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Meetings

The Parish Council meets at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, on the second Thursday of each month, except August & December. Please check the village notice boards for any date changes.

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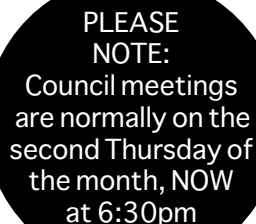
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The deadline for articles for The Bugle February - March issue, will be 20th January 2026.

Dates For 2026 Parish Council Meetings

January 8th
February 12th
March 12th
April 9th
May 14th - AGM (*Annual Parish Meeting 6:00pm*)
June 11th
July 9th
August - no meeting (*unless planning*)
September 10th
October 8th
November 12th
December - no meeting (*unless planning*)

****Please note the new time of 6:30pm****



PLEASE
NOTE:
Council meetings
are normally on the
second Thursday of
the month, NOW
at 6:30pm

All meetings will be held in the Village Hall unless otherwise advised on the meeting agenda which will be posted on the village notice boards at least three clear days before each meeting.

(excluding Sundays & Bank Holidays).

Agendas can also be found on the Parish Council website.

New domain and email address

In line with best practice, the Council has adopted a new .gov.uk domain, which means that we have new, safer, more easily recognisable email addresses and website.

Website: www.fsmsg-pc.gov.uk

Email: clerk@fsmsg-pc.gov.uk

For all communication, please email the Clerk in the first instance.

From the Editor & Parish Clerk

By Justin Hook

Festive greetings, and I trust that you are well. This will be my ninth Bugle as Editor and first official issue as Clerk to the Parish Council (who facilitate, print and distribute this magazine). I'm also Clerk for Fornham All Saints, and was asked in the summer to step in to help as Locum Clerk, with the role being made official as of the start of November (with the Bugle editing role incorporated into the hours).

I live in St Genevieve, so I'm familiar with all of the local issues and goings on, and happy to serve the villages in both of these roles.

I also put together the Village Voice across the bridge in All Saints, in which I always write a piece about what the Parish Council have been up to, to keep residents in the loop – something I'm keen to do in the Bugle too, so you'll be hearing more from me!

We're still working hard to get the village looking smarter again – lots of hedges and pavements are very overgrown, and we were very close to having some of these major works completed, but sadly communication with the contractor ceased. I'm busy trying to establish some new contractor relationships to both tackle some of the big projects, and carry out regular maintenance moving forwards so that things don't get so out of hand in the future.

The volunteering group is still in formation. I managed to attend a last minute training course which allows us to take a team out and tackle some minor works. The training was essentially about how to lay out cones and roadworks – a bit overkill for the types of jobs we would be carrying out, but a necessary hoop to jump through nonetheless. We already have a list of names of folk keen to help out, so next steps will be to get some equipment, get some dates and crack on tidying the place up! If you're keen to get involved, please get in touch clerk@fsmg-pc.gov.uk.

If you read the minutes or look at the website, you'll also see that council has been liaising with Fornham All Saints Parish Council, over the idea to create one Parish Council serving the three Fornhams. Much like the idea of the Local Government Reorganisation currently taking place in Suffolk, both councils believe that joining forces will

create a stronger more united authority, with a greater voice - all whilst making important savings for you, the tax payer. Our next steps on this are to present our ideas to WSC, who will likely plan a period of village consultation in 2026.

In the meantime, lots to be done, finding my feet and planning other projects to make the villages better – but I guess let's get Christmas and the worst of the cold out of the way first!

The Parish Council wish to thank Mrs Fulcher who has done a wonderful job of distributing the Bugle to residents in the Barton Hill area of the village for many years. Thank you! Sadly, it is time for her to take a step back from this role, but we are happy to hear that a new volunteer has stepped up to continue delivery of the Bugle to homes in this part of the village. A big thank you to them too.

And it wouldn't be right to let this moment pass without thanking all of the other folk who serve and support the villages in SO MANY different ways... Your Councillors, the church, the village hall team, the litter pickers, those who tend to the planters and the VAS units, the Bugle distributors, the local businesses, those that organise or attend any of the local groups and organisations, and all of those who serve quietly or under the radar... Thank You to you all - the villages wouldn't be the same without you!

So I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you again in 2026...

Justin

Tollgate Triangle Road Works

The Tollgate Triangle is being redeveloped and work is ongoing, well into 2026.

This is having an impact on traffic in the village as folk re-route, so just allow extra time for your journeys and be more careful of the increased traffic levels.

Bus Route Changes

Works to the Tollgate Triangle are also affecting bus routes in the village.

We suggest you be sure to check with the bus providers or on the Suffolk on Board website before travelling:

www.suffolkonboard.com

Alternatively, get in touch with the Connecting Communities service:

www.suffolkonboard.com/cc | 01638 664304

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council are still looking for new Councillors.

Our Parish Councillors:

- Are available for PC meetings, usually, the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm (with the exception of August & December).
- Attend occasional training sessions.
- Attend occasional consultation events and informative local authority meetings.
- Undertake any actions they volunteer for and are delegated to them from meetings.
- Receive and respond to PC emails in between meetings.
- May help with the village activities or events

You need to:

- Care about getting the best for your community.
- Have a willingness to represent your electorate.
- Want to make a difference.
- Adhere to the Code of Conduct.
- Register your interests.
- Have some time available and be committed and enthusiastic.

