

# The Parish Pump

## The occasional Newsletter of Trimley St Martin Parish Council

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In the September 2008 Parish Pump, I reported on a Suffolk Coastal District Council Local Development Framework working party meeting held early August in the Orwell Hotel Felixstowe. Since this meeting the LDF working group prepared a report for the SCDC Cabinet, this was discussed in early October. As far as we can make out we are awaiting the details of the consultation process that will now be carried out with the Trimley Parish and Felixstowe Town Councils regarding proposed sites for the additional housing that is being forced on us. I will report further on this matter in forthcoming editions of the Parish Pump, also on our website.

We also concerned about the present infrastructure, e.g Trimley High Road, is narrow in places, further narrowed by the provision of advisory cycle lanes, especially in the morning rush-hour period. There is concern about the safety of our young people on their journey to ei-

ther primary or high school.

Another example is the antiquated sewer system.

There has been a re-organization in local policing. The Colneis Safer Neighbourhood Team has been absorbed into a larger Felixstowe and District Safer Neighbourhood Team. However the plus side for the Trimleys is that we have retained the services of Pc Raoul Pidgeon and PcsO Liz Lake. This means that the Trimleys will continue to be policed effectively.



### From the Chair

Motorcycling in the "Pits" and on local footpaths and bridleways will not be tolerated, this hard-line approach is supported by the landowners concerned. A zero tolerance policy is enforced and this has resulted in motorcycles being seized and crushed.

*John Barker*

**December 2008**



## CLERKS CORNER

It's been a year since my last report and there is a distinct feeling of deju vu!! Despite a number of meetings, we are still not really any further forward on the housing development front, although in the current climate, it seems strange that we should be even considering large scale development, especially when house builders cannot sell the properties that have already been built, the glut of empty flats in Ipswich being one example. But whilst there is always a need for affordable housing for young people, it's frightening that even if you can get a mortgage nowadays, the deposit needed is almost the same as what I paid in full for my first house!! Many of my friends have sons and daughters still living with them in their late twenties and I can see that my two boys will still have their feet firmly under the table long after I had wanted them to spread their wings and take their dirty washing with them!!

As well as the usual parish business, the council were consulted on the Boundary Committee's proposals for the future of local authorities. The actual consultation period for the proposals was very tight and did not allow town and parish councils to consult with the general pub-

lic and furthermore there was a distinct lack of detail with regard to the two options put forward by the Boundary Committee. We invited representatives from SDCD, SCC and Ipswich Borough Council to hear their views but remained unconvinced that any one of them had a better option than the current 'status quo' and we felt that it was a case of 'if it ain't broke – don't fix it'!!

As well as being involved in the 'larger issues', other agenda items at our monthly meetings deal with the more local everyday problems such as faulty streetlights, overgrown footpaths, litter, damaged bus shelters/signs etc and also planning applications. With regard to planning applications, these are displayed at our meetings for viewing by the public and there is a time set aside for public questions. Please feel free to come along to any of our meetings, they are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Memorial Hall and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

*Tracey Hunter*

**Mobile Police Station**

**Outside Welcome Hall**

**Tuesday 16th December**

**08.30am to 11.30am**

## **The Memorial Hall**

### **Committee**

**Invite you and your  
family to**



## **The Lighting up of the Christmas Tree**

**on Tuesday 2nd Dec at 6.15pm**

**Followed by Carols in the Hall**

**Father Christmas will be in his grotto  
also Refreshments in hall a**

## **Trimley Saints Players**

### **Aladdin**



**The show will be  
presented in the Memorial  
Hall from Tue 13th - Sat  
17th Jan, with Saturday  
matinee.**

**It tells the age old story of  
good triumphing over evil,  
with much comedy,  
singing and dancing on  
the way! We normally play  
to packed houses, so to  
avoid disappointment**



**please phone our Box Office on 671119 for  
tickets**

## Light up a Life

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December  
At 7.30pm



IPSWICH St Elizabeth  
Hospice

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### On the Triangle, Felixstowe

Christmas is a time of celebration and sharing, and also a time to reflect with family and friends.

St Elizabeth Hospice would like to welcome you and your family to their Light up a Life event in Felixstowe this Christmas. These special events are open to everyone, not just those touched by hospice care, to remember their loved ones at this special time of the year. Each event includes Christmas Carols, music and readings around the dedication tree.

For more information, please contact St Elizabeth Hospice on 01473 723600, email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk)



### Youth Rugby

**Felixstowe Rugby Club are actively seeking new members for its Youth Teams and in particular the Under 13yrs which will be boys in years 7 and 8 at High School.**

**We meet every Thursday evening  
at Coronation Park from 6 – 7pm.**

**Come along and join us for rugby training and enjoy getting very muddy whilst experiencing great exercise as well as learning the great game that is RUGBY!!**

**Contact Gareth Cook on 283518 for more details or just turn up on the night, you will be assured of a friendly welcome!!**

# Community Police Column



The last few months, have from a crime point of view, seen a very settled time.

The Suffolk Constabulary has gone through a certain amount of restructuring involving the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) which has seen a reduction in the number of teams in Felixstowe and some change in staff.

Some of you may be aware of this.

The bottom line is. The Trimley villages still has myself as the SNT Police officer. That has not changed.

As we are all aware, Christmas is approaching at a rate of knots. We are all now heavily involved in buying presents for family and friends. This means spending our hard earned cash.

So please, do not make it easy for those who want to spoil our celebrations. Lets not make easy pickings.

Do not leave bags of shopping on show inside your cars. Don't be tempted into leaving your shopping in the car even when it is parked outside your house.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

*Raoul Pidgeon*

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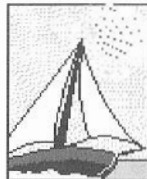
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# Rivercare



The situation regarding litter on the Orwell foreshore is now, in my opinion, easily manageable. Therefore I believe that it may not be necessary to organise large litter picking sessions in the future. But smaller groups of say 2 or 3 would still be welcome from time to time. But do not be shy about picking up when walking your dog or whatever!

What litter there is often brought is in on high tides from the river? The litterbin is well used so I am confident that most folk are not "tossers".

However an incident concerning the bin did occur earlier in the summer. Over a period of a few weeks' spates of vandalism happened. Newly installed fence posts were pulled up and burnt along with other wooden items (in particular the gate to Looipit lake from the river wall).

Then to cap it all the entire litterbin was thrown into the lake and remained there for sometime before it could be recovered. The foreman of the team repairing the river wall having been asked to do so by Robin Biddle achieved this, and I am most grateful to them both.

On the plus side, I am convinced that people became more aware of the bins usefulness during its absence.

And so thank you to all of you who visit the foreshore for caring.

## **The repair of the Orwell river wall at the Trimley foreshore.**

This work to shore up the wall running by Looipit Lake was essential, and the resultant widened path along the top is excellent. But it is curious to know why it was not raised slightly. Last winter saw the river overtop the wall at least once on one high tide in particular.

However, to the main point: it is certainly not very attractive. Although at first it seemed fine with the white (ish) lumps of concrete neatly stacked, and gleaming in the sun! Now the concrete is beginning to slip down onto the foreshore, due to recent high tides, and exposing the underlying chunks of old brickwork and reinforcement steel.

More concerning though, is that the top just below the lip of the path, is being exposed and the earth is starting to erode by being uncovered. At the present time only in

short lengths but it is certain to increase with further high tides over the coming winter. In fact even recent heavy all day rain appears to be washing more down.

The pieces of reinforcement rods and wire are also becoming a hazard. They were ground down or cut off at the completion of the work, but the movement of the blocks seems to be exposing them again.

The photographs (taken on 11th Nov) show



some of the top erosion

concrete pieces fallen onto the foreshore.

*Keith Slaughter*



**Your Parish Council meets on  
The first Tuesday of the month  
In the Memorial Hall**

**This is an opportunity for parishioners to  
raise matters concerning the parish**

## The 3 Village Woodlands Group

Trimley St Martin Parish Council is supporting the 3 village woodlands group, and would encourage the parishioners to join in and aid where they can. Their big problem today is the acquisition of an area of land that will enable the group to maintain and expand an existing woodland area or to plant a new woodland. If you are aware of an area of land that is accessible and preferably within walking distance of Trimley St. Martin School that might be acquired by the group please get in contact with the Parish Council or directly with the group chairman Stephen Harvey.

The group was born out of increasing concern about the steady losses of woodland to development. Its object is to acquire a piece of land which will become Community Woodland accessible to the public. The group will involve all age groups: children at Trimley St. Martin School who will plant and nurture many of the trees, their teachers and parents and everyone else in the villages of Kirton, Falkenham and Trimley St. Martin who would like to be involved. This is a long term project to be handed on to future generations so the involvement of our children is crucial.

The group is affiliated to the Green Light Trust which has facilitated 34 Community Woodlands in East Anglia in the last 15 years. Their suc-

cess has been built on 4 key elements:

- **Children:** Motivating children and young people to become responsible custodians of the environment.
- **Community Spirit:** Galvanizing community spirit through long-term empowerment
- **Wildlife:** Building wildlife habitats to increase bio-diversity
- **Global Kinship:** Forging environmental links with communities overseas

The group provides an opportunity for the children of the villages and others to contribute to the planting and management of new woodland.

The group also seeks to work with other environmentally focused forest groups around the world and is exploring links with Sri Lanka in order to support global kinship.

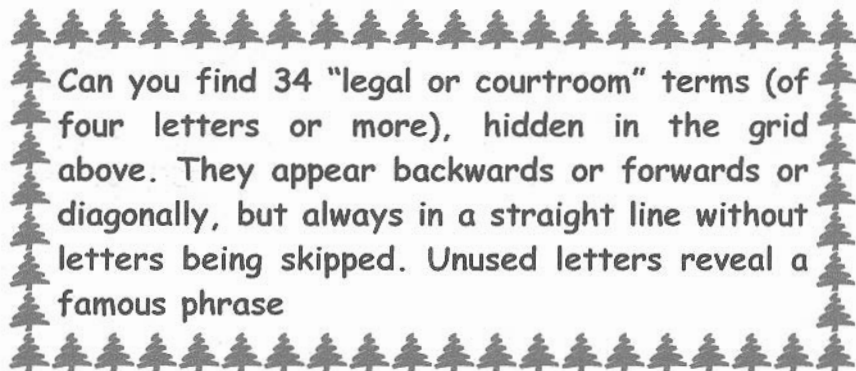
Global Kinship provides a dynamic opportunity for Trimley St. Martin School pupils at all Key Stages to study Citizenship and Education for Sustainable Development through mutual learning with a real-life partner.

To make this work the group needs volunteers from across the community. For information contact **The Secretary (3VWG), The Sett, Falkenham Road, Kirton, IP10 0NP**

# Word Search



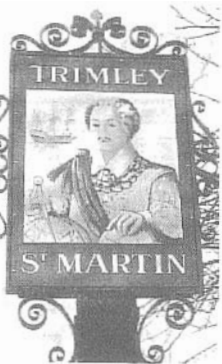
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 Can you find 34 "legal or courtroom" terms (of four letters or more), hidden in the grid above. They appear backwards or forwards or diagonally, but always in a straight line without letters being skipped. Unused letters reveal a famous phrase

## Who really was Thomas Cavendish?

Only one Trimley person has achieved a place in the National Dictionary of Biography - Thomas Cavendish, the second Englishman to lead an expedition around the world. His family originated from Cavendish in West Suffolk but the Trimley branch was in the village from 1365 - its coat of arms is over the west door of St Mary's Church.

The village sign for St Martin is a portrait of this great mariner.



Thomas was born in 1560, his family's fourth son, and was baptised in St Martin's Church. His family home was Grimston Hall, a large Elizabethan Hall whose foundations are sometimes visible in dry seasons. Nothing is known of his early education but after Cambridge and some legal training in London Thomas made his way to Queen Elizabeth's court - the goal for all ambitious young men.

