

Dangerous and Inconsiderate Parking

For some time now, there have been a growing number of vehicles parked on the public highway at the bottom of Mill Lane in Toot Hill. These vehicles are parked on the green triangle area (which is quickly becoming a muddy *brown* triangle area), often with as many as three vehicles forced into this small space. The vehicles will also often jut out onto the main highway which causes an obstruction to anybody entering or exiting Mill Lane (right). Vehicles also park on the main footpath (below), which results in anybody wanting the use the public footpath having to walk into the road. A number of complaints have been received by the Parish Council, who are liaising with both Essex County Council and Epping Forest District Council on this matter.

There are two issues here. The first is that it is an offence for these vehicles to be parked here. Section 22 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 - Leaving vehicles in dangerous positions – states that “if a person in charge of a vehicle causes or permits the vehicle or a trailer drawn by it to remain at rest on a road in such a position or in such condition or in such circumstances as to involve a danger of injury to other persons using the road, he is guilty of an offence.”. The second issue is that this is really causing a problem for local residents who use this area. Many walk up and down Mill Lane, accessing the various public footpaths at either end. The triangle also abuts the old Essex Way, which is a well used and treasured walking route.

Whilst this location seems to have the most noticeable parking problem, there are other area that are causing local concern. I'm sure many of have seen of examples where residents have taken it upon themselves to place large stones (small boulders in some cases) along the verges or highway outside their property to stop vehicles driving over the grass. On face value this seems like a good idea, however no person other than the relevant authority is permitted to place any object on highway property that could cause an obstruction or injury to either road users or members of the public.



It's a fact that rural roads are more dangerous than any other road. What we shouldn't be doing is exacerbating this danger by creating our own dangers. We are a small community, and it would be great if we could all think about our neighbours and other villagers when deciding how we park our vehicles. Think about the elderly, think about those with disabilities, think about those with children. What we don't want is action only to be taken after somebody gets hurt....or worse!



A113 Proposed Speed Changes – UPDATE!

You will recall from last months News and Views that Essex County Council (ECC) were in the process of considering the responses to the consultation on their proposal to increase the speed limit along a section of the A113 London Road in Stanford Rivers, the intention being to increase the speed limit from 30mph to 40mph from the existing gateway feature, westwards for approximately 312 metres. As a result of the significant objections received, ECC has decided not to progress with this proposal. But it doesn't end there. ECC has advised the Parish Council they are very willing to work with both the Parish Council and Residents to

try and find a suitable solution to the issues along this stretch of road, and to this end a Working Group has been formed consisting of a number of residents who had deep concerns about the proposals as well as a number of Parish Councillors to try and find a solution. Any such proposed solution would be put to ECC for consideration and review, and if found acceptable would then be put to the Local Highways Panel for consideration. Not only is this a fantastic example of people power, but it also shows that ECC is committed to ensuring that any agreed changes are right for not only road users, but local residents also.

Happy To Pay More For Policing? Have Your Say

Are you willing to pay more Council Tax to increase levels of policing in Essex? That's the question being asked by Roger Hirst, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex. If you are an Essex resident you can fill in an online survey so Mr Hirst can gauge whether or not you would be happy to pay more, so more resources can be invested in policing across the county. Funding for Essex Police comes from two sources – central Government and local Council Tax. Taking these two funding sources into account, Essex Police receives the lowest funding per resident of any police force in the country and has the sixth lowest council tax for policing. Mr Hirst said: "I want us to provide the best service possible for the people of Essex and increasing investment will help us deliver this. We cannot count on any increase in central Government funding for this year but I am lobbying

hard for that, and for the freedom to raise the police precept. Before we make any decisions around increased investment I want to know residents' views and what they would like to see."

He added: "At every public meeting I attend I hear that the residents want more police on the streets and whilst both Essex Police and I are doing everything we can to make that happen, we need more money or resources to deliver it in the way we would want. The demand on the police service is rising. New crime types are emerging and existing crime is rising in its complexity, this is against a backdrop of an unprecedented shift in the national security environment. My question to you is this – are you prepared to pay more for those extra resources?"

You can fill in the survey online via this link <http://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/policeprecept>

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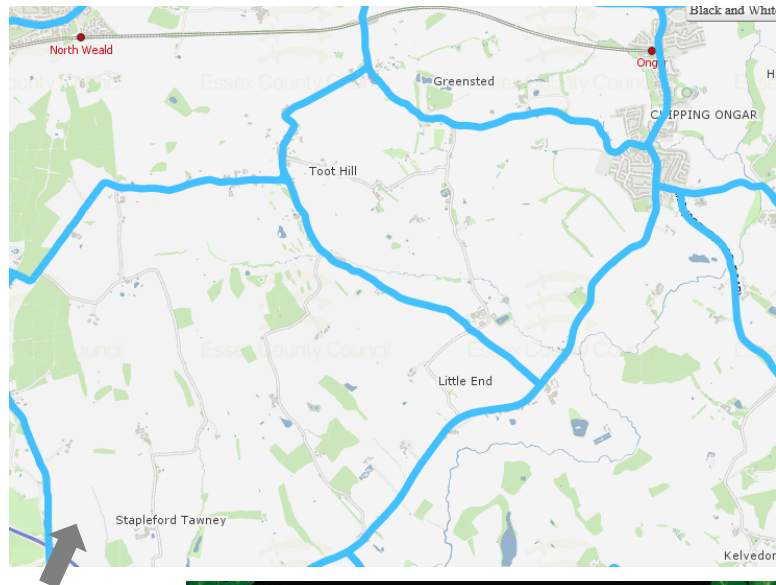
Keep your eyes open

Keep an eye on the weather forecast and, if you have a power cut or a gas emergency, check on your neighbours.

Gritting – This Years Routes and Plans

The clocks went back at the end of October and, as the nights draw in, the changes signal the start of Essex County Councils Winter Service season and the road gritting service. This year the service runs from 23 October through to April, and 62 machines plus two mini gritters will serve 57 gritting routes, including over 2000 miles of key routes in the county, the totality of which can be treated in less than three hours from start to finish. You can even track their gritters online: www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Roads-and-Pavements/Wintertravel/Track-the-gritting-lorries.aspx.

The Essex Highways gritting teams focus on key strategic routes including A and B roads plus at least one route serving settlements or parishes with 50+ households. They also treat access routes to ambulance, fire and police stations; bus routes with 4 or more a day for 5 days a week; and various sites of national strategic significance, such as refineries etc. You can see the gritting routes online at: www.essexhighways.org/Roads-and-Pavements/winter-travel/salting-routes



Blue lines indicate the Gritting Route for our area

Legitimate Fundraiser or Not?

A number of local residents recently had a visit rather late at night and after dark from a young man purporting to be a fundraiser for the RSPCA. You will be pleased to know this was in fact a legitimate fundraiser from the RSPCA. All door-to-door activities carried out by many charitable organisations are regulated, and the RSPCA adhere to Fundraising Regulator guidelines about suitable times to call at people's homes. The guidelines allow the RSPCA to call until 9pm on weekday evenings, however they have made the decision to call only until 8:30pm as they feel this may be more convenient for many people. Even so, this can be quite concerning if you have young children at home, or even teenagers who are holding the fort whilst you are out. If you were visited, and felt this was too late for a rural area, you can email supportercare@rspca.org.uk and ask to be removed from their list.

Stanford Rivers Parish Council
Announces
CHRISTMAS TREE
Lighting CEREMONY

Sunday 10th December
5pm on Jubilee Green

Treats for the Children
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Mulled Wine
Mince Pies
Carols

Bring the family
The more the merrier!

A photograph of a decorated Christmas tree with lights and ornaments, topped with a large red bow.



Stanford Rivers Neighbourhood Watch



WhatsApp



- ✓Install a visual burglar alarm
- ✓Install good outside lighting
- ✓Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property
- ✓Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied
- ✓Make sure the fences around your garden are in good condition
- ✓Secure bikes at home by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage
- ✓Keep ladders and tools stored away; don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home
- ✓Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property
- ✓Ensure rear fencing is in good repair
- ✓Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property i.e. trim high hedges
- ✓Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for free
- ✓Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows
- ✓Store any high value items (i.e. jewellery, passports) in a properly secured safe or bank vault

The latest crime statistics show that crime remains low in our area, with 1 Vehicle, Crime, 1 ASBO, and 3 violent/sexual offences recorded in the latest figures. Many of you may already have heard about the armed robbery in the area on November 5th involving two suspects, both weathering Balaclavas and armed with a metal bar. This has been described as a particularly terrifying incident where men have gained entry to the property through an unlocked back door. Homes with no security measures in place are five times more likely to be burgled than those with simple security measures. Good window locks and strong deadlocks can make a big difference. Taking just a few steps can make a big difference in keeping your home safe from burglary. Here are a few tips:

- ✓Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you're just out in the garden, remembering to double-lock UPVC doors (lift handle and turn key)
- ✓Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox)

Your main coordinator is John Adams:
srpcnw@gmail.com Tel 01277 362194

Official Ticket Launch for the Essex Lottery

Charities and community groups around Essex are celebrating as tickets for the new Essex Lottery go on sale. The Essex Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery set up by Essex County Council to support local charities and good causes in communities across Essex with their fundraising efforts. Tickets cost £1, of which 60p will go directly to good causes. The first draw takes place on Saturday 25 November with a jackpot of £25,000 and guaranteed weekly prizes. Plus, anyone who buys a ticket for the first draw will also be in with a chance to win an iPad. Buy your tickets on the website www.essexlottery.co.uk or call 0300 302 32 32 to be in with a chance of winning something for yourself and supporting local good causes with their fundraising. Players can select from over 95 registered causes they wish to support and benefit from the proceeds. There's still time for good causes to register their interest with The Essex Lottery. You can do this via www.essexlottery.co.uk by emailing essex.lottery@essex.gov.uk or by calling 0300 302 32 32.



Dog First Aid – 13th December 6.30-9.30pm



As a dog owner myself I have recently attended, trained and passed Canine First Aid Tutoring course with a Nationally accredited body. I am committed to looking after pets and being able to apply First Aid training. As we know, very few vets make house calls and even less can use flashing blue lights to get there. This course may save your pets life while on route to the Vets which is crucial as they are members of our family. My dog is a Sporkie, apparently, but really a 4th child! I am committed to protecting pets as much as I physically can so I do offer courses in dog and First Aid. Based in Toot Hill I deliver either at my own venues or privately if a group organises a venue. Our next course is Wednesday 13th December 6.30pm till 9.30pm (£30) at the Toot Hill village Hall (National Certificate included). If this may be something of interest to you please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

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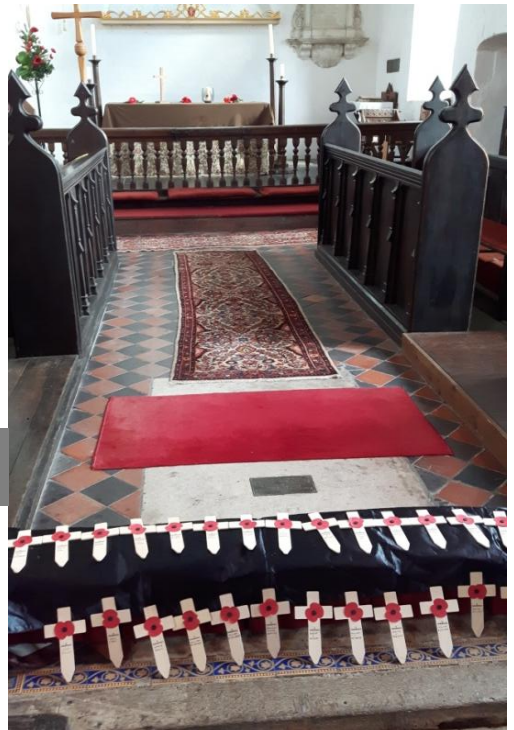
St Margaret's Church Stanford Rivers



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December Services St Margaret's Church

3rd - 10.30	Catch up Church
17th - 10.30	Said Communion
17th - 3.00pm	Crib service
24th - 5.30pm	Family Carol Service
31st - 10.30	Traditional said communion



*News and Views
wishes all our readers
a very merry
Christmas, and a
happy new year*



After the busyness of the autumn with the Harvest Celebration and then Remembrance Sunday, our thoughts now turn towards Advent and Christmas. The Church of England's national Christmas campaign is based on the words of the prophet Isaiah when he predicted the birth of a son to a virgin "they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God with us'" and we will be exploring this theme in our services this year. This year's outdoor crib service will be at St Margaret's on the 17th December at 3pm where, by following the star to the stable, we will be retelling the story of the nativity with plenty of singing as well. Come dressed up as an angel, king, shepherd, Mary or any of the other characters in the nativity story and bring one of your favourite cuddly farm animals (toy!) and they too can be part of the story. Afterwards there will be seasonal refreshments. Don't forget to wrap up warm. And then when all the Christmas preparations have been made, we have our family Carol Service at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve. Bring all the family and sing the traditional carols to start your Christmas with God – the God who was born as a baby human.

We look forward to seeing you sometime over the Christmas season.
Revd Neil Taylor - Parish Priest for Stanford Rivers and Greensted
[\(\[priest@stanforddriverschurch.org.uk\]\(mailto:priest@stanforddriverschurch.org.uk\)\)](mailto:priest@stanforddriverschurch.org.uk)

Defibrillator - UPDATE



It's on its way! The defibrillator has finally arrived, and an order has been placed for the cabinet in which to house it. Permission had been given by the Toot Hill Village Hall Committee to place the defibrillator on the outside of the village hall so it is accessible at all times. Whilst it is not necessary to be

trained on how to use a defibrillator (it is designed to be simple to use and gives instruction every step of the way) it is expected that a training session will be run for any members of community who wish to find out how it works. If you would like to put your name down to attend a training session, please email stanforddriverspc@gmail.com, or call the Clerk on 077 377 36365 to get registered.