You must:

- Be a British Citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union;
- Be 18 years of age or over
- During the previous 12-month period resided in the council area;
or
- Have during the whole of the 12 months previous occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area;
or
- Have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area;
or
- You can also satisfy the criteria to be elected if you have lived in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole of the 12 months previous

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

If you are interested in the vacancy for Parish Councillor, or would like more info, please email the Clerk clerk@fsmg-pc.gov.uk.

Home Security Advisory Message From the Parish Council

Suffolk Police recently posted on social media that there has been an increase in attempted residential crimes in the Fornham area. Opportunist thieves have been targeting open garages and sheds.

For most people, the Christmas holiday period is one of celebration and enjoyment. However, the period also presents an increased opportunity for would-be thieves, causing misery for many others.

Top Tips on Home Security for a Crime-Free Christmas

- Burglars look for an easy entry with good escape routes. Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front window so it's easily visible from the street. It's too tempting to

- smash the window and grab the wrapped packages
- Always secure the side gate to your property and lock your garage
- Property-mark valuable presents and valuables with your postcode, house number or name
- Make a note of model numbers and serial numbers of all electrical items
- Be cautious when using social media such as Facebook – do you really want to advertise that your home is empty by showing you are away during the holiday period?
- Burglars look for occupancy clues like outdoor lights burning 24 hours a day, piled up newspapers, or advertising flyers hanging out of the letter box
- Use an inexpensive timer to turn on your lights whilst away, or ask a family member or neighbour to pop in and switch lights on and close curtains at random times of the day so a potential thief does not spot a pattern
- Ask a neighbour to keep the front of your home clear of papers and debris
- Dispose of boxes and rubbish discreetly. Leaving boxes outside will advertise the fact that you have new and valuable items in the house

Top Tips on Vehicle Security for a Crime-Free Christmas

Help drive thieves' crackers this Christmas by giving extra thought to your personal and vehicle security:

- Make sure nothing is left on display in your car
- When considering where to park, look for a well-lit, busy area
- Never leave your keys in the ignition while your vehicle is unattended, even for a few minutes. Thieves steal cars that have been left with the engine running to defrost the windows; this may also invalidate any subsequent insurance claim
- Car crime accounts for more than a quarter of all reported crimes in the UK, so always take precautions and lock your car, making sure windows are closed, even if you're away from your vehicle for just a few minutes

Have a safe and secure Christmas Holiday – and remember if you see anything suspicious, never be afraid to call 101 to report it to the Police, or call 999 in an emergency.



Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association



WORKING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

WINTER CRIME PREVENTION

Winter is upon us and the festive season will soon be here. Take some simple steps to keep you, your family and your property safer.

- Deliveries - to deter thefts, consider a safe place to put them, rather than left at the front door.
- Whilst out and about be aware of your mobile, camera, keys, purse, wallet - all targets for thieves.
- Don't leave presents and other valuables in unattended cars. If you have to, then place them out of sight.
- Keyless fobs - think about keeping them in a 'faraday' pouch.
- If going out, leave a light on, or use timers so it looks like someone is home
- Fit sensors to lights in the garden to illuminate when movement is sensed.
- Deter heating oil thefts - fit a good quality locking device
- Shop Only at Secure Websites
- Don't discuss any holiday plans in public or on social media.
- Make sure boxes for refuse collection are broken down so not to reveal details of any expensive gifts you may have received.
- If you are away, especially over the festive period, ask neighbours to watch over your home and to ensure that any post is pushed completely through the letterbox.
- **Better still, set up a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme to build safer homes and communities. It's free to join!**



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Make this a better place to live. Together.



Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council - October Meeting

Councillors present: Clive Last (CL) Chair, Paul Butler (PB) and Brandon Mahon (BM)

In attendance: Locum Clerk Justin Hook (JH), Hannah Cuthbertson, All Saints Resort (HC), David Yates from the church (DY), and 3 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

David Yates (DY) from the church shared the following updates:

Increase in dog fouling in and around the church yard, with a grave sadly being defecated on. PCC to discuss at next meeting – potentially banning dogs. DY questioned what could be done?

CL advised not a PC matter and suggested increased signage or to report to WSC.

Resident suggested to report for £1000 fine, you would need photographic evidence of the dog doing its business and the owner, but that enforcement would be unlikely.

DY also advised a resident had spoken to an offending owner on the field, offered them a bag and the owner refused to pick up. Resident told DY that he would email the Clerk.

Clerk reported, as yet no email received.

DY reminded council of the Remembrance service on Sunday 9th November.

A resident expressed an interest in being part of the volunteering group:

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Chairs welcome & apologies for absence.

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and advised that the Clerk had tendered her resignation, and that Council would be discussing the recruitment of a new Clerk later, under Closed Session. Council were appreciative of her many year's service and wished her well.

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Rushman and Cllr Leong-Son

No apologies received from County Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger or District Cllr Sarah Broughton.

2. To receive any Declarations of Members' Interest.

None received.

3. Approve and adopt two sets of minutes from Council meeting 4th September.

Council resolved to approve the minutes and the Chair signed them.

4. To receive County & District Councillors reports.

None received.

5. Planning applications for consideration;

No new planning applications to consider.

6. Finance.

Council to consider and approve the following;

- i. **Council resolved to approve outstanding invoices & payments totalling £7,018.65.**

- ii. Council noted payments received for September totalling £248.07.

- iii. **Council resolved to approve the bank reconciliation for September.**

- iv. Council reviewed the Q2 review of budget vs spend, noting a healthy financial position.

