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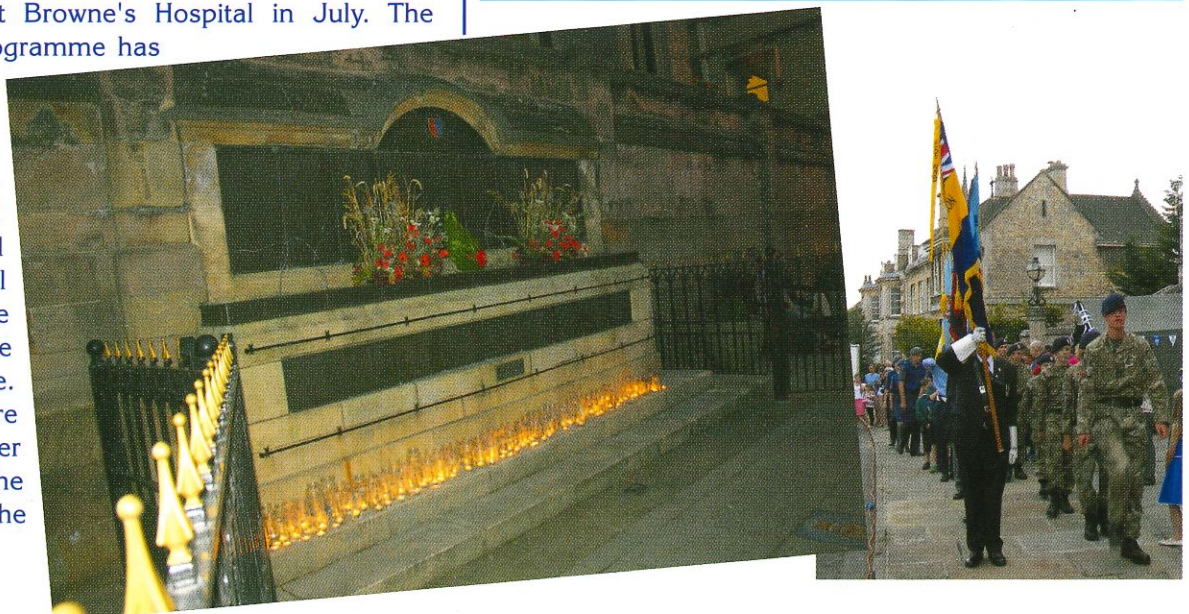
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World War 1 Commemoration in Stamford

The culmination to Stamford's commemoration of the centenary of the outbreak of WW1 was held in Broad Street on Monday August 4th. Over 1,000 people attended the Festival of Commemoration which began with the Mayor's Procession through the town centre followed by a wide variety of performances on stage reflecting on the Great War and the Royal British Legion's 'Lights out' ceremony at the War Memorial. During this first year, the Programme has now worked with over 1,000 local children during the summer term, investigating the outcomes from the research project and the wider histories, and nearly 1,600 people visited the exhibition and event space at Browne's Hospital in July. The Commemoration Programme has been a useful and successful initiative, providing a fitting opportunity to increase local knowledge and understanding as well as highlighting the often personal nature of remembrance. Further plans are currently under discussion for the remaining years of the centenary.



Your local Credit Union



The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, wants to

destroy payday lenders, and he said last summer that his secret weapon is credit unions.

The Work and Pensions Secretary, Iain Duncan Smith, himself a member of a credit union, last month told a national newspaper that they "can offer some of the best rates on the market for loans and dividends for your savings. But saving with a credit union can provide more than a financial return, as you will be investing in your local community."

"While credit unions help many people on low incomes to build savings and access affordable loans, their services are open to all. I'd encourage everyone to look at the accounts which credit unions have on offer."

Now, Lincolnshire's Credit Union, LincUp, has access points throughout the country giving residents the opportunity to access safe savings, affordable loans and improve their credit rating.

Stamford access point is open on Wednesdays between 11am – 2pm at the Citizens Advice Bureau, 39 High Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 2BB.

Please come in and see us at one of our access points or find out more information from our website www.lincscreditunion.org.uk

Stamford access point is also looking for volunteers who can spare 3hrs on a Wednesday once a month. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Tanja Rodziewicz trodziewicz@lincscreditunion.org.uk or pop into the access point on a Wednesday during opening times.

Stamford Hospital Redevelopment Update from Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals Trust

While staff have been very busy with patients over the summer months, work continues behind the scenes at Stamford Hospital on the early phase of the hospital's redevelopment programme.

