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Meetings

The Parish Council meets at 6:30pm in the **Village Hall**, on the third Tuesday of each month, except August & December. Please check the Village Hall notice board for any date changes.

Website

www.fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

The deadline for articles for the April - May Village Voice will be 20th March.

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From the Editor & Parish Clerk

Hello all, and hello 2026! I can't believe that we're nearing the end of January already – but I'm super excited to see the snow drops out, the daffodils appearing and the trees budding. Spring is coming... Despite how cold it is, or is going to get in the next few days. I trust you all had a great Christmas and New Years.

Big thank you to the resident who suggested that we have a Christmas tree on the village green – what a superb idea. Thanks to Rougham Estate for the perfect tree and Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Brown for their sterling work with bolts, wedges, ladders, lights and cable ties. Thanks too, to the village hall for powering the low voltage LED lights. I think it was a wonderful success, and I've heard lots of great feedback, people saying how festive it made them feel and the village look.



As we talk about the village green, you may have seen that the flag pole has become quite a controversial topic. Firstly with regards to the flying of the Union Flag from the pole all year round causing some debate, followed by a slight misunderstanding over the ownership/responsibility for the pole and most recently over the question - do we need planning permission, especially in a conservation area?

To clarify the parish councils stance, a decision was passed to fly the Union Flag all year round, but we need to ensure that we're not going to get in trouble with the planners first. Watch this space...

I'm sure you're all bored of hearing about this next point, but I've started walking the village again with a new round of contractors, to hopefully engage with one or more to start getting our much needed works to the pavements and hedges actioned. The list keeps growing, as sadly district and county budgets are stretched further and further. What looks like quite dangerous to us, often doesn't meet their criteria for action, hence we are left in a place to either make do, or tackle these work ourselves.

As it gets warmer, the volunteering group will be back out in force, taking on some smaller jobs – so if you fancy being a part of the group, get in touch.

We've got another exciting issue for you, packed full of useful information. There's lots going on in the village hall and at the community centre, with a valentines coffee morning planned and the return of the popular car boot sales in April.

We've also got lots of informative articles about a wide range of local services to help keep you healthy, active, warm and safe, as well as providing help if you are struggling financially or in rented accommodation. We also have a really interesting article from the East Anglian Air Ambulance, which the parish council has supported financially.

I'd like to also remind you about the Fuel Allotment charity, which was set up many years ago to help the fuel poor in the village – see more information on the next page. If you or somebody you know could benefit from this, then please be sure to get in touch before the 1st March deadline.

'Topple Testing' in the churchyard. The parish council is responsible for the churchyard, after it was 'closed' to further burials some years ago. It has been brought to our attention that many of the memorial stones are tilting, and as part of our duty to health and safety and eliminating risk, we are going to be instructing a professional to carry out topple testing. This is a process whereby stones are tested for their integrity and any found to be in a potentially unsafe state will be sympathetically laid down. I think I counted some 100+ stones, all of quite some age, so potentially there may be a number of stones that get 'made safe.' It's hard to track if any of the stones still having living relatives, but if you know of anybody who does still visit graves in the churchyard, would you please share this information with them. We will endeavour to put notices on the gates informing visitors/relatives before any works take place.

As always, if you have anything to share for the Village Voice or the parish council, please do get in touch – I look forward to hearing from you!

Feedback, ideas and suggestions always welcomed...
villagevoice@fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

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

Wishing you all the very best for the year ahead.



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:

clerk@fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

Please register your interest before 1st March 2026.



Would you like an allotment?

Contact the Clerk to get your name on the waiting list for a plot
clerk@fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

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Rural Coffee Caravan - Fornham All Saints
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

Check out the website for details of dates in Great Livermere

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.

www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk

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

Fornham All Saints Parish Council

November Meeting

APPROVED Minutes from Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 18th November, 2025, 18:30, Fornham All Saints Village Hall
These minutes were approved at the Parish Council Meeting on 20th January, 2026.

Present:

**Cllr Derek Brown (DB) (Vice Chair), Cllr Mat Stewart (MS), Cllr Don Lynch (DL) and Cllr David Surman (DS).
District Cllr Sarah Broughton (RH), Clerk Justin Hook (JH),
Representative from All Saints Resort (ASR), 2 x Cllrs from
Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council and 3
members of the public.**

Agenda Items

1. Chair's welcome, opening remarks and to receive apologies for absence
The Vice Chair welcomed those in attendance. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Nicholls and County Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger.
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 21st October 2025
Council resolved to adopt the minutes, the Vice Chair signed them.
5. To receive County Councillor's report from Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger
None received.
6. To receive Borough Councillor's reports from Cllr. Sarah Broughton and Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger
Nothing much to report. Still some locality budget monies left in the pot for any projects.
7. Public open session up to 15 minutes - questions and issues on matters arising from the agenda and from the village

Resident re-raised the suggestion for a village Christmas tree on the village green.

