

# Stamford

## TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

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**Stamford**  
**Christmas Festival**  
**& Light Switch On**  
**Sunday 30th November**  
**10am - 6pm**

**Craft/Food Stalls, Entertainment**  
**Children's Fun Fair, Santa's Grotto**  
**High Street, Broad Street**  
**Red Lion Square - Ironmonger Street**



Please note the Town Hall will be closed on Christmas Eve  
(Wednesday 24th December) and will re-open on Monday 29th December 2014.

For further information on any items please contact the Town Clerk

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## Remembrance Sunday



2014 was the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WWI and the 70th anniversary of D Day; and a record turnout of almost 5000 people, from Stamford and elsewhere, came together at the War Memorial in glorious sunshine to pay their respects and remember. Led again by Stamford Brass, an equally impressive number of marchers, both young and old, cadets and veterans, and a detachment from RAF Wittering, paraded to the War Memorial where they were joined by an older generation who could no longer march.

This year the Town Mayor, Cllr Clem Walden, and the senior military representatives, took up position in front of the War Memorial where they could join in the Remembrance Service with the people. After the Last Post, the Two Minute Silence and Reveille, he placed a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the whole town, followed by the Service

Representatives, veterans' groups, and the general public.

Finally, the Ex-Services Detachment led the march off, saluting the names inscribed on the War Memorial, to the warm applause of the watching throng. (Thanks to Steve Bonde of the British Legion for this article)



## Stamford Welcomes Two New Heads

The new academic year has seen two new principals welcomed to Stamford, Mr Brister of Stamford Welland Academy and Miss April Carrol of New College Stamford.



### Miss April Carrol

April Carrol arrived at New College Stamford as Principal and Chief Executive Officer in July 2014 with a mission to achieve all round excellence.

With a career spanning 22 years in Further Education, April has 'literally undertaken every role, starting at the bottom' and is proud to say so. Her first role in education was as an hourly paid teacher of A Level History progressing to Business and I.T, and later embarking on a career in Curriculum Management and Quality Development. In her previous role at Sussex Coast College, Hastings she was cited as instrumental in the

college's recovery from an Inadequate Ofsted grading in November 2011, to Outstanding for Leadership and Management, and good for Overall Effectiveness in January 2013. April says, "I've had a long career, which has been extremely exciting with lots of changes".

### Mr Anthony Partington

Anthony Partington joins Stamford Welland Academy as part of Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust, after working with them for five years, holding leadership positions in several of the Trust's schools. Graduating from Oxford University in 2000, with a degree in English Language and Literature, Anthony worked in the City of London in public, media and analyst relations. A passion for English Literature led him back to Cambridge University to train as an English teacher in 2002. He has worked as head of house and head of English at a number of successful schools in Cambridgeshire, including leading the internationally renowned English and media faculty across the Parkside Federation of academies in Cambridge.



See our next Newsletter for further news from the Stamford Welland Academy and New College Stamford



## Football Ground

Borderville hosts a good set up, providing a long-term pathway from youth to first team for the most ambitious and talented young players not snapped up by league clubs. Borderville is part-funded by the FA and the Football Foundation, with the Daniels using innovative means to attract and retain youngsters, ranging from Halloween-themed training outdoors to Christmas futsal indoors. Facilities like Borderville are the future of English football, namely an all-weather pitch that can withstand the storms that forced the postponement of so many games and training session across the country last year. Taken from article published in The Daily Telegraph

*Photo by Pip Warters.*

*website: [www.acelelensman.com](http://www.acelelensman.com)*

## National Women's Register

National Women's Register - connecting women who are interested in everything and who talk about anything.

The NWR was originally started in 1960 for women who found themselves at home with children and who missed conversation with like-minded women. The NWR is ideal for mothers at home, 'empty nesters', women who move house frequently or for anyone who would like to make friends quickly and engage with other 'lively minds'.

With groups nationwide, the NWR is mainly a discussion group, with meetings held in members' homes, roughly once a month. Both Stamford and Oakham have thriving groups and their programmes are planned six months in advance. This year, the Stamford group has had evenings with Desert Island Discs as a theme, a discussion about Iconic Photographs, two theatre trips, a summer walk, a Belgian evening and a day trip to Birmingham by train, to see the National Trust's 'back to back' houses, the trip also included lunch in the art gallery and a visit to the new library. More information can be found at [nwr.org.uk](http://nwr.org.uk)

## Stamford Civic Society Award Prize to Stamford Skatepark

The Skatepark Volunteer Group received one of the Stamford Civic Society's Awards at their Annual General Meeting for providing this facility for the young people of the town. Members of the Group, (Marcus Stanier with Sally Jordan, John Judge, Jane Roberts and Jeremy Ball) are shown in the photograph along with Orlando Rock, President of the Society and Gwyneth Gibbs, Chairman.



## Skells Trust – Grants Available

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 Skate park, 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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## Stamford Stone Trail

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Archway, All Saints Church, Stamford

As part of the Sundial and Stamford Built Heritage project, Stamford Civic Society has revised and reprinted the Stone Trail. This was first produced by LCC with the original text and drawings supplied by Alan Dawn, and had not been revised for over ten years. It has now been brought up to date and is available from the Library, at a cost of £1. All proceeds from the sale remain in Stamford to provide funds for the Library.

The trail starts in Broad Street, outside what was the Museum and takes you past Browne's Hospital, All Saints' Church, and along the High Street. From there, it takes you to St. George's Square, along St. Mary's Street, past the Town Hall

and ends at the Town Bridge. Along the way, it points out the many different types of stone used in the buildings.

We hope that the trail will be used by residents and visitors alike to gain a fascinating insight into "The finest stone town in England".

## Work on the Meadows

The Meadows are recognised as a very important and valuable amenity for the Town. With this in mind the Town Council's Amenities Committee scheduled much-needed remedial maintenance work to the surface of the Meadows.

Given the expected high levels of use of the Meadows during the Summer, Country



Grounds Maintenance Ltd (CGM) was contracted to implement these works. This entailed extending the 'stippled' surface at the vehicular entrance to the Meadows together with improvements to the drainage in required areas. A 288sq. metre shape was excavated and then in-filled with hard-core, topsoil and a plastic grid to support and counter the impact of heavy vehicles during the summer events.

Additionally, in response to requests by dog walkers and ramblers, similar surfacing treatment was carried out close to the entrance to the Freeman's Meadows to address the significant puddling that occurs in that area during times of heavy rain.

## Allotment Prizes

The annual awards presented by Stamford Town Council for Best Kept Allotments were held on October 23rd 2014. They have been running annually since 1976 and this year more than £700 in prizes were awarded.



The overall winner this year was MENCAP who were presented with the W&J Brown Cup, Mr C Shelton scooped the Open Section and received the Open Cup. The winner of the senior citizen's prize was Mr D Harrison who was presented with the Wilkinson Shield, The Novice Cup went to Mr & Mrs J C Mackinnon and, new for 2014 was the ECO prize which was awarded to Mr G Shell.

The competition was judged by Emma Rawlings, deputy editor of Kitchen Garden Magazine and a special poem was recited by Stamford Poet Laureate, Mr Bill Taylor. In addition to the cash prizes presented by the Town Council the awards were also sponsored by the following:- *Kitchen Garden Magazine; Waterside Garden Centre; CGM; Burghley Estates; Morrisons; Thompson & Morgan; Wilkinsons; Tesco; Lambs and Sainsburys.*

## War Memorial Plaques

As part of Stamford's WWI Commemoration acrylic plaques, each measuring 20cm x 10cm, will be temporarily attached to wooden battens affixed to the War Memorial railings. No drilling of the railings will be required. Each plaque will commemorate an action from 4 Aug 1914 to 11 Nov 1918 in which the Lincolnshire Regiment was involved, and will be attached on the actions' anniversaries. By 11 Nov 2018 there will be a total of approx 120 plaques, which will then be removed to a permanent installation in Stamford.

Stamford Town Council and the WWI Commemoration Group would like to thank Welland Valley Timber for their generosity in donating the timber and woodscrews for this project, and Homebase for donating the paint and paintbrushes.



W V TIMBER - Phil Wade  
COUNCILLOR - Max Sawyer  
HOMEBASE - Steve Cook

## Bulb Planting on Meadows



The clocks have been wound back, the leaves on the trees are turning gold and there is a noticeable chill in the air. Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas are starting to fill the thoughts of everyone you meet. Except for one bunch of enthusiastic youngsters from Stamford Welland Academy (SWA) who have their minds firmly set on Spring, when the results of one morning's hard work will be on display for all to see. Building on the initiative started by the Stamford Urban Group, flowering bulbs have been planted on the Meadows. So come the Spring, we will all be able to see and enjoy, a crowd, a host of golden daffodils, beside the river, beneath the trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Working with members of the Urban Group, the year 8 students, led by Mr Brister, pulled out all the stops and planted 100kg of bulbs.

The project was the ideal opportunity for the students to advance their progression in the schools newly implemented Pledge System. The Pledge system aims to encourage and support many important qualities in students, such as responsibility, expectation, intuition and citizenship.

Special thanks must go to Peter Heyes and Paul Rose of the Urban Group for organising the bulbs and specialist planting tools, Stamford Town Council for giving permission to plant, and the Mayor for taking the time to visit the proceedings. Hopefully Wordsworth will forgive me for pinching the verse...

## Green light for second Stamford Georgian Festival



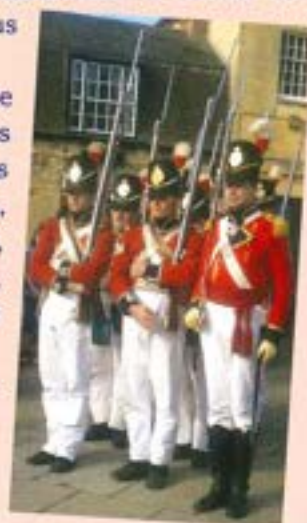
Stamford is to host its second Georgian Festival next year between 25-27th September with a full programme on both days.

South Kesteven District Council has announced its decision to build on the amazing success of the inaugural event in 2013 which saw 22,000 people visit on the busiest day – a record for the town.

The features of last year's three day event were talks, recitals, shows, tours, rides, a tea dance, a Georgian style cricket match and a re-run of the colourful and famous Stamford Bull Run.

"We may well see the jugglers and stilt walkers again but other possibilities could be fire-eaters, contortionists, hoops, hopscotch, coconut shies, swing boats – the list goes on and on.

The Town Council will be keeping you informed with further details via our Newsletter.



## Street Pastors

Stamford Street Pastors, who do such excellent work in Stamford on Saturday evenings, would like to extend their activities to Friday evenings. In order to do this they would like more volunteers. Those interested in supporting this highly worthwhile and much-appreciated group, or who would like to find out more, should contact Elizabeth Goodwin at [stamford@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:stamford@streetpastors.org.uk)

## Charges for Town Hall Hire

Following the successful renovation of the Grade II listed Georgian Town Hall, it is now available for hire for events. Details of the hire charges are given below.

To see the various rooms available please contact the Town Hall on (01780) 755955.

LOCATION	WEEKDAY	EVENING 5PM – 9PM	SATURDAY / SUNDAY*
<b>COURT ROOM:</b> <i>Holds up to 80 persons seated</i> First four hours For each hour or part of an hour afterwards.	Includes tea & coffee £150.00 £40.00	Includes tea & coffee £250.00 £75.00	Includes tea & coffee £300.00 £75.00
<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER:</b> <i>Holds up to 35-40 people seated</i> First four hours For each hour or part of an hour afterwards.	Includes tea & coffee £100.00 £25.00	Includes tea & coffee £200.00 £60.00	Includes tea & coffee £250.00 £60.00
<b>MALCOLM SARGENT ROOM:</b> <i>Hold up to 16-20 people seated</i> First four hours For each hour or part of an hour afterwards.	Includes tea & coffee £80.00 £20.00	Includes tea & coffee £180.00 £55.00	Includes tea & coffee £230.00 £55.00
<b>ROBING ROOM</b> <i>Holds up to 6 people seated</i> First four hours	Includes tea & coffee £50.00	Includes tea & coffee £150.00	Includes tea & coffee £200.00
KITCHEN FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT AN EXTRA CHARGE £60.00 (A further charge of £20 will apply for cooker and hot oven)			



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## Future Events in Stamford

### 2014 Stamford Christmas Festival – Sunday 30th November 2014, 10 am – 6 pm

The popular Stamford traditional Christmas Festival will be returning to the heart of Stamford (Stamford High Street, Ironmonger Street, Broad Street, Red Lion Square and Sheep Market) with plenty to attract visitors. See what unusual gifts you can find in Stamford's exclusive, independent shops together with traditional craft stalls offering a wide range of popular stylish gifts and treats and delights to tantalize. Unwind in one of the Town's many cafes and restaurants. 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 Funfair and, of course, culminating with the Christmas Lights switch-on. Take advantage of FREE car parking facilities on Sundays.

### 2015 Events on Recreation Ground:

Pinders Circus – Monday 2 to Sunday 8 March  
Mid-Lent Fair – Monday 16 March to Saturday 22 March (open 16-21 March)  
Stamford Festival Parade – Saturday 27 June  
Lions Association Family Fun Day – Sunday 28 June  
Bandstand Bookings – 28 June – 20 September  
Georgian Festival – 25 – 27 September  
Autumn Fair – Sunday 4 October – Sunday 11 October (Fair open 7-11 October)(tbc)

### 2015 Events on the Meadows:

Mellors Group Fair – Monday 16 March to Saturday 22 March (open 16-21 March)  
Rotary Club of Stamford St Martin's Garden Show – Sunday 10 May  
Field Dog Antique Fair – Friday 22 May to Tuesday 26 May (open 23-25 May)  
Stamford Summer Fayre – Sunday 31 May (tbc)  
Stamford Burghley Rotary Club Victorian Cricket – Sunday 28 June 2015  
Stamford Classic Car Show – Sunday 30 August  
Pet and Companion Dog Show – Sunday 13 September  
Field Dog Antique Fair – Thursday 17-21 September (open 18-20 September)  
Georgian Festival – 25-27 September

### Other Events

Senior Citizens Concert – Friday 24 April 2015 (tbc)  
French Market – Sunday 18 October 2015 (tbc)  
Christmas Festival – Sunday 29 November 2015  
2014/5 Virgin Balloon Flights – Schedule weather dependant

### Stamford Town Council Budget Meeting

The Town Council will be holding a public meeting on 25th November at 7 pm at the Town Hall (Court Room) to discuss the 2015 Budget. Members of the public are welcome to attend.