A lot of work has already taken place to empty those unused parts of the site that the Trust does not intend to use for delivery of its services in the future. This will allow the Trust to take a decision on possible demolition (while respecting all historical buildings and items of interest) in the coming months.

The Pain Management service is the only patient service currently running from the west end part of the site, and it will remain in situ while the Trust determines a new location within the hospital site.

Meanwhile, the redevelopment project team is working with commissioner colleagues in South Lincolnshire to determine what additional services would be required in future on the Stamford Hospital site.

Any additional services will be identified as part of the South Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group's Strategic Health Review - however, this review is not due to be completed until around mid-2015. Therefore, the Trust will not be able to confirm which additional services will be earmarked for our hospital site until then.



The Trust is now re-prioritising its redevelopment work to accommodate the Strategic Health Review. There is some work that we can continue to progress while the outcome is awaited. This includes confirming the services the Trust needs on the site and managing the planning/historical building issues.

As winter is approaching, we would ask Stamford residents to think about having a 'flu' vaccination and stock up on any medicine cupboard essentials they may need should they fall ill. And remember: If you need urgent care please attend the Minor Injuries Unit at Stamford Hospital – open Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. Our emergency nurse practitioners will be able to deal with a wide range of illnesses and injuries which can save you from making a journey to the Emergency Department in Peterborough.

Stamford Festival

Once again the streets of Stamford played host to the annual Festival Parade (organised by Stamford & District Kiwanis) as it meandered its way through the centre of town.

Another scorching day saw the 20 colourful floats, on vehicles supplied once again by C S Ellis, depart from the Recreation Ground in a blaze of colour and excitement. Led by Stamford Brass Band the procession moved slowly to Red Lion Square, and then on to the all important judging at Browne's Hospital.



The judges included the Mayor and Mayoress, Festival Committee dignitaries, local business men and County Councillors.

The floats included representation from
Local clubs - Welland School of Dancing, Stamford Music Festival, Foundations Support, Stamford Pantomime Players.

Youth groups - Girl Guides, Jems Hip Hop, One Touch Football, Stamford AFC, Teenzone.

Schools - St Georges, Queen Eleanor.

Commercial / Charities - Chater Lodge, Burghley House, Anna's Hope, Stamford Arts Centre.

Prizes were presented by the judges to Welland School of Dancing, Queen Eleanor School, Stamford Arts Centre, Stamford Pantomime Players, Girl Guides, Teenzone, Jem's Hip Hop, C S Ellis, and Anna's Hope. **The best overall float award was presented to Stamford Pantomime Players.**

The people of Stamford donated very generously to the street collection carried out by Stamford & District Kiwanis for local good causes but, more importantly, the groups on parade greatly enjoyed building their floats and showing them to the enthusiastic crowd.



Stamford Community Emergency Plan

Stamford Town Council is preparing a 'Community Emergency Action Plan' and seeks volunteers particularly with specific skills, drivers, tractors etc.

If you are able to help please contact Cllr Mrs Jalili on 07718 884402 or email maj@jalili.co.uk

Stamford Town Hall – Guided Tours

Guided tours of Stamford Town Hall are available each Friday, on the hour, starting at 11.00 am and with the last tour at 2.00 pm, no booking required. The tours cover the Mayor's Parlour, the Council Chamber, the Court Room and the Malcolm Sargent Room. Group bookings and school tours are welcome.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer guide please contact the Town Hall

Sam Owen on **(01780) 753808**.

No previous knowledge is necessary.



Penny Rowley, Chris Hunt, Christine Wilson, Samantha Owen, John Davies

The Skells Trust

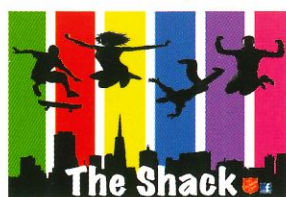
Skells Trust is a charity established with a bequest from Mr Harry Skells which offers grants for works within the Town meeting its clearly specified criteria. Applications are welcome for grants and are considered several times a year.

The charity has assisted a number of recent projects including Stamford Skatepark, the Shack youth club on the Recreation ground and the sundial on All Saints Church. Application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trust at Stamford Town Hall.

