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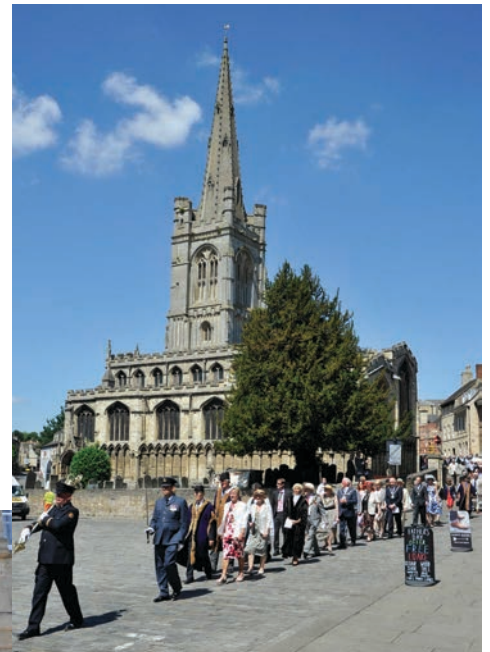
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Mayor's Civic Service

A magnificence of mayors processed through historic Stamford on Sunday, marking the Town Mayor's civic service and raising of the Armed Forces Day Flag.

Armed Forces Day in the United Kingdom is an annual event



celebrated in late June to commemorate the service of men and women in the British Armed Forces.

Councillor Anthony J. Story, the Mayor of Stamford, was joined by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Lincoln, and the Town Mayors of Kettering, Corby, Market Deeping, Rushden, Sleaford, Whittlesey and Wisbech.




CCF Inspection

On the afternoon of Friday 5 MAY, the Mayor, Cllr. Tony Story and Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Max Sawyer, accompanied by the Mayoress and Deputy Mayoress, represented STC at the Stamford Endowed Schools CCF Biennial Inspection. The 300 Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force cadets were inspected by Rear Admiral Mike Kimmons CB and this was followed by a demonstration of activities at various locations around the school playing fields. The day concluded with an address to the cadets by Rear Admiral Kimmons in front of the cricket pavilion.



From left - Rear Admiral Mike Kimmons, CB (Inspecting Officer), Councillor Tony Story (Mayor of Stamford), Councillor Max Sawyer (Deputy Mayor of Stamford) - All three are Old Stamfordians - Possibly a first!

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PURPLE4POLIO

For over 30 years, Rotary International and its members have been committed to fighting to eradicate polio across the world. The number of polio-endemic countries has dropped from 125 to just three, with over 2.5 billion children receiving vaccinations thanks to the help of Rotary. The chance to eradicate polio is now closer than ever before thanks to the efforts of Rotarians across the world. It is important to keep fighting and finish the job which means continuing our support for at least three years after the last case of polio is reported, in order for the world to be officially declared polio free.

The latest campaign in Britain and Ireland, Purple4Polio, uses the purple coloured crocus as a symbol as this matches the dye painted on the fingers of children who have been immunised.

At a local level, in the late Autumn the three Rotary Clubs in Stamford co-operated in the planting of 10,000 bulbs at various sites around the town, notably on the Recreation Ground in five sites and also on the roadside in Wharf Road opposite St Mary's Surgery. All the sites have signs indicating the reason for the crocus planting and acknowledging the Rotary connection. The Rotary clubs were assisted by pupils from the Bluecoat School and students from Stamford Welland Academy.

On Monday the 13th March, the Mayor of Stamford, Councillor John Dawson, visited the Recreation Ground sites with Rotary and Civic Society representatives and pupils from the Welland Academy. It was a glorious day and presented a perfect photo-opportunity to publicise the campaign. Local photographer, Don Lambert, took the accompanying photographs.

Those attending include the Presidents of the three Rotary Clubs; Alex Evans (Rotary Club of Stamford), Geoff Mayling (Rotary Club of Stamford Burghley) and Mary Dowglass (Rotary Club of Stamford St Martin's). Tony Springett (Civic Society) Also in attendance were David Fisher, Jim Guthrie and David Tilson from the Rotary Club of Stamford, Eileen Day, Colin Gibbons and Roger Adams from the Stamford Burghley Club and Steve Bull the lead SWA teacher with some SWA pupils.

Kingsgate Community Church

KingsGate Community Church was delighted to help transform an area of the Stamford cemetery. Over twenty people from the church, who live locally, joined Sarah Dorson, Deputy Town Clerk, in the clearing of ivy and weeds from the cemetery's more historic graves.

"The cemetery is an important place of remembrance and reflection for many" commented KingsGate's Pastor Jim Thody, "it was great to play a part in reviving and restoring areas of it."

"Everyone worked so hard and made such a difference, it was amazing to see the transformation of some of the old graves dating back to 1900s. After a couple of hours clearing they had filled two ton bags supplied by CGM and quite a few black bags that CGM kindly disposed of free of charge." Commented Sarah Dorson

KingsGate has Sunday congregations of over 2,000 people, who meet mid-week in homes across the region, seeking ways to express their Christian faith by serving their local neighbourhoods.

Stamford Town Council would like to thank everyone involved on the day for their hard work and community spirit.



BIG CLEAN



South Kesteven's 'Big Clean' to set higher standard for clean and tidy streets
South Kesteven District Council has announced a major programme for street cleaning which aims to set a higher standard for the district and will be asking residents to help identify areas to target.

SKDC's Big Clean will see an initial 12 week programme positively transform the district's 'grotspots', tackling not only litter but also weeds, fly-tipping, graffiti and broken street furniture across the district's 365 square miles.

An initial £450,000 will see a number of new teams formed to tidy areas and undertake work identified through an intelligence gathering exercise and operations will begin in August.

£37,000 has already been committed towards the community cleaner grant scheme to further promote locally resourced cleansing within the district. The Big Clean project will add a further 41 per cent to this funding with £15,000 of investment. So if you know of a 'grotspot' contact South Kesteven District Council.

Contact Details: 01476 406080. www.southkesteven.gov.uk



Celebrations Galore for Stamford's Golden Year



2017 marks a great year for Stamford as it celebrates the 50th anniversary of becoming the UK's first conservation town (Stamford50) - and hosts an amazing Georgian Festival between 21-24 September.

Summer events for Stamford50 run throughout the summer up to a packed family friendly festival programme with street markets, carriage rides, theatre performances and free entertainment on the Meadows. And don't miss Saturday evening's special Illuminati light show in Red Lion Square!

See www.stamfordgeorgianfestival.co.uk for the full programme. Book tickets at Stamford Arts Centre or via Box Office on **01780 763203**. or via website.

Georgian Festival

Of special interest and likely to be fully booked very early is Dan Cruickshank's presentation on Thursday 21st. SEP (Tickets £15 each).

There is also a Stamford50 event, not mentioned in the Georgian Festival booklet - Burghley Park tree tours which take place on Friday 22nd.

Over the coming weeks town centre retailers will be encouraged to take part in the Festival by decorating their windows. The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) is offering a £50 cash prize to the window that receives the most votes as people walk around the Town doing the 'Grand Tour of Stamford' quiz.

Everyone is encouraged to make full use of social media to share news and pictures - Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram, using the hashtag #stamfordgeorgian - contributions will be shared and re-posted.

Suzanne Lewthwaite



Stamford 50 Programme

JULY

Tower Tours
28 July

All Saints' Church
Commemoration Celebration
Browne's Hospital 5-7pm
Poet Laureate

All Saints' Church
SKDC

Stamford 50 Poem
AUGUST

26-28 (Bank Hol)

Eleanor Cross Cycle Ride
St Martin in the Fields Charity

Kate Riley

Lincoln to London

SEPTEMBER

9 Sept

Ride & Stride fund-raiser
Stopping at St Leonard's Priory (see below)
50th Conservation Award Exhibition
St Leonard's Priory

Lincoln Diocese

9/10 Sept

Stamford Civic Society

18 Sept

Conservation Event, STC - Town Hall
Heritage objects, posters, maps and books

NADFAST/STADFAST

19 - 28 Sept

Stamford50 Photo Gallery / Exhibition

Stamford Civic Society SAC

20 Sept

Continuing Professional Development event

Royal Institute of British Architects

21 Sept

National Heritage Conference

Bidwells SAC

22 Sept

Heritage Tree Walk

Burghley Park

23 Sept

Conservation and Heritage Skills Fair

Eleanor Cross. Heritage Lincolnshire

23 Sept

South Lincs. Walking Festival launch

The Meadows Heritage Lincolnshire

OCTOBER

4 October

Stamford Schools' Heritage Film Festival

Lincs Heritage / EH / SCS - SAC

PLUS

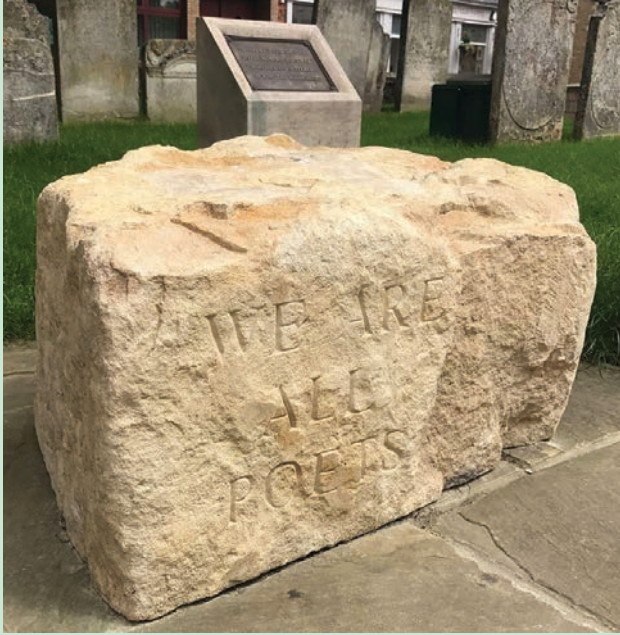
Stamford50 video to be filmed in house by SKDC comms. team - premiered at Bidwells conference

Heritage England - Guide to Historic Buildings (to go online)

Heritage England research document (due in December)

Stamford Poetry Stone

Stamford Poetry Stone was unveiled at a gathering in St Michael's churchyard on April 26th 2017. Town councillors, representatives from the Arts Centre, artist and stonemason, Beatrice Searle, all Stamford's former poets laureate as well as children from local schools including St Gilbert's, Great Casterton, Malcolm Sargent, Copthill and Bluecoat. The former poets laureate stepped up into the carved footprints on top of the stone to perform poetry written for the occasion.



The installation, conceived by Stamford poets, artist/stonemason Beatrice Searle and Karen Burrows of Stamford Arts Centre - and made possible by the kind donations from the Harry Skells Estate Trust, Stamford Arts Centre and Ketton Stone - has been carved by artist and former Lincoln Cathedral stonemason, Beatrice Searle and is an enduring and interactive monument marking Stamford's commitment to poetry. The poetry stone, positioned in the natural amphitheatre of St Michael's Church square, will be available to everyone as a platform to step into the footsteps of Stamford's poets laureate (the footprints are those of Darren Rawnsley, Stamford's first poet laureate) and recite their own words and verse.

Red Lion Square

The new benches have proved a very popular resting place for residents and visitors (or simply somewhere to sit and watch the world go by), even on days when the weather is less than clement. A welcome development is the reappearance of the Artisans on Friday and the indications are that there could soon be a waiting list. It would be helpful if smokers could make a point of using the litter bins, rather than the planters (or the floor) for their cigarette ends. Separating the bins from the benches was deliberate, as it was felt that wasps and smells would be better away from those using the benches, although the bins could be moved closer if there is a public demand.



Museum store

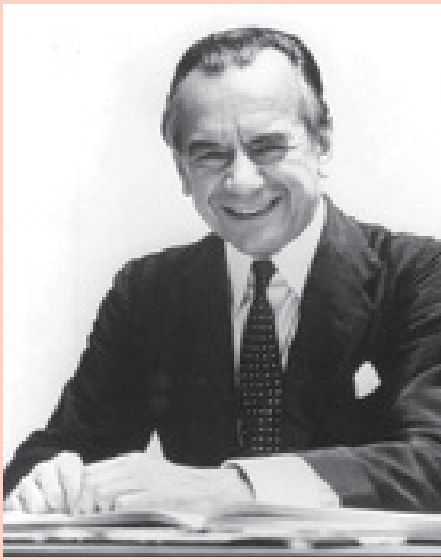
The suggestion of transferring ownership of the Store and its contents to STC was well received by LCC, which is currently investigating the various options and will report back to STC shortly.

Stamford Darby & Joan Grant

Funds have been received by Stamford Town Council from Age UK in respect of the former Stamford Darby & Joan Club Charity. The Town Council has consequently set up a special grant fund to assist organisations supporting the elderly in Stamford.

Any organisation interested in applying should contact the Town Clerk at Stamford Town Hall on 01780 753808 for further details.

Sir Malcolm Sargent



On Tuesday 03 October 2017 Stamford will be commemorating the 50th anniversary of Sir Malcolm Sargent's death. A special grave-side service will be held at Stamford Cemetery commencing at 11am. The service will be conducted by the Dean of Stamford, the Very Rev. Mark Warrick and the Revd Andy Fyall, Minister of Trinity Methodist Church, Stamford. The service will include music from the Malcolm Sargent School Choir, the Stamford Endowed Schools Chapel Choir and Stamford Brass. Among the special guests will be Sylvia Darley OBE, Sir Malcolm's former Secretary and PA and Nick Sargent (grandson). A warm welcome is awaiting all wishing to view the Sir Malcolm Sargent collection of personal memorabilia and artefacts at the

Town Hall and to attend a special talk on this world famous conductor.

The Endowed Schools will conclude the day with an evening concert in the Oswald Elliott Hall on Tuesday 03 October at 7.30pm - see opposite

These events are free, however suggested donations of £5.00 will be welcomed towards the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Charity CLIC.



Joint Band Concert Tribute to Sir Malcolm Sargent The Band of the Irish Guards with Stamford Endowed Schools



To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the death of Sir Malcolm Sargent - Old Stamfordian and world famous conductor

7.30pm Tuesday 3 October 2017
in the Oswald Elliott Hall, Stamford School

Free tickets available from: www.ses.lincs.sch.uk/boxoffice

Suggested donation:
£5.00 to CLIC Sargent

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Town Council Supporting Young Graduate

Cameron Harris began assisting the Town Council as a student intern whilst studying at Leicester University. Cameron has recently graduated in Politics and in a letter to the Town Council expressed how informative and valuable he found his internship, not least in exposure to community engagement and the important relationship between the public and their locally elected councillors working within different tiers of local government. Cameron thanked the Town Council for affording him the opportunity to study local politics and government at such close quarters as it provided him with the opportunity to complement his course work with practical studies and directly relevant work experience.



Six months ago, Age UK Lincoln announced it was expanding its services to cover the areas of North and South Kesteven. Now known as Age UK Lincoln & Kesteven, the independent charity is keen to replicate their current service delivery by developing accessible services across the Kesteven area. A drop-in Information and Advice service offering free, impartial and confidential information, much needed benefit advice and assistance with form filling is already available in Grantham three times a week. However, Age UK Lincoln & Kesteven is keen to develop this service in other towns and villages in the area. Work is also progressing to develop their help in the home, personal care and gardening services to ensure that anyone over the age of 50 can feel independent and confident in their own home.

Recent statistics from Age UK National reported that of the 66,100 older people in the East Midlands, 29,300 of them felt lonely on a daily basis. Loneliness can be caused by various changing aspects in our lives and can potentially have a negative effect on our mental and physical health. 'Loneliness is considered to be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.'

Age UK Lincoln & Kesteven is available to offer support in all areas. Call us now on 01522 696 000 to find out more or visit our website: www.ageuk.org.uk/lincolnandkesteven

Pinders Circus Christening



There was a baptism with a difference in Stamford as five-month-old twins George and Eileen Pinder were christened in a big top. The pair, who were born into a famous circus family, were surrounded by clowns, acrobats and a ringmaster for the unusual ceremony.

Rev Nikki Mann, assistant curate at All Saints Church in Stamford, conducted the service at Stamford Recreation Ground. Proud parents Erika and Eddy Pinder were keeping hundreds of years of tradition alive by having their children christened inside the tent – a practice believed to bring good luck and health to the circus and its people. Erika, 41, said: "My husband's family have been running a circus for hundreds of years and children in the family are always christened in the big top. We were delighted Nikki could join us to conduct the service – it was a lovely occasion." "George and Eileen are still very young, but as they get older we will get them involved in the show. By the time they are four or five, they'll be able to choose what sort of acts they want to do."



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Forthcoming Events for 2017

- CLASSIC CAR SCENIC TOUR ~ **Sunday 13th August** ~ *The Meadows*
 - POLICE SUMMER ENGAGEMENT EVENT ~ **Sunday 18th August** ~ *Recreation Ground*
 - MELTON BRASS BAND ~ **Sunday 20th August** ~ *Bandstand Recreation Ground*
 - CAR SHOW (Stamford Round Table) ~ **Sunday 27th August** ~ *The Meadows*
 - STAMFORD BRASS CONCERT ~ **Sunday 3rd September** ~ *Bandstand, Recreation Ground*
 - HERITAGE OPEN DAY ~ **Saturday 9th September** ~ *The Town Hall*
 - STAMFORD DOG SHOW ~ **Sunday 10th September** ~ *The Meadows*
 - ANTIQUES WEEKEND ~ **Friday 15th - Sunday 17th September** ~ *The Meadows*
 - BATTLE OF BRITAIN PARADE & SERVICE ~ **Sunday 17th September** ~ *All Saints' Church & The War Memorial*
 - GEORGIAN FESTIVAL ~ **Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th September** ~ *Through the Town*
 - SIR MALCOLM SARGENT EVENT ~ **Tuesday 3rd October** ~ *Stamford Cemetery*
 - AUTUMN FAIR ~ **Monday 9th - Saturday 14th October** ~ *Recreation Ground*
 - ARMISTICE DAY ~ **Saturday 11th November** ~ *The War Memorial*
 - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ~ **Sunday 12th November** ~ *The War Memorial*
 - STAMFORD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & LIGHT SWITCH-ON ~ **Sunday 26th November** ~ *In Town*
- For an update on any events since the publication of this notice please visit our website. www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk.