

# Stamford

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## Stamford Christmas Festival 2019 - The preparation begins!

**Sunday 24 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!**

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# From the Town Clerk's Desk

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STAMFORD TOWN  
COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATION

MEETING ON 2020/2021 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

Stamford Town Council is holding a meeting on Tuesday 24 November at 7pm in the Town Hall. This meeting is an open public meeting to consult on the Town Council's proposed budget and precept for the financial year 2020/2021. It will be an opportunity to provide an overview of Town Council activities and achievements during the preceding year and to outline future Council aims and objectives. Residents of Stamford Parish are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

The main source of income for a local authority is raised by the levy of a precept, which is collected through the council tax. Stamford Town Council ensures that public money is spent efficiently to provide an effective service without compromising on quality.

## A Wonderful Gift

The Town Council has received a wonderful gift; a pair of hand-coloured photographs showing Edward Browning and his wife Louisa Anne.

Edward Browning was the son of architect Bryan Browning who had moved to Stamford to work for the Marquess of Exeter. Edward joined his father's practice in 1847. He designed new buildings – including the High School in Stamford St Martin's – and repaired the medieval churches. His most enduring legacy is the Town Bridge, built in 1849 and used by thousands of people every day.

Edward became a councillor in 1855 and was elected Mayor of Stamford in 1862. At the end of his mayoralty he gave the Borough the magnificent chain; it has been worn by every mayor since.

Married in 1850, Edward and Louisa had sixteen children. When Edward died in London in 1882, his body was returned to Stamford and buried in the cemetery. Louisa was buried in the same plot in 1913.

The donor, Peter Winch, is a descendant of Edward & Louisa & the photographs are particularly welcome.

They were taken during Browning's mayoral year, 1863, and are the earliest mayoral photographs we have.



## Stamford In Bloom - Awards Evening and UPDATE

Stamford in Bloom Certificates were presented by Mayor Breda Rae Griffin and prizes presented by Bunny Guinness, presenters on Gardeners Question Time on Radio 4. The decorated chairs in Ironmonger Street and around the Town Centre were considered an attractive feature. So many, from retailers to residents had contributed towards the town achieving the Silver Gilt award and presented with prizes. Thank you to everyone for making it a fun evening



**November** - Planting up town areas for Winter.

**November** - Planting of bulbs for the Spring.

**November** - Preparing chairs for Christmas display.

**December 1st** - Children's Garden Nursery, Christmas Fair in aid of SiB.

**December 12th** - Late Night Shopping.

Supporting #shopstamford  
A stall of **FESTIVE FOLIAGE FOR SALE**  
at **THE CROWN**. mostletoe from Burghley & mulled wine close by!

**December 17th** Volunteers and supporters get-together in The Bull and Swan.

**WATCH FOR QUIZ DATE AT TOBIE NORRIS**

**January** - Tidy Castle Lane

**February** - Tidy HQ at Stamford Garden Centre.



## Battle of Britain Service and Parade

THE FEW were remembered on Sunday 15th September as RAF WITTERING personnel and the people of historic Stamford commemorated the Battle of Britain.

The ancient and beautiful Saint Mary's 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. The service was led in cooperation by Royal Air Force Chaplain, the Reverend Squadron Leader Stewart Shaw and Reverend Canon Dr Keith Denison. Public figures and officials including the Mayor of Stamford, Councillor Breda-Rae Griffin joined Group Captain Lincoln and her officers.

Dr Denison, whose own father served with the Royal Air Force, asked that the sacrifices made during the Battle of Britain were not given in vain, and that our freedoms are maintained and shared.

Wing Commander Nick Maxey led over thirty Royal Air Force personnel as they paraded in full dress uniform and marched from the church to the War Memorial outside the celebrated Browne's Hospital. Stirring musical support was provided by the Yarwell and Nassington Band.

After the wreath laying, Group Captain Lincoln met 96-year-old RAF Veteran Warrant Officer Bert Salvage, who had worked at RAF Wittering during the V-Bomber era.

Darren Rawnsley, a former Stamford Poet Laureate, brought the commemorations to a thought provoking close. In the mediaeval surroundings of Browne's Hospital, Mr Rawnsley read 'Chocks Away' a poem he composed specially for the occasion.

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





# Marriages & Celebrations

AT STAMFORD TOWN HALL

A memorable, historic location for weddings, civil ceremonies and other functions. Settings include Mayor's Parlour & Civic Ballroom



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## RBL - Armistice Cantata

Almost two hundred children from local schools took part in a Royal British Legion Primary Schools Singing Day in Stamford on Thursday, 3 October. The concert followed a similar event last year which was such a success that the schools themselves asked for this event to be staged.

The concert was staged in the Oswald Elliott Hall, Stamford School, and aimed to feature music and song linked with military events during the ages. These songs began with the Agincourt Song, followed by Elvis Presley's Wooden Heart, through the Dambusters' March, to The lady with the Lamp, Mairzy Doats and You can't keep a horse in a lighthouse, and ended with No wars will stop us singing.

The children had spent many weeks learning the songs at their own schools with their own teachers, and then came together during the day to form a massed choir. Nicola Sandall, and three young members of Stamford Pantomime Players, introduced each song with their own brand of humour.

The performance, under the expert direction of Fergus Black, Director of Music at All Saints' Church, ably accompanied by Duncan McIlrae, Director of Music at Stamford Junior School, on the piano, was an enormous success. The theatre was almost full with parents and siblings, and they and the children enjoyed a most memorable afternoon. They also learned much about the effects of war, the meaning of Remembrance and the sacrifices which are sometimes necessary to maintain the freedoms which we all enjoy today.

The audience showed great appreciation at the end of splendid afternoon of entertainment with a big round of applause for all the children who had sung their hearts out.

The Royal British Legion wishes to thank all the schools concerned: Stamford Junior School, Malcolm Sargent Primary School, The Bluecoat School, St Gilbert's Primary School, Copthill School, Malcolm Sargent Primary School, and John Clare Primary School in Helpston.

They also thank Mr Will Phelan, Principal of Stamford Endowed Schools, and all his staff for the use of the hall and for all their help in mounting the event.

Finally they also thank all the parents and others present who so generously gave the magnificent sum of £611.13 in the collection for the work of the Royal British Legion on behalf the Service and ex-Service communities and their dependents.

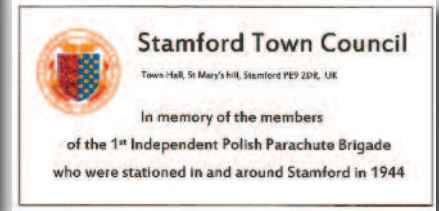


***Pictured Back Row: Fergus Black, Consort Mike Exton, Mayor Breda-Rae Griffin, Nicola Sandall and Legion President Steve Bond, With children from the local schools and 3 members from the Stamford Pantomime Players.***

## Polish Paratroopers Remembered

Mr Peter Borowik (son of Bazy Borowik, Corporal in the Polish Parachute Regiment, who were based in Stamford in 1944) laid a wreath on behalf of Stamford Town Council on 21st September 2019 to mark the 75th commemoration in Driel, Netherlands.

Peter and his wife then visited Stamford on 16th October, and enjoyed afternoon tea at the Town hall with the Mayor and members of Stamford Royal British Legion.



## Stamford Spooktacular

The second Spooktacular was a great success for the town. The FREE Event was attended by lots of families and children, many dressed in fancy dress. Organised by Maxine Couch, Events Chairman from the Stamford Town Council and Nicola Sandall - Friends of Stamford and Rutland THEATRE.

The Events team councillors joined the Friends group in costume and entertained the children of Stamford "Halloween style". Members from local theatre groups including: Stamford Showstoppers, Stamford Pantomime Players, Ink Contemporary Theatre, The Phoenix Belles Burlesque and College Players.

Events Included: Interactive Quiz where you had to meet the 'characters' in their habitats! - witchy corner, zombie wood etc. There was interactive Dancing skeleton style, some flash mobs that you could join in "thriller style", face painting, spooky story telling, a halloween backdrop to have your pictures taken, colouring available, a "play your cards right style game" etc

A best pumpkin competition organised by the council was won by Kacey Garratt (8). A prize for fancy dress was won by Wren Bradford (8) and the overall fancy dress competition winner (who will get to turn on the town's christmas lights) was Daniel Mason aged 9 (Pictured top right).

Congratulations to all our winners, and we look forward to seeing you next year.



Above: Deputy Mayor Maxine Couch with the fancy dress winner Daniel Mason.



Left: Councillors & Friends Team.



Councillors, Friends of Stamford and Rutland THEATRE Performers and some of the children from the Halloween Spooktacular.



## Town Council receive a Silver Award

Stamford Town Council feels proud to have been nominated for the Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) Silver Award. It is fantastic to have been recognised for supporting the Armed Forces in the employment of the forces as part of the staff at the Town Hall.

As a member of the Armed Forces Covenant, Stamford is committed to supporting the Forces. Stamford's proximity to both Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire, together with its strong bond with RAF Wittering, continues to forge relations to develop and extend achievements, especially for our Reservist who is an active member of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force Band (RAF Cranwell).

On a personal level it is an honour to receive this Award in my mayoral year and as daughter of a Battle of Britain fighter pilot of Spitfires. My father would have been delighted to have been associated with this Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Scheme.



## Best Kept Allotment Competition 2019

The annual best kept allotment awards were held on October 1st, 2019, the competition which has been run annually since 1976 were judged by Joe Whitehead, Head Gardener at Burghley, Joanna Maynard from Burghley Estates, Councillor Gloria Johnson Chairman of the Amenities Committee and Deputy Town Clerk Sarah Dorson.

Prizes were donated by Stamford Town Council, Burghley Estates, Wothorpe Nursery, Morrisons, Thompson & Morgan, Stamford Arts Centre, The Jolly Brewer, Councillor Dave Dorson, Sainsbury's, George Hotel, Harrison & Dunn, Boots Opticians and Wilkos which were gratefully received.

The overall winner for 2019 was Mencap who received the W&J Brown Cup. The Novice Cup was received by Mr R Ablett and the runner up was Mrs G Reddish. The Senior Citizens award was won by Mrs J Sewell who received the Wilkinson's Shield and the runner up was Mr P Harris. The Eco Award was won by Mr J Aquilina who received the Eco Award Trophy. The Open Cup was received by Mr & Mrs Mackinnon and the runner up was Mr C Woodruff. Finally, Mr S Hogan and Mr L Knighton both won the Highley Commended Awards.

The evening was enjoyed by the allotment tenants and town councillors. Fun was had by all with a challenging quiz and the evening was opened with a poem written especially for the occasion by former Poet Laureate, Teresa McLean.



## Duck Food Dispensers

New duck food dispensers have been installed on the town meadows, the joint venture between Stamford Town Council and Burghley Veterinary Centre is to discourage people feeding the ducks bread, not only because of the ducks diet but also considering the environment and the bread clogging up the rivers/water mains. For 20p people can dispense a special floating food and is much easier for ducks to find and far better for them than bread. All money raised will go towards the upkeep of the dispensers.



## Fairtrade

Stamford attained its Fairtrade Town status in November 2006. Stamford Town Council continues to support and promote the Fairtrade movement. Our Town is well served by numerous restaurants, cafes and organisations which support the Fairtrade movement. The Fairtrade movement ensures that producers in the Third World are paid a fair price for their products. This price includes a social premium, which is donated to the local community abroad to pay for community projects such as schools and water facilities. Buying Fairtrade products help the developing world to work towards a better standard of living.



**Breda-Rae Griffin – Mayor of Stamford**  
**Jo Kemp – Chair of Fairtrade Town Group**



## Chapel Service & Celebration of Life

Historic locations for End of Life ceremonies in Stamford – memorial services at Cemetery Chapel and wakes at Stamford Town Hall.



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# Christmas Carols Dickensian Style

Saturday 7th December  
from 3pm to 5pm

For the first time Stamford Town Council has organized carol singing at the Bandstand on Saturday 7th December between 3pm and 5pm. To add to the festive spirit the Stamford Beacon will be lit adding a touch of warm magic to the atmosphere.

Come along and support this community event and kick-start your Christmas

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



**Stamford Christmas Festival & Light Switch On**  
Sunday 24th November 2019  
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

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## Stamford Town Council Planning Committee

The Stamford Town Council Planning Committee meets once a month on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Town Hall. Members of the public are encouraged to attend, and speak for or against planning proposals before the meeting officially begins. Planning applications may be viewed online on the South Kesteven District Council website

[www.southkesteven.gov.uk](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk)

or for those without computer access, at the SKDC office in Maiden Lane. The chairman of the committee, Councillor Breda Griffin, tries to visit all the proposed sites and reports back to the committee. These visits are especially important in the Conservation Area in order to maintain its integrity.

# STAMFORD



STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL

PROUDLY PRESENTS - NEW FOR 2019

## Christmas Carols Dickensian Style

at the Bandstand

### CAROL SINGING

in Association with  
Friends of Stamford &  
Rutland THEATRE

### REFRESHMENTS

Mulled Wine  
Tea & coffee

### LIGHTING OF THE BEACON



Saturday 7th December 2019  
3pm - 5pm

at Stamford Recreation Ground Bandstand



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Jill Collinge  
presents  
**Stamford Christmas Past**

An enjoyable stroll  
around Stamford  
looking at Christmas  
through the centuries,  
with town guide  
**Jill Collinge.**  
Mulled wine and  
mince pies on return.

11am  
Sunday 8th  
December 2019

Meet: Stamford Town Hall Steps  
(Stamford Town Hall, St Mary's Street, Stamford, PE9 2DR)  
Tickets £7.50 per person

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