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Stamford Town Council Supports Armed Forces Covenant

The Administration Officer for Stamford Town Council, Richard Tracey, has recently joined the Band of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force at RAF Cranwell. Richard, who was previously in the Royal Air Force Band Service for 22 years, now has a dual role by working at Stamford Town Hall and playing music with the RAF. Richard, who plays clarinet, bass clarinet and saxophone says of his new 'double' career, 'I'm really looking forward to the challenge, playing in concerts and parades all over the country, it will keep me very busy and I'm very excited to play in the RAF Band again'. Richard will also be performing with the Royal Air Force College Band on Thursday 7th March in a joint concert with Stamford Endowed Schools at the Corn Exchange. Tickets and further information can be found on the Corn Exchange website www.stamfordcornexchange.co.uk Stamford Town Council is proud to support the Armed Forces through the Armed Forces Covenant (signed on 1st November 2013).



Stamford Town Hall



Stamford Town Hall, the renowned Grade 1 listed Georgian building in the heart of Stamford's conservation area, has recently completed an extensive renovation programme entirely in keeping with its historic heritage.

To complement this important initiative, Stamford Town Hall is now licensed as a prestigious venue for the solemnisation of Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships. Whether seeking an intimate bespoke ceremony or propose a larger celebration, the experienced team at Stamford Town Hall will help to ensure that your special day flows as smoothly and as memorably as possible.

In addition to providing an impressive, yet affordable, back-drop to weddings the newly refurbished Town Hall offers an ideal location for symposia, conferences and business meetings – both large (up to 100 participants) and small alike.

Private dining for that very special event or private meetings is another new, exclusive facility now available in addition to coffee mornings, afternoon tea parties and formal dinners. Post-funeral gatherings to celebrate the lives of the deceased are also appropriately catered for, as well as executive meetings, business hot-desking, antique valuation days and art and craft exhibitions.

For further information please visit Stamford Town Council's website www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk - or to speak to the Civic Officer or a helpful member of the Town Hall team please telephone 01780 753808.

For further information on any items please contact: Town Clerk T:- 01780 753808
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From the Town Clerk's Desk – Patricia Stuart-Mogg

How Parish and Town Councils Began – Parish Councils were formed in 1894 when William Gladstone's Government passed the Local Government Act of that year. This Act created the Local Government entities known as Parish Councils which continued to use the word Parish, a word familiar to rural residents who knew of Parochial Church Councils which had dealt with all local affairs. This Act also removed civil matters that had previously been administered by the Church Councils and transferred them to the new Parish Councils, even conforming in most cases to the ecclesiastical parish boundaries.

It would be true to say that Parish Councils varied enormously and were not highly regarded by successive governments. Shortly after the Second World War a report was prepared, by Lord Redcliffe-Maud, commissioned by Harold Macmillan's Government, to look into the management of local government and to strengthen parishes. However, a change of government shelved the draft proposals and a reform of Parish Councils intended to turn them into real local government bodies. This reform had to wait until the Local Government Act of 1972.

In April 1974 Stamford lost its municipal borough status and became a Parish Council, known as Stamford Town Council, when the Local Government Act 1972 was reformed creating two-tier metropolitan and non-metropolitan County and District councils, such as Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Council.

A Parish Council conducts its business in accordance with its powers. It has 43 distinct powers, each under an Act of Parliament, ranging from the ability to own and manage allotments and cemeteries to open spaces for public recreation. Governments add additional powers from time to time. It is likely that future governments will continue to encourage Parish Councils to play a more important role in their respective communities, being the first tier of Government and given the relative speed with which a local Parish Council can respond to a local issue. A Parish Councillor today plays a responsible role in discharging Parish Council duties for the benefit and betterment of their Community.

STAMFORD in BLOOM

The town was judged on Monday the 2nd of July. The route for 2018 was based on the Heritage of Stamford, passing many of the well known buildings of architectural and historical interest. We concentrated on showing the judge how we were trying to get people involved in caring for their town. A look at Burghley Estate Office was a last minute diversion as the gardeners had dedicated a doorway to Stamford in Bloom and given the town permanent window box displays. Residents had tidied corners and put out pots, hanging baskets and window boxes which it was a treat to see, even the dog outside NG1 had a flower collar which made everyone smile.

Many supporters and volunteers were met at points on the route and at The Town Hall as well as The Crown, where much needed refreshments were provided. We had invited people to decorate chairs with plants which appeared as pointers round the route. The chair idea we hope will be adopted as it allows them to be lifted inside at the end of the day. We saw some great creativity, prompted by a competition we ran.

We took the judge to St Gilbert's C of E School where the children talked about all the eco based gardening they do with staff and families. A tour to and from the Community Orchard led the judge to comment that he had seen many private gardens worthy of special entry and we hope to develop that for next time. We plan to continue working on the areas adopted but will not expand until we have more volunteers. There are 40 places to be weeded and watered and more hands are

needed because the most intense time is holiday time and twice as many volunteers are needed to stop the burden falling on so few shoulders.

This year was weeks without rain and quite exceptional. Yes, drought resistant plants are the solution with hindsight but decisions are made in the Winter. It has been good meeting people as we work and thank you for the many appreciative comments. Perhaps watering can be seen as a bonus as we have met some lovely people in the many hours we are about.

The generous contributions by the residents for the lavender has given the town a wall border that peaked at the beginning of August and will be trimmed by the end of the month to be neat for next year. The sunshine warms the oils to give a perfumed walk along Bath Row. An extra lavender wall border exists at Waitrose entrance too.

The pots have been modestly planted to establish suitable locations. It will take us some time to get it right and we hope that using perennials with occasional annuals will keep the cost down as well as giving all year round foliage. This project is about softening the corners giving something to smile about and eventually clean pavements to walk on. We clean and weed as much as we can but ask that each property looks after its own frontage to make a pleasant place for everyone, as customers do notice.

If you would like to volunteer for **STAMFORD in BLOOM** please contact stamford18bloom@gmail.com or Tourist Information 01780755611
Forthcoming Photo Competition. All photos to be taken between 1st - 30th June
Images of how plants and flowers enhance the architecture and our lives.

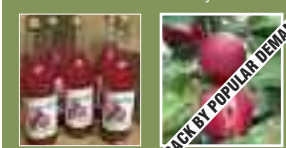
Entry forms from: The Town Hall and Stamford Tourist Information Centre
Digitally from: www.townclerk@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk Ann Ellis – STAMFORD in BLOOM



FRIDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2019
AT STAMFORD MARKET
SUPPORTING STAMFORD IN BLOOM

LOCALLY PRODUCED
FRESH APPLE JUICE FOR SALE

MADE FROM THE UNIQUE RED FLESHED RUBY APPLE
THE GRAND CRU OF APPLE JUICE



STAMFORD GEORGIAL FESTIVAL

2019 DATES ANNOUNCED AS 26-29 SEPTEMBER 2019!



Bluecoat School visit Town Hall

Pupils of Bluecoat School sang Christmas Carols to the citizens of Stamford on Thursday December 12th 2018. As part of their town tour they stopped at Stamford Town Hall and enjoyed a hot chocolate break to warm up. They then sang to the Town Hall staff before continuing their singing throughout the town.



Guided walks of STAMFORD

celebrate 50 Years of the 1968 Conservation Trust in England
Made by 50 College, New Design Tool, 2018

