



STAMFORD CIVIC SOCIETY

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CELEBRATING WHERE WE LIVE

STAMFORD CIVIC SOCIETY SUPPORTS THE FIRST CIVIC DAY

Saturday 25 June is England's first ever Civic Day and civic societies across the country will be holding events to celebrate their area and keep it distinctive.

Stamford Civic Society wants to involve young people in contributing to Civic Day and, working with local schools, is launching two Civic Day events.

Stamford secondary schools civic debate

Stamford Civic Society, supported by Stamford Endowed Schools and Stamford Queen Eleanor School, will be hosting a debate to encourage students to contribute to the thinking on local civic issues. Mixed teams of six students from Years 10 and 12 at the schools will be addressing the panel on the motion:

'This House believes that development for the future is more important for Stamford than preservation of the past'.

The debate will take place at Stamford Town Hall on Tuesday 21 June, 6.30-7.30pm, and will chaired by Gwyneth Gibbs, Chair of Stamford Civic Society, with a panel of the Mayor of Stamford, Councillor John W. Binder and Eileen Green, Editor of Stamford Mercury.

An invited audience from local youth, education, business and planning groups will contribute to the debate and vote on the motion.

Stamford Town Quiz

Civic Day encourages people to discover more about where they live. Stamford Civic Society asked children at Malcolm Sargent Primary School to develop a quiz to test people's knowledge of their local area and they came up with 30 fascinating questions. The quiz will be published in the Stamford Mercury and on the Society's website www.stamfordcivicsociety.org.uk on Friday 24 June. The Civic Society is offering a £50.00 voucher to spend in a Stamford shop for the winning entry. The quiz is open to everyone. The winner will be announced in the Stamford Mercury on 22 July.

For more information about Stamford Civic Society Civic Day events contact Carol Meads on 0775 1966012 or carol.meads@tiscali.co.uk.



Civic Day has been organised by Civic Voice, the national charity for the civic movement in England. Its President Griff Rhys Jones says:

“Civic Voice believes everyone has the right to live somewhere they can feel proud of. At this time of financial uncertainty and an increasing desire to involve local people in decision making it has never been more important for everyone to understand their local area. What do you want to protect? What do you want to improve? If we are going to ensure that our villages, towns and cities give everybody living in them a good quality of life, we need everyone to get involved.”

Gwyneth Gibbs, Chair of Stamford Civic Society, said: “Stamford is a special place to live and Civic Day provides a good opportunity to celebrate this. As well as the Civic Society’s events in the lead up to Civic Day, on Saturday 25 June we can enjoy the annual Stamford Festival Parade and the Town Hall Open Day.

Details of the programme of Civic Day events being run by over 150 civic societies and other community groups across England can be found here www.civicvoice.org.uk/civicdaymap

For more information about Civic Voice and national Civic Day contact: Laura Buller or Rosie Warin at Forster on 020 7403 2230 or laura@forster.co.uk and rosie@forster.co.uk.

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Notes to editors

About Stamford Civic Society www.stamfordcivicsociety.org.uk.

Stamford Civic Society, which will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next year, was formed to lobby for the conservation and preservation of the town, while also looking to its future prosperity. It has a wide-ranging programme of activities including:

- Keeping closely in touch with and commenting on planning developments.
- Promoting outstanding developments and refurbishments in the town, both in the built environment and public spaces.
- Identifying problems and recommending solutions. Our report, **Paving the Way** http://www.stamfordcivicsociety.org.uk/html/paving_the_way.html , assessed the poor state of local paving and set out priorities for action which has been accepted by Lincolnshire County Council.
- Developing partnerships with local schools.
- Informing people about the town's history – we have a programme of installing interpretation boards in key sites in the town.

You can find more information about our activities and future programme of events on our website.

About Civic Voice www.civicvoice.org.uk

Civic Voice is the national charity for the civic movement in England that aims to make places more attractive, enjoyable and distinctive, and to promote civic pride.

The civic movement is based on a network of hundreds of local voluntary civic and amenity societies across England. The first civic society was set up in the 1840s and it is now one of the largest social movements in the country.

Civic societies provide a focus for voluntary and community action to improve the places where people live, work and relax. They champion the importance of these places to decision makers and opinion formers in business, politics, government and elsewhere. They play an essential role in helping individuals take action to improve the quality of their life through the place where they live.



About Stamford Endowed Schools www.ses.lincs.sch.uk

Passion, enthusiasm, commitment and care underlies every aspect of life at the Stamford Endowed Schools. Our children are educated in an environment where learning is regarded as a privilege and key to unlocking all of life's possibilities. Our teachers dedicate themselves to imparting knowledge to the students in ever-more innovative ways, whilst doing their utmost to promote and protect the wellbeing of the children in their care.

As a community our Schools work in harmony, blending students of different backgrounds and broadening their horizons with the many opportunities available in and beyond the classroom. As a result, the students are equipped not only with exceptional exam results, but a wide range of experiences which ready them for whatever path they choose in life.

The Stamford Endowed Schools is made up of the Stamford Junior School and Earlybird Nursery, Stamford High School, Stamford School and our Sixth Form. Our children begin their journey at the Earlybird Nursery at age two, progressing to Stamford Junior School at age four until eleven. The children are taught co-educationally. At age eleven, boys transfer to the Stamford School and girls to Stamford High School. Teaching boys and girls separately provides a proven academic advantage at the stage of education leading up to GCSEs. Boys and girls are still able to mix in extra-curricular activities, such as our Combined Cadet Forces. Girls and boys come back into the classroom together in the Sixth Form, where study requires a mature character and attention is given to preparing the students for life beyond the Schools.

About Stamford Queen Eleanor School www.queeneleanor.org.uk

Stamford Queen Eleanor School is a school for boys and girls aged 11 to 16 years, with a specialism in technology. The last two years have both seen record breaking results for the school, and we look forward to this being the case again in 2010-11.

Our vision is for Stamford Queen Eleanor School to be the area's leading secondary school, widely recognised for outstanding student achievement and for its positive role in the local community. Our mission is to provide a supportive, calm and disciplined environment which values all children, builds their confidence and self-esteem and expects them to achieve their full potential.

We warmly welcome children of all backgrounds and abilities to our school. We have high expectations of all children in our care and support them to reach their full potential in their academic, sporting and cultural endeavours. The school provides an excellent working environment which values teaching and support staff and encourages career progression; and ensures that all children and staff feel safe, secure and confident in school.

We provide a diverse, rounded and challenging curriculum, working in partnership with local schools and colleges. We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities, and engender a sense of pride in the school for students, parents, staff and the community by celebrating achievements in all spheres.

About Malcolm Sargent Primary School www.malcolmsargentschool.co.uk

The school's vision 'Inspiring Children, Learning Together', centres around our shared belief in everyone in the school community working together; with the children and their learning at the heart of our thinking.

Malcolm Sargent Primary School has established an ongoing partnership with Stamford Civic Society. The purpose of this partnership is to promote the education of citizenship and community responsibility for children at the school, whilst enabling Stamford Civic Society to reach out to a wider audience.