7. External audit.
Council reviewed the External Auditors report and conclusion of audit for 2024/25, and resolved no further action required.
8. Asset register.
Council reviewed the updated asset register, to now include estimated insurance values. Total assets to insure, £127,675.00 including recently purchased VAS batteries.
Council resolved this was an accurate representation of the assets, and approved and signed the asset register.
Action: Clerk to review if old batteries need to be removed.
9. Insurance.
Council resolved that the insurance renewal provided adequate levels of cover as per the updated asset register and approved the renewal quotation from Gallagher for £1,644.45.
10. Highways, footpaths and trees.
 - i. Action on overgrown pathways in the village.
Clerk advised that after the last meeting he had met with Top Garden to do a walk around of all works to ensure the initial quote of £1,280.00 was compatible with expectation. Top Garden subsequently revised some prices, with a new total for all works of £2,040.00.
Council resolved to appoint Top Garden to carry out works around the village.
CL advised that Council remain committed to keeping the village tidy, taking on what SCC no longer has time or resource for. This is important work, and must be correctly budgeted for moving forwards in next years Precept.
PL suggested Council should report fully in The Bugle to help residents understand what they are paying for.
11. Bend in road signage – Fornham St Genevieve.
Clerk chased Cllr Hopfensperger after her contact with the Speed and Safety Team, who have since responded saying this type of device ought to go through the licensing team.
Action: Clerk to identify best position for a solar unit and process necessary license application.
12. Lark Valley Drive - hedges along the Lark Valley Path.
Clerk corrected this item to reflect that it is NOT the Lark Valley Path in question here, just the footpath that crosses the bottom of Lark Valley Drive.
Clerk identified conflicting information in old email threads, but has asked both Cllr Hopfensperger and Cllr Broughton to advise, what if anything can be done to escalate.
Council agree that it really is an issue for the resident to take up with the relevant authority if he is not prepared to have the work carried out himself.
13. Clerks update
 - i. Street signs Lark Valley Drive & School Lane.
Both have been reported for repair/replacement.
 - ii. 30mph sign opp. Lark Valley Drive.
Logged on SCC Highways portal, Cllr Mahon has cleared the site.
 - iii. FAS Parish Council meeting, 21st October.
18:00 at the Village Hall, CL and JR to attend (BM if JR unavailable).
 - iv. Meeting with Ben Smith, WSC Governance Team.
Friday 17th October, 10am. Ben Smith advised no 'get out clause' as per previous question raised.

- v. Gov.uk domain & email update.
Ongoing.
- vi. Pavement issues bottom of Barton Hill, and bus stop by BMW garage.
Ongoing.
Action: Clerk to report again.

14. Trim trail at the play park

Council to consider removing the trim trail as much of it is rotten, or slippery and dangerous, and it is barely used.

General opinion is that few people are using the equipment. Clerk spoke to a resident who advised he sees a small handful of people using it.

Council heard suggestions for replacement with outdoor gym equipment, wildflower meadow or orchard planting.

Suggestion is to canvas for opinion, either in The Bugle or potentially a sign on the gate.

Council resolved to defer this item to the November meeting.

15. Volunteering group

Clerk already has a few names together and is looking to book in the initial training session with SCC community Self Help Scheme. Awaiting responses from those already signed up, regarding interest in the training session.

16. Parish Matters.

- i. Weekly & monthly play park inspection reports.
Council to receive updates from monthly report and Cllrs bi-weekly visual inspections.
Council resolved to defer this item to the November meeting.

17. Councillors reports and items for future agenda.

- i. Speeding in the village – Cllr Mahon.
BM reported he had spoken to the officer in charge of community speed watch and that to set a scheme up, you need a minimum of 6 active volunteers, all have to be vetted, and complete 1 hour of online training and 1 hour of on site training. The Police carry out site assessments with the scheme coordinator. First offence = letter from the Police, second offence = stronger worded letter, third offence = police visit. Challenges identified are time, and keeping a constant 6 volunteers in the scheme.
Clerk suggested the other villages along the A1101 are considering a group community speed watch, to pool resources, and this could be an option if little interest. PB unsure of the vigilante feel and questioned if it was something the council really wanted to get behind?
Resident highlighted potential road rage / abuse issue.
BM confirmed handling of this is covered in the training.
DY added that a similar scheme in Red Lodge had, after 12 months made a significant difference as behaviours changed.
Resident confirmed Horringer scheme also made a big difference.
Council resolved to defer this decision to the November meeting.

18. Correspondence.

- i. Resident email re: meeting dates.
Concern over date changes, publication and notice.
Clerk responded giving times, locations, notice periods etc. All dates on website, agendas in noticeboards 3 days before each meeting.
- ii. Other correspondence.
Sign failures: covered under Clerks report.
Fridge freezer opposite Oaks Close (two separate reports received): CL identified owner and their agent, who has agreed to deal with the item and potentially look into barriers. Clerk now has contact details in case of future fly tipping.
Item 12 on the agenda reported correctly: covered under item 12.

Caravan on Barton Hill: CL received concerns regarding an old caravan on Barton Hill becoming an eyesore. Complainant prepared to have it removed at his cost. Council discussed options. CL suggested writing a sensitive letter to the owner. Council concerned a softer approach may be more appropriate. CL to speak to neighbours/family in the first instance to better understand the situation before any further intervention.

19. Date of next meeting.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 13th November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed to the public 8.47pm.

To be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting of the Parish Council, Thursday 13th November.