Dog Walking Safely In The Dark

Winter time means both the nights and mornings are now much darker – please be responsible and ensure both yourself and your dog(s) have suitable reflective clothing on. It may be light when you go out, but dark when you return. It's extremely difficult for passing vehicles to see dog walkers, especially in rural areas like ours, so do what you can to ensure you are as visible as possible.

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Stanford Rivers Parish Council Newsletter

Our November meeting covered issues including the proposed A113 speed limit changes, the new community Defibrillator, Neighbourhood Watch, Planning, Highways, and much more. Visit www.stanforddrivers-pc.gov.uk to view copies of

minutes and agendas.

Meetings are held in the Toot Hill Village Hall and are open to the public and press. Why not pop along to our next meeting - **5.30pm on Thursday 18th January 2018.**



EFDC REF:	LOCATION:	DESCRIPTION AND COMMENTS
EPF/2705/17	Long Acre Cottage School Road, SR	Erection of a car port and storage room in front forecourt area (Revised application to withdrawn EPF/1946/17). NO OBJECTION
EPF/1943/17	End House 8 Hill Crest Road Stanford Rivers	Construction of 1 new dwelling. Re-submission of refused application: EPF/1046/17 - The Parish Council OBJECTS to this application as it is contrary to Green Belt Policy, and no special circumstances exist that outweigh the harm that would be done. In addition, due to the location of the proposed development, the Parish Council feels this would not be classified as infill. There are also concerns of overdevelopment, and that it would set a precedent for building on the adjacent land.
EPF/2509/17	Little Paddocks, 115 London Road, SR	Demolition of existing outbuilding and conservatory and erection of part two storey, part single storey side extension. NO OBJECTION
EPF/2690/17 & EPF/2691/17 LB	Orchard Barn, Stanford Rivers Hall, School Road, SR	Full and Grade II Listed Building application for Proposed changes to existing approved application consisting of two new roof lights over extension, one roof light to main roof and increase in depth of glazing to flank wall. NO OBJECTION

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Fly Tipping – Woman Fined For Failing Duty Of Care

A lady has been fined £1,451 for failing her duty of care to ensure that the person to whom she handed 10 bags of household waste to dispose of, who then fly-tipped them at the junction of Bushfields and Parkmead Loughton on 30 November 2016, held the required license. She was fined £170 for the offence of failing to attend an interview with the District Council's Environment and Neighbourhoods team, and was also ordered to pay the Council's prosecution costs of £1281.33. Environment Portfolio Holder, Councillor Will Breare-Hall, said that this is a situation that could easily have been avoided as over 80% of the waste could have been recycled using Epping Forest District Council's normal doorstep collection. If she had used this, or simply checked the licence of the person removing the waste, she would not have been arrested or fined.

Fly tipping continues to be a problem, not only in our area but across Essex as a whole. The latest lot of dumped rubbish included a sofa and a mattress along Blake Hall Road at the junction with the A414 (right). Thankfully, this was removed less than 48 hours after being reported. Keep your eyes peeled!



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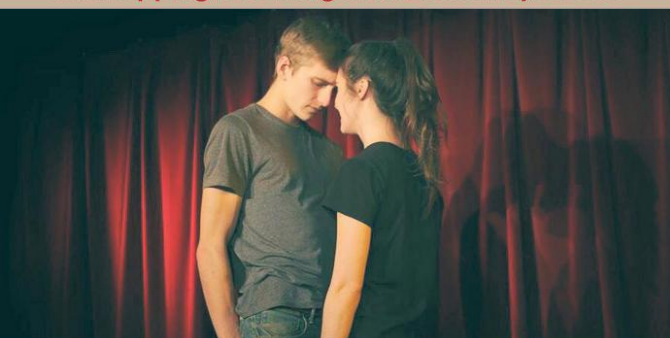
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www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Counter Terrorism Police have launch their first ever safety campaign aimed at children and teenagers. Designed to teach 11-16 year olds how to act in the unlikely event they are caught in a gun or knife attack. The ACT for YOUTH campaign reinvents the **RUN, HIDE, TELL** public information for a new generation.

The advice

Kids will be taught to **RUN** if they are able to; **HIDE** if they are not; **TELL** police of the threat only when it is safe to do so.

Crucially, they will be told **NOT to stop and use their mobiles phones** until they are safely away from danger.

I'VE CLIMBED TO THE SUMMIT OF EVEREST AND MY ADVICE TO YOU IS

**RUN
HIDE
TELL**

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