

News & Views

Inc. Stanford Rivers Parish Council News Letter

Nov/Dec 2016

Issue No. 88

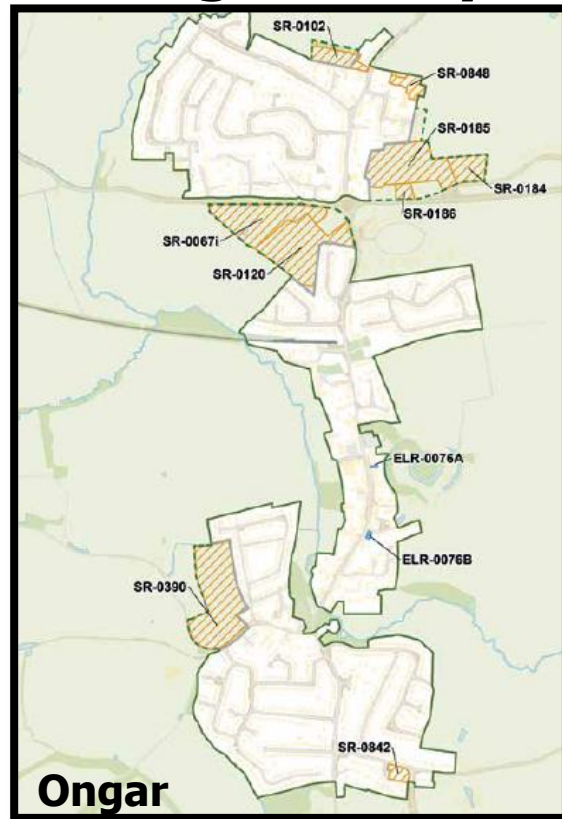
Up to 11,400 new homes coming our way

Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) has finally released its Draft Local Plan for consultation. What is a Draft Local Plan? It's the document that sets out how the district will develop over the next 17 years – to 2033. It covers everything from Housing numbers to employment sites, Town Centres to open spaces, and so much more. The District Council wants to hear your views on their proposals. The consultation ends on **12th December 2016**.

Take some time to read the proposals – look for this document at your local Library, or visit the Civic Offices in Epping. You can also view at www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk and click on the **Planning our Future Consultation** link on the right hand side. To give you an idea of what's included, the proposed new housing numbers set out below. Whilst there is no

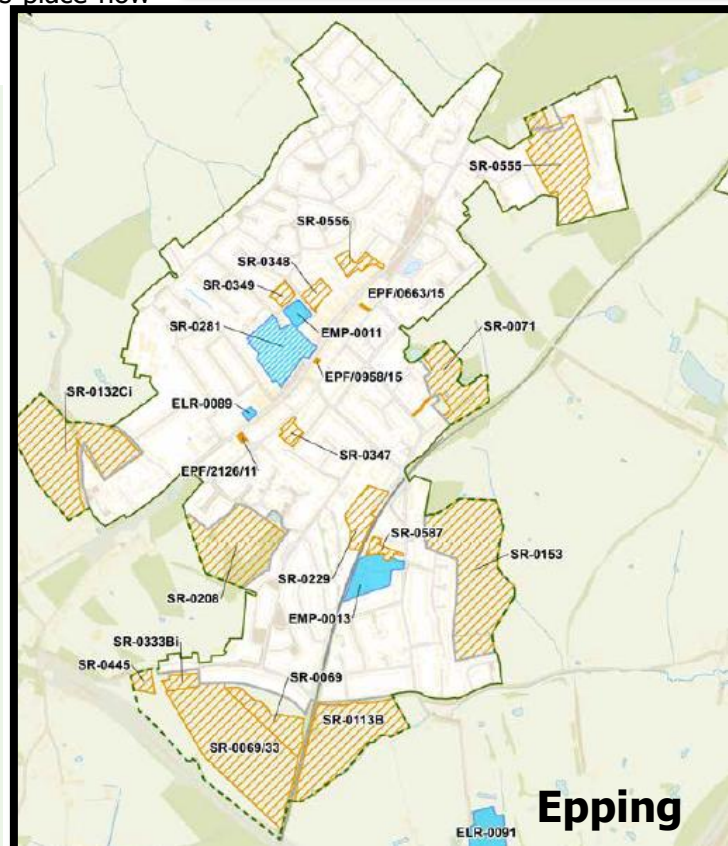


proposed housing allocation contained within the Draft Plan for either Stanford Rivers or Toot Hill, it is to be expected that some form of knock on effect will be felt, especially in terms of increases traffic and congestion. Its also worth saying that new sites for development could come forward, so there is still the possibility that we could see some development nearer to home. Cllr John Philip, Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy at EFDC states "This is your Local Plan. This is our opportunity as a community to ensure development in Epping Forest District takes place how and where we want it to".



| Location | No. New Homes |
|----------|---------------|
|----------|---------------|

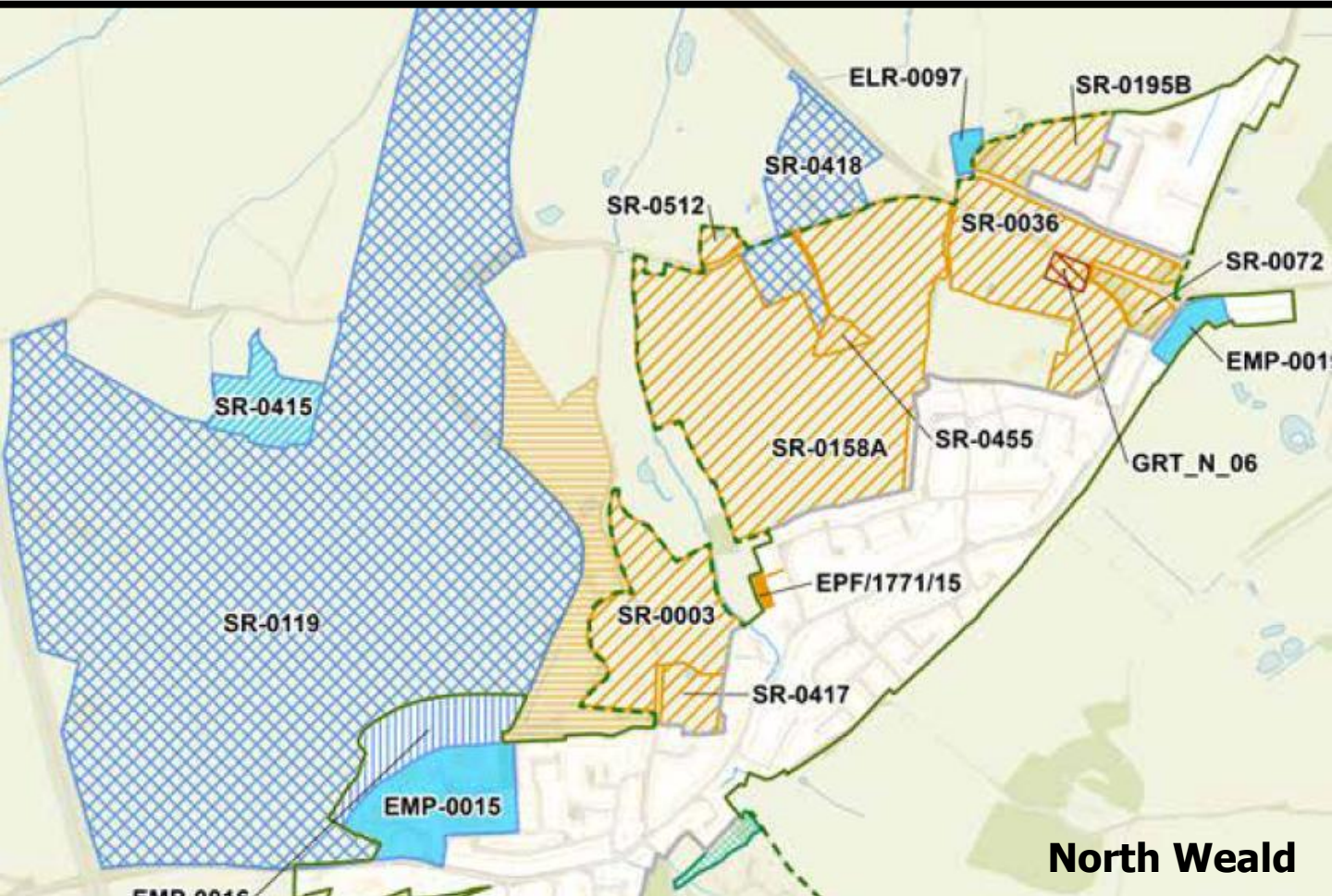
| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Sites around Harlow | ~ 3,900 |
| Buckhurst Hill | ~ 90 |
| Chigwell | ~ 430 |
| Chipping Ongar | ~ 600 |
| Coopersale | ~ 50 |
| Epping | ~ 1,640 |
| Fyfield | ~ 90 |
| High Ongar | ~ 10 |
| Loughton | ~ 1,190 |
| Lower Sheering | ~ 30 |
| Nazeing | ~ 220 |
| North Weald Bassett | ~ 1,580 |
| Roydon | ~ 40 |
| Stapleford Abbots | ~ 10 |
| Sheering | ~ 120 |
| Theydon Bois | ~ 360 |
| Thornwood | ~ 130 |
| Waltham Abbey | ~ 800 |



Exactly what does the Local Plan mean for our community?

EFDC state that the Local Plan is not simply about how many homes are needed so families and friends can continue to live in the area they grew up in. It also about ensuring that Epping Forest District remains an attractive place to live and visit. The Local Plan guides where the new homes are most sustainably and suitably located. It will support the success of our local businesses, it will set out our retail and leisure requirements, and will ensure the right facilities and infrastructure are delivered by developers. It will also protect and enhance our natural environment.

For those us of who have been around for some time, this will be nothing new. The threat of large numbers of new homes seems to appear every 10-15 years – you may recall the 6,000 homes of North Weald Airfield. Nowadays, these types of numbers are not unrealistic. There is a national shortage of homes which is widely reported in the press – it seems everybody has to take their fair share, or have very good justifiable reasons as to why it cant. The Draft Local Plan is a culmination of over 6 years evidence gathering and research.



What about Green Belt land? Is it protected?

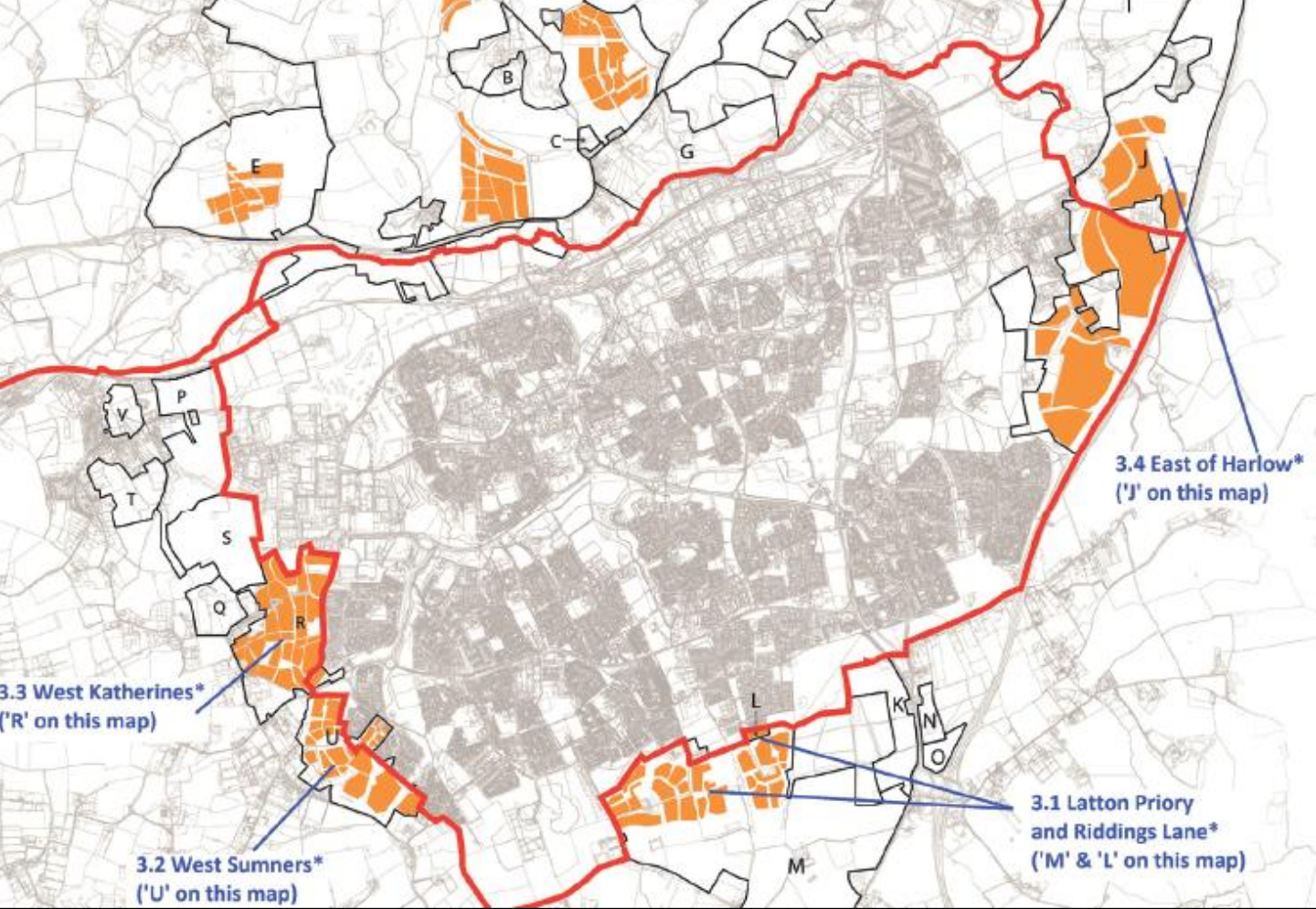
Did you know over 92% of the District is designated as Green Belt? The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open. However as part of the Local Plan Process, EFDC are able to alter the green belt boundaries to accommodate growth – both housing and employment. The last time the Green Belt Boundaries were altered was in 1998, and these were minor changes.

This draft Local Plan suggests that in order to accommodate the 11,400 homes, some loss of Green Belt is inevitable, and it is expected this will be around 500 hectares, or around a 1.5% reduction in the Green Belt within the District (excluding the release of Green Belt to facilitate the allocation of employment sites).

In some locations the suggested alteration to the Green Belt boundary will remove areas of land that are not

proposed for change. This is because it would not make sense to create 'holes' in the Green Belt. It is therefore proposed to apply an alternate designation that will provide the same level of protection as the Green Belt designation to these areas that are broadly in open space, recreation and leisure uses. A total of eight areas are proposed for removal from the Green Belt. The Draft Local Plan has identified all reasonably available land outside of the Green Belt for development in the first instance. For future Plan periods further land within the existing settlements may become available, but it is considered likely that further development on land that is currently within the Green Belt will be required.

Page 49 of the Draft Local Plan document shows a map of the proposed release of Green Belt.



Why so much development around Harlow?

Out of the proposed 11,400 homes, 3,900 are to be placed around the periphery of Harlow which, according to the plan, represents the most sustainable location at which to concentrate development given the need to rejuvenate the town centre and the opportunity to capitalise on its transport connections

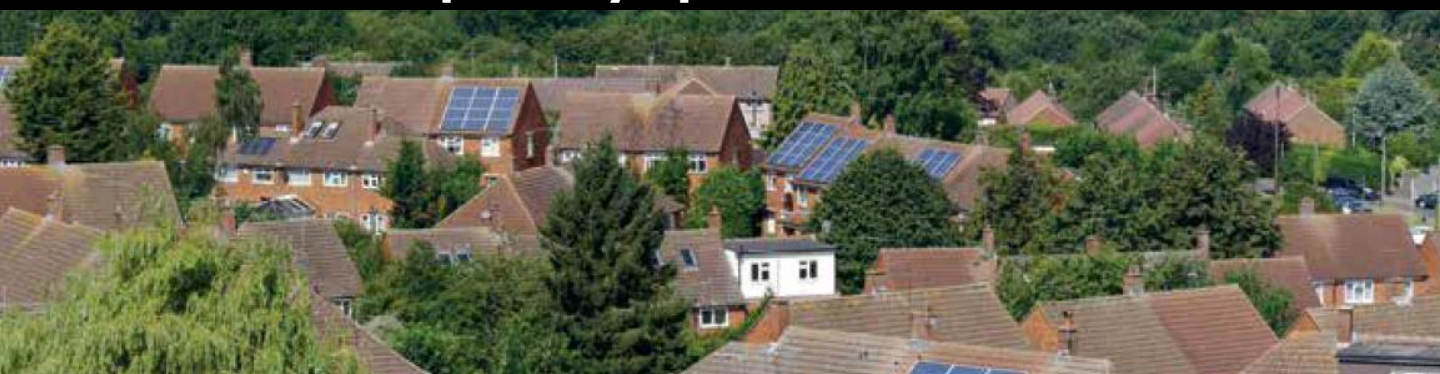
(for example, good rail links to London, London Stansted Airport and Cambridge). The Plan (and its associated Infrastructure Delivery Plan) identified the improvements required to both Junction 7 of the M11, and the new Junction 7a, including details of how this will be funded.

