

# ***THE PARISH PUMP***

**December 2006**

## **The occasional Newsletter of Trimley St Martin Parish Council**

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Since the last Parish Pump there have been changes on the parish council that we would like to bring to your attention:



**From the  
Chair**

At the end of September an election was held to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Andy Church. Ian Cowan was elected to fill this vacancy—the cost of the election had to be borne by the parish council. We received a bill for just over £1,000.

Nigel Smith resigned as Chairman of the council, he remains a councillor. As a local farmer, he has to often exclude himself from discussions to comply with the declarations of interest and he felt it important that the leader of the Council should be someone who can talk on all village matters. This was a pity as Nigel had fought strenuously against the changes that will, if implemented, destroy the character of our village.

John Barker, who was Vice-Chair was elected by the council to take over as Chairman and Joe Smith was elected to take over as Vice-Chairman

As you probably had noticed that there was no September issue of the Parish Pump, the reason for this is that we were still trying to negotiate with the POF on issues raised by the proposed dualling (is this the longest railway siding in the UK?) between Trimley and Levington. Unfortunately we have not been able to reach agreement with the POF on such matters as the foot crossing at Footpath No 1 (adjacent to Goslings Farm Shop), and the proposed closure of the Grimston Lane Crossing. The only concession that has been made is that all the foot crossings on the dualled section of line will be made DDA compliant — this means that they will be suitable for wheelchair use, this of course means that they will also be suitable for use by baby buggies e.t.c. As you know we had asked for a footbridge at crossing No 1 (sloped not stepped) but would have been prepared to accept red/green warning lights, we were told that the POF would not even fund the latter, the cost we were told was approx £350,000. Unbelievable!! We therefore remain, I think the only statutory objector to the Transport Works Order, all others having “withdrawn their objections”!!!!!!

The other matter of concern to us is the replacement of the Local Plan by the new Local Development Framework. It had become obvious to us from the papers and minutes of meeting that the SCDC “Local Plan Taskforce Working Group” (all to be found on the SCDC website) that Trimley St Martin had been identified as suitable site for new housing — a very large number of houses being proposed. In fact the SCDC proposals vastly exceeded the option 4 (maximum growth proposals in the David Locke Report), SCDC appeared to have ignored all our comments on alterations to the current plan and the responses we made to Trinity Visions 1 and 2. Following a meeting with SCDC planning officers we wrote to all members of the task group making the following points:

- It had become clear to the council that none of our representations that we had made to

SCDC Planning Dept over the past 3 years or so, i.e. since the publication of the original Trinity Vision, had been presented to the group, despite receiving a letter in December 2002 confirming they would be reported at subsequent meetings of the Local Plan Replacement Task Group.

- Our concern that the group appear to be making decisions based on out of date housing and planning permission figures – these appear to be highly suspect to say the least. We questioned their officers about these and also their interpretation of these. The explanations that had been given to us did nothing to allay our fears or reassure us.
- If any development was to take place it is our considered opinion that the development of zoned brownfield sites must be completed prior to any planning permissions be given for greenfield site development in the parish. We would also be expecting to be closely consulted about the shape and form of any development, as we need to protect the character of the village and the environment we currently enjoy.
- In our past submissions we have suggested an “easing” of the present village envelope within the limits of the A14 to the North and the railway to the south, to allow modest development to include “affordable housing” – again we have had no response to this.

Throughout the Trinity Visions, LDF and Felixstowe Branch Line Dualling, Trimley St Martin Parish Council has remained and continues to remain totally opposed to any proposals that would destroy the character of this village & its surrounding countryside.

We believe that STAG and Trimley St Martin Parish Council broadly share the same views about development within the village, but STAG as a pressure group can go about raising their objections in a different way to the parish council which is bound by certain convention and protocols.

At the time of writing the Chairman’s Column (mid November) we had just heard “that the LDF have been stopped in its tracks due to several public enquiries into local agreements which have met with dismay by local people. Therefore central government have said that no option should be chosen before it goes out to public consultation and it has all now been delayed until the middle of next year so we have a reprieve”.

