



# From the Horse's Mouth

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Trimley St. Mary

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Cllr. Richard Kerry reports on 'Operation stack', which is of concern at the moment.

Our chairman, Cllr. Bryan Frost, explains the council's charitable trusts.

## Operation Stack

Firstly I must acknowledge Rachael Jackson, from The Port of Felixstowe, for her input into this report.

We who live on the peninsula are all too aware of the siege that occurs sometimes when Operation Stack is in force; some of us have trouble getting into Felixstowe or the Trimleys and some, mainly those residents in the Grange Farm area, have trouble leaving.

In September I attended the Local Authority Liaison Committee (LALC) meeting at the Port to receive the quarterly briefing. This included an update on the new Operation Stack. The Port, Police, SCC and the Highways Authority have been actively involved in seeking a remedy. At the LALC meeting we were briefed that a preferred solution had been agreed.

## Phase 1

When all available space has been taken up within the Port, lorries wishing to discharge or pick up containers would be sent to the old A45 at Levington, the head of the stack being at the Nacton end of the dual carriageway.

## Phase 2

This would move the stacking to the A12 North. However, it is thought that the Port and the old A45 would hold the amount of traffic that is needed as these two locations could hold the number of vehicles that had been in previous stacks.

All stacked vehicles not on the Port would be issued a ticket, which would be used to gain access to the Port when it was open again, the Port would issue an open for business broadcast only when all stacked vehicles had been dealt with, so no ticket then no entry.

At this moment in time this plan has not been accepted by SCC, so we must wait until a high level meeting has taken place to agree the way forward.

Let's hope that common sense can prevail and we do not have to suffer the existing system that rarely seems to work.

**Cllr Richard Kerry, SCDC Trimleys with Kirton.**

## LOCAL CHARITIES

The Parish Council members are trustees of two ancient charitable trusts, known as the Poor's Allotment Trust and the Charity of Ellis Kindge. These date back to the nineteenth century and were created for the relief of the poor, well before the introduction of the modern welfare state.

In recent times, the trustees have received very few applications which fall within the strict criteria set out in the original trust deeds, so whilst respecting the original purposes of the trusts, the trustees are attempting to broaden their scope in order that the funds may also be used to support projects which benefit the village as a whole.

This is not an easy or a quick process, as it involves obtaining the permission of the Charity Commission, which is not granted without a considerable amount of negotiation. This process has been ongoing for some time already, and in the meantime the trustees are keen to ensure that the trust funds can be used to assist those who are deserving of support.

If you consider that you may be eligible for assistance from these trusts, or are aware of other residents of Trimley St Mary who may be in need, the trustees would like to hear from you, and application should be made to the Clerk to the Parish Council (contact by telephone or e-mail in the first instance).

The trustees meet in private and all requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Bryan Frost

## **Trimley St Mary School**

The headmaster, Richard Griffiths, is moving at the end of next term to Broke Hall Primary School in Ipswich. (More in the next newsletter)

## **Christmas**

The parish council members would like to wish all parishioners a Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year

## **Council Meetings**

Everyone is welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and there is always a chance for you to ask questions or to raise matters of concern.

All meetings are held on a Monday at Trimley St Mary School at 7:00pm (unless otherwise advertised).

Dates for your diary:

Monday 7th January 2008

Monday 4th February 2008

Monday 3rd March 2008

Minutes of meetings are held in the Felixstowe public library and a wealth of information is available on the Council's Web site at: [www.trimley-st-mary.org.uk](http://www.trimley-st-mary.org.uk)

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