

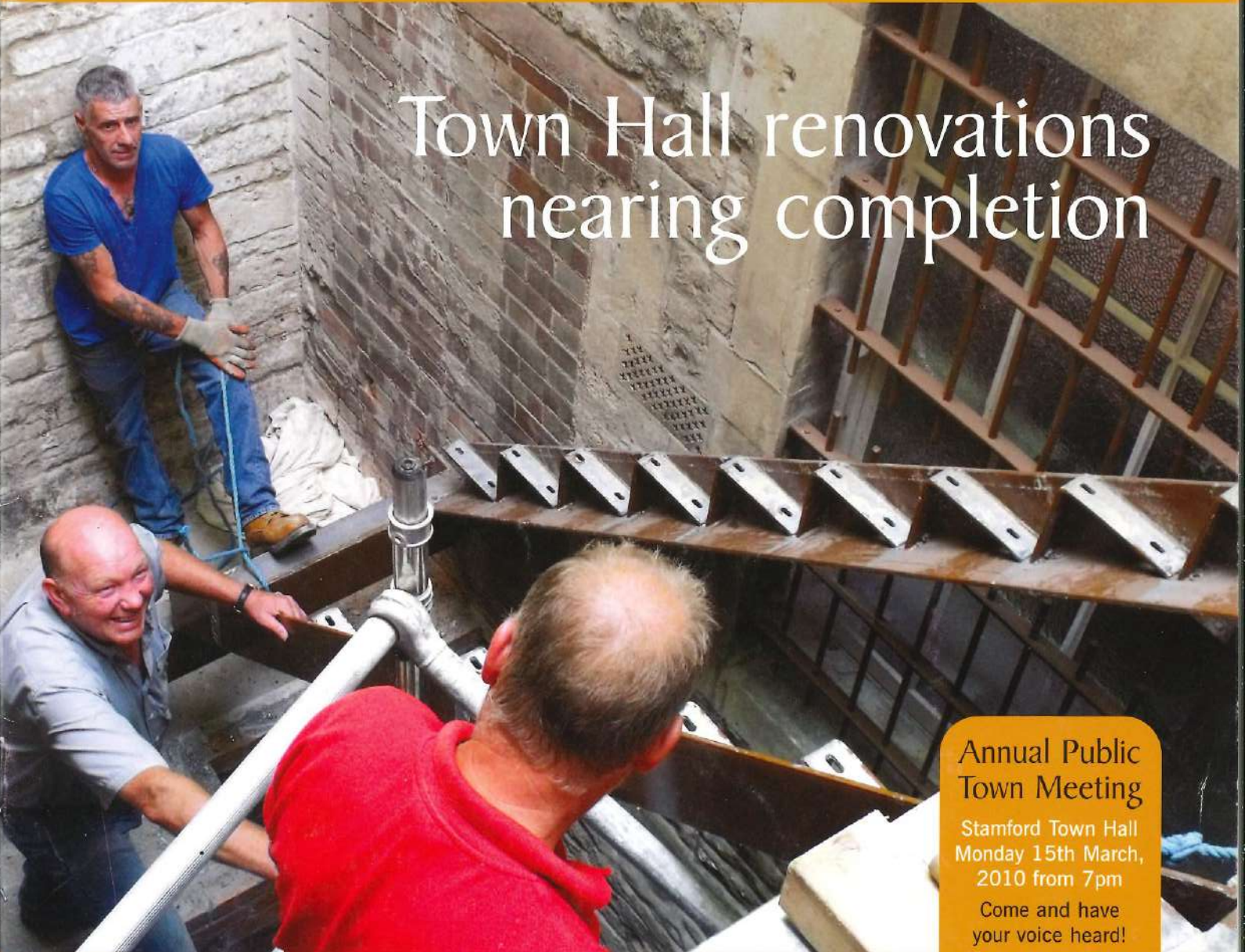
Stamford

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

News and views from Stamford Town Council

Issue 5 Winter 2009

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Annual Public
Town Meeting

Stamford Town Hall
Monday 15th March,
2010 from 7pm

Come and have
your voice heard!

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Mayor's Comment

I have enjoyed the privilege of being Stamford's Mayor now for 6 months and am proud to lead a Town Council which comprises a body of men and women so committed to working together for the good and betterment of the people of Stamford and the Town itself.

There are many things which I would like to achieve during my year of office and a number are nearing achievement. These include, the transfer of the Stamford Recreation Ground back to the ownership of the Town Council, and the re-establishment of the Skate Park in Stamford. The Friends of the Recreation Ground and the Skate Park Committee embrace a band of dedicated volunteers, giving up their time to raise funds to ensure the future of the Recreation Ground to the benefit of all. These organisations rely on continued support not just of the Town Council, but also other local partnerships and associations.

These are difficult economic times and we all must play our part to support efforts to maintain and develop the attraction of our beautiful town. Small ways of helping include avoiding dropping litter, especially chewing gum and cigarette ends, and dog owners clearing up after their pets. Stamford can not only boast of its magnificent historic buildings, but also of having two theatres offering a wide range of productions which, frankly, don't always get the support they so richly deserve. We are also proud of our splendid educational establishments which attain excellent results. With Christmas almost upon us already, and a number of exciting local events planned, let us all make a special effort to support local companies, traders and events throughout the coming festive season.



There is so very much to be proud of, so let us all continue to make Stamford the place where residents and visitors alike can 'bide awhile and enjoy its ancient charm'.

Cllr. Christine Brough,
Mayor of Stamford.



Town Hall renovations nearing completion

The first phase of the Town Hall renovation programme is nearing completion.

The strengthening and relaying of the entrance hall floor, significant improvements to the disabled access facilities, including the installation of a lift to all floors, are some of the major works which have been undertaken.

This first phase encompasses a number of essential maintenance works to improve and enhance the safety of the building for both the public and staff. This vital work has been enabled through prudent fiscal management by the Town Council.

There are three future phases scheduled which the Town Council hopes to resource with assistance from Heritage Lottery funding. This carefully scheduled programme will restore this historic building to its original beauty, with new displays exhibiting many interesting historical artefacts from Stamford's colourful past.



Treasure in Stamford Town Hall Attic

Recent contact from the makers of a new BBC2 programme, Antiques Roadshow Restoration, provided Stamford Town Council with an ideal opportunity to discover more about an oil painting of King Charles II found stacked with other pictures against a wall in a Town Hall attic.

Having been sent the requested photograph of the painting, the programme makers visited the Town Hall and were very excited at the 'find', as well as a terracotta bust of a Dutch woman also stored in the attic.

Art expert Eric Knowles confirmed the painting was indeed that of King Charles II, and that it was possibly painted in the 1690s by an as yet unidentified artist. As part of the new TV programme the damage has been stabilised and some exploratory cleaning undertaken by restoration expert Lucia Scalisi, ready for future cleaning and full restoration. The carved wooden frame also requires repairs and re-gilding. The value of the painting, estimated in the thousands of pounds, has yet to be fully assessed.

Cllr. John Dawson and the Town Clerk Patricia Stuart-Mogg will be seen discussing the painting and bust with Eric Knowles and Lucia Scalisi when the programme is screened

in March next year. The Antiques Roadshow production team has requested a future visit to the Town Hall to discuss filming a further programme.



Above: Art expert Eric Knowles (left), of new BBC2 programme, Antiques Roadshow Restoration, with Councillor John Dawson (right), and the terracotta bust of a Dutch woman.

Sir Malcolm Sargent Collection

Stamford Town Council is delighted to announce that it has been granted custodianship of a significant collection of memorabilia belonging to the late Sir Malcolm Sargent, one of England's most renowned musical conductors, an ex-pupil of Stamford School and former Stamford resident. The items were placed with the Town Council by Miss Sylvia Darley, who was secretary and assistant to Sir Malcolm for more than 20 years. The collection, which includes Sir Malcolm's musical scores, batons and many other notable exhibits, will be on public display in a newly-dedicated room when the renovation of the Town Hall is complete.

Youth Council

Stamford Town Council is currently working through the Cluster Project to introduce a Youth Council for Stamford. The aim is to have council meetings composed of secondary school pupils and, taking place at Stamford Town Hall, will discuss local and national issues and put forward their views to the Town Council. We believe that this will be an important contribution to local democracy and give local youth an opportunity to express their concerns and opinions.

Planning Applications

Stamford Town Council considers all planning applications submitted to South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) and offers its own recommendations, which are not binding. If you wish to submit any comments to support or object to any planning application, this should be done via SKDC's Development Control Department with a copy to the Town Council Planning Committee Chairman.

Town Questionnaire

Stamford Town Council thanks the several thousand residents who completed and returned the Town Plan Questionnaire. These are now in the process of being analysed.

Congratulations to the Prize Draw Winners who were: Mrs Weaver from Scotgate, Mrs. Bainbridge from Masterton Road and Mrs Burrows from Andrew Road. The Town Council also wishes to thank both **Nelsons** and **Harrison & Dunn** for their most generous sponsorship towards the prizes.

Education

Stamford Town Council views with grave concern, the proposal by Casterton College to establish an 11-18 college and has made strong representations to Lincolnshire County Council. Such a move, on the borders of Stamford, will jeopardise the futures of both the Queen Eleanor Technology College, and impact learners' choice of options at New College. Both of these institutions, which are major employers in Stamford, have worked in recent years in close collaboration with Stamford Endowed Schools to ensure high quality education and vocational training for the children of Stamford. Any threat to the viability of Queen Eleanor Technology College will have serious consequences for Stamford and the local economy.

Free Charitable use of Town Hall

During the course of the year the Town Hall is made available, free of charge, for six charitable events or worthy causes. Selection is entirely at the Mayor's personal discretion and is strictly subject to availability. Applications giving fullest details of the charity or cause supported and the event proposed should be submitted, in writing, to the Town Clerk, Town Hall, St. Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR.



Town Councillors with the questionnaires



Councillor Paul Rose (left), sponsors Harrison & Dunn and Nelsons with the Prize Draw Winners

Stamford Town Council Skells Trust

The Skells Trust was established to administer money bequeathed to the town by former mayor Harry Skells. The Trust offers financial assistance in the form of grants to local organisations and projects which benefit the town of Stamford as a whole and its residents. The Trust meets several times a year to consider grant applications for such projects and initiatives. Applications giving fullest details should be submitted, in writing, to the Town Clerk, Town Hall, St. Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR.

Cemetery Winter Opening Times

During the months of **November to March**, vehicular access to the cemetery will be restricted to **between 8am and 4pm daily**. Pedestrian access is always available. All vehicles are requested to leave the cemetery grounds in good time. Once the gates are locked, any vehicles remaining within the grounds will be unable to leave until the following day. Vehicles are parked within the cemetery entirely at the owner's risk.



Stamford Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Area Update

Current Neighbourhood Priorities

Thursday / Friday / Saturday evenings 17:00 – 22:00hrs
Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Park area between Drift Road / Lincoln Road

Complaints are being received of ASB by young persons

Illegal parking in the Town Centre

Complaints are being received of illegal parking in the Town Centre

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) involving vehicles in the Town

Complaints have been received of vehicles congregating and displaying ASB in the Town, and young persons causing a nuisance and distress to others

New Public Open Forum starts in Stamford

The first Stamford Neighbourhood Open Forum was held on 16/09/09 at Christchurch, Green Lane, Stamford. Members of the public had the opportunity to voice their concerns over issues occurring in their neighbourhood. Those who attended expressed that they found the forum very useful and allowed them to speak with their local Police and SKDC Anti-Social Behaviour Team. Future open forums are hoped to be held at various locations throughout Stamford, thereby hoping to engage with the different geographical areas and the diverse public that Stamford has.

The next open public forum, where members of the public can attend and pass on their thoughts / concerns, which may be included within the priorities, will be held at 18:30hrs on 11/11/09 at Clare Close Communal Hall, Clare Close, Stamford. After this, there will be a closed Panel Meeting for nominated attendees.

The Stamford NPT consists of:

			Mobile number
Sergeant	SGT	1126	Martyn Parker 0793 999 6507
Community Beat Manager	PC	745	Debbie Bowen 0793 989 6379
Police Community Support Officers	PCSO	2018	Dave Vines 0794 477 6919
	PCSO	2218	Meela O'Neill 0793 999 7387
	PCSO	2182	Louise Tow 0782 510 0363

The team are based at Stamford Police Station and have close links with many other agencies that together are trying to combat local issues and problems which are brought to their attention.