Tel: **(01780) 753808** or email the Town Hall on townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

The Shack

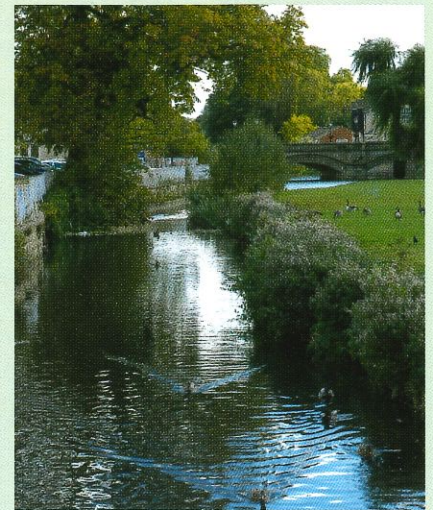
The Shack youth club situated on the Recreation Ground is looking for volunteers to assist with this increasingly popular club for the 12-18 year age group.



If you would like to help please contact Ian or Margot Walford on **07870 284131** or via The Shack Stamford on Facebook.

Stamford Rivers

The Stamford Urban Group has just completed a full scientific study (carried out by the University of Leicester) of the habitats and water flows in both the River Welland and the Mill Stream between Tinwell Weir and the Town Meadows, to establish the likely impact of a significantly increased water flow into the Mill Stream.



Early indications are that the results show a favourable outcome, with little or no impact on the Welland and significant benefit for the Mill Stream. These results will be submitted to the Environment Agency in early September as formal evidence in support of an application for an increase in the abstraction licence volume for pumping water into the Mill Stream.

Book of Magic Lantern Slides of Henry Traylen,

The Staff at Stamford Town Hall were concerned that a set of magic lantern slides stored in its archives was deteriorating and asked David Baxter, a local amateur photographer to create digital copies, thus allowing some of the image deterioration to be repaired.

The slides appear to be illustrations for a lecture on Stamford and they are arranged in street order. They were put together by Henry Francis Traylen, an architect with a practice in Broad Street, Stamford in the 1930's

Mr Andrew Pert of Scarborough, grandson of Henry Traylen, who was consulted about publication, was recently presented with a copy of the book at Stamford Town Hall.

The majority of the slides are numbered and accompanying the slides is a paper giving a title for each slide. This is reproduced with the slide in a 102 page

book that has been supported by Stamford Town Council. The book is on sale at the Town Hall at a cost of £10 with all profits used to support further work on the archives.



Stamford Christmas Festival 2014 is on its way!

Being held on Sunday 30 November from 10am to 6pm

The popular traditional Stamford Christmas Festival will be returning to the heart of Stamford. The event site will be held in the centre of Stamford - Stamford High St, Ironmonger St, Broad Street, Red Lion Square, and Sheep Market.

Stamford is well known for its exclusive and independent traders so do come along and see what unusual gifts you may find for those very special to you! There will be traditional craft stalls offering a wide range of popular and stylish gifts with treats and delights to excite and tantalize. So, join in the fun and be part of this ever-popular annual, community event which attracts many thousands of visitors from far and near. The town has good FREE car parking facilities on Sundays with the town centre easily accessible.

To add to the festive spirit there will be entertainment galore throughout the day including festive Punch and Judy shows, School Choirs, Santa's Grotto, a children's Fun Fair and, of course, culminating with the Christmas lights switch-on!

For more information on how to become involved in this successful and highly supported community event by trading, volunteering, sponsoring or just coming along to soak up the atmosphere, please contact Stamford Town Council at townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk or go to the website on www.stamfordtowncouncil.co.uk where a booking form can be downloaded.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Grants & Contributions

Stamford Town Council may award small Donations/Grants to any voluntary or charitable organisation towards an appeal where in the Council's opinion there is a benefit to the residents of the Town.

To date awards have been granted to:	Teenzone	£500
	Twinning Association	£250
	Gilbert & Sullivan Players	£500
	Carer Sitters Service	£1,500
	Trinity Methodist Church (Companion Dog Show)	£180
	First World War Centenary	£1,000
	Stamford Street Pastors	£600

If any organisation feel they meet the criteria and are seeking funds please apply to Stamford Town Council by telephoning **01780 53808**, e-mail townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk or by downloading the form from our website stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Forthcoming Events in 2014

Events on Recreation Ground:

Wednesday October 8th to Saturday 11th October – **Autumn Fair**

Other Events:

Sunday 19 October – **French Market**

Sunday 9 November – **Remembrance Sunday**

Sunday 30 November – **Christmas Festival and Light Switch on**

For further information on any items please contact the Town Clerk
Tel:- 01780 753808 or Email:- townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk