STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL News letter



A QUARTERLY UPDATE OF NEWS AND VIEWS FROM STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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MAYOR'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

In four months' time I will be handing this office to the next mayor. If there is one message that I would like to pass on, it is to wish the new incumbent the same good fortune as I have had in my mayoral year—the opportunity to discover the true wealth of Stamford, its residents: to experience their good grace, their friendship, their generosity and public spirit; especially of those who serve others, be it through our churches and charitable institutions, in care homes or with our Armed Forces.

Stamford is precious and worth working for. The Council has recently formed a Development Board with the task of surveying the town and identifying the areas of opportunity and neglect — traffic, promotion of business, leisure facilities and similar matters. I would warmly welcome your involvement in this undertaking and would like to invite you to help us—with your thoughts, expertise and enterprise.

Once more, let me express my thanks to you all and wish you a good year.

The Mayor of Stamford



Mrs Miranda Rock with her children set off to the Christmas Lights Switch-on accompanied by the Mayor

OLD TIME MUSIC HALL



The Corn Exchange Entertainment Committee was just one of the many performers to appear before an enthusiastic audience of Senior Citizens at a free Christmas concert, generously sponsored by local businesses, held at the Town Hall. Mulled wine and mince pies added to the convivial atmosphere and festive spirit.

STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL FORTHCOMING MEETINGS 2008:

DATE:	MEETING :
Jan. 2nd Jan. 8th Jan. 15th Jan. 22nd	Planning Committee Finance Committee Town Council Meeting Planning Committee
Feb. 5th Feb. 12th Feb. 19th Feb. 26th	Planning Committee Cemetery, Allotments & Meadows Town Council Meeting Planning Committee
Mar. 10th Mar. 11th Mar. 18th Mar. 25th	Annual Town Meeting Finance Committee Planning Committee Town Council Meeting



The Friends of Stamford Recreation Ground is a community group, formed by local residents, park users, parents, grandparents and community leaders. The Play Project aims to provide new play areas at the Rec. for toddlers, pre-school and primary school aged children.

The group has the full support and backing of Stamford Town Council, South Kesteven District Council, Churches Together in Stamford, Lincolnshire Police and local schools and nurseries. Miranda Rock, Director of Burghley House, is Patron of the Friends Group.

There is still plenty of scope for local businesses and craftsmen to get involved in the design process. For example the group is seeking:

A horticulturalist to undertake imaginative planting, maybe to create a sensory garden for special needs children — A sculptor to come up with innovative seating or child-friendly objects d'art. —A company to source tiles or bricks engraved with our contributors' details to incorporate into floor art. — A wrought iron specialist to design and make gates or seating. — An artist to create a panoramic map of the town from the Rec. or a Stamford puzzle.

Contractors will be appointed in March 2008 and construction will commence in May with completion anticipated before the school holidays in July.

Please contact Nancy Wibberley on 01780 482242 or e-mail nancywibberley@yahoo.co.uk if you are able to help.

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The Meadows — Stamford's Premier Outdoor Venue

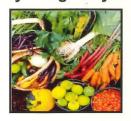
Available for rental for Exhibitions, Markets, Trade Fairs, Food Festivals, Expositions, Displays, Presentations, Demonstrations, Carnivals, Galas, Shows, Fiestas, Music, Cultural Events and more...

Bookings available from a single afternoon to a weekend or an entire week.

NB Strict terms and conditions apply including Health and Safety, Security and Insurance cover.

Do you enjoy the unbeatable taste of fresh fruit and vegetables straight from the garden?

Then why not grow your own?



There are a limited number of Council owned Allotments now available for rental in the Stamford area:
Queens Walk, Tinwell Road, Water Furlong, Priory Road and Uffington Road.

for

further details please contact:
Town Clerk, The Town Hall, St. Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR
Tel. 01780 753808 Email. stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Stamford Town Council Schools Community & Environment Project





During the summer, teams of students from Stamford High School worked in the Queen's Walk Allotments, at the Stamford Cemetery Chapel and on The Meadows, undertaking a wide variety of community and environmentally-linked activities with the guidance of Stamford Town Council supervisors.



Stamford Town Council encourages other schools in the area to participate in similar community and environment related projects in 2008.

Please contact the Town Clerk on 01780 753808 for information.



Stamford - A Fair Trade Town

Stamford has been a Fairtrade Town since October 2006. The Fairtrade FAIRTRADE Foundation recognises cities and towns that achieve certain levels in promotion

and availability of Fairtrade Products.

Stamford's Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 25th February to 9th March 2008 during which time the film "Black Gold" will be shown at Barn Hill Methodist Church. Visit the website:

www.fairtrade-stamford.org.uk

to find details of the Fair Trade outlets in Stamford and activities planned for the Fairtrade Fortnight.

Waste Recycling Centre for Stamford?

Lincolnshire County Council is currently investigating a number of options with the objective of providing Stamford with its own Waste Recycling Centre. A number of possible sites have been inspected and feasibility studies undertaken, but no final decision has been made. Subject to appropriate land being acquired and the planning process completed LCC hopes to commission a WRC for Stamford within the next two years.

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STAMFORD — YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM



PC Dave Bannister Community Beat Manager Mob. 07939 896379



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Stamford Town Council attains Quality Status accreditation



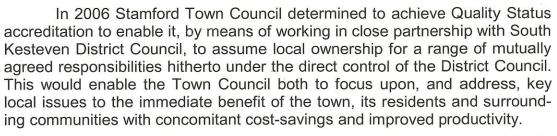


Patricia Stuart-Mogg
- Town Clerk

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Speaking on behalf of Stamford Town Council the Town Clerk, Patricia Stuart-Mogg, stated: 'Thanks to the enthusiasm and unstinting support of the Mayor, Cllr. Jon Poznanski, and members of the Town Council, after more than nine months of concentrated effort, by October we were in a position to submit our formal application having completed and fulfilled the demanding statutory requirements necessary. At the end of November, we were advised that our application had been successful and that Stamford is now one of a minority of Councils, both nationally and locally, to have achieved the recognition of Quality Status accreditation.'

Unfortunately, November also brought the news that the Town Council's bid for Lottery funding to renovate and restructure the interior of the Town Hall, to enable more productive and revenue-generating use to be made of this valuable asset, had been unsuccessful on this occasion.

Given the importance of this latter objective, as well as safeguarding the Town Hall's long-term future, a number of exciting possibilities and initiatives are now being pursued in conjunction with LCC and SKDC. These include the centralisation of a number of Council services which are presently operating as satellite facilities elsewhere in the town. This intelligent use of synergy will bring new efficiencies with related cost benefits to Stamford residents as well as providing the convenience of a 'one stop' Customer Service Centre.



Carol Garwell
- Town Treasurer

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HAVE YOUR SAY! Residents are invited to write to STG with suggestions of Stamford-related topics they would like to see explained or answered by the Town Council in future editions of this Newsletter.

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