Want to find out more? Want to express your View?

Go to: www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planningourfuture and complete the online questionnaire. If you cannot access the internet then please request a questionnaire either by calling Epping Forest District Council on **01992 564517** (between 10am-4pm Monday to Friday, or leave a voicemail message outside these hours)

or by email: ldfconsult@eppingforestdc.gov.uk, or send your written comments to:
The Planning Policy Team
Directorate of Neighbourhoods
Epping Forest District Council, Civic Offices,
323 High Street, Epping, Essex, CM16 4BZ

You MUST respond by 5pm on 12th December 2016



Stanford Rivers Neighbourhood Watch



RUBBISH!!! That's exactly what we have seen an increase of over recent weeks –fly-tipping across the Parish. Is this as a direct result of the recent restrictions introduced at recycling centres as detailed in the previous issue of News and Views? Who knows, but it's certainly a coincidence. There seem to be regular locations attractive to illegal dumpers, and we continue to monitor and report any instances as soon as we can. Your watchful eye can help – smaller single fly-tips should be reported directly to the Council on 01992 564608 or email erefuse@eppingforestdc.gov.uk for the Council's Environment & Neighbourhoods team to investigate and look at who should clear the waste. There have been a number of industrial size fly-tips (one of more HGV loads) in recent months across Essex, mostly on farmers fields. The Environment Agency (EA) would certainly be interested in hearing about these large scale industrial waste fly-tips on their hotline number 0800 807060. The EA will take the lead on the investigation of large scale fly-tips potentially containing hazardous material. For more information on the Council's Environment & Neighbourhood Team or go to: www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/environment-and-neighbourhoods-team



Some key points to consider if you witness any fly-tipping

- Witnesses are vitally important in enabling action to be taken against people who fly-tip waste, so please do not hesitate to report any incident that you witness as soon as possible.
- Do not put yourself in danger by approaching anyone you see dumping waste

Information that is useful includes the following

Time and date of incident - Description of person(s) dumping waste, - Description of vehicle(s) involved, including registration numbers - Description of the waste dumped - Photographs can also be very useful, but only if it is possible to obtain them safely. Please be reassured that any information supplied in connection to any such incident is treated in strictest confidence. If you make notes please keep them, even if they are scribbled notes on the back of an envelope. Actual notes taken at the time can be very valuable as evidence.

Do not try to rummage through the waste yourself to look for evidence, as there may be hazardous or sharp items hidden among the waste.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE - All you need to do is search on Facebook for "**Stanford Rivers Neighbourhood Watch**" and then request to join the group. If you live anywhere in the parish the group is there for your benefit, why not use it. If you have any questions or comments about Neighbourhood Watch please get in touch. **Your coordinator is John Adams - email srpcnw@gmail.com or telephone 01277 362194**

CROWNLANDS GARAGE

**FOR YOUR MOT, SERVICING,
DIAGNOSTIC NEEDS AND MORE...**

**ALL MECHANICAL WORK UNDERTAKEN
LATE NIGHT MOT'S BY APPOINTMENT**



SPECIAL OFFER

10% off a sit down meal in the Spice Masala.
High Street, Ongar with a Crownlands Garage
discount card from work undertaken
by Crownlands Garage.

The Inaugural Dog First Aid Course in the Toot Hill Village Hall

The first ever course for Dog First Aid took place on 19th October in the Toot Hill Village Hall. A group of 12 attended and were taken through a comprehensive programme of how to deal with life's little emergencies for our favourite pets. With people travelling from Woodford, Fyfield and Ongar, as well as from the locality we had an enjoyable evening. With plenty of practice on our model dogs, applying muzzles, bandaging ears and legs and performing nose to tail surveys, our intrepid band got to grips with treatment that could well save their pets' lives. Dealing with scenarios that we all hope and pray would never happen, questions flew backwards and forwards as suggestions of how best to deal with a distressed dog were put forward.

