

STALHAM COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello!

Welcome to the July newsletter for all residents of Stalham.

Stalham Town Council have kept their promise to produce a regular newsletter to keep you informed on what is happening in your community and keep you up to date with the work of the Town Council.

The next publication will be in September 2022.

If you would like anything to be considered for the issue please get in touch by Monday 8th August 2022.

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Commemorative Parade

Written by Deputy Mayor Maggie Green

On Saturday 21st May 2022, a parade along the High Street followed by a memorial service at St Mary's church was held to mark the 40 year anniversary of the date HMS Ardent was attacked in 1982 during the Falklands war.

Twenty two men lost their lives in the attack including Richard Dunkerley, aged 22, from Stalham, on 21st May 1982.

The community came together to give thanks and remember his, and others, sacrifice and it was an honour to represent Stalham residents alongside fellow councillors and lay a wreath on behalf of all residents.

The parade was organised by the Royal British Legion and an attendance in excess of 200 people, including members of the RBL, veterans, service associations, armed forces, cadet forces, and youth groups showed the level of respect locally for this commemoration.

The service in St Marys Church Stalham was led by Rev Richard Jackson, with Legion and Association flags and it was there that wreaths were laid in tribute to Richard Dunkerley and those who died during the conflict in the South Atlantic.

After the service, refreshments were provided at The Swan Inn where many stories were told by past serving

Photograph (left) left to right; Duncan Baker MP, Town Cllr Rachel Hood, Town & District Cllr Matthew Taylor, Deputy Mayor Maggie Green, Mayor Kevin Bayes & Town Cllr Melissa McGeary.

District & County Councillor Report

By Councillor Nigel Dixon



Tesco Junction Safety. The one enduring challenge during my time in the role has been no real progress to improve the safety of the A149/Old Market Rd (Tesco) junction. My latest attempt highlights the fact that NCC Highways and NNDC Planning Dept have approved 4 major housing schemes in Stalham, amounting to well over 300 homes, without asking for road network or junction improvement funding from the developers. Highways refuse to recognise the poor accident record/safety, the driver fear and the 'rat running' it creates through Sutton St and other local roads, simply to avoid using the junction. Moreover, they claim there's no funding for a roundabout or traffic lights. If the incremental impact had been recognised then each development would have raised enough money to at least pay for a traffic-lights controlled junction. This amounts to professional negligence by Highways who recommended the approvals and a failure to make proper infrastructure provision for the people of Stalham and Sutton. Such a traffic-light solution could also offer the prospect of a better pedestrian connection between the Town and the Staithe - with significant safety and economic trading benefits. I am working closely with Stalham TC and Sutton PC to help make the case to improve this junction and that the local road network desperately needs investment to improve both capacity and safety.

Wayford Bridge Closure. NCC Highways are planning major work on Wayford Bridge possibly starting around 12 Sep and lasting 3 to 4 weeks, based on 7 days a week/24hrs a day closure. This will have a serious impact on travel with traffic diversion via Potter Heigham, Ludham and Hoveton. I will explore options to close one lane only with traffic lights, although this would possibly double the work period but would greatly reduce the traffic diversion impact.

If you have views about these or any other NCC matters then please contact me by email at: nigel.dixon@norfolk.gov.uk or Tel 01603 783885.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

As mentioned in the May edition of this newsletter, Stalham Town Council are working to create a new 'Chamber of Commerce' to support and work with businesses in Stalham and the surrounding parishes.

The Council team heading up this exciting new venture met late last month to try and flesh out their plan a little bit more, alongside this the Council is building a database of businesses who will be contacted in the near future. If you are not contacted shortly please do get in touch with the Clerk if you would like to be included in future correspondence from the Council, regardless of your size, or sector.

Council understands that for all business people time equals money, that's why they are focused on ensuring that this new organisation will be as beneficial as possible to its members after launch.

The best way to do this is by having local businesses involved in the creation, set up, and planning of the project at an early stage to incorporate local concerns and needs so please do look out for the correspondence.

There is some fantastic local enterprise in Stalham and the surrounding parishes, covering a wide range of sectors and ranging from large manufacturing companies to small micro businesses and we very much look forward to supporting you.

Local Infrastructure Update



The Town Council is keen to continue work on a programme of providing seating options throughout the Parish. This has been in hand for some time with the latest addition a wheelchair/pushchair friendly bench on the corner of the Staithe next to the Museum of the Broads (pictured right). There is a path across the grass to the bench, and it is already proving very popular with walkers and visitors to that area of the Town.



The two Churchyards in Stalham are 'closed' churchyards, which means that there are no longer burials taking place, and although the land remains with the Diocese, the responsibility for looking after the area outside of the footprint of the Church now rests with the Town Council. The gates have recently been replaced both to the smaller churchyard on Campingfield Lane (pictured right), and also to the main Churchyard from Brumstead Road (pictured above), many thanks to Rob Turner Wrought Iron Work in Stalham for his fabulous work.



Do you run a local club, society or community event?

If you run a local club, society or group or are planning a community event, please get in touch so that in the September issue of this Newsletter we can share with all of our readers 'What's On' locally.

Please provide your group or event information including any location, timings and contact details.

STALHAM'S BIG

Museum of the Broads

The Museum of the Broads put on a fantastic party with a Ukulele band, arts & crafts, free entry to the museum and boat trips as well as Posh Picnics and a shuttle bus from Stalham to the Staithe to Potter Heigham. Thanks to Lathams for sponsoring this event and providing the brilliant picnics everyone enjoyed in the sunshine on the stunning Norfolk Broads.



Fairgreen Ceilidh Band

Friday night we hosted the first Ceilidh Dance at Stalham Poppy Centre and what a night it was.

Everyone who attended was up and dancing the night away, it was so good there's going to be another one in December 2022, watch this space!

Quiz for the Queen

Big thanks to Phil Hanton and Glynn Wilson for hosting a great quiz. Well done to the Quiz Winners (above) and everyone for coming along and sharing a wonderful time.



70+ Glorious Years of Stalham in Photographs

The Town Council would like to thank all those who contributed to our photographic exhibition at the town hall over the Jubilee Bank Holiday. Our thanks in particular go to Sally Kirwan and Ray Woolston who spent so much time collating and arranging the photos for display.

320 people visited the exhibition which focused on people and places past and present, and many visitors shared their own memories of the town. A collection of the pictures will now be held in the archive at The Museum of the Broads for future generations to enjoy.



JUBILEE WEEKEND



Jubilee Picnic at the Rec

On Saturday afternoon Stalham Town Council and the Stalham & Brumstead Recreation Ground Charity put on a fun-filled picnic at the rec during the day with live music from Catch Twenty Two in the evening alongside a visit from the brilliant local pizza van Monzu Wood Fired Pizza.

Given the Town Council's successful grant application to the Lottery Community Fund, they were able to provide free face-painting, kids entertainer, a helter skelter, swing boats and bungee trampolines to everyone who came along! All of which were very popular indeed, it was so lovely to see families enjoying the sunshine and children playing on the recreation ground.

Local groups also attended, including the Fire Museum, Royal British Legion, Stalham Baptist Church, Stalham Community Gym and F.A.I.T.H charity. It was also great fun when the Police and Fire & Rescue Services came along with a police car and fire engine—nothing quite like turning on the sirens for our younger residents! They had to depart quite quickly on an emergency call, but fortunately we did get to spend a large part of the afternoon with them.

The Councillors and volunteers worked extremely hard through-out the weekend, planting flowers, putting up marquees, baking, and manning the stalls and bar, it couldn't have happened without everyone's hard work and brilliant sense of community.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the events and to everyone who was able to come along.



Market Town Initiative - Children's Sensory Packs

Stalham was fortunate to receive funding from North Norfolk District Council for a number of projects locally to support residents and tourism. One of the projects was the provision of Sensory Packs to be distributed to local cafes to be made available free of charge to children and families.



These were distributed by the Town Mayor, Mr Kevin Bayes, and are now available. If anyone would like to use them please just ask for them.

Photo left, Jane at Cherry Blossom Café, photo right, Steve and Clare at Café Charlotte with Town Mayor Kevin Bayes.



There were a number of projects funded and delivered through this initiative, currently there are two disability ramps to be provided to premises within the Town by the Town Council, and some planters that are being provided by the Stalham Business Forum. That will then complete all of the projects that the funding was allocated for.

STALHAM TOWN MARKET

It is time for Stalham's Street Market!

Everyone is welcome to come along and see the great stalls that will be available at the market, bring a friend and make a day of it!

The first market will be held on Sunday 24th July with a street closure. The Town Council is currently consulting over the best format to take it forwards, and would be pleased to hear from you if you have any opinions.

Suggestions so far have included; weekly in the Town Hall, with around 10 stalls; weekly on a weekday in the Street, with a smaller road closure (say from the Fire Engine Museum to Bank Street); Monthly in the High Street at the weekend, with a Road Closure from the Baptist Church to St Johns with around 40 stalls; weekly weekends with a High Street closure on a Saturday – there have been many different ideas talked about, and Council would like to hear your views. Please do let the Clerk know your thoughts.

Are you a local business or food producer? Would you like a stall at the Street Market on the 24th July or one of the future markets? The markets will be themed, the first is a 'Food and Artisan Market' We would love to have you there with us, please contact the Clerk on:
clerk@stalhamtowncouncil.org.

Stalham Food & Artisan Street Market

Sunday 24th July 2022

10am - 3pm

High Street, Stalham



Meetings

Monday 11th July 2022	Town Council Meeting	Stalham Town Hall
Monday 8th August 2022	Town Council Meeting	Stalham Town Hall
Monday 22nd August 2022	Amenities Committee	Stalham Poppy Centre
Monday 12th September 2022	Town Council Meeting	Stalham Town Hall
Monday 24th October 2022	Amenities Committee (Budget setting)	Stalham Poppy Centre

All meetings are held at 7pm. Agendas are available on the council website: www.stalhamtowncouncil.org

Stalham Community Gym Re-Launch!

Meet the Personal Trainers

Ric Mash

Qualifications:

- BSc Hons Sport & Exercise Science
- Level 3 International Diploma in Advanced Personal Training
- Pn1 (Precision Nutrition L1)
- PPSC (Certified Pain-Free Performance Specialist)
- Senior Fitness Specialist
- Sports Conditioning Instructor
- Golf Fitness Specialist
- Hatton ABC Fundamentals Accredited Course, Boxing
- Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instruction
- Kettlebell Instructor Training Certificate



Paul O'Connell

Qualifications:

- Level 3 Certificate in Personal Training
- Level 3 Certificate in Exercise Referral
- Level 2 Gym Instructor
- MSK Assistant Practitioner with NHS
- Rehabilitation Compliant for Post Hip/Knee Assessment (NHS)
- Pain Management-Escape Pain - Advising Patients with Pain



Opening Hours:

Monday: 7am-12pm & 6pm-9pm
 Wednesday: 9am-12pm & 6pm-9pm
 Thursday: 7am-12pm & 5pm-8pm
 Friday: 7am-12pm & 6pm-9pm
 Sunday 9am-12pm

Helen Munford

Qualifications:

- Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Gym)
- Level 2 Award in Mental Health Awareness



Re-Launch from Monday 1st August with Additional Evening Hours!

Stalham's Icing on the Top!

By Cllr Phil Hanton

The Council would also like to say a big thank you to the businesses and groups that have supported the Town Council's Jubilee Celebration Cake Trail. The wooden cakes have been 'baked' at the Men's Shed by Ray Woolston and his team, and the decorated creations with a royal theme are on display during the summer in over forty shop windows in the town. There are also the uniformed groups' wildcard entries to look out for too!

Members of the public can pick up a trail sheet at Stalham Library or participating shops and search for 'tasty treats' such as *Jubilee Gardens*, *Send Her Victorious* and *Queen of Cup Cakes!*

It is hoped the event will run until the August Bank Holiday, and on Saturday September 3rd all the cakes can be viewed at the Town Hall, where prizes will be presented at noon for the 'Best Decorated' and 'Best Named' entries. Two lucky Trail Sheet entries will also receive a Tesco £25 voucher in the final draw.



Mike Saunders from The Grebe with 'Cheers to her Majesty!'

LOCAL COUNCILS

Who does what?

Within the borders of Norfolk there are County, District, Town and Parish Councils. All have clearly defined roles, although within this tiered structure there is some duplication and overlap of responsibilities.



Children's Services

Schools: Nursery, primary, secondary and special pre-school education	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth, adult, family and community education, student support	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's and families' services including welfare, fostering, adoption and child protection	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth centres, youth justice, secure accommodation and youth offender teams	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Highways

Street lighting	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic management and road safety	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Highway maintenance	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Streetlights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SAM2 speed signs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grit bins	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Car parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Transport Planning

Passenger Transport

Public transport, discounted travel schemes and local transport coordination	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Social Care

Adult Services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Services for older people including nursing, home, residential and day care and meals	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Services for people with a physical disability, learning disability or mental health need	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asylum seekers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment support services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Housing

Social housing	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing benefit and welfare services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homelessness	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing strategy	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cultural Services

Culture and heritage, including archives, museums and galleries	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Libraries and information services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Leisure & Recreation

Recreation & Sport: including facilities and sports development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Open Spaces: Parks and playgrounds, the countryside and allotments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gold Park, pavilion and playground*	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tourism: Visitor information, marketing and tourism development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Footpaths	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public toilets	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staithe (Town Council Triangle)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Millside play area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Environmental Health

Waste

Collection	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disposal	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter bins and dog waste bins that are owned by MPC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Planning Applications

Building and development control	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Strategic Planning

Planning policy including conservation and listed buildings	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental initiatives	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic and community development	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Local Services

Burial Authority (Town Council Triangle)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Closed Church Yard (Town Council Triangle)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Local Taxation Collection

Council tax and non-domestic rates (business rates)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registration of births, deaths and marriages	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elections: Local and national including registration of electors	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local land charges	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