Sunday 12th May at 2.30pm

Special Fundraising Event
5pm

This walk starts from Stamford Arts Centre
Price £8
Book Tickets at Pevcoats

STAMFORD IN BLOOM

David Wallington - The New Curator at Browne's Hospital

I became Curator of Browne's more by accident than design having turned up to offer my services as a guide. The responsibilities were to be available to arrange pre-booked guided tours but it soon became clear to me that the building was so important to Stamford and of such historical importance that re-opening to the public during the summer, even if limited to a few hours on a Saturday, was a priority. But that led on to discussions with the Arts Council East Midlands and the suggestion that Browne's should become an accredited museum and therefore eligible for grant aid. It has been both a challenge and a delight to reconstruct the inventory and discover treasures hidden away in drawers. It is considered one of the finest surviving medieval almshouses in the country. Not surprisingly it contains objects from its earliest days such as the chest which contained its charters – both the chest and the original charters are on display upstairs – and the glass in the chapel is of national importance. The chapel also has a fine 15th century wooden screen and the seats, or misericords, in the chapel contain some very fine carvings. You can find a green man under one seat and a mermaid under another! Although the cubicles for the male residents were removed from the communal hall in 1870 it is easy to see where they were – each resident had a window. Upstairs the guild hall became the audit room of the almshouse.

Reopening Browne's however means finding volunteers either to act as guides or simply to be room wardens, meeting and greeting visitors and setting them off on self-guided tours. Apart from our historic churches there are no other buildings open to visitors in the town since the sad loss of the museum so open access to Browne's Hospital is my priority. If you would like to help or at least discuss what is involved ring me on 01780 765002, 07721 343618 or email me at davidwallington40@gmail.com



MUSIC AT ST MARTIN'S STAMFORD

“Music at St Martin’s”, now nearing the start of its 15th Season, has grown into a flourishing music club with charitable status and something of a reputation for engaging exciting artists. MSM presents some six or seven major concerts each year together with a “Come & Sing” event and a Summer series of Lunchtime Organ Recitals. Among the distinguished artists who have delighted our audiences in recent years are:

SAEN SHIBE, guitar – a participant in the BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artists scheme in 2012-14
JAMES NEWBY baritone (former pupil of Stamford Endowed Schools), winner of 1st Prize in the 2016

Kathleen Ferrier Awards. **The CASTALIAN QUARTET** – who were accepted in 2016 for the prestigious Young Concert Artists Trust Scheme **PIERS ADAMS** recorders and **DAVID WRIGHT** harpsichord of the well-known group “Red Priest”

Also appearing have been **FOUR GIRLS FOUR HARPS**, including our own Stamford Harpist Eleanor Turner and local girl **FREYA GOLDMARK** on violin, who opened our **10th Anniversary Season** when she was only 17. We also have had a number of outstanding choral groups appearing, including **STAMFORD SINGERS**, **KINGFISHER CHORALE** and the **CHOIR OF EMMANUEL COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE**.

“Music at St Martin’s” grew out of ideas hatched some 15 years ago by the then Rector Michael Thompson and a number of musically inclined people in the locality who recognised the wonderful acoustics of this fine historic church. We are also very grateful to members, season ticket holders and private sponsors who have helped to increase significantly the sum which we are able to give each year to the Fabric Fund of St Martin’s Church



For further information and to join our mailing list, please contact **Membership Secretary**.
email: deborah.rimmer@gmail.com **and visit** www.musicatstmartins.org

Paws for Thought Coffee morning

The Mutts Nutts Rescue and Dove Cottage Hospice teamed up on Giving Tuesday, November 27, to host a ‘Paws for thoughts’ coffee morning at Stamford Town Hall that raised over £800. People crammed into the Georgian Courtroom to enjoy drinks and cake as well as browse some stalls. Nadie Jarvis from The Mutts Nutts Rescue, said: “It was a fantastic morning. It was so good to work with Dove because there’s quite a lot of crossover with the two charities. Mutts Nutts provide the elderly and terminally ill with help for their pets and Dove look after the residents. It was also good for Dove because it raised further awareness of their work in Stamford.”

Pictures shows Terry Cook (Mutts Nutts Rescue) Deputy Mayor Breda-Rae Griffin, Ruth Lees (Dove Cottage Hospice)



Town Hall Trivia

The Town Hall was built between 1776-1779, the West front having a terrace leading down to St Mary’s Hill. Originally the steps went straight down to street level, but in 1952 – at least partly because of safety concerns regarding the traffic on the Great North Road – the terrace was redesigned in conjunction with the Georgian Society. There are now two flights of steps, each running parallel to St Mary’s Hill. At the same time alterations were made; new ironwork and lamps were fitted and the number of entrances to the building from the terrace was reduced from the original three to the single door we see today.



The photograph of the Town Hall before alteration is taken from Henry Traylen’s collection of slides and probably dates from the 1930’s. Fortunately the building is a lot cleaner now!

Why Not Become a Stamford Town Councillor?

Council elections are scheduled on **02 May 2019**, so why not get involved and think about becoming a Stamford Town Councillor? By becoming a Town Councillor you become someone your community can look to for help, guidance and support – a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of Stamford.

Stamford Town Council, as a Parish/Town Council, is the first tier of local government closest to the community, with the District and County Councils authorities above it in the hierarchy. A Parish/Town Council conducts its business in accordance with its powers. It has 43 distinct powers, each under an Act of Parliament, ranging from the ability to own and manage allotments and cemeteries to open spaces for public recreation. Governments add additional powers from time to time. It is likely that future governments will continue to encourage Parish Councils to play a more important role in their respective communities, being the first tier of Government and given the relative speed with which a local Parish Council can respond to a local issue.

Once elected, a Parish Councillor sits on the Council for a maximum of four years. If they wish to remain a Parish Councillor they will need to be re-elected after that period. To be eligible to be a Parish Councillor you must:

- A British Citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union
- Be at least 18 years old
- In the last 12 months have occupied (as the owner or tenant) land or other premises within the Parish
- or worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work)
- or live within three miles of the parish boundary

You do not have to be connected to any political party. Stamford Town Council is inclusive and as a Parish Council is not defined by party politics. If you become a Town Councillor you would be required to sign up to the Code of Conduct.

The best way to find out what it is like to be a Town Councillor is to talk to existing Councillors. Why not come along to a Town Council meeting and speak to some of our twenty-one Councillors and find out more of what being a Councillor entails? You will be made very welcome. We look forward to meeting you.

Patricia Stuart-Mogg
Town Clerk, Stamford Town Council

Stamford from the Air 2019 Tower Tours

All Saints' Church, Red Lion Square, Stamford will again be offering Tower Tours this summer, on most Saturdays from 1st June to 14th September. Bookings may be made at Stamford Tourist Information Centre, St Mary's Street, Stamford, telephone 01780 755611. Adults £3.00 and under-16s £2, preschool children free of charge. Please allow a minimum of 30 minutes for the tour, which includes the Ringing Room, Belfry and Parapet, with stunning 360 degree views over the town and surrounding countryside. Access is via a spiral staircase with 140 steps, and suitable footwear is required. The Church is open to all visitors at ground level, with step-free access via the North door. Refreshment stall, Church and Town Information point and toilet facilities on site. Please note, tours are weather-dependent for safety reasons.



Picture taken by: Luke. Stamford Tourism Administrator

STAMFORD TOWN HALL FREE GUIDED TOURS



TOURS INCLUDE THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, CIVIC REGALIA, COURTROOM,
MALCOLM SARGENT ROOM AND COUNCIL CHAMBER

EVERY FRIDAY

11.00 - 12.00PM

12.00 - 1.00PM

1.00 - 2.00PM

2.00 - 3.00PM

LAST TOUR 2.00PM

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

GROUP BOOKINGS CAN BE TAKEN FOR TOURS OF MORE THAN 8 PEOPLE

PLEASE CONTACT RECEPTION 01780 753808 FOR MORE DETAILS

Report of the Stamford Poppy Appeal 2018-2019

The people of Stamford and visiting shoppers to Stamford have been very generous once again when it comes to the Poppy Appeal fortnight. A total to date raised is £54,787.77 and this with the Gift Aid that some people gave which will be added early 2019 should make the total raised to £56,123.92. This will be an increase of £7,000 on last year

Manned Stalls were once again in three of the town supermarkets Morrison's £14,874, Waitrose £9,369 and Sainsbury's £ 8,176. All these having an increase on last year. Poppies and Boxes were in Shops, Businesses, Pubs, Clubs and Schools again.

