

A festive Christmas scene featuring two dogs looking out a window at a glowing wreath. The background is a window with a view of a snowy landscape. A large, illuminated Christmas wreath with gold lights and red ribbons hangs on the window. Two dogs, a black one on the left and a white one on the right, are sitting on the windowsill, looking out. The overall atmosphere is warm and cozy.

Village Voice

MERRY & CHRISTMAS

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From the Editor & Parish Clerk

Festive greetings to you all... I trust that you are keeping well, and that plans for the festive period are shaping up as you'd hoped. Always a lot of pressure and expectation, amidst the business of everything else that's going on, sometimes it's easy to get totally wrapped up in it. But I hope that you find the right balance, and are able to breathe, take some time to relax and really enjoy this season.

Always lots going on in the Parish Council and the village. We've had a new gate installed at the play park though, which I'm happy to say closes at the preferred speed, as suggested in the monthly play park reports that we get. Will from Ford Fencing did an amazing job – not just a gate it seems, more a technical feat of engineering, stretching our brains to fit and set it up. The rest of the fence around the play park had a little attention as well and we're planning to have the play equipment cleaned too and get some new signs up to remind folk that dogs are not permitted in the play area – if you see somebody with a dog in there, please politely remind them.

The ditch along the B1106 has been cut back, and looks much tidier – thanks to Rob and his team at RG Landscapes. Rob has also been cutting the churchyard for us this year and I'm often hearing how great that looks. The church wall has had a minor repair by Drew's Brick & Stone, where some old growth had blown some of the flints out. Good to see today that the mini sinkhole by Larks Gate has been patched up. Thanks to Martin for highlighting that and reporting so quickly to Highways. The volunteer group have been called to action, clearing another fallen tree across the Lark Valley Path this morning too, so thanks to them for that. The metal barrier fencing either side of Sheepwash Bridge is finally down, now that the fencing around the lock has been replaced – and it's looking smart.

Sadly there is little movement on the other works around the village that I've been promising. I walk the pavements, and I often consider if I should actually carry a spade with me, so I could start clearing them myself! Radio silence from both contractors who we had lined up to do the works, so I fear it's back to the drawing board, and another issue of the magazine goes past with no change, sorry.

Some exciting festive news though! It was decided at the November Parish Council meeting, to have a Christmas tree on the green. The

tree has been ordered from Rougham Estate, the lights have arrived, just need some muscles and a ladder and to borrow a socket in the village hall – watch this space...

There are lots of events going on in and around the village in the run up to Christmas – see the various ads and updates in the magazine for more news. In particular – the Living Advent Calendar sees windows lit up around the village for Advent, and don't forget to book your place at the Community Centre quiz night.

If you're part of a club or group that's not featured in the magazine, please get in touch... The same goes if you want to advertise or share an article, a recipe, photo, poem or anything else you think people might be interested in

Feedback, ideas and suggestions always welcomed...

villagevoice@fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

And for any issues or problems in or around the village, get in touch via the Clerks email **clerk@fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk**

Thank you all for making Fornham All Saints so great, and for anybody and everybody who supports the Village Voice, the Parish Council, the volunteering group, and the businesses, groups, organisations and residents of this wonderful village.

Take care of yourself this festive season, and do remember to keep an eye out for any of our more elderly, lonely or vulnerable folk too.

Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year !

Justin Hook

Justin Hook, Village Voice Editor & Parish Clerk

Fuel Charity Payments

Fornham All Saints Fuel Allotment Charity

The Fuel Allotment charity was established in 1804 when *“16 acres of land were allotted for the use of the poor, in lieu of their right to stub furze”* (meaning to clear gorse, usually for the purpose of burning as fuel).

Nowadays the Fuel Allotment charity still exists and the land now forms the playing field, the allotments and a field let to a local farmer. The Parish Council are sole trustees of the charity, which is run separately to the Council. Revenue from the field rental and the allotments are still being used to help the poor in the way that the original charity was intended - to help those who are fuel poor or those who require assistance with energy bills, by way of small fuel grants.

Grants are only available to residents of Fornham All Saints, and may be means tested.

To register for a grant, please send your name, address and contact details to the Clerk:

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Please register your interest before 1st March 2026.

Bus Route Changes

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

Be sure to check with the bus providers or on the Suffolk on Board website before travelling:

www.suffolkonboard.com

Alternatively, check out the advert for the Connecting Communities service, later in the magazine.



Wednesday 4th February, 2026 10am -12pm
 Thingoe Lodge

FUTURE DATES

4th March	Thingoe Lodge
1st April	Thingoe Lodge
6th May	Village Hall
3rd June	Thingoe Lodge
1st July	Village Hall
5th August	Thingoe Lodge
2nd September	Village Hall
7th October	Thingoe Lodge
4th November	Thingoe Lodge
9th December	Thingoe Lodge

All Welcome! Simply come for some company and we'll put the kettle on for you, providing free tea, coffee, biscuits or cake, and plenty of cheer. Or come and chat with us to see if there are any concerns we might be able to help you find answers to. We have access to a raft of information on local activities, services and organisations to help you stay happy, healthy, independent at home, and more connected to others in your area.

Please note that all visits may be subject to last minute changes due to extreme weather or unforeseen circumstances. We will give as much notice as we can in these cases, check the website for updates.

