

The Parish Pump

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The occasional Newsletter of Trimley St Martin Parish Council

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**From the
Chair**

Dear Resident

Can I start by apologising to you all for not publishing Parish Pump since May? The reason for this is, that we deferred the September issue, as we were hoping to update you on the latest news regarding the proposed Local Development Framework (LDF), this will replace the current Local Plan process. During the past few months the council have been monitoring the minutes of the Suffolk District Coastal LDF Working Party meetings. Those of you who attended, what seems to be many months ago, the Public Meeting in the Memorial Hall, which was organised by both parish councils; will recall that the Chair of the LDF Working Party said that the next stage, using updated housing figures would be the issue of a "blobs on the map" consultation document. This would indicate the locations, which SCDC propose that the major housing developments would take place during the life of the LDF (expected to be up to 2021). Your parish council will of course look carefully at the proposals.

We still remain totally opposed to any proposals that would destroy the character of this village & its surrounding countryside.

Also raised at the public meeting by residents was the "lack of affordable housing in the Trimleys". In previous submissions to SCDC, on both local plan revision and the LDF options consultation, we reminded them of the need for "some affordable housing". Early in September, The Chairman of Trimley St Mary, and myself together with our Parish Clerk, and Suffolk Coastal Councillors, Graham Harding and Richard Kerry met the SCDC Senior Planning Officer for Development to discuss potential housing development in Trimley St Martin. Following this meeting, I was cautiously optimistic that the predicted large-scale housing development will pass us by.

However just I wrote this, I received news of the "Trimley Estate Masterplan", a brief description and map is on page? This is of course the latest Trinity Vision; this proposes about 1250 new dwellings and eats heavily into the greenfield sites of the old village. The impact will be little different from the previous two visions. "All for Trinity College and nothing for the village except loss of character and tranquillity". Rest assured that your council will fight this as vociferously as we did the previous visions, I am equally sure that STAG are already on the case.

I regret that I cannot give you any more news regarding the proposed dualling of the Felixstowe Branch Line. Site visits have been made, but the outcome of the enquiry is still not known.

Following the protest, this council made regarding the impact of Operation Stack(s) on the village earlier this year; I have attended meeting at Suffolk Police HQ regarding the revision of the present arrangements, briefly this will now see HGVs coming off the A14 at Seven Hills and stacking on the dualled section of the old A45 near Levington railway bridge. This should result in traffic being able to flow freely along the A14 between Seven Hills and the Dock Spur roundabout. Importantly, for us there should be no traffic congestion in the village along Trimley High Road. I understand, that currently, the revision is on hold due to SCC not being able to give final approval.

John Barker



Clerk's Corner

They say that a week is a long time in politics - but some things never change!! Five years ago, just a few weeks after I took over the job as parish clerk, there landed on my desk - The Trinity Vision!!! As you know, this caused quite a storm and at my first meeting as clerk, I was faced with a number of angry villagers -rightly so!! And then this Saturday I received through the post - The Trimley Estate Masterplan from Trinity College!!! You will have read more about the parish council's views on this matter elsewhere in this publication but suffice to say, your councillors remain committed to fighting against the proposals from large landowners who wish to swamp our village with large scale housing, schools and supermarkets, none of which are needed, can be supported or would be in keeping with the rural environment in which we currently choose to live.

Since my last report almost a year ago, there have been district and town/parish elections. In May, three of our councillors stepped down and since we had three applications to join the council, there was no requirement for an election.

Many of you will know Nigel Smith, our long serving Chairman who stepped down from the council due to business reasons; Nigel had been on the council for over 25 years and had seen many changes during his time and was always and continues to be a strong supporter for the village retaining its rural identity. I would like to thank Nigel for all the help and support he gave me when I was a 'rookie' Clerk and also to Julie Pither-Jones and David Beale, our other two councillors who also resigned in May, for their commitment to the parish council. In their place, we welcome our three new councillors, Frank Bell, Peter Waller and John Sills, all of whom are local residents who are committed to putting forward the well-being of the village.

