

TRIMLEY ST MARY RECORDER'S REPORT 2018



TRIMLEY ST MARY

This year has been a very lively year for Trimley St Mary and will cover the **Trimley St Mary and St Martin Remembrance Day 1918-2018**

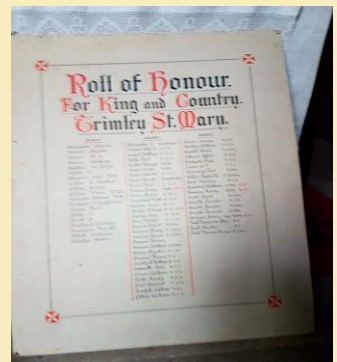
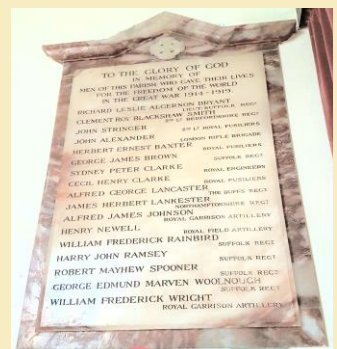
The one hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War took place on Sunday 11th November 2018 at 11.00am at both the Churches and will be covered later in this newsletter.

Last summer the weather continued to be warm albeit a slow start as spring was late due to cold weather and snowy conditions. The second consecutive year Trimley St Mary experienced snow!



This picture shows the cascading display of poppies down the western side of the church which faces the High Road commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the First World War

Trimley St Mary



Trimley St Mary and St Martin Remembrance Day 1918-2018



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3

1 Stained Glass Window St Mary Church I- The Memorial window for St Marys

2 Alibaster Memorial St Marys Church showing all the names of those who gave their lives in the Great War

3 Stained Glass Window in St Martin's Church This window depicts Christ as a crucified king attended by an airman, a sailor and a soldier, and forms the parish's World War Two memorial window

The one hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War took place on Sunday 11th November 2018 at 11.00am. The two Trimley villages: Trimley St Mary and Trimley St Martin marked the occasion (and was organised by the church) with an amazing display of poppies cascading down Trimley St Martin Church. People were invited to knit poppies which would be attached on to army netting enabling a cascade of poppies to be displayed from the highest building in the village to honour those who had fallen in the wars. Laying of the wreath (picture 2 overleaf)

Janet Tyler (first picture overleaf) thought making a display of knitted poppies would make a fitting tribute on Armistice Day 2017 as her own father died when she was only six weeks old in the Second World War. Janet came up with the idea in addition to getting school children involved who made numerous red poppies (plastic bottles cut and shaped and painted in red paint) and displayed within the entrance of the church yard and bunting surround the memorial. (See picture 3 overleaf).Knitters in both parishes' busily knitted poppies and two thousand and two hundred poppies were used for the cascade (the remainder used to decorate the church doors in the form of crosses). At the end of October several people were involved in sewing black centres to the poppies and then attaching them to the army netting provided by the Territorial Army. The raising of the Cascade took place on 27th October. My colleague Liz Rastrick (Trimley St Martin Recorder) attended and climbed the tower at St Martin's Church (see her report!)



Trimley St Mary wreath



The new memorial bench at the Bloor Homes' Thurmans Grove development in Trimley St Mary.

Photographer: Phil Morley; Andrew Papworth: Reporter This article appeared in the *Ipswich Star Newspaper* 19 November, 2018.

Left to right, Tristan and Claire Gale with Aiden, five, and Isabella, ten, Clive Minnican - Parish Council Vice-Chairman), Sally Minnican, Pat Frost, Bryan Frost and Nicola Rawthorn.

Trimley St Mary Parish Council purchased the wooden bench to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the 1914 to 1918 conflict. It is engraved with the poignant words: *"In memory of all that gave their tomorrow for our today - Gone but not Forgotten"*. The bench is now located on the public open space at the Thurmans Grove development in Trimley St Mary. Bloor Homes agreed to construct a concrete base for the bench after being approached by the parish council. The seat was fixed into place for Armistice Day, when the village marked the landmark centenary with a host of events including a Remembrance Service in St Martin's Church and wreath-laying ceremonies at the war memorial and entrance to the St Martin's churchyard. Councillor Tristan Gale, a retired serviceman who coordinated the parish council's First World War commemorations, said: *"The 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War is such an important milestone for the country that we felt it was only right to do something to honour the men from our villages who died serving the nation a century ago"*.