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Fornham All Saints Parish Council

October Meeting

Approved Minutes from Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 21st October, 2025, 18:30, Fornham All Saints Village Hall
These draft minutes were approved at the Parish Council Meeting on 18th November, 2025.

Present:

**Cllr Derek Brown (DB) (Vice Chair), Cllr Mat Stewart (MS), Cllr Don Lynch (DL) and Cllr David Surman (DS).
County Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger (RH), Clerk Justin Hook (JH), Representative from All Saints Resort (ASR), 2 x Cllrs from Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council and 1 member of the public.**

Agenda Items

1. Chair's welcome, opening remarks and to receive apologies for absence
The chair welcomed those in attendance, especially Cllr Clive Last and Cllr John Rushman, Chair and Vice Chair from Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Nicholls and District Cllr Sarah Broughton.
2. (i) To receive members Declarations of Interests - none received.
3. (ii) Council to consider any new written requests for dispensation and/or requests which have been received - none received.
4. To approve & adopt the minutes from the Council Meeting held on 16th September 2025
Council resolved to adopt the minutes, the Vice Chair signed them.
5. To receive County Councillor's report from Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger
Two business cases have been submitted for review by government on Local Government Review - One Suffolk from county and 3 unitaries from the districts. Public consultation/engagement expected in November, with a decision likely January 2026. Joint Mayor for Norfolk Suffolk elections May

2026. Devolution sees powers passed to the new mayoral authority for strategic planning, infrastructure, transport and some wider public health functions. No firm decision on where this authority will be based. SCC is leading the way to get all in place so the new mayor can hit the ground running.

The local plan was approved, but a judicial review has been called (likely a developer), but this can only be on policy or process, not sites. Looking now to get next local plan approved within 2 years.

Motorbike meeting with A1101 parishes: Highways are now looking at full signage review for cutting back, replacement etc. Nothing back from the police yet. Flempton began looking at a community speedwatch, but that Cllr has since resigned and so project on hold.

6. To receive Borough Councillor's reports from Cllr. Sarah Broughton and Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger

Nothing further to report.

7. To welcome members of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council, to continue discussions regarding the potential of combining the two Fornham Parish Councils to create one parish council covering the three Fornhams.

Cllr Brown introduced the notion of merging the three Fornham parish councils into one new

Council, responsible for the three villages. Both current parish councils had spoken warmly of the idea and a next step was for both councils to invite the other council to their meeting to allow open and transparent discussion. In line with Local Government Reorganisation, joining the parishes ought make them more streamlined and productive, with new powers available and more authority potentially fed down from the new unitary authorities.

Fornham All Saints (FAS) Cllrs attended the Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve (FSMSG) meeting in September, and now FSMSG were in attendance at the FAS October meeting.

Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Last and the Clerk met with Ben Smith, from the WSC Governance Team to discuss further. WSC have just launched their latest Community Governance Review (CGR) and the plans to merge would come under this CGR and cannot be fast-tracked. Council need to submit a proposal by December, which would be presented to full council March 26, WSC would then consult and any amendments be passed at full council

September 26. The governance change would take place May 27, but merged council would operate effectively from April 27 in terms of finances.

There is a potential to work in unison in the meantime, and councils discussed potentially from April 26 to work together as closely as possible, recognising that there is still the need for separate finances/audits etc.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate how this might look and seek advice from SALC.

Clerk has already starting putting together individual budgets for review in November, as well as an indicative joint budget for a combined authority, trying to align categories for clarity.

The precept is calculated on the number of band D properties in each parish, with FSMMSG having more, so the cost per band D property is lower (as cost is more shared out) than in FAS. It is possible to merger councils and have separate precept levels, but council preferred the idea of consolidating for ease.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate how the new precept rate might be formed and adjust indicative budget.

Council's to inform community of what is planned and discussed a potential letter/leaflet drop alongside magazine distribution in both villages.

Current electorate numbers are FAS 564, FSM 887, FSG 69.

Council discussed indicative figures for Cllr representation as 3-5 Cllrs FAS, 3-5 Cllrs FSM, 1-2 Cllrs FSG.

Cllr Last suggested he had believed that the major benefit was economies of scales and efficiencies, but now believed it to be in planning especially as the new local plan is formulated. The planned 765 new homes in West Suffolk is rising to 1200 per year for the next 10 years, with 50% expected in BSE - that roughly equates to another Marham Park every two years. Westley, Rougham and the Fornhams need to get ahead of the game.

NEXT STEPS: Councils to work on proposal for CGR and information leaflet for villagers.

8. Public open session up to 15 minutes - questions and issues on matters arising from the agenda and from the village

Resident wanted to show support for the Union Jack flag being raised on The Green all year round, and has heard other villagers share positive feedback on the idea.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS BROUGHT FORWARD

20. Flying of the flag, from The Green flagpole all year round

The idea was raised at the September meeting to fly the Union Jack flag all year round.

Clerk confirmed that he had received correspondence asking why it had been taken down after VJ Day and an email from a resident was read out sharing their full support. Council own the flag pole, and planning permission is not required.

Council resolved to fly the Union Jack all year round.

DB suggested replacement every 14 months.

Representative from ASR sent apologies on behalf of Hannah Cuthbertson and confirmed that the cutting of the B1106 ditch had been completed.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS BROUGHT FORWARD

14. Councillor responsibilities

Council discussed if Cllr responsibilities need to be reviewed.

DL no longer sees or hears about traffic issues, VAS now solar powered or covered by Clerk.

DL suggested his main area of interest is now ASR.

Council resolved to change Cllr Lynch's area of responsibility to ASR contact for planning and engagement, and that all Cllrs be jointly responsible for traffic, roads, pavements, trees, etc.

9. To receive reports from Councillors:

a. All Saints Resort - Don Lynch

Nothing to report.

b. Volunteering - Derek Brown

Recent volunteering session saw hedges trimmed and litter picked.

c. Facilities / Assets Management / Community Centre - Derek Brown

Facilities and assets good. Community Centre now looking at small extensions to the rear to increase storage space.

d. Local Businesses & Residents / Lark Valley - Richard Nicholls

Clerk reported last Lark Valley Path cut not as expected and liaising with contractor for further confirmation.

e. Marham Park / Highways / Village Hall / Anglian Water (Lark) - Mat Stewart

Nothing to report from AW. Coop delayed on Marham Park.

Ongoing with S106 monies and replanting, but no main point of contact.

- f. Allotments / Emergency Plan - David Surman
Allotments good. Emergency plan - still needing to have some time with Clerk. Need to arrange testing of the generator.
Clerk asked who will be running new allotments on Marham Park? RH suggested maybe residents association or possibly Bury Town Council.

10. To receive Clerk's report

- a. City Fibre - damages to village
Clerk started process again from beginning - **ongoing.**
- b. Marham Park trees and S106 monies - **ongoing.**
- c. VAS repairs
Parts ready to go, just time and help required.
DB offered to help.
- d. Community centre lease & land registry
Clerk still waiting on Community Action Suffolk to see if they have found anybody willing to help with some pro-bono legal work - **ongoing.**
- e. Defib & registering with The Circuit - **ongoing.**
- f. B1106 ditch
Ditch has been cut, but cut branches laid in the bottom of ditch. Council already concerned that ditch needs dredging/ lowering after Pound Meadow flooded a couple of months back.
ACTION: Cllr Lynch to speak to ASR to get debris removed.
- g. Footpath closure and fence repairs, Lark Valley Path
Works beginning imminently to replace broken fencing and remove metal barrier fencing. Lark Valley Path will be closed temporarily.
- h. Bus stop improvements - **ongoing.**
- i. Motorbikes on Tut Hill
Reported at the A1101 parishes meeting and to the CPT. A team is being sent to monitor/investigate.
- j. Play park gate and fence repairs
Gate ordered and works scheduled for first week November.
- k. Church wall repair - **ITEM COMPLETE.**

- l. Church gate repair
Church deciding if they want like-for-like wooden or to request change to metal - **ongoing.**
- m. Overgrown pavements
Works instructed - **ongoing.**
- n. Other village works.
Works instructed - **ongoing.**
- o. Sponsorship agreements
Clerk liaising with Chris Watson Plants, ASR and volunteer group - **ongoing.**
- p. VAS data
Clerk reported some top level stats from the VAS units:
Larks Gate (since last meeting)
IN: avg: 27mph, max: 67mph, compliance to 30mph limit:
87% (50+mph 0.02%)
OUT: avg: 28mph, max: 76mph, compliance to 30mph limit:
79% (50+mph 0.02%)
Pigeon Lane (since last meeting)
IN: avg: 23mph, max: 55mph, compliance to 30mph limit:
98% (50+mph 0%)
OUT: avg: 24mph, max: 55mph, compliance to 30mph limit:
97% (50+mph 0.01%)
Village Green (since last meeting)
IN: avg: 24mph, max: 89mph, compliance to 30mph limit:
97% (50+mph 0.01%)
OUT: avg: 25mph, max: 62mph, compliance to 30mph limit:
96% (50+mph 0.01%)
- q. Devolution & meeting re: One Suffolk's proposals for Parish Councils
Clerk attended useful meeting outlining what the proposal looks like and how service like paths/verges/play areas/ street lighting/minor planning may all be available for council to take within their remit.
- r. Insurance
Clerk instructed insurer, based on renewal quote of £1946.62 - **ITEM COMPLETE.**
- s. Budget planning
Clerk has begun drafting budget for 2026/27 and will share before November meeting.

- t. Other updates
Nothing to report.

11. Planning:

i. DC/25/1025/FUL

Barn, Pigeon Lane Fornham All Saints Suffolk IP28 6JP

Planning application - a. conversion of existing barn to self build/custom dwelling b. rear single storey extension with first floor terrace c. detached car port.

Council resolved a vote of NO COMMENT on this application.

ii. DC/25/1574/TCA

Adderbury, Aldridge Lane Fornham All Saints Suffolk

Trees in a conservation area notification - one Crab Apple one Sorbus and three fruit (marked on plan) fell.

Council resolved a vote of NO COMMENT, supporting the decision of the Tree Officer on this application.

iii. AP/25/0031/STAND ****APPEAL against planning decision****

Car Park Heath Farm Business Centre Tut Hill

Fornham All Saints Planning application - a. change of use of existing parking area to driver training area b. temporary containers for use as classroom and storage area.

Council resolved to uphold previous objections to highway safety and the impact upon neighbouring units from the power, lighting and lack of sanitation, adding concerns over the development of farmland.

iv. APP/F3545/C/25/3371924 ****APPEAL against enforcement decision****

Car Park Heath Farm Business Centre Tut Hill

Enforcement to cease use of land as driver training area, and remove all items and articles that were brought onto the land to facilitate the use.

Council resolved a vote to uphold the enforcement, supporting the decision of the Enforcement Team on this appeal.

12. Finance update

- i. **Council resolved to approve payment of the following accounts and outstanding invoices:**

Payee	Details	Total
Gallagher	Insurance	£1,996.62
J Hook	Clerk's salary, September	£954.93
Nest	Clerk's pension, July	£33.06
J Hook	Clerk's expenses	£21.98
First Fence	Play park gate	£1,488.00
Drew's Brick & Stone	Church wall repair	£600.00
PKF Littlejohn	External audit	£252.00
GD & SA Garnham	Lark Valley Path, 3rd wider cut	£360.00
RBL	Remembrance wreath	£20.00
SALC	6 months payroll	£57.60
M Loveridge	Volunteer group expenses, coffee	£24.66
Parish Council Websites	Email hosting & support	£314.64
Total Payments		£6,123.49

- ii. Council noted payments received to 30th September.

From & details	Total
RBS, bank interest	£77.06
Total Monies Received	£77.06

- iii. Council noted bank balances to 30th September.

Current	£239.81
Savings	£49,988.58
Total Bank Balance	£50,228.39

- iv. **Council resolved to approve bank reconciliation for September.**

- v. **Council resolved to approve end of Q2 finance report, April-Sept, noting a healthy financial position.**

13. External audit.

Council resolved to adopt External Auditors report and conclusion of audit for 2024/25, noting the comments regarding incorrect placement of figures.

14. Councillor responsibilities

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

15. Churchyard insurance

Clerk reported that because the churchyard is closed, the Parish

Council is responsible for health and safety matters. Having spoken to the insurance company, any areas under the councils responsibility are automatically covered under the policy. Guidelines suggest that ‘topple tests’ on gravestones and memorials be carried out at least every 5 years, and regular risk assessments be in place.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate topple testing and risk assessments.

16. Litter & dog bins

Council a spend of £454 +Vat to purchase a new litter, and for the relocated dog bin to be added to the collection contract once the move completed.

17. Skate & play park inspections

Council to note from report that remedial work required, but all low to very low risk.

DB chased Wicksteed for installation quote on swing shackles, awaiting pricing.

18. Meeting with Nick Timothy and other parishes along the A1101

This item was covered earlier under County Councillors report, agenda item 5.

19. Meeting with Moulton & Lidgate Parish Council, to lobby SCC on their current stance on road safety, speeding and traffic calming

Meeting notes yet to be shared, but Clerk reported that SCC discussing policy review to make it easier for parishes to make meaningful changes. Discussed potential for Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) to be grouped to make cheaper/more viable. Discussed use of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies from developers as good pots of funding for speed related projects, and how there are plans in West Suffolk to enable CIL funding.

20. Flying of the flag, from The Green flagpole all year round

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

21. HR / employment / personnel committee

Council resolved that the Chair and Vice Chair ought be the Clerks first points of contact.

Council resolved that DB and DL would conduct the Clerks overdue review/appraisal.

22. Correspondence not already covered in agenda

Clerk read out an email from a resident with regards to parish council spending on allotment improvements esp. gates and fencing and that not all allotment users are FAS parishioners. The Clerk explained how ongoing work is being carried out to create clear distinction and boundaries between council and charity business.

23. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 18th, commencing 18:30, at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 20:24

Minutes from all the Parish Council meetings and a wealth of other information can be found on our website

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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.

Meetings usually last about an hour and a half, but you don't even have to stay til the end if you don't want to (or you get bored!)

For more information, email:

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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.

For all enquires or questions for the Parish Council,
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Dates For Parish Council and related meetings 2026

The Parish Council now meet at the Village Hall and no longer at the Community Centre.

January 20th

February 17th

March 17th

April 21st

May 19th - AGM (*Annual Parish Meeting at 18:00*)

June 16th

July 21st

August - *no meeting unless planning*

September 15th

October 20th

November 17th

December - *no meeting unless planning*

All meetings will be held at 18:30 at the Village Hall unless otherwise advised on the Agenda which will be posted on the Village Hall notice board at least three full clear days* before each meeting.

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New Small Electrical Recycling Points



Locations in Bury St Edmunds

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Southgate Community Centre Car Park, Heron Road, IP33 2QA

Ram Meadow Car Park, Cotton Lane, IP33 1XP

Parkway Surface Car Park, Parkway North, IP33 3BA

Vinery Road Car Park, Vinery Road, IP33 2JP

Postal Vote Reapplications Are Due!

Residents who applied for their postal vote before 31 January 2024, and wish to continue casting their voting by post, will need to reapply for a postal vote before 31 January 2026.

The implementation of the Elections Act 2022 means that a postal vote can only be held for a maximum of three years.

West Suffolk Council officers will be contacting residents by email, using the GOV.UK service. For those that do not reapply after receiving this email, or are without an available email address, will receive written notices to their registered home address from 17 November 2025, inviting them to reapply for their postal vote.



Any electors that do not re-apply for their postal vote, will have their postal vote removed on 31 January 2026.

Cllr Gerald Kelly, Cabinet Member for Governance, Regulatory and Environment, said: “We want to ensure that every eligible elector has the opportunity to take part in future elections, and that includes those who prefer to vote by post. The process to reapply is quick and straightforward, and I do urge voters to reapply as soon as possible. Don’t miss your chance to vote!”

Residents can reapply for their postal vote by visiting: [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) - Apply for a postal vote, or returning the postal vote application form to West Suffolk Council.

Once the postal vote reapplication has been approved, the elector will receive an acknowledgement email.

For more information, contact;
elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk.

Fornham All Saints News

It seems a long time ago but these events have taken place since writing the last magazine, here is an account of them.

Macmillan Coffee Morning, 27th September

It was a lovely sunny morning and there was a good turn out. The total of £561 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was good to see the Church



full and buzzing with chatter. We would like to thank all those who supported this event. Also to the team, Julie, Elizabeth, Roberta and Linda, who worked hard to make it possible. Also thanks to John B for his help.

Harvest Festival, 5th October

Many people brought goods to the Harvest festival service, these were taken, by Kyra and Roberta, to the Vineyard food bank after



the service. The contribution from the church was very much appreciated. Thank you to all who decorated the church and to Gail and the band for making our worship so enjoyable. Included is a photo of the smashing harvest cake, made by Julie. It was delicious!

Water Aid

The money in the Water Aid box is counted periodically. I am happy to report that £80 was sent off by Kyra recently as our contribution to the Water Aid Harvest Appeal. A donation was also given by a group who meet together for Songs of Praise once a month at Thingoe Lodge. We continue to collect and we have a new box!

Chalice Training

Elizabeth, Julie and Linda met at St Johns Church on 9th October to complete the Chalice training. This was led by Rev Ali and Rev Andy and included members from various churches. This training is helpful and allows more than one person in each church to assist in the communion service.

Remembrance

On 9th November several people gathered at the memorial in Fornham All Saints at 10.55 am to hold a short service to remember those who gave their lives. Wreaths were laid by Grenfell Scoulding, remembering those who had fallen in the village, the Parish Council, the RAF and the Church PCC, two crosses were also laid. The loud voice of Rev Andy rang out above the sound of the traffic passing by. After the short service we returned to the church to have a chat and enjoy the refreshments. Whilst we were gathered Tony Mayhew played a recording of the Last Post which was recorded from the Cenotaph Remembrance Service in London in 1962 when Tony was asked to play.

Forthcoming events

Coffee morning 29th November at 10.00am in aid of Church funds

Advent Calendar, during December

Christingle 7th December Christingle service at 10.00am

Carols 16th December Nine Lessons and Carols at 7.00pm

Communion 21st December Communion Service at 10.00am

Midnight mass 24th December Bethlehem Midnight Mass at 9.30pm

We hope we might see many of you at any of the services in December.

Judith Scott

Judith Scott

Fornham All Saints Living Advent Calendar 2025

We are lighting 24 windows in Fornham All Saints, with Christmas/Festive/Winter scenes during December.

One window display will be unveiled from 5-8pm every night from 1st-24th December. For example, the window for the 1st December will be illuminated from 1st-24th, the window for 2nd December will be illuminated from 2nd-24th and so on.

The purpose of the project is to have some festive fun and create a good way of bringing the community together.

There will be a map of the village showing where the windows are illuminated, on which dates, put into the village notice boards and there will be copies available in the church porch from 1st December.

On Christmas Eve, the final window will be illuminated. There will be an opportunity to walk the whole window trail, ending up at Fornham All Saints Church for festive refreshments at 8.30pm.

There will also be a Bethlehem Midnight Mass at 9.30pm at the church, where all will be most welcome.

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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!

Share, follow, like, enjoy! To get the latest #TheFridayRecipe from the Pigeon Cottage Kitchen, simply add your email address to the subscribe box at the top right-hand column of the website www.pigeoncottage.com Follow on Instagram at Pigeon Cottage Kitchen or the Pigeon Cottage Kitchen page on Facebook.

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December 30th
January 27th 2026*

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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 ijfrob@gmail.com or 07876 644611.

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Fornham All Saints WI

October 2025 Speaker: Amanda Sutherland - From a career in Costume Design to becoming a Bridal Accessories and Fascinator Designer. Amanda explained that she had been a creative child, selling homemade jewellery at school which led to completing a combined four year BTEC and HND in fashion design at the London College of Fashion. She was head buyer at London's Royal Opera House working with the most talented designers from all over the world. Also working on productions such as Jesus Christ Superstar, creating costumes for numerous films including Bond films and well known period dramas like Downton Abbey. The life changing opportunity was working for Angels the Costumiers. At the age of 26 she set up Amanda Sutherland Accessories, with the main focus on Bridal Accessories and Fascinators. After that, hats, neck ware and headbands soon followed. Also jewellery made from old coke cans! Amanda said that a simple accessory could transform an outfit. Amanda brought with her hats, scarves and accessories for us to admire and many Christmas presents were purchased that afternoon! Amanda was thanked for her entertaining and inspirational talk.

The meeting ended with cake and a special candle to mark our 107th birthday!

Fornham All Saints WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm in the village hall. Please call or text Elizabeth 07311 281775 for further information on meetings, as we regularly go on outings.



Elizabeth Gingell

Bury Water Meadows Group

Dear neighbour, my name is Ross, and my partner Liz and I moved into the village earlier this year. We've quickly come to love the local community and would like to share something we're both passionate about: our work with a local conservation charity, the Bury Water Meadows Group (BWMG).

BWMG is a volunteer-led charity that looks after the rivers Lark and Linnet and the beautiful meadows that surround them. These rivers are rare chalk streams – incredibly special and increasingly under threat. They are vital natural areas, a key part of our local heritage and they offer peaceful green spaces for all to enjoy. Protecting them is something we feel really matters.

Each month, BWMG runs several work parties, ranging from cutting back vegetation and shifting debris, to ditch clearances, footpath maintenance, litter picking and tackling invasive species. It's rewarding, sociable and we make a huge visible difference. We also organise the annual Bury Wildlife Day in the Abbey Gardens each May, which some of you may have attended – this year's event was our busiest yet!

Here in Fornham All Saints, our volunteers have been busy pulling Himalayan Balsam from the banks of the Lark, clearing blockages from the river and removing litter from the Lark Valley Path. You might have also spotted Liz and I out and about – we regularly litter pick along Mildenhall Road, Pigeon Lane and the village green, as well as many other areas around town.

I lead our monthly group litter pick on the first Saturday of each month. Over the past year, our volunteers have collected more than 130 sacks of rubbish, creating cleaner footpaths, safer habitats and more inviting places for everyone to enjoy. It's amazing how much can be achieved with a few pairs of helping hands.

Earlier this year, Fornham All Saints Parish Council kindly supported us with funding for new equipment. Thanks to them, we've been able to buy extra litter pickers, safety gear and a new folding trolley – a huge help when we're working in more remote areas.

BWMG now has nearly 250 members, and we are always welcoming

new volunteers. Whether you're looking to meet people, get some fresh air or simply give something back to the local countryside, you'd be very welcome to join us.

If you're curious to learn more or fancy coming along to a session, please visit: www.burywatermeadowsgroup.org.uk

You can also contact me directly via email at rossbritcher@gmail.com

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Community Council Committee

Minutes for Community Council Committee Meeting – Monday 3 November 2025 at 6pm

Attendees:

Enid Gathercole (EG) (Chair), Virginia Comely (VC) (Secretary), Alwyn Evans (AE) (Treasurer)

Committee Members: Paul Purnell (PP), Kyra Turner (KT) Derek Brown (DB) (Parish Council Representative),

Apologies for Absence –

Daphne Wilding (DW) Chris Caborn, (Bowls Club Representative)

1. Review Minutes of last Meeting – 2 September 2025 – DB mentioned the emergency light in the hall still doesn't come on when sensing movement. Decision made to buy a £20 PIR light from Screwfix. ACTION: PP
2. Hall Booking Update – EG updated on hall bookings. Still going well. December fully booked. Majority of the bookings are not from local village residents. The village hall is always offered as an alternative if the community centre cannot accommodate the booking.
3. Treasurer Update –
 - a. Total in bank accounts - £ 58116.58.
 - b. Profit and Loss – Income = £22297, Expenses = £14711.2. A new projector screen has been bought and installed, which accounts for the large expense. Net Income = £ 6884.11 (nearly £4000 was from the car boots) Year end accounts will be discussed at the AGM.
 - c. Discussion regarding hiring costs for the hall – will be reviewed at the AGM. Hire costs are currently £12 per hour for local residents, £15 per hour for non residents.
4. Hall & Ground Maintenance/Future Facilities
 - a. Safety light – see above ONGOING
 - b. Gates to grounds – smaller swing gates does not close. The bottom pin is on an angle and needs to be repaired. Main

gate cannot close as all swollen. Gate posts have split. PP is going to try and get metal ones but original company will install them. ACTION PP – still ongoing,

- c. No keys for the windows but keep being left open. All keys have gone missing. See if any window keys work. Committee members to bring their home keys. – ACTION: EG and PP to look into this. Still ongoing.
- d. Units could be brought as heaters and air conditioning. It was decided that as the current units work fine at the moment, this expenditure was not agreed. CLOSE ACTION.

5. Refurbished building – An update was given regarding the current state of this project. It was agreed that due to the cost, a re build was not possible. Asbestos in the current building has been assessed. Quite considerable extent of asbestos in the building, including floor tiles. Some of this is of no concern. Roof is the potential problem, as would be a considerable amount of cost if roof was needed to be changed. Extra store rooms along the back is the only project going forward. Brick built constructions with an insulated metal sheet roof. All windows will be turned into double doors into the storerooms. Meeting to discuss roof will be held in the future when required.

6. Utilities

- a. PlusNet Fibre was ordered. Date for engineer arranged but Plus Net said they could not install as Community Centre is classed as a business. It was agreed to stay with current contract until Plus Net contact again. ACTION CLOSED.
- b. Water – the water bill was slightly higher in August but the hall was used extensively during this time. Bills seem to be consistent. ACTION CLOSED.

7. Village Quiz – Saturday 13 December 2025 - An advert has been placed in village magazine, along with posters around the village. Raffle prizes will be needed. It was proposed that we contact All Saints Resort, Lucy's and The Three Kings to see if they would be prepared to donate a prize.

8. Any Other Business

- a. Parish council are replacing the gate into the playground to

meet current regulations.

b. Website for the community centre is out of date – websites called Your Hall and Community Action Suffolk EG will discuss with Parish Clerk. ACTION EG

9. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13 January 2026 at 7.45pm.
This will also be the Annual General Meeting.



Community Centre Christmas Quiz

Saturday December 13th, 7pm for 7.30pm start
Teams of 4, £10 per team

Our annual Christmas Quiz, with our fantastic quiz master Mark
Raffle and a name the toy

Bring your own nibbles and drink
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Community Centre Diary

Activity	Date	Times
Upholstery Club Cindy - 07969 863616	Every Monday	9:00am to 3:00pm
Table Tennis Club Martin - 07784 225375	Monday nights	7:00pm to 9:00pm
Pilates Sarah: 07791 330924	Every Tuesday	10:00am to 11:00am
Garden Club Ian: 07876 644611	Every 2nd Tuesday in month	7:00pm for 7:30pm start
Computer Club	Every 3rd Tuesday in month	2:00pm to 4:00pm
iPad Club	Every 4th Tuesday in month	2:00pm to 4:00pm
Bowls Chris: 07467 030352	Every Wednesday	7:00pm to 9:00pm
Exercise Caroline: 07528 927572	Every Thursday	9:30am to 11:00am
Stars Stitch & Textile Teresa: 07946 523282	Every 1st and 3rd Thursday in month	10:00am to 4:00pm
Drumming Moira: 07949 253917	Thursday nights	7:00pm to 8:30pm
Out of the Fold (Textiles) Tereasa: 07968 312680	Every 2nd and 4th Friday in month	contact for times

Friends Of The Village Hall News

Fornham Footers

Our October walk was cancelled as storm Amy intervened and brought wet and windy conditions. We were going to walk in Norton where we were going to split into two groups on either a 2.2 or 3.8 mile walk. But instead 13 walkers enjoyed a lunch in the Norton Dog pub.

Next walks are on Fridays, 5th Dec (Moreton Hall) and 2nd Jan 2026 (Cambridge).

Mahjong

We meet twice a month, with usually 12 or more members, there is always plenty of chat and laughter. Come along to one of our sessions and learn how to play. £2 table money inc. refreshments.

Next games Mondays at 9.30am on 8th and 22nd Dec and 12th & 26th Jan 2026.

Please contact either Lynne 766909 or Mary 763701.

Film Club - 4th Tuesday of the month (not August or December)

WE NEED MORE FILM CLUB MEMBERS!

With 5 films left in this subscription year, I can offer the reduced fee of £5 for the film club + £10 to join the friends. Only £15 for 5 films... a bargain!

October, nearly all our members turned up to watch "Mr Popper's Penguins" our choice from the Angela Lansbury films. Excellent refreshments were served by Jean & Brendan. Penguins are loved by most people, so another penguin film will be shown in the New Year. November, The French Connection was our choice from the list of Gene Hackman films. Another full house is expected with a glass of wine or fruit juice on offer afterwards.

Next film nights are at 7.30pm on Tuesdays 27th Jan & 24th Feb.

Each showing a £2.50 donation towards hall hire and film & licence purchase.

Traveller's Tales

At our next meeting we will be travelling around SICILY by train. An illustrated talk on **Thursday 15th January at 7.30pm.**

March 19th will be the next meeting.

Do you have any interesting holidays which you would like to share with the group?

Fornham Hackers!

The Spring 9 hole golf scores were added to the Autumn 9 hole scores and Lynne won the 2025 challenge cup with 34 points.

Charlie Haylock - Tuesday 9th December 7pm

Tickets are all sold now but names can be added to a waiting list, just in case of a cancellation at the last minute.

Christmas Meal - Friday 12th December 7pm

Names are being taken for our 3 course meal which includes either a meat or fish pate, cold turkey and salads, dessert, coffee, mint chocolate and mince pie. All for £6 for members and £12 for non-members. Numbers are limited.

Board & Card Games

The members have agreed to meet once a month throughout the year. Each meeting the players decide which game, new or old that they would like to play. Rummikub being a big favourite. Chess and Bridge members are welcome to come along. £2 table money inc. refreshments.

Our next Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm are 17th Dec & 21st Jan 2026.

Line Dancing – NEW GROUP

After our first session it was decided that 16 people (4 in 4 rows) was enough for the hall. All places are taken, but not everyone can always attend so put your name on the waiting list and hope for a phone call or text message. Cowboy Hustle and Pearl Jam were the first two line dances that were learnt.

£2 for members, £3 for non-members (who are encouraged to join the “Friends”).

Our next Wednesday afternoons from 4.30pm to 5.30pm are 17th Dec & 21st Jan 2026. Following on from Board & Card Games.

Scottish and Country Dancing – NEW GROUP SUGGESTION (7 names down)

Following on from the success of line dancing, it has been suggested that a Scottish or country dancing group may be a good idea. Please let Lynne know if you would be interested.

Knit and Stitch – NEW GROUP SUGGESTION (4 names down)

Bring your knitting, crotchet, needlework, or patchwork along and enjoy an afternoon with other like-minded members who enjoy similar crafts.

Please contact Lynne.

Local History – NEW GROUP SUGGESTION (10 names down)

Please let me know if you would be interested in joining this group, where we will be exploring the history of Bury St Edmunds and its environs. This group will probably start in the New Year in the evening if enough people are interested. Please contact Lynne, details below.

“CHILDREN IN NEED”

This year we have raised and banked **£383.50**.

BEETLE DRIVE was voted a great success with all the raffle and ticket money going towards “Children in Need.” The prizes were donated by the club and raffle prizes and refreshments donated by members. The overall winner was Sarah, the 1st & 2nd half winners were Carol & Rai. The wooden spoons were won by Louise, Elaine & Paul. Lucky ticket was won by Maggie and the 1st raffle prize of a hamper was won by Mary J.



I always welcome ideas for new groups connected to the “Friends.” For any group at least 10 members are needed, and a fee for each meeting especially if a speaker is hired.

Please contact Lynne **766909** or **lynne.quayle99@btinternet.com**

Our subscription year is £10 a year from May to belong to the “friends” + other club subs.

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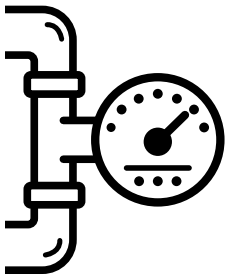
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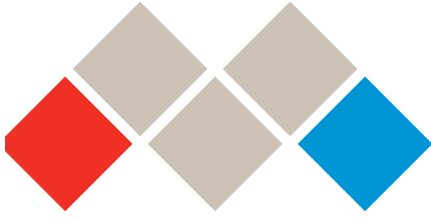
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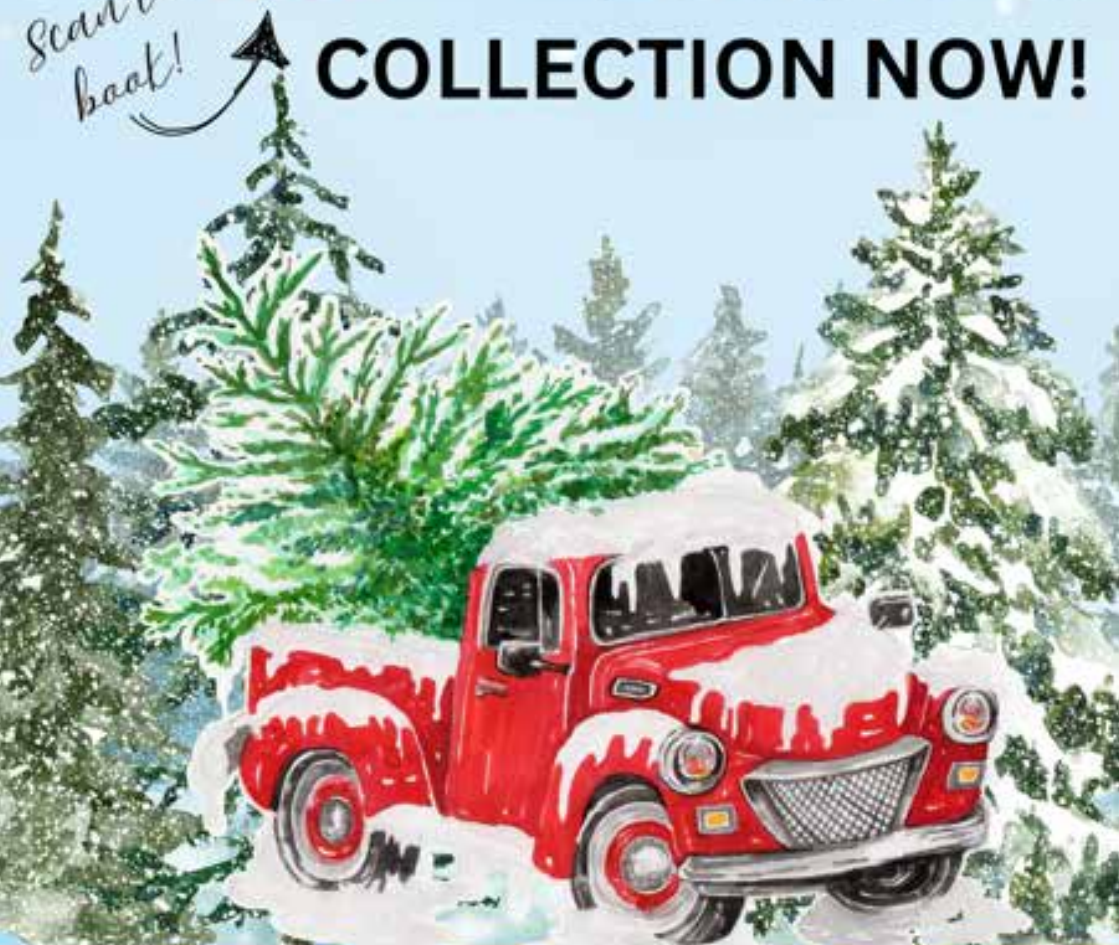
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