been created to justify the decision for Hollow Road Farm.
 - (ii) neither option 3 nor option 5, both having positive impacts, were articulated to the same extent as the Hollow Road Farm option;
 - (iii) the Parish Council believes that, if cost and public opinion are taken into account (as well as sustainability) one of options 3 or 5 may prove to be a more attractive option. The Parish Council believes the Symonds Farm location is worthy of consideration in this regard with Rougham HWRC being maintained and dual location of a Transfer Station and Depot.

Following the repeated representations of electors, St Edmundsbury Borough Councillors are already aware that locating a combined Hub at Hollow Road Farm is unpopular and flies in the face of residents' deeply held concerns about the loss of a local green field site, the close proximity of the combined Hub to residential dwellings and the impact on roads and local infrastructure of an additional 610,436 vehicle journeys.

In conclusion the Parish Council calls on the County and Borough Council to abandon the creation of a combined Hub and to take account of both cost and public opinion before taking any further decisions regarding local waste management.

For further comment on this response please contact Mike Collier, Chair of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely
Paul MacLachlan
Clerk

LADIES CLUB

In **January** a volunteer from the charity WaterAid spoke about the work they do. We have had a letter from Lucy Cover from their Community Team thanking us for our donation to WaterAid and the people of Lovasoa, a remote village in Madagascar who now have a gravity-fed system providing water to 390 people in their community.

In **February** local osteopath James Woledge came to talk to Ladies Club about "Pain", a subject close to our hearts - or maybe more accurately, our backs, hips and knees. He talked us through a rapid history of how human beings have dealt with pain and how the understanding of it has changed over time. Current thinking seemed quite revolutionary to us as we heard about the part our brains play in feeling and responding to pain. Our members asked many, many questions and discussed these issues enthusiastically. This was probably the most lively and interactive meeting we have ever had. Thank you James for giving us so much to think about, for being such a good listener and inspiring us to take action to help ourselves.

In **March** our speaker was Anne Datson who has been collecting Royal Copenhagen China for over 50 years. The factory in Denmark first made this China in 1775. She had a plate that commemorated its first century in 1975. The factories most famous artist/chemist & sculptor was Heinrich Mueller. The Royal Copenhagen China is soft paste porcelain and has a characteristic "Mark" - 3 wavy lines - the 3 Waterways. Even today the mark has a variation of these 3 lines. Anne had brought a lovely selection from her collection of this characteristic blue & white china - cups & saucers, plates, figurines, dishes and a very pretty cat. She is still collecting. Thank you Anne for sharing your passion with us.

Future Programme:

April 20 Poetry Performances - Original verse and songs, written and performed by Erick Punak.

May 18 Reflexology Jenny Stocking

Meetings as usual in Fornham St Martin Village Hall at 7:45 pm.

A warm welcome awaits you. Mary Payne

More information from Secretary Janet Petch 01284 768280

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