"A total of 26 men from the Trimleys died serving in the First World War and this commemorative bench will ensure the sacrifice made by them, and the eight servicemen who died in later conflicts, will never be forgotten."

Churches

St Martin's Church Trimley <http://www.stmartinstrimley.org.uk>

continues to be the Parish Church for Trimley St Mary. The Revd Caroline Allen Rector retired during the latter part of 2018 and the Revd Wendy Smith appointed as the Rector of the Benefice of Walton and Trimley.

The church held several events throughout the year including the Remembrance Ceremony on 11 November 2018; Prayer, Bible study Groups, Café 10, Plant and Cake Stalls. Specific services held during 2018 at St Martin's included: 7 Weddings, 9 Funerals and 1 Internement of Ashes were held in the church this year. The popular 'Open Garden Event' will take place in June 2019 and it is hoped that this event will be recorded.

Trimley Free Church Pastor Derek Court continues to live just across the path from Trimley Free Church. The 'Pop In' Community shop continues and open weekly in the Church on Mondays from 10-4.00pm and is run by volunteers from the BASIC charity via their shop in Walton which provides a service to Walton and the Trimleys. <http://www.suffolkchurches.co.uk/trimleymartin>

Weather in Trimley St Mary 2018



Some photos taken in Trimley St Mary during 2018 – first two taken in February; Poppies and dried lawn in August

Details relating to the weather conditions have been included in this report as it appears our climate is changing as a result of global warming and the effects of climate change includes severe weather conditions.

2018 was a year of extreme weather in Trimley St Mary, with snow, high winds, rail disruptions the 'Beast from the East' which caused chaos, and hot dry weather conditions leaving gardens scorched – was quite a year for this region.

In **January** storm Eleanor brought high winds which brought winds of more than 60mph and the strong winds continued during January which closed the Orwell Bridge on three occasions leaving local drivers furious with additional traffic coming through the High Road in Trimley St Mary. During mid-January weather temperatures dropped to below freezing and with the cold wind chill factor the air temperature made being outside very unpleasant.

At the end of **February** brought along snow, followed by the 'Beast of the East' in **March** bringing subzero temperatures causing traffic disruptions and school closures. Spring felt a long way off!

Spring although late in starting; late April was very hot with temperatures reaching 23C. Temperatures stayed high throughout May and June. We had some rain but the ground was getting dry.

Summer – another heatwave with high temperatures and 43% more sunshine than an average in July and only half the rainfall. Temperatures peaked at 34.7C on July 27th. In Trimley we had 10 consecutive weeks without rain leading to gardens becoming scorched.

Autumn and Winter Compared to the start of the year the last few months in 2018 were relatively uneventful. Rain and temperatures were average for the time of year. There wasn't any snow and the temperature on Christmas Day was mild and sunny.

Parish Allotments



The Parish Allotments are still well used although because the weather had been so hot and dry particularly during the summer months - some produce was not as plentiful as previous years. Nevertheless plenty of were grown and fruit crops were excellent including early strawberries and raspberries.

Allotments cost £20 a year and there are full and half sized allotment plots available for hire

Mariners Free House <http://www.marinersfreehouse.co.uk> 193 High Road Trimley St Mary



The Mariners continues to thrive and maintains its reputation for good pub food with helpful and cheerful bar staff. Real ale is served - mainly from local brewers and at least 60 specialist gins available. A range of craft lagers, local ciders and a good selection of wine and prosecco at reasonable prices are also served. Music is held on Sunday lunchtimes and continues to be popular. The Pizza oven was extremely popular last year and many enjoyed a lunch outside in the Pubs garden. Charity Quiz nights continued on the second Tuesday every month.

The green marker buoy has disappeared from the corner pf the front garden of the Mariners.

This year the pub had several smaller Christmas trees lit outside the pub providing a lovely welcome for villagers and guests and a picture can be seen overleaf.

Christmas lights December 2018 Trimley St Mary

The following are pictures taken along the High Road in Trimley St Mary on 23rd December. It was a cold and rainy night. Pictures (4-7) demonstrate how many attractive houses (even the church and pub) were lit up along the High Road. Unfortunately not all could be included but hopefully more will be recorded next year.

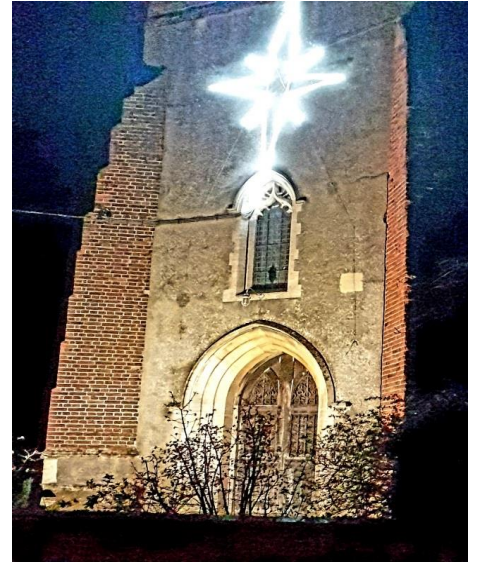
This popular annual Christmas tree lighting event (see picture 1) took place on **Friday 30th November** a community venture involving the parish council and neighbourhood watch of Trimley St Mary.



Trimley St Mary's Christmas Tree



Mariners Pub



Trimley St Martin Church



Trimley Carnival 2018 theme Musicals



The theme for the Trimleys Carnival 2018 was **Musicals**. The procession started at Faulkeners Way, Trimley St Mary at 1.00pm promptly and travelled along the High Road and ending at the Trimley Social Club in Trimley St Martin. It was a glorious day and a very too! Turnout was superb with people lining the road and a lively, colourful and vibrant atmosphere prevailed. Gates to the ground opened at 1.00pm and closed at 6.00pm. There was a £1.00 entry per person. On the field there was a Disco, 'Wild Things Petting' station,

Fairground, Inflatables, Ice Cream Van, Magician, BBQ, Face painter plus displays in the arena including the Trimley Recorders....(see below)



Prizes: 1st place float -Twinkletoes Nursery; 2nd place float -8th Felixstowe Scouts Group
1st place small Procession float:-Cowling's Dance Group; 2nd place small procession float : Woodland Pals Pre School.-Best turned out majorette/dance troop : Urban Allstars

Trimley Recorders at the Carnival



Suffolk Local History Recorders held a stall at the Carnival and our theme was 'Oh What a Lovely War'; we were assisted by Rosemary Grisham (former Recorder for Trimley St Martin) who brought along her father's medals and memorabilia from the two world wars. Middle picture shows our stall. It is hoped that next year we can host a stall during the 'Open Gardens' weekend in June 2019.

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The Welcome Hall 198 High Rd, Trimley St Mary, Felixstowe IP11 0TN



The activities/ meetings in the hall include Yoga, Basket Weaving; Musical Theatre, Yoga Chant and Meditation group; LL Dance, Zumba. Monthly meetings for the WI, Parish Council and Church – in addition private functions.

A new defibrillator located on the outside of the Welcome Hall (see picture opposite). As this is outside it is in a locked box that requires the code to open it -available from

the emergency services if and when required.

In **December 2018** it was reported (Parish Council's website) that the Welcome is threatened with closure due to the fact that the *"management team for the hall, who have worked long and tirelessly in making the hall a viable asset to village life, have decided to retire as of 31st December"*.

Three vacancies are now available to join the Welcome Hall Management Committee and one of these posts includes a booking clerk. Those interested should contact Trimley St Mary Parish clerk: 01394 285193

Trimley St Mary Parish Council



<https://www.trimleystmary-pc.gov.uk/home>

<https://www.facebook.com/trimleystmary>

Another busy year for Trimley Parish Council. The village newsletter 'From the Horse's mouth' continues to be published to all residents; the Parish website is being maintained and updated and in September 2018 the Parish set up a Facebook Page

Parish Councillors: David Southgate **Chair**; Clive Minnican **-Vice-Chair**.

Lucy Claxton, Bryan Frost, Tristan Gale, Colin Jacobs, Katie O'Rourke and Rachel Watling and currently there are three vacancies. Debra Cooper continues to be the Parish Clerk.

District Councillors: Richard Kerry richard.kerry@suffolkcoastal.gov;

Graham Harding graham.harding@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

County Councillor: Stuart Bird stuart.bird@suffolk.gov.uk

On November 7th there was an Open Meeting and several members of the public attended. A presentation took place from representatives from SCDC concerning new housing developments and leisure opportunities in Felixstowe. Although this new proposal does not immediately impact upon Trimley residents - the proposal for the existing Leisure Centre on the sea front is to close and a new one sited in the middle of the proposed new

development which includes industrial units....there is a great deal of opposition to this plan which will be reported in 2019 newsletter . The District and Parish Councillors (Kerry, Harding and Bird) supported this plan

The Parish Council supported the annual 'switch on' of the Christmas Lights and was held on 30 November 2018. (See earlier picture Trimley St Mary Christmas tree)

Trimley St Mary village precept for 2018/2019 has not been agreed yet. (January 2019)

There are two vacancies on the Parish Council.

Housing

69 houses were sold in Trimley St Mary in 2018. The majority of sales during the last year were:

29 semi-detached properties, which sold for an average price of £233,060. The highest price sold for £284,995 in Mariners Way IP11 0AA (new build) and the lowest semi-detached price sold for £155,000 in Faulkeners Way IP11 0YP.

25 detached properties sold for an average of £307,678; the highest price was £550,000 in Lauds Close IP11 0TW and the lowest price was £205,000 was in Hunters End IP11 0XH.

13 terraced properties fetching an average price of £186,807. The highest was £215,000 in Mariners Mews IP11 0TN; and the lowest price was £120,000 located in Dawson Drive IP11 0YW

2 flats (both leasehold) were sold with an average price of £100,000. The highest was in Station Road IP11 0UB which sold for £115,000 and the lowest price sold for £90,000 located in Faulkeners Way IP11 0UB

Trimley St. Mary, with an overall average price of £247,187, was similar in terms of sold prices to nearby Felixstowe (£259,050), but was more expensive than Harwich (£199,643) and Trimley St. Martin (£221,352). Overall sold prices in Trimley St. Mary over the last year were similar to the previous year and 4% up on the 2016 level of £237,159. These statistics were obtained from Rightmove and the prices sold can be found in Land registry <https://www.rightmove.co.uk/house-prices>

Houses/Flats for rent

Houses and flats rent easily in this area as there is good access to Felixstowe or Ipswich road/rail/bus). At the end of 2018 there were 2 properties to rent- a studio flat £450/month and a 4 bedroomed house in Thurmans Lane £1100 monthly.

No new housing developments currently planned for Trimley St Mary.
The Bloor Homes new housing development continues to sell well.

Trimley Marshes

<http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/reserves/trimley-marshes>

<https://www.facebook.com/TrimleyMarshesSWT/>

A new Facebook page has been included which contains some beautiful pictures of wild life



Suffolk Wild Life Trust have a new web site – above picture taken from their new site

“Whether it is rafts of duck, colonies of avocet or the razor-like wings of a peregrine in stooping flight, the sheer number of birds that Trimley Marshes attracts is nothing short of spectacular”

Delightful walks can be taken around the Marshes at all times of the year: Skies, birds and location superb

Location: Trimley St Mary, Cordys Lane, Felixstowe, Suffolk. IP11 0UD

OS Map Reference TM262355

Trimley St Mary Primary School



Last Ofsted rating 29th February 2016

Trimley St Mary Primary School, High Road, Trimley St Mary Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 0ST

Mrs Christina Ashford – Headteacher; Mrs Hayley Lloyd – Deputy Headteacher

Governors: School Governors Chairman – Mr C Monk; LEA Governors Mr R Pattinson (Vice Chair)

The governing body is responsible, with the Head teacher, for ensuring that the school complies with all legal requirements and for deciding how the school should develop in order to maintain and improve its standards of education. **Pupils** Age Range 4 - 11; Gender Mixed; Number of pupils: 385 - School capacity 420

Remembrance Service Children from years 5 and 6 were invited to attend a special remembrance service on Thursday 8th November to lay poppies and messages on behalf of the school at the war memorial. #

School Term Dates 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018:

Thursday 6th September – 19 December 2018

22nd – 26th October 2018: **Half Term**

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd January – 5th April 2019

18th – 22nd February 2019: **Half Term**

Summer Term 2019

Wednesday 24th April -24 July 2019:

Monday 6th May 2019: **Bank Holiday**

24th – 31st May 2019: Half Term

Term Dates 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September- 19th December 2019

21st – 25th October 2019: **Half Term**

Thursday 19th December 2019: Last day of Autumn Term

School dinners are £2.30 per day/ £11.50 weekly

TRANSPORT

Trains



Trimley St Mary Train Station

Trains are operated by Abellio Greater Anglia and currently running every hour (starting at 5.04am from Ipswich) throughout the day between Ipswich and Felixstowe. The last train is at 22.28 hours from Ipswich to Felixstowe calling at Derby Road and Trimley St Mary. Trains start later and finish earlier on Sundays. During this past year there have been problems with the lines (ice and snow in winter, too hot in the summer and leaves on the lines in the autumn) were experienced; with replacement buses from Ipswich – Felixstowe and return calling to Westerfield, Derby Road and Trimley St Mary calling en route. This was also due to the line changes (an additional track details below) to facilitate the growth of Felixstowe Port and to improve the safety of level crossings and new footpaths created (Reported in 2017 Recorder's Report).

Network Rail - Felixstowe Branch Line Network Rail are currently working on an embankment widening project in preparation for the creation of a new 1.4km loop track designed to increase the capacity of the Felixstowe Branch Line. This is affecting the Trimley villages and has involved some weekend working with replacement buses. The contractors Volker Fitzpatrick have removed a number of a number of trees and have confirmed that replanting will take place when the other works in the vicinity have been completed.

Following a public enquiry, the Secretary of State for Transport in 2018 has approved the proposal to permanently close six level crossings along the Branch Line within the Trimley area: Thorpe Common, Grimston Lane, Trimley, St Martin's, **Gun Lane and Keeper's Lane (Trimley St Mary)**.

A bridleway bridge will be constructed at the location of the existing Gun Lane and St Martin's level crossings and, the existing crossing at Thorpe Lane will remain. The route of several public rights of way will be diverted to take account of the closures.

Buses

First Buses- Changes to Services 75/76/77

First Buses reduced the bus services from 18 November 2018. Buses which ran from Felixstowe to Ipswich at 15 minute intervals from Monday to Saturday, now run at 20 minute intervals (Monday to Saturday). Reduced Sunday services remain the same. Other changes include the fact that buses will no longer serve Bishops Hill, Felixstowe Road, Cobham Road, Lindbergh Road, Nacton Road or John Lewis. A great concern for older residents of Trimley St Mary are that buses no longer stop outside the Garrett Anderson building at the hospital, instead passengers are forced to use the stop on Heath Road. The Parish Council have written to the Bus Company expressing their concerns.

Other News in the Trimley St Mary during 2018



Trimley to get its first ever pedestrian crossing- published 16 October 2018 Richard Cornwell
<https://enjoyfelixstowemore.co.uk/news>

Suffolk County Council and Trimley St Mary Parish Council have chosen a traditional “puffin” crossing fitted with modern vehicle detection equipment and is situated on the High Road outside Trimley St Mary School.

It was reported that the cost of this crossing is around £65,000, of which £45,000 will come from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds administered by Suffolk Coastal District Council. [CIL money comes from developers who pay a certain amount levied against the floor space of each property they build. This money is then used to pay for infrastructure in communities across the district – ranging from necessities such as education and highways projects, to desirable additions to communities such as community centres and other people projects]. It was reported that Tony Fryatt, cabinet member responsible for planning, said the fact that both Trimley St Mary Parish Council and Suffolk County Council had submitted CIL bids for the crossing project “*indicated a strong need for a pedestrian crossing in Trimley St Mary*”.

It is planned the new pedestrian crossing will be fitted during 2019.

Ipswich to Felixstowe Vintage Car Rally May 6th 2018 (48th year)

The wonderful annual car rally set off from Trinity Park in Ipswich at around 11am, and cars due to arrive on the prom in Felixstowe from 11.30am onwards. Cars travelled through the Trimleys and many enthusiasts watched the vintage vehicles on the High Road at Trimley St Mary. Below are some of the pictures taken on the day. Next year the event (49th year) will take place on 5th May 2019





Other News Items

Van drivers urged to be vigilant after a spate of power tools stolen

<https://www.ipswichstar.co.uk/home> published 29 November 2018 Reporter Sophie Barnet

Police appealed for witnesses after a number of power tools were stolen from vans in Felixstowe, Trimley St Mary and Martlesham. The warning came after a number of vans were broken into in Felixstowe and Trimley St Martin between 4pm on Tuesday, November 27 and 8am on Wednesday, November 28.



Police chase 'garden-hopping' suspect in Trimley St Mary

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news> published 21 June 2018 Reporter Adam Howlett East Anglian Daily Times

Police chased a suspect through gardens in Trimley St Mary after he ran off when stopped by officers. According to a police spokeswoman, officers stopped and spoke to a man in Hunters End before he fled. She said: "It looks like he then went into a garden and was then garden-hopping to get away."

She said officers at the scene called for assistance at around 12.20pm. "More police were called to try and apprehend the man," she added. However, officers failed to find him and the search was later called off.