Council discussed the idea, and potential solutions.

Council resolved for Clerk to organise a circa. 10-12ft Christmas tree, with stand and lights.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate.

Resident raised concern that the B1106 ditch had been cut and (although it looked good) the debris was left in the ditch and there are already concerns over the depth of the ditch and potential flood risk.

DL confirmed he was already liaising with ASR and contractor to get debris removed.

It was noted that Pound Meadow did not flood this time after the heavy rains.

Sink hole on B1106 has been reported to Highways, resident put a cone in it temporarily to highlight the danger.

Question was asked of ASR representative about the golf nets for Pigeon Lane.

Josh Harris from ASR confirmed the netting had been approved, but that potential changes to play direction may render them redundant.

ACTION: DL to liaise with ASR to try and understand new course layout ideas.

Item to be added to future agenda.

Clerk advised a retrospective planning application had been raised for the walls at the hotel main entrance and a 2nd one for permission for them to be lit.

8. To receive reports from Councillors:

a. Highways / Traffic / Roads / Signs / Pavements - All

DL confirmed receipt of a number of VAS batteries from a resident who previously changed them.

ACTION: Clerk to collect from DL.

Cllrs raised the issue that the Pigeon Lane VAS was not currently always working. Expected solar issue, not enough sun.

ACTION: DS agreed to swap and charge the batteries.

Old damaged/redundant signage on Tut Hill, request for it to be removed.

ACTION: Clerk to raise on SCC portal.

DS raised the issue of leaves on the pavement between his

residence and the double mini roundabouts.

ACTION: Clerk to request pavement sweep from WSC.

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

DB aware of some loose screws on the play equipment. Community Centre rethinking after costs for revised centre estimated £3/4 million or new one £1.4m. Now looking at simple extra storage rooms on the back of the building.

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

Clerk advised works to replace fencing either side of Sheepwash Bridge now complete.

Still awaiting confirmation on question over the last River Lark Path cut.

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

Waiting for news of where AW will be spending the monies for cleaning up.

ACTION: MS will ask for an update at the end of the year.

- e. Allotments / Emergency Plan - David Surman

Allotments all good, one plot changing hands, 2 or 3 still on list.

DS and DB met with Paul to test the generator and see how it all works. Community Centre is a designated rest area, with a designated rest coordinator. DS saw all of the provisions and now had access to keys for community centre / village hall / church. Plan to draw up a simple emergency plan for January meeting.

- f. All Saints - Don Lynch

Covered under previous items.

- g. Volunteering - Derek Brown

Martin Loveridge updated council on a successful year, with one last date planned for 28th November, weather permitting. Some small jobs to do, litter picking, hedge trimming etc. Great team and great fun.

9. To receive Clerk's report

- a. City Fibre - damages to village

Final area has been reported again, awaiting action.

- b. Marham Park trees and S106 monies

- No updates.
- c. VAS repairs
Clerk and DB to action replacing brackets.
 - d. Community centre lease & land registry
Meeting planned Friday 21st with Attwells Solicitors ,
Ipswich for some pro-bono help advice as organised via
Community Action Suffolk.
 - e. Defib & registering with The Circuit
Clerk to liaise with Enid.
 - f. B1106 ditch
Covered under previous items.
 - g. Footpath closure and fence repairs, Lark Valley Path
Covered under previous items - **ITEM CLOSED.**
 - h. Bus stop improvements
Ongoing.
 - i. Motorbikes on Tut Hill
CPT report having attended site, resident still reporting
same offenders, as well as antisocial bikes going up and
down past midnight, which was reported direct to police.
 - j. Play park gate and fence repairs
Works completed and looking good / working well - **ITEM
CLOSED.**
 - k. Church gate repair
Church deciding is wooden or metal gate.
Paul Purnell suggested he could do the work, council to
request quote if church opt for wooden gate.
 - l. Overgrown pavements
Clerk reported that the contractors have both gone silent
and not responding. Appointment booked with another
contractor seen advertising locally for Thursday 20th.
 - m. Other village works
As above.
 - n. VAS data
Clerk didn't manage to report at the meeting but will gather
data for minutes.
Larks Gate (since last meeting)
IN: avg: 26mph, max: 60mph, compliance to 30mph limit:
89% (50+mph 0.02%)
OUT: avg: 28mph, max: 66mph, compliance to 30mph limit:

