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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



A year of celebrations is taking place throughout the United Kingdom and Commonwealth and around the world during 2022 to celebrate The Queen's historically long reign.



These range from encouraging the planting of trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee", including the ambition for each county to plant a 70 acre wood, to visits by Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family to celebratory events organised in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. Platinum Jubilee beacons are

to be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and for the first time, beacons will also be lit in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries. Specifically national celebrations are taking place over an extended bank holiday from Thursday 2nd June until Sunday 5th June, which will include public events and community activities as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

On Thursday 2nd June, The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour) will take place on Horseguards Parade in

London. This usually takes place annually in mid-June to mark the official birthday of The Queen, but this year it has been moved to the beginning of the month and will be an extra special occasion. At 1pm on this day, town criers across the country will be undertaking the Proclamation announcing the lighting of beacons that evening and pipers may be playing *Diu Regnare* at 9.09pm before beacons are lit at 9.15pm. A special leather bound book will be presented to The Queen after the Jubilee Weekend.

On Friday 3rd June a Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's reign will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Patricia Stuart-Mogg

The job of Stamford Town Council is to represent the interest of the whole community and equally to represent the interests of different parts of that community. To be well-informed, it is important that the Council should consult widely to discover views and issues important to local people.

The Council provides opportunities to gather the thoughts and suggestions of residents through the Annual Town Meeting, Public Consultation meetings, Surveys and Public exhibitions. Feedback from these events deliver strength to the mandate and activities of the Council which enhance people's sense of purpose and belonging. Engagement with residents is vital to the effectiveness of the Town Council.

Stamford Council is embarking upon several key initiatives, of which the most significant are developing a Climate Plan for Stamford, Accreditation for a Museum Service in Stamford and an extension of the Cemetery. Preparation for the Council Platinum Jubilee programme is well underway, and it is hoped that as many residents as possible will join in the celebrations and perhaps also organise local community street parties. Do check the Town Council's website for all the latest information.

Stamford Hotel

The former Stamford Hotel was built in 1810 by Sir Gerard Noel Noel, Bart. of Exton, with the ambition to provide the inhabitants of Stamford and visitors alike with an elegant establishment to enjoy. The building is undergoing considerable refurbishment by the present owners, Sutherland Walk Development, converting the building from shops to a house and three flats. Its colossal rooftop statue of Justice has been removed temporarily for cleaning and restoration, before being returned to its former prominent location.

During these major works several items have been uncovered, including an ornate mural and a circular ceiling window which reveal glimpses of Stamford Hotel's former glory. It is hoped that these features will eventually be available for public appreciation.



Stamford Hotel

Image: @theoldbuilding

Museum Accreditation

Having decided that the town should once again enjoy the benefits of a dedicated museum, Stamford Town Council is currently applying for Museum Accreditation. To initiate this process, Stamford Town Hall has been provisionally identified as the Museum venue. A large, historic listed building owned by the Town Council, it is in a prominent position and includes versatile spaces that could be used for exhibiting. Moving forward, however, it is appreciated that there are constraints regarding its usage and therefore other potential sites are also being considered and investigated.



Officially confirmed by the Arts Council as 'Working Towards Accreditation', Stamford Town Council now has a period of up to four years to submit its final application. During this preliminary phase, Stamford Town Council would like to engage with the people of Stamford and its visitors to find out what they really want from their museum and has consequently set up a public consultation programme. Please do take a few minutes to complete the attached consultation form, or visit the web address given, as the Council would appreciate and value your feedback.

Stamford Visitor Centre

Stamford's Blue Badge Guide Jill Collinge has launched the Stamford Visitor Centre, located in St. John's Church, just off Red Lion Square. She is being supported by a band of volunteers who will welcome visitors to Stamford, offer information and direct people towards the many local sites of historical interest. The Stamford Visitor Centre will be staffed Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 10am and 4pm.

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On Saturday 4th June, The Derby at Epsom Downs will be attended by The Queen and members of the Royal Family. In the evening a special live concert will be staged and broadcast by the BBC from Buckingham Palace to celebrate the most significant and joyous events from the Queen's seven-decade reign. Members of the public will be invited to apply to attend this special event and details about the ballot to obtain audience tickets will be released in due course.

People are invited to share in The Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June when communities are encouraged to come together in a spirit

of fun and friendship to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, joining with friends and neighbours. These lunches can be big or small, either an event for the whole village or town, a street party or picnic, tea and cake or a barbeque with a few friends! Also on 5th June, a Platinum Jubilee Pageant will take place against the backdrop of Buckingham Palace and the surrounding area. Over 5,000 people from across the United Kingdom and Commonwealth will take part in this celebration, which will include street arts, theatre, music, circus, carnival and costume to laud the service of Her Majesty's reign as well as honouring the collective service, people and communities in the country. Events in Stamford....to follow.

For further information and how you can get involved visit: platinumjubilee.gov.uk/get-involved-with-the-platinum-jubilee

Connect Stamford

Detailed plans for a 'green wheel' cycling and pedestrian route around Stamford have been released this week.

The community group behind the project, Connect Stamford, has reached agreement with landowners, developers and councils to start creating the wheel next year, with a view to completing it in five years.

The eight-mile route will modify existing paths and create new ones, crossing land belonging to Burghley, and the future 'St Martin's Park' and 'Stamford North' developments.

Chairman of Connect Stamford David Taylor, who conceived a Stamford Green Wheel during lockdown, said: *"I knew it would be a challenge to plan and deliver the project. However, through the creation of Connect Stamford as a community interest company, and by bringing on board representatives of the Burghley House Preservation Trust, South Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council as directors, the planning process, while lengthy, has been relatively painless. This was helped by the fact all our directors have a shared vision to reduce car reliance in the town. The provision of more easily accessible and safer walking and cycling routes in Stamford will help that vision become a reality and the green wheel is a critical part of the infrastructure required."*



Most of Stamford Green Wheel will be built as new infrastructure, based on existing footpaths and bridleways where possible. Some of the route is included in the plans for Stamford North and St Martin's Park. The route will be developed over time to include additional footpaths and cycleways within the wheel, creating safer links in Stamford, and out to Ryhall, Tinwell, Casterton, Uffington and Rutland Water. Funding for the infrastructure will come from housing developers, government funding and other grant-giving sources.

Stamford Green Wheel will form part of the county council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), which is under development for Stamford. The LCWIP will identify places where cycle lanes, 20mph limits and low-traffic zones could support safety. The green wheel will then link to these. One such area is the St George's low-traffic neighbourhood,

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Story courtesy of Suzanne Moon, Stamford Mercury



Santa Fun Run raises £23,000 for causes

Participants in the Stamford Santa Fun Run helped to raise more than £23,000 for charity

The 5km event at Burghley Park in December generated £15,000 for Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice and a further £4,600 for MindSpace Stamford.

The Rotary Club of Stamford Burghley also received £3,500, which it will use to support local good causes.

Robin Ball, chairman of Stamford Striders, which organised the event with the Rotary club, said: "What an amazing and emotional

day it was. Seeing plenty of smiling, laughing Santas stretching all the way around Burghley Park, I must not have been the only one who with a tear in their eye."

Thanking everyone involved, Joely Garner, community fundraising manager at the Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice, read a moving letter from a patient's family, which thanked staff for the time they had spent listening and talking with him, recognising him as "a whole and amazing person".

Mary Dowglass, a MindSpace Stamford trustee, said their donation was extremely important now the charity is leasing permanent premises in Broad Street, where it provides support and activities for the community.

"I was at the Stamford Santa Fun Run," said Mary. "It was a fantastic community event that can only go from strength to strength."

Stamford Green Quarter

Just beyond the end of Stamford's High Street, you'll find Stamford Green Quarter. It's the first in a row of shops which date back to the Medieval era, but which now host some very modern businesses: a houseplant shop, a zero waste shop and a vegan café.

Stamford Botanics, All Good Market and The Blonde Beet were part of a wave of new businesses opened during the pandemic. The former, run by horticulturalist Leonie,



Image: Eilidh Doig

is a verdant oasis which sells plants, pots, and gifts, several of which she sources from local printers, artists and ceramicists.

Across the corridor is All Good Market, whose founder Annabel is on a mission to help Stamfordians shop sustainably.

Her customers have saved over 10,000 plastic bottles so far - if you laid them end-to-end, they would stretch from here to Burghley House! Tucked away at the

back is The Blonde Beet, a plantbased café and events space spread between a hidden courtyard outside and a cosy upstairs room. It's the brainchild of Jo Kemp, who worked in sustainability beforehand.

At Christmas the ladies invited local artisans to join them for a winter fair and have plans for something similar this springtime. Jo also regularly hosts coffee mornings for owners of dogs and small children (not at the same time) and a monthly 'green drinks' for sustainability-minded adults. Annabel plans to take the green quarter on tour for a series of farm walks with local suppliers this summer.



Stamford in Bloom

Let us start with some good news! Stamford will be entering the East Midlands in Bloom Competition 2022

The town is judged in early July but this year the Town Council would like us to be ready for Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June. It will be all singing, all dancing, all bunting and blooms.

It is important to remember the toll that Covid took on everyone, unable to fundraise or work in the usual groups we have not been as visible but the public have been most kind in expressing their gratitude to volunteers for keeping the town in bloom. While so many were vulnerable and unable to work our request for help was ably met by younger and stronger volunteers.

Team Stamford has frequently rescued us with their muscles, Stamford Flower Club gave us incredible displays in our bike baskets and now have a place at the hospital roundabout for colourful themed tableaux, which we all love. Businesses did amazing window displays over the Christmas period, we hope Jubilee decorations are being thought about. Yvonne, led a team of volunteers to sort the decorated chairs in time for Christmas Shopping. The plan is to make a Summer display with the chairs, to add to business and residential entrances. Do contact Stamford in Bloom if you need any help. The arrangement is that a donation is made towards the cost, we can provide chairs.



Image: @theoldbuilding



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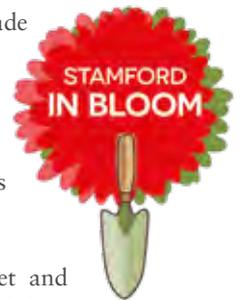
The Town's rotary Groups have planted more bulbs as part of their purple polio Crocus Campaign. Thousands more in Casterton Road by the Town Sign where team Stamford have built a raised bed, rescuing a site we started. We work with them. We work with them on their exciting projects, including plants for their riverbank boat as they have Stamford in mind at all times.



We have been assisted by the residents of the area about Brownlow green (our name) where we have made improvements with hedging and bulbs.

The developers of the flats nearby planted lavenders and we are happy to look after them as it increased our bee route to over 250 metres through the stone town.

We have worked on the area in North Street and Radcliffe Road and are being supported by SKDC to improve it. Yes, the cherry tree is a loss but the area will change given sun now. Richardso's cycles are so helpful providing water and mowing. The wild flowers around the area planted under the supervision of Cllr Amanda Wheeler are making a difference to our view of the town. We are definitely part of the wider community with so much help from organisations and individuals.



If you would like to support Stamford in Bloom contact: Stamford18bloom@gmail.com or leave your contact details at the Town hall.

Ann Ellis – Stamford in Bloom



The Climate Action Working Group



The Stamford Climate Action Group is always looking for ways to support the climate in our town and this month we focus not on reduction and cutting back; but on growth, excess and abundance. Our subject is growing your own food, creating food steps not food miles and ditching the plastic packaging along the way.

For absolute beginners start with the basics. Plants need water, warmth, light and nutrients, and if you've mastered that, success is almost guaranteed. Remember peat free compost, no chemicals (it's good to share!) and grow what you like to eat. Seeds are amazing and the magic of growing starts as soon as you plant them.

My biggest 'hack' is to buy potted basil from the supermarket, remove the plastic sleeve to prevent your plant from rotting, and place on a saucer in a sunny place.

Keep it watered, harvest by pinching out the top leaves and you will be treated to delicious basil for weeks on end.

For those short on time or outdoor space, try sowing mixed lettuce seeds, spinach or Asian greens into pots, they grow quickly and are 'cut and come again', giving you a second or even a third harvest.

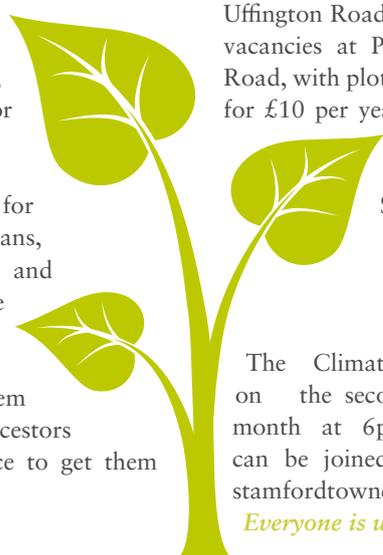
If you are looking for abundance, runner beans, courgettes, cucumbers and tomatoes are top of the list. Celebrate gluts of produce, share them, freeze them or turn them into chutney; our ancestors relied on this abundance to get them through the winter.

If you are serious about growing your own food, you'll need a bit more space than the average garden. In Stamford we are hugely fortunate to have four allotment sites within the town, located at Water Furlong, Queens Walk, Priory Road and Uffington Road. The Council currently has vacancies at Priory Road and Uffington Road, with plots varying in size from 52m² for £10 per year. You can apply at www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk, < Services < Our Services < Allotments.

Stay calm and get growing!

The Climate Action Group meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 6pm. This virtual meeting can be joined by emailing townclerk@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk for the link.

Everyone is welcome!



Stamford Boxing Club



Stamford Amateur Boxing Club (ABC) is a voluntarily run sports club that relies on help from sponsors. This is something the club have struggled with over the years, possibly due to the misplaced belief that Stamford is an affluent town so it's amateur sports clubs do not need financial assistance.

To run the boxing club there are some steep financial obligations such as rent of the gym, renewal of equipment (the boxing ring, bags, pads, gloves, head guards, groin guards, chest guards for our female competitors, slam balls, medicine balls to name but a few) and competition club kit. This is on top of the yearly ABA (national affiliating body) registration fees, insurances and travel costs up and down the country competing week in, week out.

Realising the clubs' struggles, The Skells Trust came forwards with a gratefully received sponsorship allowing the wheels to keep turning. The club purchased new ringwear (shorts, vests, tracksuits) for this season that proudly sports the logo "The Skells Trust" along with some new gym equipment.

With this very much needed financial help, Stamford ABC continue to excel. This season they have produced two national champions in Matt Cross (Seniors) and Charlie Crane (Youths) and a Juniors finalist, Saad Rizwan, who sadly had to withdraw from the final due to covid 19. There have been many other excellent performances from both juniors and seniors along the way, earning Stamford ABC a nationwide reputation for producing top class, well disciplined, stylish boxers.

The competitive boxers are however only part of a boxing club. The feeling of belonging to a group, a community, is a security to many youngsters especially in these times when the importance of good mental health is more recognised than ever before. The camaraderie between members at a



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boxing club is like no other; friendships that last long beyond boxing. The training regime teaches discipline and respect amongst members, something they carry into the wider world, it builds confidence that members take into life.

In a time when Tik Tok/Snapchat/Xbox/Playstation seem to be such an overwhelming presence in the lives of our younger generation, the benefits of boxing at clubs like Stamford ABC - physical exercise, time away from screens, discipline, goals to achieve - can have an extremely positive effect on their development.

Stamford's boxing coaches each give in excess of ten plus hours a week to the club and the help received from The Skells Trust certainly makes the job a lot easier and for that we are extremely grateful.



MBE Award to Stamford volunteer

When Alan Scott first received an email notification announcing that he was to be given an award from the Queen's birthday honours, he thought it was a scam!

It was during a holiday in Scotland in May 2020 that he received a call from Buckingham Palace confirming that he was to be made a member of the Order of the British Empire. The citation for the award was 'Services to Scouting and the Community of Stamford'. Alan has been involved with scouting for over 50 years and has been a church warden at St Martin's for some 35 years, as well as volunteering for at Nene Valley Railway in Wansford.



Told the news in the strictest confidence, (as protocols dictate that the news could not be shared until published in the London Gazette), Alan was invited to receive the award at St James' Palace. Unfortunately, due to COVID -19 restrictions, he was told informed only allowed one guest would be permitted to accompany him. As an alternative, he was offered the opportunity of receiving the award locally from The Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire.

Alan chose the latter as it was more important to him to have his friends and family present. In addition, colleagues from scouting, St Martin's church and Nene Valley Railway made up the 50 guests in attendance at Stamford Town Hall.

He later said, "The day was absolutely amazing; it was such an honour to receive the award in the Town Hall with my friends and family around me".

County Views

We want to hear from you!

Roads, transport and highways affect us all. Take part in our county views survey to tell us how you use our roads and your priorities on this important topic.

Our growing panel needs people from all ages and backgrounds to represent to the views of Greater Lincolnshire. The more of you that take part the stronger your voice becomes.

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SKELLS TRUST

The Skills 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 whole. The Trust meets several times a year to consider grant applications.



Application forms may be obtained from the Town Clerk,
email: townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

**STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL
INVITES**

Residents of Stamford to join them
On the Recreation Ground Park
Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
To enjoy music, entertainment, fair rides and
much more for all the family
concluding with the Lighting of the Beacon

Thursday 2 June 2022
5.00pm to 10.00pm

For more information
Telephone 01780 753808

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Or you can visit our website at:
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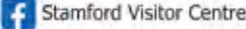
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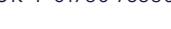











A New Museum for Stamford

For many years, Stamford had a museum on Broad Street, but in 2011 it was forced to close due to funding cuts. Since then, there has been a small exhibition displaying Stamford history and artefacts in the Town Library called 'Discover Stamford'.

Moving forward, Stamford Town Council has decided that a fully-fledged Museum needs to be re-established in the town. The history of Stamford is rich and varied, and this is reflected in the wide range of artifacts that has been amassed over centuries by numerous Stamfordian collectors. These objects tell Stamford's fascinating story and it is felt that they should be available to view by residents and visitors more easily than is currently possible. In addition, a new museum could help tell this story in other ways, including community events, pop-up exhibitions and online activities.



Old Stamford Museum

Image: Bob Harvey

Because a town is always about the people who inhabit it, the council is very keen that the new museum embodies the needs and



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ideas of residents, visitors and business owners. To help us identify what form the townspeople of Stamford would like their museum to take, we shall be holding a series of public consultations in the town throughout the summer and Autumn. To get us started, however, we are asking people to fill out the following questionnaire.

Please complete the questionnaire on the next pages, tear off the page and either drop it off or post it to the Civic Officer at Stamford Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR

If you prefer, you can answer the questions at <https://forms.office.com/r/LMk9JiHsx0>

Stamford Townswomen's Guild



From left to right: Councillor Sheila Sismore, Councillor Gloria Johnson – Town Mayor, Rosemary Seamer (Chairman) and Shannon Taylor (Medical Detection Dogs).

Stamford Townswomen's Guild held a coffee morning in the Court Room, Stamford Town Hall on 22 March 2022.

Over 40 people attended enjoying homemade cakes, scones, biscuits and sausage rolls. It was lovely to see people socialise after the restrictions of the recent pandemic.

Over £285 was raised for Medical Detection Dogs and their representative Shannon Taylor spoke of how the dogs can make such a difference to people's lives.

Stamford Townswomen's Guild meet every second Tuesday of the month at the Masonic Hall, Scotgate Car Park from 14:30 till 16:30. For more information call Helen on 07939 199722.

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.



For more information, call us on:
01780 753808 9am-5pm daily.
Or you can visit our website at:
www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Museum Questionnaire

Can you help us create a new museum which will inspire and enrich?

It has been a decade now since the museum on Broad Street closed. The Town Council and local partners are developing a vision for what a museum for Stamford should be. There is an amazing collection of objects in store and equally amazing stories behind every front door... What can these be for Stamford today? Who can make them come to life?

We are seeking your views and involvement so that this new organisation is relevant, vibrant and helps the town thrive. Please complete the questionnaire on this page, tear off the page and either drop it off or post it to the Civic Officer at Stamford Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR

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When you visit places of interest, do you like to...?

- Have a go and be hands-on
- Be inspired or join in a conversation
- Be able to speak to a real person

Are you interested in...?

- Travel and transport
- Crime and punishment
- Entertainment through time
- Creativity through history
- Georgian Life
- Wartime Stamford
- Local industry

What activities would you like to do at the museum?

- Pop-up exhibitions
- Tours and walks
- Arts activities inspired by Stamford's past
- Family friendly workshops
- Digital community exhibitions
- Learning opportunities



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At a new museum for Stamford, I would like to....

What facilities should it have?

- Research area
- Creative spaces
- Cafe and shop
- Other (please specify)

What do you want your museum to be?

A little about you...

In your household, including yourself, please tell us how many people fall into the following groups (write number)

<input type="text"/>	Under 10	<input type="text"/>	30-49
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The Museum Project