

THE PARISH PUMP

The occasional Newsletter of Trimley St Martin Parish Council

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It has been several months since our last edition, largely because we were waiting for further news on the Local Development Plan. Unfortunately little has become any clearer. There have been articles in the press about thousands of new homes in the Suffolk Coastal area, possibilities of completely new settlements and extra houses needed for hundreds of new jobs; but the reality is that we still only have the figures (provisionally approved) of 10,100 new homes in Suffolk Coastal, and as mentioned before this equates to only a percentage on greenfield sites across all the SCDC parishes. When we know more we will keep you all informed

South Reconfiguration—POF

We were consulted at an early stage by the Port as part of their process prior to the current public enquiry. Obviously Trimley St Martin does neither border on nor have land within the proposed development so our environmental concerns are mainly confined to the effect on routes through our parish that service the port area namely:

1 the A14

POF have agreed to finance the safety

improvements to the dock spur roundabout. The final proposal (approved by the Highways Agency) is for full signalization although our preferred option was for partial signalization. We have always been concerned that no improvements at this point would result in increased traffic through the villages, but we still have reservation about traffic building back to the Trimley fly over slip road.



From the Chair

We are pleased to be able to report that the POF are prepared to pay for acoustic barriers along the southern side where housing abuts the A14.

2 the Railway Line

The increased use of rail transport has meant that dualing of the line from Trimley station to Ipswich is now likely, (at POF expense). Our concerns here are not with the concept of dualing but ensuring that all crossing points are safe and sufficient for the increased train movements and that those people living directly on the trackside are adequately compensated. We have been assured that there will be full prior consultation on these proposals. We look forward to these discussions with POF.

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3 the River

We have held some concerns about the increasing erosion of sea walls and mudflats in Trimley and this being dealt with by Harwich Haven Authority. The stretch running through our parish is one of the more picturesque and environmentally sensitive lengths of the river.

And finally

Mention is made elsewhere of the

spring bulb planting and general rubbish removal that we continue to undertake in our new landscaped area at the entrance to the village, but a special thanks has to go to Andrew Schofield who worked tirelessly to clean up the track leading from Grimston Lane to Mill Close; his efforts have gone along way in helping this Council work towards making your parish a village to enjoy and be proud of.

Nigel Smith



Clerk's Corner

It has been a fairly quiet five months in the village since our last report with only the usual individual planning matters, grass cutting and bus stop issues etc being dealt with. However, I feel

that this maybe the calm before the storm with the confirmed regional housing figures still to be announced and the possibility of a revised 'vision' from Trinity College, of which we have not yet heard. The public enquiry into the Felixstowe South Reconfiguration seems to be throwing up all manner of concerns with talk of signalisation of the Dock Spur Roundabout and dualling the local railway line, but more of than in other articles. As far as our village is concerned, the Parish Council will endeavour to do everything in its power to prevent our village from becoming urbanised and your views are always welcomed at our monthly parish council meetings. A consultation letter was recently sent out to residents whose homes are situated directly along the A14 with regard to the possibility of erecting acoustic barriers to cut down on the vehicle noise along this stretch

of road. I can tell you that of 142 letters sent out, 77 were in favour and 6 against. The result has been forwarded to the Port of Felixstowe who would be paying and maintaining this scheme, for further investigation. You may have noticed that further work has been carried out along Howlett Way, in that some of the beds have had further plants added and some of the beds which did not take last year, have been emptied and will be grassed over. We have also planted some 7000 spring bulbs along this stretch of road, including snowdrops crocuses and daffodils and this should provide a great show of colour in the Spring.

Tracey Hunter

Father Christmas will be lighting up the Memorial Hall Christmas Tree on Wed 8th Dec at 6.30pm. Afterwards there will be hot soup & bread available in the Hall.

Come & sing carols. Visit Father Christmas in his grotto.

All Welcome





The meaning of words

As we watch and listen to broadcast media, we tend to hear and latch on to certain words. They seem to grab our attention at times - like 'hearing' your name across a crowded and noisy room.

If you know a police officer socially, and have ever tried to sit through an episode of "Morse" or "Frost" or similar with them, you will probably have got fed up with comments such as 'They can't do that!' and 'That's not right!' and so on. I'm only allowed to watch such programmes at home if I promise to keep quiet!

The point I'm making here is that it's little things that can get under your skin (such as incorrect use of the law in the tv programmes) ... and one thing that can drive me to distraction every so often is when people openly and wrongly refer to various crimes by the wrong name. I suppose in part, it's our exposure to different cultures that has perhaps added to a confusion in our language - for instance, someone on Brookside who may have said "I've been robbed" - may not actually have been robbed at all - but may have had something stolen from them in a way that does not equate to robbery!



A robbery (in simple English) is where you have had something stolen from you (as a person - not in the 'royal sense') and immediately before or at the time of that theft,

unlawful violence is used or threatened in such a way that you felt threatened that violence would be used to complete that theft.

A robbery may better be imagined as a mugging - I think this probably gives a clearer image of what robbery really is - as most if not all of us know what a mugging is!

Having your shed broken into is not robbery, and nor is garden gnomes going missing!

A burglary is where someone enters a property - or part of one—without permission and causes some form of damage or injury or theft—there are various elements that I won't complicate things with - but in a nutshell, that's it.

Simple theft (not robbery!) is probably the most easily understood crime - though there are many categories of theft from the simple 'theft' to 'robbery' to complicated dishonesties that require specialist investigation! If someone has taken your hanging basket from your front doorway, it's been subject to theft. You haven't been 'robbed'.



The biggest problem I have with the wrong words being used to describe a crime is that terms like robbery to describe a theft can conjure up all sort of horrific images

of a decent neighbourhood having gone to pot thus raising the fear of crime and violence that probably does not exist - so, if someone tells you that their hanging basket has been taken and you hear them say "Ere, I've been robbed / burgled" can you do me a favour

and put them right please?

One last thing please bear in mind that not all crimes are detectable. If you leave your bike unlocked, unmarked and unidentifiable and you have no record of it's frame number - and there are no witnesses

or CCTV - there is every chance it will never become a detected crime (of theft). I wouldn't have a hope of identifying my hanging baskets from an identically planted basket bought from the same nursery - would you? It would be

recorded as a crime if it went - but it would most likely remain undetected! Don't forget that you are living in one of the very best policed Counties in England where crime is genuinely low compared to other places and is delivered by a first rate force that is working with you—for you.

Thanks for reading

Mick Richardson

Sgt 535

Felixstowe Community Police Team

Trinity Vision

As we go to press the Evening Star has announced that Trinity College, will by the time you read this, have submitted a revised proposal to SCDC that would enable them to build approx 1500 houses on green field sites within the parishes of St Martin & St Mary — albeit that it appears that SCDC will only be required to find greenfield sites for, perhaps only, 1500 houses across the whole of the District. Your Parish Council remains totally opposed to any proposals that would destroy the character of this village & its surrounding countryside.

Parking— Primary School Trimley St Martin

Following complaints from residents, we raised the problems of gridlocked traffic with SCC Highways. A Kirton & Falkenham Parish Councillor also raised matters regarding the traffic management to the north of the school, A site meeting was arranged with the SCC East Area Highways Manager. It was agreed that on the south side of the school:

- One "passing bay" (formed by double yellow lines with no loading/unloading kerb markings would be shortened to improve the visibility for a resident who had difficulty in exiting from his drive.
- The portion of the lay-by immediately outside the school, that is not used as a bus stop, will continue to be used for parking on non-school days and outside the hours of 8.00am to 9.30am and 3.00pm to 4.30pm on school days.
- More passing bays would be provided down to and past the Farm Shop right down to the lay-by adj to the footbridge. These would help the traffic flow on the long sweeping bends and allow vehicles to pull in to allow oncoming traffic to pass.