During the year, the village has held yet another successful carnival; a real feat considering it is run by such a small band of volunteers (our councillor John Sills being the Chairman!) and in this day and age when so many towns and villages have lost their carnivals, usually due to lack of organizers and volunteers. If you would like to volunteer with next year's carnival either in the preparation or on the day itself, I'm sure John would love to hear from you on 210721.

Yet another successful show was put on by the Saints Players in August - their 25th Anniversary Summer Show. If you have not seen a Saints show, then you haven't lived!! As usual, this one was full of talented local people and was so very, very funny. It would not be fair to name names as everyone was brilliant, but I have to make an exception for Tony Rodwell and Dudley Knights - if you saw them singing and dancing dressed as Elvis complete with fake hairy chests, then you know what I mean!! Don't forget to book your tickets for the panto in January!!

As you may have noticed, the Memorial Hall has received a new coat of paint along with new facias and together with all the improvement work that has taken place inside the building, this is a real credit to the hard work of the Memorial Hall committee who work hard to raise money through fund raising and grants etc.

Again, this is a small band of volunteers who do a great job and the Hall is home to a number of activities.

I have a feeling that with the SCDC Local Development Framework process about to become 'site specific' and our continuing battle in trying to keep our village rural, its going to be a busy few months and we will endeavour to keep you informed with regular editions of the parish pump, or feel free to come along to a parish council meeting, public questions is always on the agenda!

'Til next time,

Tracey Hunter

Trimley Saints Players



Saints Players are hard at work, rehearsing for the village panto ! It's got something for everyone - comedy, colour and good music, rock 'n roll style.

The show this year is Dick Whittington, and the dates are Wed 16th - Sat 19th January, with a Sat matinee. We always play to packed houses, so be sure to get your tickets in good time - just phone our box office on 671119. We also give our proceeds to local charities, so if anyone out there knows of a group needing some help, please contact the secretary on 275575.

From your County Councillor

Time flies and here we are at Parish Pump time again and on the "time flies" theme may I wish all readers a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year with many more healthy news years to come.

For me one of the big annoyances of being involved with Local Authorities is the time that it takes to get anywhere, I know this is democracy at work but it is also very frustrating. The big issue before I was elected was the campaign to stop the two villages suffering from massive housing growth, the work still goes on of course. We have the realistic view on one side that says the villages should not have to take this huge growth and our Whitehall masters who say that we need hundreds of thousands of new homes and we all must take our share. The fight will of course continue.

Also on the radar for our area is the ongoing problems of Operation Stack and by the time this issues of the Pump is printed there will have been what is being called a "High Level Meeting" held on this very subject. Bodies involved will include the police, Highways Agency, SCC and of course the Port of Felixstowe, my own view is that the Port must fill up every available space within the dock before LGVs (Large Goods Vehicles –used to be called HGVs) are sent to queue on the roads.

No doubt if we all live long enough we will see what solutions are forthcoming and more to the point if those solutions actually work. Moving onto the whole of Suffolk, another long ongoing project has been how SCC might dispose of the counties residual waste (council speak for rubbish) the chosen method is Energy from Waste or incineration. We recently had to have an extra full council meeting at a cost of £ 7.5k to defeat an opposition "call in" which, had they succeeded would have delayed the project for at least 6 months at a cost of 50k a day which is a paltry figure of £ 9 million that Suffolk Council tax payers would have needed to fork out for!!

Regards to all

John Goodwin

How we were organised around 900 years ago?

This article is a brief view of the organisational makeup of the Trimleys and surrounding area as documented in The Domesday Book of 1086. Then the area was split into manors and for each manor the Domesday Book catalogues the assets of the lords both before and after the Norman conquest in 1066. One Lord stands out before the Normans took over and that is a character called strangely 'Norman'. He held sway of over half of the resources of the Colneis peninsular and seemed to be based around Falkenham. It is possible to come to a conclusion that Norman or more likely his ancestors were the heads of an Anglo Saxon estate in the Colneis Hundred based somewhere in this area. Further study of adjacent hundreds may reveal that Norman's ancestors were indeed focused here.

After our Norman a very powerful Norman Lord by the name of Roger Bigod took over the running of this and vast areas of Britain. Worth noting is the fact that after the Norman conquest we did not see a radical change in organisation, contrary to what you might expect of an aggressive invasion. We ended up under 'new management' that continued to sustain the use of the peninsular to grow surplus crops for food, profit and feeding the armies. There was no attempt to undermine this rural and lucrative long term strategy that was intended to, and indeed did, last hundreds and not tens of years as is the fashion today. This last point appears to have been missed by some of our present landowners.

Our area in Domesday was dominantly used for growing corn and grazing sheep (known as a sheep-corn economy) with the exception of a time in the 18th and 19th centuries where Cattle were grazed and root crops were more popular we still have a mainly sheep-corn economy.

In many areas of Britain most people under the Lords were slaves but unusually our area had a very high proportion of Freemen, people who reported to the lord but were independent in their normal life. One reason for this could be the vulnerability of the peninsular to attack. A freeman is more likely to defend his lands as he has a lot to lose from raiders than say a slave who effectively has nothing to lose.

In general the use of the land and the villages remained pretty constant until the 19th century when a thirst for sea air captivated the population and Felixstowe took off but the area around remained farmland. Lets hope that we can follow the better examples of history and allow for the long term but sustainable survival of 'our place' and defend it as the Freemen did 900 years ago by promoting a long term (Centuries) and not short term (decades) quick profit policy.

Berridge Eve

**The Memorial Hall
Committee**



**Invite you and your family to
The Lighting up of the
Christmas Tree
on Wednesday 12th Dec at 6.00pm
Followed by Carols in the Hall
Father Christmas will be in his grotto
Hot Chocolate & sausage rolls will be
provided**

Community Police Column



You may be aware that in March of this year policing in the county was restructured to reflect good practice nationally following various successful pilot initiatives. As a result of this process the Colneis Peninsula Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) was established. As the Sergeant leading the team I would like to take some time to talk about what we've done so far and what is in the pipeline.

We are currently based at Felixstowe Police station and consist of a team of ten Police Constables, a Sergeant and two Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). We also have dedicated Special Constables, a roads policing officer and two detectives. They are supported by further resources but are geographically responsible for your community. The team has established a web-site which is updated regularly with local information about what is going on in your parish. It also has a link to a timetable for the mobile police station should you wish to pay us a visit. The site address is below:

For this year we set the following priorities:-

- Anti-social behaviour, including under-age drinking related problems in Trimley
- Restoring public confidence in Levington and Nacton following the tragic events at the end of 2006.
- Road safety, including excess speed, inconsiderate parking and vehicle taking without consent.

We have established regular meetings with the Parish Council, District Councillors and County Councillor, along with other partner agencies. The purpose of these meetings is to give you a voice in what we do in your community. Together we have skills, experience and resources to address issues that are important to you. We will be holding a 'meet the team' night on Wed 23rd January — 6.00pm to 8.00pm at Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall. We invite you to come along and help us to decide on our priorities for next year. We are tasked by the people we serve – tell us where you would like us to concentrate our efforts. At present by working closely with the Parish Council we are looking at the feasibility of a 'one stop shop' where you can see an officer or other agency in the Trimleys.

