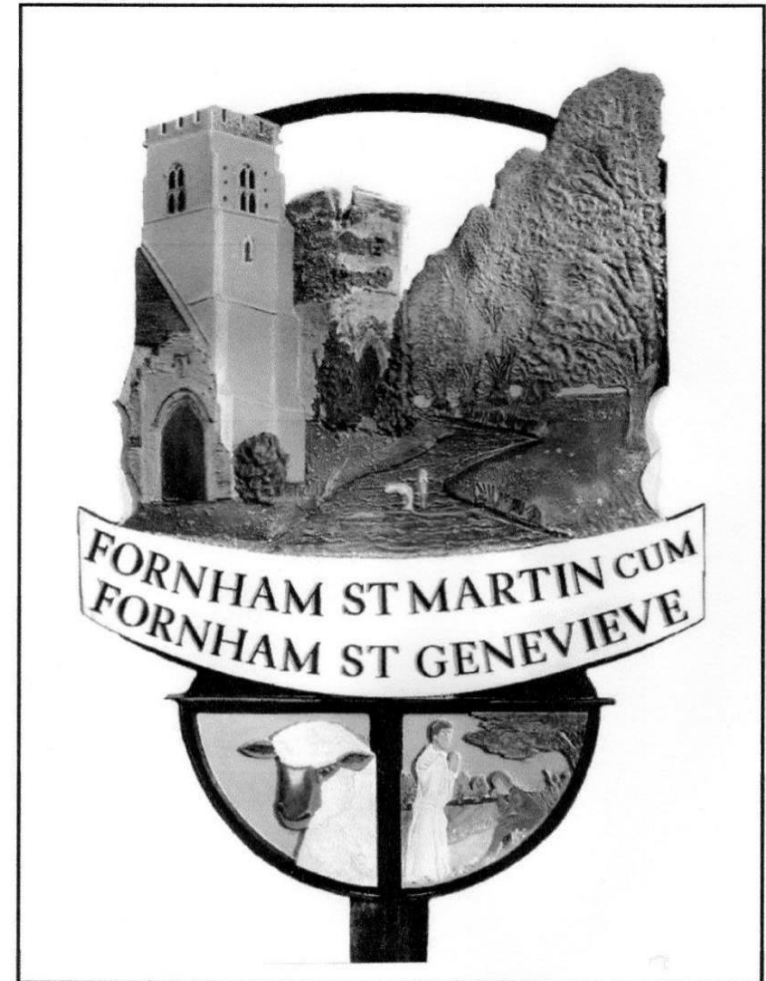


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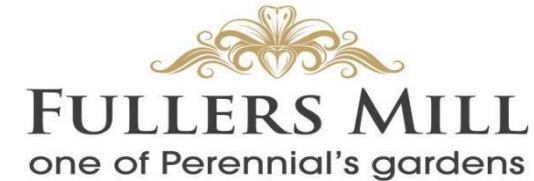
Starting promptly at 7pm and finishing before 10pm on a Friday evening, held in Fornham St Martin Village Club. The Whist club is eager to invite anyone interested in playing "Progressive Whist". No partner is required. The entry fee is £2.00 (+ £1.00 for optional raffle) with a break for light refreshments included in the entry fee.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **By David Yates**

Finally winding up 2023, we were very pleased to welcome a full church to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve especially the many young families with around 20 children, who joined in with placing the figures in the stable or a shiny star on the roof. The collection raised £270 for EACH children's hospice. Then the dozen or so who joined us on Christmas Day for Communion. The church was beautifully decorated with a tree from Rougham Hall Nurseries as usual, the windows with holly and candles, flowers, font and advent ring, with thanks to those involved: Sylvia, Catherine, Jenny and Ged. So, onto and into 2024, Happy New Year.

Whilst thanking everyone who has kept it all running smoothly here: the readers, flower arrangers, organists, tea makers and busy bakers, cleaners, especially Barbara helping clean up the dust cloud that settled over everywhere after the removal of the bells, and Ged for turning the heating on early for services, vital to ensure a nice warm church to welcome everyone to the Sunday and Tuesday services, and of course thanks to Revds Andy, Ali and Sylvia for maintaining the services.