80% (50+mph 0.06%)

Pigeon Lane (since last meeting)

IN: avg: 23mph, max: 52mph, compliance to 30mph limit:
98% (50+mph 0.00%)

OUT: avg: 24mph, max: 60mph, compliance to 30mph limit:
97% (50+mph 0.00%)

Village Green (since last meeting)

IN: avg: 24mph, max: 60mph, compliance to 30mph limit:
97% (50+mph 0.01%)

OUT: avg: 25mph, max: 58mph, compliance to 30mph limit:
97% (50+mph 0.01%)

It was suggested that some high speeds may in fact be from emergency services.

- o. Other updates
Nothing to report.

10. Planning:

- i. DC/25/0438/HYB ****Re-consultation** Amended plans.**

Moseleys Farm , The Green, Fornham All Saints, Suffolk, IP28 6JY

Hybrid planning application - a. full application - two commercial units and extension to cemetery b. outline application (means of access to be considered) - residential development.

Council resolved to support this application, and wished to support the residents comment for relocating the path route, as well as offering full support for the creation of a path from Fornham to Hengrave, as identified in the plans.

- ii. DC/25/1025/FUL

Barn , Pigeon Lane, Fornham All Saints, Suffolk, IP28 6JP
****Re-consultation** Revised proposal description to better reflect the proposed detached garage.**

Planning application - a. conversion of existing barn to selfbuild/custom dwelling b. single storey rear extension with first floor terrace c. detached four bay garage with first floor store.

Council resolved a vote of no comment on this change of description.

11. Finance update

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

Payee	Details	Total
J Hook	Clerk's Salary, October	£991.94
Nest	Clerk's pension, October	£36.45
J Hook	Clerk's expenses	£43.09
Ford Fencing	Play park gate install & fence repairs	£1,120.00
RG Landscapes	Churchyard grass cutting x 6	£480.00
Community Workshop	Village Voice printing	£324.37
Total Payments		£2,995.85

- ii. Council noted payments received to 31st October.

From & details	Total
RBS, bank interest	£66.77
Village Voice advertising	£105.00
Total Monies Received	£171.77

- iii. Council noted balances to 31st October.

Current	£277.94
Savings	£46,355.35
Total Bank Balance	£46,633.29

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

- v. **Council resolved to approve the proposed budget for 2026/27, with a Precept of £26,750, equating to a £93.34 contribution for a Band D property, an increase of £5.11 (5.79%) on the previous year.**

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

Council to update progress so far, including meetings with Ben Smith, WSC Governance Team and parish council meeting at FAS. Council to discuss next steps moving forwards.

The merger of the parish councils to create one parish council

servicing the three villages cannot be fast tracked. The first step is for each council to submit their intention in December, for approval by WSC in the first part of 2026, followed by consultation and a final decision later in the year. Implementation would not be until April 2027 for finances and May 2027 for governance.

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

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

ACTION: Clerk to work with Chairs of both councils to begin drafting a response to be shared with all villagers, outlining discussions and intentions.

13. Churchyard “topple testing” of head stones / memorials

Insurer suggested head stones should be tested a minimum of every 5 years for stability.

Council to discuss potential costs and required action. Circa. 100 stones and 15-20 crypts.

Abbey Memorials, Norwich - £2 per stone, incl. laying of any unsafe stones, or £15 to stake and tie.

CDS Group, Sisloe (Beds) - £1115 +Vat, incl. full survey, full report with photo's, video and detailed suggestions, £4.50 per failed stone for marker/warning label.

Council resolved to instruct Abbey Memorials to carry out the topple tests and make safe.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the church of the intention and work with them to best inform any potential relatives.

Council suggested a notice in the Village Voice, and a notice on the gate before, during and after works carried out.

14. Skate & play park inspections

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

DB has had a quote from Wicksteed to replace all four swing seats and chains for £1172 +Vat.

Council resolved to appoint Wicksteed to carry out these works.

Council to discuss quote to jetwash/clean play equipment.

Council resolved a budget of £200 to have the play park jetwashed.

Council to approve extra £120 spend to reinstate paving slabs at the new play park gate.

Council approved the extra spend as it was still in the agreed budget for this project.

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

Council to discuss further correspondence from resident which was sent but not received before last meeting, and from Village Hall regarding ownership of the flag pole.