Stamford Police Station, North Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 1AD
Tel: 01522 532222 (Non-emergency number) www.lincs.police.uk

Annual Town Meeting

At the last Annual Town Meeting on 16 March 2009, it was agreed by the Town Council that the 2009-10 Precept information could benefit from additional clarification. The Town Council has since reviewed its procedures and hopes that the following table assists by offering a clearer presentation of its finances. Any resident requiring further clarification should contact the Town Hall direct.

Estimated Base 2008/9			Projected Outturn 2008/9				Estimated Base 2009/10		
Gross Exp. £000's	Income £000's	Net Exp. £000's	Gross Exp. £000's	Income £000's	Net Exp. £000's	SERVICES	Gross Exp. £000's	Income £000's	Net Exp. £000's
108.500	35.700	72.800	126.979	30.000	96.979	Cemetery	117.707	37.926	79.781
7.500	1.000	6.500	8.359	1.010	7.349	Civic Ceremonies/Travelling	7.890	1.010	6.880
58.900	27.300	31.600	74.727	25.567	49.160	Leisure & Tourism	55.405	25.025	30.380
170.300	3.200	167.100	211.905	4.214	207.691	Town Hall & Administration	208.378	5.550	202.828
345.200	67.200	278.000	421.970	60.791	361.179	TOTALS	389.380	69.511	319.869
	278.00	-278.00				Financed from:-			
						Reserves			
						Precept			-319.869

NOTES:

1. Major Items of Expenditure

Items for 2009/10 include:	Summer Playscheme	£8,000
	* Major Repairs – Town Hall	£150,000
	Christmas Lights	£10,000
	Grants	£7,500

* Major Repairs funded from	Loan from General Fund	£60,000
	Earmarked Reserves	£50,000
	2009/10 Budget	£32,000
	Meadows income	£8,000

Additional information concerning the earmarked reserves is supplied to reflect the query raised at the Town Meeting – March 2009

2. Estimated Financial Reserves

	Projected Outturn 2008/9 £000's	Estimated Base 2009/10 £000's
Opening Balance		
– General Fund	143.400	143.400
Earmarked Reserves	78.100	
Total	221.500	
Transfer from General Fund		-60.000
General Fund		
– Closing Balance		83.400

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Dates for the diary 2009-2010

November:	Tue. 03	Town Council Meeting at 7pm
	Sun. 08	Remembrance Day Service, Stamford War Memorial commencing at 10.50am
	Tue. 10	Planning Committee at 7pm
	Wed. 11	Strategic Development Committee at 10am
	Tue. 17	Finance, Personnel & Asset Committee at 7pm
	Fri. 27	Christmas Light Switch-on in Red Lion Square at 5.30pm
December:	Wed 02	Scrutiny & Audit Committee at 10am
	Tue. 08	Planning Committee at 7pm
	Sun. 13	Christmas Festival Market
	Tue. 15	Cemetery, Allotment & Meadows Committee at 7pm
	Fri. 18	Stamford Free Senior Citizen Concert in the Town Hall
	Tue. 22	Town Council Meeting at 7pm
January:	Tue. 05	Planning Committee at 7pm
	Thu. 07	Stamford Town Forum
	Tue. 12	Finance, Personnel & Asset Committee at 7pm
	Wed. 13	Strategic Development Committee at 10am
	Tue. 19	Town Council Meeting at 7pm
	Mon. 25	Skells Trust Meeting at 7pm
	Tue. 26	Planning Committee at 7pm
	Wed. 27	Scrutiny & Audit Committee at 10am

Town Council and Committee Meetings are held in the Town Hall at 7pm and are open to the public. All agendas and minutes are available on the Town Council website. www.stamfordtowncouncil.co.uk

Christmas Tree and Crib Festival St Johns Church Stamford

Friday 4th-Sunday 13th December
9.30am-4.30pm every day

Marie Curie Stall

Saturday 5th December, All day

The Beauvale Ensemble
will play Christmas music

Sunday 6th December, 10am-11.30am

St Gilberts Church of England
Primary School Choir

Friday 11th December, 10am-11.30am

Donations welcome, in aid of All Saints
Church, Stamford Lions Club and the
Churches Conservation Trust.

Grateful thanks to Digby Farms for
supplying the Christmas Trees.

FREE
ADMISSION

Christmas Festival News

Look out for the Christmas Festival programme which will be outlining all forthcoming, exciting events and include:

- Christmas Light Switch-on –
Friday 27 November 2009
- Christmas Festival Market –
Sunday 13 December 2009
- Christmas Concert –
Friday 18 December 2009*

*This is a FREE Concert for Senior Citizens registered within the Parish of Stamford. Due to limited seating admittance is by ticket-only, which are available from the Town Hall.

Keep up to date online

www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Stamford Town Councillors, South Kesteven District Councillors & Lincolnshire County Councillors' ward list for Stamford

Councillor	All Saints Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
David Brailsford (CON) Deputy Mayor	1 Carisbrook Grove, Stamford, PE9 2GF	757242	LCC Cllr.
Michael Exton (CON)	84 Churchill Road, Stamford, PE9 1JG	751265	
Dr. Sam Jalili (LD)	68 Roman Bank, Stamford, PE9 2ST	755955	SKDC Cllr.
Mrs. Maureen Riley (LD)	3 New Street, Stamford, PE9 1ES	755219	
Mrs. Susan Sandall (IND)	4 Forest Gardens, Stamford, PE9 2FL	764399/757676	SKDC Cllr.
Councillor	St. George's Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
John Binder (LD)	52 Ryhall Road, Stamford, PE9 1UF	764188	
Jon Poznanski (IND)	Via – Town Hall		
Bob Sandall (IND)	4 Forest Gardens, Stamford, PE9 2FL	764399/757676	SKDC Cllr.
Bill Turner (LAB)	16 Falkirk Close, Stamford, PE9 2TU	766697	
John Hicks (IND)	4 Ryhall House, Ryhall Road, Stamford, PE9 1UQ	751853	LCC Cllr.
Councillor	St. John's Ward	Telephone No.	District
Harrish Bisnauthsing (LD)	Reedmans Court St. George's Street, Stamford, PE9 2BJ	756000	SKDC Cllr.
Miss Christine Brough (LD) Town Mayor	50 Arran Road, Stamford, PE9 2XS	756046	SKDC Cllr.
Mrs. Maureen Jalili (LD)	68 Roman Bank, Stamford, PE9 2ST	755955	SKDC Cllr.
John Judge (CON)	8 Brooke Avenue, Stamford PE9 2RU	764757	
David Nalson (CON)	70 Tinwell Road, Stamford, PE9 2SD	764112	
Clem Walden (IND)	32 Charlock Drive, Stamford, PE9 2WP	764679	
Councillor	St. Mary's Ward	Telephone No.	District
John Dawson (IND)	The Bridge House, Casterton Road, Stamford, PE9 2YL	754166	SKDC Cllr.
John Harvey (CON)	Sussex House, Empingham Road, Stamford, PE9 3UH	766972	SKDC Cllr.
Mrs. Jane Peckett (LD)	68a Tinwell Road, Stamford, PE9 2SD	756044	
Paul Rose (IND)	Willowbrook, 2nd Drift, Wothorpe, Stamford	754166	
Dr. Graham Wheatley (CON)	6 St. Peter's Hill, Stamford, PE9 2PE	489154	

Email addresses for all **COUNCILLORS** is: townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk
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4 Ryhall House, Ryhall Road, Stamford PE9 1UQ
Telephone: 01780 751853

Stamford Rural Division

Councillor Thomas Martin Trollope – Bellew (CON)
The Old Hall, Barholm, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 4RA
Telephone: 01778 560634

Stamford West Division

Cllr Councillor David Brailsford (CON)
1 Carisbrook Grove, Stamford, PE9 2GF
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SKDC Councillor not on Town Council

St. George's Ward

Cllr. Mrs. Joyce Gaffigan (LD)
57 Caithness Road, Stamford, PE9 2TF
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