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I am gradually resuming my duties after my long-awaited Christmas present of sorting out my double hernia, so it will be very helpful if the few left with annual subscriptions due on 1<sup>st</sup> January, for the magazine £6 and 100 Club £15, could give me these at 5 St Andrews Drive, saving me a lot of time and some shoe leather! As they have separate accounts, I would prefer cheques, for the magazine 'Lark Valley Parishes' and 100 Club to 'Fornham St Martin PCC'.

Progress with the bells continues as they are in the process of being cleaned and retuned in the nice warm Works at Bridport, Dorset, and preparations are

underway in the tower to install the replacement belfry floor and sound reducing shutters in the 4 louvre openings at the top, to be operated when suitable, as well as the essential grants and sponsorship opportunities.

The 100 Club winners in February are: - 1<sup>st</sup> £30 Sana Khalid no.80; 2<sup>nd</sup> £20 Jean Feakes no.39; 3<sup>rd</sup> £10 Sarah Johnston no.73. And in March will be: 1<sup>st</sup> Jo Woods no. 82; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Johnston no.73 ; 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Reid no.56.

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Thanks again to everyone in the 100 Club supporting the church in this way, and hopefully by now all the annual subs will be in, so the prizes can be paid!

Looking forward into the next 2 months, Mothering Sunday is on 10 March, then Lent from 14 February, Ash Wednesday, to 30 March, with 'Lent' coming from the Old English 'Spring', as the earth moves from the Winter Solstice to the Spring Equinox. It is a period of fasting, or giving up, after filling up the day before, Shrove Tuesday, commonly known as 'Pancake Day' when from the Old English the fattening ingredients like eggs, milk and flour were all used up, to make pancakes.! Then its Easter on Sunday 31 March, with the usual celebrations, service details to follow & on the notice boards, with Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week, the Sunday before.

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### Monthly

1st Mon	10:00am to 1.00pm	<b>ChainReaction</b>
1st Tues	2:00am to 4:00pm	<b>Jazz</b>
1st Thurs	10:00am to 4:00pm	<b>Patchwork</b>
2nd Tues	10:00am to 4:00pm	<b>Textiles</b>
3rd Mon	10:00am to 12 noon	<b>Probus Ladies</b>
3rd Wed	7:30pm to 9:30 pm	<b>Ladies Club</b>
Thurs	10:00am to 4:00pm	<b>Patchwork</b>
3rd Fri	12noon to 4:00 pm	<b>SpinnersandWeavers</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10:am to 4:00pm	<b>Quilters</b>
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### **THURSDAY STITCHERS**

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We are open between 10.00am - 3.00 pm. Or just part of that time if it suits you best.

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## FORNHAM ST MARTIN LADIES' CLUB BY HEATHER LONG

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Novelty Ferrero Rochet hats made by Julia (we learnt how to make these at Louise's November craft session) were given to each member. A lot of happy chatter was exchanged and we enjoyed a convivial few hours. Also, a raffle was held. Thanks to Julia for all her efforts in arranging this year's festive feast.

The next meeting of the Ladies Club will be 17th January 2024 when Mark Ellis will be speaking on "Modern Day Policing"

New members are very welcome. Please contact 01284 767372 or 01284 766098 for further information.

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## **Headway Suffolk to open new outreach hub in Newmarket**

Outstanding-rated charity Headway Suffolk is looking to open a new outreach hub in Newmarket for adults living with brain injury, stroke or neurological conditions.

The satellite group will include a range of activities designed to help each individual with their rehabilitation, care and support needs in a safe and stimulating environment with an opportunity to meet others, as well as providing valuable respite for family carers.

It will initially start with an Understanding Brain Injury programme, where Headway's therapists will help clients understand and manage the effects of their injury or condition on their daily routines.

Headway Suffolk CEO Helen Fairweather said: "We want to prevent people having to travel to our main hubs in Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds

## **Fornham St Martin playgroup update: Nicola**

I am no longer able to run the village playgroup on Tuesday mornings.

However, I am very keen for the group to continue! The insurance runs until April and the toy and equipment cupboard is ready to go.

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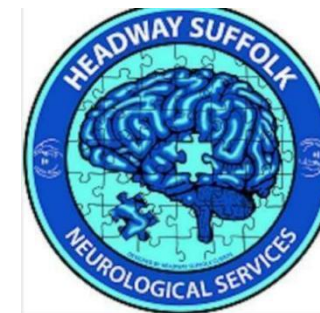
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“The most important thing now is for people to come forward if they need our help or would like to find out more about the new Newmarket outreach hub or know anyone else who might benefit from it.”

