



# Stanford Rivers Parish Council Newsletter

**Issue No 35**

## **Village Hall Purchase**

The purchase of the Village Hall by the Parish Council has been duly completed: thus securing its future for the whole community. Full details of the activity groups currently using the Hall will be posted on our website: [www.stanforddrivers-pc.gov.uk](http://www.stanforddrivers-pc.gov.uk)

## **New Parish Councillor**

At our Meeting on the 9th January, Mr Matt Tallon was co opted onto the Parish Council. We would like to welcome him on board. He will be the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

## **Jubilee Green Land Secured**

The land on the corner of A113 and Church Road is part owned by the Parish Council and Essex County Council.

The portion in front of the Old Congregational Church site on the corner is owned by the Parish Council, but the rest running along the A113 to the boundary of Surrywood belongs to ECC who informed us that they intended to auction the land.

We are pleased to announce that we have had the sale withdrawn from the auction and are in the process of having its ownership transferred to the Parish Council: thereby securing the future of the whole site.

## **Jubilee Green Christmas Tree**

We were pleased to provide the tree again for this year. The lighting ceremony went extremely well with over 70 people attending.

Carols were sung: mince pies eaten: mulled wine quaffed and Santa distributed sweets to the children.

As ever it was a team effort and we would like to thank Gill and Martin Ellice for providing the electricity: Dave Giles for erecting and dismantling the tree. Colin Nelson for the lights; Phillipa Giles for leading the Carols: Rosemary Tiffen for conducting the prayers: Ongar Round Table for their magnificent sleigh and our Clerk Susan De Luca, who was the first to arrive and last to leave, who provided the food and drinks

## **Speed Control on the A113**

We have obtained permission to install a further VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) in the village on the A113 as a recent survey produced some rather alarming results.

Over a 7 day period 4216 vehicles recorded speeds in excess of 50mph: 232 vehicles over 70mph and 6 vehicles over 100mph!

The positioning of this sign is being considered, but it is most needed at the Hare Street end of the Village facing traffic driving towards Abridge. In itself one new sign will not eliminate speeding, but it is one more element in our mission to control speeds in our village.

Anyone wishing to join our Radar Gun Speed Watch Patrol please contact Councillor Robert Jackson (07785 370566)

## **Footpath Reopened**

The footpath that runs from the Hare Street end of Stanford Rivers Village down to the White Bear has at last been cleared. (See photo below).

This will give safer foot access to the Woodman, but also link up to the footpath that runs by the side of the White Bear: across the river to the woods and the beautiful Lady Pond. Well worth a visit.

Also make a note in your diary for April/May when the woods are adorned with a sea of bluebells. One of our local well kept secrets... up until now!

## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 13th March at Toot Hill Village Hall at 5pm. Members of the public are most welcome



## **Planning Applications**

### **Ref:**

**EPF/2599/13:**

### **Details**

32 London Road, Stanford Rivers; Part single and part two storey rear extension.

### **Advisory**

**No objection**