

Stamford

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Community Payback

This group consists of offenders who have been given community sentences by the courts. They have painted Bath Row railings and are currently removing ivy from the memorials in the Cemetery (Charles Atter's grave is well worth a look). Their efforts are much appreciated and we very much hope they will be able to assist with other projects around the Town.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

A cheerful team of all ages has also been involved in ivy removal and the Cemetery is looking much better as a result.



Our thanks go to John Judge for organising this group. Again, we hope we haven't seen the last of them!

The contribution to the Town made by such volunteer groups is one of Stamford's great strengths.

Remembrance Sunday

The Civic Ceremony of Remembrance will begin at 10.30 in Broad Street on Sunday 11th November at which we will remember all casualties of war, sadly up to and including the present day.



Skills Trust

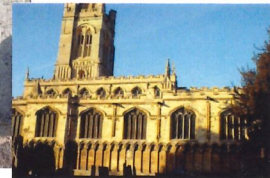
The Trust provides grants for structural or closely connected work in the town and, while the recipients of all of its disbursements are eminently deserving, two of its more recent ones are particularly worthy of note. It is often said that the younger people of the town are ill served in terms of facilities and hence it is encouraging that a grant has been made to the Salvation Army for the refurbishment of the pavilion on the Recreation Ground so that it can be used as a youth club for young people which is adjacent to the new skateboard park.



A grant has also been made for the creation of a new sundial to replace the existing eighteenth century one on All Saints' Church which is illegible and beyond repair. It will be conserved and placed within the church. The grant has served to pump prime an award of



£41,800 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to raise public awareness of the built heritage of Stamford, providing related learning opportunities, not only for school and college students but also for adults. The Skills Trust grant provided the catalyst for this major award.



Free Town Hall Tours

Members of Stamford Town Council, working with an army of volunteers, are proud to announce that Stamford Town Hall is now open for free guided tours. From 1 October to 1 May, tours are each Friday, on the hour, starting at 10 am with the last tour at 3 pm. From May to September, tours are held on Mondays and Fridays. Our summer tours have proved extremely successful so, if you haven't already done so, then visit us and learn something of the history of the Town Hall and the workings of the Town Council.

If you are interested in becoming a tour guide please contact Cllr Max Sawyer on 01780 765507.

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Handful of Harmonies



The Town Council are very grateful to Handful of Harmonies for taking part in the Senior Citizens concert held at the Town Hall earlier this year.

We apologize that this was omitted from our special Jubilee Newsletter but wish to acknowledge our appreciation of their wonderful performance.

Bus Passes

From April 2013 concessionary bus passes will no longer be handled by South Kesteven District Council but by Lincolnshire County Council. Applications for new or replacement cards will have to be made in writing to the County Council from that date.

It is expected there will be a large back-log of applications, so LCC have agreed that people may start applying from now for passes.

Further information can be found on www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/concessionaryfares and a small number of forms are available from the Town Hall for those eligible to apply.

Best Kept Allotment Competition

The presentation for the competition, now in its 37th year, was held at the Town Hall on the evening of 18th October.



The competition is presently judged by Emma Rawlings of Kitchen Garden and sponsored by the Town Council and local companies. The winners of each category are:

Overall Winner – Mr N Bamford, H 12 Uffington Road

Open Section – 1st– MENCAP – UN 10,12,23
Uffington Rd

2nd –Mrs L Biddle H61 Uffington Rd

Senior Citizens – 1st – Mr N Bull – H12 Uffinton Rd

2nd – Mrs A Archer – H3a Uffington Rd

Novice Award – Mr G Shell - C6 Tinwell Road

Our thanks go to Emma and our sponsors for their help and support.



Christmas Festival

The Christmas Festival will be held this year on Sunday 9th December 2012. This event will now be run by Stamford Town Council with Ali Hawley-Smith as project manager.

The footfall last year was in excess of 20,000 visitors and it is expected that this year's event will be equally busy.

Christmas Arrangements

The Christmas Lights Switch-on will be held this year on Friday 30th November in Red Lion Square. Entertainment will be provided by local primary schools and Wildcats Theatre Company; there will also be a visit from Santa and his sleigh.

The winner of the Mayor's Christmas card competition held between local primary schools will also be on hand to help in the proceedings.

Please see the Town Council's website, notice boards and the local press for details of times which have yet to be confirmed.



Civil Parking Enforcement

The official introduction of the new Civil Parking Enforcement throughout Lincolnshire will take place on Monday 3rd December 2012. This means that traffic restrictions will be **STRICTLY** enforced by private traffic wardens employed by The District and County Councils.

Town Street Cleaner

One of the best known characters around Stamford is Bernie Graham who, for over twenty years, has worked for the South Kesteven District Council cleaning team in the town. Bernie is now employed for twenty five hours a week by the Stamford Town Council and he will concentrate on those areas which tended previously to be overlooked, such as the lanes and alleyways in the town centre, the memorials and the street furniture. He is a most welcome addition to the Town Hall staff and we will all appreciate his efforts and his whole-hearted commitment to the cleanliness of the town.

Playscheme

It has been another successful year for the summer play scheme organised by Stamford Town Council. This was well attended and enjoyed by all those involved. The play scheme will be repeated in 2013.

If you would like further information please contact Stamford Town Hall on Stamford 753808.

Town Council Public Budget Meeting

Stamford Town Council is diligently pursuing its policy in holding a public meeting to ensure total openness and transparency when considering its budget and the precept for the following year. Last year the public meeting was kindly hosted by New College, Stamford, this year the meeting will be at Queen Eleanor School, Green Lane on Tuesday 27 November 2012 at 7pm.

Stamford residents are encouraged to attend and participate in the important discussions setting the future aims and objectives of their Town Council.

Stamford Skatepark

Stamford Town Council is delighted to announce that the replacement skatepark on the Recreation Ground has been approved by South Kesteven District Council. The Town Council has supported this project unanimously from the outset. Financing has also been provided from the Skills Trust.

