

Stamford

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Mayor's Comment

Hello and Welcome to this bumper edition. Firstly thanks to our former Mayor, Councillor John Binder for all the hard work and effort during his year in office. I would like to repeat the words he said to everyone last year "Let's keep Politics out of Stamford and ensure we all work towards the same goal".

I have always felt that I was very lucky to have been born in Stamford and to become the Mayor after nine years as a Councillor, which is a very great privilege. It must be fate to be in this role during this important year 2012 which includes the Queens Diamond Jubilee year and the Olympics. It will certainly give me the greatest honour to greet the Queen on behalf of all the people of Stamford.

Being a Town Councillor can be very frustrating and achievements difficult, and it can take a long time to get results, but despite this Stamford Town Council has moved forward in leaps and bounds over the

last few years to ensure we have regained, or maintained, full local control covering some areas of responsibility which are important to people who live in Stamford. We would like even more control in the future and the new localism bill may well pave the way for this to happen.

We are continuing to refurbish this lovely building (the Town Hall, which was becoming urgent), as this had suffered neglect for a long time. We are in the process of creating a museum hub to ensure that our Stamford treasures remain in Stamford, and can be seen, not hidden away.

Work will start on the new Rec' toilets any time now and we have some ideas how we can use the now extinct bowls club green and premises. It is our ambition to gain a green flag status for the rec' in the not too distant future. All these changes have happened through hard work by the whole team, Councillors, Town Clerk and Staff.

1974 created big problems for Stamford, and it is taking a long time to regain the profile we had before that re-organisation. I want to continue to raise that profile, and because of contract changes it does mean that staff will become busier as the Town Hall becomes more public friendly and used each and every day.

This will mean changes and more responsibilities for both councillors and staff, to ensure we all work effectively as a team for our town, and also make sure this building is cost effective in these austere times.

The Town's finances are healthy, but great care has to be taken to ensure this remains so.

Many outside organisations already co-operate with the council with various

projects, and this will be encouraged to ensure all parties involved benefit from the advantages of such arrangements.

Central government wants a 'Big Society'. As far as I am concerned Stamford has always been a 'Big Society', and this I feel will continue with all the volunteers there are... the numerous local organisations, and I thank them all for their help.

As a Town Council, we want everyone to have pride in our town, know which councillor represents their area, and know where and to whom they can contact, be it the Councillors, Town Clerk or staff, for help or advice as required.

Because of the present system of local government, we are often beholden to either or both SKDC and LCC who have the responsibility for many areas/departments of many aspects of our every day life, such as Highways, Street Lighting, Street Cleaning and Rubbish collections to name a few.

We continue to strive to claim back some of these responsibilities where local control would be beneficial and much more effective. We hope the public will voice their opinions through every means possible including newspaper, radio/TV, and letter writing to ensure that the District and County Councils know the problems we all come across daily. At the same time we would like them to consider that local control of some services would be more cost effective, and satisfactory, to those who pay for them, that is the council tax payer.

Finally, please encourage all your neighbours, friends and relations to join in the celebrations and events which have been organised for everyone's benefit, which will commemorate Stamford's part in this special year.

Cllr. Bob Sandall, Mayor of Stamford

Olympic Celebrations

Stamford has been chosen as one of the towns which the Olympic torch will pass through on 3 July at 16.45 pm.

This is an excellent opportunity for the people of Stamford to get involved in the UK Olympics 2012 both in the town and at the celebrations planned by Burghley House. The Olympic flame will leave Uppingham at 4.15 pm arriving in Stamford (Tinwell Road) at 4.45pm, then proceed along West Street, Scotgate, St John's Street, Red Lion Square, High Street, St Paul's Street, Brazenose Lane, St Leonards Street, Wharf Road and High Street St Martins before turning from High Street St Martins into Barnack Road and arrive at Burghley House at 5.15 pm.



Lord Burghley

Jubilee Celebrations

Stamford Town Council is delighted to be part of the celebrations planned to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee year. There are a range of activities planned for all ages and all tastes, from music and history to food and to be held around town including on the Meadows and Stamford Recreation Ground.

