

# Stamford

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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. Parking is free in car parks on this day, but please be aware that on street parking restrictions are still enforced.

To add to the festive spirit there will be entertainment throughout the day including festive Punch and Judy shows, entertainment stage in the square, Friends of Stamford and Rutland THEATRE carol singing, Santa's Grotto, real reindeer, a children's Fun Fair and, of course, culminating with the Christmas lights switch-on!

This year the opportunity to turn on the Town's Christmas lights was the winner of the Town Council Spooktacular Halloween Pumpkin Competition. Amaris Whitefield (*Stamford*) was the lucky winner. She will meet the deputy Mayor Councillor Breda-Rae Griffin and together they will ride in Santa's Sleigh, with Santa through the town led by members of Stamford Pantomime Players "Sleeping Beauty" singing Christmas songs and carols. They will arrive at Red Lion Square at approximately 4.30pm where in front of the waiting crowd Amaris will turn on the Christmas lights for 2018.

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



Above: Amaris with Deputy Mayor Cllr Breda-Rae Griffin at the Spooktacular

Below: Carol Singers from Friends of Stamford and Rutland THEATRE in 2017 with Mayor Cllr Tony Story



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## RAF Wittering and Stamford Commemorate Battle of Britain

THE FEW were remembered on Sunday 16th September 2018 as RAF WITTERING personnel and the people of historic Stamford commemorated the Battle of Britain.

Trinity Methodist Church in Stamford was the venue for the special service, followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the town's war memorial on Broad Street. Held in the Royal Air Force's hundredth year, the event held a special significance for military personnel and townsfolk alike.

Over thirty Royal Air Force personnel paraded in full dress uniform, and marched from the church to the War Memorial outside the celebrated Browne's Hospital with musical support from Yarwell and Nassington Band.

The world's first independent Air Force was born in the heart of battle during WWI, and created for a single purpose – to defend Britain's skies. This role continues to inspire people from almost every background to join the Royal Air Force.

The Battle of Britain was fought in the skies over Britain during the summer and autumn of 1940 and, over seventy years later it remains the defining engagement in the Royal Air Force's hundred-year history.



## Commemorative Benches for the Town

2018 is a very important year in regard to anniversaries. The Royal Air Force, and RAF Wittering both celebrate their 100th year of existence along with 100 years since the end of the first world war in 1918.

It was thought Stamford should have a permanent record of this year and discussions over the last few months resulted in a positive suggestion from Mr. Don Lambert who is a member of the Stamford Urban Group, who had seen some exterior bench seats when visiting St Davids in Wales. After discussion with Councillor Tony Story, the Town Council and the local branch of the Royal British Legion, Don began to visit various businesses in Stamford to see if he could raise the necessary funding, which for two seats cost, including delivery, taxes, fitting and site tidying up, is a total of £2,523. It may be possible to add a third seat depending on the level of donations.

He has been very successful and some of our local County and District Councillors have now also provided donations from the grants they are allotted each year from SKDC.

Plans are now moving forward with an order expected to be made to the manufacturers on Thursday 22nd November.

Delivery and fitting should take place in January 2019. Both seats will be fitted complete with donor plaques in Castle Dyke (Bath Row) and a further press release and photograph will then be issued listing all our very generous donor's details.

Don Lambert and Cllr. Tony Story would like to thank all involved for their generosity and support in creating this permanent memory in Stamford of the fallen in both World Wars."



# REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND PARADE



**On the occasion of the Centenary of the Armistice and the end of hostilities in WW1**

The Annual Service of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths took place at the War Memorial, Broad Street, Stamford, on Sunday, 11 November 2018.

The Service began with a prayer by the The Rev. Canon Stephen Simcox, Hon. Chaplain of the Stamford Branch RBL, followed by the Exhortation, Last Post at 11.00am, the Two Minute Silence, Reveille, and Kohima. The Stamford Brass Band accompanied the service during the wreath laying, with poppies being dropped by cadets during the 2 minute silence. A very moving poem was recited from Browne's balcony by Chris Martin, Stamford's poet laureate entitled "We're not gone while we are remembered"



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.

The Deputy Mayor of Stamford, Councillor Miss Breda-Rae Griffin presided and her guests included dignitaries, military personnel, representatives from schools, colleges and hospitals and various organisations within the town.



## Thank you supper for RBL members 12th November

The Deputy Mayor of Stamford, Councillor Breda-Rae Griffin invited members of The Stamford Branch of The Royal British Legion to a 'Thank You' supper and an evening of entertainment at Stamford Town Hall on Monday 12th November 2018.



## Lighting the Beacon

On the 11th November 2018 Stamford marked the day 100 years ago when guns fell silent at the end of the First World War. The beacon was lit at The Recreation Ground at 7pm joined by All Saints' Church ringing their bells. The event was well attended and thanks go to Hinch Plant Hire for sponsoring this nationwide event.



## Stamford Dog Show breaks all records

The thirteenth annual Stamford Dog Show and Family Fun Day took place in September and was attended by a record breaking crowd.