Headway Suffolk is a registered charity that supports adults living with brain injury, stroke and neurological conditions through an extensive range of rehabilitation, therapy and care services.

In September 2022, it was rated outstanding by the Care Quality Commission. Louise Broddle, CQC head of adult social care inspection, said: “Headway Suffolk is clearly an important part of the community and other services can look to it as an example of how to deliver outstanding care and support.”

You can contact Headway on 01473 712225 or email [helenmfairweather@headwaysuffolk.org.uk](mailto:helenmfairweather@headwaysuffolk.org.uk), or visit [www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk](http://www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk).



## Spring in your step?

I'm writing this on very cold but sunny winter morning, the kind of day that reminds you that Spring is just round the corner. It's not always been called Spring. Originally, it was known as lent, or the lenten season, which came from the Old English lengten, "to lengthen", referring to the fact that the days get longer. After all, back then natural sunlight and candlelight would have been the only light sources available, so it would be pretty exciting to see a change in season. It was not until the 1300s that Lent was hi-jacked by the church and was replaced by springing time, since it was the time of year when most shoots began to spring from the earth or branch. Springing time was shortened to spring-time and finally we ended up at Spring. By the way, Autumn had a similar journey. The Anglo-Saxon word was Hærfest (harvest) but the new Norman ruling classes brought their word 'Automne'. The lowly English-speakers coined the term Fall-time, referring to the leaves dropping from the trees; it made a pleasing opposite to Spring-time. For centuries Autumn and Fall were both used in various parts of Britain but whereas Autumn generally won out here, settlers took Fall with them to the USA.

roost together. Larger groups mean safety in numbers, making it more difficult for predators to pick out one single bird as prey.

Once the birds settle down to roost, the body heat from thousands of individuals all packed in close together can raise the surrounding air temperature, increasing their chances of surviving the long, cold nights. Information sharing also takes place – if you are ever lucky enough to get close to a roost site, you can hear the birds loudly chattering away, gossiping about the best feeding sites. It is the behaviour during the murmuration itself which is the most intriguing. Scientists have discovered that each starling pays attention to a fixed number of their neighbours in the flock, seven to be exact. The result is that the birds become part of a dynamic system in which each one is essentially connected to every other, all combining to produce a murmuration.

Exactly how this works in large flocks where birds are separated by hundreds of feet and thousands of other birds is still something of a mystery.

Sadly, studies indicate that 40 million starlings have disappeared from the EU, including the UK, since 1980. So cherish them and if you take the time to venture out during the winter months, you may be lucky enough to witness one of nature's greatest spectacles.

**Oliver Clanford**

## Starlings

Starlings are often dismissed as pests and avian bullies who hang around in rowdy gangs, emptying the bird feeders of all your suet. But, a closer look reveals a beautiful, fascinating and intelligent bird.

Viewed from afar, their appearance is nothing out of the ordinary. Up close, however, and the glossy, iridescent beauty of their feathers is revealed. And they possess brains as well as beauty; starlings have an impressive capacity for learning, talking and mimicry.

But the most remarkable aspect of their behaviour are the aerial ballets – murmurations – they perform in the skies at this time of year. These breathtaking natural spectacles can be witnessed in a number of locations in West Suffolk, including Lackford Lakes.

Although the occurrence of murmurations is notoriously inconsistent, there's a good chance that you will be rewarded if you head outdoors for a bracing dusk walk over the next few months.

Exactly how and why starlings carry out this behaviour is still not fully understood. It is believed that murmurations act as signposts which attract all the other starlings in the local area so the birds can

Returning to the subject of Spring, when exactly does it start? Well, the answer to that question is, "It all depends." Ask an astronomer and they'll say it starts with the Vernal (Spring) Equinox. There are two equinoxes per year, occurring at the precise point that the earth's tilt is exactly sideways-on to the sun. This results in 12 hours of day and 12 hours of nox - Latin for night - for the whole planet. The dates of the equinoxes vary by a couple of days, though, because the calendar doesn't exactly match up with astronomical movements. In 2024 the vernal equinox is 20 March and the autumn equinox will be 22 September. So ask an astronomer and they would tell you Spring (this year) starts on the 20 March. Yet, ask a meteorologist in most Western European countries and they'd say they can't be bothered with all that faffing around - keep it simple! Spring starts on the first day of March... They go on to divide up the rest of the seasons into four handy 3-month chunks. But hold on, says Met Éireann, the Irish Met Office, that's not how we see it; we say Spring starts on 1 February. This hasn't helped to answer the question! When does Spring start? You pay your money and you takes your choice!

To return to the origins of the word, perhaps Nature can give us an answer. Perhaps the springing up of the snowdrops is your indicator, or maybe you look for the first daffodil flower. For many it's the appearance of cherry

blossom. You'll probably have your own favourite 'springing' that you look for each year. Or perhaps you go by the birds' calendar. You'll have heard robins solo-ing for most of the winter but soon there'll be a sunny, mild day when you are suddenly struck and uplifted by the general return of bird song. Often, around the same time, there will be a butter-yellow Brimstone butterfly flitting around your garden, or you will be surprised by the buzz of an early bumble-bee frantically fuelling up at the new buds in order to power her through the hard work of starting a new nest and colony. If you're asking me, I'd say that Spring in these parts starts around Valentine's Day (not that I'm romantically inclined!) It's often around then that the birds start to pair up and establish territories, which they announce with glorious bird song. Indeed, folk wisdom has long called 14 February "The Birds' Wedding Day". Around this date there's usually a change in the quality of the light, too; given a clear, still day, the blue of the sky suddenly becomes richer and the sun finally begins to give some warmth. There's a very good chance that on or very close to Valentine's Day you'll see all the natural indicators mentioned in the preceding paragraph. So why not go out this year and see how many you can find?

**Alan**

## **West Suffolk Local Plan submission consultation**

The consultation will start at 9am on Tuesday 30th January and close at 5pm on Tuesday 12 March 2024

**Consultation documents will be available from 30.01.24**

on: <https://westsuffolk.inconsult.uk/>

Public consultation events are being held:

### **Bury St Edmunds -**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February Bury St Edmunds Apex (upper floor lounge)

### **Mildenhall -**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February Mildenhall Hub

## Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish Council are looking for 2 new Councillors.

### WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION:

If you may be interested in the vacancy for a Parish Councillor, but would like more info, please contact the Clerk by email at [fsmgpc@gmail.com](mailto:fsmgpc@gmail.com) or telephone 07712 232920.

### **King George Playing Field - Play Area Consultation**

The Parish Council are in the process of looking at replacing some of the play equipment at the King Georges playing field. We would be very interested in opinions and suggestions on what sort of equipment and play provision residents would like to see.

Any suggestions can be emailed to the Clerk on [fsmgpc@gmail.com](mailto:fsmgpc@gmail.com), or by writing to: 3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP28 7LT We also invite you to attend the public forum to be held at the February Parish Council meeting, on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7:30pm, in the Fornham St Martin Village Hall.**

## **Are you in that post-Christmas/Winterval period of relaxation?**

You know the one... all the mince pies have gone, the tin of quality street is down to the last few dog creams, the dead christmas tree went in the black bin last week with the torn and tattered trimmings, the Christmas cards have gone to that temporary place where you stash them for possible future use and the house feels back to normal and you're waiting for real signs of spring so you can get into the garden.

In your home are the orange and strawberry cream centres called dog creams? And do you use them to smuggle pills into reluctant dogs or is it just "something someone at work said"?

You did recycle your completely dead Christmas tree responsibly didn't you? Didn't have a quiet drive to drop it at the back of a lay-by or a field gateway?

Old Christmas cards: cut them up for shopping lists and maybe "repurpose" the images to make your own Christmas cards next year? There can't be many people who'd appreciate a birthday card featuring Santa and his reindeer or maybe that distant cousin in Australia really would be pleased to receive a fanciful "Snow-drifted Merrie England village scene" to remind them what they're missing?

Do you actually do this or is it a "New Years Resolution"?

I'm guessing that the better organised among you don't just make resolutions on January the 1st because your lives are filled with resolutions every day. Ever tried making a written list of your resolutions and then forgotten all about it? Me? I have a hard and fast rule which is not to put things off 'til tomorrow. Do it now and do something fun tomorrow. But I am resolving to speak to my oldest sister-in-law about her generous gift, the very special one given on Christmas Day, first to my wife who then felt she simply had to share it with me. The gift that keeps giving I call it - interrupted sleep night after night, nasty hacking cough, an acceleration of my normal asthma medication and the extra treat of a January consultation with my GP. I've done the lateral flow test - which is more than the beloved sister-in-law did - and no I don't have covid, just the good old traditional snotty cold. Yippee! Ho ho ho! Never mind the black magic box or the milk

If you are interested in applying for either position, please contact the Clerk on [fsmgpc@gmail.com](mailto:fsmgpc@gmail.com) or telephone 07712 232920.

The Parish Council are also looking for feedback on whether residents want the Bugle newsletter to continue, and whether any changes to the format are wanted. If you wish to give feedback or show your support, please send an email to [fsmgpc@gmail.com](mailto:fsmgpc@gmail.com) or write to the Clerk at 3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall, Suffolk. IP28 7LT.

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

### Parish Council Precept 2024/25

For Residents information, a review of our budget for 2024-2025 has indicated that with projected expenditure of £34,331.44, we need to increase our Precept. We have calculated that our precept request this year must be £32,331.00 (£65.36 for a Band D property). This would equate to an increase of 9.3%, an increase of £5.56 per household over the year, or 46p per month. This increase will show on your 2024/25 Council Tax Bill.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Clerk on [fsmgpc@gmail.com](mailto:fsmgpc@gmail.com) or Tel: 07712 232920

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**NB. The February PC meeting will be held on the First Monday of the month, the 5th.**

- Monitor the Bugle Email Inbox & respond to enquiries related to the Bugle content and deadlines etc.
- Contact Community Groups and advertisers with a friendly reminder for notices, articles and adverts to be submitted in a timely manner before the edition deadlines.
- Compile the layout of the Bugle newsletter.
- Confirm the print deadline with the Printers for each edition and send the approved final Pdf. version of the Bugle to the printers by the deadline for print.
- Liaise with the Bugle distributor.
- Send final Pdf. copy of each edition to the Clerk of the Council for inclusion on the village website.

This is a paid position as an employee of the Parish Council.

tray, pass me the seasonal fisherman's friends! Oh lor! I hope I'm not contagious ...how can I tell?

Listen, I can discover your occupation by this simple test: if you're reading this in January you aren't an accountant or similarly employed in processing income tax returns - am I wrong? Tadaaa!

Maybe you're a recently retired accountant and you're only now starting to discover the third age - aka the rest of your life? Buy gym membership, go shopping at a National Trust property, join the masons, take up sailing or golf, find out about U3A maybe, get up on Sunday and join the lovely people in the Church (hint - get them to tell you when the next Macmillan cake morning will be and I'll guarantee you'll think you've landed on paradise island!) I'm not in the fortunate position of having a new grandchild to fuss over/cherish this year so my warmest congratulations to those of you rediscovering how delightfully exhausting tiny children can be.

I'm being totally churlish in hoping that the 2 hour snowfall we had in January week 2 is going to be it for the year: it looked pretty whilst falling for two hours but did no damage: we seem to struggle badly enough with the typical British weather so why seek out extremes? Let's leave them to those countries which take them in their stride.

I was slightly saddened to see the giant crane which had been working on our village hotel being taken down:

truthfully I can no longer look out at night and say that I live in a red light district!

The red lights have gone, the first garden bulbs are showing their noses and new pots have been sourced to replace the old clay pots which this winter's frosts have destroyed so we are gearing up for spring and the departure of frosty nights; whenever that will be.

I thought I had my day all mapped out .... and then my editor called me. And just now reading this article to patient family members has brought on a fair coughing fit which I'm taking as an entirely good thing.

Happy New Year Fornham Friends.  
**Pete**

## **THE BUGLE NEWSLETTER - NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

The Bugle newsletter is a vital communication tool for residents of Fornham St Martin and St Genevieve, the Parish Council would like to continue to provide this 'voice' for residents, but we need your help!

We are currently trying to fill the roles of Bugle Compiler and Distribution Overseer and are asking for residents who may be able to help or take on these roles to contact the Clerk, see details below;

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED – Bugle Distribution Overseer**  
Following retirement of Peter Forster, we are currently looking for a volunteer to oversee the distribution and delivery of the Bugles 6 editions annually. The role will involve taking delivery of the newsletters from the printers (delivered to your home), liaising with and organising the present team of volunteer distributors, ensuring each distributor has enough copies and dealing with any delivery enquiries.

### **BUGLE COMPILER VACANCY**

We are looking for any resident who may be interested in taking on the role of compiler of the Bugle newsletter. Full training will be given and you will be paid for your time and any expenses associated with email/telephone use.

Duties will include;