

News & Views

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Official Opening of Village Hall Car Park a Great Success



Toot Hill and Stanford Rivers villagers were delighted to welcome Cllr Hume, Chairman of Essex County Council, to the official opening of the new Village Hall car park that took place on Monday 8th February.

Cllr Hume opened the car park following funding to the tune of £9,700 awarded to Stanford Rivers Parish Council by way of Essex County Council's Community Initiatives Fund to resurface the car park at the hall. Cllr Hume was joined by Cllr Tony Boyce, representing the Chairman of Epping Forest District Council, and Cllr John Glover, Chairman of Stanford Rivers Parish Council.

The Village Hall, located in the heart of Toot Hill, is a much valued local community amenity, used by many different groups encompassing all age ranges from young to old. By providing a new, level, smooth surface for the car park, together with a dedicated disabled bay and improved external lighting, hall users are now able to access the Village Hall with ease and confidence.

Something so simple as a level car parking surface can mean the difference between a group being able to use the hall or not, and as such it is hoped the new car park will support the continued success of this valued community asset.

Cllr Matt Tallon, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee stated "I was delighted to see so many residents join us for the official opening. It's vital that local facilities, such as the village hall, are made accessible for all members of the community, and the works undertaken thanks to this grant from Essex County Council will make such a difference, not only to our regular hall hirers, but for any new prospective hirers. Over recent years, the hall has undergone a number of major improvements and refurbishments, most of which are thanks to the drive and dedication of the late Ron Hayden. We hope to continue Ron's hard work."

The official opening of the new car park took place at 6pm on Monday 8th February 2016 at the Village Hall. **Cllr Norman Hume, Chairman of Essex County Council,** stated "The Community Initiatives Fund is there to support projects exactly like this and, it is a real honour to be able to come along and see the results of the funding. This new car park will play an important role in supporting the ambitions that the village has for the village hall, and the integral part it plays within the local community."

Cllr John Glover presented the ECC Chairman with a copy of the 'History of Stanford Rivers' book, recently republished after 40 years, as a thank you and reminder of his time in the Parish.



Stanford Rivers Neighbourhood Watch

After advising you of our launch in issue 82, I am delighted to announce that Lee McCurdie has joined the team and will be the NHW co-ordinator for Toot Hill. I

would like to take Lee for agreeing to take on this role.

I have spent some time looking at crime reports over the last 13 months, and other than a rise shortly before Christmas last year, reported crime in our Parish remains very low. This is good news, and gives us an opportunity to ensure the NHW scheme for our area gets established is well oiled while things are quiet.

We have set up a new facebook page – this is a closed group but will be open to all residents within and close to both Stanford Rivers and Toot Hill. For those of you who already use Facebook, you will know just how quickly news travels using this medium. Other neighbouring NHW schemes are already maximising this platform to keep residents aware in 'real time' of things happening in the locality. For example, one morning in a nearby village a resident living at the end of the High Street realised her sheds had been broken in to, with a number of garden items being taken. She immediately posted this onto the Facebook

NHW page, and within 10 minutes a further 7 residents posted that after checking, they too had been broken in to. In a time when policing is becoming less and less visible, this type of community awareness at such a fast pace is invaluable. This is also a useful platform to update residents on useful safety tips and advice.

If you would like to be part of this group, search [facebook/stanfordriversneighbourhoodwatch](https://www.facebook.com/stanfordriversneighbourhoodwatch) - As mentioned joining the group is private so you will need to ask to join.

MISSING WINDOW STICKERS

I haven't seen too many NHW stickers in windows during my travels. It's a known fact that thieves are less likely to approach a property that has a NHW sticker displayed – there should have been one in your pack, however if not please contact me and I will source you another.

