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Meetings

The Parish Council meets at 6:30 pm, on the third Tuesday of the following months: January, March, May, July, September and November. .

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CHAIRMANS CHAT

Spring is upon us, the daffodils in Pound Meadow are blooming and the sun is shining. Fruit trees are budding and the crows are trying to steal the buds. The weather over the past week has been bright and sunny with pleasant temperatures. However it may not stay this way, having spoken to my daughter in West Virginia this morning, she tells me that they had snow last night. Usually we get something similar a week or so later so don't put away the winter clothing just yet.

After the last couple of years of lockdowns and restrictions it is good to see that things are getting back to a sort of normal. The groups that meet in the Village Hall and Community Centre all seem to be back in business. There are still problems with Covid and we should all take care individually to help protect others.

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FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 6.30pm. Present: Cllr Paul Purnell, Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker, Cllr Cathy Emerson, Cllr Jill Mayhew, Cllr Enid Gathercole, Cllr Don Lynch, Christine Mason (Parish Clerk)

APOLOGIES Cllr Matt Stewart.

DECLARATIONS IF INTERESTS

- i. To receive disclosures of pecuniary and local nonpecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion none received.
- ii. To receive disclosures of hospitality exceeding £25 none received.
- iii. To consider requests for dispensations none received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Tuesday 18th January 2022 were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

The report was previously circulated and noted. Matters raised by Councillors included HGV's continually coming through the village, cutting back of shrubbery in Pigeon Lane, signage for Fish Farm when Tut Hill is closed.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Cllr Don Lynch: Long standing issue with Eastern Concrete coming through the village up to 5 times per day, a meeting with Highways to be pursued. An issue with speed is evidenced by the ANPR camera. Unfortunately, as only a test site they will not be reported but next time the data over 32mph will be forwarded to Suffolk Police. The need for a safe crossing already designated at the end of Pigeon Lane and approved by SCC - funding presently an issue.

Cllr Hugo Greer-Walker: With regards to Tut Hill, three objection letters have been received, currently being sorted to ascertain whether they have any merit. If application is approved, an order will be drafted with a potential closure in July/August.

Cllr Paul Purnell: Church path has been resurfaced with tarmac as gravel is not disabled friendly. A financial contribution from the PC to be discussed later in the meeting. The play equipment is presently being painted, barrier taken up where the grass is growing, refurbishment of park benches ongoing.

Cllr Enid Gathercole: Email received regarding pruning of trees at the Heritage Garden - presently ground is too boggy to carry out the work. Greener Growth and volunteers at Larks Gate will be contacted. Rather than behind the Community Centre, the proposed hard standing table tennis table will be sited next to the hedge and skate park/netball area.

A costed note for options and prices to be prepared and circulated.

A thank you was given to Mary Purnell for taking care of the Memorial Garden.

Cllr Cathy Emerson: Tour of the water treatment plant very informative but a lot more questions on the workings of the plant need to be answered.

A working group has been set up, including a representative from Flempton cum Hengrave and possibly Fornham St Martin. The only way to initiate change is to test the water. Both FAS and FCH have approved a monetary contribution towards the testing.

No change with businesses at Moseley's Farm. No further information from the police concerning an issue at Pigeon Lane. The Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore, and Havebury Housing to be contacted.

Cllr Jill Mayhew: A Fire Officer gave a talk at the Rural Coffee Caravan on free fire alarm checks. An information pamphlet will be printed in

the next edition of Village Voice. RCC will be at Thingoe Lodge in April/June and at the Village Hall May/July/September.

CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Allotment Annual General Meeting to be held on 28th March 2022 at the Village Hall.
- b) To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Lord Lieutenant's Torch Relay will be stopping at Fornham All Saints at approximately 11.15am Communities across Suffolk have been invited to nominate worthy individuals to carry the torch. The torch bearer(s) will be transported to the next stopping point by rickshaw. Following general discussion, Cllr Enid Gathercole and Cllr Jill Mayhew were selected to represent Fornham All Saints.

