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STAMFORD GEORGIAN FESTIVAL

26-29 SEPTEMBER 2019!



Mayor Making 2019

The Inauguration of the Mayor took place at Stamford Town Hall on May 16th 2019. The new Mayor, Councillor Breda-Rae Griffin was invested with the chain of office before the full council and her family and friends.

The Mayor's charities for the year are:
CLIC Sargent
RAF Benevolent Fund
Friends of Stamford Hospital



From the Town Clerk's Desk

Patricia Stuart-Mogg

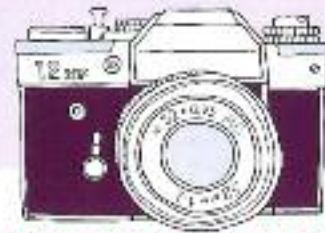
Welcome to the Summer issue of Stamford Town Council's News, which once again is packed full of information about the Town and activities scheduled throughout the coming month.

Following on from the successes of last year in achieving a Silver Award Stamford is preparing for this year's 'In Bloom' competition. Businesses and private residences are all playing their part. Thank you to all the volunteers who are extremely busy with planting of flower beds, baskets and containers across the town, and we look forward to the East Midland 'In Bloom' judges visit during July and hopefully achieving another success. As part of this initiative Stamford in Bloom is running a Photographic Competition, Judges will be looking for creative images as well as those that show how planting enhances the Town's architecture. So, go on and enter!

Stamford will again be raising the Armed Forces Flag on Saturday 29 June 2019 to show support, and say thank you, to the men and women who make up our Armed Forces Community, from currently serving Troops to Service Families, Veteran and Cadets.

To ensure our Town is maintained well, Stamford Town Council has agreed to support Lincolnshire County Council and take on the verge cutting of Stamford. The Town Council has enhanced the specification for verge cutting, at no additional cost to the tax payer. We all look forward to Stamford being neat and spruced.

STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE STAMFORD AND RUTLAND PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
AND STAMFORD IN BLOOM 2019



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AROUND STAMFORD
BETWEEN 1-30 JUNE 2019 ONLY

1ST PRIZE £200

2ND PRIZE £50

3RD PRIZE £25

**1 SPECIAL PRIZE OF £100 FOR JUNIOR ENTRY
(UNDER 16 YEAR OLD)**

Entry forms from Stamford Tourist Information Centre
and Stamford Town Hall or online form from
townclerk@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

An exhibition of short-listed entries will be displayed in
Stamford Town Hall in July 2019

The award presentation will be on 29 July 2019 at 19:30

Disability Awareness Workshop

The employment rate for disabled people of working age is 51.7% while the rate for non-disabled people is 81.7%. The Government is committed to ensuring that this gap is closed and all disabled people have the opportunities and support that they need to play as full a part as possible in society, including gaining and retaining employment.

Over 7 million people of working age in the UK are disabled or have a long-term health condition. It therefore makes sound business sense for all employers to make sure that disabled talent is not excluded from their workforces.

The events will have something to offer for all employers, whether just starting to think about their attitude towards disability or already signed up to the Disability Confident scheme. It's a time for open and supportive discussion.

The aims of the workshops are to help employers build confidence in recruiting and employing people with disabilities and health conditions. This includes identifying the advantages of employing people with additional needs, sharing good practice and knowledge of local support to help local businesses on their Disability Confident journey.

The recent workshop held presentations by employment advisors within the NHS mental health team and Stamford Job Centre providing lots of food for thought. A speech from a supported internship tutor and student instigated fascinating discussions. The connections made at these events can be so beneficial to the local community.

We will be arranging further events to support and bring employers together. Any employers wishing to join or are keen to continue their involvement, can contact us at stamford.jcp@dwp.gov.uk. Alternatively, give us a call on 01780 683925. We will be happy to answer any questions.



75th Anniversary of the D Day Landings

Very recently local photographer Don Lambert, suggested to the Mayor of Stamford that the town should mark the 75th Anniversary of the D Day Landings.

His suggestion, supported by both the Mayor and the Royal British Legion was to lay a wreath at the new 100th anniversary seating at Castle Dyke and the War Memorial in Broad Street.

With only two days to put this into effect all parties informed as many as possible to meet at the named sites. As the photographs show, the event was well supported and after a short service led by Dr. Peter Stevenson (Stamford United Reform Church) thanks were given by the Mayor and Chairman of the RBL to those attending



Shows Dr. Peter Stevenson (Stamford United Reform Church) 2nd left taking the short service at the War Memorial with BL members Jim Jackson, President Steve Bonde, Chairman Ray Beresford. The picture also shows the Mayor, Consort and Pat Thomson who laid wreaths on this special occasion.



Shows all those attending at the Castle Dyke anniversary seating with the Chairman of the Stamford Royal British Legion Ray Beresford (2nd left) and in the centre the Mayor of Stamford Breda-Rae Griffin.

Mid-Lent Fair

The Chairman of the Showman's Guild William Percival was joined by the town's deputy mayor, councillor Breda-Rae Griffin for the traditional opening ceremony of Stamford's Mid-Lent Fair. Councillor Griffin read the proclamation in accordance with the King Edward 4th Charter.



Friends of Stamford & Rutland THEATRE & Stamford Festival

Friends of Stamford and Rutland THEATRE, is a group of local theatre members, performers and singers from our area and big supporters of our Town Council events including the Spooktacular & Carol Singing at our Christmas Market to name a couple. This week they have been supporting the Stamford Festival during Festival Week with a float in the parade, an over 50's concert at the Corn Exchange and culminating in a live music and picnic at the Bandstand on the rec to their group and the public - Celebrating the Festivals 40th festival & the groups 2nd Birthday.

Pictures show Mayor Breda Griffin with the Singers at the festival concert on Wednesday, and at the Picnic at the bandstand on Sunday evening and meeting some of the picnickers.



PRESENTATION EVENING'S

Volunteer Presentation Evening

On Tuesday 30th April 2019 Stamford Town Council acknowledged the volunteers who give up their time and efforts to support the activities at the town hall.

They included allotment site representatives, NADFAS (National Association of Decorative and Fine Art Societies), tour guides, Pride of Stamford litter pickers, Stamford in Bloom, the honorary archivist and archival data records administrators. All volunteers received wine, flowers and chocolates.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Breda Rae Griffin stated "The volunteers really make a difference to our town, which in turn encourages visitors and tourism, conserving our heritage and our environment.

Presentation to Matron Brooks

Matron Sue Brooks was presented with an engraved Stamford Shield and flowers as a mark of her long service and dedication to the town. Matron Brooks retires in May 2019. Matron Brooks said "It has truly been an honour to serve this community as Matron of Stamford Hospital and I will take some wonderful memories with me. The gifts were a lovely gesture and I would like to thank everyone for their support and friendship over the years"



Stamford Cemetery

Stamford Cemetery located on Little Casterton Road in the idyllic stone town of Stamford. The Cemetery was founded by the Joint Burial Committee in 1855. The Cemetery contains a number of Commonwealth War Graves throughout the Cemetery; Stamford Town Council holds plot locations for each of these War Graves, which can be made available for any interested parties.

Other notable persons laid to rest within its grounds include celebrated persons of the town (The Gibson Family known for their iron work still found throughout the town, Robert Newcomb owner of Stamford Mercury, Albert Cliff Mayor of Stamford 1919-1920 who established the firm of Williamson Cliff Ltd with Mr F.W. Williamson, Sir Malcom Sargent famed conductor and Edward Christopher Blackstone one of the founders of Blackstone & Co Ltd agricultural manufacturers).

Of course, Stamford Cemetery is also the resting final place of many people's ancestors and loved ones each of which contains its own story, Nicola's story being one of those.

In 1969 Nicola's mother was pregnant with her first child. During the pregnancy she contracted toxæmia and due to illness went into a coma at 7 months pregnant. Nicola's father was faced with a difficult choice, as the doctors told him the only way to save his wife was via an emergency caesarean, however there was little chance Nicola would survive. Nicola was born 2 months premature on 25th August 1969 so tiny she could fit in her father's hand. She was christened and lived 5 hours before sadly passing away.

In those days the hospitals would arrange for new-born's to be buried with old people who had also died, and they found a family that was willing to let Nicola be buried with their grandmother on the proviso that Nicola's parents could never know the location of the grave, nor be able to visit.

After a family member contacted Stamford Town Council, nearly 50 years later, it was revealed that the joint burial never happened, and it turned out that Nicola had been buried in the



children's section of Stamford Cemetery, by herself in an unmarked grave, nearly 3 weeks after she was born. Nicola's mother made a full recovery but never knew the whereabouts of their little lost girl until 2018.

Nicola's parents are now 90 and 84 and Nicola's sister had to deliver the devastating news to her parents.

But that's not where Nicola's story ends; the family have now purchased the plot, installed a headstone and had a very moving graveside service. Their little girl is no longer lost, and they have been granted the rights for their ashes to be buried with her when the time comes and be reunited as a family once more.

Unfortunately, Nicola's story is not an uncommon one and many people are unsure of the final resting place of their loved ones. This is where Stamford Town Council can help. Due to technological advancements in record keeping plot locations are readily available all that is required is a name, within seconds Stamford Town Council can search all of their 19k records and match that name to a plot number. If you wish to take advantage of this service contact the Deputy Town Clerk on dtc@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk or call the Town Hall on 01780 753808.

St Michaels Churchyard

Following the renovation of St Michaels Churchyard by the Stamford Civic Society Urban Group in 2016, one of its members Don Lambert instigated a project to floodlight the east elevation of the church to create a stunning backdrop to the churchyard at night.

When Don retired from the Group in 2017 and I became involved this was a project he was very keen should continue and one I was determined to be fulfilled. After a long period of establishing permissions, design and funding I was delighted to finally complete the project on 8th May 2019.

My thanks go to all who have been involved in the project and in particular those who have contributed funds, The Skells Trust, XT Group, Stamford Town Team and Stamford District Lions.

Thanks also to the lighting supplier/engineer Urbis Schreder who have been extremely helpful throughout and the installation contractors Acrabuild and BSafe Electrical.

The success of the project has inspired the Urban Group to go further and we are currently investigating the floodlighting of St. Marys and St. Martins churches to showcase these marvellous historic buildings.

Andy Moore

Chairman, Stamford Civic Society Urban Group



Proposed Centenary seating in Stamford

2018 was a very significant year with regard to the British Armed Services. Along with the anniversary of the end of the First World War, the Royal Air Force, and RAF Wittering also celebrated their 100 years of service to the nation.

It was thought Stamford should record these milestones and consider some way of having a permanent record of the centenary year. Discussions over the last few months of 2018 resulted in a positive suggestion from Mr. Don Lambert (local photographer) who had seen some external bench seats when visiting Wales.

After discussion with former Councillor Tony Story at the Town Council and the local branch of the Royal British Legion, Don visited various businesses in Stamford to see if he could raise the necessary funding, along with the Council for three seats. Both Don Lambert and Tony Story are retired from the RAF and who were in the Photographic branch serving at RAF Wittering in the 70's and 80's.

Many local individuals and businesses contributed including: Alex Pistolas, Ash Ltd 2, Peter Stevens, Maureen Jalili, Patricia Reed, Paul Mills, Andrew Moore, Dave Hudson, Tom Riley, Councillor David Brailsford (LCC), Councillor Brian Sumner (SKDC and Town) Councillor Brenda Sumner, SKDC) The Green Man, Councillor Bill Turner, Stamford Endowed School, Vision Express Stamford, M & S staff raffle, Sue Bishop, Councillor Mike Exton (SKDC) Councillor, Councillor Breda Griffin (SKDC), The Crown Hotel, David Taylor (SKDC) and the Stamford Civic Society.

The above mentioned District and County Councillors contributed part of their annual community grants but also gave personal donations and Stamford Town Council Grant fund covered the cost of one of the seats.

The seats have now been installed in both Broad Street and Castle Dyke.

Both Don and former Mayor Tony Story would like to thank everyone involved for their generosity and support given to help create this permanent memory in Stamford of those who fell in both World Wars and later conflicts and the special relationship between RAF Wittering and Stamford.

It is hoped these visual and tactile reminders of the past century's conflicts will be seen and used by all age groups including our younger generations acting as a permanent reminder of sacrifices made to ensure our freedom today.

Photo shows former Mayor Tony Story, RAF Wittering Station Commander Group Captain Keeling and Don Lambert, behind the Royal Air Force Seat in Castle Dyke.



Photo shows Donors with Deputy Mayor Breda Griffin, Don Lambert and former Mayor Tony Story behind new seats in Castle Dyke



Photo shows Andrew Moore (Civic Society) Don Lambert former Mayor Tony Story Royal British Legion deputy Chairman Bill Turner, Deputy Mayor Breda Griffin and Councillor Mike Exton, with the new seat at the War Memorial in Broad Street

Photos from: The Rutland and Stamford Mercury



The charity Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) can help to cut your energy costs and household carbon footprint this winter with a free advice service



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To book your FREE energy advice home visit, call 01733 568408 or email warmhomes@pect.org.uk



Why sign up?

In 2016 households saved an average of £357 by switching energy tariff, so there is an opportunity for huge savings to be made.*

NHS evidence suggests maintaining a warm home can help to ensure the good physical and mental wellbeing of both adults and children.**

*USwitch.com
**See www.winterwarmthengland.co.uk/faq.html

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Bandstand Planting

Stamford Town Council would like to thank all the volunteers who helped planting up the Bandstand on Thursday 21st March 2019. It was great to have support from local business Burghley Veterinary Centres Ltd, Stamford College Skills for Work and Living Employability Group and Supported internships and Horticulture 2 Group, plus local residents Jack Milligan, Neil Mcivor, Reece Newton and Cllr David Dorson. After a hard day of planting and laying slate the Bandstand which is a focal point of the Recreation Ground was in its first stage of completion for the starting point of Stamford in Bloom.



Town Hall Trivia

The south facing window in the Council Chamber contains a beautiful stained-glass roundel, depicting the town crest. Dating from the late 19th or early 20th century, it looks as if it was made for the room, but in fact it is a relatively recent addition.

It came from Walsoken House in St Peter's Street and was probably made for Edward Joyce, the manager of the Stamford Mercury, who lived there for more than thirty years until the early 1920s. Joyce may also have given the house its name as his wife Mary was born in Walsoken.

Early in the new millennium the then owner of Walsoken House removed the roundel. It was purchased by former Mayor Cedric Cadman, who then donated it to the Town Hall "for the good of the town".

The roundel was installed in 2003 by the Peterborough firm Artists in Stained Glass and since then the three lions have kept watch over all the meetings held in the Chamber. And on a sunny day it positively sparkles.



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Featuring **MULLERED AT THE MILL**

Playing hits by The Kinks, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Elvis Van Morrison, Stereophonics, Fratellis, Robbie Williams & more

Sunday 14th July, 2019. 2pm-4pm
Stamford Recreation Ground
Recreation Ground Road
Stamford, PE9 1LX

Admission Free!

Food stalls & licensed bar



Stamford Town Hall



Stamford Town Hall, the renowned Grade 1 listed Georgian building in the heart of Stamford's conservation area, has recently completed an extensive renovation programme entirely in keeping with its historic heritage.

To complement this important initiative, Stamford Town Hall is now licensed as a prestigious venue for the solemnisation of Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships. Whether seeking an intimate bespoke ceremony or propose a larger celebration, the experienced team at Stamford Town Hall will help to ensure that your special day flows as smoothly and as memorably as possible.

In addition to providing an impressive, yet affordable, back-drop to weddings the newly refurbished Town Hall offers an ideal location for symposia, conferences and business meetings – both large (up to 100 participants) and small alike.

Private dining for that very special event or private meetings is another new, exclusive facility now available in addition to coffee mornings, afternoon tea parties and formal dinners. Post-funeral gatherings to celebrate the lives of the deceased are also appropriately catered for, as well as executive meetings, business hot-desking, antique valuation days and art and craft exhibitions.

For further information please visit Stamford Town Council's website www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk - or to speak to the Civic Officer or a helpful member of the Town Hall team please telephone 01780 753808.

Forthcoming Events 2019

- ◆ **Music on the Bandstand—Bandstand**
14th July 2019
- ◆ **Melton Brass Band—Bandstand**
11th August 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
- ◆ **Georgian Festival**
26th—29th September 2019
- ◆ **Autumn Fair—Recreation Ground**
7th—12th October 2019
- ◆ **Spooktacular—Recreation Ground**
27th October 2019
- ◆ **Festive Carols on the Bandstand**
8th December 2019
- ◆ **Remembrance Sunday—War Memorial**
Sunday 10th November 2019
- ◆ **Christmas Festival & Lights Switch On —Town Centre**
Sunday 24th November 2019



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