Being proactive and not reactive, recognising the signs of a distressed dog, performing the various reflex tests, we all enjoyed the experience with several laughs along the way. The content of the First Aid Dog bag raised a few wry smiles and the inclusion of runny honey certainly provoked a number of suggestions. Familiarising the group with their pet's breathing, checking circulation, mucus membrane colour testing, understanding shock and its implications were all discussed at length. All enjoyed a relaxed environment where questions were welcomed and people were able to make

contributions based on their own experiences. We learned how to restrain a distressed dog to allow treatment and then how to transport it to the Vet for further treatment.

By putting the floor to good use, we covered CPR and seizures as well as choking. This hard working group enjoyed the coffee and biscuits and left with a smile and a handout to support them at home. This was a very successful event and plans were made to run another just after Christmas with those attending promising to tell their friends.



For further information please contact
07855170256 or email
matt.tallon@includingsport.co.uk
First Aid Trainer Humans and Canines
National Body Accreditation

This course and guidance is not a substitute for professional veterinary care. If in doubt, call or go to your vet as soon as possible. Always have the number to hand on your mobile phone.

DOMESTIC ABUSE
Is Home Where
the Hurt Is?



Domestic abuse can happen to anyone and it can take many forms. While victims may suffer in silence – feeling they have nowhere to go or no one to turn to – the truth is there are lots of sources of support available for both women and men who find themselves in this situation.

WHAT IS DOMESTIC ABUSE? Domestic abuse is not just physical violence: a person can be abused psychologically, sexually or financially. The abuser may display the following characteristics: Use of physical violence, Threaten to hurt the victim, their children, friends, family, pets, things or themselves, put the victim down and make them feel bad about themselves. behave in a jealous and possessive way. control all the victim's money against their wishes, control where they go and who they see. Even though you may feel trapped it is important to remember that there are options open to you and you can get support from any of the agencies below.

Police – in an emergency, always call 999

National Domestic Violence Helpline - For women experiencing domestic abuse - 0808 2000 247 – 24hr

Men's Advice Line, for men experiencing domestic abuse - 0808 801 0327 – Mon-Fri, 10am–1pm & 2-5pm

Broken Rainbow, for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community - 0300 999 5428 – Mon & Thurs 2 – 8pm, wed 10am – 1pm.

Safer Places - Email saferplaces.co.uk - Helpline: 03301 025811

Citizen Advice Bureau - 03444 770 808

Wherever you see the
J9 Logo it means help
and advice is available



**Housing Options at
Epping Forest District
Council**
01992 564165


Epping Forest
District Council
www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk


community
safety
PARTNERSHIP
EPPING FOREST DISTRICT



St Margaret's Church Stanford Rivers



CRIB SERVICE 18TH DECEMBER 3PM

In the week leading up to 18th December, part of the churchyard at St Margaret's will be transformed into a scene reminiscent of Bethlehem. This is in preparation for the **Crib Service on 18th December at 3pm.** We would love everyone to come especially with children dressed up as either shepherds or kings to make this a memorable service for all ages. As a grandparent whose grandchildren are abroad it is particularly wonderful for me to see a nativity with lots of children involved-so come along. Wear warm clothes! Warming refreshments will be there!!! We look forward to welcoming you all

WELL DONE STANFORD RIVERS

What a great response to our shoes box appeal – Everyone has been so generous. On behalf of all the children who will now have a smile on their faces because of your generosity, a big **THANK YOU** and bless you this Christmas and always. From all at St Margaret's Church



SERVICES FOR ST MARGARET'S CHURCH UNTIL CHRISTMAS 2016

NOVEMBER 20TH-CATCH UP CHURCH @ 10.30 DECEMBER 11TH- HOLY COMMUNION @ 09.15
 NOVEMBER 27TH-HOLY COMMUNION @ 10.30 DECEMBER 18TH –CRIB SERVICE @ 3PM
 DECEMBER 4TH- CATCH UP CHURCH @10.30 DECEMBER 24TH – FAMILY CAROLS @ 5PM