PERSONAL SAFETY TIP

Don't allow strangers into your home, even if they are hurt or say they need help. Keep the door locked and call the police for them. It may seem harsh, but you need to ensure yourself and your family are safe first



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Free of charge and specifically designed for Essex, the system is jointly funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and money seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

You can select what information you would like to receive - based on where you live, work, go to school or socialise, or on issues in which you may have a particular interest, such as scams, internet crime or rural crime. Play an active role in helping to keep crime down in your community whilst keeping up to date with what's going on around you. Go to www.essex.police.uk and click on the ECM link.



Shonks Mill Flood Storage Area

Ground Investigation Works

February 2016

What is the Shonks Mill Flood Storage Area?

We are in the initial stages of investigating the viability of a flood storage area (FSA) at Shonks Mill Bridge, one of the recommendations of the Roding Flood Risk Management Strategy (FRMP), which we adopted in 2012. The FSA was proposed to reduce flood risk to properties in the lower Roding catchment. We have identified an area at Shonks Mill Road where the FSA could be constructed. It would consist of an earth embankment approximately 700m long with a maximum height of 3.75m above ground level, constructed across the floodplain adjacent to Shonks Mill Road. This will include a flow control structure to control the flows allowed to pass downstream. The FSA, is currently planned to hold water in a flood event with a 2% (1 in 50 years) or greater chance of occurring each year. Consequently, for the majority of the time, the land and river will be unaffected.

What stage is the project at now?

We need to investigate the proposed scheme in more detail to ensure we fully understand the effect the FSA would have. The first stage of the investigation will be to carry out ground investigation work. Due to the wet ground condition, these proposed works would be divided into two phases and take place in March and April 2016 respectively. We will then follow this up with non-intrusive environmental surveys during the spring and summer months. We are also currently developing detailed flood modelling so that we can identify the benefits of the scheme and the effects it would have on water levels both upstream and downstream. We expect this to be completed in summer 2016.

What will the process be for the remainder of the project?

Once the initial investigations are complete, we will undertake option appraisal and then outline design. We will work with the affected landowners and local community to ensure we address any concerns they may have and look to secure funding for the scheme. Following this, we will produce detailed designs for the scheme and appoint a contractor to construct the FSA. We anticipate that work will begin in 2018, providing we have the necessary approvals and funding.

Questions? - please contact us via email on - agnieszka.king@environment-agency.gov.uk

1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group & Duke of Edinburgh Group

The Beaver Colony

From half term the Beavers have completed more Science experiments which included square bubbles, clouds in a bottle and floating eggs. They have made Mother Day cards and beautiful plant pots which they planted a primrose in for their Mum's. They celebrated St Patrick's Day. They cut out Shamrocks and could put all sorts of green colours and materials on the shamrock. They also made a very large rainbow to go on the Beaver board.

The Cub Pack

After half term the Cubs made fudge and coconut ice and the following week they made cards for Mothers day and made pretty packages to put in the sweets they had made the week before. On the 10th March they had various quiz sheets to complete in their six's. These were all related to nature as the following Saturday the 12th March the whole pack of 20 cubs went on a trip to Hatfield Forest. They had a fantastic day the weather was also kind. They made Bivouac out of natural materials and played a wide game all around the forest. They all got muddy and were very tired by the time we got back to Fyfield. It was a really wonderful day for both the Cubs and the leaders and helpers that went.

The Scout Troop

After Brass Monkey weekend they had some more skills night's. They learnt how to use various lamps and also learning how to set up a portable double burner camping stove. They then cooked pancakes on the stoves. The next week saw them learning how to use bow

saw's, an axe and how and when to use a penknife. The rules on carrying a knife were also explained. If they reached a high standard then they are awarded their Knife and Axe certificate and they are allowed to saw and chop wood on camp safely. As there are now several new Scouts in the troop Rolf Bassnett we went through how to fold the flag correctly, ironing and folding and rolling the group scarf and setting maps.

The Explorer and Duke of Edinburgh Unit

They have been rifle shooting and have also gone to an ice-skating disco. The younger group are starting to plan their practice expedition for their Bronze Award and the older section is starting to plan for their Silver award.