Saturday 2nd June – Celebrations commence on with the Festival Parade of Floats reflecting a fitting 'Kings & Queens' theme. The floats, organised by Stamford Kiwanis, will leave the Recreation Ground at 2pm and will process right through the town centre. You can also visit the Town Hall to see the recent renovations and view our newly opened Sir Malcolm Sargent room, our displays of civic regalia, Stamford's ancient and fascinating historic records and artwork. Some of the items were previously displayed in the Stamford Museum but many have not been seen before. There will be the opportunity to book places on the hugely popular Georgian Walk around the town accompanied by Blue Badge Guide Jill Collinge; after which you will have the opportunity to complete the experience with a refreshing Georgian-style tea!

Sunday 3rd June – The ever popular annual Family Fun Day organised by the Stamford & District Lions Club will be held on the Meadows this year and will commence at 10am. There will be plenty of family entertainment and fun activities to appeal to all ages. Also, be sure not to miss the exciting Mountain Bike Aerial Displays where spectacular skills will be made to appear simple and where expert tips and coaching will be available to biking enthusiasts.

Monday 4th June – Free Entry to Stamford Feast! The Big Lunch will be held on the Meadows and will include food, music and dance from around the world. Why not stay and join in the Party on the Point between 4pm and 10pm. Bring a picnic and listen to a wide range of musical entertainment. The evening's festivities will culminate with a spectacular firework finale.



Stamford Diamond Jubilee Banner

Mrs Mary Patrick is photographed with Mayor John Binder and the Rt Rev Mark Warwick, Dean of Stamford with the banner she has made to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee and the work of a variety of associations and schools within the town.

These include; Stamford Police, Stamford Fire Brigade, the Salvation Army, Red Cross, St John's Ambulance, Friends of Stamford Recreation Ground, Royal British Legion, Stamford Festival Association, Kiwanis, RAF Wittering's Celebration Sword, Stamford Lions, New College Stamford, Stamford Endowed Schools and Queen

Eleanor School Stamford. The banner is headed by the Stamford Town Crest and dates of the Queen's coronation and Jubilee year 1952-2012. The logos were embroidered by Laura Bailey at Precision Sports

Mrs Patrick initially came up with idea of a banner to commemorate the Jubilee and this was agreed by the Stamford Town Council. Mrs Patrick's idea was to demonstrate the variety of organisations and associations which make Stamford such a vibrant town. The banner has been worked on linen and measures 36" x 28". The stand and banner holders were made by the students of New College Stamford under the guidance of Mr Gary MacParland.



Recreation Ground Toilets

The Council are planning to have the new toilets situated on the Recreation Ground completed in the Jubilee year. The Council have worked closely with The Friends of the Recreation Ground to get these toilets built and is grateful to them for the hard work they have put into raising funds for this important project.

Age UK Kesteven in Stamford

Age UK Kesteven held its official launch on the 5th April in Stamford hospital, where they are situated next to the Van Geest Unit. This replaces the previous Darby and Joan Club which was closed several years ago and it aims to promote health and well being, independence and choice for all older people.

There are a range of services including a Home Support service designed to assist the older person to maintain the environment in which they live and also Day Services which take place in the new hospital facilities. The Day Services offers an opportunity for people to come for the day and take part in a variety of activities including a Wednesday Afternoon Club which runs between 2pm and 4pm and is an excellent way of meeting new people.

In addition, the service includes free information and advice service, hire of wheelchairs, oil filled radiators hired free of charge and a range of insurances services.

For any more information please call our office Tel: 01529 302843, Monday-Friday 9.00am-1.30pm or for the times that either Tim or Tara are available to see you in person in our Stamford facilities.



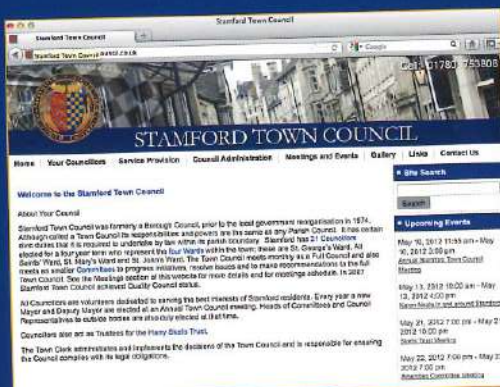
Stamford Hospital Museum

Stamford Hospital Museum was opened in August 2010 as a result of the work of the Stamford and Rutland Hospital Heritage Group which was formed in 2009 to ensure the preservation of Stamford Hospital's important heritage. The hospital was opened in 1828 as the result of a bequest by local surgeon and benefactor Henry Fryer and has a long history of providing healthcare for the town and surrounding population. The hospital today remains very busy and forms part of the Peterborough and Stamford NHS Foundation Trust, providing modern healthcare services.

The museum provides a fascinating insight into the history of the hospital and healthcare and visitors can expect to see interesting old medical equipment, training material, photos, antiquarian books, portraits and many other exhibits. New items are being added as they are found or donated and provide a fascinating insight into the history of the hospital and healthcare in the town.

The museum is located inside the hospital building and can be accessed from the main entrance off Ryhall Road. Museum opening times are announced on the board within the hospital and in the local press and group visits can be arranged at most times for parties of up to 40 people.

For more information, please contact Matron / Site Manager Sue Brooks on 01733 678270



Stamford Town Council launches new website

Stamford Town Council has recently launched a new website which will make it easier for you to access a variety of information about the work we do, events in Stamford and links to other organisations you might wish to contact. The website address is: www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

St Peter's Community Group

To celebrate the Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee, the St Peter's Community Group is hoping to erect an information board on St Peter's Green, similar to others that have been placed around the town. The St Peter's area is very important as it was the first part of the town to be settled and St Peter's church which stood on the Green was the only church in Stamford to be mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086.

The board will feature, by word and illustrations, St Peter's Green and its surroundings, including the Bluecoat School arch which was formerly part of the old Corn market in Broad Street and the Stamford Institute, designed by Browning, with its distinctive Egyptian style doorway which served in the nineteenth century as a library and museum. The board will also refer to Stamford castle which was built by William the Conqueror shortly after the battle of Hastings and the site of which is now the bus station and the Warrenne Keep development.

The board will also refer to the Russian 24 pounder gun which was captured in the Crimean War and which was to be found on St Peter's Green before the Second World War but it, along with the iron railings surrounding the Green, was removed during the war. The gates however remain and they were restored by the St Peter's Community Group in 2002 to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Sir Malcolm Sargent Collection

The Town Hall Committee Room has now been re-designated the Sir Malcolm Sargent Room and will house a permanent display (now nearly complete) of memorabilia associated with one of the UK's best-known conductors.

Most of the items on show were very generously donated to Stamford Town Council by Miss Sylvia Darley, Sir Malcolm's secretary and assistant for over 20 years, and include medals, awards, correspondence, photographs and clothing. The room will be open to members of the public as much as possible during normal Town Hall opening hours when not being used for council or other activities. Before visiting we advise you to ring the Town Hall on 01780 753808 to confirm availability. (Monday to Friday – 0900hrs-1700hrs closed between 1200hrs-1300hrs)

Sir Harold Malcolm Watts Sargent (1895-1967) attended Stamford School 1907-10 and was awarded the diploma ARCO when aged only 16, a BMus when aged 18 and a DMus aged 24. After a career as an organist and composer, he achieved distinction as a choral, orchestral and opera conductor, and is possibly best remembered as the chief conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra 1950-57 and as Chief Conductor of the Promenade Concerts 1948-1967. Among other distinctions, national and international, he was knighted in 1947 for services to music and awarded the Freedom of the Borough of Stamford in 1948. He is buried in Stamford Cemetery.



Williamson Cliff War Memorial

The sudden demise of Bowman's came as a blow, as they were going to help with the restoration of the memorial.

However, thanks to the good offices of Andrew Patience, Gary McPartland and Ian Redhead of New College, and Steve Ankin of Herringbone Restoration, we are hopeful that the memorial will be rebuilt on its new site in the Cemetery memorial garden in time for the Jubilee. Once we have a completion date, a re-dedication ceremony will be arranged and it is very much hoped that all those involved in the project will be able to attend. Surviving former Williamson Cliff employees named on the memorial (which lists all those from the Company who served in WW II) will, of course, be especially welcome, as will their families.

The work on the memorial is being done by Herringbone Restoration with help from New College Stamford and materials from Jacksons of Stamford and Travis Perkins.



Wild Cats

Wildcats is all about having fun, making friends, developing confidence and being part of an amazing team of children, young people and adults to form this incredible theatre school. The troupe have already picked up numerous awards and accolades for their performances in many prestigious venues like Her Majesty's Theatre and even wowed the audience in the Royal Albert Hall. The Town Council was delighted to have the school participate in the free concert for the senior citizens of Stamford in the Town Hall.

The school is embarking on its first ever showcase performance involving all of their Wildcat students from across Stamford, Bourne, Uppingham, Rutland and Peterborough areas. The show is being held on Sunday 1st July, 6.00pm at The Cresset, Rightwell, Bretton, Peterborough. Do go along and give them your support.

