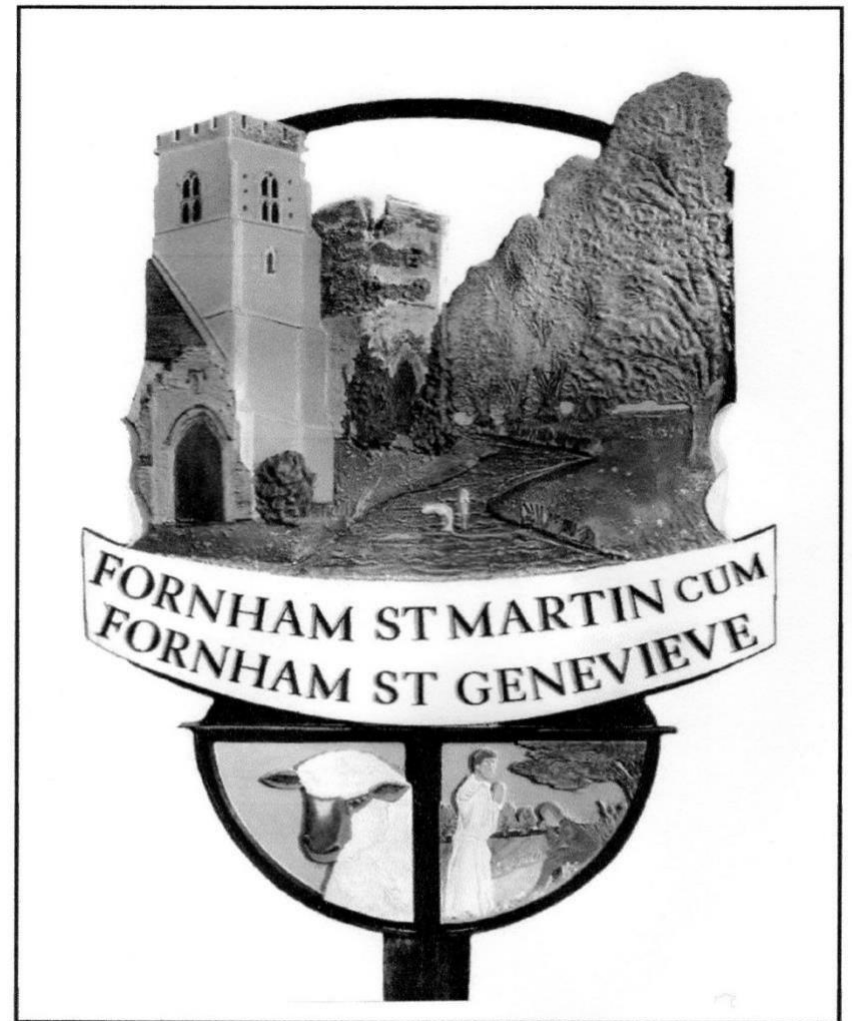


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SUMMARY DECEMBER 2022 PLANNING Minutes of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

Councillors present: Cllr. J. Borrett (Chair), Cllr. M. Collier (Vice Chair), Cllr. P. Borrett, Cllr. P. Butler & Cllr. S. Eley

Also present: Vicky Bright, Clerk. 2 members of public.

Apologies: Cllr. F. Stennett & Cllr. P. Forster

Planning (For consideration):

**DC/22/1339/FUL. Location: Fornham Business Court, Unit 11
The Drift, Fornham St Martin.** Resolved 22/12/3.01 .

No objections to application DC/22/1339/FU, with the following note; 'the reason we are withdrawing our objections is because of the paragraph in the agents letter dated 14.11.22, *Reasons for Changes* (see below), which addresses our previous concerns, we hope to see these changes carried through and enforced'.

Reasons for Changes: We have listened carefully to comments from yourself as well as third party comments, including Fornham St. Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council, to amend the scheme in order to resolve issues and result in a positive outcome. The proposal now removes amenity objections and concerns raised over comings and goings, noise and late-night activity at the site associated with the sui-generis use and extended opening hours.

These elements no longer form part of the consideration of the application. No objections or concerns have been submitted in respect of the principle of the physical extensions. The amended proposal will allow for the expansion of a small rural business and is in clear accordance with Policy DM5 and the NPPF.

DC/22/1902/VAR - variation of condition two (approved plans) of DC/16/2792/FUL (AP/18/0010/REF) to include plans for an additional lodge type for the change of use of park land to land for siting of 26 no. additional holiday lodges with access from B1106 - extension to previously approved application SE/05/02293; construction of access road, parking spaces and hard standing bases and associated landscape planting and infrastructure. Location: The Dream Lodge Group Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve.

The variation is to allow a further type of lodge design available. Resolved 22/12/3.02. No objections to application

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DC/20/0496/FUL - 68 lodges with parking, landscaping, waste and recycling areas and construction compound/maintenance area.

Location, St Genevieve Lakes, Road from Bury Road To B1106, Timworth. Resolved 22/12/3.03. No Objections to application DC/22/0496/FUL. With a note that conditions be set upon approval to ensure they are holiday use only!

DC/22/1831/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 .** Resolved 22/12/3.04. No Objections to application DC/22/1831/FUL.

EN/22/0228 - Breach of condition - tree protection measures and pre-commencement unauthorised felling of TPO tree. **Location: All Saints Hotel, Fornham St Genevieve.** The Clerk confirmed that a report had been made to Enforcement regarding trees that appear to have a TPO on them being removed along the boundary of the Golf Course and the old Fornham St Genevieve graveyard (FSG 2 on the definitive map). Enforcement have confirmed that they are investigating the concern.

Update on Enforcement EN/21/0057 Ref: St Johns Plantation/Golf Course Trees. Still no update on the re-planting schemes. It is unclear why the applicant has not had legal action taken against them, despite the string evidence provided by the Parish Council and residents and why the re-planting schemes requested have not been enforced. The Clerk is to write a letter of complaint to the Chief Executive of West Suffolk and cc. Cllr. Hopfensperger.

For Information Only: Update on Planning Appeal 22/0039/STAND (Application 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. **Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve)** The appeal decision is to approve the application. The Clerk has contacted Cllr. Hopfensperger to ask what the District Council position is and whether they will be appealing the Inspectors decision. Resolved 22/12/3.05 It was agreed that if WSC are to appeal the Inspectors decision on application AP/0039/STAND (DC/21/1142/FUL), then the Clerk is to write a letter of support to WSC's objections and appeal.

DC/22/1887/FUL - Create access into All Saints Golf and Country Club. Location: Land off The Street Fornham All Saints. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish had not been consulted on this application in error, and she has contacted the Planning Officer to ask them to issue the consultation papers to the PC. The application will be on the Council's January agenda.

Meeting closed 8:47pm

SUMMARY DRAFT JANUARY 23 Minutes of the Meeting of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

Councillors present: Cllr. J. Borrett (Chair), Cllr. M. Collier (Vice Chair), Cllr. P. Borrett, Cllr. P. Butler, Cllr. S. Eley & Cllr. P. Forster.

Also present: Vicky Bright, Clerk. Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger WSC/SCC. David Yates – PCC. Mr David Harris , All Saints Hotel & Golf Club, 1 member of public.

Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings:

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10th November 2022 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (JBo). The minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 8th December 2022 were adopted as a true statement/signed by the Chairman.

Planning (For consideration):

DC/22/1294/FUL- animal feed mill and associated development including ancillary offices, silos, warehouse, improved access route and parking. Location: Land of Compiegne Way, Bury St Edmunds (British Sugar). Resolved 23/01/5.01. It was agreed to object to application DC/22/1294/FUL....



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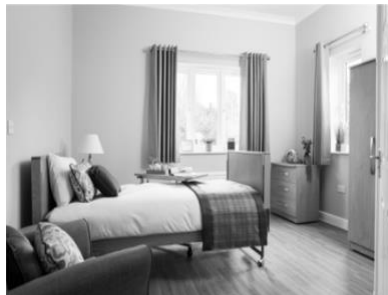
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... with concerns over highways access & safety, air quality, flood & water and environment concerns.

DC/22/1887/FUL - create access into All Saints Golf and Country Club.

Location: Land off the Street, Fornham All Saints. Resolved 23/01/5.02.

It was agreed to object to application DC/22/1887/FUL due to concerns over highways safety.

DC/22/2018/FUL - first floor extension above existing reception to create office space. Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve. Resolved 23/01/5.02 - No objections to application DC/22/2018/FUL.