Toot Hill Village Hall - Hire the Hall

Parties – Weddings – Community Events – Reasonable Rates
 Also available for hire – cutlery – crockery – folding chairs
 Contact the booking secretary Vicky on 01992 523402

Want to Advertise in this Magazine?
 Contact stanfordriverspc@gmail.com –
 deadline for copy 7th Jan, 7th Mar, 7th April

| Advert/ Frequency | Per edition (6 per year) | Per Annum (6 editions) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Quarter Page | £20.00 | £100.00 |
| Half Page | £30.00 | £150.00 |
| Full Page (A4) | £50.00 | £200.00 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D | E | V | E | L | O | P |
| E | | E | | E | | R |
| T | O | R | N | A | D | O |
| R | | B | | T | | G |
| A | N | O | T | H | E | R |
| C | | S | | E | | A |
| T | H | E | O | R | E | M |

ANSWERS to last issues puzzles

Riddle: What English word has three consecutive double letters?
A. Bookkeeper

Riddle: What is once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years?
A. M

Riddle: What's the least number of chairs you would need around a table to sit four fathers, two grandfathers, and four sons?
A. Four - For two grandfathers and two fathers

- Across** **Down**
1. Evolve
 5. Windstorm
 6. One more
 7. Proposition
1. Diminish
 2. Wordy
 3. Tanned animal skin
 4. Computer instructions



**Merry
 Christmas**
 From us all at
 Stanford
 Rivers Parish
 Council



Stanford Rivers Parish Council Newsletter

Dates for the diary

10th November – Parish Council Meeting

12th January 2017 – Parish Council Meeting

23rd March 2017 – Parish Council Meeting

11th May 2017 – Annual meeting of the Parish & 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.

Email the Clerk at... stanfordriverspc@gmail.com

Visit the Parish Council website – www.Stanfordrivers-pc.gov.uk

Stanford Rivers Parish Council Announces

CHRISTMAS TREE

Lighting CEREMONY

Sunday 27th November at 5pm
On Jubilee Green

Treats for the Children
Santa and his Sleigh
Hot Chocolate
Mulled Wine
Mince Pies
Carols

Bring the family

**The more
the merrier!**



FOREST
Veterinary Centre

- Comprehensive medical & surgical care for small animals
- State of the art medical and surgical facilities.
- Referral service for other veterinary surgeons.
- Emergency service provided by our own vets.
 - 24 hour in-patient nursing care.
- **MRI and Laparoscopic Spay (keyhole surgery) available at the Epping Hospital.**



The best care for your pet ensuring your peace of mind.

www.forestvets.com

Main Centre and Hospital 01992 575790
Hemnal Street, Epping CM1 6 4LQ

Woodford 0208 505 4078

32 Waltham Road, Woodford Bridge IG8 8EB

Harlow 01279 437 433

Eastwick Lodge, Harlow CM20 2QT



R S TREE SERVICES



Competent Arborists to expertly prune, fell, hedge trim and stump grind. Logs and wood chip available.

**Council recommended with Public Liability Insurance
Competitive Quotations arranged by telephoning Robert Staunton.**

01277 363 170

0794 114 2805

Email: rob@rstreeservices.co.uk



Blooming Lovely!

Blooming Lovely

Fresh Flowers for all occasions

Gifts, wedding flowers,
funeral tributes, silk flower arrangements
and much more...

Stanford Rivers and all surrounding areas.

Call Michelle
07888763258

Call 01708 688257

Or 07725754719

**Supplies of green oak beams
(up to 30 foot lengths)
and other softwoods cut to order.**

Products always in stock!

Oak & Redwood sleepers

Sawn fence posts, various sizes

Cedar & Oak feather edge boarding

Oak & Douglas Fir Wide Boards

Oak Plastering Lathes

Hard & softwood fire logs

(net bags or bulk bins)



**Wilson's Wood
Sawmills**

CM5 9QA

Web: www.wilsonssawmills.co.uk

Email: info@wilsonssawmills.co.uk

News and Views (the Stanford Rivers Community newsletter) accepts no responsibility for claims of contributors / advertisers or the quality of the services they provide. If you would like to advertise in this newsletter, or you have a suggested article or matter of local interest, please contact the Parish Council on stanfordriverspc@gmail.com or

01277 362169