FINANCE MATTERS

Payments made since the last meeting were approved, bank balances to date were noted.

TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR A \$137 DONATION

Requests for a S137 donation, as listed were approved.

'GREEN CANOPY' TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

A request from the PCC to plant a tree in the churchyard was agreed.

HIRE OF VILLAGE GREEN

Request declined as it was felt the Green should be kept for the village. The Community Centre to be offered as an alternative venue.

EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE

Ongoing.

UPDATE ON JOINT COLLABORATIVE WORKING WITH SURROUNDING PARISH COUNCILS

Together with Risby, Lackford, Flempton cum Hengrave, an initial

meeting to discuss objectives is planned for the 16th of March at the Village Hall. Fornham St Martin Parish Council have declined to be part of the collaborative working group. Targets the Parish Council will be putting forward are a) the footpath between Fornham to Hengrave b) top of Mere Lane to Risby c) the Lark path up to Lackford.

THE VILLAGE SIGN

Financially unviable, therefore no further action.

MAPPING OF SIGNIFICANT TREES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

All agreed, mapping of significant trees within the village is the responsibility of the SCC Tree Officer and not the Parish Council.

DOG POO SIGNAGE/BINS

Deferred, as still awaiting prices.

FENCING AT THE ALLOTMENTS

Prior to a decision being made, advice to be obtained from SALC on the legality of Parish Council funds being used to support the Allotment Charities. In the meantime, a re-quote for the cost of the fencing to be obtained. Match funding to be sourced.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council have been informed the line of trees alongside the edge of the golf course are to be cut down. A licence to fell and planning permission is in hand.

An email relating to the road condition at the St Edmunds Golf Course has been forwarded to Cllr Hopfensperger.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

May 17th 2022 at 6.30pm.

Community Centre Committee - March 2022

The committee met to discuss the upkeep and running of the community centre and its surroundings at its bi monthly meeting on 7 March 2022.

A grant was applied for and awarded for West Suffolk Council Covid-19 Business Grant. The last grant monies received were used to purchase the new Sports Hub — which is now up and running. On receipt of this next grant, it was agreed that this will be used to pay for the re decoration of the community centre. The person that is currently volunteering to re paint the play equipment will be offered this opportunity in the first instance as a thank you for his donation of time.

As cost of utilities and general running costs are rising it was agreed that the cost of hiring the hall will be increased by £3 per hour.

Regular hirers will be increased by £2 per hour.

The condition of the playground matting has been raised following a recent playground inspection. A quote for replacement matting will be obtained by the Parish Council as this is their area of responsibility. The fencing around the allotments and near the road was discussed. This fencing is the responsibility of the Parish Council so will be discussed at the next meeting. The fencing is planned to be replaced.

The quotation has been received from West Suffolk Council for the grass cutting for the next season. The grass cutting will start again in April. The costs have increased from last year but only by £5 per cut. (Approx. 10-12 cuts per year). The committee agreed the expenditure.

Car Boot Sales will be recommencing in April 2022 and will be held on the last Sunday of the month. The last sale being in September. Volunteers to help with the parking and running the refreshments are always welcome! Please contact Enid Gathercole if you would be willing to help on these Sunday mornings.

The committee is in desperate need of a volunteer to help with the invoices for the community centre. The current Treasurer will continue to pay invoices and deal with the day to day banking. If anyone would be willing to help with this role can you please contact the Chairman, Enid Gathercole.

The date of the next Committee Meeting is Monday 9 May at 4.30pm at the Community Centre.

Enid Gathercole – Chairman (gavcol34@btinternet.com) Virginia Comely – Secretary (vcomely@yahoo.co.uk)



Fornham All Saints Parish Councillor Jill Mayhew completed her 100th parkrun on March 12th 2022 at Hunstanton Promenade, (her local venue is at Nowton Park.) park runs are free, weekly timed events across the world, organised by local volunteers. Held every Saturday at 09.00



Everyone is welcome whether you run, jog, walk or volunteer: *parkrun.org.uk* 5kyourway: *5kyourway.org* is an initiative provided by Move Charity. The last Saturday of every month we meet up in Nowton Park along with fellow park runners. It is for people who are living with and beyond cancer, and those working in cancer.

Fornham All Saints Church News

The paths leading to the Church have been resurfaced, one of them has been widened. They are easier and safer to walk on, an improvement.

Our Team Rector, Reverend Andy Miller lead our family service on 6th March. There was a good congregation with some children. During the prayer session our practical skills were put to the test as we were given a pretzel shape to cut out, we were able to write our own prayers on to the shape. The shape, we were told, was inspired by folded arms in prayer.



The service was enjoyed by both children and adults alike. Thank you Andy. Kim, Emma, Steve, Theo, and Anna were greatly appreciated too for their lovely music.



The Eucharist service on 20th March at 10.00am was lead by the Reverend Ali Miller our team Vicar. It must be spring as several wedding banns were read and it was lovely to see three young couples attending the service.

The funeral service for Barbara Grimwood took place in 4th February. Barbara was an important part of the congregation and a big supporter of life in the Church and the village. As well as many interests Barbara was part of a large family which took much of her love and attention. Many came to pay tribute to Barbara, the Church was completely full. Clearly, love shone out in Barbara's life, in both directions.

On 4th March the Church filled again for the funeral of Robert Alan Scales. Robert had lived in the village with his wife Margaret for a number of years, He was a kind and gentle man.

VILLAGE PIECE

Spring is really here now when you can see the bulbs coming up in people's gardens, and a lovely show already. There are still a few overhanging trees and shrubs hanging over the pavements, so people have to dodge around, could you all check these please, we do not want people putting themselves in danger by having to go into the road. Lots of grass cutting taking place, and some lovely stripes on the lawns, once you have started cutting it is never ending until winter, but well worth it to see the lawns looking so nice. I know some of you have returning hedgehogs in your gardens, unfortunately mine have not returned, yet, I can but hope they will. The muntjac are still around, even in the middle of the day one was munching in my back garden, lovely looking animals, but they can become dangerous, so please be careful. Nice to see the pair of swans on the golf course, hope they remain there. There seems to be an abundance of magpies around, beautiful birds to look at but horrible to other birds stealing their eggs and sometimes their young. Did an allotment inspection this week, they are looking super, some absolutely perfect, the Parish Clerk and I were so impressed. Just a couple of things, hedges of conifers on the allotments must not be higher than 4 ft, and the water stand pipes, some seem to have moved, this will be discussed at the allotment meeting on Monday. The rainbow of spring flowers near the bus shelter has kindly been cleaned up by Richard, many thanks for doing this, and the flower beds in the village are looking lovely once again thanks to Mary, also around the village sign, thank you all for your help. The heritage orchard has once again been cut back, which was not what we wanted, a footpath across it to the river was all that was required, and a working party to look at the trees will take place when it is less boggy. Also the council are putting weedkiller around some of the green spaces in the village, we do not want this to happen, so I will be getting in touch with the council once again. Hopefully the pavements will be cut back to their normal size as there is a lot more walkers doing the Fornham loop, and pavements need to be their full size, and I am getting the council involved in cutting back the sides of the tarmacadamed lane to the normal size and cutting back overhanging brambles. Just one more thing, could I ask dog walkers to only take one dog waste bag when they are walking down the lane unless they have more than one dog, and not a whole hand full, which is happening now, they are very expensive and should only be used for the walk they are on. Thank you

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Enid







RAF Honington 2022

The RAF Regiment Depot moved to RAF Honington in June 1994, when RAF Catterick in North Yorkshire, home of the previous depot, transferred to the British Army.

During 2018, No. 2 Squadron RAF Regiment moved to RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire, completing the move in September of that year.

No. 20 Wing RAF Regiment (Defence Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Wing) disbanded on 1 April 2019 having been at Honington since 2011.

The CBRN role was taken over by 28 Engineer Regiment of the Royal Engineers, with No. 27 Squadron RAF Regiment coming under army command, before disbanding in October 2021.

Role and operations

RAF Honington's mission statement is "Delivering Air Force Protection Capability for the RAF and Defence".

The station is the single hub for RAF Force Protection, incorporating the RAF Regiment Headquarters and the RAF Police Headquarters. Together they are responsible for protecting the RAF at home and abroad

RAF Honington is home to three RAF Regiment field squadrons. Through the RAF Force Protection Centre and RAF Regiment Training Wing, the station also provides initial and advanced training for members of the RAF Regiment and specialist training for the RAF's entire Force Protection capability.

The RAF Police is the service police branch of the Royal Air Force and RAF Honington is home to the RAF Police Headquarters. It also accommodates No. 1 (Tactical) Police Squadron which provides field policing, and reserve unit No. 3 (Tactical)

Police Squadron (Royal Auxiliary Air Force) which provides a general policing and aviation security capability.

The following units are based at RAF Honington

British Army

28 Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers 64 Headquarters & Support Squadron (C-CBRN), Royal Engineers.

Royal Air Force

RAF Force Protection Headquarters

RAF Force Protection Centre

RAF Regiment Training Wing

No. 2 RAF Force Protection Wing

No. 1 (Tactical) Police Squadron

No. 7 RAF Force Protection Wing

No. 2623 (East Anglian) Squadron (Royal Auxiliary Air Force Regiment)

No. 8 RAF Force Protection Wing

RAF Police Headquarters

No. 3 (Tactical) Police Squadron (Royal Auxiliary Air Force)

Specialist and Security Police Wing

Regional Rehabilitation Unit

The Station hosts initial and further training for the RAF Regiment and specialist training for the RAF's entire Force Protection capability.

Over 1,500 Service personnel, civil servants and contractors work at RAF Honington.

Tony Mayhew

FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

The Film Club.

For the first time since February 2020, refreshments were served to our largest audience since November 2019.



Our film for February was "Ghost Writer" starring Pierce Brosnan, Evan McGregor, Olivia Williams and Kim Cattrail. Directed by Roman Polanski. A ghost writer is hired to work on the memoirs of former British Prime Minister, Adam Lang. While Lang gets embroiled in a huge scandal, the writer uncovers secrets that put his own life in jeopardy.

Our film in March was "The Mission" starring Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons and Liam

Neeson. It was a winner of the 1986 Cannes Film Festival and earned 7 Academy Award nominations, winning a Best Cinematography Oscar. It is a powerful action epic about a man of the sword and a man of the cloth who unite to shield a S. American Indian tribe from 18th century colonial empires.



New members are very welcome. But please send me an email or ring if you would like to join the club. Reduced club subscription for the last two films. The next film nights are on **Tues 26 Apr & 24 May at 7.30pm.**

Fornham Footers.

Our February walk was our sixth time in Cambridge following a walk 4.2 miles long led by Howard. After taking the park & ride bus into Cambridge our first port of call was at "Tatties" for an excellent cup of coffee. In Christ's College we found the statue of Charles Darwen. A trip into Lloyd's bank to marvel at the interior walls and



ceiling. Followed by a brief stop outside Sidney Sussex College to hear about the head of Oliver Cromwell. Past the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Round Church and on to St. Clement's Church which is also used by the Russian Orthodox Church. It has a marvellous mural behind the altar, which badly needs restoring. Across the road to see the brass marguerite trail on the



footpath from St John's College to Magdalene College. A stop outside the oldest bookshop site to read the plaque, next to Great St Mary's, the Corpus Clock and onto The Granta for lunch – not a great experience! Hobson's Conduit and Reality on Parker's Piece, the only listed lamp post were

out last ports of call before heading back to the bus station and home. In March, our walk was a lot nearer home at Troston. A 4.5 mile trek around the fields to Honington and Ixworth Thorpe. Stopping off to visit Troston Woods where we managed to find four out of the five wooden sculptures, no picture of the woodlice, only the squirrel eluded us!







There was a beautiful display of snowdrops in the lane up to Ixworth Thorpe. For lunch we came back to The Lodge at All Saints Hotel.

Mah-jong Club.



There are usually 12 members at each meeting. **Beginners or Experts are always welcome to join**. £3 table money each time you play includes a hot drink and biscuits.

We shall be playing at 9.30am on Mondays 11 & 25 April and 16 & 30 May.

I am always happy to discuss starting new clubs under the umbrella of "Friends of the Village Hall."

To join either the Walking Group, Film or Mah-jong group please contact Lynne 766909 or lynne.quayle99@btinternet.com. Joining one club and paying the joining fee of £10 per year (our year begins in May) entitles you to join all the sections with their additional subs. Enjoy a free subscription for the last month of our year.

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCY

FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR IN FORNHAM ALL SAINTS

YOU could be in at the 'grass routs' level of Local
Government and be involved in making things happen
or getting things sorted

YOU could get local views about local issues brought to the attention of the powers that be In return you will receive the satisfaction of knowing you are helping your local community

Any person interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk, Christine Mason, by phone 01284 767310 or email clerk@fornhamallsaintspc.org.uk for further information



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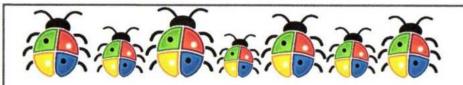
Graham Higgins amused and terrified us at our February meeting with the subject 'Ghosts'! Saying he had always been interested in history and his curiosity in the unexplained really started when he developed a photograph of an aeroplane that he hadn't actually taken. Graham came armed with his Encyclopaedia of Haunted Places and he described the various local ghosts to look out for. Apparently there are many Ghosts in the Fornhams. Next time you pass Park Farm, keep an eye out at the roundabout by South Lodge where the last remaining gatepost to Fornham Park is, Red Hannah may be there at dusk! The old church at Fornham St Genevieve is said to be haunted by a ghostly monk who appears on Christmas Eve. Possibly he is a Benedictine Brother from St Edmunds Abbey, attending to the dying at the Battle of Fornham in 1173. Then we must not forget the Mermaid who lurks in a pool of water near the river Lark ready to pounce on children who dip their fingers in the water. Black Shuck at the bottom of Barton Hill, I don't think we had better go there! We all agreed that we were pleased we have changed our meeting time to the afternoon, so we were going home in daylight!! A thoroughly entertaining speaker. Please do come along to our meetings, as we now meet at 2.00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month in Fornham All Saints Village Hall.

THE VILLAGE HALL

The hall is available for hire on the majority of days, at a cost of only £26 per 4 hour session, heating included. The new kitchen is a treat to use with a hob, oven, hot water boiler, fridge and enough cutlery, crockery and glasses for 50 people. All the electrical equipment is PAT tested and the hall is regularly cleaned and sanitised. Please contact **Lynne 01284 766909** to see if the hall is available for your event.

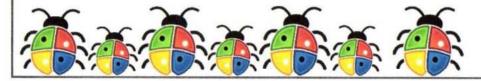
COMMUNITY CENTRE DIARY					
<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>			
Upholstery Cindy 07969 863616	Every Mon & Wed	9.00 am to 3 pm			
Pilates Catherine 07951 019456	Every Tuesday	9.00 am 10.20 am 11.40 am			
Art Club 01284 767339	Every 2nd Tuesday in month Every 4th Saturday in month	1.45 pm to 4.45 pm 10.00 am to 4.00 pm			
Bowls Chris 01284 703024	Every Wednesday	7.00 pm to 9.00 pm			
Exercise Caroline 07528 927572	Every Thursday	9.30 am 11.00 am			
Yoga Melanie 07963 762920	Every Thursday	3.00 pm to 4.00 pm			
STARS stitch & textile Teresa 07946 523282	Every 1st and 3rd Thursday in month.	10.00 am to 4.00 pm			

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES AND TIMES for 2022					
Thingoe Lodge 12.35 - 12.55 Parish Church 13.00 - 13.20					
26 April	24 May	21 June			
19 July	16 August	13 September			
11 October	8 November	6 December			



BEETLE DRIVE - VILLAGE HALL 7 PM WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL

Tickets £5 now available
To include PRIZES & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
Proceeds going towards
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend
To book 01284 766909 or lynne.quayle99@btinternet.com





QUIZ NIGHT - COMMUNITY CENTRE FRIDAY 3rd JUNE 7pm TEAMS OF 4 - £20 per Team (£5 each)

Each team to provide 10 questions on a specific subject, which you can choose from the list when you book your entry. Team name needed.

PRIZES

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & NIBBLES, HOT DRINKS AVAILABLE Proceeds going towards Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend To book 01284 766909 or lynne.quayle99@btinternet.com

ADVANCE NOTICE.

Hoping for good weather over the Jubilee Weekend.

Saturday 28th May

Bunting erected along The Green.

Wednesday 1st June

Your House or Window ready decorated for judging

Thursday 2nd June. Bonfire Beacon, hopefully, top of Mere Lane

PIPER OR BUGLE PLAYER WANTED

Friday 3rd June 7pm Community Centre. QUIZ NIGHT,

Teams of 4(or less). Team name needed. TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE.

Each team to provide 10 questions on a specific subject, which you can choose from the list when you book your entry.

Saturday 4th June. 6pm. Music from 6.30pm. Games on the Green.

- i. **Hamper raffle** Bring some items for the hampers and get 2 tickets for the price of 1.
- ii. **Treasure Hunt** where in FAS is the Queen having tea?
- iii. Paper airplane how far will it fly?
- iv. Ladder Game. How many points can you score with 6 beanbags.
- v. Bucket raffle. ½ towards fund, ½ towards winner.

Please bring your own picnic and chair.

Sunday 5th June. Noon. Live music (hopefully)

Lunch on the Village Green.

Children's Fancy dress competition- dressed in red, white and blue.

Best hat / Crown for anyone.

Bring your chair and lunch and hopefully have a slice/ spoonful of the Queen's Jubilee Pudding.

Money raised over the weekend is going towards

- i. Mugs for all babes to school leaving age children
- ii. Sunday pudding ingredients. Cooks will be wanted.
- iii. Flagpole outside the Village Hall.
- iv. Tree, top of Pigeon Lane

Let's make FAS the best decorated village supporting Queen. Bunting will be displayed along The Green through the village.

VILLAGE COMPETITIONS for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Prize for the BEST DECORATED HOUSE with bunting, lights, flowers etc.



Can't manage your house?

Also a Prize for the <u>BEST DECORATED WINDOW</u> in the village with flags, lights, pictures etc.

Entries to be in place by Wednesday 1st June.

Please enter your window/house to lynne.quayle99@btinternet.com or 01284 766909

PRIZES DONATED BY VILLAGE COMPANIES, MANY THANKS,
LIST IN THE NEXT VILLAGE VOICE.



PARTY VIBE !!!

Let's go through the decades.

Music for all your celebrations

From the 50's to the present day.

Darren Aris 07584047977 Z partyvibe2013@gmail.com



So far, winter has been fairly mild. We are already seeing some signs of spring in the gardens, hopefully the rest of the winter will be kind to us so that we don't have any damage to our plants.

Our Christmas raffle ended on a high note, a total of £450.00 was raised over the year. The beneficiaries of our fundraising for last year are the Breast Care Cushion Group, which makes heart shaped cushions for patients recovering from breast surgery.

A decision has yet to be made on which charity we will support this year. The Coffee Caravan visited again today, it's always a pleasure to see them. We look forward to their next visit on the 2nd March.

We have had some thoughts on activities for the coming year, one of the ideas being a party for the Queen's jubilee in June. Watch this space!

The Thingoe Folk

FACEBOOK

The Fornham All Saints Parish Council now has its own Facebook page. If you go onto Facebook, put in Fornham All Saints Parish Council you will see notices regarding meetings, extraordinary meetings, agendas, local roadworks, and anything else effecting the village.

We also have our website with the copies of the Village Voice and minutes of PC meeting. It can be found at:-

fornhamallsaints.suffolk.cloud

Jill Mayhew

My Life in Fornham All Saints

Fornham All Saints has progressed from a small village in 1963 when I moved with my family from Surrey, to a thriving community.

Can you imagine how I felt as a 17 year old to see washing drying on bushes outside what is now Malcolm Johnson's home "What have I come to?

However, on investigating Bury town, I was much relieved to see posters advertising a dance at the Athenaeum, maybe Suffolk was on the radar!

The increase in housing in Pigeon Lane, Pound Meadow and Rectory Meadow, plus infill, has rescued the village from becoming a dying one. Now there are plenty of activities in both the Village Hall and the Community Centre with always something going on. I hope one of our young people will voice their opinion with ideas of what could be available for them. At least we have the skate boarding ramps etc. With their school work and computer access there is probably not much time for village social life? In general I find the villagers friendly and willing to help whenever asked. Our parish council are very active and accessible. Just remember they are volunteers working within the law and guidelines not of their making, so be tolerant.

Personally I feel very happy living in Fornham and our near neighbours of the other two Fornhams make the area an attractive and co-operative part of village life. With a very good bus service there is no need to feel cut off, even if you don't drive. It's nice to see more people walking in the village, many from Marham Park, which again is bringing life to the general area. Not all a positive but everyone needs a home and many of us are enjoying the extra walking areas developed with more fauna and flora coming in.

Mary Jeffrey



RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN

Thingoe Lodge on Wednesday morning 6th April 10am -12 noon

Village Hall on Wednesday morning 4th May 10am -12 noon

Looking forward to seeing some of you there.

Website: ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk

Advertising in the Village Voice

The Village Voice magazine is delivered to over 350 properties in the village every two months. The magazine is produced in black and white.

The cost of advertising for this year will be:-

Full page A5 £78

Half page £42

Advertising enquiries to Paul Purnell (Chairman) 01284 763701



Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service Home Fire Safety Check

The Fire & Rescue Service is now carrying out FREE Home Fire Safety Checks to identify any areas of concern within your home; we fit FREE 10-Year Smoke Alarms as part of the safety Check.

Advice can be offered on:

Smoke alarm testing and maintenance;

Escape plans;

Kitchen safety; and

Electrical safety

Members of the Fire and Rescue Service who all carry photo identification carry out these Safety Checks.

To receive FREE Home Fire Safety Advice and to check your eligibility for a free Home Fire Safety Check please contact Community Fire Safety Department on the number below.



Tel: 01473 260588

Making Suffolk Safer





THREE KINGS

New Spring Menu

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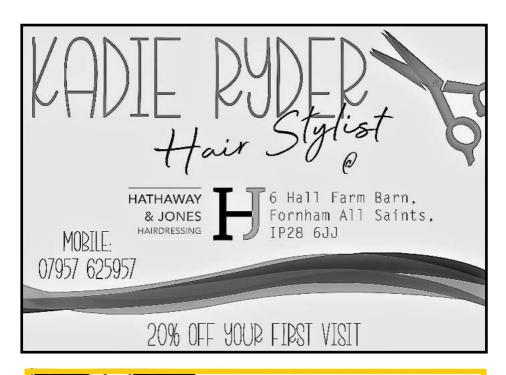


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