You may well have seen your PCSO Liz Lake or myself at the parish meetings answering your questions. This is important as it helps us to understand what is going on. It is also possible to contact us with information or to request a visit by a member of the team. You can do this by leaving a message on our voicemail by calling 01473 613500 or via our e-mail address – colneis.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

A problem was identified on the foreshores where youths were gathering and causing damage and leaving litter. We were able to target the area with patrols and the problem has largely

rescinded. We ask parents to consider where their children are and perhaps perform spot checks. Simple measures such as this can prevent them from falling foul of the criminal justice system. The parish has also told me that the parking and traffic situation outside the Primary School can be chaotic on the dreaded 'school run'. I have reviewed the existing arrangements. The road layout is well designed but appears to be hindered when people fail to take notice of the yellow lines on the road and in the lay-by. On this note can I make a plea to all parents to consider walking or cycling and lift sharing. Another observation, one that I think we can all be guilty of, is parents who have parked appear to be taking their time and are getting involved in lengthy conversations. Of course there is nothing illegal about this and it is quite normal but it does contribute towards the congestion. Please be mindful. In response to local requests the team has increased our presence outside the school to provide reassurance and to tackle inconsiderate motorists.

In October we held 'Not In Our Neighbourhood Week'. We researched all victims of crime in the last 12 months who were over 65 and identified other vulnerable households. They were all paid a visit by our PCSOs and the Special Constabulary and given practical advice in the battle against bogus callers, rogue traders and anti-social behaviour. Neighbours were also encouraged to look out for vulnerable people in their street. We were also on the look-out for homes where people were in need of support. 'Homeshield' is a partnership that helps to direct vulnerable elderly households to the agencies that can help them.

On Halloween we stepped up police patrols including the use of plain vehicles to identify and tackle 'over the top trick or treaters'. I am pleased to say that those I encountered were well behaved and supervised by parents. Thank you. At the time of going to print we will be doing more of the same on fireworks night. As we approach Christmas and the dark evenings please use security lights and use internal lights on timers. Also avoid leaving presents on display. It is the season for burglaries and not just goodwill. Please be visible on your cycles and take extra care on the roads this winter. If you drink and drive you will be caught and lose your licence – possibly your job. **THINK**. If your friend or relative cannot think make the decision for them – intervene, if safe to do so. If you enjoy the odd 'work do' please drink responsibly. No-one wants to wake up in a cell or in a hospital bed with an injury or hypothermia! Avoid going home alone. While violent crime by strangers remains low please help us to help you.

While we do our best to prevent and detect crime, regrettably, there are of course those who fall foul and become a victim of crime. This is never a pleasant experience and can have some longer term effects. I don't want this to happen to any of you and ask that you take simple measures to help us. One such measure is to subscribe free to Police Direct by calling 01473 613997, or text **Police** followed by a space and then your postcode or alternatively register on-line by accessing our web-site. This service provides you with 'hot off the press' information and warnings in regard to criminal activity going on in your area. You could be the one to solve that crime or identify that offender. I am also pushing for traffic updates regarding Operation Stack to be given by this service. Please also take your valuables from your car. This may seem like common sense but I still see new crimes where valuables have been left on display.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that you live in a good area with low levels of crime and disorder. This is largely due to the strong community ties that I have found embedded here. Research, however, has shown that people do not **feel** as safe as they actually are. We are here to help fill that reassurance gap.

Regards

Neil McKay

Sergeant 332, Colneis Peninsula Safer Neighbourhood Team

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Trimley St Martin War Memorial

In my capacity as Local History Recorder for Trimley St Martin, I have decided to find out as much as I can about the people behind the names on our War Memorial. If any readers of the Parish Pump can identify any of the following as their ancestors and tell me a bit about them and what they did, where in the village they lived, etc. I should be most grateful. All the findings will be collated and eventually deposited in the Suffolk Record Office for future generations to see. I can be contacted at 17 Grimston Lane, IP11 0RU or tel 01394 275261.

Thank you

Rosemary Gitsham

Killed in the 1914 — 1918 War

Pharoah Alexander	Fredrick Brown
Frank William Baddeley	George Crofford
William Dunnett	John Dunnett
Robert Bernard Gorham	Walter Gorham
Geoffrey P Hornby	Henry E Howlett
Robert A Jennings	John Henry Jennings
William Jennings	William Lancaster
William Isaac Mayes	John Charles Newman
Benjamin A Posford	Ernest William Packard
Joseph Rudd	Fredrick Rudd
Cecil Ernest Scarfe	Charles Edward Scott
Fredrick Charles Scott	Edward G Stannard
Robert William Wink	

Killed in the 1939 — 1945 War

Charles E Wardley	William E Rose
Eric W Biggs	Felix T Gilbert
Robert E Davey	Albert E Chaplin
Thomas E A Briggs	

1988 Killed in Northern Ireland

Mark Clavey

“A New Trinity Vision By Another Name”

Do Trinity College think we are all stupid? Changing the name but not the ideas and the desire to top up their already overflowing coffers!

The Trimley Estate Masterplan still seeks to impose large scale development on our parish only about 1250 dwellings. If this succeeds then this will totally destroy the character of the Trimley St Martin. Trimley High Road was not built to take the increased traffic levels that this masterplan will impose on us.

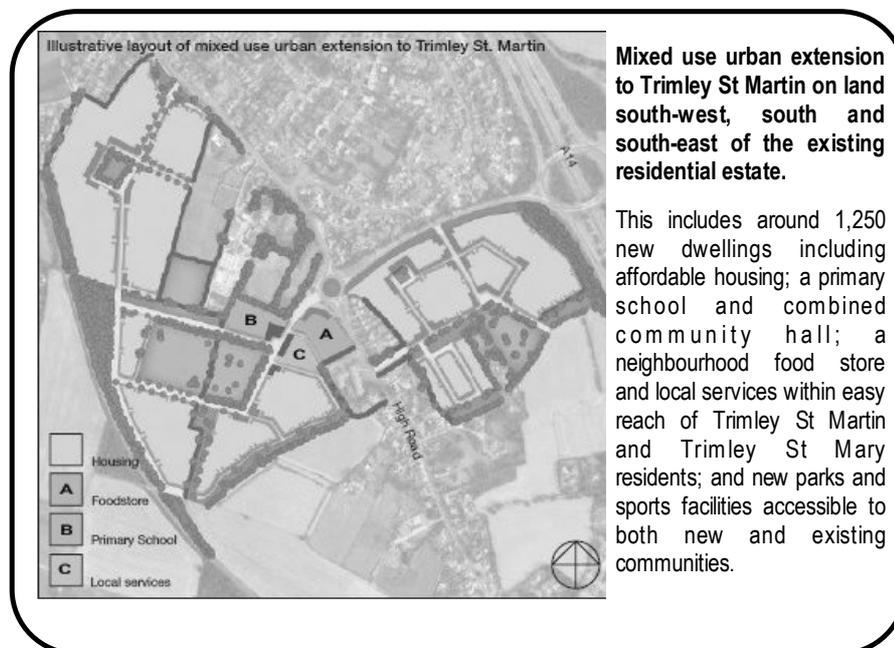
What is in it for us, you ask?

- Loss of countryside
- The first steps towards becoming an urban suburb of Felixstowe
- Loss of our quiet, peaceful and rural environment

Residents who have lived here a long time will remember the broken promises of the St Martin's Green development — doctor's surgery, shops e.t.c.

There has been absolutely no dialogue with the parish council on the latest proposals.

The Trimley Estate Masterplan Briefing document may be downloaded on the internet from www.trimleyestate.co.uk or downloaded from the parish council website www.trimley-st-martin.org.uk. The full document may be inspected at the offices of Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill Woodbridge.



Christmas Services

St Cecilia

Christmas Morning Mass 11.30am

Trimley Methodist

Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight 7.00pm

St Martins

Sun 23rd December Family Service for Christmas 10.30am
Service of Nine lessons & Carols 6.30pm

Sun 24th December Crib Service 4.30pm &
Christmas Eve 6.00pm
Midnight Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day All Age Christmas Communion 10.30am

Sun 30th Dec
First Sunday of Christmas Holy Communion 10.30am

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



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