There were 325 entries for the judging of both pedigree and novelty classes. 182 dogs were entered by their owners. Also at the show were a display of reptiles from the Amphibian Reptile & Insect Association in Northampton and alpacas from Ridgeview Farm in Belmesthorpe. The show was supported by many different stall holders, dog agility displays and funfair rides for the children.

This popular show is organised by Stamford Methodist Church with huge support from Stamford Veterinary Centre and Pets Korner. Each year every penny from the show goes towards the charities being supported by the church. This year they are the Nixon Memorial Hospital in a remote part of Sierra Leone, the Mutts Nutts Rescue and the Youth Outreach Programme which runs the Shack in the Recreation Ground. A record £2,750 was raised for these charities.

The Mutts Nutts Rescue were awarded 20% of the takings from the show at a presentation of a cheque for £550 by the Deputy Mayor of Stamford Councillor Miss Breda-Rae Griffin.



## HE Celebrations - September 2018

Proud parents, bystanders and streams of well-wishers admired the procession as excited graduates paraded through the town centre after successfully graduating from their degree level courses at Higher Education Centre Stamford.

The annual ceremony was once again held at Stamford Methodist Church on Barn Hill, celebrating another year of outstanding achievements from HND and Foundation Degree courses in Animal Management, Computing, Graphic Design, Photography, Performing Arts, Teaching and many more, all coming together for an unforgettable occasion.

Once gowned in their robes and mortarboards, graduates made the renowned journey to Stamford Methodist Church from the Town Hall.

This year the centre welcomed key note speaker, Mathew Burton (most commonly known for his appearance on Channel 4's documentary, Educating Yorkshire) who inspired graduates and their parents with a speech about what education meant to him, and how he gains satisfaction from making other peoples' lives better, mentioning, that he knows the graduates sat in front of him will also do the same.

Principal at New College Stamford, Janet Meenaghan said, *'We were once again delighted to hold our Higher Education Centre graduation ceremony in the town and we extend our thanks to the Deputy Mayor, all at the Town Hall and at Stamford Methodist Church for helping us to host such a successful event.'*

*It's always a pleasure to see our students receive their higher education diplomas and degrees and the graduation ceremony recognises their hard work and achievements, as well as offering us the chance to thank parents and friends, and the teaching staff, for their contributions.*

*Higher education is increasingly expensive and colleges offer a local and more cost-effective solution, with a range of courses and growing student numbers. At Higher Education Centre Stamford we pride ourselves on our personal and supportive approach and the high quality of our higher education courses. I'd like to congratulate all of our higher education students on their superb achievements.'*

We wish all of our graduates the best for the future and hope they succeed whether they are going into further education or into employment!



## Stamford Town First Spooktacular Event

Stamford Town Council Events Committee hosted their very first Halloween event for the Town. Organised by Cllr Maxine Couch and the Events Team aided by Nicola Sandall and Members of the Friends of Stamford and Rutland THEATRE. Together they provided this free event for the children and families of the Town.

The Public were invited to attend and participate, children had to seek out the Halloween Characters (members of the friends group dressed in halloween costumes) placed around the Recreation Ground to locate letters that spelt out the spookey word "Skeleton" in their interactive competition for the children to win a prize.

During the day they also had a colouring station with Halloween pictures, a "Spooky" Photographic background and hats etc you could put on and have your picture taken, face-painting, a Grim tales story teller, a zombie wood to discover, witchy broomstick races, hot dog stand from "Frisby Catering" and a tea/coffee and toffee apples stand. Live entertainment in the Bandstand from Nicola and her team and a variety of "Thriller" flash mob's from all the actors - with some of the public joining in.

To complete the afternoon Deputy Mayor Councillor Breda-Rae Griffin, judged the Best Fancy Dress outfit and the Best Pumpkin competition. Both winners won a prize and the Best Pumpkin won the special treat of turning the Christmas lights on at the town event on the 25th November. Won by Amaris Whitefield (Stamford).

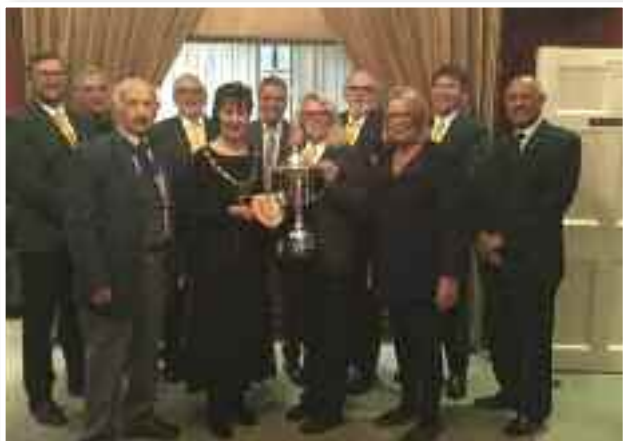
Cllr Maxine Couch, chairman of the Events Committee said *"We had a fabulous day, the Sun shone down, There was such a community spirit with people joining in, it was truly a lovely afternoon and one we hope to repeat. We thank all the public for attending and all the participants for their excellent scary skills"*



Pictured Top: Deputy Mayor and the children in the Fancy dress competition. Bottom, Maxine, Nicola and The Team of performers / Council members running the afternoon.

