

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY LIBRARY 5TH BIRTHDAY

During 2017/18 The Community Library celebrated its 5th birthday and the Volunteers are to be congratulated for the excellent service they offer our community and for maintaining the volunteer numbers it takes to facilitate this valuable resources. Stalbridge community Library web site <https://www.stalbridgelibrary.org>



SILENT SOLDIERS

Two Silent Soldiers have been placed at carefully chosen prominent places on vehicle and walking routes in Stalbridge to support the country-wide Silent Soldier campaign. The nature of this campaign is that the lone Silent Soldier silhouette stands as a tribute to those whose lives would never be the same again. The point of the campaign is evoking remembrance at the sight of a single figure seen in the landscape making their way home

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY OF THE COUNCIL YEAR 2017/18

During the past year the Town Council have responded to thirty planning applications as statutory consultee and the freehold transfer of Station Rd car park and the allotments land behind Pond Walk from North Dorset District Council was completed. The Town Council is pleased to support the excellent Community web site Stalbridge.info as a valuable source of information for Community events and Stalbridge Businesses. The very end of the year saw the construction of new play equipment at Jubilee Play Area and during the year the Town Council made general grant contributions to the Playingfields Trust , Youth Club, St Marys Church, Life Education Wessex and the History Society. Members bid farewell to Danny Hine. For many years Danny has served as Town Clerk and then as a Council member and no doubt she will still take a keen interest in everything Stalbridge and we will always value her input. Thanks to all the volunteers who offer their time at The Hub and to Ken Brown who looks after the planters at the Cross. It should be recorded that all Town Councillors are unpaid volunteers, who give up their time to serve the community, doing their best in their endeavours, and, yes, sometimes on occasions we might get it wrong; but we are only human after all.

FROM THE STALBRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Stalbridge History Society has been researching the background and aftermath of the Sale by Auction of the Stalbridge Estate in September 1918 when around 200 houses and properties were sold at auction, this being necessary because Lord Stalbridge was on active service at the time. The History Society will be hosting an exhibition on the estate sale from 1st – 5th September 2018 at the Stalbridge Hall.

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NEW STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCILLOR

Mr Bob Lovell was elected uncontested on Friday 8th June . Members look forward to his contributions at future Town Council meetings.

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Was held on 23rd May. 60 people were in attendance and very comprehensive reports were received from local groups and organisations on their activities throughout the past year.

Minutes of the meeting and copies of the reports made at the meeting will be made available on Stalbridge.info.



PROJECT ARMISTITCH

A Stalbright project in celebration of the end of The First World War. It's a chance to get creative and community spirited. Meet on Monday mornings at the Hub from 9.30 to 11.30am, however anyone can join in so get in touch and find out what it is all about.



THE CROSS REFURBISHMENT

The Medieval Standing Cross in Stalbridge dates back to the second half of the 15th century and is Grade II listed. It has been some time since the cross was closely inspected, and considering the increasing amount of heavy traffic that passes it daily, the Town Council have commissioned an initial Survey. Refurbishment works are due to commence in August 2018. These works will include a light clean to remove moss growth and lift the general appearance but without destroying the patina, removal of loose pointing around the steps, replace miss-matched mortar repairs on the shaft with lime based mortars and localised consolidation of decaying stone around the figurative carvings on the shaft and cross head. These works are being carried with scheduled monument consent by an approved contractor who carries out National Trust works.

HAVE YOUR SAY Members of the public are very welcome at Town Council meetings to speak during open forum or on a subject listed on the agenda.

MEETING DATES SPRING/SUMMER 2018/19

All meetings are at the Hub@Stalbridge unless otherwise shown and are open to public & press. Planning meetings start at 7pm followed by the Full Council meeting.

Planning Meetings
Wednesday
June 20th
July 25th
August 22nd

Town Council Meetings & Planning meetings
Wednesday
June 6th & 20th
July 11th & 25th
August 22nd

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