*John Barker*



## **CLERKS CORNER**

I have just re-read my last Clerks Corner in the July issue and some of the topics I mentioned seemed to have happened ages ago – like the sun shining! Although to be fair, it is shining today just the temperature is about 25 degrees colder!! The carnival was a huge success yet again, an achievement in itself since it is organized by such a small band of volunteers under the chairmanship of John Sills. One of the recipients of the donations made by the Carnival Committee was the Memorial Hall Committee who used the money towards the improvements at the Hall which have been taking place during the summer. The achievements and public spirited feeling of local groups in the village like the Carnival Committee are at opposite ends of the spectrum to those others that, as Clerk, I come into contact with, although not directly, and they are the mindless vandals that seem to take pleasure from wrecking parts of the village. During the last few months, road name plates

have been torn from their posts, dog bins wrecked, bus shelter bins set on fire and only this weekend, our notice board was vandalised by having the glass smashed!! I suppose it's pointless to wonder what goes through the minds of such people when they are carrying out all this damage, but I do know that the parish council will have to increase its precept next year to cover the costs of repairing this totally unnecessary damage. There is a lot of discussion taking place these days regarding recycling and the future cost to the council tax payer if we do not find ways of increasing recycling. I and a councillor colleague recently visited the Viridor Waste Management's Mason Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at Gt Blakenham. Whilst there, we were given a tour around the premises and saw first hand the many different processes that take place to sort out the different materials. These include large revolving drums, a series of conveyor belts, magnets, hi-tech cameras and about 20 human 'pickers'. They are employed to handpick contaminated and non-recyclable items to ensure that the high quality controls are met. Materials which can be recycled are loose paper, card, cans, tins, foil containers, plastic bottles, hard plastic such as yoghurt and ice-cream tubs. All materials should be clean and dry.

#### **Recycling Facts:-**

**Did you know that one recycled plastic bottle can light a 60watt bulb for 6 hours!**

**Every UK household produces an average of 1 tonne of rubbish each year!**

**On average everyone in the UK throws away their own body weight in rubbish every 7 weeks!**

**So the next time you are putting something in the bin**

**THINK RECYCLE!!**

*Tracey Hunter*



#### **The Future for Trimley**

The style of Policing in Trimley St Martin is about to change dramatically in 2007.

At present Trimley St Martin has two Community Police Officers who deal with Community issues as well as front line Policing tasks.

They also have to cover Trimley St Mary, Orwell Green, Cavendish Park and the Docks, which mean they are spread quite thinly, sometimes too thinly. These were PC957 Dave Gledhill and myself, PC1210 Jim Kerr who will now sadly be moving elsewhere within Felixstowe as Dave moves to the Town Centre Area whilst I have been promoted and hope to be leading my own team soon.

This will change with the implementation of Neighbourhood Policing.

What is Neighbourhood Policing? I hear you ask.

Neighbourhood Policing is the Police services commitment to improving your quality of life by working together with partners, targeting the issues that you identify as those that matter, the Police will achieve this in your area by working together with partners, you may know it locally by a different name such as Safer Neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood policing is based on local priorities identified by local people as the issues that need to be dealt with in their area and Police and partners will work together to tackle

them. It is vital that local people work with them to improve the quality of life in their area.

This is your opportunity to influence the service provided by police and partners in your area.

Each police force is working with partners and community members to define these neighbourhoods, which may vary from force to force. A neighbourhood is usually a geographic area which is of a size that best serves the needs of the local communities reflecting the people that live within it.

A neighbourhood team can be made up of police officers, police community support officers, community wardens, special constables, volunteers and partners, all working together in partnership.

Neighbourhood Policing means you will know who your neighbourhood officer is, how to contact them and what they are doing to address your local crime and disorder priorities.

Neighbourhood teams will work closely with residents to improve your neighbourhood. The police will continue to provide emergency and 24 hour response; but the main focus of neighbourhood policing teams will be dealing with local issues and concerns.



Trimley St Martin will now form part of Colne's Safer Neighbourhood Team (Colne's SNT).

This will be made up of a Sergeant, a number of Constables and Police Community Support Officers supported by officers from the Special Constabulary who will be designated to service Trimley St Martin, this should result in a higher level of service and more visible patrols in your area which will not only address crime but peoples fear of crime which is often higher than actual crime.

There will still be a 24 hour response capacity for incidents which require immediate attendance by Police however the majority of calls will be answered by officers from your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), this means that you will get to recognize your local officers and what is more important your officers will get to know their area and its people.

*Jim*

Jim Kerr, Sergeant 1210

Community Police Team, Felixstowe

**The Memorial Hall**  
**Committee**  
Invite you and your family to



**The Lighting up of the Christmas Tree**  
on Tuesday 5th Dec at 6.30pm  
Followed by Carols in the Hall  
Father Christmas will be in his grotto  
Soup & rolls will be provided

## PRESS NOTICE

### Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate – Variation

Name of Applicant TRIMLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Name of Premises TRIMLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Postal Address of Premises: **High Road, Trimley St Martin,  
Felixstowe, Suffolk IP11 0RT**

This application may be viewed at:  
Suffolk Coastal District Council  
**Council Offices**  
Melton Hill  
Woodbridge  
Suffolk IP12 1AU      [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

Proposed \*Licensable Activities/Variation:

**Creation of new entrance lobby, new kitchen area, gallery space above and disabled toilet facilities.**

**To increase seating capacity from 120 to 150.**

Dates between which representations may be made to the Licensing Authority:

**Start Date: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006**

**Closing Date: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

Representations must be made in writing to the Licensing Team, Suffolk Coastal District Council (as the Licensing Authority) at the above address, or by e-mail to [licensing@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk).

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5000.

# From your County Councillor

May I firstly wish all residents of Trimley St Martin a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2007, especially the healthy part.

Virtually every Parish Council meeting that I attend at either of the Trimley Villages the subject of the David Locke consultants and their idea of how much building our area might be capable of sustaining. All the arguments against blitzing the area with houses are well thought out thus far I have not spoken to any village resident that wants to see this happen.

The action group that was originally set up to fight against this housing growth "Save Trimley Against Growth" STAG have produced a document that details why they believe this growth should not take place. The latest criticism of STAG and their document that I heard was that it is rubbish, however as a member of Stag commented at the time "if it is rubbish then why not talk to us and show us where we have gone wrong". This seems a reasonable request to me but I have to admit that I know nothing about planning issues as these are of course the remit of the district council.

Continuing on the theme of "rubbish" our area is gradually getting the three bin system in place, the district council SCDC collect our household waste and SCC dispose of it. For the future waste disposal will not be allowed to be land filled, we have to find other methods and the method that SCC are looking at is Energy from Waste, EfW or incineration. The argument against incineration is that we must recycle more of our rubbish and whilst recycling is the preferred option, Suffolk as a county is number two in the country when it comes to recycling. The plan is that we as a county will continue to grow our recycling rates and burn what is left, should recycling be so good that there is not enough to keep the incinerator going then of course business waste has to go somewhere and the county could always top up with that. Big question is over chimney emissions, think Ipswich Hospital which has an incinerator in the middle of town and of course crematoriums, neither of these facilities have emission problems.















*John Goodwin*

## **LDF Latest**

Members of the parish council attended the LDF Task Group meeting at Suffolk Coastal on 15th November. Whilst your councillors were concerned that several of the Task Group members were not even present for such meetings they were heartened by the decision of central government to change the LDF process. This has obviously caused a lot more work for SCDC officials resulting in all references to preferred options now being removed from the draft LDF prior to it going to public consultation in January. We were told that Government have said, pivotal to a successful LD,F is going to be its test of soundness' and this must include full public consultation, furthermore reports to the inspector will have to include parish council and local responses. Preferred options will not be produced by SCDC until this consultation process is over. Unfortunately we will only have an eight week window in the New Year (dates not yet agreed) for our response. The threat of large scale housing is still very real with all except one of the six housing options still showing high numbers on this peninsular. It also has become apparent that the LDF process will not be complete until sometime in 2009 at the earliest, so a few more Parish Pumps on the subject yet.

# WordSearch

G S T U N T S E H C O D B S L  
E S Y A L P Y T I V I T A N S  
S N O B B I R A S U S E V O D  
S R E P A P G N I P P A R W R  
C U N Q E Y R G L Y R I A F A  
Y A A I U O T E O N G E D L C  
R M N L B E E R R P N Y N A S  
E I H D C O E I A S I E E K G  
T S G A L A R N C P D K L E N  
T T I I D E T E S T D R A S I  
U L E I N O S N R S U U C E T  
B E L Y M T A E A I P T T I E  
Y T S I M E M R A S C E N P E  
D O M H L A T R E I N D E E R  
N E H B E F S I Y K R I V C G  
A S U R I R I T N L C T D N H  
R A T G M A R S A S L A A I C  
B S E N I W H Y A R E O R M R  
O P A P E R C H A I N L H C L

  
 Can you find 35 "christmassy" words, including   
 a few drinks, hidden in the grid above. They   
 appear backwards or forwards or diagonally,   
 but always in a straight line without letters   
 being skipped. Unused letters form a quote   
 from an appropriate tale by Charles Dickens.   


## The Enigma that is Trimley

### A short history of two parishes

#### Treacle Mines

At one time, anyone from Trimley was known as a "Treacle Miner". There appears to be no origin of this term, but it certainly was not confined to Trimley. Reports about the term come from Somerset, Kent and other parts of the country. They always appear to be on the outskirts of the parish on common land - or what was common land before the enclosure. Just as "Egypt" appears to have been a common term. Trimley has it in the form of "Egypt Wood" on the marshes towards Felixstowe. It is thought that these places were reserved for gypsies in days gone by. Could the term "treacle mine" have been a ploy during the days of smuggling and other activities in order to make believe that the inhabitants were a little simple? It is anyone's guess.

#### Flying Circus

Trimley was all agog when Sir Alan Cobham visited them with his flying circ



us. The event was held on the corner of what was then Drabs Lane (Old Kirton Road and Capel Hall Lane in the 1930's. Here parachute jumping and aerobatics had the population talking for weeks. There were also trips for five shillings (a small fortune in those days), for an aerial view of the district. With Felixstowe as an experimental R.A.F. base for seaplanes there was also the excitement of seeing the Scheider Trophy competed for in the area. Britain's entry at that time, a red Supermarine, won the event.

Extracts from Chapters 14, & 21

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## Christmas Wordsearch Answers

Leftover letters: "God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim. A Christmas Carol.

Tinsel, Star, Sherry; Pantomime, Bauble, Streamer, Gift.

Diagonals: Party, Queen's Speech, Robin, Santa Claus, Candles, Cracker, Holly,

Pudding, Turkey, Advent Calendar, Snowflakes, Mince Pies, Greetings Cards.

Verticals: Brandy Butter, Mistletoe, Sleigh, Christmas Tree, Tangerine, Carol,

Reindeer, Wine, Paper Chain.

Horizontals: Chestnuts, Nativity Play, Ribbons, Wrapping paper, Fairy, Beer,



## Christmas Services

### St Cecilia

Christmas Eve	Mass	11.30am
Christmas Morning	Christmas Mass	11.30am

### Trimley Methodist

Christmas Eve	Carols by Candlelight	7.00pm
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### St Martins

Sun 17th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	6.30pm
Sun 24th December	Candlelight Pilgrimage to Crib	4.30pm & 6.30pm
Christmas Eve	Midnight Communion	11.30pm
Christmas Day	All Age Christmas Communion	10.30am

The Parish Council wishes all  
its residents the compliments  
of the season



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