## Stamford Brass Celebrate

Following on from Stamford Brass becoming the National 4th Section Champions the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Breda-Rae Griffin held a reception to formally acknowledge the bands achievement, they were presented with an engraved town shield to mark the occasion.



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

## Visiting from Stamford, Connecticut, USA

Councillor Steve Kolenberg, from Stamford, Connecticut, USA visited Stamford on Saturday 6th October 2018 to present a Citation of Friendship to Stamford. He was welcomed by The Deputy Mayor and Consort of Stamford, Councillor Miss Breda-Rae Griffin and Councillor Mike Exton. His visit included Stamford Arts Centre, The Mayor's Parlour in Stamford Town Hall with a viewing of the Civic Regalia and a visit to Browne's Hospital,

Councillor Steve Kolenberg said "Stamford, UK is our city's namesake, it was a wonderful opportunity for both our communities to connect and learn about each other. The tour on Saturday was excellent and one of the highlights of my career in public service. Stamford is a beautiful town and to see it through the eyes of its best spokesmen was an exceptional treat. I look forward to presenting many of the gifts I received to Mayor Martin and our Board of Representatives".



## Best Kept Allotment Competition 2018

The annual awards by Stamford Town Council were held on 9th October 2018 and has been run annually since 1976. This year the competition was judged by Joe Whitehead Head Gardener at Burghley, Steph Hughes from Burghley Estates, Councillor Gloria Johnson Vice Chair of the Amenities Committee and Deputy Town Clerk Sarah Dorson.

The evening was enjoyed by the allotment tenants and members of the Town Council who all helped present the prizes for the competition. Fun was had by all with a challenging quiz and the evening was opened with the enjoyable poem by Stamford's Poet Laureate Chris Martin.

A certificate of appreciation was awarded to Mr I Hopkins by the Chairman of Amenities Councillor Bob Sandall for his years of service as a site rep for Water Furlong allotments which he has now retired from.

The prize winners received prizes from Stamford Town Council, Burghley Estates, Morrisons, Thompson & Morgan, Stamford Arts Centre, Waterside Garden Centre, Town Clerk, Councillor Dave Dorson, Sainsbury's, George Hotel and Harrod Horticultural which we would like to thank for their generosity.

The overall winner for 2018 was Mr & Mrs Mackinnon who received the W&J Brown Cup. The Novice Cup was received by Mencap. The Senior Citizens award was won by Mr L Knighton who received the Wilkinson's Shield and the runner up was Mr C Woodruff. The Eco Award was won by Mr J Aquilina who received the Eco Award Trophy. The Open Cup was received by Mr S Hogan and the runner up was Mrs J Sewell. Finally, Mr P Body won the Highley Commended Award.



# **Forthcoming Events 2019**

◆ **Pinders Circus—Recreation Ground**

14th —17th March 2019

◆ **Mid lent Fair—Town Centre**

1st - 6th April 2019

◆ **Rotary Club Garden Show—Meadows**

12th May 2019

◆ **Spring Antiques Fair—Meadows**

24th—26th May 2019

◆ **Market Square Group Food, Drink & Music Festival  
Meadows**

7th –9th June 2019

◆ **Stamford Festival—Recreation Ground**

22nd —29th June 2019

◆ **Round Table Car Show—Meadows**

25th August 2019

◆ **The Battle of Britain Parade & Service– War Memorial**

15th September 2019

◆ **Barn Hill Methodist Church Dog Show—Meadows**

15th September 2019

◆ **Autumn Antiques Fair—Meadows**

20th—22nd September 2019

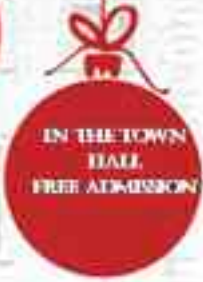
◆ **Autumn Fair—Recreation Ground**

7th—12th October 2019

◆ **Armistice Day & Remembrance Sunday—War Memorial**

Sunday 10th November 2019

VINTAGE LOVE AFFAIRS



# STAMFORD TOWN HALL INDOOR CHRISTMAS FAIR SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2018



OPEN 10AM UNTIL 4PM

VINTAGE TEAROOM,  
MUSIC & DANCING,

RETRO HAIRDRESSER &  
LOTS OF LOVELY STALLS

INCLUDING A  
MILLINER, GENTS' AND  
LADIES' CLOTHING &

ACCESSORIES, HAND  
KNITS, JEWELLERY,

HOMEWARES, GIFTS AND  
TOYS



# Stamford Christmas Festival & Light Switch On

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



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

High Street  
Ironmonger Street  
Broad Street  
Red Lion Square  
Sheep Market

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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.

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