

# Stamford TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

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## Stamford in Bloom



The town was judged on Monday the 2nd of July. The route for 2018 was based on the Heritage of Stamford, passing many of the well known buildings of architectural and historical interest. We concentrated on showing the judge how we were trying to get people involved in caring for their town. A look at Burghley Estate Office was a last minute diversion as the gardeners had dedicated a doorway to Stamford in Bloom and given the town permanent window box displays. Residents had tidied corners and put out pots, hanging baskets and window boxes which it was a treat to see, even the dog outside NGL had a flower collar which made everyone smile.

Many supporters and volunteers were met at points on the route and at The Town Hall as well as The Crown, where much needed refreshments were provided. We had invited people to decorate chairs with plants which appeared as pointers round the route. The chair idea we hope will be adopted as it allows them to be lifted inside at the end of the day. We saw some great creativity, prompted by a competition we ran.

We took the judge to St Gilbert's C of E School where the children talked about all the eco based gardening they do with staff and families. A tour to and from the Community Orchard led the judge to comment that he had seen many private gardens worthy of special entry and we hope to develop that for next time. We plan to continue working on the areas adopted but will not expand until we have more volunteers. There are 40 places to be weeded and watered and more hands are needed because the most intense time is holiday time and twice as many volunteers are needed to stop the burden falling on so few shoulders.

This year was weeks without rain and quite exceptional. Yes, drought resistant plants are the solution with hindsight but decisions are made in the Winter. It has been good meeting people as we work and thank you for the many appreciative comments. Perhaps watering can be seen as a bonus as we have met some lovely people in the many hours we are about.

The generous contributions by the residents for the lavender has given the town a wall border that peaked at the beginning of August and will be trimmed by the end of the month to be neat for next year. The sunshine warms the oils to give a perfumed walk along Bath Row. An extra lavender wall border exists at Waitrose entrance too.

The pots have been modestly planted to establish suitable locations. It will take us some time to get it right and we hope that using perennials with occasional annuals will keep the cost down as well as giving all year round foliage. This project is about softening the corners giving something to smile about and eventually clean pavements to walk on. We clean and weed as much as we can but ask that each property looks after its own frontage to make a pleasant place for everyone, as customers do notice.


The EMIB awards are in September when we will have a report and advice..

Before then we have our own awards ceremony, when certificates and prizes will be presented for the best 'Decorated Entrances and Chair' at The Town Hall on 18th September, at 6.30pm. Anybody interested in SiB is welcome but needs to reserve a place by contacting [stamford18bloom@gmail.com](mailto:stamford18bloom@gmail.com) or Tourist Information 01780755611

The same contacts can be used if you were thinking of volunteering, we would love to see you.

One of our volunteers came via the Stamford Flower Club and with her colleagues is working hard on the next project at St John's Church.

A Flower Festival to be seen between 14th -16th September. The theme representing 'Past and Present' fits in so well with the Heritage event running at the same time.

For further information on any items please contact the Town Clerk  
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[www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk)  [@stamfordtc](https://twitter.com/stamfordtc)



# Stamford Welland Academy host Festival of Thought

In June, Stamford Welland Academy held their first ever Festival of Thought in collaboration with other local schools. The festival saw the academy host an inspiring week of activities to deepen and develop critical thought and encourage different communities within Stamford to work together. The festival was attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, pupils from Stamford schools and nationally renowned writers and speakers.

Discrimination was a hot topic at the festival and the National Holocaust Centre's Digital Exhibition attended the festival to raise awareness of xenophobia. They held workshops for primary and secondary students and Holocaust survivor, Dr Martin Stern MBE, gave a talk to the public about his experiences. Afterwards the audience were treated to a BBC-style 'Question Time', where a panel discussed how the Stamford community could come together to challenge discrimination among other topics.

Stamford Welland Academy also organised a variety of other activities throughout the festival, including an adult writing competition and a selection of talks on everything from poetry to law, encouraging the public to think creatively and challenge ideas. The festival ended with a celebratory fete at Stamford Welland Academy.

Sarah Oliver, Senior Leader at Stamford Welland Academy organised the event and said: "I am thrilled by how well the Festival of Thought was received. The events provided new and exciting ways for our students and our community to explore their imagination and challenge their way of thinking. Through developing 'thought' we nurture the individual mind to achieve, find purpose and question, problem-solve, reason and understand - fulfilling our fundamental goal as educators. Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who worked behind the scenes to bring the festival together."



## CAB - Pop in Outreach Centre

Stamford has a long association with the military, historically not only through the Tenth Foot, Lincolnshire Regiment of our county, but also the opening of Stamford Aerodrome in 1916 by the Royal Flying Corps. This station was renamed Wittering on formation of the Royal Air Force in 1918. and has been a pivotal connection with our community over the last century. With many other RAF bases established in the area, particularly during World War 2, the Stamford area has always had, and still retains, a large population of serving military, reservists and veterans who have put down roots and retired after service with their families.

When the Royal British Legion launched a national Outreach Project, to offer information, advice and guidance for serving members of the Armed Forces, Reservists, Veterans and their families, Stamford was chosen as one of the first towns in the East Midlands to open a centre because of our military connections. Currently RAF Wittering, St George's Barracks, North Luffenham and Kendrew Barracks, Cottesmore.

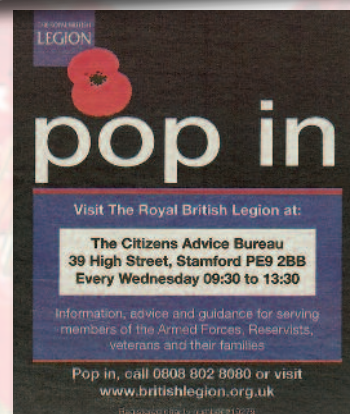
A "pop in" Outreach Centre was opened at the Stamford CAB in High Street on 19th August 2015, and, since that time, every Wednesday morning between 09.30 and 13.30. Considering the large number of serving military, veterans and families in this area the uptake has shown that very little help or support is required, which is at variance with media reports of how little support is being offered to the military community.

Volunteers are required to assist at this local facility, and continue to offer support for our military, family. A volunteer is not required to be a member of TRBL, so why not visit the CAB "pop-in" one Wednesday morning, and see first hand the services we offer.

Pictured: Alan Patrick at the TRBL pop in Outreach Centre

Working at the heart  
of our community

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION





## Stamford Twinning

This has been an outstanding year for Stamford Twinning Association with 26 Venceois coming to Stamford from Provence to celebrate our 40 years of twinning since the Charter between our two towns was signed in 1978.

We began with a civic reception in the Town Hall for each town's twinnings supported by a pictorial display of the 40 years events and which culminated in an exchange of gifts between the two mayoralties.

The programme this year, included a visit to York, an introduction to the French prisoner of war camp of Norman Cross depicted splendidly at Peterborough museum, ten pin bowling for the youngsters, a morning with Melbourne's brewery and an afternoon being shown the history and hearing the stories of our Town Hall. It all came to a close at an amazing farewell anniversary dinner at a local venue.

The photographs depict the Deputy Mayor of Stamford and the President of the Vence twinning, Madame Pascale Galliano cutting the 40th anniversary cake. Another picture is of the Deputy Mayor with the Dauphine and her two attendants. Each year Vence elect a new Dauphine and two attendants who preside over important events throughout the year.

John Polkinghorne  
Stamford Twinning Association



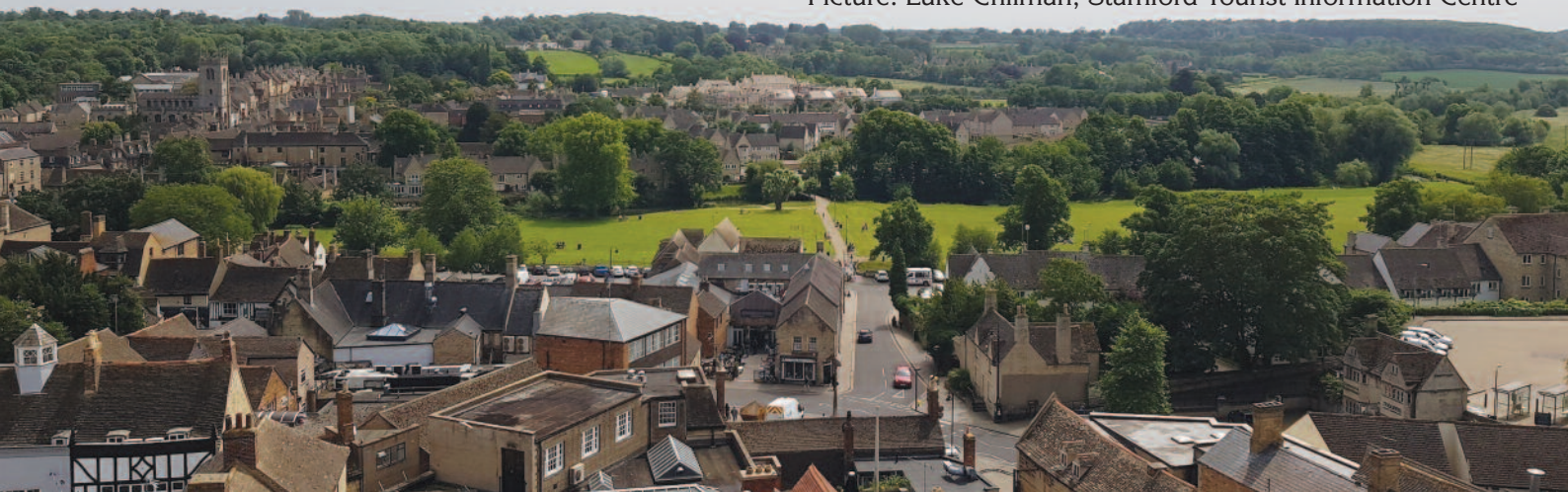
## One Thousand Years at a Glance: All Saints' Church, Stamford, Tower Tours

Stamford's history laid out before you, from the Danish Burgh to the Great North Road, 120 feet above ground at the top of a fifteenth century church tower. Amazing views and an unrivalled photographic opportunity. Escorted tours on the hour, Saturday mornings in July, August and September, in aid of church repair funds. Please note tours are weather permitting and suitable footwear required for spiral staircase with 140 steps.

Booking encouraged as space limited, but not essential. Tourist Information Centre, St Mary's Street, Stamford PE9 2DL Tel. 01780 755611.

Church also open to visitors at ground level, step-free access, refreshments available, toilet on-site, dogs welcome. Photograph of Lammas Bridge and Town Meadows, looking south from the top of the tower

Picture: Luke Chilman, Stamford Tourist Information Centre





# Stamford Hospital Celebrates 70th Birthday of NHS

Staff and patients across Stamford Hospital marked the 70th birthday of the NHS with lots of nostalgic fun across the hospital this week.

The celebrations kicked off with the unveiling of a special time capsule on Wednesday 4 July. Items donated by various departments have been sealed in the engraved capsule as a way of showcasing life in the NHS present day. It's hoped that the contents will be uncovered by the future generation of healthcare workers when it's re-opened in 2088. Items include: A finger splint used for support or immobilisation of a limb, Phlebotomy kit used to draw blood from a patient and a letter from current CEO, Stephen Graves about his hopes for the future of the NHS.

The capsule was unveiled by the hospital's longest serving staff member, Su Mansell, who has worked at the hospital since 1984.

The festivities continued on Thursday 5 July and former current and former staff members were invited to reminisce over a cup of tea and cake at a community event held at the hospital. Guests were also given the opportunity to browse a selection of historic artefacts from Stamford Hospital's museum.

Long standing staff member Su Mansell created an incredible NHS themed cake for the event, which was cut by Betty, a former nurse. Betty started working in 1947 as a nursing sister and still pops in to see staff.

Rob Hughes, Chairman of North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust, said: "It was excellent to see so many members of staff, past and present coming together with representatives of the local community to celebrate one of the country's most beloved institutions."



## Items included in the Time Capsule are:

- Finger splint
- Sterile gloves
- Patient Feedback
- Phlebotomy kit
- Leaflet about Stamford Hospital's redevelopment in
- Surgical Scissors
- Chair sensor pad
- Leaflet about Stamford Hospital's Museum
- Summer 2018 issue of the Trust's Pulse magazine

## Stamford Bridge Club



Stamford Bridge Club joined in the Stamford Festival celebrations by holding a "Café Bridge" event on Friday, July 6.

Competitors played bridge at various venues (bars and cafes) throughout central Stamford including The Tobie Norris, The Cosy Club, The Arts Centre, The London Inn, The Golden Fleece and The Jolly Brewer, who provided hospitality throughout the day.

Proceeds from the event were donated to the Mayor's charities, and the Mayor presented prizes to the winners.





# Family Fun Day 2018

Sunday 1st July was almost perfect for the Stamford and District Lions Family Fun Day. Due to the high temperatures some of their regular supporters such as Guide Dogs for the Blind did not participate as the temperature would be stressful for the dogs.

However, many families managed to enjoy the heat and appreciated the fun available.

Thanks to the support of Stamford Town Council there were free pony rides which were very successful and almost 140 children enjoyed the experience. Also supported by the Town Council was Circus Whiz, where spinning ribbons, stilt walking and juggling kept the excitement going.

The Family Fun Day has been part of Stamford Festival for over 30 years and enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. This year there was a full afternoon of local musicians, appreciated by an audience of all ages. Refreshments added to the relaxed atmosphere and hog roast, cool drinks, and ice cream were definitely high on the list for an afternoon of fun in the sun.

The Mayor of Stamford Councillor Max Sawyer and Lion President Gill Clarke spent an hour in the Stocks and were cooled off by the wet sponges thrown at them, all for good causes and in good humour.

Somehow, youngsters found the energy to climb to the top of the bouncy slides and have fun on the rides.

This year the Lions have celebrated their 100th year of service and Sunday as no exception. Entertainment was provided for the community, much of it was free and all was fun, the ferrets were as popular as always, with the younger ferrets the centre of attention. Although not all craft stalls attended, there were local and national charities to provide insight to their work and hopefully create interest and new members. RAF Wittering gave their time in this busy weekend to be with us and the Air Cadets of 2071 Squadron helped out all day.



An event like this does not happen without the help of many other individuals and businesses and we would like to thank Ben Hurl for his collection and presentation of excellent local musicians, Graham Starkie with his sound system allowed us to enjoy the music. Without the C S Ellis lorries we wouldn't have had a stage and without the support of residents and visitors to Stamford we would not have had another great Family Fun Day.



## ARMED FORCES FLAG RAISING.



**MAYOR'S SUNDAY-24th June**  
**Civic Parade and Service**  
**Incorporating a flag raising ceremony.**



The Annual Civic Parade and Service was held on Sunday 24th June 2018. The Mayor of Stamford, Councillor Max Sawyer attended a service at The Trinity Methodist Church, 11 Barn Hill, Stamford, PE9 2AE.

As part of this event The Mayor agreed to launch National Armed Forces Week with a flag raising ceremony on the terrace of the town hall.



## Switched On

Stamford Town Council have been pleased to be able to provide Brass Band Concerts in the Band Stand at the Recreation Ground. The Amenities committee thought it would be a good idea to give different bands the opportunity to perform there, but they would need electricity, so the Town Council organised electric to be Installed.

This has proved a popular initiative, The Town Council Events committee organised a concert for local musicians to showcase their talent and also The Friends of Stamford and Rutland THEATRE had a successful music event to celebrate their 1st Birthday in which each group were given the opportunity to perform their different type of music and singing. More events are being organised. For more information on how to hire the bandstand please contact the town hall on: 01780 753808.

Picture above from left to right are: Mark Hickman (Identity Crisis); coun Andy Croft, coun Maxine Couch, Chloe Lorentzen, Jake Piechota and Tango Ellerby (Identity Crisis) who performed in the bandstand on 3rd June, and pictured right one of the local groups that performed at the "Friends of Stamford and Rutland THEATRE" Birthday Event on Saturday 2nd June 2018.



## celebrate Lincolnshire's rich heritage

### 66 STAMFORD

66a All Saints' Church, Red Lion Square, Stamford. PE9 2AG

#### Meet the Benefactors

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> - Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 11.00-16.00 and Thur 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00-16.00

Beautiful C15th brasses commemorating generations of the Browne wool merchants who lived and worked in Stamford are on display, with talks (lasting 15 mins) about the family and their legacy in the town today.



66b Stamford Mercury Archive Trust, Cherryholt House, Cherryholt Road, Stamford. PE9 2EP

Turn right at the bottom of Cherryholt Rd (past the substation).

#### Mercuriosities - 300 Years of Newspaper History

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> - Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Tours at 10.00, 11.00, 14.00 & 15.00 and Thur 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Tours at 10.00, 11.00, 14.00 & 15.00

Booking Essential Contact: 07495 567643 or enquiries@smarchive.org.uk

A glimpse of life in Stamford from 1714 to today. A presentation and tour of the newspapers cared for by the Stamford Mercury Archive Trust. Tour takes approximately 1 hour.



66c Meet at Stamford Cattle Market Car Park (St Martin's) PE9 2WB

Stamford St Martin's Breweries and Pubs; a Walk and Talk with Chris Hunt - Supported by Stamford Local History Society

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12.30

Booking Essential Contact: 07807 856049  
St Martin's Parish had two breweries, also home-brew pubs, maltings and public houses. On this dry pub crawl you will be able to discover a lost drinking past.

66d Stamford Library, High St, Stamford. PE9 2BB

British Newspaper Archive Workshop  
Thur 6<sup>th</sup> 14.00 & 16.00 and Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00 & 12.00

Booking Essential Contact: 01780 482138 or e-mail [stamford.library@gll.org](mailto:stamford.library@gll.org)  
Using the on-line British newspaper archive learn how to access over 20 million pages of local, regional and national news starting from the early 1700s. View newspapers from Cornwall to the Shetlands, Wales and Ireland.

66e Stamford Photo Express, 45, Broad Street, Stamford. PE9 1PX

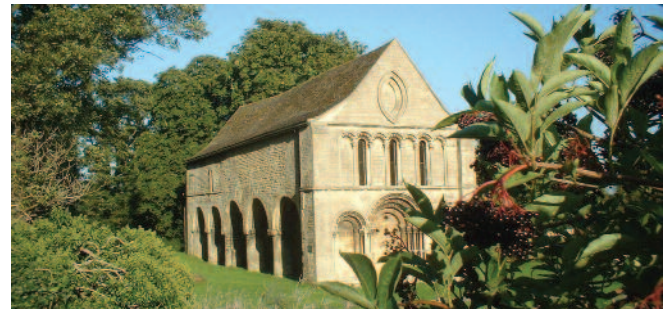
Historic Broad Street  
Thur 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30-11.30 & 14.00-15.00

Booking Essential Contact: 07807 856049  
A photographic tour of Broad Street, highlighting its history from the fifteenth century to the present day through historic images. Celebrations and sombre moments, entertainments, bull running, fairs and markets. See how things have changed.  
NB: Warm clothing recommended as Archive Room is kept cold.

66f Meet at Stamford Cattle Market Car Park (St Martin's)

Stamford's Medieval Walls; a Walk & Talk with Chris Hunt - Supported by Stamford Local History Society  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30-13.00

Booking Essential Contact: 07807 856049  
Stamford was a medieval walled town with a



castle. Some of the walls remain; we shall walk around them. We shall visit the sites of its gates, the surviving bastion and part of its moat.

66g St Leonard's Priory, Priory Road, Stamford. PE9 2EU

The Priory is situated just off 'Morrison's' roundabout  
Within the Arches

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> - Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 12.00-16.00

Explore this fine example of Norman architecture, with its remaining five 12th century arches and Gothic west front. Enjoy the peaceful setting and find out how the remains of the Priory were saved from destruction.  
NB: Outdoor clothing and sensible footwear advised in wet weather.

66h All Saints' Church, Red Lion Square, Stamford. PE9 2AG

One Thousand Years of Stamford History

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00-16.00 & Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 13.00-16.00 and Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00-16.00 & Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 13.00-16.00

To Book (Not Essential) Contact: 01780 755611

Stamford's history laid out before you, from the Danish Burgh to the Great North Road, seen

from 120 feet above ground at the top of our church tower. Amazing views and an unrivalled photographic opportunity. Escorted tours on the hour.

NB: Event is weather permitting. Sensible footwear advised. Access via 144-step spiral staircase.

66i Browne's Hospital, Broad Street, Stamford. PE9 1PF

550 Years of Everyday Life

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 11.00-16.00

Almshouse built 1475 - Open Common Room, Chantry Chapel with famous stained glass, Audit Room and Confraters' Sitting Room, all with original furnishings. Lovely Cloister garden. Stewards on hand to explain throughout the day.

66j Stamford Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford. PE9 2DR

Picture the Past

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00-16.00

Step inside this wonderful 18th century Town Hall and 'Picture the Past'. The magnificent Court Room with original furniture and displays of historic events from 1462. Superb paintings of Stamford notably the Panorama of Stamford.



# WWI Centenary Events

Thursday 4th October 2018: The Armistice Choral Project at the Corn Exchange Theatre)  
2 - 3 November - 'The Suicide Squad' play at Wilds Lodge School  
Sunday 11th November 2018: Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday – The War Memorial  
Week commencing 12th November 2018: The Joyce Burton Trophy (schools prose, poetry & art competition)  
Sunday 18th November 2018: The Thanksgiving Service at All Saints' Church.

## Harry Skells Trust

Applications are invited for grants for any projects that qualify under the conditions as set out below.

The Harry Skells Estate Trust is constituted under the will of the late Harry Skells of Stamford and the income of the Trust is derived from the original endowment fund under this will.

The objectives of the Charity are:

1. The provision of parks and recreation advantage of the inhabitants of Stamford.
2. The improvement of streets and roads within Stamford.
3. The improvement of the appearance, utility and amenity of buildings, walls, lamp posts, fences and other structures and of parks, car parks, bus stations and other open spaces in Stamford.

The Charity is run by a board of Trustees who are the Councillors of Stamford Town Council under the chairmanship of the Mayor. All grant applications are considered on their merits and the availability of funds.

Any enquiries or applications for a grant from the Charity should be addressed to the Town Clerk of Stamford who is Clerk to the Charity:

**Mrs Patricia Stuart-Mogg**  
Town Clerk, Stamford Town Council,  
Town Hall,  
St Mary's Hill, Stamford, PE9 2DR.  
Tel: 01780 753808

Application Forms and or an extract of the will of the late Harry Skells may be obtained from Stamford Town Hall or electronically from the Stamford Town Council website

## PRESS RELEASE

### LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAY GRASS CUTTING

Grass cutting funded by the County Council falls into two categories:

- **Safety Cutting** – This involves a 1 metre wide verge cut (mainly in rural areas) adjacent to the carriage way and visibility areas, such as junctions and bends which was carried out 3 times per year; and is undertaken primarily by LCC contractors.
- **Amenity Cutting** – This is carried out in areas of amenity value and the standard funding has been for 7 cuts per annum. This area of work has been carried out by a mixture of providers which includes District and Parish Councils.

Stamford Town Council (STC) informed residents in 2016 that due to budgetary constraints, the approach to highway grass cutting funded by County Councils would change.

LCC's Environmental Maintenance budget was reduced. The number of safety cuts was reduced to twice a year. The service level of the amenity cuts during 2016/17 would be retained but future reductions to the allocated budget were anticipated, reducing to a zero level in the financial year 2017/18.

Following discussions with LCC, STC were informed that South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) would not now undertake any grass cutting on behalf of LCC. LCC's grass cutting programme for 2018/19 commenced in April 2018. Should STC be prepared to take on this activity a transitional relief payment for Stamford equating to £4,350.00 total contribution for 2018/19 would be granted.

There is 98,871m<sup>2</sup> of urban highway grass cutting to be carried out in Stamford. If STC does not take this activity on LCC will only cut these locations twice in April and September. STC has negotiated with LCC and their current contractor to obtain the most cost-effective level of service within the town possible in the financial year 2018/19. STC has scrutinised its financial position and following good fiscal management, it has identified the net cost of £3,228.00 within its 2018/19 finances which may be directed towards this activity. However, Stamford residents must be alerted to the fact that if they wish STC to support LCC and keeping Stamford looking at its best in future years such cost will need to be added to the Town Council's Precept. The cost of £3,228 would add 0.6% or 0.40p on the current Band D charge. If STC increases the precept by the current inflationary 3%, the charge per Band D charge would be £2.61. It should be noted that LCC is **ONLY** legally obliged to maintain the highway verges for reasons of safety. STC is not legally obliged to maintain the highway verges but is volunteering to support LCC in this activity to ensure Stamford verges are presentable.

Patricia Stuart-Mogg  
Stamford Town Clerk

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2018 IN STAMFORD

**STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL**  
PRESENTS



**STAMFORD  
SPOOKTACTULAR**

**AT THE  
BANDSTAND**

**MUSIC  
ENTERTAINMENT  
COMPETITIONS**  
Best Pumpkin  
Best Fancy Dress

**1PM – 4PM**

**28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

*At Stamford Recreation Ground Bandstand*



**STAMFORD  
TOWN COUNCIL**



- ★ **Stamford Dog Show and Family Fun Day**  
—Stamford Methodist Church  
– Sunday 9th September on the **Meadows**
- ★ **Heritage Weekend & Town Hall Open Day**  
– Saturday 15th September 2018
- ★ **Battle of Britain Service & Parade**  
– Sunday 16th September—**Methodist Church & Broad Street**
- ★ **Autumn Fair**  
– Monday 8th – Saturday 13th October on **Recreation Ground**
- ★ **French Market** – Sunday 14th October in **Town Centre**
- ★ **Armistice Day & Remembrance Sunday**  
– Sunday 11th November, **War Memorial**
- ★ **Stamford Christmas Festival and Lights Switch On,**  
Sunday 25th November in **Town Centre**

If you require more information please contact Stamford Town Council at

**Stamford Town Hall, St. Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR**

**Tel: 01780 753808**

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**Web: [www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk)**

**Stamford  
Christmas  
Festival &  
Light Switch On**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
**10am - 5pm**



**High Street  
Ironmonger Street  
Broad Street  
Red Lion Square  
Sheep Market**

**Santa's Grotto  
Real Live Reindeer  
Craft/Food Stalls  
Entertainment/Music  
Xmas Goodies  
Small Fun Fair**

**Stamford  
Town Council**

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W: [www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk)**

## Stamford Christmas Festival 2018 – The preparation begins!

**Sunday 25 November from 10am to 5pm**

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 ever-popular 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 reindeers, 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!**