Help was given again by the Poppy Appeals 103 Civilian Volunteers and also help from RAF Wittering personnel, 20 Works Group and 12 Engineer Group Royal Engineers personnel totalling 40 in all and students from Church of Latter Day Saints.

Every year we have Ladies who Knit and Crochet Poppies and this year was no exception. Linda Mills of Stamford Sewing Shop and her Craft Group £716, Sue Futter £256, Karina Thorne and Pat McCaig £121, Frankie Rae £140 and Kerry Knight £46.

A successful Coffee Morning was held in the Town Hall organised by Maria Jackson raised £173. A stall in Stamford High Street on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th November raised £1,319, Street Collection on Saturday by Air Training Cadets £520 and Army Cadets £271.

A thankyou Poppy Party was held at Blackstone's Sports and Social Club on Monday December 10th where Guests included Stamford Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Breda Rae-Griffin and Councillor Mike Exton, Lt Col Steve Lumley of 20 Works Group, Royal Engineers. The Stamford Branch of the Royal British Legion give a special certificate to those who have raised over £100. A total of 15 were handed out at the Poppy Party by The Deputy Mayor and a further 40 were presented to the others the following week by RBL Volunteers.

The School with the highest total was Malcolm Sargent Primary with £432.85 a fantastic achievement. Tallington Village £666, The Danish Invader £538 this included their Firework Night Proceeds. Keith Langley and Ideal Shopping Direct £536, Barn Hill Methodist £532, Cards for Good Causes £522, Daniel Supporters Club (sale of Remembrance Mugs and Badges) £502, St Michael and All Angels Church, Uffington £500, College Players £300. World War One Centenary events held last year in Stamford raised £1,639.82

Poppy Appeal Team; PAO Jim Jackson, Deputy Jim Rimmington, Alan Patrick, Peter Wharam, Chris Arden, Clive and June Green, Adrian and Jane Pape, Maria Jackson, Pauline Rimmington, who have all worked very hard once more.

Jim Jackson Stamford Poppy Appeal Organiser



Waitrose Paul and Sue Beard



Morrison's – Alan Patrick, Marian Freeman, Roy Prentice & Nigel Barratt

Snowdrop Planting

Join us for a family-friendly stroll around Stamford and the opportunity to plant some snowdrops in memory of a loved one.

Maps & Kids Nature Trail Activity Sheets available for £1 each from The Shack will act as 'tickets' that can be exchanged at the end of your walk for snowdrop bulbs 'in the green', to plant in designated areas at the Recreation Ground. Additional snowdrop bulbs will be available separately for a donation.

Refreshments will be available to purchase at The Shack and there will be a tombola/raffle. All money raised from this event will be donated to charity - Stamford in Bloom, Mindspace Stamford and Child Bereavement UK are all set to benefit.

A memorial service was held in Stamford to mark International Holocaust Memorial Day.

The event at St Michael's Church graveyard in High Street on Friday, January 25, was led by the Reverend Andy Fyall. The service was held in conjunction with the Peterborough Jewish Community and organised by Stamford Town Councillor Andy Croft and Graham Berkman of the Peterborough Liberal Jewish Community. Graham said it was important for a variety of reasons that the world remembers these shocking events.

"The survivors need to know that others appreciate what they have gone through and that we support them," he said. "We also need to learn from the past and while it does not appear to be happening, we have to try and get the message across about the evil that is out there and that genocide is still taking place. By commemorating these events, hopefully young people can recognise the signs; stand against it and prevent further genocide."

Councillor Maxine Couch welcomed everyone to the event and said it was not only important to remember the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust, but also those who had lost their lives around the world in acts of genocide more recently.

Councillor Bill Turner laid daffodils at the memorial in the graveyard on behalf of the Town Council and was joined by Chrissie Hassall, chairman of the Peterborough Liberal Jewish Community, and Reverend Martyn Taylor, on behalf of Churches Together in Stamford.



Stamford School student Lawrence Hayes plays the Shofar (Jewish Ram's horn.)

This year's theme was "Torn from Home" to encourage all of us to reflect on how a place of safety, comfort and security is part of what we all take for granted and call home. Poetry readings were conducted by local poets Andy Croft and Rob Elkes.

After the service, those in attendance were invited to the town hall for tea and coffee and a chance to view artwork and poetry produced by children from Year 6 at Malcolm Sargent School and Students from the New College Stamford, on the theme of this year's commemoration.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day is an international memorial day on January 27th each year, commemorating the tragedy of the Holocaust that occurred during the Second World War. It commemorates the millions of people who lost their lives in the Holocaust and in subsequent genocides, which have taken place around the world.



Poetry readings from (far left) Andy Croft and (middle) Rob Elkes. New College Principal Janet Meenaghan (left) viewing Student artwork on display at the Town Hall.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MONDAY 18 March 2019

The Annual Stamford Town Meeting will be held on Monday 18 March at 7pm in the Town Hall. This is not a Council meeting. It is called by the Mayor (the Chairman of the Council) to provide an overview of Town Council activities and achievements during the preceding year and to outline future Council aims and objectives.

Residents of Stamford Parish are encouraged to attend this important meeting as there will be discussion on important items such as Lincolnshire County Council not cutting the amenity verges in Stamford and vehicles parking on the verges to the entrance of the Town, will be some of the topics on the agenda. In addition residents have an excellent opportunity to express views and ask questions about Stamford issues that concern them.

STAMFORD MID LENT FAIR

1st - 6th APRIL 2019



TOWN CENTRE AND BATH ROW

Stamford Fair will be officially opened by the Deputy Mayor at 6.00pm Monday evening at the Waltzers, Broad Street.

SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERT

The annual concert organised by Stamford Town Council for senior citizens will be held on Wednesday 10th April in Stamford Town Hall at 6.30pm. Due to limited numbers these tickets are restricted to residents in the Stamford Parish and are issued on a "First Come First Served" basis.

For more details and your **FREE** ticket please contact the Town Hall:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 9.00am. to 3.00pm
Town Hall, St. Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR
Tel: 01780 753808

ADMISSION ON THE NIGHT WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY



Forthcoming Events 2019

- ◆ **Pinders Circus—Recreation Ground**
14th —17th March 2019
- ◆ **Mid Lent Fair—Town Centre**
1st - 6th April 2019
- ◆ **Rotary Club Garden Show—Meadows**
12th May 2019
- ◆ **Spring Antiques Fair—Meadows**
24th—26th May 2019
- ◆ **Market Square Group Food, Drink & Music Festival Meadows**
7th -9th June 2019
- ◆ **Stamford Festival Week—Recreation Ground**
22nd —29th June 2019
- ◆ **Round Table Car Show—Meadows**
25th August 2019
- ◆ **The Battle of Britain Parade & Service— War Memorial**
15th September 2019
- ◆ **Barn Hill Methodist Church Dog Show—Meadows**
15th September 2019
- ◆ **Autumn Antiques Fair—Meadows**
20th—22nd September 2019
- ◆ **Georgian Festival**
26th—29th September 2019
- ◆ **Autumn Fair—Recreation Ground**
7th—12th October 2019
- ◆ **Remembrance Sunday—War Memorial**
Sunday 10th November 2019
- ◆ **Christmas Festival & Lights Switch On —Town Centre**
Sunday 24th November 2019

All these businesses are willing to fill up visitors own water bottles with free tap water.

Central café
(Red Lion Square)

Café Nero
(17 High Street)

Café Black
(21 High Street)

Frothys
(12 Ironmonger Street)

Café au Chocolat
(2 Ironmonger Street)

Corn Exchange Café
(Broad Street)

Cook
(50 High Street)

White Stuff
(5 High Street)

Costa Coffee
31 High Street)

The Lean Pantry
Company
(72 High Street)

Neals Yard
(53 High Street)

Lunchbuns
(2 Wellington Lane)

Aloha
(12 St Johns Street)

Fine Foods
(37 St Marys Street)

Stamford
Arts Centre Café
(27 High Street)



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