Clerk read out the correspondence in which the resident shared concern for the use of flags by far right groups and how it could be interpreted as support for a racist agenda.

Another correspondence from the village hall committee suggested the flag pole is actually an asset of the village hall, after being gifted to the village.

Clerk pointed out that the pole was been installed on Parish Council land, and if was gifted to the village, then should really be a Parish Council asset.

Village hall to discuss at their next meeting, but whoever ultimately takes on responsibility, will be responsible for its upkeep, maintenance, insurance and any pending or future decisions over the flying of flags.

The flag pole is currently listed on the council asset register, but council apologised for any confusion caused by this potential misinformation.

16. Donation to Fuel Allotment Charity

Council to discuss donation of £500 towards replacement of gate between playing field and allotments, with metal, mesh style gate for increased security, durability and better control of vehicles using the play park to turn around.

Council resolved to donate £500 to the Fuel Allotment charity, towards a new gate.

Council also suggested that funds be ought to requested from SB's locality budget.

ACTION: Clerk to get quotes and request help with funding.

17. Correspondence not already covered in agenda

Resident requested a new litter bin at the Marham Country Park entrance at the top of Tut Hill. This resident regularly litter picks

the areas and sees multiple poo bags and litter left around the entrance and at the top of Tut Hill.

Clerk advised approx costs £450 for a bin +£200 per year for collection.

Council resolved to add to January agenda.

18. Dates for meetings 2026

Council resolved to approve the following meeting dates for 2026;

January 20th / February 17th / March 17th / April 21st / May 19th (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting) / June 16th / July 21st / no meeting August / September 15th / October 20th / November 17th / no meeting December.

19. Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on January 20th, commencing 18:30, at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed to public 19.54

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

www.fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

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.

At the time of going to press, the January minutes had not been finalised

All minutes from Parish Council meetings can be found on the website, or by using the QR code here



www.fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

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:
clerk@fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

Tollgate Triangle Roadworks *UPDATE*

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 an update on progress and what we can expect next, please see the news article on the website

www.fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk/news

For all enquires or questions for the Parish Council, please in the first instance email the Parish Clerk

clerk@fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

**Do you want to make a positive difference
in your village?**

**Would you like to influence decisions
that affect your community?**

**Do you have innovative ideas, knowledge or
skills that could benefit your community?**

Why not become a Parish Councillor!!

for more info, or an informal chat, email the clerk
clerk@fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

Dates For Parish Council and related meetings 2026

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

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.

Agendas can also be found on the Parish Council website.

www.fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

**excludes Sundays and Bank Holidays*



To keep up with other village news, why not like or follow our Facebook page?

www.facebook.com/fornhamallsaintspc

Suffolk Bus Service Improvement Plan: Call For Proposals

Please see the below email, that our County Councillor, Beccy Hopfensperger shared with us recently. She successfully worked to get two new bus services operational through this fund in Great Barton.

Dear Councillor,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Transport Made Simple Group, we operate Konectbuses' and Simonds' buses across Suffolk and the rest of East Anglia. I would like to raise to your attention Suffolk County Council's new Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) funding. The DfT has allocated give or take £8M in funding to improve bus services and bus related infrastructure across the county. Suffolk will be allocating £500,000 of this funding through their 'Scheme on a page' system, where local groups and stakeholders (such as councillors, parishes, transit riders' groups, etc) can put together proposals for funding, whether it's for improving existing services with increased frequency or later running times, or improving the condition of your bus stops and shelters, in partnership with operators like ourselves.

We'd be keen to work with you to improve the services that we provide within your ward/division, if you have any ideas that you would like to see put forward to Suffolk's transport team, then please reach out to me and I would be more than happy to arrange a virtual meeting, a chat over the phone, or just contact you by email.

In the previous round of BSIP funding our operators were able to introduce new services, enhance existing ones, and make tweaks to our routes to better serve where communities saw a need for service. These enhancements have all been a great success, so we are keen to work with you to see even more successes.

You can read more about Suffolk's Bus Service Improvement Plan strategy and how to apply for grant funding at the link below:

<https://www.suffolkonboard.com/bus-service-improvement-plan-where-should-the-money-be-spent/>

Please have a think about if there are any services in the village that could be improved, or if you think we would benefit from new any routes. Let the Parish Council know your thoughts and then we can work with Cllr Hopfensperger to see what could be done.

clerk@fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk

Thingoe Lodge News

At Thingoe Lodge, we choose a local charity to raise funds for each year. Last year St Nicholas Hospice Care was our chosen charity.

We raise funds by holding a fete each year, as well as raffles, quiz nights etc.

