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nights in  
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our services



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# VIEWPOINT

by Paul Carpenter, Deputy Leader, South Kesteven District Council



WELCOME to **sktoday**. Consultation with our residents is at the heart of much of our thinking at SKDC, as this latest edition demonstrates.

This issue also highlights the importance of our young people. As part of SKDC's commitment to healthy living I am delighted to see that we have devoted the centre spread of this issue to young people involved in sports and play.

We all know that we need to eat more healthily and exercise more, and our children are especially vulnerable, when it comes to the choice of foods that are available to them and the abundant amount of television programs that are aimed at our younger people.

Therefore seeing evidence of young people having fun in a sportive and healthy manner is a pleasure to see and it helps them become physically fitter as well as learning how to become competitive without aggression.

As deputy leader and as a father I am aware of the many challenges young people face today. Today's society puts a lot of pressure on them to perform and succeed, and there are many skills young people need to learn and develop as they prepare towards their individual futures.

After all today's children are tomorrow's citizens and we should do all we can to encourage their development. I have always believed that the greatest gift that any parent can give to their child is 'time'. If we give our time and effort to our children now, then we will all reap the benefits in the future.

There's also plenty of space devoted to showing what a splendid place South Kesteven is to be this summer.

Let's hope that by the time this drops through your door that the rain has stopped and we are all enjoying a glorious summer!

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RIGHT: South Kesteven enforcement rangers - photo used courtesy of the Sunday Mirror and Geoff Garratt



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## Improved results for SKDC survey

**J**UST over 1,000 responded to SKDC questionnaires sent out to 4,200 randomly selected people in South Kesteven as the council continues its policy of seeking the opinions of residents.

Cabinet member Cllr Paul Carpenter said: “Where we asked the same questions as in last year's survey the results reveal an improvement. Now we need to maintain this upward trend next year.

“We are particularly pleased with a new question however, which showed that the introduction of enforcement rangers in the last year was well received by residents (71%).”

Enforcement rangers are able to impose fines on people seen dropping litter or allowing their dogs to foul public roads, paths and parks.

Crucially, 94% of respondents strongly support the council's vision: “To ensure that the residents of South Kesteven are proud of their district” – up 2% on last year's figure. However, 85% now support the council's current priorities compared to 88% in 2005.

Other key findings included:

- 66% were very or fairly satisfied with

district markets (up 3% on last year)

- Satisfaction with toilet provision was 21% (up 7%)
- Satisfaction with shops was 55% (up 8%)
- Satisfaction with car parks was 48% (up 3%)

Paul Carpenter also highlighted the need to improve ways in which SKDC tries to encourage more citizens to take part local decision-making. 47% said they didn't know, 30% said no and only 22% said yes when asked if there were enough opportunities for people to take part in the various processes.

“These particular results are disappointing and we've got more work to do in this area. We need to help people understand that their contributions are valued,” he said.

### Taking a break...

**sktoday** is taking a summer break and we will be back with the next issue in September. Here's wishing all readers a wonderful summer.

# Tenants to rule on future of housing service

The future of South Kesteven District Council's housing service lies in the hands of its tenants as later this year tenants will be invited to vote in one of the most important ballots ever held in the district...

Tenants face a choice of two options:

**OPTION ONE** - Voting in favour of the transfer of ownership and management of their homes to a newly-created housing association called South Lincolnshire Homes. The new housing association would be independent, not-for-profit and locally-based with its own board of management made up of five local tenants, five people nominated by the council and five independent members.

**OPTION TWO** - voting in favour of the council remaining as their landlord.

The council is supporting the transfer proposals because it cannot match the level of new investment that South Lincolnshire Homes would generate to pay for improved homes and housing services.

In addition, transfer would help to fund new affordable homes in the district to help to meet future needs of local people priced out of the private property market.

However, tenants will have the final say. The

housing transfer will only go ahead if the majority of tenants taking part in the confidential postal ballot vote in favour of the proposal.

Until then, the council is committed to carrying out a thorough consultation programme to make sure that tenants are able to come to an informed decision.

All tenants will receive a formal Offer Document giving details of what transfer would mean to them and also of the consequences of staying with the council.

Housing staff members will visit all tenants at their homes to give them the opportunity to discuss the Offer Document and raise any queries they have.

The council is operating a free telephone transfer helpline. The number is 0800 1830352.

A new website has also been set up which features all the very latest information to help tenants make their all-important decision. Check it out on [www.yourhomeyourchoice.co.uk](http://www.yourhomeyourchoice.co.uk)

*BELOW: Talking it out - consultation is at the heart of the process*

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# Your local food - and why it's all in the stars

**S**O how do you decide where to eat out in South Kesteven? Well, if you want an accurate guide to the best places to go – whether you want a gastronomic feast, quick café snack or a nice 'n easy takeaway – help is at hand.

SKDC's environmental health team have launched the "Food Hygiene Star Awards" scheme, which works by ranking all food outlets against a set of constant measures.

And 'all food outlets' means all, as it's not just your local 'greasy spoon' or classy restaurant that receive the 'Stars' treatment. Even food processing factories and supermarkets come under the microscope, with the best awarded a five-star rating. The worst receive none.

Environmental health manager, David Price strongly emphasises the intention is to develop and maintain excellence rather than highlighting poor performers, although that's inevitably part of the process.

"We believe all outlets are capable of achieving three stars (good) or more. Of course, there will be businesses that initially do not do so. However, with our help we hope they'll carry out what's needed to upgrade their rating," he commented.

The team inspectors use four key criteria when rating the 60 or so outlets they visit each month in compiling their reports:

- Management ability to maintain safe working systems.
- Cleanliness, layout and ventilation.
- Food handling, practices, procedures and temperature control.
- Any issue that brings a business into the 'significant



ABOVE: Claire Watson, environmental health practitioner for South Kesteven District Council does a routine temperature monitoring check at the Tollemache Arms in Grantham.



risk' category.

Whilst inspections have been in place for many years, the assessments and corresponding star ratings only began in January, with all results

posted on the SKDC website. All businesses have a right of reply to the inspection assessment on their establishment, and their reply will be also be posted on the SKDC website.

David believes that this new partnership scheme – Lincoln City Council, West Lindsey District Council, East Lindsey District Council and North Kesteven District Council are all participating – "will encourage businesses to improve by raising standards as well as satisfying Freedom of Information legislation that gives everyone the right to know about food hygiene at venues we've inspected."

See for yourself

Check out the results and star ratings at [www.southkesteven.gov.uk](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk) or call 01476 406300 – you may check out just one premise per phone call.



# Building a

# better business

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**A** £25,000 grant won by SKDC has seen 26 local businesses recently complete a “Delivering Business Skills Excellence” course designed to help them improve profitability and performance.

Neil Cuttell of SKDC’s economic & community development team, said: “The grant, from the East Midlands Development Agency and the Welland Sub-Regional Strategic Partnership, offered the chance for managers and directors to learn and expand vital skills in developing leadership qualities. We’re delighted with the reactions to the course and hope to obtain future funding for similar activities.”

What participants said:

“Very useful - especially doing the ‘homework’ made me stop and consider what’s going on in my business - something I don’t always do. As a business growth and development coach I’m too busy telling other businesses what to do and don’t bother doing it myself! Certain areas are very searching and make business owners think deeply and carefully about what/why they are doing things. Overall, very useful and I would certainly be interested in

any other business courses on offer in the future.”

Elizabeth Bland  
Vantedge Solutions Limited

“What a great course for small and large businesses. There was so much expertise on offer both from the course managers and attendees. Such a diverse mix of businesses with various issues. Well worth attending. Let’s hope SKDC offers a follow-on course soon. Perhaps we could include such topics as marketing, branding and website design and info.”

Wendy Turner  
Petpals, Grantham

“The course allowed me and my management to look at the business from the outside and give a different perspective on it. I also made good contacts within the group and hope to keep in touch with many of them. I would recommend this course to anyone with a business they want to move to the next level. We have already made changes and will continue to do so over the coming months.”

Karen Frisby  
Hills Poly-Print

## SKDC invests heavily to improve its service to customers



**S**KDC is making a significant investment into developing its relationships with you - the customer - by unveiling more effective ways of improving access to its many services.

"Improving access to our services is one of the council's priorities," says Ray Davidson, SKDC's new customer service network manager. That's why we are in the middle of a radical transformation of not only how we organise these services but also how we present them to our customers across South Kesteven."

At the heart of the transformation is the creation of a new Customer Service Centre at council headquarters in Grantham. "The centre will provide a more comfortable, relaxed and professional atmosphere in which people can meet with our specially trained staff to resolve and discuss any issues they have," says Ray. "No matter what the query - be it about waste collection, housing benefit, noise pollution and so on, our staff will deal with it.

"Of course, some queries will require additional specialist support from a particular area, but our aim is to deal with questions and problems (and give advice) on the spot, all with the help of our new computerised information system."

However, Ray is very keen to stress that the SKDC offices in

# Putting YOU first is our number one priority

Bourne, Stamford and the Deepings are also to become part of the customer service centre network. "All staff are also undergoing specialist training," explains Ray. "Most importantly, they will have access to the same information, technology and support as their colleagues in the main centre at Grantham.

"Once again our aim is to ensure that people receive an on-the-spot response. In essence what we are doing is opening four new customer service centres which will each provide a one-stop shop for accessing our wide and varied range of services.

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## Have you got news for us?

**sktoday** is a publication produced for you. We value your comments and feedback on what appears in it. So if you have anything you would like to see covered or have views on what appears, please contact us and let us know.

Drop us a line via email: [sktoday@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:sktoday@southkesteven.gov.uk) or call the communications unit on 01476 406127.

# Summer play fun in South Kesteven

**S**UMMERTIME and the living is easy – with the 2006 collection of South Kesteven Playschemes.

The Playschemes are popular occasions for parents and children alike and this summer is expected to be no exception with eight separate schemes available.

SKDC organises the two Grantham Playschemes which will be held at Belton Lane County Primary School (Monday 24 July – Tuesday 8 August) and St Hugh's Summer Playscheme (Thursday 10 August – Friday 25 August).

"The Grantham Playschemes are a great opportunity for children to make new friends, learn new skills and most importantly have FUN," says SKDC community leisure officer, Lisa Pexton. "For the first time this year we will be offering full day care schemes and we will run from 10am to 4pm daily. Both venues offer quality care and are registered with Ofsted."

All children wishing to attend the Grantham Playschemes must register with SKDC before the start of the schemes.

For a booking form contact Lisa Pexton on 01476 405155. The schemes are open to children between 5-



11 years and priority booking will be given to 'FREE' Passport to Leisure cardholders.

Costs are 75p per morning session (10.00 – 12.30) and 75p per afternoon session (1.30 – 4.00) and £1.50 for all day from 10.00 to 4.00.

■ There are half a dozen other district Playschemes supported by SKDC, all of which offer hours of fun and games in a safe and secure environment.

Below is the full list of schemes outside Grantham.

For further details or to book please contact the numbers below for individual schemes. Activities featured at all eight Playschemes will include:

- A variety of sports
- Crafts
- Games
- Music
- Drama
- Dance

Certain schemes also offer day trips to places of interest.



## Gearing up for the **Games**

IT'S another sensational summer of sport with the World Cup, Wimbledon, Royal Ascot, England's test matches against Sri Lanka and Pakistan and The Open Golf Championship all vying for centre stage.

Yet for many local people one of the real highlights is right on their doorstep with the increasingly popular Lincolnshire Youth Games (LYG).

This year's spectacular is at the Grantham Meres Leisure Centre on Sunday 2 July, kicking off at 10am and running through to the closing ceremony from 4-5pm.

All seven Lincolnshire districts are strongly represented and the South Kesteven team members – the South Kesteven Stormers (tangerine and black T-shirts) - have come through many trials over the last few months before being selected.

First held in 1999, the Games strongly assist the development of local opportunities for young

### ...and another thing

- As well as trophies and medals for the winners of each sport, "FAIRPLAY" awards are also handed out to the most sporting team in each sport.
- If you want to take photographs at the Games, you must register at the reception desk in the Event Organisers Tent and collect an official authorisation badge.

people in sport too, as well as helping to raise Lincolnshire's sporting profile.

It's sure to be a great day and organisers hope as many spectators as possible will be there to cheer on their district teams. As well as the 14 sports on display, there's

plenty of other entertainment with food and drink also available. Entrance is free.

"The LYG gives children (6-16 years) the opportunity to take part in a number of sporting events at a competitive level, whilst enjoying an action-packed day.

"It's the biggest sporting event of its kind in Lincolnshire and South Kesteven are proud to host the games for a seventh year," said Dale Kitchen, community leisure officer at SKDC.

Featured sports at the 2006 LYG are:

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Boccia
- Girls cricket
- Girls football
- Football (for young people with disabilities)
- Hockey
- Netball
- Girls tag rugby
- Mixed tag rugby
- Table cricket
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball

CLUB NAME	VENUE	ORGANISER	CONTACT NO:
Baston Holiday club	Baston Primary School	Baston Kids Club	07749773990
Claypole Summer Playscheme	Claypole Sports Hall and Ground	Claypole Parish Council	01636 626663
Stamford Playscheme	Malcolm Sargeant School, Stamford	Stamford Town Council	01780 784093
Barrowby Playscheme	Barrowby Memorial Hall	Barrowby Parish Council	01476 570731
Market Deeping Summer Playscheme	Market Deeping Community Primary School	Market Deeping Town Council	01778 343170
Jimmy D's Kids Club	Deeping St James Primary School	Deeping St James Parish Council	01778 343266

## SKDC residents' recycling hits record levels

RESIDENTS of South Kesteven – stand up and take a bow for your superb recycling levels.

“A huge thanks to everyone for their support” was the message from SKDC as they celebrated a record performance. Sustainable waste policy officer, Dawn Temple said: “We can’t thank everybody enough. Thanks to the increasing awareness of and commitment to recycling we’ve smashed our targets.

The government set the council an 18% target that SKDC upped to 21%. But the actual result is a tremendous 26.8%.

“We didn’t expect such a terrific result,” added Dawn. “The result shows how seriously more and more people are taking environmental issues.”

How waste management team saved the day for local nurse

# It's all in a day's work

*RIGHT: A key solution - litter pickers save the day*



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I would just like to say a great big thank you for the help they gave me and for their kindness (and for not laughing!!!).

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**S**AM Brennan is a community psychiatric nurse so when she inadvertently dropped her keys down a drain whilst working in Grantham she needed to do something about it pretty quickly.

She called SKDC and spoke to Anthony Hardy at the waste services department and a short time later Sam was reunited with those all-important keys. Not only that but she took the time to send a much appreciated ‘thank you’ email to all concerned which we are delighted to repeat here.

“While working in Grantham today, I managed to drop my keys down a drain in Norton Street. I contacted the council who put me through to the waste team. I spoke to a chap named Anthony and explained my problem. He arranged for workmen to come out to me with ‘litter pickers.’ They arrived promptly and managed to retrieve my keys within minutes.

“I would just like to say a great big thank you for the help they gave me and for their kindness (and for not laughing!!!).

“I hope you will be able to pass this email on to the gents involved!”

SKDC were delighted to do just that and the “gents involved” - waste management operatives George Pooley and Ian Harvey - have been duly notified. We were hoping to get a picture of them in action but they were away in Newcastle on business on the day our photographer came to call, but their manager, Kim Swinton has promised them they will have their moment of photographic glory another time!

# New act seeks a 'green and pleasant land'

**N**EW government legislation - the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 - has been passed with the simple intention of making our world a cleaner, safer and more pleasant place.

The act provides councils, including SKDC, with new powers to impose higher fines and penalties on offenders, whom one way or another spoil our environment. For example, people who trade by selling two or more cars on the roadside and anyone who causes a nuisance whilst fixing vehicles on a highway will receive a fixed penalty of £100. (Not applicable to genuine breakdowns or accidents). And if owners of abandoned vehicles are traced, they face a £200 fixed penalty fine.

Councils have also been given powers to increase charges for existing offences, so anyone caught littering on publicly accessible land will now be fined £75 - a £25 increase. A significant aspect of the new act sees parish councils also having the power to issue fixed penalty notices for the



following offences:

- Littering
- Dog fouling
- Graffiti

## ● Fly-posting

Garry Knighton, head of waste & contract services at SKDC explained: "These new powers may seem draconian, but all you have to do to avoid being fined is respect your neighbours and public property. There is no reason for anyone to be fined. Just follow the rules."

## Landlords: Time is running out

ARE you a landlord with a property that is a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO)?

If the answer is yes, then there's only a few days left to make sure you have the necessary license following the introduction of mandatory licensing for such properties.

From July 3rd 2006 landlords who haven't obtained a license will face enforcement measures, including fines

of up to £20,000.

The definition of an HMO is a property of three or more storeys, with shared facilities occupied by five or more tenants in two or more households. Need more information? Contact Melanie Bowen at SKDC on 01476 406325 or email [m.bowen@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:m.bowen@southkesteven.gov.uk)

More information can be found at [www.propertylicense.gov.uk](http://www.propertylicense.gov.uk)

## Summer break

THE Local Area Assembly meetings are taking a summer break but here are the first dates for your diary when they return in September.

The Rural South LAA will be held at Edenham Village Hall on 05 September, 7pm, whilst the Rural North meeting will take place at Long Bennington Village Hall on 13 September, 7pm.



# It's your South Kesteven - on the web



Enabling citizens to access their information quickly and efficiently out of hours was one of the key reasons we chose the Gateway, which will also allow us to build some exciting features in the future



**W**OULD you like to access all your personal information – such as your council tax balance and details of environmental health and waste services – all at the click of your internet mouse?

Well, now you can thanks to a brand new part of the SKDC website called MySouthKesteven.

The initiative sees the council using the same method to access relevant data as many national government departments have done, such as the Inland Revenue and the DVLA.

It's all part of a scheme called the Government Gateway and all you need to do is obtain your unique username and password and then it's all systems go!

You can register on the SKDC website at [www.southkesteven.gov.uk](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk) and just follow the link for MySouthKesteven. Once registered you can check information such as:

- Your council tax account balance.
- View details of any adjustments, payments made and your payment schedule.
- Refuse and paper recycling box collection days.
- Specific neighbourhood information such as planning applications made within two miles of your home are also being

lined up for the website.

Andy Nix, SKDC's modernisation team leader explained: "This nationally-based secure Government Gateway enables local people to log on to MySouthKesteven (we've used the same technology as leading national agencies) to get your latest personal information 24 hours a day.



*Andy Nix*

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# A little night music

THE "Music in Quiet Places" series of concerts is one of SKDC's most popular annual promotions and 2006 is proving no exception.

Half of the concerts have taken place but there's still time to catch three events in some of the district's historic and atmospheric churches. The remaining concerts are:

- St Vincent's Church, Caythorpe – the Coull String Quartet (pictured) will perform works by Haydn, Shostakovich and Beethoven (Thursday 29 June at 7.30pm). Tickets from Caythorpe Post Office.
- St Andrew's Church, Billingborough – The Serlo Consort perform a programme of six works for unaccompanied choir in "A Celebration of English Choral Music (Thursday 13 July at 7.30pm). Tickets from Billingborough Post Office.

- St Andrew's Church, Edenham – Alberti Brass (formed in the late 90's by graduates of the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music) bring to life a selection of works for brass both past and present. Tickets from The Vicarage, Edenham.

Tickets for all three concerts are also available from the Stamford Arts Centre and the Guildhall Arts Centre in Grantham. Prices are £9 (£8 for Artscene members & concessions) and £5 for under 16's.



**Bourne goes live!**  
Live music returned to the Corn Exchange in Bourne recently after many a long year away. Over 250 people saw Thin Lizzy tribute band, Limehouse Lizzy, play a blistering set, supported by Bad Breed. Promoter Chris Lewitt said he hoped to return to the Corn Exchange in the future, describing it as an "excellent music venue."

## And the winner is...

IT took a lot of effort – quite literally - but the decision has finally been made about the new-look wheelie bins that SKDC will bring into operation, starting in September.

Seven different bins were put through their paces before the winner was chosen. Sustainable waste management policy officer, Dawn Temple explained: "We put all the bins through a rigorous examination. For a start, they were stamped on, jumped upon and kicked! But it was vital that we subjected each one to a severe testing of all aspects – panels, lids and so on. It was a severe testing of their general robustness.

"We are pleased with the final result, especially as the bin we selected was also, in our view, the most stylish. That was only a minor consideration but it was taken into account."

Dawn reports that all is on track to start up the new twin bin system in September. Black bins will be used for refuse with the silver bins used for recyclables, such as paper, cans, glass, clothing, plastics and so on.



ABOVE: Dawn Temple and the new-style wheelie bin.

## Council is now Taylor-made

There's a new chairman at SKDC following the appointment of Cllr Gerald Taylor (previously vice chairman). He replaces Cllr John Kirkman.

Cllr Mike Taylor is the new vice chairman, whilst Cllr Linda Neal has been re-elected as leader of the council. Cllr Paul Carpenter remains deputy leader and all cabinet portfolios remain unchanged. The elections were ratified at the council's annual meeting in late April. Explaining his role at SKDC, he said: "The role of the chairman is to represent the council in non-political arenas and to ensure meetings are chaired with impartiality."

# Variety

is the spice of life

**T**HE local arts scene provides something for everyone over the summer months with theatre – indoor and outdoor – brass bands, classical music, world and mainstream cinema, comedy and ghost walks all on the artistic menu. And with school holidays starting, there are also many activities for children of all ages.

Here's a selection of what's available, starting in Stamford:

The Stamford Shakespeare Festival 2006

TIME flies as the renowned open-air theatre at Tolethorpe Hall celebrates 30 years of performances by the Stamford Shakespeare Company.

Tickets are already selling well for this year's three very different offerings:

George Farquhar's colourful and comic "The Recruiting Officer" complements the Bard's "Coriolanus" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" with picnics remaining an integral

Decoding Da Vinci

FOR once "blockbuster" might just not be a strong enough word to describe what is likely to be the

movie event of the year. "The Da Vinci Code" is currently pencilled in for July 7 and July 9-13 although it would hardly be a massive surprise if the run lasted a wee bit longer!

Ron Howard's movie is, however, just one of another excellent collection of British, American and world cinema at the Centre.

Tails you win

THE theatrical highlight for children is expected to be "Them With Tails" performed by network of stuff. 'The Sunday Times' reported that

the company "sets the benchmark for children's theatre" so their performance on July 15 at 2pm looks like one not to miss.



*A scene from A Midsummer Night's Dream at Tolethorpe.*

part of the Tolethorpe experience!

Stamford Arts Centre has a dedicated Tolethorpe booking line on 01780 756133.

## NITS return to the Guildhall to create a musical play in just seven days!

THE Nearly Instant Theatre Company (N.I.T.S) make a welcome return to the Guildhall Arts Centre in Grantham with the challenge of creating a musical play in a week (31 July - 4 August).

Their workshops are suitable for beginners and experienced performers alike - between 7-16 years old.

It's a week of fun, fun and more fun for young people interested in the theatre.

On Friday August 4 there will be two shows at 3.30pm and 6.00pm for family and friends.

Contact the box office on 01476 406158 for details and prices of all summer fun for young people.

Ghostly goes on

EXPERIENCE the spookier side of Stamford with local actor Martin Tempest in fun and informative walks around town on Friday 7 July and Friday 18 August. Both set off at 9.30pm.

Bookings for all Arts Centre events on 01780 763203



*LEFT: The Yorkshire Imperial Urquhart Travel Band – in action at Grantham’s Guildhall Arts Centre on Saturday 8 July at 7.30pm*

# Something for everyone in Grantham

**T**HE Guildhall Arts Centre at Grantham has a wide selection of events throughout the summer, including a tremendous range of artistic opportunities for young children.

8-12 year olds are especially well catered for as they can choose from many events such as:

- Willow making – create your very own hat (Thursday 27 and Friday 28 July).
- Kinetic sculpture – sculpture that moves that is! (Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 August).
- Jewellery making – two smashing days of design and creation (Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 August).



## ...and there's plenty for music lovers too

■ The Yorkshire Imperial Urquhart Travel Band – Saturday 8 July at 7.30pm (£9.50/£8.50 concessions). Formed in 1999 and now one of the leading exponents of their craft. Regularly featured on BBC Radio 2's 'Listen to the Band.'

■ Cuatro Viento Wind Quartet (pictured below) – Wednesday 12 July at 7.30pm (£7/£6 concessions). Flute, oboe, clarinet and bassoon combine in a performance which ranges from Mozart to Bernstein ('West Side Story') and Brahms to John Williams ('Star Wars'), not to mention Bizet, Handel and Delibes.

■ Midsummer Madness with the Grantham Performing Arts Group – July 20-22 at 7.30pm (£6/£5 concessions). The title says it all with three nights of comedy entertainment.

For all bookings at the Guildhall Arts Centre contact the box office on 01476 406158.



# We want to hear your views

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The team look forward to receiving any comments you have on policies and sites

In recent editions of **sktoday** we've explained how important your views are to the planning policy team at SKDC.

Their latest consultation stage begins on Monday 19 June and ends on 31 July.

During that period the team look forward to receiving any comments you have on policies and sites, which are included in the Local Development Framework document.

To access this document, just click on the 'Publications' icon at the top of our website homepage at [www.southkesteven.gov.uk](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk) and then click again on Local Framework Document.

Or you can ask for the document at SKDC area offices and local libraries.

For any further information you can call the planning policy team on 01476 406467.

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## Get involved in a special festival

WOULD you like to be involved in Grantham's Anglo-Portuguese spectacular in September?

Could you be one of those all-important singers, dancers, musicians or traditional storytellers that

organiser

Carol Drury is looking for? If you think the answer is yes, you can contact Guildhall Arts Centre in Grantham on 01476 406159 to put your name forward and/or find out more.



## sktoday information guide

### About **sktoday**

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