Signed: *Clive Last*

Date: 13th November, 2025

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in your village?**

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that affect your community?**

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In attendance: Clerk Justin Hook (JH), County Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger (RH), Hannah Cuthbertson from All Saints Resort (HC), and 3 members of the public

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Chairs welcome & apologies for absence.
The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and advised that the Locum Clerk, Justin Hook had now been employed as the new Clerk moving forwards. The former Clerk has handed over all documents/files/keys, and her final salary payment had been scheduled for 28th November.
Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Leong-Son and District Cllr Sarah Broughton.
2. To receive any Declarations of Members' Interests.
None received.
3. Approve and adopt the minutes from council meeting 9th October.
Council resolved to approve the two sets of minutes and the Chair signed them.
4. To receive County & District Councillors reports.
Government is deciding which of the two proposed business cases for Local Government Reorganisation to put forward for public consultation, with the feeling that it would be both. The approved West Suffolk Local Plan is now under judicial review, and a working party in place to start looking at the next plan, with a call for sites coming soon. The process will start this side of Christmas, with the aim for the next plan to be in place within 2 years.
PB asked if it was just a West Suffolk plan, RH confirmed yes, Mid Suffolk doesn't have one.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM** 10 minutes.
BM had received a correspondence from a resident, to be covered under correspondence, item 14.
HC said nothing to report from All Saints Resort (ASR), but that they would continue to send management representative to meetings, with HC attending if planning issues to discuss. She requested any ASR matters be earlier in the agenda, so representatives don't have to be present for the whole meeting.
6. Planning applications for consideration;
DC/25/1680/TPO
Fornham Grange, School Lane, Fornham St Martin, IP31 1SP
TPO 175a (1993) tree preservation order - two Oak (T001 and T002 on plan, within G20 and T13 on order) crown lift southern aspect to six metres above ground level.
Council resolved a vote of NO COMMENT, in favour of the Tree Officers decision.
7. Finance.
Council to consider and approve the following;
 - i. **Council resolved to approve outstanding invoices & payments totalling £3457.75.**
 - ii. Council noted payments received for October totalling £162.47.
 - iii. **Council resolved to approve the bank reconciliation for October.**

- iv. Council reviewed the proposed 2026/27 budget
The Chair set the background for the budget by asking the simple question - what do we want to achieve?
Council agreed with his suggestion of a three point answer - to create a SAFE, ATTRACTIVE and INCLUSIVE community, creating safe road and pavements, maintaining attractive and litter free parks, verges and flora, and providing and supporting clubs and activities for residents.
The budget was set out in a simplified format, in harmony with Fornham All Saints' budget to allow seamless combining in the future if PCs were to merge.
Council resolved to finalise budget and set the 2026/27 precept at the January meeting.

8. Highways, footpaths and trees.

Action on overgrown pathways in the village.

The Clerk reported that the approved contractor who had been instructed, had since gone quiet, with no contact; phone, text message or email.

The Clerk is meeting with a further contractor on 20th November to begin the process again.

9. Clerks update

- i. Street signs Lark Valley Drive & School Lane
Reported, awaiting WSC to action.
- ii. 30mph sign opp. Lark Valley Drive
Reported and chased, awaiting SCC to action.
- iii. Gov.uk domain & email update
All Cllrs set up on email, website now moved to www.fsmcg-pc.gov.uk.
- iv. Pavement issues bottom of Barton Hill, and bus stop by BMW garage
Hump in pavement re-reported. RH confirmed Andy Moore is going out to look. Bus stop and areas around BMW garage to be covered by pavement works.
BM raised the damaged verge by the bottom of Barton Hill.
ACTION: Clerk to report on SCC portal as part of road closure works for reinstatement.
- v. Bend in road signage – Fornham St Genevieve
Clerk has completed forms for a street furniture license.
RH agreed to share £3,000 of the cost between her and Cllr Broughton's locality budgets.
ACTION: Clerk to provide quote.
It was reported that another car had recently ended up in the bushes.
The Clerk had identified a position more suitable for Solar, but the location might need to be tweaked and some bush trimming may be required.
- vi. Lark Valley Drive - hedges along footpath
Clerk to meet with Rights of Way Officer, as per RH's email, to assess.
- vii. Volunteering group
Clerk waiting on dates for a potential training session.
- viii. Rough sleepers
The Clerk had spoken to the rough sleepers team regarding the previously mentioned concern, which is shared by the team. Suggestion was to engage if possible, and information to be passed to the Clerk to share with the rough sleepers team.
- ix. Fly tipping
Clerk has moved the fridge to behind the wall, so less visible, and obtained a quote of £80 to have it removed.
ACTION: CL to chase landowner's agent first.

- x. Bus timetable frame
Reported to Suffolk on Board, awaiting action.
- xi. Caravan on Barton Hill
No action taken so far.

ACTION: JR to speak to owner of neighbouring property.

Clerk suggested offering to have somebody clean it to remove the algae growth in the interim.

10. Merging of the two parish councils to create one parish council for the three Fornhams.

The Chair reported having attended the FAS meeting with Cllr Rushman, where feedback was still positive on the idea. The merger of the parish councils to create one parish council serving the three villages cannot be fast tracked. The first step is for each council to submit their intention in December, for approval by WSC in the first part of 2026, followed by consultation and a final decision later in the year. Implementation would not be until April 2027 for finances and May 2027 for governance.

The Clerk advised that SALC had spoken to NALC legal team who advised it not possible to operate in a trial run style position. The only option would be to have joint committees, which report back to individual councils, which only creates greater work load.

Council resolved to proceed with the application in December to merge the two parish councils to create one council for the three villages.

ACTION: Chair to begin drafting a response to be shared with all villagers, outlining discussions and intentions.

11. Parish Matters.

- i. Weekly & monthly play park inspection reports.
Council to receive updates from monthly report and Cllrs bi-weekly visual inspections.
Item covered fully under item 12.

12. Trim trail at the play park

JR confirmed that the trim trail is not rotten, but slippery and dangerous, but that the biggest concern is the boundary edging that keeps the bark in place – these are damaged, rotten and have been repaired, with the repairs now failing.

Council didn't think that the equipment was used much, but that the cost of removal may be similar to the cost of making good.

ACTION: Clerk to look into quotes to replace boundary edging to the trim trail, and cleaning the equipment.

It was also noted that there were mushrooms growing in the bark and molehills appearing in the field.

Council also discussed the low-risk items highlighted in the play park inspection report, noting that these were perhaps of greater importance and that budget ought to be applied to begin to tick off some of these items.

ACTION: Clerk to review report and seek quotes for works.

13. Councillors reports and items for future agenda.

- i. Speeding in the village – Cllr Mahon.
BM reported both being overtaken himself as well as witnessing a car overtaking a bus in the village.
PB felt that law enforcement ought to be carried out by the professionals.
It was felt that the majority do stick to the limits and no amount of action can change the ways of a small minority.

Council resolved NOT to implement a community speed watch scheme, but to review current VAS signage, location and effectiveness.

RH advised to contact Keith Sampson regarding re-siting a VAS location.

ACTION: BM to report back in January.

RH advised that all her parishes had been requested as ANPR locations.

ACTION: Clerk to check the list.

14. Correspondence.

Council to discuss any correspondence received, not already covered on the agenda.
BM brought a correspondence from a resident regarding an increase in cold callers on the fairways estate.

RH advised to speak to Trading Standards to create 'no cold calling zones.'

Resident confirmed the same on the Barton Hill estate.

ACTION: Clerk to speak to Trading Standards about establishing a scheme for both estates.

BM also raised concern over reported increase in local burglaries, esp. garages and sheds and suggested an information piece for the Bugle.

ACTION: BM to create.

15. Dates for meetings 2026.

Council resolved to approve meeting dates for 2026.

January 8th / February 12th / March 12th / April 9th / May 14th (Annual Parish Meeting & AGM) / June 11th / July 9th / no meeting August / September 10th / October 8th / November 12th / no meeting December.

Council resolved to move the time of the meeting forward to 6.30pm following a change of schedule at the village hall.

16. Date of next meeting.

Next meeting to be held on January 8th 2026 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, providing no planning matters to discuss in December.

Meeting closed 8.50pm.

To be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting of the Parish Council, Thursday 8th January.

Why not come along to our next meeting?

Got something to share or a question to ask? There is always time allocated for questions from members of the public.

Or just come to listen and see what goes on behind the scenes in your village.

Email the Clerk for more info: clerk@fsmg-pc.gov.uk

Church News

By David Yates

The last Book Sale Coffee and Cakes of the year with a Christmas Stall, on 15th November went very well, with thanks to everyone who supported and helped. We were pleased to see many of our regular visitors, and some new ones, stocking up on reading matter for the imminent long dark nights, and then enjoying some refreshments over coffee and chat. Many thanks to the bakers, makers and suppliers of the many cakes, sausage rolls and filled buns, and the servers, and Heather and friends for making and stocking a multitude of attractive hand made festive items and cakes for the Christmas stall. £975 was raised for essential church maintenance funds.

Talking books, retired SAS soldier Bear Grylls, now an established author, commented recently in an interview, that for him church meant the community it served.

And then another retired SAS soldier, Frank Collins, covered in his book I found in one of our book sales, his involvement in the Iranian Embassy siege in 1980, and after, how he became a parish priest. Books are enlightening!

The bell ringing at last year's Remembrance Day was especially welcomed and suitable, and we were very pleased to repeat again this year on Sunday 9th November, the first anniversary event of our newly restored and enhanced 8 bells. Thanks to Tower Captain Deborah Blumfield and fellow ringers, including Sam and Helen who have been training the last few months, now suitably experienced and enjoying themselves.

Poppy wreaths were laid by Sylvia for the church, and Brandon for the Parish Council, and the names of the 15 fallen listed on the War Memorial read out, including their ages and army rank, to give personal background to them, especially their mainly young ages, just 19 – 23 years typically.

We were pleased to welcome a visit by a mini convoy of 4 double buggy's of young toddlers from the Little Willows Childcare group in Fornham St Genevieve, who had done a delightful large drawn and decorated poppy and wanted to display it in a suitable setting. It played a perfect part in the fine display of our own, with our drape

with knitted poppies draped over the altar, and associated displays of memorabilia of the Remembrance Day, including the boxed set of 2 ceramic poppies from the Tower of London moat exhibition, donated by the Feakes family in memory of brothers Cecil and William Feakes listed on the War Memorial.

The youngsters enjoyed themselves toddling around the church with their carers and learning a bit about the church's history and current regular usage and being open every day, they might well return again when a little older to explore, as youngsters do, the pulpit steps being the usual favourite.

We now look forward to Christmas and the joys of this festive season, especially our Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm, always a pleasure with the Nativity Story, and the collection to be donated to EACH. The crib will be laid out ready in front of the altar, and the children invited to place the characters inside, as we sing the traditional hymns to the best of organ music, with our Communion service on Christmas Day at 10am.

I have been taking a short break from my regular duties, with a medical interlude, but expect to be back to enjoy the Christmas festivities, but you may still see me busying around the churchyard! We are pleased to have been awarded a grant by Suffolk Historic Churches Trust for our Quinquennial maintenance, whilst not too serious, all part of maintaining the church in a fit and suitable condition to be able to welcome folk in continuation of this fundamental part of the life of our community. Bury Free Press recently listed another 16 churches awarded similar grants, which is why we support them every year, as well as raising funds for the church, with the Ride and Stride event in September.

St Edmunds Day was on 20th November, when we honour King Edmund, the Patron Saint of England at that time, when he was killed by Danish Invaders in 869.

The final 100 Club winners for the year are:

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Finally, at the end of the year many grateful thanks to all our volunteers who regularly keep the church clean and tidy, provide flowers to decorate our services, provide and serve the refreshments after services, and all those who open the church for visitors every day. They all help in maintaining and supporting the life of our parish church. Additional volunteers would be made most welcome.

Thanks also of course to our Team Rector Andy Miller, and Team Vicar Alison Miller, together with their team of retired clergy, who provide weekly services, on Sundays alternating with a short version on Tuesdays.

Happy Christmas and a Happy, Safe, maybe Prosperous New Year, enjoy.

With the Bugle two monthly, the next one after this is next year, February - March 2026. Any suggestions to be included please let me know.

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Women Inspired

By Sam Reid

We have been running a WI group called Women Inspired just over a year on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Fornham St Martin village hall from 7-9pm.

We already have a group of over 20 ladies that enjoy trying new skills, demonstrations and events together and wanted to let the community know we are here!

For more information, please get in touch with me, Sam Reid on or **07850 207365** or email **sam@yourfitness.net**

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Whist chrisbird2370@gmail.com	Every Friday	7:00pm - 10:00pm

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The night after Christmas

T'was the night after Christmas and all through the house,
not a creature was stirring except one tiny mouse.

The cat asleep by the embers
and the folks all abed

there was no one to hear his silent tread.

He crept into the kitchen and climbed up on a chair then jumped
on to the table to see what was there.

He found a few crumbs from a late evening meal but nothing else
there he wanted to steal.

He climbed down from the table and ran over the floor then he
stopped and gazed up at a huge white fridge door.

Someone had neglected to close the door tight for through a
small gap he saw a bright light.

He pulled and he tugged till the door opened wide and quick as a
flash he climbed up inside.

The things that he saw were a delight to his eyes, there were
cheeses ho! the cheeses! There were puddings and pies.

He ate all he could till his tummy was hurting, then carried some
off to his home in the skirting.

It was the night after Christmas and all through the house, not a
creature was stirring except one happy mouse.

So what's the deal with heat pumps?

Part One by Alan Leigh

Our gas condensing boiler had long been a sinkhole for money. Despite annual servicing and system flushes, every winter seemed to throw up a new problem with the boiler or system... low hot water pressure, noisy pumps, sticking motorised valves, slime in the system, rusting radiators, the motherboard failed, then the heat-exchanger... We were warned that the next service would involve an expensive rebuild and more modifications. Enough! We have friends who wax lyrical about their heat pumps, so when our fuel provider had an offer we paid the £200 deposit and set the wheels in motion. The site survey was booked for just a few weeks later.

I'd improved the loft insulation using a Suffolk County Council offer published in The Bugle (thanks) but the house didn't have an EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) which is needed for the government heat pump grant. The energy provider surveyor did it free as part of the site survey, which was very thorough and not at all pushy. The results came back... heat pump, a new hot water cylinder and four upgraded radiators, after the £7500 government grant, would cost us about £4000, with a long guarantee and a £108pa servicing contract, covered by losing the gas meter with its standing charge. We decided to go for it. With solar panels and a house battery, our electricity bills are really low. Most of our old bills had been for gas.

The planning was impressive. We were assigned a project leader who responded to all queries by return. We could watch videos showing what to expect. Every equipment delivery turned up exactly when promised. The installation team introduced themselves on the phone before they started. The first morning at 8 on the dot we became 'van-central'. Enthusiastic, knowledgeable young people, powered by biscuits and endless hot drinks, prepped the floors then got to work, upstairs, downstairs, inside and outside the house. Night one we slumped it with no hot water. After the second day we had hot water only. After day three the system was almost complete and it was commissioned halfway through day four, just nine weeks from my first enquiry. They made sure I understood the system, got me up to speed with the inevitable app (which is a doddle) and left their support details in case we had any queries or worries. The system is also monitored remotely so they can check that all is well - and they do indeed check.

So what have we got? An air-source heat pump sitting outside. It's as big as a large fridge but out of the way. The fan is almost silent (about the same as the old gas boiler fan). The lagged pipes in neat cladding go up the wall and into the loft, where they connect to the existing heating circuit and to the new hot water cylinder. This is much bigger than before so we have lost a lot of our airing cupboard space. The idea is that the heat pump heats up the water just once (overnight, when we have a cheap rate). The tank is amazingly well insulated. There are two of us at home and so far haven't managed to defeat it, finding the water hot enough for a long shower both night and morning and all HW in the day. The water pressure is controlled by the heat pump so no more dribbling shower-heads! Just an efficient system so quiet we forget it's there. In short, we have a reliable system at last.

During installation a passing couple walked past the house. I couldn't help pick up a snippet of their conversation. 'Looks like they're having one of those heat pump thingies. Ooh, they must enjoy being cold.' It's true that the radiators feel cooler than before but the whole approach is different. The idea is to keep the heat pump going in the background rather than cycling on and off. Although the rads now give off the heat evenly rather than in dollops. The result is a comfortably warm house - and no more tinkering with the thermostat. You can schedule the temperature to back off two or three degrees during parts of the day or night but to work the system economically you should avoid making the heat pump cycle on and off.

The truly magical thing about heat pumps is that you get much more energy out than you put in. Working like fridges in reverse, they take heat energy out of the air and 'compress' it. You can feel this in practice because the "used" air thrown out by the pump's fan feels really cold, having had a lot of its heat energy stripped out. But, I hear you say, what happens when it's cold outside? Well, there's still heat to harvest from cold air (until you get to absolute zero of -273°C !). The lowest Coefficient of Performance (COP) we have had so far is 4.5, meaning that every kilowatt-hour of electricity we put in puts 4.5kWh of heat energy into the house (450% efficient). I understand the science but it still seems miraculous. By contrast the best a gas condensing boiler can achieve is a COP of 0.83, meaning only 83% of every kWh you buy heats your house; the rest goes out of the flue. It'll be interesting to see what happens in the depths of winter but I'm comforted by the fact that in oil and gas-rich Norway 66% of

households are heated by heat pumps... and they know about cold!

So far, so good. I'll let you know how we fare in the winter and how our energy spending compares to the old system.

Still Waters

By Alan Leigh

If you're making New Year Resolutions, please consider making a pond. Including water in your garden is a wonderful thing to do and winter is the ideal time to get started. A pond supports all kinds of creatures, from birds and dragonflies to newts and hedgehogs, and your reward will be the endless interest and calm it brings you. And it doesn't have to be big. Even a sunken washing-up bowl will attract fascinating visitors, although a bigger, deeper pond is more resilient and less prone to freezing. Use rainwater, if you can. If you're patient, residents will arrive as if by magic, via birds' feet or blown in by the wind, but, if you can get your hands on some clean pondweed, that will speed things up. I'd advise you not to introduce fountains, filters or fish; a natural, still pond will soon find its own balance and is far easier to maintain. You'll be amazed at what turns up. And the day you find amphibians tells you things are going really well.

The increasingly early appearance of spawn is a clear sign of our changing climate. In the mild southwest, frogspawn now regularly appears in December but even here late January is not unusual. If you find spawn, should you pinch some for your new pond? It's tempting - but problematic. Frogspawn's survival rate is extremely low - that's why frogs produce so much, so removing even a little could tip the balance. Frogs are battling several diseases, so you could unwittingly spread those, too. After a good year there'll be 'spare' frogs eager to seek new territories. Those that find your pond unaided will have proven themselves fit and healthy specimens, simply by having survived the journey.

However, if you have been given frogspawn it's important to know how to care for it. Use rainwater, not tap water, and your container must have some shade, because full sun quickly heats shallow water to dangerous levels. Provide underwater hiding places and perhaps a protective net. New tadpoles are vegetarian, so pondweed is essential for both the oxygen it provides and for food.

If you're worried they don't have enough to eat, they'll make short work of boiled lettuce! Remove any leftovers promptly though. As the tadpoles start to develop hind-legs (and lungs) they become omnivorous, with weaklings definitely on the menu, so the initial mass of spawn soon gets whittled down. Once fully-legged they'll need a way to climb in and out of the water. Incidentally, much of this applies to those other common amphibians - the smooth newt and the toad. Attracting all three would be the jackpot!

Adult frogs live a surprising amount of their 5-10 year lifespans out of water; newts and toads even more so. On a humid April to October evening they'll be hidden among your precious plants, paying you back for your wise New Year Resolution to provide them with a watery home by hunting slugs, vine weevils, flies and a whole host of bugs.

Happy New Year!

Alan

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Fornham Garden Club

On 14th October, Fornham Garden Club were treated to a very interesting talk titled, "A Plantsman's Garden" by Jude Law representing Fullers Mill Garden which is a Perennial Garden. Perennial is a charity which supports everyone working in horticulture. Jude has set up a database of the planting at Fullers Mill. The garden recognises there was once a Fulling Mill on site for processing wool. It is situated between the River Lark, the Culford stream and a lake which makes the land suitable for many types of planting.

Fullers Mill was owned and formed by Bernard Tickner who was head brewer, then a director of Greene King. He purchased the property in 1958 and thereafter bought various parcels of land from the Forestry Commission making the garden 7 acres. He was influenced by Alan Bloom, Beth Chatto, Christopher Lloyd and Graham Stuart Thomas; their ideas included island beds, 'right plant right place', foliage and form, and planting.

Bernard was skilled as a plantsman in combining colour and shape of leaf using extremely varied planting. He had an artistic eye and favoured lack of design, allowing plants to form a cumulative organic design.

Fullers Mill contains plants from all over the world and has many specialist species. Bernard believed that to be a plantsman, it is necessary to know plants, be a collector and understand that the right plant needs to be in the right place. Also that future planting must take in climate change.

At the November meeting there was an interesting talk on The Secret Life of Plants from Jim Paine who explained his scientific and horticultural background from previous employments and he started by explaining how life originated on Earth. Firstly there was the Hadean era which was toxic with no life at all; there were no seasons which are critical to life.

Then there was the Archaean era in which bacteria evolved, with photosynthesis and aerobic respiration giving a mutually beneficial cycle. With sunlight, water, carbon dioxide and oxygen become carbohydrates which led to the evolution of plant cells - all of which

is fundamental to life on Earth. It is known that half of our oxygen comes from plant life in the oceans, with algae and seaweed being the original plants before life came on to dry land.

Next came the Carboniferous period with the evolution of seeds. Later periods were the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous, where sexual reproduction of plants occurred, gradually leading to diversity and further evolution.

There are several ways plants reproduce including water and wind pollination. Flowering plants employ animal vectors to pollinate their seeds e.g. hoverflies, butterflies, bees and moths - using colour to attract them. Cleverly, some plants use the time of day when their pollinators have high sugar levels and emit scent to attract them. The tobacco plant for example uses addiction for pollination and some plants emit bad smells to attract flies. Some birds and bats are good pollinators.

Fungi have a symbiotic relationship with some plants with an underground eco system and trees use this to interconnect. Being symbiotic, they depend on each other. Plants are highly evolved and have complex, underpinning life cycles.

Our December meeting on the 9th is a presentation about that ever-essential ingredient of any garden – compost. As well as tea/coffee we will have (low-alcohol) mulled wine and mince pies.

Anyone interested in coming along to Fornham Garden Club will be very welcome. Meetings at Fornham All Saints Community Centre are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month starting at 7.00pm for refreshments raffle and chat and the meeting starts at 7.30pm.

For further information please contact the Chairman, Ian Robertson on ifrob@gmail.com or **07876 644611**.

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Christmas dinner without the drama: don't get stressed, get organised!

By Pigeon Cottage Kitchen

I usually get a bit fed up this time of year with endless 'how to avoid dry turkey' articles in the media and all the ramblings about the stress of making the perfect Christmas dinner. There's no need to get stressed, just get organised! Tell yourself it's only a posh roast dinner after all and you'll be fine. You may be hosting more people, but the rules of the game are still the same; prep ahead, write your timings down and above all - have fun!

My 'less-stress' tips

1 The most important thing to do first is to decide on your menu and then stick to it. Everything else you do stems from that. There is nothing wrong with having the same menu every year. The great thing about Christmas is that it celebrates tradition; the tradition of the season and that of your own family. It's nice to draw inspiration from the celeb chefs and foodie mags but not if it spoils your day by feeling pressurised into recreating a Michelin starred restaurant experience. So, if you always have turkey and a particular set of trimmings and love it, have it. You don't have to have turkey though. Why not try goose, Beef Wellington or a crown roast of lamb or pork? A nut roast if you're vegetarian.

2 Write everything down. Your menu, your guest list, your shopping list, your jobs to do in the run-up to and on the day and the running order of your cooking schedule. A few years ago, I set up a standard Word document of my Christmas 'to do' lists - all I do now is re-save it, change the dates and alter a few small details each year. It makes life very much easier. If I'm using recipes from several different sources, especially if these are 'once a year' specialities that I can't remember how to do off by heart, I note the book and the page the recipe is on, so I don't have to spend ages rummaging about for it on the day.

3 Teamwork. You don't have to do everything yourself. If you can't trust another member of your family to carry out the trickier aspects of your menu, get them to peel the veg, set the table or serve drinks. If you have guests and they offer to bring a course, take them up on it. If they



make something that you really love like mince pies or a chutney, don't be afraid to ask them to bring it. If they aren't particularly keen or confident cooks, get them to bring cheese or something that is unlikely to be a culinary or reliability disaster.

4 Think beyond the food organisation associated with mass Christmas catering. For example, do you have a big enough roasting tin for your turkey? I once had to drive back to Pigeon Cottage HQ in my pyjamas early one Christmas morning in a mercy dash to pick up my largest roasting tin as the friends we were staying with had grossly underestimated the enormity of the turkey they'd bought. Do you have enough cutlery and crockery for the e.g. 15 people you've invited? Enough chairs? If not, don't be afraid to borrow things from family and friends, especially if they are your guests - it's not as if they'll be needing them! Always remember to buy more kitchen roll, tin foil and cling film than you think you will need. Disposable foil trays are brilliant - cheaper than new roasting dishes and they save on the washing up.

5 Spread the load. If you write your food shopping list in advance, you can pick up the seasonal ingredients that sell out fast like vacuum-packed chestnuts and fresh cranberries ahead of time. Have a good rummage in your store cupboard to see what you're running out of and prevent double buying. If your favourite supermarket will deliver, log your Christmas order in ahead of time. You can then feel very smug about not getting crushed in the red mist of madness that descends in the stores a few days before Christmas. All good butchers offer a pre-order service. You get what you want without it selling out and you (or whoever you delegate this job to) can get in and out of the shop much faster.

6 Clear some food storage space now. For a few days over Christmas, you will need every last available bit of space to store the feast. It's no good kidding yourself that you can make ahead things like stuffings, blanched veg, sauces, desserts and pastries etc. if your freezer is already stuffed to the gills. So, start to run down what's in there now. It can make for some entertaining meals in the run-up to Christmas anyway. If you have a garage, it's usually cold enough in there to store vegetables and food that you would normally refrigerate. I defrosted my turkey and then stored it overnight in my car boot once!

If you need more Christmas recipe inspiration from party food to puddings check out the recipe index page on www.pigeoncottage.com and you'll find plenty of new ideas.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday!

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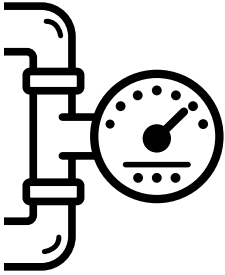
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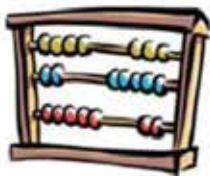
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