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Stamford Festival of Fun

Stamford's first Festival of Fun will open its gates on Saturday 26 July for 9 days bringing a calendar of family activities to enjoy. This event will entertain while helping to raise money for various charities, so a small entry fee of £1.00 will be applied. All visitors will have the chance to have a free face painting session; join in craft making, competitions, messy play, there is a wealth of activities hosted during themed days with visits throughout the week by some of children's most popular TV characters. There will be a large sand pit for the whole family to experience.

The programme is packed with excellent themed days which include a number of exciting displays such as rescue day with Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, Police and medics bringing various equipment to enable visitors to experience, interact and learn some new skills. There will also be a visit by the Road Safety simulator, family sized fairground rides, dunk tank circus skills, military days, charity tug of war and live musical performances bands creating a party atmosphere.

Please be aware a strict no alcohol policy will be enforced, for the safety of all visitors. This entire event is family orientated with something on offer for people of all ages. This is Stamford's first Festival of Fun and it is hoped that this amazing occasion may develop year on year. It is hoped you will be able to join with us in the merriment during the day. The Town Meadows has good access points and there is always FREE car parking facilities in Stamford on Sundays making the town centre easily accessible. There will be plenty to see and do so come along.

WW1

Stamford's WW1 Centenary Commemoration will begin with a major programme of free events from July 12th to August 4th. Browne's Hospital (in Broad St.) will be transformed by a local artist, with a trench inspired installation to create a temporary event space.

Free tickets are available from Stamford Arts Centre for the diverse range of performances and activities to be held there. The commemoration will culminate in a major open air event in Broad Street from 4-9pm on August 4th.



New Mayor & Mayoress

As Stamford's newly elected Mayor I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Stamford Town Council for electing me to this office until May 2015. I also thank retiring Mayor and Mayoress Brian and Brenda Sumner who we have worked alongside over this last year, and therefore understand the busy and exciting year ahead of Pamela (my wife and Mayoress) and me. My inauguration ceremony on 8th May was a proud moment and even in the short time since, we have been busy attending the various local and Civic functions which come as part of our duties.



This lovely Town of Stamford is very special indeed to both of us, as we were both born and have lived here all our lives. My family can be traced back to the seventeenth century so we can claim to be truly local.

Stamford has lots to offer both residents and tourists and is preparing for many events throughout the coming year. In particular the WW1 Centenary commemoration programme and The Stamford Annual Festival held in June which is always a very popular event, details of which will be available in both the Town Hall newsletter and in the Stamford Mercury.

Both Pamela and I are looking forward to our Mayoral year and hope we get the opportunity to meet as many of you as possible at the various functions and events around the Town which we will attend. Finally we would like to wish you all health and happiness for the future.

The High Street Planter

The completion of the new High Street planter was officially welcomed by the Mayor of Stamford, Councillor Brian Sumner, on the 29th April. The three huge plane trees, which had caused the break-up of the old structure, were replaced by just one tree, a Tibetan cherry, underplanted with *Hebe pageii*. The project, coordinated by STC and the Civic Society's Urban Group, and with the cooperation of LCC and SKDC, was carried out by local firm Precision Landscapes. Funding was from Eric Winston Cook's bequest and other private donors.



The Skells Trust

The Trust is a charity which welcomes applications for grants for structural works in the Town. It has assisted a number of recent projects including Stamford Skatepark, the Shack youth club in the Rec' and the sundial at All Saints Church. Application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trust at Stamford Town Hall.

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The Shack



The Shack has rapidly proved to be very popular with the 12-18 age group. Average nightly attendances are 25-30 - and on two occasions over 60 have attended.

Teenagers' leadership and skills are developed through the National Citizen Scheme. Last November half-term of teenagers and two leaders from the Scheme painted the Shack's windows and exterior, and also held a fundraising day at the end of the week, raising £100.17 for each of the charities of their choice: The Shack and the Teenage Cancer Trust.

We are open during good weather on Saturdays, 11 am-4pm, providing refreshments and repair facilities for breakdowns experienced by boarders and BMXers.

Our fortnightly "Messy Sunday" morning craft activities for younger children and their families are continuing - look out for our advertising banners or follow our Facebook page.

Future plans to extend the use of The Shack are in hand, including two ideas involving students from New College Stamford, which relate to the practical component of their courses.

All of us would like The Shack to be open more often, which requires more volunteers. Anyone willing to help out should contact Ian or Margot on **07870 284131** or via The Shack Stamford on Facebook.

Street Pastors

Stamford Street Pastors are out in town every Saturday night helping to keep the streets safe. They are volunteers who are there to care, listen and help anyone who finds themselves in difficulty. Please ask them if you need help or if you'd like to find out more contact stamford@streetpastors.org.uk

Forthcoming Events in 2014

Events on Recreation Ground:

Saturday 21 to Sunday 22 June - **Stamford Festival**

29 June and 16 August - **Terrence Higgins Trust - Offer of Free Chlamydia screening**

Bandstand Bookings:

Sunday 22 June - **Stamford Brass Band**

Sunday 06 July - **Melton Brass Band**

Sunday 31 August - **Caledonian Band (tbc)**

Sunday 21 September - **Stamford Brass Band**

Events on the Meadow:

Monday 21 July - 07 August 2014 - **Festival of Fun**

Friday 08 August 2014 - **Vintage Sports Car Club**

Sunday 24 August - **Stamford Classic Car Show**

Friday 29 to Sunday 31 August - **Field Dog Antique Fair**

Sunday 14 September - **Pet and Companion Dog Show**

Other Events:

Sunday 19 October - **French Market**

Sunday 30 November - **Christmas Festival**

2014 - **Virgin Balloon Flights - Schedule weather dependant**

For further information on any items please contact the Town Clerk
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