

STAMFORD

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Stamford Appoints New Mayor

Our new Town Mayor, Councillor Gloria Johnson was inaugurated on 13th May, 2021.



Councillor Johnson was born in Epworth, Lincolnshire, an ancient town located in the Isle of Axholme. Her childhood was kept very busy helping her mother with her siblings, until, after finishing schooling at fifteen, she left home to live with her aunt in Scunthorpe. She met her husband-to-be, Ken, at a local fair. The romance quickly blossomed, although it took a 200-mile round trip to see each other! They soon realised that this arrangement was not going to work, so Ken whisked Gloria off to Stockport where they shared a modest flat together. Within 18 months they were married, Ken training as an apprentice electrician and Gloria working at New Day Furnishings.

In 1970, Ken joined the RAF and over the next few years he and Gloria were stationed across the country. It was at this time they were sent on a two-year posting to Northern Ireland during 'the Troubles'.

In 1981, whilst posted at RAF North Luffenham, Gloria had finally had enough of married quarters, so the couple purchased the house in Stamford which they still live in today.

After returning from Cyprus in 1987, Gloria started work at Morrisons, working her way up to manager of the staff canteen. Gloria and Ken were also members of Blackstones Social club, it was here that Councillor Bob Sandall approached Gloria to stand as a councillor. She believed with her long working hours that she could not give enough time to the role. In 2014 (aged 65), Gloria reduced her hours and was working as a checkout supervisor when she was elected as a town councillor for Stamford.

Having served on various Committees and working groups, Gloria has a broad knowledge of council business and activities. Her hobbies include gardening, breeding birds (at one point she had 9 aeries!), music and dress making.

As Mayor, Gloria wishes to focus her attention on supporting the town and people of Stamford who have welcomed and embraced her for some 40 years.



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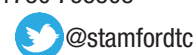
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From the Clerk's Desk



Government has confirmed that the "four tests" have been met enabling Step 4 to begin on Monday 19th July, with the further easing of Covid restrictions.

However, we must all remain vigilant and exercise caution. The efforts made and the progress achieved so far have been remarkable. Whilst the pandemic is not over, and caution is critical over the coming weeks, we must all take personal responsibility so that our progress is not undone.

Our High Street and the town centre are at the heart of local community. They provide essential services, facilities and spaces that bring people together. The year 2020 was the worst for the High Street in some 25 years, with the closure of many shops and consequential job losses. Footfall has declined while online shopping has increased, with the pandemic accelerating the trend.

We all need to shop locally and to enjoy eating out again, thus supporting our local shops, pubs and restaurants. **Think Stamford – shop Stamford.**

PSM



From the 5th July 2021, Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire will be offering new face-to-face services at three different outreach locations in Stamford. This will help us to reach out and support more people across our communities. Advisers are still available for telephone help and support, call Adviceline on 0808 278 7996 (Mon–Fri 10:00–16:00). We encourage contact through Adviceline and will have a face-to-face service focused for those who need it.

On Mondays, our outreach will be located at:

Evergreen Care Trust, 1 Barnack Road, PE9 2NA from 9:30–15:30

On Thursdays, we have an outreach at:

United Reform Church Hall, 29 Broad Street, PE9 2PJ from 9:30–15:30

Appointment Only: Please ring Adviceline (0808 278 7996) to arrange an appointment at the two above locations.

On Fridays, we run a drop-in St George's church, St George's Square, Stamford PE9 2BN. Drop-ins are for 15-minute initial assessments (referrals for a full appointment will be made if needed).

This service runs from 10:00–12:00.

Contact Details Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire

We are able to provide advice on:

- Debt and Money
- Benefits
- Consumer and Utilities
- Relationships
- Housing
- Employment
- Migrant Workers Rights
- Scams

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LOCAL FREEPHONE ADVICELINE: 0808 278 7996 (Mon–Fri 10:00–16:00)

Migrant Worker Helpline: 0344 8476 128
(Mon, Wed, Fri 09:30–16:00 Tue & Thurs 09:30–19:00)

EU Settlement Scheme Helpline: 0800 448 0734
or email: eussreferral@citizensadvicesouthlincs.org.uk

Universal Credit Help To Claim Line: 0800 144 8444
Scams Action Service: 0808 250 5050 (Mon–Fri 09:00–17:00)

Trussell Trust Food Bank Helpline: 0808 208 2138



March 2021



The Funeral of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

A member of the Town Hall staff, Richard Tracey (circled), was honoured to be chosen to participate in the funeral of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh held at Windsor Castle on 17th April.

Richard plays clarinet and saxophone in the Royal Air Force Auxiliary Band at RAF Cranwell and on the day he was part of the Royal Air Force Combined Bands which formed the Tri Service Massed Band playing in the castle quadrangle.

Having been isolated and continually tested for Covid during a week of rigorous rehearsals at Pirbright Barracks, the Bands moved to Windsor Castle on the day of the ceremony. Richard said it was an honour and a privilege to have been asked to play and the occasion was made even more special when he was requested to give an interview to Sky News. He explained, "As I was one of the more senior members of the bands, I was interviewed together with one of the youngest members".

In the days following the event, Richard was also interviewed by local DJ Rob Persani for Rutland and Stamford Sounds. Through his musical

talent, Richard has helped raise the profile of Stamford Town Council which last year won the Silver Award through the Armed Forces Covenant Employers Recognition Scheme.

Philip Mountbatten-Windsor, Duke of Edinburgh, Baron of Greenwich, Earl of Merioneth, born 10th June 1921; died 9th April 2021





“Thank you to our local heroes”

To mark national ‘Thank You’ day on Sunday 4th July, Stamford Town Hall was the venue for an event which acknowledged charities, organisations and community groups that have supported the Stamford community during lockdown.

The ‘awards’ were presented on behalf of Mayor, Gloria Johnson, by her deputy David Taylor who hosted the event.

A total of 15 groups were recognised for the huge contributions they made during the pandemic, serving the Stamford community. In his opening address to councillors and representatives of each of the groups David Taylor said;

“For me, and I know for the Lady Mayor, one of the things which makes Stamford so special is its amazing community spirit demonstrated by all those organisations and individuals who give so much of their time to serve our towns residents. Some groups commit their time and efforts to keep the town looking at it’s best – keeping it clean, managing projects to enhance and protect

its fabric. Others look after the elderly, the vulnerable and the sick whilst some look out for those who are faced with prejudice and discrimination.

Whatever the cause, whatever roles our towns support groups have, we are proud of them and hugely grateful for all they do and I offer thanks to you all from the Mayor, your Town Council and all Stamford residents”

Stamford’s churches were also praised and thanked for the way in which they had continued to work together for their congregations and the way in which they embraced technology to ensure that whilst churches were closed, worshippers could still participate in services which were live streamed to those at home.



Certificates of appreciation were presented to:

- Evergreen Care
- S.O.S Support Our Stamford
- Rotary Club of Stamford
- Stamford & District Lions
- Stamford Anti-Racism Group
- Mindspace, Stamford Foodbank
- Second Helpings (a Stamford Methodist Church project)
- Stamford Area Covid19 support
- Pride of Stamford Litterpickers
- The Mintridge Foundation
- Friends of Stamford and Rutland Theatre
- Rutland and Stamford Sound
- Art Pop-up
- FTLOS




Cheque Presentation

A cheque presentation took place in the Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall on Monday 14th June. Councillor Gloria Johnson, Mayor of Stamford presented the cheque for £2,560 to Mrs Gill Clarke, President of Stamford and District Lions. The former Mayors of Stamford, Councillor Maxine Couch and Councillor Bill Turner (who both passed away during their term of office) chose Stamford and District Lions as their nominated charities. This handsome sum was a result of their efforts.









Councillor Gloria Johnson, Mayor of Stamford (left) presented the cheque for £2,560 to Mrs Gill Clarke, President of Stamford and District Lions.




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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Stamford Town Council Skells Trust

The Skells Trust was established to administer money bequeathed to the Town by a former Mayor, Harry Skells. The Trust offers financial assistance in the form of grants to local organisations and projects which benefit Stamford and its residents as a community.

The Skells Trustees meet several times a year to consider grant applications.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Town Clerk, email: townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

New Councillors for Stamford

The tide of change swept through local councils on May 6th, when elections were held across the country to appoint 4,650 new officials and over 20,000 new councillors.

In Stamford, residents were required to elect two new county councillors to represent their town on 70-seat Lincolnshire County Council (LCC), and two new town councillors to serve St George's Ward on Stamford Town Council (STC). The STC councillors were being elected (through a by-election) to fill seats vacated by the late mayors Cllr. Maxine Couch and Cllr. Bill Turner who sadly had both died in office during the previous year.

Due to the postponement of the polls originally

scheduled for 2020, the 2021 elections were one of the biggest sets of devolved and local elections ever to be held on a single day, becoming known as 'Super Thursday'. After more than a year of lockdown due to COVID-19 restrictions, the polling stations were particularly well attended and following 15-hours of socially-distanced voting and an all-night count, the results for Stamford finally came in. The four newlyelected councillors for Stamford are presented below.



Cllr. Kelham Cooke

LCC Councillor for Stamford East and Leader of SKDC

Raised and educated in Stamford, Kelham is passionate about preserving the town's culture and heritage, whilst looking to the future with ambition and confidence. He wants to ensure that Stamford receives its fair share of funding from LCC for road maintenance, better broadband, and education to support Stamford students in achieving their academic aims. He is also keen to protect public open spaces and prevent inappropriate development within the town. Kelham recently stood with other stakeholders to prevent the closure of St Mary's Surgery and will continue to campaign against any future closures, alongside looking at options for a new GP Practice. He looks forward to working with Stamford Town Council, community groups, charities, residents and local businesses to ensure that everyone's interests are looked after.



Cllr. Richard Cleaver

LCC Councillor for Stamford West

A long-time resident of Stamford, Richard is committed to his town. He is a regular volunteer at Second Helpings food charity and campaigned for the residents' parking scheme. He also campaigned against the closure of St Mary's Surgery, believing that current monopoly of GP services should end and a new practice be built on the west side of town. Although Richard agrees that the proposed 1,300 homes to the north of town will provide much-needed affordable housing, he says that the wood and ponds on the old quarry site must be protected – in 2020 he campaigned to protect Stamford's East Meadows. Supporter of the Stamford arts and cultural heritage scene and re-opening of the museum, Richard believes local government must be kept local and opposes the Lincs super-council proposal which will further marginalise Stamford.



Cllr. Jo Winterbourne

STC Councillor for St George's Ward

Jo is a qualified careers advisor and the Science, Technology and Maths coordinator for Lincs and Rutland. In 2020, she co-founded For the Love of Scrubs (Stamford) in response to the PPE crisis, producing 30,000 PPE items for use by local organisations. With proposed development putting pressure on healthcare and education provision, she believes that Lakeside Healthcare needs to be held accountable and that there should be more than one provider in the town. Putting students at the heart of education is Jo's passion and she will campaign to reverse cuts to youth services and to prioritise young people's needs. Aware of 'hidden poverty' in Stamford with the increasing use of foodbanks and uptake of free school meals, Jo is committed to creating job opportunities, increasing access to training and providing affordable childcare.



Steve Doyle
STC Councillor for St George's Ward

Steve has local government experience from previously serving three terms on SKDC. Working for many years in the Property Sector, he has accrued an understanding of all aspects of local planning and has come to respect the need for communities to share in the decision-making process. He recognises that bad decisions, where new-builds erode our open spaces and impact noise, air quality and services, can change an area forever. Steve feels Stamford has to be treated with particular respect when it comes to crucial decisions of Planning. Changes we agree to now can either enhance or damage the beauty of the town and its ability to remain both attractive to visitors and functional for residents. This is not just down to the alteration or preservation of buildings, but also traffic flow, 360-degree views and effective integration of services and utilities.

The Mayor's Guides and the Mayor finally meet!

We might have all seen the new Mayor's Guides around the town, but this week they were finally able to Meet The Mayor, Councillor Gloria Johnson for a belated Official Launch.


The Mayor's Guides was the brainchild of Jill Collinge (Stamford official town and Blue Badge Guide) working in collaboration with the Town Hall to help promote and show people around Stamford. Jill enlisted and trained her team using the Blue Badge method.

If you would like more details or to book a tour, you can visit their website at www.thestamfordtownguidedtours.co.uk. You can pre book at www.ticketsource.co.uk/stamfordguidedtours or just turn up and join in on the day. Tours cost £7.50pp.

All tours leave from the Town Hall steps, St Mary 's Hill. Tours start at 11am on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and at 2pm on Friday.




Back: Simon Whatling, Jim Grant, Bill Cunningham. **Middle:** Kiffy Mitchell, Nicola Sandall, Councillor Angela Carter-Begbie. **Front:** Jill Collinge, Councillor Gloria Johnson (Mayor), Councillor Sheila Sismore.




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