The Scout Group

At our Annual General Meeting on the 4th March we invested 5 Beavers, 7 Cub Scouts and 12 Scouts and 1 Explorer Scout. Over 300 badges were awarded. Every child in the group received badges they had achieved over the last six months. We also awarded 2 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards to Rachel Parsons and Archie Read and a Chief Scout Platinum Award to Archie Read. I was also able to let the Scout Council know that we had received a grant of £1,500.00 from the Cripsey Community Committee and £500.00 from Higgins's PLC. These are to help with our car park fund. We hope to start work on the car park on the weekend of 16th and 17th April.

Mary Bacon – Chairman 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group. 01277 899052



St Margaret's Church Stanford Rivers



SPRING IS HERE? - Well Spring is trying to arrive and a walk round St Margaret's Churchyard will convince you that spring is really trying to break through-snowdrops have finished but crocus and primroses abound. In fact the churchyard looks wonderful thanks to Martin Ford and his team and to those visitors who keep the graves of their family members and friends so tidy -thank you.

However as last month's rant and this month's photos show, there are those who believe that it not their responsibility to help maintain God's garden but someone else's!

It costs the congregation over £3000 a year to keep the churchyard tidy. This in addition to the sum of over £10,000 paid to the diocese to cover clergy and other costs and £2800 for heating electricity and insurance. I know the church is perceived by some as always asking for money but this time that is not the plea-just take your rubbish home and let us all walk or rest in peaceful and beautiful surroundings. I pray that Lent will be a time of reflection for you all and we look forward to greeting you at our Easter services when you will be able to enjoy the churchyard on your walk through to the door of God's house which is once again always open 24/7 for quiet contemplation and prayer.



Happy Easter from St Margaret's Church

SERVICES APRIL / MAY 2016 AT ST MARGARET'S

APRIL

- 3rd - Catch Up Church 10.30am
- 10th - Communion Service 10.30am
- 17th - Catch Up Church 10.30am
- 27th - Communion Service 10.30am

MAY

- 1st - Catch Up Church 10.30am



**Please don't leave it to somebody
else to clean up after you**



News and Views – by mail!! (snail or electronic)

For this coming year, a copy of News and Views will be sent posted to each house within the Parish using the Royal Mail post service (unless of course you have requested an electronic copy). If you would like to receive your copy via email, please contact the editor at stanforddriverspc@gmail.com.

May we take this opportunity to thank those volunteers from the Church who have been kind enough to hand deliver your copies over the years. You can now have a well earned rest.

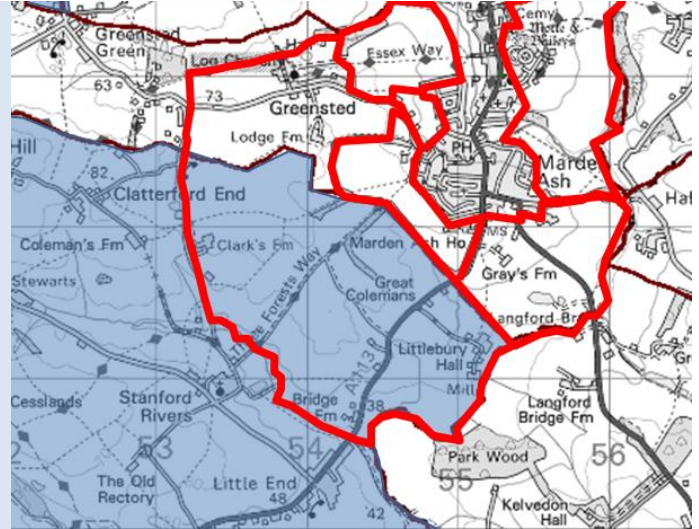




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Green Belt Review – Stage 2

Epping Forest District Council are undertaking a review of all the Green Belt in the District, and asked all Parish Councils in the District to provide any information which may be relevant as part of this review. There are a number of 'parcels' around Ongar (outlined in red) that form part of the Stage 2 review, one of which falls into the Stanford Rivers Parish (indicated by the blue shading). On behalf of residents, the Parish Council undertook a thorough review of any critical constraints, heritage interests, listed buildings, areas of flooding, etc within this parcel and have formally responded to the District Council.



