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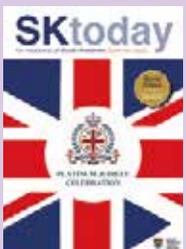
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Front cover: Flying the flag for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



South Kesteven is gearing up to celebrate a unique milestone - Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. See pages 10-15 for exciting plans to mark a very special weekend in our towns and villages.

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Jubilee milestone is something special

It is an extremely exciting time to live in South Kesteven as our local communities really have come together in the last few months, and I have been lucky enough to visit some amazing events across the District.

We have been fortunate enough to showcase each of our town centres, with a Folk Festival, Youth Festival, and Mid-Lent Fair in Grantham, a Youth Festival and Mid-Lent Fair in Stamford, in addition to a Bourne in Lights evening and the Deepings Literary Festival.

These events have been extremely successful and will set us up nicely for the wide range of community events taking place across South Kesteven this summer to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Jubilee marks 70 years of The Queen's reign, an historic event for Great Britain and an opportunity to connect with our friends and neighbours to celebrate the values and traditions that make this country great.

We have all been through so much in recent times, but this milestone in our country's long history reminds us that we are

By Cllr Kelham Cooke, Leader of South Kesteven District Council

all part of something special. We may live in a fast-paced world, but community is just as important as it ever has been.

Nowhere is this community spirit more evident than in South Kesteven, where parish councils and community groups have worked tirelessly to organise a variety of Jubilee events for local residents and visitors.

On the subject of community,

we at South Kesteven District Council could not be more proud of our residents and their sense of duty in volunteering to house the largest number of Ukrainian evacuees in the whole of Lincolnshire.

We are all appalled by the scenes in Ukraine and we remain committed to doing everything we can to share this beautiful District with those who need all the support they can get right now.



The Leader of SKDC, Cllr Kelham Cooke, has been out and about in the District. He is pictured, top left, at Don't Lose Hope in Bourne, and, top right, with Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew at the Bourne In Lights event.

ABOVE: Cllr Cooke, SKDC Events Officer Eli Barrett (left), and Tourism and Visitor Economy Officer Jade Hope, at the Folk Festival in Grantham.



Rachael Bradley (fourth from left) at the Breast Friends fund raising evening

Rachael inspired to raise awareness of breast cancer

Colleagues at South Kesteven District Council have rallied to help tenancy services team member Rachael Bradley in her efforts to raise awareness of the fight against breast cancer.

Rachael, who is now in remission, co-founded Breast Friends Grantham with long-term friend Sara Green when she underwent chemotherapy in 2020.

Her latest fund-raising saw £3,500 raised at an Into The Light evening at Grantham Cricket Club to be shared between Breast Cancer Now and the Teenage Cancer Trust.

“It was an incredible night of emotion, fun, laughter and love,” said Rachael.

Among the guests were the Leader of SKDC, Cllr Kelham Cooke, the Cabinet Member for People and Safer Communities, Cllr Annie Mason, Chief

Executive Karen Bradford, and many of Rachael’s Council colleagues.

Rachael said: “When I was diagnosed there was no local support group available and the pandemic made it harder to access one-to-one support.

“That made me passionate about raising awareness and money for those charities that work tirelessly to help provide cancer treatment and fund research into finding a cure for this awful disease.”

Karen Bradford said: “Rachael is an inspiration to us all and we are very proud to have such a caring person in our team. From a standing start this group has just grown and grown, showing the immense value of the support and help that it offers.”

Rachael has received a £500 Ward Member Grant from Cllr Annie Mason in support of Breast Friends Grantham.



The Leader of SKDC, Cllr Kelham Cooke, with Rachael Bradley co-founder of Breast Friends, Grantham

Fresh commitment to support Armed Forces

South Kesteven District Council has renewed its commitment to the military by again signing the Armed Forces Covenant.

The Council's leisure company, LeisureSK Ltd, has also signed the Covenant.

The Covenant, first signed by SKDC in 2012, is a shared promise by the nation that British Armed Forces personnel, veterans and families suffer no disadvantage because of service.

One updated council pledge is to encourage others to sign the Covenant, quickly taken up by LeisureSK Ltd.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr Kelham Cooke, joined Lt Col Jonathan Buxton, Commanding Officer at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks in Grantham, for the signing ceremony.

Cllr Cooke said: "I am extremely proud to sign the Armed Forces Covenant on behalf of South Kesteven District Council. There are an estimated 8,000 military veterans living within South Kesteven and we take our responsibilities towards them extremely seriously."

Lt Colonel Buxton said: "The Army has had a close connection with Grantham since 1976.



Seated; Cllr Barry Dobson, LeisureSK Ltd Board Chairman and SKDC Cabinet Member for Leisure with Major Sarah Conway of the Royal Logistic Corps



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Resigning the Covenant was a wonderful opportunity to reinvigorate that bond."

Military representatives later joined LeisureSK staff and Councillors for a signing ceremony at The Meres Leisure Centre in Grantham.

The Covenant is the first step to engaging with the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme

and helps with recruitment of skilled ex-military personnel.

Cllr Barry Dobson, LeisureSK Board Chairman and SKDC Cabinet Member for LeisureSK, signed the covenant for Leisure SK.

Cllr Dobson said: "I would urge other companies to do the same, bearing in mind the opportunity it offers to access job websites for recruitment of ex-military personnel. We know what valuable skills veterans bring from their military service."

Major Sarah Conway, Royal Logistic Corps, signed on behalf of the Ministry of Defence.

She said: "Our community links are very important to us at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks and we are delighted that LeisureSK has seen fit to sign this gesture of commitment to the military."



Lt Col Buxton and Cllr Kelham Cooke with council and Army representatives

For information on signing the Armed Forces Covenant and exploring recruitment of skilled ex-military personnel, go to:

- 🔗 www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk
- 🔗 www.gov.uk/government/publications/defence-employer-recognition-scheme
- ✉ armedforces@southkesteven.gov.uk

Welcome Back Fund delivers town centre events

Street theatre, live music, light shows and a chance to try new sports – all have brought new life back to towns across the district.

Funding from the Government's Welcome Back Fund enabled South Kesteven District Council to deliver free events guaranteed to get people out and enjoying themselves.

A folk festival in Grantham delivered day-long entertainment and carried in into venues across the town including pubs, the Angel and Royal Hotel and St Wulfram's Church.



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Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

Sports specialists from LeisureSK Ltd and Inspire+ also offered youngsters the chance to get active, and even learn

how to skateboard.

Bourne In Lights transformed North Street with large scale projections, thanks a partnership between the Different Light Collective, Bourne Town Council, Bourne Events Group and SKDC.

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Cabinet Member for Culture and Visitor Economy said: "It's been really rewarding to see events back in our market towns after such a long absence and we were delighted to see people back out enjoying themselves again."



Bourne Light Night 2022



Folk Festival 2022, Grantham



Youth Fest 2022, Grantham
Photo: Inspire Plus



Youth Fest 2022, Grantham
Photo: Inspire Plus

Street markets remain at heart of our communities

Centuries of colourful markets tradition are still going strong across the District.

South Kesteven District Council even kept its street markets going throughout the pandemic to ensure supplies of fresh fruit and vegetables and protect livelihoods for traders and producers.

Councillor Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Cabinet Member for Culture and Visitor Economy, said: "Our communities really value our markets, and they ensure that our town centres will remain a focal point for residents and visitors for generations to come."



15+ Traders



30+ Traders



This small market is held every Thursday in the car park immediately behind the Corn Exchange building. We also have a smaller market on a Saturday.



This market is held every Saturday on Narrow Westgate and within the Market Place/Butcher's Row. We also have a farmers' market that stands every second Saturday of the month on Butcher's Row.



75+ Traders Friday

18+ Traders Saturday



Market Deepings Market is held every Wednesday morning in Deepings Centre car park (trader-run and managed by Danielle Spencer 07734 752322)



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This market is held every Friday on Broad Street and Ironmonger Street. A smaller market is held every Saturday in Red Lion Square and High Street. We also have a farmers' market that stands every Friday on High Street.



For more information or if you are interested in becoming a trader, contact Gary Taylor, Markets Supervisor 01476 406073 07712 199076 g.taylor2@southkesteven.gov.uk



Charity Cup returns as organisers aim to raise community spirits

Four teams will compete for the South Kesteven Charity Cup as the pre-season football tournament returns following the Coronavirus pandemic.

The impressive trophy was purchased locally by football fan and South Kesteven District Councillor Ian Selby using his Ward Member Grant from the Council.

The first charity tournament, in 2019, was won by Harrowby United, and the event raised more than £1,000 that was shared by charities chosen by the competing clubs.

Cllr Selby said: "The intention is for it to be an annual competition in support of the clubs and their charities that will also be an important part of their pre-season schedules.

"The pandemic meant it could not go ahead in the last two years but with restrictions now lifted we are ready for kick-off again."

Harrowby United, who won the inaugural tournament, will open their defence of the trophy with a semi-final at home against Bourne Town on Tuesday 5th July at 7.45pm.

Grantham Town will play Blackstones in the other tie on Saturday 9th July at 3pm, with the final taking place the following Saturday.

The chosen charities this year are: Bourne Town – Butterfield Day Care Centre; Harrowby United – Grantham Autistic Information Network (GAIN); Grantham Town – Cancer Research; Blackstones – Second Helpings.

The charity money is raised through gate receipts



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Cllr Ian Selby

and sponsorship. Rowley's Commercial Energy Assessments, of Grantham, are already on board as the main sponsor, with Grantham-based Marren Tiles and Geiger Media also supporting the event.

Cllr Selby has set up a small committee to help run the tournament – Graham Cowell, Dave Philpotts, Mick Massingham, Nickie Cowell.

The committee is seeking the support of other businesses or individuals that may wish to

support the tournament with match day, match ball or man-of-the-match sponsorship, or any other aspect of the event.

Graham said: "The first tournament was a great success. We wanted to build on that but could not do so because of the pandemic.

"Now it's back we hope it will help lift community spirits. Not only will it raise money for local charities it will also help these locals clubs with their preparations for the new season.

"I hope lots of fans come down to watch some great football, support their teams and help raise a lot of money for good causes."

The tournament is registered with the Lincolnshire Football Association, which will provide match officials.

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Pictured at the draw are, front, left to right: Graham Cowell, Nickie Cowell, Cllr Ian Selby; and back, left to right: Dave Philpotts, Mick Atter (Harrowby United), Darren Muntton (Bourne Town), Pat Nixon (Grantham Town).

Council grants help manage disability

Disabled residents across the District are benefitting from life-altering adaptations to their homes after successfully applying for Disabled Facilities Grants.

South Kesteven District Council grants fund a range of adaptations for private homeowners and tenants, housing association and council tenants alike.

For 76 year-old-Alan Clark, the stairlift installed in his Grantham home last autumn has been life-changing.

“I cannot get upstairs without it,” he said. “I was forced to go upstairs on my hands and knees before the stairlift was fitted so I am really grateful to the Council for installing it. It's an absolute godsend and I would be completely jiggered without it.”



Going up! Alan Lake with Cllr Robert Reid

Wheelchair user Paul Zeimer is also finding life transformed by a recently installed step-lift ramp at his home, which means his wife Wendy no longer has to help manoeuvre his chair in and out of their home.

Paul said: “It’s completely transformed my life, and helped maintain my independence by being able to get out on my own. As someone who is reliant on a wheelchair, it’s wonderful.”

Cllr Robert Reid, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: “I have seen for myself what a huge difference these adaptations can make to a person’s life, and we are committed to help our residents continue to live in their own homes for as long as possible.

“It’s important that we support our more vulnerable residents - we are doing all we can to help manage the challenges of a disability.”



Paul and Wendy Zeimer show Robert Reid their step-lift

MORE THAN 110 DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED IN THE LAST YEAR, WITH 95 ADAPTATIONS COMPLETED, INCLUDING:

111
Disabled facilities

22
Stairlifts

7
Ramps

51
Level access showers

3
Wash/dry toilets

1
Through-floor lift

For further information ✉ ehs@southkesteven.gov.uk

Useful links:

Council tenants: www.southkesteven.gov.uk/adapt

Non Council Housing: www.southkesteven.gov.uk/grants

Applications must be supported by an Occupational Therapist assessment arranged through Lincolnshire County Council's Social Services team.

To request an OT assessment contact LCC's Adult Social Care team on ☎ 01522 782155 or the Children with Disabilities team on ☎ 01522 782111.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

to raise cheer across the district

It's celebration time as South Kesteven joins the nation in marking of a unique milestone – the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in honour of Her Majesty's remarkable 70-year reign.

Villages and towns across the district are planning events right through the Jubilee weekend, ensuring that the district will be flying the flag for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There are nine major beacon lighting events in South Kesteven, all taking place at 9.45pm on Thursday 2nd June, as part of a nationally co-ordinated programme outlined by Buckingham Palace.

Events over the Jubilee weekend are being organised by parish councils, village halls and community groups and will include barn dances,

street parties, music, family entertainment – and even a rounders match and an Epsom Ladies Day!

Cllr Annie Mason, SKDC Cabinet Member for People and Safer Communities, said "It's incredible to see what's being planned. It's such an important event and it's being celebrated with an outpouring of affection and respect for the Queen.

"We have been made only too aware of the value of communities in the last two years and this is the most fabulous way to again bring people together."



Stamford still remembers the Queen's visit in the summer of 1961 and her subsequent visit in June 2012 with great pride, the excitement on those days reflecting what it meant to the town and how much she meant to the people who gathered to see her.

Cllr Breda Griffin, Chairman SKDC and Stamford All Saints Ward Councillor



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The Queen visited Stamford Town Hall in 1961



Her 1961 visit included Burghley House



Delighting well-wishes in 2012 on her Diamond Jubilee Tour

Memories are still vivid of the Queen's visits to Stamford in 1961 as part of the town's celebration of its charter Quincentenary and 2012 during her Diamond Jubilee Tour. *Photos kindly supplied by Rutland and Stamford Mercury.*



Jubilee weekend events in our towns

Bourne

2 June:

Beacon Lighting

Stamford Hill. Organiser: Bourne Town Council

2-5 June:

Festival at Wellhead

Organiser: Bourne Round Table

3 June:

Thanksgiving Service at Abbey Church

Organiser: Churches Together

3 June:

Dinner at Corn Exchange

Organiser: Bourne Town Council

4 June:

Street Market

North Street. Organiser: Bourne Town Council



Cranwell Military Wives Choir will be singing during Grantham's Beacon lighting event in Dysart Park