In 2025, the amount raised for St Nicholas Hospice Care was...

£914.48

In the last seven years since we started fundraising we have raised approximately £7,000.00 in total for local causes.

See the team and residents below, ready to hand the cheque over.

Sylvia Oakley

Sylvia Oakley, Thingoe Lodge



Love
is in the
Air




Valentine's Day Coffee Morning

Fornham All Saints Village Hall

Saturday 14th February 2026



10am-12pm



We would love to display some wedding photographs
of yourselves or your family

Bring us your photo by Thursday 12th February

We are happy to photocopy it, if you prefer



Contact:

Jilly - 5 Hall Farm Barn - 07825 563418

Linda - 12 Dairy Drive - 07757 316553



Come and enjoy coffee and cake and a trip down Memory Lane!



In aid of Fornham All Saints Village Hall

Feel Good Suffolk by West Suffolk Council

Do you find yourself struggling to decide what to eat for dinner each evening? Or do you find it hard to find healthy meals that work for you and your family?

You're not alone – it's a common problem that many people face.

Feel Good Suffolk has now partnered with FiveDinners.com an online meal planning service which is already working with NHS Trusts and a number of other district councils to support over 30,000 people.

It means that every household in West Suffolk can become a premium member of Five Dinners for 2026 at no cost to them. They won't be asked for any bank details which means they won't be charged for using the service.

Once registered, they will receive a meal plan every week, tailored to their needs and preferences. This can be personalised for low calories, child friendly, low cost, vegetarian, gluten-free, quick and easy, menopause friendly and more. Alongside the meal plan, members receive a shopping list for the week ahead. Alongside the meal plan, members receive a shopping list for the week ahead, which automatically adjusts to the number of people they are cooking for.

The idea is that through meal planning, the service can help people manage a healthy weight with nutritious meals and portion control. That in turn can also help reduce household food waste and save households money. It also helps reduce the mental load of working out what to eat for dinner each evening.

Five Dinners has been created by celebrity TV chef Theo Michaels.

You can find out more at:

www.feelgoodsuffolk.co.uk/healthy-weight/five-dinners

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Celebrating 10 Years of the Fornham All Saints Computer Club

by Bernard Grimshaw

It's hard to believe that ten years have passed since the Fornham All Saints Computer Club held its very first meeting in the 3 Kings back in 2016. What began as a small gathering has grown into a friendly, reliable place for people in the village and beyond to get help, learn new skills, and enjoy each other's company — now in the comfort of the Community Centre with a fast internet connection and plenty of space.

Over the years our membership has stayed strong, and we're genuinely grateful to everyone who has supported the club and helped it thrive. What hasn't changed is our aim: to offer clear, practical help in a relaxed, social setting. Many of our members tell us they learn more easily because we keep things simple, patient, and jargon-free.

Although we started out focusing mainly on Windows computers, the rise of iPads has made them a big part of what we do today. We now run extra sessions especially for beginners who want a bit more time and guidance, and these have proved very popular.

Looking Ahead to 2026

In March we begin a new season of beginners' meetings for both Windows and iPad users. If you'd like to get more from your technology — whether that's sending photos, organising files, staying safe online, or simply feeling more confident — you'll be very welcome.

There is a small annual membership fee which covers all our sessions and tutorials.

This year we're also helping members get to grips with Windows 11. Many people have found it quite a change from Windows 10, so our monthly tutorials will focus on making the transition easier, alongside our usual topics such as security and useful apps.

Our iPad group continues to flourish too, with enjoyable sessions centred on the many practical and creative things an iPad can do.

Come and Join Us

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If you'd like more details, please get in touch:

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Friends Of The Village Hall News

Fornham Footers

In December, 8 people took the bus from the village getting off at the Railway Station and walking along Cotton Lane and into the Abbey Gardens. Crossing the bridge over the River Lark, turning left and taking the bridge over the A14, through Natterers Wood and into the Moreton Hall estate and eventually back over the bridge again, 5 people completed the 5 mile walk and went on to the Dog and Partridge where 7 others joined us for lunch.

January, not our Cambridge walk as previously planned but a walk around the hills of Lavenham looking at the splendid architecture and the wonky houses!

Next walks are on Fridays, 6th Feb (Cambridge), 6th March and 10th April.

Mahjong

We meet twice a month, with usually 15 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 including refreshments.

Next games Mondays at 9.30am on 9th and 23rd Feb, and 9th and 23rd March.

Please contact either Lynne 766909 or Mary 763701.