Parish Council Elections 5th May

Every four years, your local Parish Council undergoes an election, and this year is ours. The Council holds 7 Councillor posts, all of which are currently filled. Keep your eye on the Parish Notice boards which, over the coming weeks, will contain regular updates on these elections and what you need to do if you are interested becoming a Councillor.

Speed – London Road, Stanford Rivers

The Council were delighted to welcome Trevor Stubbington, Traffic Management Officer - Community Engagement Team and Casualty Reduction section - Essex Police, to their March meeting. Councillors continue to be concerned regarding the number of accidents, speed of vehicles, and dangerous driving that takes place along this road. The Council has tried to have measures implemented along this road to curb these problems, however have been told at every turn 'it doesn't fit policy'. Trevor stated that the Council should continue to fight for signage along this road, and agreed to provide

the Council with information regarding signage policy.

Dates for the diary

- 5th May – Parish Elections**
- 12th May - Annual Assembly 7pm THVH**
- 14th July – Parish Council Meeting**
- 6th August – Toot Hill Show**
- 8th September – Parish Council Meeting**
- 10th November – Parish Council Meeting**

Please put the dates in your diary: everyone is welcome to come along. All Parish Council Meetings are held in Toot Hill Village Hall at 5.30pm.

WANT TO BE KEPT INFORMED?

If you would like to be kept informed via email of items of general interest, join our 'email update' list.

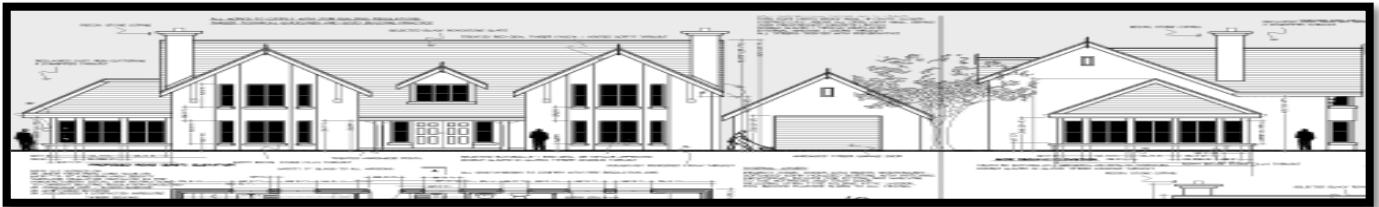


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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	DETAILS	ADVISORY APPEAL LODGED BY APPLICANT
EPF/2737/15	153 London Road Stanford Rivers Detached dwelling	
EPF/0075/16	87 London Road Stanford Rivers Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed roof extension including 1 no. rear dormer window with Juliet balcony to facilitate a loft conversion.	PERMISSION GRANTED BY EPPING FOREST DC
EPF/2832/15	New dwelling house on land adjacent to 39 Berwick Lane	PERMISSION GRANTED BY EPPING FOREST DC
EPF/0231/16	Orchard Barn School Road, Stanford Rivers Grade II listed building consent for, and erection of single storey extension, removal of internal walls and removal, modification and replacement of existing modern windows and openings	NO OBJECTION BY THE PARISH COUNCIL
EPF/0065/16	Hillview, Epping Road Toot Hill Demolition of part of existing stables building and erection of bungalow	NO OBJECTION BY THE PARISH COUNCIL
EPF/0089/16	101 London Road, Stanford Rivers Single storey side extension, with two velux roof lights	NO OBJECTION BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

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Bill Heffernan

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