

Local News



Trimley St Martin Parish Council

We wanted to provide a summary of what we achieved in 2023 so that all parishioners are aware of what is going on.

- Two new general waste bins purchased and installed to prevent overflowing bins and littering.
- Discussions with the developers of the Reeve Lodge Development and encouraged them to provide a defibrillator within the new development.
- Designed and produced stickers to go on dog waste bins in the Parish.
- Produced a new Parish Council logo to ensure all communication from the Parish Council is identifiable.
- Funded and held the Coronation Photographic Exhibition in conjunction with the Village Recorder.
- Purchased and installed a bench for the bus stop at the top of Grimston Lane.
- Worked with County Councillors to get the vegetation along Kirton Road cut back.
- Funded for the noticeboard at the Primary School to be refurbished so that it can be jointly used by the Parish Council and the School.
- Full drainage survey and repairs made at the Memorial Hall.
- Ongoing planning for the upcoming extension on the Memorial Hall.

This is all alongside ongoing reporting of issues to relevant authorities, raising concerns regarding planning applications, attending meetings both internal and external, responding to resident queries and managing and maintaining Parish Council owned land and properties.

We are looking forward to continuing this work in 2024. We have four vacancies for Parish Councillors – we really need your support to continue with this work.

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The Felixstowe Master Mariners

The Felixstowe Master Mariners Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club for a lunch provided by local caterer DG Catering - info@dgcaterers.co.uk followed by a talk by an invited speaker.

The talks included a wonderful presentation entitled "Operation Canon" by Club Member Adrian Farthing, who gave a very interesting talk about Felixstowe Missionary John Turner, who served in arctic conditions on Baffin Island in northern Canada.

Adrian's talk included an incredible rescue mission in 1947, after John Turner accidentally shot himself, whilst helping an Inuit girl carry a pail of water. It was a gripping story that should be put to film and had the audience totally absorbed.

The following month "The Mariners" were given an extremely interesting talk by Mr. Gerry Creasing about the River Gipping and in particular the restoration of the 15 locks between Ipswich and Stowmarket.

The variety of talks given each month continue to keep all Members entertained and foster professional comradeship among Master Mariners and those with Nautical interests.

After a very enjoyable Christmas Lunch it was decided that excess funds would be sent to support eleven local maritime related charities.

New Members are always welcome and Membership details and further information can be obtained from the FMMC website: www.mastermariners.uk/index.html



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Faded White lines

Following site inspections with members of the Parish Council and County Councillor Stuart Bird many faded road markings were identified. A total of 16 sets of markings were agreed, of various types, but mainly cycle lane markings and give way markings. The list was submitted to Highways for costings.

We are pleased to report SCC Highways have informed us some of the markings met their criteria for intervention and therefore reinstating. It has been decided that the others will be done, either at the same time as those meeting the threshold or at the same time as other work in the area. We thank CLLR Councillor Stuart Bird for all his help.

Household waste recycling info from Suffolk County Council Waste Services 22/23 provided to us by CLLR Stuart Bird

In this financial year 123,000 tonnes of household waste was recycled, reused or composted. This represents 38.2% of the total collected. In this financial year 2.5% of waste went to landfill. Most of this is waste diverted from the Energy from Waste Plant during its annual maintenance shutdown.

The revenue from selling the electricity produced from the Energy from Waste Plant is used to subsidise the costs of providing a waste service. Until this financial year the revenue did not exceed costs. In 2022/23 a surplus of £3.7million was received. The forecast surplus for 2023/24 is £10million. This is due to higher electricity prices, which is expected to fall in future years.

We would like to thank all our Volunteers who give up their time to make this village special, the litter pickers, the flower bed ladies, the Trimley Red Devils volunteers, the Allotment Committee, the Welcome Hall Committee, The Parish Councillors, the church team, the Trustees of the villages three trusts, Roseberry Café team, school governors, neighbourhood watch team, tree warden, Christmas tree/event volunteers and all parishioners and local businesses who give of their precious time to enhance the lives of anybody and everybody who live in Trimley St Mary.

Parish Council Meetings are at the Welcome hall at 7.30pm on the first Monday of the month. Members of the public very welcome. Our next meetings are Monday's 5 February and 4 March.

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Music In Felixstowe – February concerts

After the exciting Christmas/New Year period we are putting on a couple of concerts to dispel the winter blues.

Saturday, 10 February at 7pm at the Ferry Sailing Club

"Come and Sing - Songs from Musicals" led by soloists Emily Bennett and Paul Stone. Tickets £10 children free.

Wednesday, 21 February at midday at the Orwell Hotel Library

Music for Valentines Everywhere – Champagne Quartet. Tickets £12 children free.

Tickets available from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/music-in-felixstowe or Stillwater Books or Music in Felixstowe, call 01394 670633.

www.felixstowemusic.com

We are delighted to have received a grant from Felixstowe Town Council in the latest funding round, helping us to bring more free music into the community. If you know anyone who is unable to get out and would benefit from a free performance at home please contact us.