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

WE NEED MORE FILM CLUB MEMBERS! With 3 films left in this subscription year, I can offer the reduced fee of £5 for the film club + £5 to join the friends. Only £10 for 3 films..... a bargain!

December was a no film month.

January, our film will be "Tea with Mussolini" starring Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Joan Plowright and Cher.

Next film nights are at 7.30pm on Tuesdays 24th Feb and 24th March.

Each showing, please give a £3 donation towards hall hire, film & licence purchase.

Traveller's Tales

Next will be "Sicily by Train" on **Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm.** Do you have any interesting holidays which you would like to share with the group?

Charlie Haylock

The “friends” were very pleased to be able to book Charlie to come to the hall on 9th December. It was one of his last talks before he retired. Please see Gillian Grinham’s report elsewhere in the Village Voice.

Christmas Meal

An excellent meal starting with either a meat or fish pate, followed by cold turkey and salads, apple strudel and cream, coffee, mint chocolate and mince pie. All for £6 for members.

Board & Card Games

Rummikub is a big favourite. Chess and Bridge members are welcome to come along. £3 table money inc. refreshments.

Our next Wed. afternoons from 2 to 4pm are 18th Feb & 18th Mar.

Line Dancing – PLACES NOW AVAILABLE

Cowboy Hustle and Pearl Jam were the first two line dances that have been learnt and the line dancers are getting very good at these. New dances are now being introduced.

£3 for members, £4 for non-members (who are encouraged to join the “Friends”). **Our next Wed. afternoons from 4.30pm to 5.30pm are 18th Feb & 18th Mar, following on from Board & Card Games.**

Country Dancing – NEW GROUP SUGGESTION (7 names down)

Following on from the success of line dancing, it has been suggested that a country dancing group may be a good idea. Please let Lynne know if you would be interested. 10 names needed.

Knit and Stitch – NEW GROUP SUGGESTION (7 names down)

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

Please contact Lynne. 10 names needed.

Local History – NEW GROUP SUGGESTION (16 names down)

Please let me know if you would be interested in joining this group, where we will be exploring the history of our village and documenting everything. Hopefully getting a new Parish Recorder following on from Helen Batchelor. **Our first meeting will be on Thursday 12th February at 7.30pm, £3 where we will discuss the way forward.**

Please contact Lynne, details below.

I always welcome ideas for new groups connected to the “Friends.”
For any group at least 10 members are needed, and there will be a
fee for each meeting.

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.

See what we’ve watched and where we’ve been at the link below:

www.fornhamallsaintsparish.gov.uk/organisations/friends-of-the-village-hall/



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Other events planned are

BEETLE DRIVE (*see details opposite*)
BINGO

100 CLUB (*see details below*)

WALKING TREASURE HUNT

EAST ANGLIAN ARCHIVE FILM EVENING

MORE COFFEE MORNINGS

PLUS YOUR IDEAS

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The more numbers sold, the more prize money and more for the hall.

To enter the 100 club Please get in touch with Lynne.

01284 766909 or lynne.quayle99@btinternet.com

Or sign up at the coffee morning on 14th February.

Charlie Haylock Talk

On Tuesday December 9th, a good tidy sum of folk gathered at Fornham All Saints Village Hall to hear Charlie Haylock give one of his last talks on the Suffolk language – a history of its dialects and idioms.

As Charlie said, 'At's th'moost ancient English ever seis.' Suffolk is where the English language began and thus it is the oldest English dialect. Suff'kers and Suff'kers' words and Suff'kers' hoomer often confuse furreners,' anyone who lives 'abroad,' or out of the county.

Through a fair few hoomers, examples and lively anecdotes, we fairly laarned about the rich history of the Suffolk dialect, customs and way of life through the centuries.

Drinks and nibbles refreshed us in the interval and afterwards in his inimitable manner and hooly proper delivery, Charlie continued to teach us more about the county in which we live.

Eventually we were goo'n hoom having spent a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining evening.

So we say to Charlie Haylock, in the language which is the basis of our language today – Anglo -Saxon:

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Gillian Grinham

Gillian Grinham

Fornham All Saints News

Welcome to the first Church news of 2026. However, we need to catch up on events which took place during the Christmas period. First of all, many of us assembled to decorate the Church ready for the festivities to follow. The crib was arranged and the tree was put in place. All was ready.

Coffee morning On Saturday, November 29th our first event took place in aid of Church funds. The Coffee morning was very well attended, the Church was abuzz with chatter, with a good choice of cakes. We also had a craft stall. Many thanks to the team who swing into action at the mention of a coffee morning. They paused just long enough to pose for the photo below. Thank you to those who attended. £275 was raised at this event.



Baptism Sunday 30th November The baptism of Albie William Moon took place at 1.00pm. Once again the church filled up with family and friends to witness this important occasion. We wish Albie well as he embarks on life's journey.

Christingle Service Our annual Christingle service was the first of the Christmas services, which was enjoyed by many. Gail led this service and explained the meaning of the Christingle as we walked round the various stations to build our own. The end product is shown, Thank you Gail for an enjoyable service and the band for their usual accompaniment.



Nine lessons and Carols Readers from both villages read the lessons and the congregation sang well. Rev Andy led the service, our thanks to Paul also, who played the organ. Mulled wine and nibbles were enjoyed after the service.

Bethlehem Midnight Mass This service started at 9.30pm, at this time it is midnight in Bethlehem. Many visitors joined us to celebrate the beginning of Christmas. Rev Andy led the service, thanks also to Paul for playing.

Nativity During the month of December some people in the village offered to display an Advent window. By the 24th December all the windows were lit, many people walked round with the list to view them all. It was an enjoyable project and gave many in the village a chance to show off their creative skills. Well done all those who took part and thank you Linda for organising and getting the idea off the ground.

And into 2026 The first service of the new year was taken by Rev Sarah Gull on January 4th. During the service Sarah explained the journey of the Kings to see Herod. Twelve volunteers took up their stars and went on an imaginary, but physical journey round the church. The terrain was described as they went to Herod's palace and on to the stable. The band added kingly music which completed the picture. Thank you Sarah for an informative and lively service to start off the year.

Judith Scott

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Fornham All Saints WI

We were privileged to hold our December meeting in the beautiful home of Wendy Cardy. Our bring-and-share Christmas buffet lunch was an absolute feast and we celebrated with a tippie of our own choice. After a wonderful afternoon of chatting and catching up with one another, we happily went home with a gift from Secret Santa.

For January's meeting we celebrated the New Year with a delicious lunch at the Three Kings, where we were looked after very well. A really splendid way to start 2026.

Our meetings will commence again from February, in the village hall at 2.00pm on the second Tuesday of the month, do come. Visitors will receive a very warm welcome!

Please call or text Elizabeth for further information 07311 281775.

Elizabeth Gingell

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Fornham All Saints Church 101 Club results

Recent winners for listed below;

	1st	2nd	3rd
December 2025	M Wheedon	J Heaslip A Hurrell	S Sutters E Turvey L Cleveley
January 2026	J Heaslip	J Scott	S Elmes S Bull

For more information on how to support the church in this way, contact Elizabeth Gingell on **07311 281775**.

Mobile Library Dates & Times

Every 4th TUESDAY

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March 24th
April 21st
May 19th
June 16th
July 14th
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September 8th
October 6th
November 3rd
December 1st
December 29th

Thingoe Lodge
12:35 – 12:55pm

Parish Church
13:00 – 13:20pm

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www.suffolklibraries.co.uk



FORNHAM ALL SAINTS TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We play on **Monday nights, 7-9pm** in the community centre.

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by West Suffolk Council

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To apply, applicants must be:

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- Able to remain politically neutral

Interested applicants can apply online;

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/elections/working-at-elections.cfm

Or contact the Elections team at **elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk** for more information.

Communications Manager
West Suffolk Council

Friday Care Tip: Ask for Angela **by Able Community Care**

The Ask for Angela safety initiative, launched in 2016, is a nationally recognised, not-for-profit project used by bars, pubs, clubs, and other venues to help anyone who feels unsafe, vulnerable, or threatened.

The scheme allows individuals to discreetly signal to staff that they need help by asking for “Angela.” This enables them to get assistance without drawing attention or escalating the situation. Trained staff can then provide support – whether that’s calling a taxi, contacting friends, or removing the person causing distress.

Many large chains and independent venues participate in the scheme and may display posters to show their involvement.

If you know someone in the hospitality industry who hasn’t heard of Ask for Angela, you might like to direct them to the Ask for Angela website;

www.askforangela.co.uk/

Friday Care Tip, by Able Community Care

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by Suffolk Police

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Repair Café: It's About The Stories: It's Not Just Fixing Toasters & Teddies

Time: 11am-2pm Date: 14th March 2026

Place: Bridge Community Church, 68 Queen's Road, IP33 3EW

We started a Repair Café in Bury St Edmunds nearly 3 years ago and joined a movement of around 4,000 cafés worldwide. When we started, we imagined people would bring in their sick toasters and hedge trimmers and leave able to trim their hedge and enjoy a piece of toast afterwards.

