



Stainforth Voice

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Welcome to Stainforth Voice.

Welcome to STAINFORTH VOICE with up to date news from your council chamber and news from across Stainforth. This first edition, which is part of Stainforth Town Council's bid to achieve Quality Council status, will be delivered free to every household in Stainforth and South Bramwith. In future, to save funds, copies will be made available at certain sites such as the library, the Children's Centre and the Resource Centre. We hope to show residents how active the Town Council has been over the last few years in a wide range of fields and to discuss ideas about the changing face of Stainforth as it faces the challenge of the twenty-first century. Much has changed over the last thirty years but it is our intention to highlight what is good in the community where the schools, the churches, tenants and residents' associations, the police, businesses and other local organisations are co-operating with the town council to build a better Stainforth.

Galas and other Festivals.

In 2000 the town council decided to mark the millennium by reviving the annual gala. At the same time it also announced the annual Snowdrop Festival which takes place in the Resource Centre. Both events bring the community together, showcasing local talent such as the dance schools and singers such as John Thomson and providing a platform for nationally known acts such as Two Grand and Mike Lane. It has been decided this

Town Hall Talk.

Over the last ten years Stainforth's Town Hall has travelled about considerably. It spent the 1990's in the old Salvation Army hut on Station Road before spending the millennium in East Lane House. After losing that accommodation it moved on to Junction Road School when the town council decided to have its own permanent headquarters built in the Park i.e. the grounds of the Community Resource Centre. The modern, bungalow type structure was opened by Mrs. C. Monica Taylor, J.P. who had been the Town Clerk for

over 25 years. Sadly, Mrs Taylor died shortly afterwards and a fountain has been placed in the grounds of the Park in her memory. The present Clerk, Mrs. Pam Harrison, and her Deputy, Miss. Kirsty Hewitt, are available for information about the town council and other enquiries on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The grounds are beautifully kept by Mrs. Christine Ruane who makes sure that the gardens and lawns look their best in each season. Residents are welcome to come to the gardens and sit and enjoy the peace and quiet.



Stainforth Mayor Mr. D. Moore and Deputy Mayor Mr. E. Nesbit arrive aboard the Ethel Trust Community Barge to open the 2010 Water Festival.

year, 2010, to replace the gala with a fun day on 4th August aimed at young people. In 2002 the town council started Stainforth's Water Festival to commemorate the bicentenary of the opening of the Stainforth and Keadby Canal. The event brings barges, narrowboats and pleasure craft to Stainforth for a weekend at the end of June with the result that the town's canal heritage is becoming better known and the town's

shops, publicans and charities benefit considerably. Nowadays the event is organised by the Stainforth Waterside Regeneration group with the backing of Stainforth Town Council. A display by Stainforth History Society always accompanies the festival and the event is followed on the Sunday morning by an outdoor ecumenical Blessing of the Boats which brings Christian denominations.

Heritage Bookmarks

These bookmarks are available to purchase from Stainforth Library on Church Road.

As part of its campaign to raise awareness of Stainforth's long and fascinating history the town council has produced a bookmark showing the three origins of Stainforth: farming, canals and mining, with a timeline indicating famous individuals and events such as Lord George Porter, who won a Nobel Prize for Physics and Mary Simkinson, mother of Wil-

liam Brewster, the Pilgrim Father. Events such as the cutting of the Stainforth-Keadby Canal are also highlighted as playing a pivotal role in helping the take-off of the Industrial Revolution. The mayor, Cllr. David Moore, has distributed bookmarks to all primary schoolchildren in Stainforth.

In Celebration Of Stainforth

We've quite a bit of a heritage,
in Stainforth by the Don.

Many things have happened there,
as you will learn anon.

Before the Norman conquest,
it belonged to that Harold Chap.

Then they put us in the Dom Bok,
and stuck us on a map.

Our first market charter came in 1348,
we'd begun to look important,
a place to which you could relate.

Then there was the Pilgrim Father,
William Brewster was his name.

He set sail for the new world,
and furthered Stainforth's fame.

In 1635 Vermyuden did the job,
He drained the land at Hatfield Chase,
and changed it from a bog.

In 1768 a bridge over the Don was made,

Then a canal through to Keadby,
expanded Stainforth's trade.

The first church and chapel,
to Stainforth later came,

Then the first railway arrived,
so goods could go by train.

In the early 20th century the pit began
and this was proved to be,

The making of the village
and Stainforth's prosperity.

In 1920 Professor George Porter was born,
a chap of great renown,
And then in 1988, Stainforth became a Town.
Many folk worked in Stainforth pit with pick,
shovel and davy lamp

In 1993 Stainforth-Keadby Canal appeared
on a postage stamp.

With rich farm land around it,
Stainforth's a splendid place to be,
And if you don't believe me, pay a visit—
come and see!

Glenda Evison.

This poem was based on the timeline printed on the reverse, which contains major dates in Stainforth's history.



STAINFORTH

OUR HERITAGE

Agriculture



Waterways



Mining



**Produced & Funded
by Stainforth Town
Council.**

Splendid Pavilion

Realising that the pavilion on the Welfare Ground had serious problems Stainforth Town Council undertook its total refurbishment with excellent sports and catering facilities. Cllr. Ken Keegan spearheaded the search for funding and the building was formally re-opened in 2007 by the then Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Pat Pilkington. It is now a clean, modern building which can be used by teams from Stainforth and across Doncaster. Youngsters and adults can be proud of the support given to teams based here in Stain-

forth. The old road leading from Oldfield Close was found to be rutted and deteriorating badly with the result that the Town Council resolved to repair and renew it. The total cost was £80000 (which came from Section 106 monies and £15,000 from the Town Council). This new road has proved to be extremely useful for galas, fun days and for sports teams who wished to bring heavy lorries and vans on to the Welfare Ground.



The formal re-opening of the Welfare Ground Pavilion in 2007 by then Mayor Mrs. P. Pilkington.

Report from the Mayor 2009/10—Cllr. Mrs. L. Crosby.

Following my election in May 2009 the year has seen the Town Council face many challenges in these economically difficult times, some of which are outlined below.

Although the 2009 Gala proved a success, in the interests of providing varied events for the town, it has been agreed that there will be an amalgamation with the Fun Day 2010 for one large event in 2010.

Following successful funding bids Stainforth has benefited from a number of initiatives through the DN7 Network, steered by DMBC and supported by members, not least of which being the community bonfire which was staged in Stainforth, last November.

Poulten Close Tara: A message from Cllr. E. Nesbitt.

I took over as the chair on the 14th October 04, since then we have had fund raising events for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, which to date have raised £3500.

A bingo night raised funds of approximately £105.00 for St John Ambulance. Two football teams were helped by donation and a fun day.

We gave a number of donations to a variety of local causes including £200 to the lady who was doing the soup kitchen and £84 for S.Y.C.I.L. Funds of £1500 were also raised for the Chatsfield Suite at D.R.I., approx £1200 for the McMillan Nurses, £100 towards the new roof on the Community Resource Centre, Help for Heroes, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, D.R.I. and Cancer Detection, on that night we raised £1722. Other successful events include a charity night at the Pit Club on the 19th August raising approx £800 and we have collected over 10,200 old bras for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, parcels for our troops abroad and have also applied for funds to decorate our centre.

We have donated raffle prizes to

I, along with other Councillors, met Richard Budge at Hatfield Colliery in September 2009 to discuss a number of issues and among other things, the spoil heap near New Park Estate was addressed. I am aware that this causes concern for some residents and Mr. Budge was keen to acknowledge this and achieve its removal as soon as possible. At that time we were given an undertaking that the heap would be removed within 6 months but this has now been stalled through land acquisition difficulties and the Clerk remains in contact with the colliery for updates on the situation.

I have also worked with Job-mates who are currently trying to acquire bursaries to get people back to work. The Town Council has supported the

other fun raising events, plus donated two rugby balls to a team in Thorne. One of our members had a coffee morning to raise funds for the Marie Curie Cancer Trust at which she raised £400. We organise many parties and four or five trips a year.

We serve hot meals twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays for our members and have Easter and Christmas meals for them. We are currently waiting to establish if we can have our centre extended.

We have been visited by the Minister of Housing, Rt. Hon John Healey and were the first T.A.R.A. to win the best achieving T.A.R.A. in DMBC in 2006, then again in 2007, which we are very proud of. We sell poppies for Remembrance Day and last year we had the annual parade leave from our centre for the first time with the same plans going ahead for 2010.

We have an Arts and Crafts section which is well supported and works alongside Kirton Lane School.

We are currently considering opening on another evening to entertain younger people.

provision of work experience for such candidates.

I would like to commend our Cemetery staff who do an excellent job at this site which was entered in the Cemetery of The Year Awards event, 2009. Sadly we missed out on a prize winning place although the Cemetery was commended and hope to enter the next competition in 2011.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to my fellow Councillors, Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and all members of staff for their support and tireless work on behalf of our community.

FUN DAY

Wednesday 4th August, saw Stainforth's second Fun Day on the Welfare Ground. It was widely seen as a great success with local charities making £2784. The funds to organise the day were raised by Cllr's Ken & Julie Keegan with entertainment provided by Cllr. John Thompson, Jeff Cork, Blue and Daz. Families from across Stainforth applauded the singers and were delighted with the friendly atmosphere. Cllr's Mr & Mrs Keegan and their granddaughter obtained funding of £2500 from the Youth Bank.

OUTINGS

Funding was sought and raised from Fair Share (i.e. the National Lottery) and from the South Yorkshire Police to arrange trips in the summer of 2010 to Lightwater Valley (116ppl), Flamingoland (120ppl), Drayton Manor (120ppl), Bury Market (53ppl) and Bakewell Market (200ppl). Passengers paid £5 each towards the cost of these trips.

FUNDING

Cllr's Ken and Julie Keegan applied for £3500 in grants for tables, chairs and kitchen equipment for Poulton Close and Stanley Gardens, with Mr. Stuart Bolton raising £200 for gardening equipment.



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MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND LEADER EX OFFICIO ALL COMMITEES.

MEETINGS - The third Tuesday in the Month except August & December in the Council Chamber commencing at 6.30 p.m. (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED) with 15 minutes public participation prior to commencement of the meeting.

Public Participation – the Town Council welcomes input from residents, and to facilitate this, provides a period of 15 minutes prior to the commencement of its meetings. Any subject you wish to discuss should be notified, in writing, and should reach the Clerk not later than 7 days before the meeting.

It is also open to residents to raise any pressing issues with the Clerk between meetings.

Other numbers:

CEMETERY - Church Road – Tel: 845158

Street Lighting Complaints - DMBC during office hours 736892.

Safer Neighbourhood Team, Customer Services – 736000.

FLAG – 736050.

Stainforth Community Resource Centre Weekly Activities.

Monday

9.30 to 11.30 Cold Porcelain Decoration contact Delia
1.30 to 3.30 Community Art Class contact Gwen
5.30 to 7.30 Over 50s Club contact Marina

Tuesday

9.30 to 11.30 Community Art Class contact Gwen
12.00 to 3.30 Tuesday Social Group contact Mrs Moore
6.30 to 9.00 Community Sewing Group contact Gwen

Wednesday

9.30 to 12.00 Adult Social Support Group contact Stephen
7.00 to 9.00 Community Art Class contact Gwen

Thursday

9.00 to 4.30 Social Services Support Group Oldfield House
5.30 to 8.30 Prize Bingo over 16s only all welcome

Friday

Prospective booking for furniture restoration, New Year.
4.00 to 5.00 M.Ps Advice Surgeries

Saturday

10.00 to 12.00 Ward Councillors Advice Surgeries
12.00 to 4.30 Available for Children’s Parties
5.30 to 8.30 Prize Bingo over 16s only all welcome

Sundays

Closed for deep cleaning unless booked for party etc:

If you wish to submit any articles for inclusion in the newsletter, please forward them for consideration to the Stainforth Town Council Office, Church Road. (All article entries will be scrutinised by the newsletter committee and their decision will be final).