

TRIMLEY SAINTS PLAYERS

present their annual pantomime



TRIMLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Wed 17th to Sat 20th February 2016

7:30 pm daily and Saturday Matinee 2:30 pm

For tickets please call our Box Office

01394 671119

Evening tickets **£8** Matinee tickets **£7**

An amateur production by Andrew Yates in association with Lazy Bee scripts

PARISH PUMP

The Occasional Newsletter of
Trimley St Martin Parish Council

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Parish Pump

We are pleased to be able to recommence publication of the Parish Pump, which is designed to keep our residents properly informed on matters of local interest. This edition includes information on the future management arrangements for the Memorial Hall, how you can be kept informed on Operation Stack and similar issues, and looks at the Parish Council Tax for 2016/17.

Memorial Hall

The fire, which destroyed the Memorial Hall, offered more than just an opportunity to rebuild and refurbish it to a standard expected of a public building in the 21st century, but also identified that, since 1956, the Hall had been treated as an asset of the Parish Council instead of a separate entity of which the Parish Council was merely the Trustee.

Our locum Clerk, with experience of similar arrangements, has enabled the Parish Council to formally establish a new body (with the rather unwieldy name of the Corporate Trustee of Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall) whose sole responsibility is to ensure the provision of a public hall in Trimley St Martin. Day to day management of the Memorial Hall will continue to rest with the Memorial Hall Management Com-

mittee chaired by Keith Slaughter, who would want me to remind you that the Hall is available for hire – contact the bookings secretary on 01394 275575. The Management Committee will manage the Hall under a long-term lease from the Corporate Trustee. This lease will set out responsibilities for maintenance, licences and payment of bills so both parties are clear, going forward, on their responsibilities.

The Corporate Trustees have already met and identified that, if the Hall is to be kept in good condition, there needs to be a longterm maintenance plan which is fully funded, and have set their budget accordingly.

So, out of the ashes arise not one phoenix, but two.

Keeping in Touch

We all like to be kept properly informed, and we all like to receive information in different ways. But if you'd like to be kept up-to-date on matters that might affect you, then why not join our email circulation list. That way we can send you some of the information we receive on such things as Operation Stack, changes to refuse collection rounds, or changes to bus services. We promise not to send you junk mail – only things relating to the Parish. If you are interested email the parish clerk (parishclerk@trimley-st-martin.org.uk) asking to be added to the circulation list.

Future Council Tax 2016/17

The establishment of the corporate trustee of the Memorial Hall has caused the Council to look at its longterm maintenance commitments, and the need to ensure that funds are available to resurface the car park (which belongs to the Parish Council) surrounding the Memorial Hall when needed.

This may lead to a rise in Council Tax greater than you, or we (because we pay the same Council Tax as you) would wish, but will ensure that when the time comes we will have the money to pay for these expensive works. We will decide our Council Tax at our February meeting, the agenda for which will be on our website from late January.

If you want to look at our finances, there is a report on income/expenditure included with every Council agenda (available on our website), and end-of-year reports, and reports from our internal and external auditors are also available on the website.

Vacancies

We still have a vacancy for a Parish Clerk – our locum is continuing to ensure we are a Council equipped for the challenges ahead, but a permanent replacement is sought. Full training and support will be provided. For further details email parishclerk@trimley-st-martin.org.uk.

We also have vacancies for two Councillors. As the successful candidates for these vacancies will be decided by the Council you will, if interested, be asked to complete a short form giving details of yourself and why you'd like to become a Councillor. For further details email parishclerk@trimley-st-martin.org.uk.

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