The opportunity of joining a colonising and trading voyage to Virginia in 1585 led him to raise enough money to commission and command his own ship the "Elizabeth". It was a successful venture and he returned to England in 1586.

Later that year he started preparations for his Great Voyage. By mortgaging all his lands he raised about £10,000 in addition to money provided by two relations, Henry and Humphrey Seckford of Seckford Hall. With this he fitted out three ships, the Desire (120 tons), the Content (60 tons) and the Hugh Gallant a barque of 40 tons. These are the three ships now depicted on the sign at The Mariners public house.

His aims were to follow up Drake's successful voyage around the world. The great Portugese explorer Magellan had set off from Spain sixty-seven years before and though islanders in the Philippines killed him, his crew carried on and returned to Spain in 1522. Sir Francis Drake took three years to sail around the world arriving home in 1580. Cavendish set sail from Harwich in 1586.

It was a fearsome journey. It took him 49 days to make the passage through the Magellan Straits whilst Drake had taken 16 days. But once into the Pacific Cavendish came into his own. He burned and looted every settlement he came upon in Chile and Peru. off California he sank a large Spanish galleon having taken its cargo of gold and riches. But

with its crew having been lost the Hugh Gallant was abandoned and despite its name the Content returned to the galleon to look for even more loot and was never seen again. Thomas Cavendish continued his voyage but it was his fate to arrive back at Plymouth in 1588 where his achievements were regarded as secondary to the news of the defeat of the Spanish Armada. But the Queen welcomed him at Greenwich giving him the honour of dining with him aboard the Desire.

He then returned to Trimley taking his crew with him. A great feast was provided by the burgesses of Ipswich and the Inn at Trimley was renamed 'The Three Mariners'. But the crew roistered through the village terrifying the inhabitants. In 1591 Cavendish began to sell his Suffolk lands and considered moving to the West Country. He was however commissioned to lead another expedition escorting the great explorer John Davis up the West coast of the Americas. But the enterprise was dogged with bad luck from the outset. He had difficulty in finding crews for his five ships so that he was late in starting out. The weather was bad in the Atlantic and Davis became separated and each accused the other of desertion. Cavendish headed back to Brazil. The flagship of the expedition, Leicester Galleon, refused to return to the Straits and in a mutiny Cavendish half strangled the ringleader. He returned to St Helena where he died. The manner of his death has led to much speculation. Was his sickness a fatal one, did he take his own life or was he murdered by his own crew?

He was typical of his age. He was twenty years younger than Drake and like him was a fierce, arrogant even cruel man. But he did not share Drake's elan and more importantly did not have his luck. But Thomas Cavendish was a fearless man and a skilful navigator on the uncharted seas. He still deserves to be Trimley's best remembered son

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## Wordsearch Answers

**Horizontal:** Defence, Felony, Alibi, Abet, Commit, Ligitant, Writ, Penalty.  
**Verticals:** Inquest, pardon, Confession, Advocate, Right, Repeal, Impediment, Proof, Treason, Forgery.  
**Diagonals:** Defamation, Equity, Bail, Magistrate, Plaintiff, Acquit, Oath, Trustee, Testimony, Debt, Arbitration, Legacy, Usher, Bailiff, Testator, Tort.  
**Hidden Phrase:** Possession is nine points of the law

## Christmas Services

### St Cecilia

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| Christmas Morning | Christmas Mass | 11.30am |
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### Trimley Methodist

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| Sun 21st December | Carols & Holy Communion | 11.00am |
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| Christmas Eve | Carols by Candlelight | 7.00pm |
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### St Martins

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| Sun 21st December | Family Carols | 10.30am |
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|  | Service of Nine Lessons<br>and Carols | 6.30pm |
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| Christmas Eve | Candlelight Pilgrimage to Crib | 4.30pm &<br>6.00pm |
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|  | Midnight Mass | 11.30pm |
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| Christmas Day | Family Service | 10.30am |
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The Parish Council wishes all  
its residents the compliments  
of the season



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