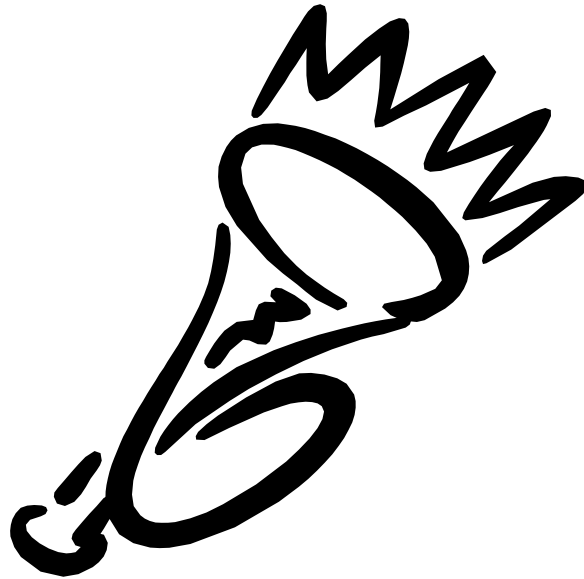
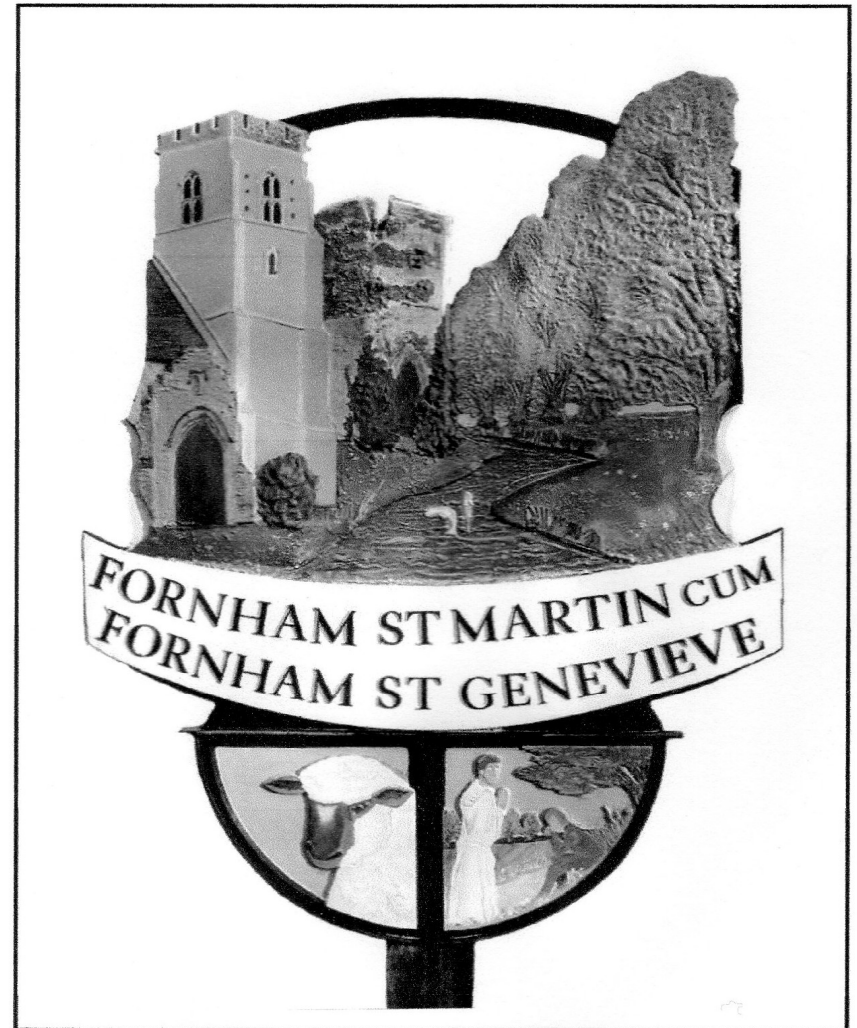


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### JOB WELL DONE

The Parish Council would like to thank the following young residents for their valuable help in distributing important leaflets around our village last month.


Raphaella, Sebastian, and Theodore Mc Andrew. They were quick to volunteer to help out and they showed commendable community spirit.

Many thanks to you all and well done.

