

# Stamford TOWN COUNCIL NEWS



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## Stamford Christmas Festival 2016 and Light Switch on



**– The preparation begins!**  
**Sunday 27 November from 10am to 6pm**



The popular traditional Stamford Christmas Festival will be returning to the heart of Stamford. The event site will be held in the centre of Stamford - Stamford High St, Ironmonger St, Broad Street, Red Lion Square, and Sheep Market.

Stamford is well known for its exclusive and independent traders so do come along and see what unusual gifts you may find for those very special to you! There will be traditional craft stalls offering a wide range of popular and stylish gifts with treats and delights to excite and tantalize. So come along, join in the fun and be part of this everpopular annual, community event which attracts many thousands of visitors from far and near. The town has good FREE car parking facilities on Sundays with the town centre easily accessible.

To add to the festive spirit there will be entertainment galore throughout the day including festive Punch and Judy shows, School Choirs, Santa's Grotto, real reindeer, a children's Fun Fair and, of course,

culminating with the Christmas lights switch-on!

For more information on how to become involved in this successful and highly supported community event by trading, volunteering, sponsoring or just coming along to soak up the atmosphere, please contact Stamford Town Council at [townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk) or go to the website

on [www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk) where a booking form can be downloaded.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



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# Mayors Blindfold Walk

Stamford's Mayor, Cllr John Dawson and Stamford & District Lions Club President Gill Clarke took a walk along the High Street on Wednesday to promote Sight Awareness Day on Friday 21st October in the Arts Centre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A blindfolded Cllr Dawson felt a little frightened at not being able to see where he was walking and said that it gave him a good indication of what it was like for people with sight problems. Lion President Gill guided him through the High Street pointing out any problems along the way and explaining exactly where they were so that the Mayor could visualise his surroundings.

Cllr. Dawson's blindfolded walk should be a reminder to everyone that regardless of age people need to take care of their eyes. Many sight problems develop slowly and are dismissed as part of the aging process, but sight problems have no age barrier and there is treatment available to prevent further sight loss.



The local Lions Club is holding the Sight Awareness event to give people the opportunity to get information about some of the many common causes of sight loss. The free event is open to everyone and to answer questions there will be representatives from the Royal National Institute for the Blind, Glaucoma International Association, Macular Association, Diabetes UK, Talking Newspaper and local Ophthalmologists and Opticians.

Every October Lions Clubs International celebrates the power and gift of Sight. Since 1925, when Helen Keller challenged them to be Knights of the Blind, Lions have supported those who are visually impaired and blind and are the world's leading non-governmental organisation fighting preventable blindness. There are 39 million blind people in the world so imagine visiting New York, London and then Tokyo and everyone you meet is blind. That is the extent of blindness and 80% is preventable.

As part of the fight against sight loss, Lions Clubs recycle unwanted spectacles for use in the developing world. There will be a collecting box at the event should you wish to donate your unwanted spectacles.

Contact 07946 629098 or 08458 334327 for further details.



## Town Hall Tours

The free guided tours of the Town Hall, conducted by our volunteer guides, continue to be popular. Over the last five months there have been 226 visitors on Fridays and 95 on pre-arranged tours on other days.

Visitors are shown round the Hall (including the old Borough weights and measures, information about Daniel Lambert and the Military Cabinet), the Mayor's Parlour (which contains the Civic Regalia), the Malcolm Sargent permanent exhibition, the Council Chamber and the Courtroom. By special request, the Dungeons can also be included.

We are delighted to welcome Anabel Morris to the Town Hall guiding team.

Annabel has lived in Stamford for the past 7 years and is also a guide at Browne's Hospital and an active member of the Richard 3rd Society.



## Town Hall Hire

Stamford Town Hall is the ideal venue for a variety of events; there are a number of rooms available for private or company hire ranging from small meeting rooms up to the beautifully restored Court Room for an impressive reception or a sit down dinner.

After a major renovation programme, (including the provision of a lift) this splendid grade 1 listed building retains its history but is firmly in the 21st century with a state of the art finishing kitchen, audio & video facilities and Wi-Fi capability. We can accommodate conferences, seminars, business meetings, training courses, business lunches, educational groups etc. Coffee and tea are available throughout the day, ensuring interruption-free meetings.

In addition, the building houses the Town's charters, civic plate and regalia, some of which date back to the 15th century. This collection is one of the most impressive in the country and a private tour could be incorporated within the hire.  
**COURT ROOM:** Holds up to 80 persons seated

**COUNCIL CHAMBER:** Holds up to 35-40 people seated

**MALCOLM SARGENT ROOM:** Hold up to 16-20 people seated

**ROBING ROOM:** Holds up to 6 people seated

For more information please visit our website or call Mark Murtagh, Civic Officer to discuss your requirements.





# Battle of Britain Service & Parade 2016

The Annual Battle of Britain Service & Parade took place on Sunday 25th September 2016. The Mayor of Stamford, Councillor John Dawson met dignitaries, civic heads and military personnel at the Town Hall, along with serving councillors, past mayors, representatives from schools, colleges, hospitals and local organisations. A procession through the Town led by Stamford Brass arrived at All Saints' church for a service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for victory in the Battle of Britain. During the service Sqn Leader Mark Hassal read the lesson and the chaplain from RAF Wittering Reverend Sqn Leader David C Haslam delivered the Sermon.

Following the service the Civic Party was joined by a detachment from RAF Wittering Stamford Army Cadets Force, Stamford School CCF and 2071 Sqn Air cadets. The procession made the short journey to the War Memorial in Broad Street, Stamford.

The crowd waited in anticipation of the scheduled fly-past of a solitary Spitfire. It arrived at 12.40pm and circled the War Memorial three times. Wreaths were laid by the Mayor and the Station Commander before the Mayor gave permission for all units to march off.

The event culminated with refreshments being served at Browne's hospital and the poet laureate Camilla McLean recited her specially written poem for the occasion 'Beyond the Few'.



## Cummins Community work at the Skatepark



Before



After

The Cummins EEEEC Day at the skate park went well. We managed to re-stain the posts on the inside the skatepark, re-stain the outer fence, clear the drains, which were quite blocked and remove the graffiti, which was the worst I've seen it, but its gone now, the guys that were involved in the project are:-Stuart Simpson, Ash Rawlinson, Tony Rawlinson, Nick Bowers, Ross Duncan, Chris Shepherd.

All of whom are pleased the project was a success, and look forward to doing something next years.



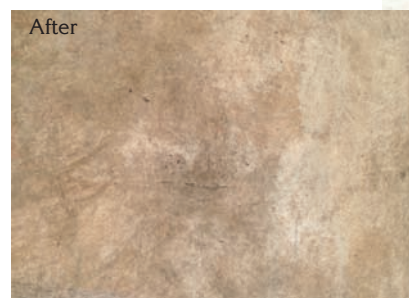
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# Remembrance Day Service and Parade



The Annual Service of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths took place at the War Memorial, Broad Street, Stamford, on Sunday, 13 November 2016.

The Service began with a prayer by the The Rev. Canon Dr Donald Gray, followed by the Exhortation, Last Post at 11.00am, the Two Minute Silence, Reveille, and Kohima Epitaph.

The Stamford Brass Band accompanied the Service and a piper played during the wreath laying.

The Officer in charge of the Royal Air Force Detachment assumed overall command of the Parade at the War Memorial and marching units including RAF Wittering, The Royal British Legion, Stamford School Combined Cadet Force, 2071 (Stamford) Sqn ATC, Stamford Army Cadet Force, St John Ambulance, Welland Girlguiding, Stamford Girls Brigade & JC Boys Club.

The Mayor of Stamford, Councillor John Dawson presided and his guests included:-

Air Vice-Marshal Peter Dodworth CB, OBE, AFC, DL, Wing Commander Craig Watson, The President of The Royal British Legion, Mr Stephen Bonde and The Chairman of Lincolnshire County Council, Councillor Martin Trollop-Bellew.



## Steve's NSPCC African mountain challenge

I am now back in the UK having successfully climbed Kilimanjaro! Due to problems breathing I had to turn around once I got to Stella Point on the crater rim, but John and Ian managed to make it the last 200m to the highest point in Africa. It is certainly the hardest thing I have done and much harder than I had anticipated.



I went with two friends - Ian Scott and John Willoughby – and we were 3 of the 4 oldest climbers; well above the average age for the others on the climb with us (which was closer to 30 than 60!).

Thanks to everyone's generosity we have raised almost £2,500 so far for the NSPCC. If you were waiting to see if we would actually make the top before you sponsored us don't worry as there is still time to make a donation: Just click on this link

<http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/XTKilimanjaro>



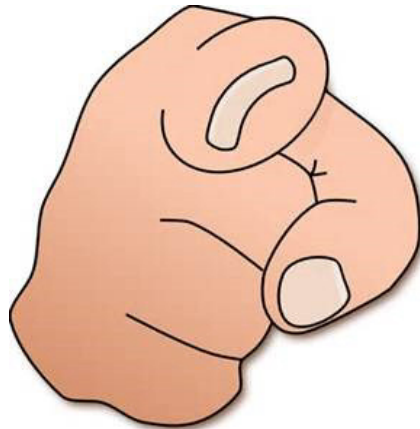
## Healthcare Response

Stamford Town Council regards the merger as a fait accompli, over which it has little if any influence. It does recognise that, if the assertions above do prove to be the case, patients in Stamford are likely to suffer no worsening of hospital services and may well see an improvement. However, it will be important for all in Stamford, not only STC, to monitor the post-merger delivery of NHS services and hold the new trust to account by all possible means to should any of the claims made be shown to be inaccurate and detrimental to patients' interests.

## Cliff Rd. and Ryhall Rd. Benches

Thanks to the hands-on efforts of Cllr. Alan Swan, the public bench in Cliff Rd. (by the Police Station) has been cleaned and repainted and is once again "fit for purpose". Alan has also removed encroaching ivy from the Ryhall Rd. bench (opposite the entrance to Screwfix) so that it is once again usable.

# WE NEED YOU!



## **The Shack in Stamford needs your help.**

We are currently unable to open The Shack consistently due to lack of volunteers. Please get in contact if you would like to spare an hour+ a week on a Friday evening. (7:00pm-10:00pm)

The Shack is a community space providing a safe place for young people and the wider community to come into. Our vision is to make a positive contribution to the lives of those using The Shack. We aim to do this by running different activities for the young people of Stamford, and the wider community.

Friday nights gives an opportunity for young people to have a safe environment to offload all they have done throughout the week. We have an Xbox, pool table, board games or just a 'chilling out' space.

If you are interested in getting involved then please do get in contact with the Youth Project Manager:

[sarah.mccamphill@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:sarah.mccamphill@salvationarmy.org.uk) or The Shack, Stamford (Facebook)





## Castle Dyke plan

STC will soon submit a planning application for the improvement of the small paved area (which the council owns) at the bottom of Castle Dyke.

The scheme involves the refurbishment and re-siting of the benches, installing the terracotta brick Royal Arms rescued from the Williamson Cliff site and installing two or three free-standing planters.

None of the proposed work will affect the archway of the old Leet Hall (a scheduled ancient monument), nor the listed North wall, the proposed items being positioned at least 1 metre away from each to permit access for maintenance and or repair.

A plan of the proposal will soon be on the STC website and comments/suggestions are invited.

## Local volunteers raising funds for charitable causes

David Reynolds is well known local volunteer who has assisted as a Volunteer on numerous Town Council events.

He and his sister Deborah Reynolds raised over one hundred pounds for MacMillan Nurses in remembrance of their dear mother.



collection day

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## Forthcoming Events for 2017

MID-LENT FAIR ~ Monday 27th March 2017

MAYOR'S SUNDAY - Sunday June 18th 2017

BATTLE OF BRITAIN ~ Sunday 17th September 2017

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ~ Sunday 12th November 2017

For an update on any events since the publication of this notice please visit our website. [www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk).