(For Information Only):

DC/22/1831/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!

DC/22/1378/FUL - RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION - outdoor gymnasium with open sided exercise shelter and moveable exercise equipment Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve – Pending decision!

DC/22/1600/TPO - TPO 030 (1960) - Tree preservation order - one Sweet Chestnut (T1 on plan, within A5 on order) pollard to four metres above ground level. Location: The Laurels, Parklands Green, Fornham St Genevieve - Approved 24.11.2022.

DC/22/1339/FUL – AMENDED single storey front and side extensions to existing café. Location: Fornham Business Court, Unit 11 The Drift, Fornham St Martin – Pending decision!

DC/22/1494/HH - a. single storey first floor extension with balcony b. installation of door to side elevation c. single storey rear extension. Location: Larks Pool, Mill Road, Fornham St Genevieve Suffolk – Approved 21.10.2022.

DC/22/1902/VAR - variation of condition two (approved plans) of DC/16/2792/FUL (AP/18/0010/REF) to include plans for an additional lodge type for the change of use of park land to land for siting of 26 no. additional holiday lodges with access from B1106 - extension to previously approved application SE/05/02293; construction of access road, parking spaces and hard standing bases and associated landscape planting and infrastructure. Location: The Dream Lodge Group Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve – Pending decision!

DC/20/0496/FUL - 68 lodges with parking, landscaping, waste and recycling areas and construction compound/maintenance area.

Location: St Genevieve Lakes, Road from Bury Road to B1106, Timworth – Pending decision!

AP/22/0048/STAND – 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: The Dream Lodge Group, Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve – Pending decision!

AP/22/0049/STAND – 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: The Dream Lodge Group, Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve – Pending decision!

AP/22/0039/STAND (Application 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 Location: All Saints Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve) – Approved 16.11.2022.

Update Enforcement EN/21/0057 St Johns Plantation Trees & EN/22/0228 - Breach of condition - unauthorised felling of TPO tree EN/21/0057 - Cllr. Hopfensperger advised that the case officer advised they are waiting further comments from the Arborist and that a re-planting scheme will be secured as conditions of approval for the outdoor gym application, if approved, or as part of the refusal conditions if the building has to be removed.

EN/22/0228 – Mr Harris (All Saints Hotel) advised the meeting that the Leylandii on the boundary of the old graveyard were removed following request from the neighbour, and these were not under any TPO. Enforcement is satisfied and no action is to be taken.

Mr Harris advised also, that the Sycamores removed were done so by a neighbour, with no prior knowledge by the hotel.

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Enforcement have done a site visit and advised that the trees are regrowing, so had only been pollarded not removed and that these were also not under TPO, the enforcement team are satisfied and no action is to be taken.

Mr Harris and the resident advised that the enforcement team have also given permission for an Oak tree, which is under TPO to be removed as it is diseased and dangerous, they have agreed to a re-planting scheme, 10m from the oak being removed.

Update on temporary footpath signage and diversion – Golf Course/All Saints Hotel - It was confirmed by Mr Harris that he has applied for a permanent diversion which is the process of being approved, that will go around the building and through an undercroft. Cllr. Hopfensperger advised that a site visit had confirmed that the temporary signage is now adequate.

Highways/Footpaths & Trees.

Update on Outstanding Highways Issues - Cllr. Hopfensperger/Andy Moore reported that;

Thetford Road footpath cutting works completed. A grip has been cut into the verge to allow surface water to discharge. Russell Baron Road – An order has been made for Flowline to come out and cut the roots, Andy will also investigate the discharge to the adjacent field to complete the water flow. The vegetation on the footpath between Russell Baron Road and Barton Hill has been cut back.

The hedge from the Anglia Water treatment plant to Parklands Green has been cut back.

Old Thetford Road PROW – This is scheduled to be cut this winter.

The street lights that aren't working have been reported by Cllr. Hopfensperger.

Dead/Diseased Trees at Fornham Roundabout - These works have been completed and the trees have been safely removed.

Highways Investment Fund. The team are still doing site visits to assess all the sites suggested.

Update on Highway Gates - The gate on Barton Hill has been re- installed. The gate on the FSG entrance is to be replaced with a two- sided gate. The Clerk is working to get quotes.

Parish Matters.

Playing Field / Play Area & Trim Trail. Cllr. Borrett is to meet with the Inspector, Tim McGhee to clarify which timbers need replacing on the Trim Trail. Quotes will then be sourced. The bark top-up has now been completed. The new metal gate has now been installed and quotes for overhead barriers are to be considered on the February agenda. It was agreed that the hedging did not need any action.

Bus Shelter Barton Hill - Quotes have been requested to replace the broken pane of glass, to be considered on the February agenda.

VAS Data Collection Unit quote / Quote for new battery charger - The Police have confirmed that they have added Fornham St Martin to have regular enforcement speed checks, so far, a recent enforcement by the BMW garage on the right hand side towards Bury St Ed's resulted in 35 offences being recorded.

The Clerk presented a quote for £550 + VAT for a data collection unit to be installed on the new VAS unit. It was agreed to hold fire and see if Matthew can get the old data collection unit to work and to leave it up to the police.

The Clerk presented a quote for the new battery charger unit and this was accepted. Resolved 23/01/7.01. It was agreed to accept the quote of £63 + VAT & £7.50 + VAT for a new battery charger.

Finance & Policies.

Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from list of payments/receipts .

Resolved 23/01/9.01. 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 December 2022 is £24,568.36.



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A biologist, a physicist, and a mathematician are standing in front of an empty house. They all observe two people walk in, and three people walk out. The biologist tries to explain the phenomenon by stating, “Well, they must have reproduced.” The physicist offers a different explanation, “There must have been an error in measurement.” Then, the mathematician says, “If one more person walks in, then the house will be empty again.”

To Agree the WSC Grass Cutting Quote for the King George Playing Field for 2023. Resolved 23/01/9.02. It was agreed to accept the quote for WSC to cut the grass for the season between April-October 2023, 12 cuts in total for a cost of £1,475.76 + VAT.

To discuss & agree Bugle Advertising Fees Increase for 2023. The Clerk presented a report on the Bugle finances and advised that advertising costs hadn't been increased since 2019. Resolved 23/01/9.03. It was agreed to increase the Bugle advertising fees for by 15%.

Discuss Pay Increase for the Litter Pickers. Resolved 23/01/9.04. The Litter pickers haven't had a pay increase since 2017. It was agreed to put them on the NJC pay scale SCP 4 £11.01 per hour.

To adopt the 2023/24 Budget. Resolved 23/01/9.05. It was agreed to adopt the budget for 2023/24 with expenditure of £35,967.60.

To Agree & Adopt the Precept Figure for 2023/24. Resolved 23/01.9.06. It was agreed to submit the Precept request at £29,605.00, a 0% increase to residents' tax bill.

Notification of external auditor appointment for the 2022-23 financial year. The Clerk advised that they had been appointed PKF Littlejohn as the external auditor for 2022-23.

Next Full Parish Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 9th February 2023 at 7:30pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Joke: A biologist, a chemist, and a statistician are out hunting. The biologist shoots at a deer and misses five feet to the left. The chemist takes a shot and misses five feet to the right. The statistician yells “We got 'em!”



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have food in the fridge?" Robert said tears flooding his eyes.

"Hey, it's fine!" Iris said. "I'm going now. Okay?" She said as she grabbed the keys and walked out.

"Dinner! Dinner and a cup of tea- huh? Solve the cost of living crises? How about global warming too?" Asked Madalyn with a touch of hysteria.

"Of course! Go! Go!" George said giving her a push towards the door. An Hour Later...

"So is everyone happy now?" asked George hopefully with a mouthful of lasagna.

"Everyone's always been happy darling! Don't you go thinking like that!" Robert said softly, purposefully not meeting Iris's eyes.

"Well, we were upset about selling the car but we're good now. Yeah?" Iris said firmly.


"Happy! Happy!" chanted George making his parents laugh.


"I have some really good news! I had put my name down for head of the PE department since Fred retired. I've been invited for an interview today. To prepare I have enrolled on the module, which will help me get better positions anyways!" said Iris proudly.

"I'm so proud of you! Wow! Well done! I can't believe you didn't tell us earlier!" gushed Robert beaming, even prouder than Iris.

"Well done Mum!" said Madalyn hugging her mum.

"Happy! Happy!" Chanted George ecstatically dancing around the kitchen.




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CHURCH NEWS

Grateful thanks to everyone who supported the church last year, as we gradually recover and adjust to life after, and occasionally still with, Covid. Especially all those who assisted in maintaining our 700 year old historic heritage building, extended over the years with a tower, vestry and South Aisle, all noted in the history booklet in the church, available for a 50p donation for printing costs. And also those sidesmen, readers etc being a part of the congregation to keep the regular weekly services on Sundays and Tuesdays, alive and continuing.

Also the organ tuners, heater servicers, electricians, cleaners, flower arrangers (flowers can be placed in church by anyone in memory of a loved one) and gardener.

Which reminds me, Ian our regular gardener who has been doing a tremendous job of cutting and trimming the grass in the churchyard for the last few years, is having to give up this year with health issues. SO, we need a gardener to take over this very important and highly regarded job, if we are to keep the churchyard neat and tidy for everyone, like visitors attending graves. Otherwise it would quickly become overgrown and very unsightly and unpopular.

Short Story- By Meral Ahmed

"I don't want to! But we have to!" yelled Iris standing in front of her husband.

"There's got to be some other way!" shouted Robert.

"There's not," retorted Iris.

"There must...there must," pleaded Robert. Sitting down, eyes frantic.

"Make them stop!" cried George.

"Hey, hey. Let's go to our room. Yeah?" Madalyn said softly lifting her brother from the hallway into their shared bedroom. She whistled to Beanie (their Labrador) and shut the door behind them.

"Why are they fighting?" George said tears streaming down his face.

"They're grownups and they're worried... about money. I want to do something!" Madalyn mused deep in thought. Beanie licked her hand affectionately.

"Make Dinner! I'm starving!" George said standing up on his bed.

"We have to sell the car Robert. We don't have any other option. It'll be alright," Iris said softly embracing her husband.

"Yeah. Okay. The children. Oh how will we afford to keep the house warm in winter? To

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Neal Dodge from Culford, Public Relations Officer of the Suffolk Guild of Bell Ringers, has joined us to assist with arrangements with Nicholson Bellhangers, and grant applications, with his invaluable experience with similar projects. He is suggesting a sponsorship scheme where parts of the bells and their supporting functions can be sponsored in a donors name. Such as £5000 for a bell with the donors inscribed plaque, £1000 for a wheel with donors inscribed plaque that the bell swings from, to £500 - £50 for clappers, bell rope, pulley box to a stay. Further details available in church.

The 100 Club winners in February are :

1st £30 Kim Lockwood no.90

2nd £20 Barbara Jones no.17

3rd £10 Anita Rooney no.83

And in March will be: 1st £30 Pat Bance no.35; 2nd £20 Fiona

Barker no.81; 3rd £10 Roy Knight no.33

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, with the £15 usually collected for the year in January. Contact David at 705157.

We now have a Digital Giving Device in church, for those who don't carry cash, so they can flash their card, to make donations, we hope many of our visitors will like this improvement..

Church Services at 10am, in February are on Sundays 12th & 26th, and Tuesdays 7th and 21st.

In March on Sundays 12th and 26nd at 10am, and Tuesdays 7th and 21st. All welcome.

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve, led by Team Rector Andy Miller, ably assisted by his wife Team Vicar Ali Miller, was very well supported with 72 mainly young families, including 27 young children, many dressed in the appropriate festive costumes, making good use of the family tea towels in some cases.! After a 3 year gap it was really good to see so many, and with this popular service re-established, maybe even more next year, always on Christmas Eve. Midnightmas was at Fornham All Saints this year, as it alternates each year, with Christmas morning at FSM.

There were 7 church members who were Confirmed at St Johns in November, including two from FSM. Confirmation is the very important second step after Baptism to confirm

People as church members, when they are at an age to make this decision for themselves. Advice is always available for anyone interested.

Sadly we held a funeral service on 12 December for Tony Scarfe followed by his burial in the churchyard. Tony lived in FSM for many years with his wife Barbara and family. The church was full with family and friends. He will be fondly remembered, especially for his motor body repairing business, by many of us who employed his skills, now continued by son Stuart, still keeping the business busy. The family were pleased Tony was able to attend Stuart's wedding to Anna in August, and the 2 day Wedding Festival in church in July, with Barbara and daughters Sarah and Ruth. Our prayers and condolences are with them all.

Our next Book Sale Coffee and Cakes is on Saturday 18th February, as we start thinking about future events this year.

Sole Surviving Churchwarden David Yates 705157

Talented writers

Do YOU want to publish a piece of fiction or non-fiction in the Bugle Newsletter? Like a poem, article or a short story.

If you want to publish something or have any queries

Contact Meral Ahmed the Compiler at:

buglenewsletter@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The Hall bookings are picking up again. We are pleased to welcome Paper Peonies back, and the Whist Group are to return on a weekly basis on Friday evenings from the beginning of March. They are now looking for new members so if you are interested please contact Lynne, our Hall Manager, in the first place who can give you the contact details. There are children's parties booked for this month. Last year some local residents held their Halloween and Christmas parties with us and we look forward to welcoming them back this year.

Our exciting news is that the old wooden and metal windows have now been replaced with double glazed units throughout the building. A huge thank you to BEK for their hard work in installing these, especially during a very cold spell in December, and fitting in with our bookings. We are hoping that this will contribute to keeping our electricity costs down as well as making our Groups feel a little warmer. The Committee would like to thank Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger for a contribution to the cost of the windows from her Locality Budget.

We have also replaced all our lights with LED ones in order to help with reducing the cost of running the Hall. Groups have reported that this has made a huge difference to the light levels, especially for the craft groups. Following our required 5 yearly Electrical Inspection by AB Electricals we asked if they could quote for the replacement of the lights with LEDs and this they did, also fitting them within a month. An excellent job and very much appreciated.

A smart meter has been fitted by E-On. This enables Lynne to keep a keen eye on the electricity usage in the Hall. We have also fitted a post box beside the front door.

There is WiFi in the Hall and some groups have been able to make use of this to help them research information for their hobby/interests.

The garden has been spruced up and the bench, storeroom doors and fencing have been painted. Now we're looking forward to warmer days when Groups can sit out in this space. A huge thank you to Lynne for all her hard work.

We are really pleased to welcome Nicki to the Committee. Nicki runs the Mother and Toddler group at the Hall.

There are some spaces in the Hall bookings week and Lynne is always looking to fill these, so if you know of someone who wishes to run a group; or exercise session; or workshop, please get in touch with her. The number is at the front of the Bugle.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2023.

Maureen, John, Peter, Paul, Nicki, Phil and Lynne

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Fornham Garden Club – Catriona Smart

At our December meeting, David Livermore of the Alpine Garden Society gave a very interesting and informative talk on the Flowers of the Drakensburg Mountains, which was based around an 11-day visit he had made to this eastern region of South Africa. The Drakensburg escarpment stretches in a north-south direction for over 600 miles (1000 km) and reaches its highest point at about 11,500 ft (3,500 m). The mountains are rich in plant life, including many species of bulbs that we see in British gardens: Galtonia, Eucomis, Crocosmia, Scilla, Agapanthus and Watsonia (also known as the Cape Bugle Lily). On the lower slopes, grasses predominate. Among the native grasses is *Melinia repens*

(rose Natal grass) an attractive, hardy, tufted and short-lived perennial grass, which requires little maintenance for a showy display in spring and summer; however, before you think of planting, note that it is considered a serious weed in several countries! Often found among the grasses of the lower slopes is *Monopsis decipiens* (wild violet). The talk was also illustrated with lovely photographs of many orchids, gladioli, irises, agaves, and protea to name but a few. Apart from botanical photos we were shown breath-taking views of the wonderful landscape at all the various points on his tour. Finally, we learnt about the marvellous rock paintings in the sandstone caves at Giants Castle, in the Central Drakensburg. This entire region is dotted with caves containing many 1,000's of works of rock art, dating from at least 2,500 years ago, with many probably much older. A very fascinating talk.

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Fornham Garden Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre, Fornham All Saints. The next talks will be Slugs (14 February) and Growing Herbs (14 March). Visitors and new members are very welcome. Anybody with any queries should contact the Chairman, Ian Robertson (07876 644611).