Quite a range of volunteers run the café: the repairers, café staff and front-of-house. We were all surprised by two things: 1, the variety of things people bring to our door and 2, the stories behind those items.

Some examples of those stories - just from the last café:

Steve and Hilary brought in their alarm-clock radio which used to wake them up with a recording of their 29-year-old son Jack's voice back from when he was four. They



were heart-broken when the clock failed. But - a few moments in the hands of Mikey one of our volunteers - and a loose connection was re-soldered. Suddenly a voice from the past yelled 'Hello lazy bones it's twenty past eight time to wake up.' The emotions ran high. There were tears.

The other lovely story was one of generosity. Alastair, one of our long-standing repairers fixed a mobile "Christmas Village" decoration. The reindeer moved again, the lights lit and the tunes played. Mary the owner of the decoration said her children had out-grown it and would Alastair like it for his own family. Maybe no tears this time, but I had a surprise bout of hay fever in January...



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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

Community Council, January 2026

The Committee met on Tuesday 20th January 2026 for the 2025 AGM and the normal biimonthly meeting. It was agreed at the meeting that price increases will be made for hiring the hall due to rising costs for keeping the hall maintained. These will come into effect from 1st April 2026. Hiring of the hall will increase to £14 per hour for village residents and £17 per hour for non-residents. The hall can be hired by contacting **Enid Gathercole on 01284 767688 or 07712 130293**.

During the meeting a presentation was made for the installation of a Pétanque area at the Community Centre. This was agreed in principle by the Committee but will be further discussed at the next Parish Council meeting in February 2026. Watch this space!!!

The car boot sales will take place again this year, on the last Sunday of every month, starting on April 26th. Gates open at 8am for sellers and buyers. If anyone has any spare time to help out at these events, it would be appreciated.

The Committee are always looking for new members, especially younger members of the village!! We meet every two months at the Community Centre. If anyone is interested in joining please contact Enid Gathercole to discuss further (contact details above).

Is your group represented in the Village Voice?

We want to know what's happening in the village, so if you want your group or organisation to be featured in this magazine, then please get in touch with the Editor for more information:

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Oil Heated Homes Invited To Respond To Government's Rural Heating Consultation

by Future Ready Fuel

Homes on oil heating have the opportunity to respond to a new government consultation which is exploring how rural homes will be heated in the future.

More than 5,000 homes on oil heating have already made a submission to the government's new 'Alternative Clean Heating' consultation which will help determine the technologies people may be able to use to heat their home.

The government's current preference is for most homes, including those not connected to the gas grid, to switch to heat pumps or heat networks. However, the government has now launched a new consultation to explore alternative solutions for rural homes.

That's because they have recognised some rural properties will face high costs to switch to a heat pump, even with a grant through the Boiler Upgrade Scheme. The reason for this is rural homes tend to be older, with lower energy efficiency, which makes them harder to keep warm. As a result, they can need significant upgrades for heat pumps to work effectively.

One solution the government is exploring as part of the consultation is renewable liquid fuels, such as Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO). This would be a straight swap with the existing kerosene homes on oil heating use and would work in the existing boiler and tank.

The fuel could initially be introduced as a blend (a mix of kerosene and HVO). This removes any upfront cost whilst still significantly reducing emissions. The approach has already been demonstrated across 150 properties as part of an industry demonstration project.

Households on oil heating are being invited to share their views to the consultation so the government can explore what alternative heating solutions, such as renewable liquid fuels, could be made more widely available.

Anyone can respond to the Alternative Clean Heating consultation for free through the government website, before the closing date of 10 February.

A campaign called Future Ready Fuel, setup by trade associations, businesses and households on oil heating, has created a website to explain more about the consultation. It also has an automated form for anyone on oil heating who wants to respond to the consultation for free in support of renewable liquid fuels.

For more information visit

www.futurereadyfuel.info/consultation

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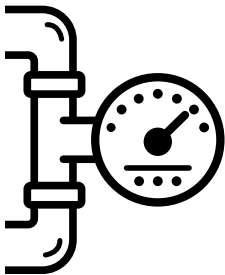
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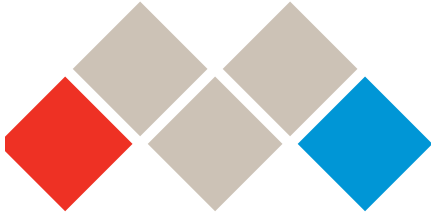
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