New Heritage Trail Museum Project in Town Hall

Stamford New College have offered to provide help (led by Gary McPartland) via their training programme towards the Museum Heritage Trail Project, currently being undertaken by the Town Hall Museum Working group.

The total project will take some time and will go a long way to replacing the Stamford Museum, which has been closed by Lincolnshire County Council and was situated in Broad Street, in a building owned by SKDC.

Stamford Town Council has very limited resources and the college has agreed to build a plinth for a cabinet which is in the Mayors Parlour, and which will form part of guided tours available to the public in the near future. Information sheets will also be available for those interested in the detail.

Ian Greenfield, the operations Director of Deepings Building & Plumbing supplies has now offered to sponsor the cost of materials for this and has offered further support for the long term changes to the Town Hall, which will make it more accessible and interesting to Stamford people and visitors to the town, and filling the gap left by the Museum closure. Jacksons have also already provided materials free of charge towards this work.

It is hoped the tours will be guided by Councillors, local historians, and some members of the History Group from the U3A. The total project will consist of various phases. The first phase is the Ground Floor level, consisting of the hallway, the Council Chamber, and the Mayors Parlour containing the regalia, pictures and photographs, plus the coins collection and other artifacts collected over the centuries. Additionally the previously named committee room will now be called the Sir Malcolm Sargent room, which covers his career and history but still used as a council committee room and some outside organisations.

Once completed (shortly) the next phase of work will cover the Phillips room and Court room. The third phase will cover the caretakers rooms and fourth floor area in the attic.

The cellar (which needs major work) will be the last area to be renovated and opened to the public, but will take some years to complete.

As always materials cost is a large factor, whereas most of the labour and time is voluntarily and generously given by Councillors, ex councillors and some volunteers from the Corn Exchange working group. Any other local companies willing to offer time/labour or materials will be welcomed. Please contact Councillor Tony Story at the Town Hall for further details and a site visit.



Kneeling - College Students Chris Southwell, Jack Somerville, Daniel Toseland and Kevin Asher
Standing - Gary McPartland and Ian Greenfield

Dates for the diary

Town Council and Committee Meetings are usually held on Tuesday's 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

Meetings	June	July	August	September
Town Council	26	24	28	25
Finance Committee	12	10	21	04
Amenities Committee	–	03	04	18
Planning Committee	19	17	14	11
Strategic Development	07	05	09	19
Scrutiny & Audit	28	–	23	–
Skells Trustees	–	–	–	24

Events	June	July	August	September
Jubilee Celebrations	2 - 4	–	–	–
Queen's visit to Burghley	13 or 14	–	–	–
Olympic Torch Relay	–	03	–	–
Town Council Play Scheme	–	–	6 - 17	–
Battle of Britain Parade	–	–	–	16

Annual Report

The Amenities Committee manage the Meadows and the Recreation Ground which continue to be popular venues for events and recreational activities throughout the year. It is with regret that the long-established Belton Bowls Club has had to close due to a decline in membership. The Town Council is carefully considering all suggestions for alternative uses of the site. Progress is being made on the provision of new public conveniences for the Recreation Ground which will hopefully be commissioned by the Jubilee Celebrations. The Town Council much appreciates the sterling efforts of the Friends of the Recreation Ground and the 'spend a penny' campaign. The Town Council has coordinated a programme of activities and events to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee between 2nd and 4th June using both the Recreation Ground and Meadows. It is hoped that these will be well supported.

It is recognised that the Local Plan is a key component of the planning system which shapes the future of Stamford and suitably reflects, the needs of the Town as a whole. Stamford is a fine example of a historic Market Town. There are many issues which can threaten and detrimentally affect its historic fabric, especially in the Conservation Area. The Town Council remains committed to retaining and preserving the heritage of Stamford. It is therefore essential that all residents engage with the planning consultation process. The introduction of the Localism Bill will support public involvement in the delivery of services and the planning the future of their communities.

The Strategic Development Committee continues to work on a variety of issues one of which has been the Town Plan, which has been informed through consultation with the local community and a variety of stakeholders. A Tourism Forum has also been formed, which has been established links with adjoining authorities and relevant local groups. It was the opinion of the Town Council that collaborative working resources could be better utilised in this way. Establishing the Tourism Forum has provided an excellent means of cooperation with a wide range of interested organisations and groups enabling a positive exchange of

concepts and ideas. Enhancing and developing the Town Council's website has been a prime task to provide a more user friendly facility offering a wider range of information.

The Scrutiny & Audit Committee scrutinises the delivery and implementation of the policies of the Town Council, in addition to reviewing procedures in line with relevant legislation and regulations.

The Town Council had now set out a strategy to improve the management of its assets. This led to some critical decisions being taken with a consequential increase in the precept to enable important, specific objectives to be achieved. One of the main objectives has been the total renovation of the Town Hall and the provision of vastly improved public facilities; in addition to the other goals outlined by the previous committees. The recent closure of the Museum has resulted in the Town Council managing the return of numerous loaned items for public display in the Town Hall. Although it is recognised that the economic climate has proved challenging for many retailers in Stamford, nonetheless the outlook remains positive and cautiously optimistic.

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

Councillor	All Saints Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
Breda-Rae Griffin (CON)	86 Churchill Road, Stamford PE9 1JG	01780 763870	SKDC Councillor
Michael Exton (CON)	84 Churchill Road, Stamford PE9 1JG	01780 751265	
Maxwell G. Sawyer (IND)	44 Waverly Gardens, Stamford PE9 1BH	01780 765507	
Sheila A. Sismore (IND)	1 Anne Road, Stamford PE9 1HT	01780 752470	
Mrs Susan J Sandall (IND)	4 Forest Gardens, Stamford PE9 2FL	01780 764399 / 757676	SKDC Councillor
Councillor	St George's Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
Bob Sandall (IND) Town Mayor	4 Forest Gardens, Stamford PE9 1JG	01780 764399 / 757676	SKDC Councillor
Brenda A Sumner (CON)	7 Hazel Grove, Stamford PE9 2HJ	01780 752896	SKDC Councillor
John Binder (LD)	52 Ryhall Road, Stamford PE9 1UF	01780 764188	
John Russell Hicks (IND)	4 Ryhall House, Ryhall Road, Stamford PE9 1UQ	01780 751853	LCC Councillor Stamford North Division
Maxine E Couch (IND)	18 Fitzwilliam Road, Stamford PE9 1DF	01780 756881	
Councillor	St John's Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
Anthony J Story (IND)	1 Peterhouse Close, Stamford PE9 1JB	01780 757949	
Miss Christine Brough (LD)	50 Arran Road, Stamford PE9 2XS	01780 756046	
Clem Walden (IND)	32 Charlock Drive, Stamford PE9 2WP	01780 764679	
David Nalson (CON)	70 Tinwell Road, Stamford PE9 2SD	01780 764112	SKDC Councillor
Graddon R Rowlands (CON)	35 St. Peter's Street, Stamford PE9 2PF	07722 199572	SKDC Councillor
Mrs Maureen Jalili (LD)	68 Roman Bank, Stamford PE9 2ST	01780 755955	
Teri Charles Bryant (CON)	47 Caithness Road, Stamford PE9 2TF	01780 755734	SKDC Councillor NOT ON TOWN COUNCIL
Councillor	St. Mary's Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
Brian C Sumner (CON)	7 Hazel Grove, Stamford PE9 2HJ	01780 752896	
Mrs Elizabeth J Bevan (CON)	11 Austin Street, Stamford PE9 2QR	01780 756291	SKDC Councillor
Mrs Gwyneth M Gibbs (CON)	3 Kettering Road, Stamford PE9 2LR	01780 751669	
Harrish Bisnauthsing (LD)	Reedman's Court, St George's Street, Stamford PE9 2BJ	01780 756000	SKDC Councillor
John Dawson (IND)	The Bridge House, Casterton Road, Stamford PE9 2YL	01780 754166	
Councillor	Not attached to a Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
David Brailsford (CON)	1 Carisbrook Grove, Stamford PE9 2GF	01780 757242	LCC Councillor
Thomas Martin Trollope-Bellew (CON)	The Old Hall, Barholm, Stamford PE9 4RA	01778 560634	LCC Councillor Stamford Rural Division

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The Stamford Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT)

Next Open Forum 6.30pm on Tuesday 27th September at Teenzone, Green Lane, Stamford. All complaints relating to anti-social behaviour of any sort, including illegal parking please call 0300 110300

Community Beat Manager:

PC 745 Debbie Bowen Tel: 07939896379

Police Community Support Officers:

PCSO 2018 Dave Vines Tel: 07944776919

PCSO 2218 Meela O'Neill Tel: 07939997387

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