Grantham

2 June:

Beacon Lighting

Dysart Park, 5pm–10pm.
Featuring Cranwell Military Wives Choir, food court, picnic, Jammy Codgers band.
Organisers: Dysart Park Action Group and South Kesteven District Council

3-5 June:

Three-day family gala

Wyndham Park.
Live entertainment, fairground rides, charity stalls, retail stalls, industrial heritage, military displays, static classic and vintage vehicle display, emergency vehicle display.
Organiser: Lincolnshire Fire Aid

Market Deeping

2 June:

Beacon Lighting

Jubilee Park.
Organiser: Deeping St James Parish Council

2 June:

Outdoor Music Event

Riverside Park.
Organiser: Market Deeping Town Council

3 June:

Motorcade Day

Community organised

4 June:

Neighbourhood Day

Community organised

5 June:

Platinum Party in the Park

John Eve Park, 12noon–5pm.
Giant family picnic, music, entertainment, crafts, childrens rides, Fens Falconry birds of prey, Battle of Britain Lancaster fly-past. Organiser: Lions and Rotary Clubs of the Deepings

Stamford

2 June:

Beacon Lighting

Recreation Ground, 5pm–10pm. Music, entertainment, fairground rides, lantern parade and pudding competition. Organiser: Stamford Town Council

3 June:

Thanksgiving Service

All Saints Church

What's On over Jubilee weekend in our villages

Allington

2 June: Beacon Lighting

2-5 June: Family Fun Weekend, Allington Playing Field

Ancaster

4 June: Village Festival, Ancaster Playing Field, 1pm

Barkston

2 June: Beacon Lighting, Heath Farm

Barrowby

2 June: Beacon Lighting

2-5 June: Family Fun Weekend

Billingborough

4 June: Party, Village Hall, 7.30pm

5 June: Big Lunch, Village Hall, 1pm–6pm

Caythorpe

2 June: Treasure Hunt and Beacon Lighting

3 June: St Paul's Service, St Vincent's Church

3 June: Family Sports Day and Jazz Party, Playing Field

4 June: Epsom Ladies' Day, Playing Field

5 June: Street Party, High Street

Corby Glen

2 June: Beacon Lighting

Denton

2 June: Afternoon Tea with Melody Flyte, Village Hall, 2.30pm–5pm



Denton

5 June: The Big Jubilee Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm–3pm

Dry Doddington

2 June: Beacon Lighting

4 June: Tea Party On The Village Green

5 June: Afternoon concert, Newark Town Band, outside Village Hall

Fulbeck

2 June: Beacon Lighting

3 June: Best Dressed

House, judging 10.30am, plus fun run, sports and novelty cricket match

4 June: Parade of Floats, plus full day of events on playing field with tea party at 2.30pm and evening sing-a-long and talent show. Display of vintage village photos and crafts

Great Gonerby

4 June: Village Party

Belton Lane Park, 2pm–11pm, live evening broadcast of Jubilee party from London

Hough-on-the-Hill

3 June: Street Party

Irnham

2 June: Beacon Lighting, Griffin Inn

3 June: Parish Party, Stamford Stompers Jazz Band. All parish children to receive commemorative mug.

Langtoft

2 June: Beacon Lighting, Waggon and Horses pub

5 June: Picnic in the Park, East End Park, 12noon–4pm, memorial tree planting, fancy dress, royal cake competition

Long Bennington

5 June: Street Party and Fete, 12noon–5pm, St Jame's Hall

Ropsley

2 - 5 June: Flower Festival, St Peter's Church, 10am–4pm

3 June: Village sign and bench unveiling, 1pm

4 June: Fun run, Jubilee Queen talk, afternoon tea

5 June: Big Jubilee Lunch, 12noon–4pm, plus best dressed house and Queencrow competitions

Stubton

5 June: Street Party, St Martin's Close, 1pm–3pm

South Witham

4 June: Jubilee picnic, entertainment and dog show

Swayfield

2 June: Beacon Lighting

Uffington

2 June: Beacon Lighting

3 June: Thanksgiving Service, All Saints Church

4 June: Village Rounders, Cricket Club

West Deeping

2/3 June: Village Trail Quiz

4 June: Epsom Derby Racing Afternoon, Red Lion pub, afternoon tea and evening Platinum Party concert from Buckingham Palace with hog roast

5 June: Church Service, St Andrew's Church, 11am, followed by Big Jubilee Lunch street party, bake-off competition, children's activities and competitions in the Tinsley Field.

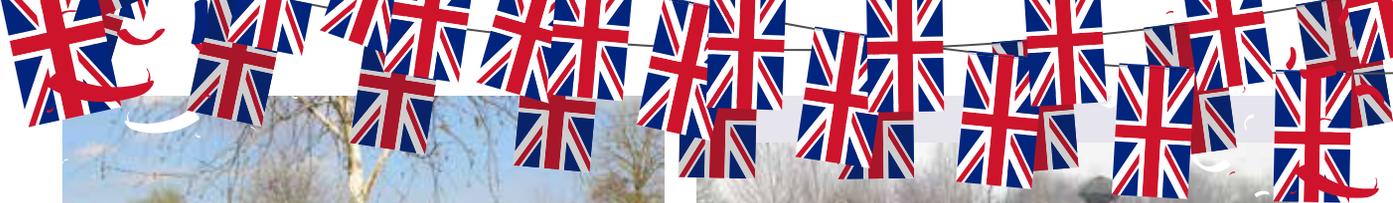
Are your events on our web listing www.southkesteven.gov.uk/jubilee. If not let us know on pr@southkesteven.gov.uk



Safety first on beacons

Beacon planning should pay special attention to safety and responsible operation, says SKDC, which is also urging local events to follow its example of a ban on release of sky lanterns on council land – plus discouraging use of fireworks and taking all possible steps to avoid smoke nuisance.

Many thanks to all organisations and groups who have let us know their plans. All details are as submitted at time of print. Please watch information from your Parish Councils, local websites, social media and noticeboards for full details and timings of events.



Cllr Trollope-Bellew (right) with Stephanie Barrell and WI members



Lincolnshire Gardens Trust member Elizabeth Bowskill plants the wild service tree

Tree planting adds to Queen's canopy

Two council-owned parks have contributed to the Queen's Green Canopy tree planting initiative marking Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Grantham and Stamford MP Gareth Davies attended the planting of five native rowan trees by South Kesteven District Council in Dysart Park, Grantham, to celebrate the milestone anniversary.

The trees were funded by SKDC's climate change reserve fund and were part of environmental improvements delivered by its Blue Green Corridor partnership environmental project along the River Witham.

The work has been helped by individuals working under supervision from Community Payback, where sentences require community service.

Grantham DIY WI group then added its own tribute with a silver birch tree, commemorating Her Majesty's reign and the 13th anniversary of the group's formation.

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, SKDC Cabinet Member for Culture and Visitor Economy, said: "Every tree matters as we tackle climate change and we look forward to seeing these



Every tree matters as we tackle climate change and we look forward to seeing these trees flourish as we continue to improve Dysart Park for local residents.

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Cabinet Member for Culture and Visitor Economy

trees flourish as we continue to improve Dysart Park for local residents.

"It's so encouraging to see a partnership between the Council, our specialist contractors Lions Environmental, and Community Payback, which has previously helped with work in Grantham Cemetery, Wyndham Park and Queen Elizabeth Park."

Paul Sturton, Community Payback Operations Manager for East and West Lincolnshire, said: "Our partnership with SKDC is going from strength to strength.

The projects are enabling people on probation to undertake meaningful work to make reparation to the communities in which they have offended."

WI members funded the silver birch and a commemorative plaque. Branch president Anne Kilroy said: "We are looking forward to watching our tree grow and are pleased that it will be locking up carbon, supporting wildlife, and giving pleasure to local people."

In Queen Elizabeth Park, a rare wild service tree was donated by the Lincolnshire Gardens Trust, with members joined at the planting ceremony by council representatives.

The Blue Green Corridor project, funded largely by the European Regional Development Fund, runs through Dysart Park, Wyndham Park and Queen Elizabeth Park.



Community Payback Co-ordinator Nigel Harris helps with Queen's Green Canopy tree planting



Nominate someone special



for an SK Community Award

Last year we turned the spotlight on some very special people in our community with our first SK Community Awards - and we want to do the same again in 2022. If you know someone who goes above and beyond to help others, why not put their name forward for one of these prestigious awards?

Who are our community champions for 2022? That's what South Kesteven District Council wants to find out as it launches this year's SK Community Awards.

The 2021 winners summed up the very best of the District, and all received engraved crystal trophies as a memento of the esteem in which they are held by their communities.

And what a range of winners we had. Awards went to a five-year-old boy waging war on litter; an air cadet training stalwart; a young LIVES first responder; plus an undertaker with a difference – and a generous heart.

There were trophies for a food distribution heroine, a cultural ground-breaker, and the founder of a fitness and wellbeing network, while a community counselling charity picked up two awards.

Now the hunt is on again for those people

who put themselves out to help others, and this year there will be a public awards ceremony where winners will accept their awards. We have also included a category for schools participating in green projects.

Cllr Annie Mason, SKDC Cabinet Member for People and Safer Communities, said: "Last year our awards recognised some truly amazing people, and I could not believe just how varied our winners were. It was amazing.

"Now we want to do it all again. Look around, see who is making a difference in your community and nominate them. Let's give them the recognition they deserve."

Nominations are open from June 1st with a closing date of July 18th.

A person or organisation can be nominated for more than one award. All winners will be announced in September and all nominees will be recognised with a certificate commending their efforts.



...and the SK Community Awards categories are:

Our awards cover a wide range of activities and community efforts, encouraging nominations across the board.

Inspirational Young Person

We're looking to celebrate a young person who is either pioneering or supporting an activity or project that is making a difference in their local community. Nominations are encouraged in support of young people aged up to 25 years.

Business and the Community

Do you know a business involved in, and benefitting, its local community? Perhaps it is working to make the local area smarter, safer, healthier or more sustainable. It could be contributing with projects to reduce carbon emissions and improving climate change outcomes.

Best School Green Project

This award celebrates green projects demonstrating success in the protection or conservation of the environment. We are looking for projects in the community or focusing on improving the environmental impact within the school setting, including all primary, junior and secondary schools.

Good Neighbour

This award is for someone who has gone above and beyond to help their neighbour or their community - someone your neighbourhood couldn't manage without. This may be through good deeds done on a regular basis or stepping in when there's an emergency.

Lifetime Community Champion

We want to celebrate individuals who have contributed time and effort to a club, group, charity or organisation. Is there someone in your community who has given their life selflessly in the service of others, possibly a public servant, a local charity worker/supporter or fund raiser?

Health and Wellbeing

Do you know an individual or group contributing to the wellbeing of others? Is there someone in your community who has helped others to make positive healthy lifestyle changes? Our judges are looking for people whose actions have a positive impact on mental wellbeing, sports and physical activity.

The Neil Smith Beyond the Call of Duty Award

This special award, given in memory of our late colleague Neil Smith, acknowledges the amazing work of our blue-light services. Nominations can be for a community police officer, a paramedic or ambulance crew, a local fire officer or crew, a volunteer first responder or a doctor.



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Cllr Annie Mason



To make your nomination online, go to:

www.southkesteven.gov.uk/SKcommunityawards

If you would like a paper copy posting, please contact us at skcommunityhub@southkesteven.gov.uk or call 01476 40 61 77.

Post your nominations to:

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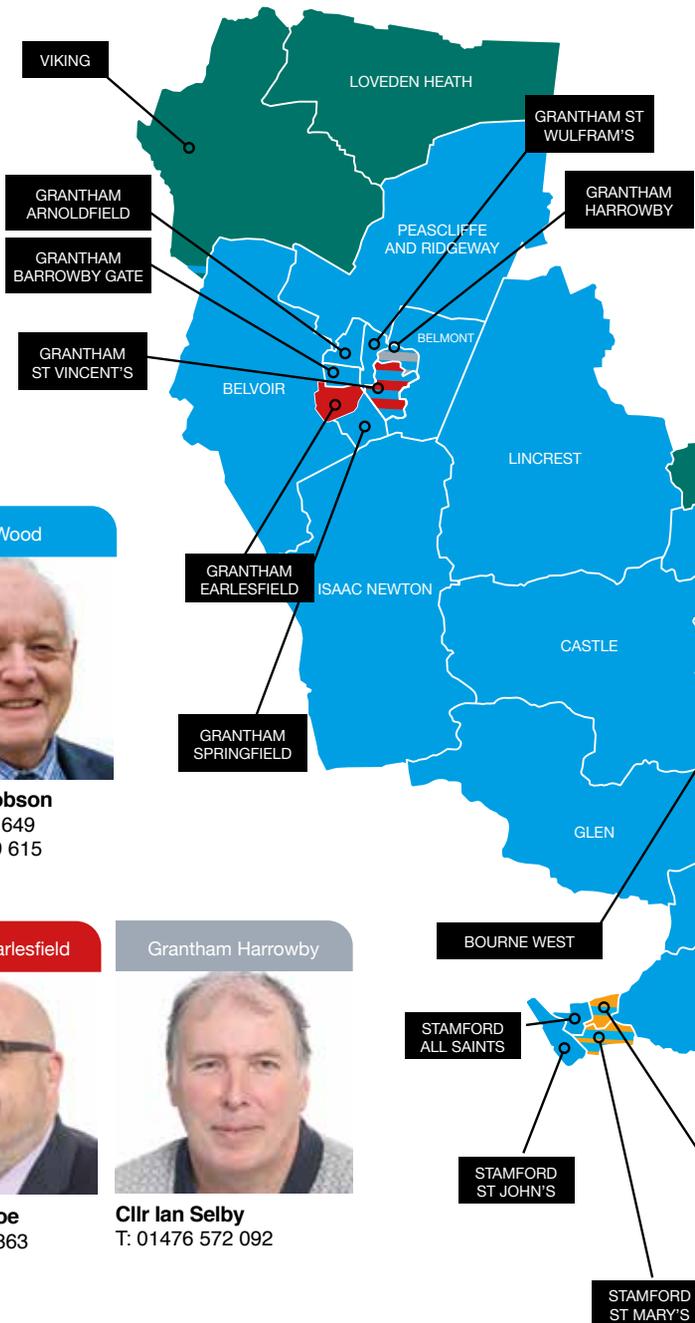


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Should Grantham have its own town council?

Around 1,500 people have responded to a consultation gathering public opinion on whether Grantham should have a town council.

South Kesteven District Council wanted to test the level of public support for a parish or town council for the town.

The resulting Community Governance Review consultation, which closed on April 22nd, asked for comments on:

- the possibility of creating a new parish or town council for Grantham
- where the administrative boundary for that area might be
- the number of councillors and the number of wards to any new council
- the impact of any proposed boundary changes on neighbouring parish councils

Cllr Graham Jeal, Chairman of the SKDC Community

Governance Working Group – a committee of all councillors who represent the unparished area of Grantham, said: “We would like to thank everyone who took part in the consultation. Just over 23,000 households were contacted, and I am pleased that so many people chose to respond and have their say.

“The results of this review will determine where decisions affecting the people of Grantham are taken, and by whom.”

The working group is now considering results of the consultation before making a recommendation to full council.



Changing Places grant to provide new facilities

South Kesteven District Council has received £160,000 to create new Changing Places facilities at four locations across the district for people who cannot use standard toilet facilities.

The money has come from Government's Changing Places Fund, through which the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities is making £23.5 million available to local authorities in England.

Changing Places provide larger, more accessible facilities, equipped with hoists, curtains,

adult-sized changing benches, and can support users, their families, and carers.

The Leader of SKDC, Cllr Kelham Cooke, said: “I am delighted that we have been awarded such significant funding. Accessible facilities like these make a huge difference to the lives of disabled people, their families and carers.”

Muscular Dystrophy UK is working in partnership with the Government to deliver the Changing Places facilities, and will be providing SKDC with technical advice and training.

Welcome to evacuees

South Kesteven District Council is working to ensure evacuees arriving in the area from Ukraine receive support and a warm welcome.

The Council has been notified of more than 60 sponsor households in South Kesteven who have matched with Ukrainian evacuees and together applied for visas under the national Homes For Ukraine scheme.

The Leader of SKDC, Cllr Kelham Cooke, said: “The humanitarian crisis resulting from the Russian invasion of Ukraine has affected millions of people and touched the hearts of every one of us.

“Our thanks go to residents who have shown their support by offering accommodation to those escaping the war, and we will do everything we can to ensure evacuees receive a warm welcome and are given all the help they need to settle into their new homes.”

Officers from SKDC are visiting accommodation that has been offered to check it is suitable and are collecting information to verify the identification of sponsors and their household members (aged 16+) so that Lincolnshire County Council can facilitate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.

More information is available:

- 🔗 <https://bit.ly/UKgovguide>
- 🔗 www.southkesteven.gov.uk/Ukraine

what's on

Arts across **LhnmD^l mo^g**

Enjoy live events at our fantastic Arts Centres and venues. With something for everyone, now is the perfect time to support and take part in the arts across the District.

DIARY EVENTS

MAY 2022 TO JULY 2022

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2PM

Guildhall Arts Centre

HAPPY AND GLORIOUS – NEIL SANDS PRODUCTIONS

Come and enjoy a regal and patriotic afternoon, as we celebrate in style Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

■ **TICKETS:** £14 (£13)

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 7:30PM

Stamford Arts Centre

KATHERINE PRIDDY

"One of the finest voices on the current folk scene"

■ **TICKETS:** £14 (£13)

TUESDAY 31ST MAY 2:30PM

Guildhall Arts Centre

UGG N OGG AND THE WORLD'S FIRST DOG

The mind-boggling tale of how two Yorkshire hunter-gatherers palled up with the wolves and saved us from doglessness. A hilarious new play for children and their families.

■ **TICKETS:** £10 (£8) £30 family of four



FRIDAY 10TH JUNE

Bourne Corn Exchange

BRITTEN SINFONIA – MUSIC ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Come to Bourne Corn Exchange and meet a group of musicians who love sharing what they do. A day of live music, exploration and plenty of play for adults and children of all ages.

11AM: PUSHCHAIR PLAYLIST

Hear the instruments, dance to the music, sing along.
£3 per family

3.30PM: AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN

Meet our musicians, play some instruments, make your own to take home with you. Suitable for children aged 5-11. Allow half an hour. Free admission, please book your free ticket online at stamfordartscentre.com

7.30PM: CONCERT

Relax with an hour of music from all around the world, performed by a group of musicians who have performed all around the world.

■ **TICKETS:** £12.50 - Each ticket includes one free drink: choice of beer, wine or a soft drink. Options to pay more or pay less - see website for details.

SATURDAY 11 JUNE,

10.30AM – 4PM

Stamford Arts Centre

SING ACAPPELLA! – BRUCE KNIGHT

Bruce will be sharing some of his very favourite harmony songs. Be prepared to move your body and sing your heart out and join our singing community for the day!

■ **TICKETS:** £20 (£18)

WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 7:30PM

Stamford Arts Centre

TOBY STRONG – RGS TALK

A talk of great passion and humour from Toby Strong, a multi-Emmy and Bafta winning wildlife cameraman who has travelled across the world and worked on many of the BBC's landmark series.

■ **TICKETS:** £14 (£12) £10 RGS-IBG members

SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2PM

Stamford Arts Centre

JANE AUSTIN AT HOME

This entertaining one-woman show consists entirely of Jane Austen's words. Celebrating the variety and wit of her writings, with extracts from her memoirs, letters, poetry and novels.

■ **TICKETS:** £16 (£15) £14 groups of 8+ to include a drink after the show.

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 7:30PM

Stamford Arts Centre

CLAIRE MARTIN

In this brand-new show for 2022, Claire Martin and renowned pianist Dave Newton combine their unique musical talents for an intimate concert.

■ **TICKETS:** £25 (£23)



HAPPY GLORIOUS CAST

Places to visit

Across **LhnmD^l mto^g**

Visitor treasures open for the summer

Woolsthorpe Manor is once again open to the public, telling the story of Sir Isaac Newton's time there from his birth and childhood to his later return and discoveries of his Years Of Wonders.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/woolsthorpe-manor>

Bowthorpe Park Farm is open every weekend and bank holiday from 10am to 2pm. The farm is home to the Bowthorpe Oak, the UK's largest girthed oak tree.

<https://bowthorpeparkfarm.co.uk>

Easton Estate and Walled Gardens Easton Estate and Walled Gardens is open to the public. The Courtyard Shop and The Coffee Room are open Wednesday to Sunday, 11am – 4pm. until Friday 30th September.

<https://www.visiteaston.co.uk>

Grimsthorpe Castle Grimsthorpe Castle is open on Sundays, Thursdays and Bank Holidays until May 22nd , after which opening times change to five days a week, Sunday to Thursday until September 30th

<https://www.grimsthorpe.co.uk/opening-times-2022/>

SATURDAY 9 JULY 11AM AND 2PM

Stamford Arts Centre
ERROL'S GARDEN BY GOLDEN TOAD THEATRE COMPANY
 Filled with catchy songs, humour and imagination, ERROL'S GARDEN is a brand new interactive family musical which explores community, imagination and passion for plants. For aged 3-11s & their grown-ups.
TICKETS: £10 (£8) £30 family of four

SATURDAY 23 JULY 7:30PM

Guildhall Arts Centre
THE GEORGE HARRISON PROJECT
 This show showcases George Harrison's best-loved hits from his early Beatles songs, his solo career and, of course, The Traveling Wilburys.
TICKETS: £20 (£18)



STAMFORD DIVERSITY FESTIVAL

An exhibition in the Gallery from **22 AUGUST TO 4 SEPTEMBER**, workshops a special Pint of Poetry on 31 August and much more!

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST

- **Stamford Diversity Festival Artisans Fair 10am – 3pm Ballroom**
- **MUHA in Concert 7.30pm Ballroom**

Combining the melodic beauty of Eastern European folklore, North Indian Kathak rhythms, Cuban beats and original lyrics they mesmerise with a musical feast rooted in the Slavonic tradition. MUHA comprise singer/songwriter Iryna Muha (from Ukraine vocals, hurdy-gurdy, guitar), guitarist Dmitry Fedetov, Louise Clements on bass/kathak/ bois vocals and Nikki Mckenzie percussions.

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For days out, local events and much more, visit www.discoverouthkesteven.com

Also keep an eye on the events listing on the website for Spring activities.

Music in Quiet Places

The Echéa Quartet

Thursday 19th May 7.30pm

All Saints' Church, Westborough NG23 5HN

Aliayta Foon-Dancoes (violin), Rosa Hartley (violin), Dave Shaw (viola), Eliza Millett (cello)

The quartet are currently Chamber Music Fellows at the Royal College of Music and were Fellows at the Royal Academy of Music in 2019.

Two small windows indicate the Saxon origins of All Saints' but the current church dates largely from the early 1200s with further building phases following in the next two centuries. A beautiful 13th century font and much of the original plaster survives, including painted panels depicting Time and Death.



Eleanor Turner, Harp

Thursday 16th June 7.30pm

St Andrew's Church, West Deeping PE6 9HU

Eleanor Turner is a passionate ambassador for the harp and its music. She is an international prize-winning artist who has performed everywhere from Shanghai to New Orleans and is a leading expert in contemporary music.

St Andrew's enjoys an idyllic position in meadows beside a mill race in the River Welland. Multi-coloured Victorian tiles in the chancel contrast with the mellow stonework of the nave. There is a notable early 14th century octagonal font and, the church's crowning glory, a magnificent chandelier dated 1770.



The Mellstock Band

Thursday 14th July 7.30pm

Bourne Abbey Church, Bourne, PE10 9UQ

The Mellstock Band entertain with a unique combination of singing, instrumental music and spoken word, encompassing west gallery harmony, traditional songs, glees, dances, marches, poems and stories.

Bourne Abbey Church is the only Grade 1 listed building in Bourne. Originally a place of worship for both the Abbott and Canons of the Augustinian Order and the people of Bourne, it has a continuous history of worship since its foundation in 1138. Parking is available in front of the church.



■ Tickets: £16 (£14) £8 under 26s

Book tickets at  www.stamfordartscentre.com or  01780 763 203



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