

A bye election is to be held for one Stamford Town Councillor for St. John's Ward

The Electoral Register is a list of everyone who is registered to vote. You can only vote at elections if your name appears in the Electoral Register. There is no automatic registration of electors from other records, such as council tax.

So please make sure you are registered to vote.

There is a vacancy on the Town Council due to a resignation and a bye election will be held in St. John's Ward on Thursday 24 September 2015 to fill this position. So residents within this Ward need to ensure that they are on the Electoral Register to be able to vote.

DON'T MISS OUT, YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.



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Forthcoming Events

2015 Events on Recreation Ground:

Bandstand Bookings – 28 June – 20 September

Stamford Brass – Sunday 06 September

Yarwell & Nassington Britannia Brass Band – Sunday 13 September

Georgian Festival – Friday 25 - Sunday 27 September

Programmes can be obtained from the Arts Centre

Autumn Fair – Sunday 4 – Sunday 11 October (Fair open 7-11 Oct)

2015 Events on the Meadows:

Field Dog Antique Fair – Thursday 17 – 21 September 2015 (open 18-20 Sept)

Georgian Festival – Friday 25 - Sunday 27 September

Programmes can be obtained from the Arts Centre

Other Event

French Market – Sunday 18 October 2015

Stamford Christmas Festival & Light Switch on – Sunday 29 November 2015

2015 Virgin Balloon Flights – Schedule weather dependant

For an update on any events since the publication of this notice please visit our website.
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Red Lion Square

Stamford Town Council is looking at a refurbishment of Red Lion Square which will include a new lighting scheme, refurbishment of the seating and the introduction of some planters to bring some colour to the area.

Stamford Town Council would welcome your comments so do please forward your thoughts either by:

email: townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk
or post to: Town Hall, St. Mary's Hill,
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Big Lottery Fund Awards for a grant



Stamford Town Council has been awarded a £9,991 Big Lottery Fund Awards for All grant to provide a community programme as part of the Stamford Georgian Festival (25-27 September). The programme funded 12 free workshops. The aim is to ensure that every level of the community and all ages could be involved in Saturday's Stamford Bull Run procession and evening spectacle with flags, costumes and a banner with bull images from around the world.



Workshops in both schools and community groups made clothing, a banner denoting their school or group with their chosen theme and a flag depicting which country's bull imagery they are displaying. In addition, three free family workshops were open to the public on 20 August in Stamford Arts Centre with an invitation to attend and make something for the parade, such as a Georgian bonnet.

For further information on any items please contact the Town Clerk
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VJ Day



At precisely 10.54, on a beautiful summer's Sunday, 16 August, The Rev Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Stamford Branch of the Royal British Legion, began the Service in which the citizens of Stamford gave thanks for the victory over Japan 70 years earlier and for the end of World War II. In his Introductory Prayer Canon Gray paid tribute to the victims, not only those killed in battle or through war wounds, but also the victims of much unspeakable cruelty in the prisoner of war camps. Many suffered the effects of cruel internment, forced labour and merciless punishment for the rest of their lives.

A piper played the Last Post to the tune of *The Flowers of the Forest* followed, at exactly 11.00am, by the Two Minute Silence and then Reveille, again by the piper playing *The Minstrel Boy*. Cllr Susan Sandall, Mayor of Stamford, laid a wreath on behalf of all the citizens of Stamford, followed by Mr John Garfield who laid a wreath on behalf the Royal British Legion and all members of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment who fought and died with the 'Forgotten Army' in the Far East campaign.

After a reading of the The Beatitudes from St Matthew's Gospel, the Service continued with Abide with me, strongly led by Mr Derek Burton. Canon Gray then explained the history and meaning of the Kohima Epitaph after which everyone present recited its moving words:

*"When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today."*

Finally the Service ended with the Blessing and a rousing first verse of the National Anthem, after which many of us retired to a nearby hostelry to reflect on the day's event which clearly meant so much to the very large number of people who were present.



We would like to thank especially those who contributed to the success of this important occasion – the Rev Canon Donald Gray, the Mayor of Stamford and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, AVM Peter Dodworth, for gracing the event with their participation, to Jim Fay, Roy Prentice and Alan Patrick for so much background work, to Derek Burton for leading the singing, to John Garfield for representing the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, to Pat Lee, his colleague for their inspired piping, and especially to everyone in the large crowd who made this a very special occasion.

British Legion Outreach Office



The Stamford Branch of the Royal British Legion is to open an 'Outreach' facility in the offices of the Citizens' Advice Bureau in the High Street. This facility will open on Wednesday, 19 August and, it is intended, thereafter to open each Wednesday from 10.00 for 3-4 hours.

This facility will be provided free of charge and will work with the CAB to offer advice and practical help on a wide range of welfare services, not only to serving but also to any former members of the Service community and their dependants. These services will include maintenance allowances for the incapacitated, property repair/maintenance, adaptations, removal expenses, funeral expenses, scooters/wheelchairs, carephones, riser chairs/beds and other mobility aids, white/brown household goods, residential and dementia care, welfare breaks, and employment training and opportunities, etc.

This Stamford Project is one of just 98 such RBL sponsored Drop in Centres across the country and, as part of the Armed Forces Community Covenant signed with the Town Council and local military bases, will link in with the welfare activities carried out by the Branch at RAF Wittering, St. George's Barracks and Kendrew Barracks.



A Month in the Life of the Mayor of Stamford

In this short article I would like to give the public an insight into the responsibilities and commitment that holding the office of Mayor of Stamford entails. I have chosen the month of September to give you a taste of how I buzz around in this hive of activity.

As Mayor I am the first citizen of the town, I am invited to attend various civic events during my Mayoral year. Since my inauguration in May I have attended 41 events, this does not include the Monthly Town Council meetings and the committee meetings, this total will increase considerably during the month of September and beyond.

Two exciting events will be staged during this month starting with Burghley Horse Trials which was held from Thursday 3rd - Saturday 6th Sept. In my capacity as Mayor I was



honoured to have been invited to the daily events but more particularly to the Champagne Reception to mark the launch of the event and the President's Luncheon which included invitations to the Royal Box to watch the Show Jumping. This event firmly puts Stamford on the map as it is televised across the world.

At the end of the month is the Georgian Festival, from the Friday 25th - Sunday 27th Sept. This is a three day event organised by SKDC. Last staged in 2013 a phenomenal number

of visitors attended both from Stamford and further afield. The Town Hall will be open to visitors on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Included this year will be the original prison cells in the basement of the building together with a mock trial in the courtroom and of course the famous 'bull running' through the town (Sat evening).

Stamford Town Council, in conjunction with RAF Wittering, is proud to be involved in organising the commemorative Battle of Britain Service and parade which was held be on Sunday 20th September. Once again, as Mayor of the Town it was a privilege to lay a



wreath on behalf of the citizens of Stamford.

Other notable events include, The Stamford New College - Higher Education Celebration of Excellence, Stamford Dog Show and Family Fun Day and the Last Night of the Proms performed by 'The Stamford Brass Band' at the Corn Exchange Theatre. I have also been invited to attend an Annual Festival of Music and Art at Wilds' Lodge Therapeutic School near Empingham. The Festival is organised to promote the work of those children of special educational needs.

I also support the local Amateur Theatre productions so I am looking forward to attending the Homecoming by Harild Pinter, staged by The Shoestring Theatre at the Arts Centre on Wednesday 16th September.

In addition to all these events, I am also Chairman of the Council which involves chairing the monthly Town Council meetings and attending weekly committee meetings, and I also have commitments as an honorary member of various outside bodies.

Thank goodness for the dedicated staff at the Town Hall who ensure my diary runs smoothly.

My personal life is equally as busy as I have the family home to run, I am a hands on grandmother and work part time in the family business. A busy year indeed, although very tiring it is exciting and enjoyable and a great privilege to be Mayor of Stamford. I wouldn't want to miss a minute!



'A' Boards

Shopping areas within Stamford have much to offer by way of creating an ambiance that makes them attractive to shoppers and visitors alike. 'A' Boards and the display of goods on the pavement/pedestrian precinct are traditional ways for businesses to promote and display their goods in and around the Town Centre. The Town Council recognises that some traders wish to use this means to promote their business activities, but it must be in a way that both enhances the street scene and is sensitive to the needs of its users without causing congestion or an obstruction. The Town Council continues to discuss with the Principle Authorities to establish a way forward and reach a satisfactory solution for both shoppers and retailers alike.



Some of the events are to raise money for my charities, I am supporting the following:-



Friends of
Stamford Hospital



Stamford Macmillan
Nurses



The Shack



Christchurch
Day Centre