

Stamford

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

News and views from Stamford Town Council

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Your Recreation Ground

Cover Image: Band Stand at Recreation Ground by Roger Teasdale

Annual Public Town Meeting

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Stamford Town Hall
Monday 22nd March,
2010 at 7pm

Come and have
your voice heard!

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Mayor's Comment



By the time my Mayoral term ends, hopefully Stamford will be close to retrieving responsibility

for ownership of the Recreation Ground. This has been a very long and drawn out process and I am sure all concerned have been frustrated with the miles of 'red tape'. At least we can say that now we are very nearly there!

The Town Council has completed the first phase of the renovation programme at the Town Hall. For a number of months the staff had to vacate their offices and work wherever space could be found amidst the inevitable dust and noise – but at last it is now all beginning to fall into place. We are proud of the Town Hall and the treasure trove of historical artefacts it houses. It is up to us and those who follow to preserve it for future generations.

The long awaited lift is now installed and will soon be fully commissioned. It will make the public areas far more easily accessible; especially for the disabled. The new toilet facility for the disabled is an especially welcome new initiative. These are facilities the Town Council has long wished to provide. Who says persistence and tenacity don't pay?

During my year of office I have attended many productions in Stamford, including some at the Corn Exchange, the Arts Centre and the Welland School of Dancing. What talent we have in Stamford! The schools and colleges also are doing tremendous work in educating 'the children of our tomorrow'. They are to be congratulated on their excellent results, as are the children, on their achievements.

This has been an exciting year for me. Thank you to everyone I have met during my term of office as Mayor: you have all made me so very welcome. It has been a real privilege, honour and above all a pleasure to have assumed the role of Mayor of this ancient town. I have tried to represent Stamford to the best of my ability. I have established good relationships and made some good friends in some of the furthest corners of our County. Some were not even aware of our existence – but they certainly do now!

We all have our part to play in this town, it is up to us to join together and make it a town of which we can continue to be justly proud.

Cllr. Christine Brough, Mayor of Stamford



Image: Recreation Ground by Peter Heyes

Your Recreation Ground

The Stamford Recreation Ground will be transferred to Stamford Town Council as from the 1st April 2010.

The Town Council believes that this is a valuable amenity in the very heart of the town which should be protected. With this in mind, the Town Council wishes to work closely with all local organisations with a vested interest, such as the Friends of the Recreation Ground, Belton Bowls Club and Rock Tennis Club, to ensure the future management of the facility reflects and meets the needs of Stamfordians and visitors. The provision of public conveniences adjacent to the Recreation Ground is clearly one of the priorities for consideration. However, in the first instance the Town Council wishes to meet and consult with all local groups with a vested interest so that a clear management action plan for the future of the Recreation Ground can be established. If you are interested in getting involved please contact: **Town Clerk, Town Hall – email: townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk**



Want to Reduce Your Electricity Costs?

Energy Monitors free to Stamford residents to learn which appliances in their homes cost the most to run.

The Energy Monitor works using wireless technology to send the power output reading to a digital display. It is easy to install (no electricians!) and borrowing for a month is sufficient to become familiar with your typical power usage. It has been shown that families that monitor their electricity use become much better at switching off lights, and stand-bys etc. thus saving on their electricity bills.

The loan of the Monitors is being managed by the Town Hall – open Monday-Friday mornings. Stamford Transition Town only ask for a returnable deposit of £10, so there is no cost but could mean a significant cost saving! Why not try it?

Stamford Hospital

Stamford Hospital is thriving and during 2009 further additional investment was made, new services introduced and plans announced for future development.

Alongside the hospital's existing services, which include outpatients, the minor injuries unit, day surgery, inpatient care, therapies and diagnostics, further services were added and investment made to improve patient care for the community.

The X-ray department was upgraded, new mattresses were delivered, a pain management service was introduced and significant new medical equipment was provided by the active Friends of Stamford Hospital Charity.

The hospital's priority is to provide quality, safe and effective care and the dedicated staff, led by a full time on-site Matron, work consistently hard to achieve this and provide excellent patient care. Residents in Stamford and other areas benefit from having easy access to healthcare and will continue to see improvements and further investment both now and in the future.

Cemetery Summer Opening Times

Following considered debate the Town Council has decided to bring the Stamford cemetery opening times in line with British Summer Time. During the summer months of April to October, vehicular access to the cemetery will be available between 8am and 8pm daily. Pedestrian access is always available. All vehicles should leave the cemetery ground in good time. Once the gates are locked, any vehicles remaining within the grounds will be unable to leave until the following day. All vehicles are parked within the cemetery entirely at the owner's risk.

Food for Thought

Stamford Transition Town thanks the Town Council for the allotment offered.

Stamford Transition's aim is to research the productivity of a piece of land when following the permaculture method of growing food. Permaculture means working with the ecosystem – being aware of the soil type, aspect, and climatic attributes – and working with nature. The research will be recorded and published locally in diary form.

Firstly, we need to learn how to apply the theory of permaculture to our particular plot and so this is a great opportunity for an expert in this field to get his/her hands on a pristine site to work with a band of willing volunteers. People wanting to participate please contact via the Town Hall.

Planning Applications

Stamford Town Council considers all planning applications submitted to South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) as a statutory consultee and offers its own recommendations. If you wish to submit comments to support or object to any planning application, this should be done via SKDC's Development Control with a copy to the Town Council Planning Committee Chairman.



Stamford Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Area Update

Current Neighbourhood Priorities

Illegal parking in the Town Centre

Complaints are being received of illegal parking in the Town Centre

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) involving vehicles in the Town

Complaints have been received of vehicles congregating and displaying ASB in the Town, and young persons causing a

Harry Skells Trust

The Skells Trust was established to administer money bequeathed to Stamford town by a former Mayor, Harry Skells.

The Trust offers financial assistance in the form of grants to local organisations and projects which benefit the town of Stamford as a whole and its residents. The Trust meets several times a year to consider grant applications for such projects and initiatives. **The next Trustee's meeting is Monday 24 May 2010.** Applications giving fullest details should be submitted in writing to the **Town Clerk, Town Hall, St. Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR.**

Help for Your Charity

During the course of the year the Town Council offers use of the Town Hall, free of charge, for six charitable events or worthy causes.

Financial support in the form of grants is also considered by the Town Council Finance Committee. Application forms are available from the Town Hall. Submit your written request, giving fullest details of the charity or cause supported and the event proposed, to: **Town Clerk, Town Hall, St. Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR.**

nuisance and distress to others.

The next open public forum, where members of the public can attend and pass on their thoughts / concerns, which may be included within the priorities, will be held at 6.30pm on 03/03/10 in The Theatre Study at New College Stamford. After this, there will be a closed Panel Meeting for nominated attendees.

The Stamford NPT consists of:

	Rank	Number	Name	Mobile number
Sergeant	SGT	1126	Martyn Parker	0793 999 6507
Community Beat Manager	PC	745	Debbie Bowen	0793 989 6379
Police Community Support Officers	PCSO	2018	Dave Vines	0794 477 6919
	PCSO	2218	Meela O'Neill	0793 999 7387
	PCSO	2182	Louise Tow	0782 510 0363

The team are based at Stamford Police Station and have close links with many other agencies that together are trying to combat local issues and problems which are brought to their attention.

Stamford Police Station, North Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 1AD. Tel: 01522 532222 (Non-emergency number) www.lincs.police.uk

Stamford Town Councillors, South Kesteven District Councillors & Lincolnshire County Councillors' ward list for Stamford

Councillor	All Saints Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
David Brailsford (CON) Deputy Mayor	1 Carisbrook Grove, Stamford, PE9 2GF	757242	LCC Councillor Stamford West Division
Michael Exton (CON)	84 Churchill Road, Stamford, PE9 1JG	751265	
Dr. Sam Jalili (LD)	68 Roman Bank, Stamford, PE9 2ST	755955	SKDC Councillor
Mrs. Maureen Riley (LD)	3 New Street, Stamford, PE9 1ES	755219	
Mrs. Susan Sandall (IND)	4 Forest Gardens, Stamford, PE9 2FL	764399/757676	SKDC Councillor
Councillor	St. George's Ward	Telephone No.	District
John Binder (LD)	52 Ryhall Road, Stamford, PE9 1UF	764188	
Jon Poznanski (IND)	Via – Town Hall	753808	
Bob Sandall (IND)	4 Forest Gardens, Stamford, PE9 2FL	764399/757676	SKDC Councillor
Bill Turner (LAB)	16 Falkirk Close, Stamford, PE9 2TU	766697	
John Russell Hicks (IND)	4 Ryhall House, Ryhall Road, Stamford, PE9 1UQ	751853	LCC Councillor Stamford North Division
Mrs. Joyce Gaffigan (LD)	57 Caithness Road, Stamford, PE9 2TF	751075	SKDC Councillor NOT ON TOWN COUNCIL
Councillor	St. John's Ward	Telephone No.	District
Harrish Bisnauthsing (LD)	Reedmans Court St. George's Street, Stamford, PE9 2BJ	756000	SKDC Councillor
Miss Christine Brough (LD) Town Mayor	50 Arran Road, Stamford, PE9 2XS	756046	SKDC Councillor
Mrs. Maureen Jalili (LD)	68 Roman Bank, Stamford, PE9 2ST	755955	SKDC Councillor
John Judge (CON)	8 Brooke Avenue, Stamford PE9 2RU	764757	
David Nalson (CON)	70 Tinwell Road, Stamford, PE9 2SD	764112	
Clem Walden (IND)	32 Charlock Drive, Stamford, PE9 2WP	764679	
Councillor	St. Mary's Ward	Telephone No.	District
John Dawson (IND)	The Bridge House, Casterton Road, Stamford, PE9 2YL	754166	SKDC Councillor
John Harvey (CON)	Sussex House, Empingham Road, Stamford, PE9 3UH	766972	SKDC Councillor
Mrs. Jane Peckett (LD)	68a Tinwell Road, Stamford, PE9 2SD	756044	
Paul Rose (IND)	Willowbrook, 2nd Drift, Wothorpe, Stamford	754166	
Dr. Graham Wheatley (CON)	6 St. Peter's Hill, Stamford, PE9 2PE	489154	
Councillor	County Councillor	Telephone No.	District
Thomas Martin Trollope-Bellew (CON)	The Old Hall, Barholm, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 4RA	01778 560634	LCC Councillor Stamford Rural Division

Email addresses for all **COUNCILLORS** is: townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk Please ensure you **NAME** the Councillor for whom your email is intended.

Dates for the diary Town Council and Committee Meetings are usually held on Tuesday's in the Town Hall at 7pm and are open to the public. All agendas and minutes are available on the Town Council website. www.stamfordtowncouncil.co.uk

February

Tue. 02 Cemetery, Allotment & Meadows Committee
Tue. 09 Town Council
Sat. 13 Charter Day – Town Hall Open Day between 10am-3pm
Tue. 16 Planning Committee
Wed. 24 Strategic Development Committee 10am

March

Tue. 02 Planning Committee
Tue. 09 Finance, Personnel and Asset Committee
Wed. 10 Scrutiny & Audit Committee 10am
Tue. 16 Planning Committee
Wed. 17 Strategic Development Committee 10am
Mon. 22 Annual Town Meeting 7pm
Tue. 23 Town Council
Tue. 30 Cemetery, Allotment & Meadows Committee

April

Tue. 13 Planning Committee
Tue. 20 Town Council
Wed. 21 Scrutiny & Audit Committee 10am
Tue. 27 Planning Committee
Wed. 28 Strategic Development Committee 10am

May

Tue. 04 Cemetery, Allotment & Meadows Committee
Tue. 11 Planning Committee
Thu. 13 Annual Town Council Meeting
Tue. 18 Town Council
Wed. 19 Strategic Development Committee 10am
Mon. 24 Harry Skells Trustee Meeting 7pm
Tue. 25 Finance, Personnel and Asset Committee

June

Tue. 01 Planning Committee
Tue. 02 Scrutiny & Audit Committee
Tue. 08 Town Council
Wed. 16 Strategic Development Committee 10am
Tue. 22 Cemetery, Allotment & Meadow Committee
Tue. 29 Planning Committee

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