Parish Council


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	Crime stoppers	0800 555 111
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**AUG 2017/SEPT 2017** issue is **NOON** on **17 July 2017**

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Thursday	10:00 am to 3:30 pm	Patchwork
Friday	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice

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### Monthly

1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Sewing Craft
1st Wed	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Military Whist Drive in aid of Air Ambulance
1st Thurs	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Jazz Club
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Garden Club
2nd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
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3rd Wed	7:45 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
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4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making

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

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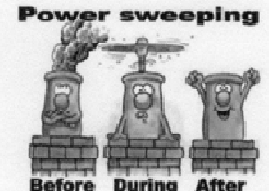
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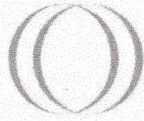


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*Any parishioners wishing to raise an issue should contact the Parish Clerk tel 07712 232 920 between 11am - 2pm Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri, or between 5pm - 6:30pm Thursday evening. Or email anytime : fsmgpc@gmail.com.  
Parish Office: 3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7LT*

**The Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall with the exception of August & December.**

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

## Diabetes care in Suffolk: Do you know your foot health risk?

Healthwatch Suffolk is putting feet in focus with the launch of its latest research report. It has worked closely with a leading clinician to explore the views of local patients about their experiences of accessing diabetic foot care in the county.

Figures from Diabetes UK indicate that over 100 diabetes-related foot amputations occur every week in England. Patients with diabetes should receive an annual foot examination to determine whether their foot sensation is intact and their blood supply to the feet is good but this does not always happen.

### Key findings:

- ◆ 32% of the respondents stated that they were not told about their risk of developing a diabetic foot problem in the future during their last appointment.
- ◆ 43% of respondents were not told what they should do if a new foot problem had developed.
- ◆ 28% of respondents said they were not given advice about how to look after their feet.

Three things that people said could be improved about their care:

1. Ensuring people are informed about the importance of maintaining foot health and their risk of developing complications.
2. Improving the availability of information regarding foot health.
3. Offer more regular foot health checks.

An early outcome from the project will see patients across the East of England receiving a new information card following their annual health check. The passport, which will be roughly the size of a bank card, will be carried by patients at all times and include information about what to look for in terms of their foot health and who they should contact if they have concerns.

Andy Yacoub (Chief Executive of Healthwatch Suffolk) said:

"It is clear that people are receiving good care in the county but there is room to improve, particularly with regard to keeping people involved in their care and informed of their foot health risk. It is also important to help people to understand how they can best manage and look after their health as early intervention is linked to the best possible outcomes.

"It is our hope that the findings will be used to improve services in Suffolk and to build on continued developments within local services. Our report includes a number of recommendations and we will ask health leaders to respond formally in due course."

For more information about this work and how you can make a difference to local NHS and social care services in the county, please visit [www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk), call 01449 703949 or email [info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk).

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## ELDERBURY FRIENDSHIP & SOCIAL CLUB

*(formerly the Fornhams' Over 60's club)*

We held our first meeting under our new name and revised constitution on 4th April. We had a return visit from the Bury St. Edmunds Woodturning Club represented by Ron Davis and Vic Turner. They had on display some of their work which had won acclaim at exhibitions. They really were impressive!

The demonstration started with a block of wood on a lathe. Ron started to work on the wood, pausing at intervals to give an explanation of what he was about to do. He made a very attractive vase which he presented to the club as a prize for the raffle. After a break for refreshments he went on to make an egg cup. His skill and workmanship were appreciated by all who attended and Ron and Vic invited questions from the members. It was an interesting and informative session.

On 2nd May we had our pub lunch. This year we held it at the 'Spread Eagle'. This was our first visit there and we had a good meal the staff were very attentive. We will certainly consider 'The Spread Eagle' for next year's event.

One of the changes to our constitution was to reduce the qualifying age to 50. We would like to invite new members who would be made very welcome.

Our programme for the next four months is:-

**Tues 6th June:** (FAS Community Centre at 2p.m.)

'Modern Day Policing' with Mark Ellis

**Tues 4th July:** Trip to Bressingham Gardens, including the Railway Museum and Dad's Army Museum

**Tues 8th Aug** Garden Party

**Tues 5th Sept:** Trip to Cromer Pier Variety Show

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### Easter Bunny Pays Visit To Deaf Children in Bury St Edmunds



Thirteen lucky children, at Westgate Community Primary, Bury St Edmunds, have received a special visit from local hearing specialists, The Hearing Care Centre and their Easter Bunny. Managing Director, Karen Finch helped the bunny hand out chocolate Easter eggs to the children, who live their lives with deafness or severe hearing impairment.

The children took part in a special Easter drawing competition, which saw their designs made into a colourful window display at the company's Ipswich practice, based on Upper Brook Street. Karen said, "I'm really happy to have visited the school to help the Easter Bunny. I know it's only a bit of fun, but there is an important side to this too. These youngsters have a disadvantage that they will have to cope with for the rest of their lives, and a large part of the difficulty they will face is the lack of understanding among hearing people about the needs of the deaf or hard of hearing. It was wonderful to see all their creations!"

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The company is managed by Karen Finch RHAD FSHAA FRSA who has been involved in the Hearing Care industry for many years.

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We hosted "Tea at Thingoe Lodge" in Fornham All Saints on 27 February. Once again a very enjoyable occasion. Thank you Judy for preparing the room for us, our members who baked and all who helped serve the tea.

On March 15 we travelled "Around the World in 102 days" with Robert Leader, well it was actually in about an hour! Robert and his wife flew off for a wonderful holiday that started in Hong Kong and finished in New York, travelling through China, Singapore, the Cook Islands, Bangkok, California, Las Vegas, Sydney and the Red Centre in Australia, New Zealand, Toronto and both sides of the Niagara Falls finally coming to a stop in New York. One of Robert's aims had been to be somewhere warm for the whole journey but at the end, when they reached the Niagara Falls, it was very very cold. The freezing temperatures provided the opportunity for some very striking icy photos. We had seen many impressive shots of a huge variety of interesting and often iconic images. Thank you Robert for giving some of us back our "itchy feet".

On Wednesday 19 April we gathered to listen to Graham Higgins tell us about his experiences as a factory inspector. I am not sure that I was really looking forward to the evening, possibly wondering if the subject matter might be a little bit dull. But, as quite often happens with Ladies Club speakers, I was very wrong! Graham took us on an interesting, amusing and enjoyable journey from his early life growing up on the family farm close to Oswestry, through studying agriculture, meeting, courting and marrying his wife, working on several agricultural contracts to eventually landing the job of a Field Officer for the Min of Ag, Fish & Food (as it was then known) after an interview near Trafalgar Square. He always hoped the jobs would be near his Oswestry home but they never were. Finally he came to Suffolk and here he still is! He had taken us from Victorian children working in the dangerous weaving sheds at Quarry Bank Mill, through the problems of fatal tractor accidents to a special duty in 1976 at a Hippy Pop Festival, where he worked alongside a force of 500 police. Graham, an excellent raconteur, used his Welsh border lilt to full effect. It had been a delightful evening.





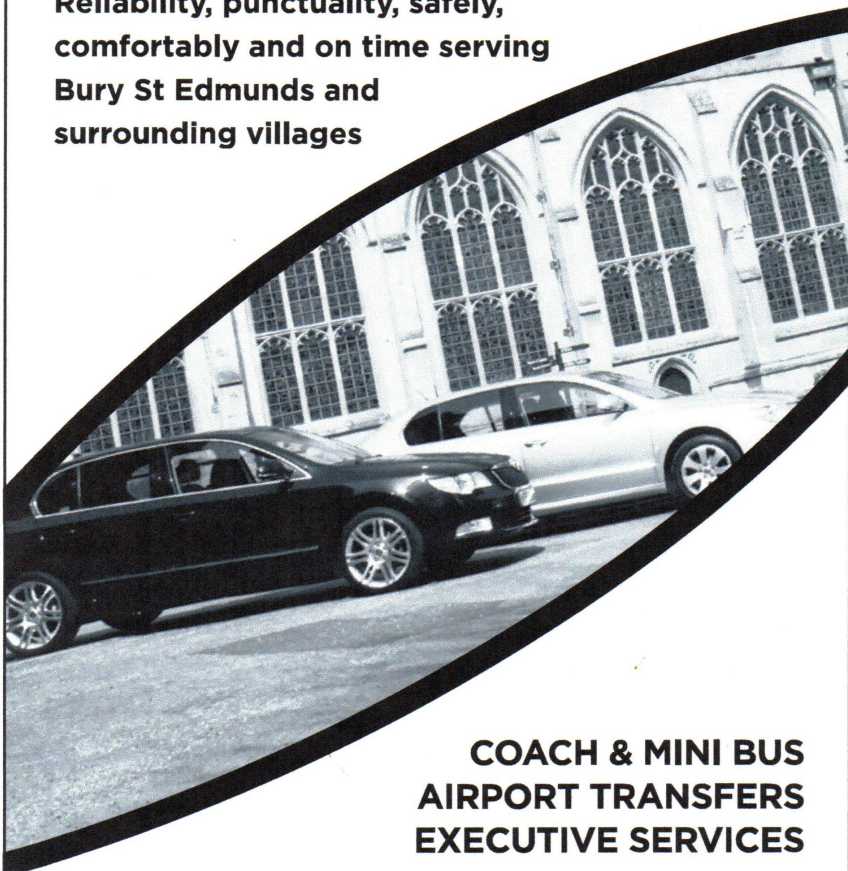
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### HALL MANAGER

The Hall Management Committee are now looking for a Hall Manager who will take over from our present Manager who retires in November 2017 following many years of excellent support to our Hall. As well as an interesting part time role, the Hall Manager makes a significant contribution to village life and to the local community.

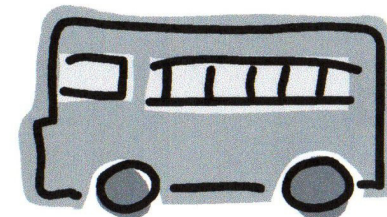
The hours will average 12 per week, with occasional weekend working. The position requires both administration and cleaning tasks to be undertaken.

A job description is available on request.

Please contact: **Maureen Hockett, Chair** on **01284 755840** for an initial chat, or email: [maureen\\_agar@hotmail.com](mailto:maureen_agar@hotmail.com)

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## FSM GARDEN CLUB

Derek Archer came to our meeting on March 14th to give a talk on Bonsai, which in a nutshell is the art of growing artificially dwarfed varieties of trees and shrubs in pots. Given free rein many of the specimens Derek brought along, such as pine and cotoneaster would grow to standard spreading branched status. Besides selecting his chosen tree or shrub from the hedgerow, the forest (permit permitting) or from a specialised supplier, time is also devoted to obtaining suitable pots as these have a considerable impact on the long term health of the Bonsai planted in them. With daily attention pruning, shaping and wiring to restrict growth, plus twice daily watering, this is not a hobby for the person short of time! Taking questions whilst giving a demonstration on the preparation of a Juniper to train it into a 'Bonsai' form, Derek held our undivided attention and gave us a very entertaining evening, also showing a few slides of some of the huge collection he owns. With Orchids another favourite of his and a love of painting it would seem he is one, but very personable man.

At the Club's well supported A G M held on April 11th the Chairman carried out her review of the 2016/17 programme amidst the necessary formalities. The Treasurer presented the accounts,, concluding that membership and visitor fees would remain the same in view of the healthy balance sheet. A donation of £100 is being made to the local First Responders Group. Some changes were made to the Committee and the programme secretary gave details of the new schedule including outings for 2017/18.

Our speaker for the evening was then introduced. Pip Wright is well known for his talks and books on local history, the title he suggested for us was 'Whistlecraft'. Far from being a talk on whistles the language of different whistles or crafting whistles from wood, tin etc, it was about the notorious Whistlecraft family of Rickingham. Dressed as a poacher Pip based his talk around one particular family member i.e. George Edward, known as Joe. With tales of poaching, heavy drinking, court appearances, term of imprisonment including Dartmoor, it was a fascinating look at life at the turn of the century late 1800's early 1900's. For Joe this all changed in 1943 when on the death of her husband his sister invited him to live with her and he was offered and accepted the job of gamekeeper by the same family he had plagued with his poaching. With many stories still to be revealed curiosity led some to purchasing the accompanying book. Characters describes the storyteller and his subject, attentive describes the audience!

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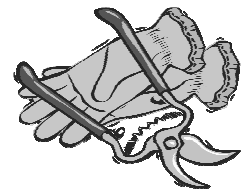
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Stephen Poyser came to the Club in August last year to deliver his fascinating talk 'Bee Keeping and the Gardener' and we welcomed him again on May 9th to hear his follow on talk 'Honey, Hive to Table', which proved to be just as interesting. It took Stephen about an hour to talk us through the art of removing the honey from the hives, to separating the beeswax from the honey, with the different processes involved before finally pouring the finished product into the jars to the labelled and sold via various outlets. With this in mind it is difficult to condense the depth of information he conveyed to us, demonstrating with examples of the equipment he use. The consensus of opinion was that paying £5 or so for a jar of honey produced by a local beekeeper is a very reasonable price considering the cost of the equipment needed and takes no account of the time spend producing it. This is a hobby tat takes patience and a love of the bee who during its short life produces half a teaspoon of honey. Positive news was that in 2014 sales of honey exceeded jam for the first time and 80 plus people recently enrolled for the beginners course he is involved with in Cambridgeshire. Another excellent talk held us enrapt.

Detail of our programme for the coming months are as follows:

- Sun Jun 11th** Carvery lunch at Scarborough Hill Country Inn, North Walsham and visit to East Ruston Old Vicarage Garden.
- Tue Jun 13th** Andrew Brogan. The Story of Henstead Exotic Garden.
- Sun Jul 2nd** Outing to NT West Green House Gardens, Hook and RHS Garden
- Wed Jul 26th** Sandringham Flower Show.
- Sun Sep 10th** Geoff Hamilton's Garden, Barnsdale and Burghley House and Gardens, Stamford.

The Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at **7:30 pm** in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. Membership is £13 per year with visitors paying £3 per visit. For further information please telephone the programme secretary **Frances Harpley** on **01284 755876**.



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## CHURCH NEWS



The last Book Sale Coffee and Cakes in the church, with some 3,000 books out on display, spread all around the church on boards across the pews, on tables and pews, in fact any spare area, was well supported again, so thanks to everyone who came along for a browse followed by coffee, tea and scones, cakes and savouries over lunchtime. £465 was raised for church funds, towards maintenance and some improvements later in the year.

The annual **Christian Aid Week** house collections is taking place at the time of writing, so at this stage just thanks to the 16 collectors who give up their time to collect the red envelopes distributed throughout the village, and thanks to all who donated. Life before Death remains the main objective, and the service held in St Leonards Church, Horringer, to start the week, was led by Rector Christopher Griffiths with an inspiring talk by Regional Co-ordinator Simon Snell about the work of Christian Aid, particularly with the large numbers of refugees, and his recent visit to Kenya to see the work first hand as part of the monitoring processes.

The church has been open now since Easter, and we are pleased to see many visitors, some local and others from around the country, and the comments in the visitors book appreciating the openness and the opportunity to spend some quiet spiritual time where needed. It is open for everyone, so please do look in even if just to have a look around if you haven't been before.

After a barren year last year for marriages, we are very pleased to have 4 booked now for this year, so what's the saying about none then along come ..... and we look forward to welcoming the couples and their families.

The annual **FETE** will be held in **Fornham House** this year on **1st July, 2pm**, so do come along to enjoy the varied stalls, games, competitions, tombola and prize draw with **£50 first prize**, pub meal vouchers and Center Parcs family day pass. Then enjoy teas, scones and cakes on the lawn, and ices, and watch the Silvermist Majorettes. If you want to enter a cake in the competition, please hand it in to Kyra Turner between 11 - 12 noon for judging. If you can help in some way, either on the day say on a stall, or the week before with the house collections, for which we are extremely grateful to everyone who contributes with tins, produce, bottles and goods for the bric a brac stall, always popular for those bargains, do please get in touch and join in the fun, it takes 50 volunteers to run the fete.



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Thanks to the manager Irina and staff for hosting this again in the lovely gardens and grounds of their Residential Home, and our Borough & County Councillor Beccy Hopfensperger for agreeing to officially open it this year. Beccy has been a long time supporter of the church, and many of our essential improvements have been provided with her budget support, through Suffolk County Council. We have also invited EACH East Anglian Childrens Hospice to hold a bucket collection, to give support to this worthwhile local charity, and hope you will be able to make a donation.

The Fabric Committee has recently met to consider some maintenance items like repairing some leaking gutters, replacing the old worn carpet in the south aisle area used a lot for events, displays, teas and concerts, as well as the report for the supporting framework to the 6 bells in the tower which is going to need major works. More on this will follow, as we become aware of the required works and costs from specialist bell hangers.

Thanks also to the Parish Council for their annual grant of £670 this year towards maintenance of the churchyard, mainly the grass cutting and hedges, trimming yews, for which we often receive complimentary comments, thanks to the diligence and hard work of Sunshine Gardens.

**Services in June and July are :**

Sundays at 10am on 11th and 25th June, and 9th and 23rd July, and

Tuesdays at 10am on 6th and 20th June and 4th and 18th July.

All shown on the notice board, together with all other services in the other churches in Lark Valley Benefice and North Bury Team.

At our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 5th April we were re-elected as churchwardens for another year, in the absence of any other nominations, and were pleased Anita Rooney joined us as new Deputy Warden, with Heather Long, Sarah Cooledge, Joan Webb, and Maureen Groves continuing to make up the rest of the PCC, with one vacancy to be filled.

**Churchwardens - David Yates 01284 705157**  
**Sylvia Hilton 01284 725569**

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**Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council  
April Meeting Summary – Minutes Approved 11th May 2017**

**West Suffolk Operational Hub Application Update/Forum**

Councillors, residents and guests discussed the WSOH application in full, highlighting the following issues;

- ◆ Mercury article and Bury Town Council's comments on the application, to clarify they neither support nor object.
- ◆ Traffic concerns have been ignored with no recommendations to improve Barton Hill Roundabout of Fornham Road.
- ◆ Width of roads, speed limit & visibility concerns and disappointment that the Planners appear not to have visited the site.
- ◆ Concerns regarding assumptions being made about traffic impact and future volumes. It would appear that Highways only require a forecast of future traffic impact until 2022; however, this WSOH has been, we are told, future proofed to 2039. Post 2022 summits and housing effects have not been factored in.
- ◆ The last traffic survey was in October 2016, not in half term as before and during the Sugar Beet campaign, although this was the quietest on record and is expected to increase dramatically. Gt. Barton end of Fornham Road typically has 800-950 vehicle movements per day in each direction (not peak), ambient speeds of 65-70mph, with large volumes of HGV traffic.
- ◆ Unusual for sites to have both household waste and waste transfer combined, other similar sites have at least 2 independent road access routes. The current infrastructure is inadequate for 1 type of road traffic, and could not cope with 2 or 3. Gt. Barton suggested an independent transport assessment be carried out and proposes the 3 Parish Council's share the costs.
- ◆ Fly tipping increase on Fornham Rd/Barton Hill due to closure times is a concern.
- ◆ Fire risk on landfill sites and the impact that extra water to put out fires would have on the 'Aquifer', which supplies ¾ of the drinking water locally. It was confirmed that the site is Schedule 2 and is deemed not sufficient hazard to be raised to Schedule 1. An EIA was considered unnecessary.



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- ◆ The sewerage backup was discussed, and the impact this may also have on the 'Aquifer'.
- ◆ Pollution and Air quality and the effect of Diesel fumes on local residents and employees on the site.
- ◆ Gt. Barton suggests an independent transport assessment be carried out and proposes the 3 Parish Council's share the costs.
- ◆ Financial and business report not being updated or made public since Spring 2015, and the refusal of FOI requests.
- ◆ The infringements of existing Borough policies being demonstrated here are fundamentally wrong. These policies are:

*SEBC "Green Infrastructure Strategy" (page 33).*

*The Borough's "Core Strategy" Policy CS11 declares (page 66).*

*Bury Vision 2031 Policy BV14 (page 59) identifies areas of available "employment land" within the Borough. It does not identify Hollow Road Farm as one of these - and so allowing industrial / employment development on this site would contravene that policy.*

- ◆ The plan also shows a suggested pavement stretching from the top of Barton Hill to the edge of the A134 bypass furthermore this continues on the other side of the roundabout to the WSOH, which appears unsuitable and dangerous.
- ◆ The cost of the land was discussed, as it was agricultural land at the time of purchase and cost £4 Million, if it is passed the land would be classified as industrial development which would averagely cost £200,000. Cllr. Hopfensperger explained that this is standard business practice.

### Planning Applications Considered:

**DC/17/0521/FUL - Creation of municipal operational hub comprising waste transfer station, household waste recycling centre (including reuse building), fleet depot (including offices), public realm maintenance depot and associated infrastructure including accesses, internal roads, parking, weighbridges, landscaping scheme and shared use path to connect existing footway on Barton Hill to proposed accesses - Land North of Hollow Road Farm Hollow Road, Fornham St Martin**

It was agreed by all that the Parish Council would submit objections . . .

. . . . based on; Transport arguments, Pollution & Air Quality concerns, concerns regarding fire risk and consequences to the 'Aquifer', with concerns raised over fly-tipping and opening hours and a request for the Financial and Business Report to be updated and made public.

The Clerk and the Chairman are to draft a submission for approval by Councillors via email.

**DC/17/0601/HH - Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension - 10 Wentworth Close, Fornham St Martin**

No objections, with comments regarding concerns of over-development.

**DC/17/0169/HH - Householder Planning Application - part two storey part single storey rear extension (as amended by plans received 17th March 2017) - 11 Gleneagles Close, Fornham St Martin**

No objections.

**DC/17/0687/FUL - Planning Application - (i) 1no. dwelling (following demolition of boat house) with associated vehicular access and (ii) amended vehicular access for existing dwelling - Land East of 1 Russell Baron Road, Fornham St Martin**

No objections, with comments regarding concerns of over-development and the impact on traffic flow and parking due to the construction traffic.

**Finance & Policies:**

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (MC). The bank account balance as of 31st March 2017 is £12,944.44.

**King George V Playing Field Trusteeship Update**

The Clerk advised that the Deed of Retirement had been received with the changes made. It was duly signed by Cllr. Collier & Cllr. Hubbard (GH) on behalf of the Parish Council, and by Mr. David Payne, and witnessed by the Clerk. The Deed will now be sent on to Mr. Peter Haselhurst in Scotland.

**Defibrillator & BT Phone Box Update**

The Clerk confirmed that the funding from the Big Lottery - Awards for All had been received. The Clerk has contacted Community Heartbeat



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Trust to update them, but she is waiting for confirmation from BT regarding the phone box adoption, before proceeding with ordering the Defibrillator.

**Play Area:**

The Clerk advised that the monthly H&S inspection reports had identified no new items for concern or consideration. The Moles have been dealt with and the mole hills have significantly reduced in size. The Clerk advised that for 6 equipment signs and the large instruction sign, for the Trim Trail, PlayDale had quoted £2,029.00, whereas Signet Signs had quoted £384.00. The Clerk confirmed that the signs from Signet were suitable and were approved by the Inspector. It was agreed to accept the quote from Signet Signs for the seven signs. The Clerk is to order them.

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**West Suffolk Operational Hub**

The current date planned by the Borough for the Development Committee to decide on the plans for the HUB is **1st June**. The venue has yet to be confirmed. But the Athenaeum has been mentioned.

This will be a **public meeting** and **The Chairman of Fornham St Martin Parish Council** is allowed 3 minutes to speak on the issues.

**We really do need to muster as much support on the day as we have had on previous occasions.**

Please keep your eyes on any announcements in the local press and social media to see if there is a change of date or venue.

**Parish Council**

**Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council  
MAY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL Meeting Summary  
\* DRAFT Minutes to be approved 22nd June 2017**

**Annual Business:**

**Election of Chairman & Receive Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr. P. Forster proposed Cllr. M. Collier, this was seconded by Cllr. P. Butler. All voted in favour and Cllr. Collier accepted and signed his Declaration of Acceptance to Office as Chairman.

**Election of Vice Chairman & Receive Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr. P. Butler proposed Cllr. G. Hubbard, this was seconded by Cllr. Flaherty. All voted in favour. Cllr. Hubbard was appointed in his absence and the Clerk will arrange signing of his Declaration of Acceptance of Office upon his return from holiday.

**Declarations of Acceptance of Office by Members**

All members signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Councillor/Member for 2017/18.

**Appointing of Responsible Financial Officer**

The Clerk was appointed as the Council's RFO.

**Adoption of Annual Governance Statement**

The Annual Governance Statement was reviewed and completed and signed by the Chair (MC) and the Clerk/RFO.

**To approve the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017**

The Income for 2016/17 was £29,106.12, the Expenditure was £27,480.19. The balance of 2016/17 carried forward £12,944.44. The accounts and Accounting Statement for 2016-2017 was presented and adopted and signed as such by the Chair (MC) and the Clerk/RFO.

**To Review & Adopt the Budget for 2017/18**

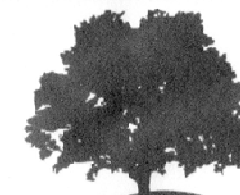
The Budget for 2017-2018 was scrutinized and adopted and signed by the Chair (MC).

**Review & Adoption of Financial Risk Assessment 2017/18**

The Clerk presented the Financial Risk Assessment for 2017/2018, this was reviewed and adopted, and signed as such by the Chair (MC).

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### **Review Effectiveness of Internal Audit Procedure**

The Internal Audit Procedure and Auditor were reviewed for 2016-17 and it was agreed to appoint Mijan Ltd as the Internal Auditor for the year 2017-2018.

### **To Consider any Annual Donations**

It was agreed to give an annual donation of £500 to the Village Hall Committee.

It was agreed to give an annual donation of £500 to the Church for Churchyard maintenance and a donation of £170 for tree works at the church yard/war memorial.

It was agreed to defer the donation requests from the Elderbury Group and the Toddler Group until the June meeting.

**The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2017, were approved and signed by the Chair (MC) as a true record.**

### **Planning Applications Considered:**

**DC/17/0773/FUL - Retention of dwelling - Fornham Farm Thetford Road Fornham St Martin**

Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council strongly objects to application DC/17/0773/FUL, and would stress that our previous comments and concerns have not changed.

We believe this is a new build, as the existing building has all but been demolished and the new building in its place is bigger and not on the original footprint.

We believe that the exit/entrance is on a very busy 60 mph road, and is therefore dangerous, we note that Highways also object to the entrance location and has raised concerns.

The development is on low lying wetland, and as such is at risk of flooding, it is also located outside the secondary boundary.

Our opinion is that the build size and design is out of keeping with the character of the natural surrounding environment.

**DC/17/0369/ADV - Application for Advertisement Consent - 3no. Non Illuminated Hoarding Signs (Temporary) - Suffolk Golf And Spa Hotel , The Street, Fornham St Genevieve**



Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council offers no objections to application DC/17/0369/ADV, with the following comments to be submitted;

We would very much like to see the signs approved, as we are in support of the Commercial Success of the Hotel and its Management, however, we would hope to see the application approved with the 3 signs being set further apart and further back, ideally within the applicants own boundary and on their land.

DC/17/0735/FUL - Installation of electrical substation; data and electrical distribution housing unit (ii) underground LPG gas supply tanks (iii) bin storage area and fencing (iv) extended access road - in association with holiday lodge development - The Dream Lodge Group Fornham Park Fornham St Genevieve Suffolk

Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council would like to submit the following comments and concerns regarding application DC/17/0735/FUL;

We are greatly concerned that this application is in fact a retrospective application as the substation has already been installed, and that the applicant has failed to follow proper process.

We have concerns regarding safety with the electrical substation and the gas supply being in close proximity to each other, and would hope that Regulations regarding this have been adhered to, there is also concern that it is in close proximity to the existing lodges on site.

We would also like to express that in our opinion, the application should only be approved in so long as the facility is provision only for the current 26 lodges on site and is not also planned to provide for further developments or applications for more lodges in the future.

The Parish Council does not object to the application, but neither does it support the application.

**Finance & Policies:**

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (MC). The bank account balance as of 28th April 2017 is £33,214.14

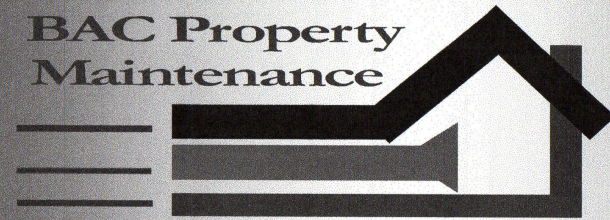
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### **Review & Adoption of Asset Register & Review & Update Insurance Schedule**

The Asset Register for 2016/2017 was reviewed and updated and adopted. The Asset Register for 2016-2017 was signed by the Chairman (MC). The Clerk is to update the Annual Insurance Schedule/ Policy Cover with any changes.

### **Defibrillator & BT Phone Box Update**

The Clerk confirmed that the funding from the Big Lottery – Awards for All had been received. The Clerk has had confirmation from BT regarding the phone box adoption, she will be signing the contract and returning it to them this week.

### **Play Area:**

The Clerk advised that the monthly H&S inspection reports had identified no new items for concern or consideration.

The Clerk advised that the equipment sign for the Hurdles equipment had been left off the original quote. It was agreed to instruct Signet Signs for the seven signs (including the Hurdles sign). The Clerk is to order them. The Clerk advised that funding may be available for the signage through the County Councillor's Locality Budget.

The Clerk is to get quotes to make good the goal posts on the Playing Field.

### **Planters:**

The Clerk confirmed that it had been agreed to leave the planter outside the village hall where it is, and to move the one on the corner of Old Hall Lane along the verge about 10 paces so that it is not under the large tree. David Randall asked for volunteers to assist with moving the planter, Cllr. Collier, Cllr. Forster and Cllr. Butler offered their help.

The Clerk presented two quotes for a new planter as close in likeness to the existing ones that she could find. It was agreed to defer agreeing the location of the new planter until the June meeting and to defer ordering the planter until the Autumn.

**Any parishioners wishing to raise an issue should contact the Parish Clerk by email - [fsmgpc@gmail.com](mailto:fsmgpc@gmail.com)**

## **Fornham St Martin - cum - St Genevieve Parish Council Chairman's Report for year ending 2017**

### **The Parish Council**

This year has been to some degree dominated yet again by the WSOH. As Chairman I have again attended numerous meetings with the Chairmen of Great Barton and Fornham All Saints Parish Councils at Community Liaison Groups and the Community Forum. The village also held a "drop in" meeting which helped clarify many of the issues for residents surrounding the WSOH. As of writing the planning consultation has ended, and I would like to thank all residents who have seen fit to contribute objection letters to the Boroughs planning department. Your Parish Councils response is available on our website and will also be in the next Bugle.

### **Other Business**

During the early part of the year the playing field suffered a severe attack of Chafer bugs and with the Rooks digging the grass to feed on them a large part of the playing field was ruined. Whilst investigating our options as to what to do about the situation the Parish Council was made aware that there was an issue with the ownership and trusteeship of this village asset. The paperwork connecting the hand over from the now defunct Playing Field Committee was not correctly completed. Thanks to our clerk Vicky Bright's experience in such matters, she has been able to progress the complicated process through solicitors and the problem is almost resolved. In passing the Parish Council does not intend to consider a wild flower meadow at this time.

### **Speeding**

Your Parish Council is still focused on the speeding issues within the village and our new VAS (vehicle activated signage) system is in constant use. Last November someone saw fit to attach a firework to the device and set light to it which severely damaged the VAS and cost the Parish Council £1700.00 to repair. Going forward we hope to be working with two other local Parish Councils to collectively analyse much of the information that this machine collects. This information could be very valuable when challenging the Borough in future on environmental/traffic issues. The Parish Council would very much like to hear from any residents within the village that are skilful with data processing to see if they could assist in any way with analysing the data.

### **Change of Personnel**

Following the surprise departure in the middle of the year of the Clerk, our new Clerk Vicky Bright joined us. Vicky has quickly settled into her role and has worked hard to get up to speed on all the issues the Parish Council is currently dealing with. I personally would like to thank her for all her support and hard work together with her infectious enthusiasm and considerable experience that she brings to the role. I would also like to welcome Lizzie Flaherty our new Councillor to the team. Lizzie joined us towards the end of last year and we look forward to working with her.

### **Litter Picker**

On behalf of the residents I want to record the Parish Councils thanks for David Hoggetts hard work and commitment in keeping our village tidy and free of litter. David has been active in the role for over 17 years and we all appreciate the work that he has done for us. He now wishes to retire and as of writing we are in the process of recruiting his replacement. David has kindly agreed to continue litter picking until the end of May to give us time to do this.

### **In Conclusion**

This year has been an extremely busy year for myself and Parish Council colleagues. I thank them for their efforts and valuable contributions to Parish Council business. I would also like to thank Rebecca Hopfensperger for all her professional advice and support together with the generous financial assistance that she provides for village projects. Su and Pat Brooklyn continue to edit The Bugle and our thanks should go to them for all their efforts and hard work. None of us would be reading The Bugle if it wasn't for the team who give up their free time to deliver a copy to all households so a big thank you to them as well. Our clubs and societies continue to prosper in the village and a big thank you must go to all who contribute to making them successful. I feel it is appropriate also to thank Trevor Klinch and his wife together with Sarah Bartram for all their input to the Community Forum. Trevor has hosted many meetings for us throughout the last two years and provided the Parish Council with quantities of printed leaflets etc. Sarah has added great value to our deliberations over the WSOH and I have personally valued her help and insightful commentary.

**Michael Collier**