Separately the SCC East Area Highways Manager is talking to Kirton & Falkenham Parish Council regarding their perceived problems to the North of the school.

Finally a revised traffic order will come to us for comment/agreement.

John Barker

Your Village needs You!!!!

Trimley Carnival Committee are looking for volunteers to help with the organising of next years Carnival.

Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated either in the planning stages or on the day itself which will be on

July 9th 2005.

For further details contact Jane Welton on 272135 or come along to the next meeting on January 10th, at the Sports and Social Club, 7.30pm.



The Enigma that is Trimley

A short history of two parishes

Chapter 2 - The Manors of Trimley

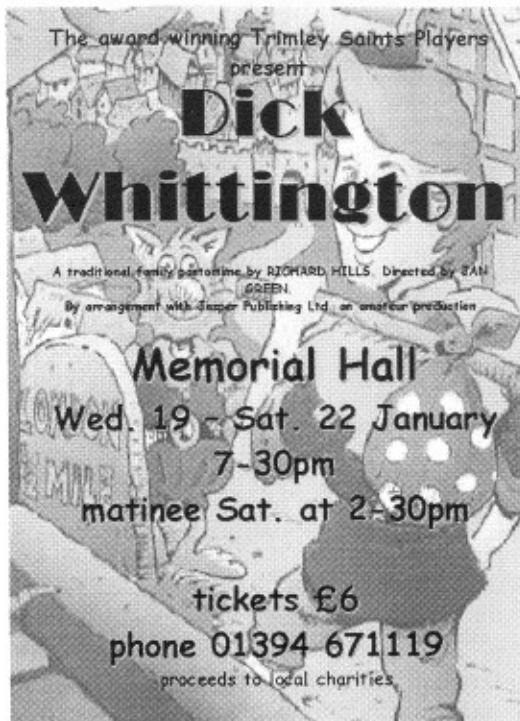
According to Coppingers' "Suffolk Manors", there were in Saxon times, two manors in Trimley, for not until the fourteenth century did Trimley St. Martin and St. Mary emerge as separate parishes, as written evidence. In the Domesday Survey there is Trimley, Thorpe (now the only connection is the road of that name), Grimston, Morston, Alston, Stratton, Candlet and Blofield. Candlet, as an example was a small affair, being valued at 6d and paid 2d in gelt (old Danish money), for 3 acres. Capel as a manor, is first mentioned in 1464. It is probable that of these communities Grimston and Blofield (in St. Martin and St. Mary respectively), were the principal manors.

In the reign of Henry VIII a manor called Trimley Manor was granted in fee to Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk. In turn, an Act of Parliament was passed, ratifying an exchange

between the King, Thomas Howard and Henry his son, they giving the King the manors of Walton, Trimley and Falkenham, with the rectories of Walton and Felixstowe, in exchange for various manors in Suffolk and Norfolk. A manor known as Trimley St. Mary manor, no doubt the same as the previous one, was in 1597 granted in perpetuity to Robert Barker of Ipswich by the Crown. In 1600, the same Robert Barker was Lord of the Manor of St. Martin, under the Crown. It therefore appears that he was Lord of the Manor of all Trimley.

After the Norman Conquest, it will be seen that most of the manors in the country were given to King William's helpers and followers. Tenant-in-chief in the Trimley area was Roger Bigod. As has been mentioned he owned lands elsewhere in Suffolk including the castles at Bungay, Framlingham and Walton. Therefore for the next few hundred years, Norman knights held the manors, such as Sir Ralph deTourville (Grimston), Sir Oliver de Stratton (Stratton) and Sir Godfrey de Bellemonde (Blofield, with a grant of free warren in 1292).

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Memorial Hall

A series of meetings have been held over recent months by the hall management committee and the parish council. These were arranged in order to discuss the requirements of the disability discrimination act. After one or two meetings the thinking gradually developed that what should be done was to improve facilities for everyone.

The outcome has been a proposal for alterations which will provide improved toilets as well as a completely new one for handicapped people. A larger kitchen is planned with a serving hatch direct to the hall. Space saved with the new layout will be available for small meetings and also serve as an off stage area for amateur dramatics use.

An additional exit on the opposite side to the main entrance to the hall, will be created. This will hopefully allow larger audience numbers, etc., and of course make escape in the event of an emergency that much easier.

The planning application has been approved and now all that remains is probably the hardest part; raising the necessary finance! But if all goes well the project could be completed by next summer, or at least well underway.

Keith Slaughter

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An interesting fact about Stratton is that in Saxon times it was held by Ulf Kettel, and among the sprinkling of Saxon names are two mentions of what could be the derivation of Carr Wood, down by the river. There is Wihtric of Carlwood and Eric the Smith's son in Carlwood. Part of the wood is in Stratton parish.

Eventually all the manors were merged into one Lordship, which led to, in more modern times, one family owning all Trimley and other parishes such as Stratton, Levington, Nacton, etc.

Under the Norman Kings the method of taxation was raised on land. Henry II developed the material wealth of the country by removing the tax from the land to movables such as cattle and crops. In 1188 at the time of the second crusade to the Holy Land, the Crown was granted a tenth of the value of all rents and movables. All had to pay except those away at the Crusade.

This continued until 1334 to pay for successive crusades. Around this time the population of Trimley with Alston was around 300 people. Under the subsidy return of 1327, Colnies Hundred, of which Trimley formed a part, was one of the smallest returns, being £19.19.24, for 216 persons. Trimley's contribution for 50 families was £6.1.0., which in today's money would be the equivalent of about £25,000. This was under Tremeleye-cum-Altington (Trimley and Alston). No mention of the two parishes.

But names mentioned are still around today such as Skeets, Hering (Herring), Talbot, Baldowyn (Baldwin), Mellerre (Miller), Hamond (Hammond), Page and Ketel (Kettle). There is also Richardo de Zestanton. Existing down

by the Fagbury end of the river at one time was the hamlet of that name. Also de Thorpe from the hamlet of that name. It has been suggested that both these hamlets were wiped out by the plague. Considering that most communities were originally founded near the river and plague could have come ashore from foreign ships, this is quite a possibility.

Under the subsidy return of 1524 it now lists St. Martin and St. Mary. St. Mary's was £3.17.8. with 24 people taxed. St. Martin was £1.10.6. with 26 people taxed. By 1568 St. Mary was paying £5.4.2. for 9 taxable, St. Martin £5.13.2 for 14 people. By 1674 a new tax was introduced known as a hearth tax, payment on hearths within a house. All paid except the very poor. There were 69 paying in St. Mary and 73 paying in St. Martin. This tax yielding £70,000 per annum, was nothing new, it had been levied as a Fumage (smoke) tax in Danish days. It was discontinued owing to the dissatisfaction of public opinion. In St. Martin's return of 1524 there is a Bean the Barker and several Smythes. In St. Mary there is a family of Barbours, John, William and Nicholas all paying tax. William Barbour, one of the descendants of this family, is one of the benefactors of the poor. From his bequest now held in land, and administered by the Parish Council, is paid out money in charity each year. He left £20 per annum for the poor and £5 for repairing the church steeple, in lawful English money". His gravestone is the oldest in that churchyard which states, "William Barbour, Gent, died 10 September 1652: It is on the right hand side of the south porch, as his will directed.

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Christmas Services

St Cecilia

Christmas Morning	Mass	11.30am
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Trimley Methodist

Christmas Eve	Carols by Candlelight	7.00pm
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Sun 26th Dec Boxing Day	Morning Service	9.45am
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St Martins

Sun 19th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	6.30pm
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Christmas Eve	Candlelight Pilgrimage to Crib	4.30pm & 6.00pm
	Midnight Communion	11.30pm

Christmas Day	All Age Christmas Communion	10.30am
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Sun 26th Dec Boxing Day	Holy Communion	10.30am
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The Parish Council wishes all
its residents the compliments
of the season



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