Joke:

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson were going camping. They pitched their tent under the stars and went to sleep. Some time in the middle of the night, Holmes woke Watson up and said, "Watson, look up at the sky, and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." Holmes asked, "And what do you deduce from that?" Watson replied, "Well, if there are millions of stars, and if even a few of those have planets, it's quite likely there are some planets like Earth out there. And if there are a few planets like Earth out there, there might also be life." Holmes said, "Watson, you idiot, it means that somebody stole our tent."

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE?

During lock-down, a local bridge Club (Deben) closed its doors. They donated their club funds to **Suffolk Bridge**. These funds are now being used as part of the 'Deben Project' to offer **free bridge lessons in Suffolk in partnership with Suffolk Libraries**. **Bury St Edmunds, library** will be one of the venues for this initiative.

The classes will be completely free and will be run by qualified English Bridge Union Teachers (EBU.) They will be held in the local Bury St Edmunds library, who have also offered their room free of charge. The lessons will begin in the Autumn and the plan is for a 2 hour lesson once a week on a Tuesday morning – these details are to be confirmed.

We are trying to 'spread the word' in the local area and we are approaching a plethora of local and regional publications to help in the marketing of this project. As a local resident in Fornham and a qualified EBU teacher I will be involved in this project. If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Riddles from The Hobbit

Riddle 1:

What has roots as nobody sees,
Is taller than trees,
Up, up it goes,
And yet never grows?

Riddle 2:

Voiceless it cries,
Wingless flutters,
Toothless bites,
Mouthless mutters.

Riddle 3:

It cannot be seen, cannot be felt,
Cannot be heard, cannot be smelt.
It lies behind stars and under hills,
And empty holes it fills.
It comes out first and follows after,
Ends life, kills laughter.

Riddle 4:

Alive without breath,
As cold as death;
Never thirsty, ever drinking,
All in mail never clinking.

Riddle 5:

This thing all things devours;
Birds, beasts, trees, flowers;
Gnaws iron, bites steel;
Grinds hard stones to meal;
Slays king, ruins town,
And beats mountain down.

Answers: (1) mountain, (2) wind, (3) dark, (4) fish, (5) time

THE FORNHAM LADIES' CLUB - By Janet Petch

The Fornham Ladies' Club met for their usual monthly meeting at

The Manger, Bradfield Combust instead of the Village Hall for a Christmas lunch. The food was good and it seemed to be quiet only when we were eating!

The Secretary (Heather Long) thanked various members of the Group for their help in running the Group and particularly Julia Ely, who had dealt with the details of organising the Christmas lunch. Heather had knitted a small item for each person which contained a chocolate. A free raffle was also held.

It was an enjoyable time to meet.

New members are very welcome and for further information please contact us on 767372 or 766098.

FORNHAM LADIES' CLUB – By Janet Petch

There was no meeting of Fornham Ladies' Group at the Village Hall in December as we had celebrated Christmas lunch at the Manger, Bradfield Combust.

In January we met as usual when the speaker, Ian Robertson spoke about Elveden Hall.

Apologies were received from M. Woolmore, M. Payne, H. Bray, A. Phillips, S. Hardy, June Hoggett and J. Collier.

Forthcoming events: 26th April 2023, Cambridge Arts Theatre to see Fishermen's Friends. 1st August 2023 Cromer End of Pier Show. Both shows would be open to friends and families who wished to come.

The talk by Mr Robertson was very informative, covering various members who had lived at the Hall. The home on the present estate was anciently appropriated by Bury Abbey by Henry VIII to the Duke of Norfolk.

In 1849 the Maharajah Duleep Singh ruler of the Seikh, was exiled to England by the British East India Company. The Maharajah purchased the 17,000 acre Elveden Estate in 1863 and set about rebuilding the country house and dressing it in Indian style. The Maharajah is buried in Elveden churchyard.

The Hall was a favourite place of Queen Victoria and has been used for various films including Dad's Army.

Cottages on the estate were used for employees and a school built for the children. There are two churches, St. Andrews and St. Patricks. Slides showed us the beautiful carving inside those churches. The estate is farmed on 22,468 acres, producing potatoes, cereals, onions, carrots and parsnips. Huge machines are used to produce and harvest these crops and are mainly operated by satellite. Christmas trees are also grown and sold. There are also rare plants and birds on the heathland.

It was a very interesting talk full of facts and information.

The date for the next meeting is 15th February at 7.30pm when the speaker will be from the Dogs Trust.

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