

Stamford TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Issue 22 Spring 2016



In This Issue

Clean for the Queen

Town Hall Open Day

The Shack Conquers
Hadrian's Wall

Legion of Honour

SKDC Visit Britain

The Art Windows - Ironmonger Street

Neighbourhood Plan Public Meeting

Lions Family Fun Day



Clean for the Queen

Burghley organised this event in partnership with Cummins. The photo shows the Burghley House, Estate, Gardening and Forestry Teams along with the Cummins volunteers. In total 5 miles of verges were cleared on the major entrance routes into Stamford.

"We had a great day 'Cleaning for the Queen' and were amazed at the quantities of rubbish that we collected from the verges and hedgerows of some of the major routes into Stamford. We all felt proud to have made such a difference to the entrances to our town, and have vowed to make this an annual event."

Miranda Rock



Photo courtesy of Lee Hellwing

Stamford's Mayor 2016-17

Councillor John Dawson, whose career as a councillor started in 2007 when he became both a Town and District Councillor, is Stamford's new Mayor and was inaugurated in the Town Hall on 5th May. His Consort for the year



will be Mrs Sue Davies. Councillor Dawson is the Managing Director of Dawson of Stamford Ltd and a partner in Davies Dawson Properties, Recalada Imports and Paul Richman Ltd.

John left school at the age of 15 to train as a goldsmith, working for George Tarratt Ltd in Leicester. Further training followed at the Birmingham School of Jewellery, where he won the George Matthey Award for diamond mounting. In his mid-twenties he managed the jewellery workshop for George Tarratt but left to set up his own workshop, specialising in jewellery restoration. In 1976 he established Dawson of Stamford, which has become a highly successful local business.

For his Mayor's charities John has chosen **Anna's Hope**, the **Sue Ryder Hospice** (Thorpe Hall, Peterborough) and **The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund**.

During his busy Mayoral year John is very keen to progress Stamford Town Council's several ongoing projects and he also hopes to find time to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Dawson of Stamford.

The Mayor's Civic Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 19th June 2016.

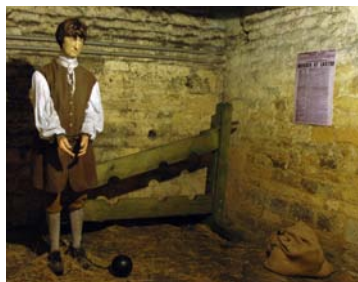
For further information on any items please contact the Town Clerk
T:- 01780 753808 E:- townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk
www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk  @stamfordtc

Town Hall and Gaol



Open Day

The Town Hall, including the Gaol area in the cellars, the Entrance Hall, the Mayor's Parlour, the Malcolm Sargent Room, the Council Chamber and the Courtroom, will be open to visitors from 10.00 to 15.00 on Saturday 2 July. Guides will be in attendance to answer questions, refreshments will be available free of charge and archive items will be on display.



Guided Tours

The Friday Town Hall tours continue to be popular and tours of the Gaol are now available by request. Additional Volunteer Town Hall Guides are always welcome for the Friday tours. No previous knowledge or experience is required as full training is given.



For information about tours or if you are interested in joining the team of guides, please contact Samantha Owen at the Town Hall:

01780 753808

or email townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Town Hall Information Leaflets

These are currently being updated and reprinted and will soon be available free of charge from the Town Hall.

Archive Items FOR SALE

These are mainly from the early to middle 20th century and include, inter alia, various bylaws, regulations covering dairies, cowsheds and milkshops and the Quincentenary Service of 1961. Copies are available from the Town Hall on Fridays and on the Open Day (see above) – all money received will be donated to the Mayor's charities.

Stamford Model Show

Now recognized by public and showmen alike as one of the best fairground model shows in the country, the Stamford Model Show is now in its twentieth year. For nineteen of those years the man at the helm has been Stamford's Andy Hill who, together with his small band of helpers, brings the show together in time for the Saturday of the Mid-Lent Fair. In recent years the show has expanded to include a darkened room, where the lights on the models can be seen at their best, creating a true fairground feel. The Town Council plays a major part in supporting the event – helping with funding, which allows entry to be free, and allowing exhibitors to park their vehicles on the nearby Recreation Ground. The show plays its part in Stamford's tourism, attracting exhibitors and members of the public from all parts of the country, who visit not only the fair, but also the Town's many facilities.

Keith Hansell



Pictured with Andy Hill is Stamford's Mayor for 2015, Susan Sandall.

Stamford Museum Collection

Although Stamford no longer has a museum, the over 24,000 items in the collection are held in store at the rear of the former museum building.

Individual items may be viewed by appointment. Contact: stamford.library@lincolnshire.gov.uk to arrange a visit.

Missing information plaques

20 bronze information plaques giving details of some of Stamford's more important sites were erected around the Town in 1922 by the then Tradesmen's Association. Four have gone missing over the years - those attached to the Leet Hall doorway, Red Lion Square, St Leonard's Priory, and Barn Hill. Fortunately, the wording is known and STC proposes to part-fund replacements.

Shack Teens Conquer Hadrian's Wall



Young volunteers Jacob Robinson (right) and Charlie Farrer (left) are pictured with Capts. Ian & Margot Walford and Youth Work Manager Sarah McCamphill (front) at Maia, Bowness on Solway, at the conclusion of their five day walk along Hadrian's Wall. The four walkers, who are from The Shack, Stamford, were raising money for a football cage. So far their combined efforts have raised nearly £1,500 – nearly half the amount needed. 'We are hoping to gain some matched funding after we have made this mammoth effort ourselves.', said a weary Capt. Ian Walford. 'It's been a great experience. The weather has been very kind to us and we all enjoyed learning about the Roman Northern Frontier, when we stopped at Housesteads (or Vercovicium), one of the Roman Forts.', said Charlie. One miracle along the way was the safe recovery of budding photographer Jacob's expensive camera. 'I left it at Gretna Green one evening when we went into Scotland for our first time. Thankfully it was picked up by someone and taken to Glasgow police station at the end of their onward journey. We'd made a police report and I was re-united with it a week later.', said Jacob.

Capt. Margot Walford

The Shack goes from strength to strength and new volunteer helpers are a l w a y s welcome. The contacts are Captains Ian and Margot Walford margot@mrwalford.fsnet.co.uk



Evergreen Care Trust need more Befrienders



The Evergreen Care Trust runs a very successful Befriending service for the benefit of people in Stamford, Bourne and The Deepings. Due to increased 'need' Evergreen are looking for people who would like to join their team of Befrienders. Evergreen currently has a team of 60 Befriender volunteers, all of whom give an hour or two a week of their time in order to build a meaningful friendship with lonely adults experiencing periods of vulnerability in their life.

Yvette Powell, Evergreens Befriender Lead, says "We believe that committed friendships can be life transforming for those who are lonely and isolated. This requires long-term commitment and is mutually rewarding. A regular visit, a cuppa and a chat, or a little outing is all it takes to make a difference. This could be as little as one hour a week. The benefits for both parties hugely outweigh the time taken to full fill this role. It's incredibly rewarding, great fun and an opportunity to be part of a fantastic team".

Anyone interested in Befriending and meeting other volunteers are invited to join the Evergreen team for complimentary tea, coffee or soft drink every first Thursday of the month between 6-7pm at the Cosy Club, Stamford.

Alternatively, for an informal chat, call Yvette Powell **01780 765900**. For further information www.evergreencare.org.uk

Evergreen currently looks after 600 members across Stamford, Bourne & The Deepings. Evergreen provide an excellent range of services including Befriending, a Hospital to Home provision, Home Support, Communal friendship lunches, Hot & Wholesome Soup deliveries, Advocacy, a Clean Team Service and, recently launched, Evergreen's Hand & Nail Pamper Treatments sponsored by and working in partnership with New College Stamford.

Contact: Rosie MacLennan

Office: **01780 765900** Mobile: **07793 655673**

Legion of Honour Presentation

Cllr Susan Sandall, Mayor of Stamford, Wg Cdr Simon Erskine-Crum, President of RBL Lincolnshire, Sqn Ldr Mark Hassall (representing the Station Commander, RAF Wittering), and representatives from Kendrew Barracks joined more than a hundred Legion members, neighbours, friends, and proud family members as they crowded into Stamford Town Hall on 24th March to witness and to celebrate the investiture of Derek Burton and Bill Warrington as Chevaliers of the Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur.

The Légion d'Honneur was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte and is the highest distinction awarded in France for recognition of both military and civilian merit. As the French Ambassador to London, Mme Sylvie Bermann, wrote in her letter to Bill and Derek, this high honour was awarded to them and to all other veterans of the D Day invasion by the French Government in recognition of [their] acknowledged military engagement and [their] steadfast involvement in the Liberation of France during the Second World War. She said that "We owe our freedom and security to your dedication, because you were ready to risk your life".

The Branch Chairman, Ray Beresford, explained to the assembled guests the purpose of the ceremony, and called on Jim Jackson, Parade Marshall, to read the French Ambassador's letter. Mr Beresford then introduced AVM Peter Dodworth, CB, OBE, AFC, BSc, FRAeS, Patron of the Stamford Branch, and invited him to make the presentations.

In his address, AVM Dodworth said that

"The ceremony of the Légion d'Honneur is a solemn moment. It is highly symbolic and represents the highest honour to be bestowed by France and an opportunity for quiet reflection and thanks for the family, friends and relatives of the brave veterans.



Through this honour, the whole of France past and present expresses its immense gratitude to those brave young men who like Derek and Bill distinguished themselves in the fighting to liberate France from barbarity and Nazism.

These veterans, together with those that lost their lives in battle and those that we have lost in the years that have passed, gave outstanding service not only to France, but also to Britain.

Their sacrifice will echo through the ages. Today we remember them all. Their commitment, bravery and spirit is something that we shall never forget."

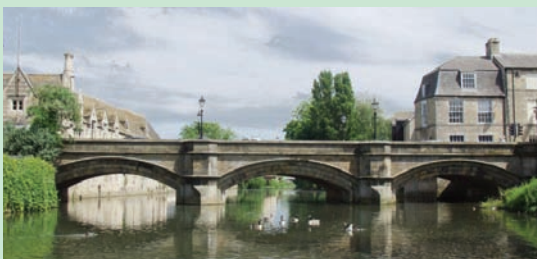
He concluded by saying that it was an honour to be part of such a unique and special ceremony and a pleasure to present the insignia of Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur to Derek Burton and Bill Warrington.

In conclusion, the Branch Chairman called for three cheers and invited everyone to a reception at Welland Mews, where Derek Burton lives.

Steve Bonde

Town Bridge Lighting

Replacement of the old single lamps with updated double units of a similar design, mounted on the same historic supports, will be carried out shortly, maintaining Stamford's status as the only



town in Lincolnshire with lights on its town bridge and improving both the light level and appearance of this important gateway to the Town.

Defibrillators

Installation of the first two, in the old Station Rd. red 'phone box and the Rec' groundsmen's hut, has been agreed with STC and permission is awaited from LCC Highways to install others in the Town Centre.



SKDC Visit Britain reception

Overseas tourism operators loved their taste of Stamford

Glowing praise for Stamford and its speciality produce came from 20 Spanish and Italian tourism operators treated to a 'Taste of Stamford' lunch on Monday.



Stamford Town Mayor Cllr Susan Sandall and Roger Ranson pictured with tourism delegates outside the Town Hall.

Organised by South Kesteven District Council and hosted in the Town Hall, the lunch was the finale event in a four day familiarisation tour by VisitBritain to show overseas tourism operators the Midlands' unseen visitor gems, including Chatsworth House and Lincoln Castle and Cathedral.

Guests started the day with a visit to Grimsthorpe Castle followed by a guided tour of Stamford with Blue Badge guide Jill Collinge.

Lunch fare came from four local specialist businesses – Grasmere Farm, Hambleton Bakery, The Cheese Cellar and Belvoir Cordials.

On their menu were local specialities such as Lincolnshire and Rutland sausages, traditional haslet and pork pies from Grasmere Farm in Market Deeping and vintage Lincolnshire Poacher and traditional Stilton cheese from Stamford's speciality cheese shop, The Cheese Cellar.

Hambleton Bakery, which has a shop in Stamford serviced by its Exton bakery, served its distinctive Rutland Pippin savoury combining ham hock, Stilton cheese, apple and local sausagemeat, individual

ploughmans parcels, a range of its artisan breads and delicious cakes.

Belvoir Cordials supplied some of its award-winning fruit drinks produced on the Belvoir estate.

SKDC business manager for spatial and economic development Roger Ranson welcomed guests along with Stamford Town Mayor Cllr. Susan Sandall. He said: "This was a fantastic opportunity for us to show off not only Stamford as Britain's best place to live but also to give our guests a taste of the very best from local food producers. Their reactions give us every reason to think they will be coming back and organising visits to Stamford and South Kesteven."

For VisitBritain, Blue Badge Spanish guide Jean Bailo said she thought the lunch had gone brilliantly well, adding: "Our guests have been really impressed by not only the food but also how friendly everyone has been."

"VisitBritain wanted to show them that there are other places to visit besides London, Stratford and York. This is the first time any of them have been to Stamford, and it's my first visit too. I would like to have stayed longer. There are so many beautiful aspects to the town with its history, the number of churches and the shops. We shall be back."

Debbie Nicholls



Tourism operators with the lifesize replica of Daniel Lambert, once Britain's fattest man, with: Stamford Town Mayor Cllr Susan Sandall, Stamford Town Council clerk Patricia Stuart-Mogg (centre) and Roger Ranson.

Stamford Hospital Museum



One of Stamford's lesser-known gems, The Hospital Museum is open at times advertised on the museum notice board in the hospital, in the local press, on our website and by arrangement. Group visits for up to 30 persons can be arranged. The museum is wheelchair friendly. Entry is free to all, voluntary donations are welcome. The Hospital 'Friary' Coffee Shop is open Mon—Fri during the day for refreshments. The Hospital document archive is open separately by arrangement.

Volunteer guides are very welcome - no previous knowledge or experience is necessary as full training will be given.

To book a visit or volunteer as a guide, please contact the Matron, Sue Brooks 01733 678270 susan.brooks@pbb-tr.nhs.uk
Website: www.peterboroughandstamford.nhs.uk

The Queen's Birthday Event

On the evening of Thursday 21st April, the Events Committee hosted the lighting of the Beacon to celebrate The Queen's 90th birthday. Stamford Brass played for the occasion in the Recreation Ground Bandstand and the Beacon was lit by the Mayor, Councillor Susan Sandall, and Air Vice-Marshall Peter Dodworth.

The event was well attended and much enjoyed by all. STC is most grateful to RAF Wittering for their help in building the Beacon and Andrew Hinch for assembling it.

Cllr. Maxine Couch



Public Benches

STC is always prepared to consider installing additional benches for public use in and around the Town.

Please send any suggestions for siting new benches to the Town Hall.

Vandalism of STC assets

This continues to be a drain on STC's finances (and therefore the taxpayer) and has cost a considerable sum over the last financial year. Any information would be most welcome, either to the Town Hall or directly to the Police.

The Art Windows, Ironmonger Street, Stamford



STC have awarded a small grant to non-profit arts organisation, Art Pop-Up to utilise the Georgian windows on Ironmonger Street. This is a key space in the town centre which has previously been void and unkempt, but now will continue to demonstrate Stamford's keen cultural engagement with four 'exhibitions' displayed in the Art Windows over the next 12 months. The first works shown will be by local illustrator, Laura Barnard who specialises in maps, cityscapes and patterns. Grateful thanks go to Superdrug for permission to use of the space. www.artpopup.co.uk www.laurabarnard.co.uk

Sam Roddan

Senior Citizens' Concert

The annual Senior Citizens' Concert was held in the Town Hall Court Room on the evening of Friday 22 April. The theme of the evening was the Queen's 90th Birthday.



Councillor Andrew Croft organised the entertainment, which consisted of a slide show of her Majesty throughout Her 90 years, the KY GLEE singers from the Key Theatre Peterborough, their mums and friends the Kindred Voices and our very own local SAMS. Everyone enjoyed the event thoroughly and thanks go out to all those who helped with the evening.

Cllr. Maxine Couch



Neighbourhood Plan Public Meeting

Stamford FIRST starts consultation

Stamford FIRST, the group behind the preparation of Stamford's neighbourhood plan, was delighted with the turnout at its launch event at New College Stamford last Thursday.

Over 80 members of the public attended the launch, together with members of the Stamford Neighbourhood Planning forum. Cllr Bob Adams (Leader of South Kesteven District Council) and Steve Ingram (Strategic Director - Planning and Growth at SKDC) were also present to answer the public's questions.

David Taylor, Chairman of Stamford FIRST, introduced the proceedings and made a presentation explaining the neighbourhood planning process, how Stamford will benefit from having a plan, and how the community can become involved in shaping it.

A second presentation by Mr Ingram explained how neighbourhood plans fit within the regional and national planning framework.

The event was the first in a series of consultation meetings which will be held in different venues around the town, and those present were invited to share and to discuss what they like about living in Stamford, what they don't like and how they would like to see Stamford to develop in the future.

Mr Taylor commented, "It was great to have so many Stamfordians having their say on how their town should develop over the next 20 years. Many issues were raised and discussed including whether there is a requirement for further housing within the town, how the existing infrastructure will cope with growth, and how our precious heritage assets and green spaces can be protected. The plan will need to address these and many other issues besides."

The next of Stamford FIRST's consultations will be a business-focused event, hosted by the Stamford Chamber of Commerce at Borderville on May 12th from 6pm-8pm. A further meeting on May 19th with



the St Peter's Residents Group is also planned.

For those who would like to become more involved with the neighbourhood plan, there is the opportunity to volunteer for one of StamfordFIRST's Topic Groups (working parties) which will focus on issues such as Heritage and Environment, Local Economy, Highways, and Education. Those interested should contact StamfordFIRST through its website (stamfordfirst.org.uk) or by writing to StamfordFIRST at stamfordfirstuk@gmail.com.

Editor's Notes

1. StamfordFIRST operates under the auspices of Stamford Town Council's Strategic Development Committee.
2. David Taylor is a Stamford Town Councillor (Independent)
3. StamfordFIRST is on-line at www.stamfordfirst.org.uk and can be found on Facebook and Twitter @stamfordfirst

Comment

For further comment contact David Taylor
Cllr.DavidTaylor@gmail.com

Debbie Nicholls





FAMILY FUN DAY SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

STAMFORD RECREATION GROUND

10am - 4pm

NEARLY HERE



New to the Stamford & District Lions Club annual Family Fun Day is the Busker's Corner. We will have a live group, Beats Working, doing 2 sessions of 60's, 70's and 80's music plus open mic sessions (no charge) for any budding musicians out there. The sessions are free and can be booked in advance (recommended) or on the day.



Beats Working

The Vikings will be in their Settlement and enact attacks during the day. The Fun Fair, Hog Roast, Refreshments, Beer Tent, Car Boot Sale, games and stalls will be waiting for you and guarantee you fun, regardless of age. Please check out our Facebook page (Stamford and District Lions) or our website http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/stamford_gb/ for further developments.

If you are a stall holder or a local charity and would like to join us please contact Jane at rjr1947@virginmedia.com or Gill on **0845 8334327** Stamford & District Lions Club Reg. Charity 1032398

Mid Lent Fair



Well the weather certainly made an impression! Enjoyment was curtailed on the Meadows of the Mid Lent Fair attractions, which were

severely affected by the heavy rain and poor weather condition earlier this year. The Town Council is most grateful to James Mellors Amusements for their commitment and efforts in making sure that remedial work was put in place to repair the damage to the surface of the Meadows at no expense to the Council.

The Meadows is recovering and we look forward to welcoming the Fair next year.



STC's statutory duties

STC's annual budget is approx. £450k, which funds both its statutory duties which are limited to taking care of its assets (the Town Hall and its contents, Meadows, Recreation Ground, Cemetery and Allotments, and holding a limited number of meetings each year) and its discretionary services (eg Town Hall tours, senior citizens' concert, Town Hall open days, Christmas Festival, allotment competition, archive research, receptions, maintaining its website, grants for community projects etc.) STC thinks these discretionary activities are of considerable benefit to the Town and its residents but would like to hear from Stamfordians if they are happy for them to continue. We are your council, after all, and exist to serve you.



Stamford Town Council

The Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2DR
T:- 01780 753808 E:- townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk
www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk @stamfordtc

Forthcoming Events for 2016

Stamford Food & Drink Festival – Friday 17 - Sunday 19 June

Mayor's Sunday – Sunday 19 June

Lions Family Fun Day – Sunday 26 June

Stamford Festival Float Parade – Saturday 2 July

Town Hall Open Day – Saturday 2 July

Stamford Music Festival – Friday 15 - Sunday 17 July

Stamford & District Round Table Car Show – Sunday 28 August

Stamford Dog Show & Family Fun Day – Sunday 13 September

For an update on any events since the publication of this notice please visit our website. www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk.