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# **From the Horse's Mouth**

The Parish newsletter  
of  
**Trimley St. Mary**

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## Local News

### Operation Stack

It would appear that there is a success with operation stack so hopefully in the future we shall not be seeing hgv's passing school gates at school closing time.

### Housing

Your councillors are working extremely hard trying to get a satisfactory conclusion over the housing issue. We will endeavour to keep the separate identity of each village and retain its character.

### Local Development Framework

The Parish Council has made the following points as part of its response to Suffolk Coastal District Council on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation

- The Council would like to emphasise that that it is in favour of only small scale developments within the Parish.
- We oppose schemes which will result in significant additional traffic on the High Road, as they will have an adverse effect upon the quality of life of residents.
- The Council considers that the green, open space between Felixstowe/Walton and Trimley St Mary, south of Walton High Street and in the vicinity of the allotments, must be preserved.
- All areas chosen for development must include adequate provision for affordable housing.

### Policing in the Village

We have been able to acquire our own police constable, Raoul Pidgeon, along with 2 PCSO's (police constable support officers), Lis Lake and Amy Clarke, so no doubt you will be seeing them on the beat on a regular basis. ( see Page 4)

### Greening the Village

The landscaping at the approach to the village from the A14 was a joint scheme funded by both Parish Councils to celebrate the Millennium and maintenance costs continue to be shared. We hope that residents find it an attractive entrance.

In Trimley St Mary, trees are a feature of the High Road with some of them, including evergreen holm oaks, being protected by Tree Preservation Orders.

The Parish Council wishes to extend tree planting in the village and has recently added 15 more trees to those already well established along Faulkeners Way. The location and species have been carefully chosen to avoid future root damage to pavements or loss of sunlight to houses but they do need plenty of water in their first year, so if you have a newly planted tree near you please give it a bucket of water during any dry spells.

We are also in the process of setting up gardens either side of Faulkeners Way roundabouts.

## **Bridleway**

In the near future an official bridleway will run from the Trimley St Mary pits to Trimley St Martin, which will give much pleasure to the many horse riders of the villages as well as the ramblers.

## **Trimley St Mary Primary School**

Richard Griffiths has been headteacher at Trimley St Mary Primary for the past (nearly) five successful and enjoyable years. He left at the end of the Spring term to become headteacher of Broke Hall Primary school in Ipswich. The whole school community thanks Richard for his time with us and wishes him all success in his new role.

The school's new headteacher is Mrs Christina Ashford who moved into her new post on 7th April. Mrs Ashford was previously headteacher at Waldringfield Primary School.

## **Dog Fouling**

There seems to be an increase of dog fouling around the village and, in particular, on our green spaces including Stennetts field. Trimley St Mary Parish Council organised a 'litter pick on 29 March and about 15 pounds of 'dog poo' was collected from the green areas around the school and Faulkners Way shops. There is a heavy fine for those caught leaving their 'dog poo's' for others to deal with. Please be responsible dog owners and pick up after your dogs.

'Doggie' bags are available from Suffolk Coastal Services for 60 pence per roll of 100. They can also be purchased in bulk. For more information please call them on 01394 444000. These bags are also available from Tourist Information offices throughout the SCDC area.

## **PICK IT UP - the litter which plagues our streets!**

I am writing this after assisting in the annual Spring Clean, which attempts to remove some of the litter which infests and blights our streets, and in my view, gives many areas of the village a scruffy and, as a fellow councillor recently remarked, a somewhat 'tired' aspect.

It has to be said that litter-picking is perhaps not the most attractive of pastimes, and our plea for assistance fell mainly upon deaf ears, with the notable exception of some of our Parish Councillors, but we will be trying to encourage increased participation in this event next year.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter, we feature our search for a village 'litter picker', but in the meantime, a thought occurs - if householders could take responsibility for ensuring that the immediate area outside their homes could be kept free of litter, what a difference that could make! Of course, there are those who through infirmity would be unable to take part, but if a helpful near neighbour could assist, this action may even help to reduce social isolation as well.

## **Can you be the Village Litter Picker?**

The Parish Council wishes to appoint a litter-picker. This will be on a self-employed basis, and it pays £20 per week for about 3-4 hours work.

The job will involve general litter clearing but there are problem areas which may need more attention - shops, school etc

## **The Colneis Safer Neighbourhood Team**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself .

I am your new Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer, covering Trimley St Mary and Martin. I hope you would have noticed an increased Police presence around the beat.

Can I just ask that people assist me in making my job easier :-

1. Taking more care of their personal belongings. Please do not leave Mobile telephones, Satellite Navigation systems, Laptops and briefcases/ handbags in unattended motor vehicles.
2. Ensure all vehicles are locked.

This time of year brings warmer weather. The burglary rate will rise as people are more inclined to leave house windows or back doors open, so:-

1. Never leave your house without shutting all windows and locking doors.
2. Always ensure garages are locked.
3. Always ensure garden gates are locked.

Let's make it difficult for those who want to steal you hard-earned belongings.

Taking simple steps will result in crime rates falling.

We all have to work together.

If you see anything suspicious then report it. We rely on members of the public to be our eyes and ears.

**For emergencies / incidents happening at the time of calling, please dial 999**

**For non urgent matters / incidents that have occurred previously, please dial 01473 613500**

Thank you

Raoul Pidgeon

Police Constable 728.

## **Notes on Home Security**

After a spate of Burglaries and thefts from homes and gardens in our village recently, the following advice might be useful. Keep doors locked at all times even when you are in, don't give an opportunist thief any help. Keep all outside buildings locked at all times as well. If you have a chain for your front door please do not put it across until you are about to open the door to a caller. If your chain is across and there is an emergency, help cannot get to you quickly. A spyhole fitted to your front door is another useful safety feature.

## The Parish Precept

The word 'Precept' appears to be one of those impenetrable jargon expressions so beloved of the bureaucrats, and in a search through the English Dictionary, I'm afraid I didn't find much to enlighten me in my quest to explain the term to our readers. However, a clue to its meaning and purpose is to be found in the Suffolk Coastal District Council Tax and financial information booklet, which if I can adapt to a Parish situation, can be explained as being the amount of money which the Parish Council needs in order to finance its operations for the coming year.

The Precept for the financial year, which commences in April, is set by the Parish Council by the end of January, and is arrived at by a process of budgeting for the operating cost of the Council for the following year, and additional to this, by providing sums for improvements and enhancements which will hopefully benefit the village as a whole.

The amount decided upon by the Council (currently £28,000) appears on Council Tax Bills which are sent out by Suffolk Coastal District Council shortly prior to 1 April each year, by means of a note on the Bill of the total Parish Council spending which the Precept is intended to support.

As always, we are conscious of the need to keep any increase in the Precept within sensible limits - Parish Councillors are Council Tax payers too!

A large proportion of the Council's expenditure is fixed and can be accurately budgeted for, such as the salary of our Parish Clerk and necessary maintenance of Council-owned items, for example our bus shelters. However, as mentioned above, the Parish Council does attempt to set aside some funds to enable improvements to be carried out, and these provisions have to be considered very carefully - we do not have the facility of going to the bank for an overdraft if the money runs out!

As it happens, over the past few years, we have been quite prudent in assessing some of the amounts set aside, and this year we have decided to use some of this surplus in providing some much-needed benefits which other authorities have been unable to finance. We have for some time been extremely concerned at the poor standard of street lighting along The Drift, which links the High Road from Station Road bus stop with Faulkeners Way. Our negotiations with Suffolk County Council at first yielded some promise of an early resolution to this problem, but after a delay of several months, the Council informed us that they did not have the funds to carry out this work, so we have decided to fund this cost, amounting to over £5500, out of our reserves. We still have to channel these funds through SCC, but hopefully have removed the financial barrier to the work being carried out.

Space does not permit a detailed description of all the projects which we are supporting, but others include a '20s Plenty' Scheme to improve safety on High Road in the vicinity of the School, assistance in connection with improved facilities at the Welcome Hall, and tree planting along Faulkeners Way, which has been carried out very recently. Not all of these schemes will happen immediately as we are reliant on the local authorities to organise these projects, but we feel that we have at least made a start!

## Local Organisations and Activities

### The Churches In Trimley

Sunday Services take place at St. Martin's, St.Cecilia's and the Trimley Free Church. A weekday Holy Communion is also available on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. at St. Martin's.

In addition, there are the following activities based at the churches:-

**Morning Coffee** St. Martin's, Tuesday 10 - 12.

Trimley Free Church – Wednesday, 10.30 - 12.30.

**Mothers' Union** St. Martin's, 2nd Tuesday monthly 2.30.p.m.

**Lunchbox** St. Mary's Church Centre, Wednesdays, alternate weeks, (September to May). This is a lunch club for Trimley people on their own or less able to cook for themselves.

**Trimley Tots** St. Mary's Church Centre, every Friday during term time. This is a pre-school playgroup from 0-3 years and their Mums, Dads or Carers.

**Rambling** The rambling group meets on the 1st Sunday of every month outside the Welcome Hall at 12.30. The group shares cars and usually arrives back in Trimley at 3.30.p.m.

Please note that if you wish to hire the hall at St. Mary's for any further activities the cost is currently £6.50 per hour. Please contact Carol on 01394 277491.

## Community Facilities

**Mobile Library** calls at the Faulkeners Way shops on alternate Tuesdays between 3.25 and 4.25. The service can be contacted on 07721 879853. The office can be contacted between 9am -12 noon, Monday – Friday on 07872 676698.

# Trimley St Mary War Memorial

Felixstowe Family History Society is seeking information on people named on the Trimley War Memorial. If you are able to share any knowledge of any of these, or their descendants, please contact Barbara Shout on 01394 213055.

## 1914-1918 (ON PLAQUE)

Richard Leslie Algernon **BRYANT**  
John **ALEXANDER**  
Herbert Ernest **BAXTER**  
George James **BROWN**  
Sydney Peter **CLARKE**  
Cecil Henry **CLARKE**  
Alfred George **LANCASTER**  
James Herbert **LANKESTER**  
Alfred James **JOHNSON**  
Henry **NEWELL**  
William Frederick **RAINBIRD**  
Henry John **RAMSEY**  
Clement Roy Blackshaw **SMITH**  
Robert Mayhew **SPOONER**  
John **STRINGER**  
George Edmund Marvin **WOOLNOUGH**  
William Frederick **WOOLNOUGH**

## 1939-1945 (ON WINDOW)

Frederick Donald **BYRNE**  
Felix Bertram **COWIE**  
Austin Eaton **DARLING**  
Jean **DARLING**  
Ernest Robert John **FRANCIS**  
Eric Charles **GREEN**  
Eric Charles **MUTUM**  
Frederick F **TUCK**

## Meetings and Groups

**Trimley WI** - meets at the Welcome Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm. Your contact for further information is Diana Morden on 01394 283035.

**Trimley Wives** - meet at the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of the month from 7.45pm. Your contact for further information is Janet Spalding on 01394 274154.

**Guides, Brownies and Rainbows** - your contact for further information is Sheila Battle (Colneis Division Commissioner on 01394 210158.

**Scouts** - sadly the scouting movement does not currently have any representation in Trimley. However, there are 3 local groups that the youngsters can join:

**8<sup>th</sup> Felixstowe, Walton** - for general enquiries please contact Group Scout Leader Rob Rushen-Smith on 01394 276431.

To be placed on the waiting list for the 8<sup>th</sup> Felixstowe, Walton please call Andre Roden on 01394 283434.

**7<sup>th</sup> Felixstowe, Cemetery Path** - all enquiries to Group Scout Leader John Meyrick on 01394 272003.

**1<sup>st</sup> Kirton** - all enquiries to Group Scout Leader Brian Barker on 01394 448372.

## The Welcome Hall

Regular activities at the Welcome Hall are:

Art Age (art group)  
China Printing class  
Drumming group  
Felixstowe Musical Theatre  
La Leche club  
Majorettes  
Pilates & fit ball class  
Wargames group  
Weight Watchers

If you are interested in any of these groups, please contact the group.

# Parish and District Council Information

## Parish Website

Check out the Parish Council website at <http://www.trimley-st-mary.org.uk/>.

The aim of the site is to keep you informed of the actions taken by the Parish Council in carrying out its duties. We do this by publishing our minutes, reports, plans and other relevant details. The main pages are:-

News	Councillors	Meetings	Policies
Documents	Welcome Hall	Contact Us	Local Information

If you would like us to include any additional information or if you have any photographs that we can use, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## Council Meetings

ALL TRIMLEY RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME to parish council meetings, which are held at Trimley St. Mary School at 7:00pm (unless otherwise advertised.)

Dates and agendas for meetings are displayed on the notice board adjacent to the school. Minutes of meetings are held in the Felixstowe public library.

Monday, 12th May 2008 (This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Annual General Meeting)  
Monday, 2nd June 2008  
Monday, 7th July 2008  
Monday, 1st September 2008  
Monday, 6th October 2008  
Monday, 3rd November 2008  
Monday, 1st December 2008

## Committees and Representatives

**Finance and General Purposes** - Bryan Frost, Mary Dixon, Neville Mayes, David Southgate & Carl Storer

**Dock Liaison Committee** - Bryan Frost, Mary Dixon & Neville Mayes

**Felixstowe and Trimleys Peninsula Futures Group** - Bryan Frost

**Planning Committee** - Mary Dixon, Bryan Frost & Neville Mayes

**Parish Newsletter** - Derrick Ellis, Ann Jacobs & Janet Wright

**Transport Liaison Officers** - Bryan Frost

**Trimley St Mary Primary School Governor** - Derrick Ellis

**Safer Neighbourhood Team Liaison** - Graham Harding

**Strategy Meeting Coordinator** - Carl Storer

**Welcome Hall Management Committee** - Mary Dixon & Derrick Ellis

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If you have any request or information for inclusion in the next newsletter, please forward it to the Clerk.