

# STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## SPRING COMMUNITY FAYRE



On Sat 10<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 12 noon Stalbright will be hosting A Community Spring Fayre at The Hub. There will be plenty of stalls from charities and local organisations, so plenty of lovely things to see, and the Stalbright Cafe will run for the 2 hour fayre ( or until all the cakes run out!).

## MARKET CROSS

Scheduled monument consent has been obtained and a contractor appointed to commence the project to survey and carry out preservation works on The Cross. For these works scaffolding will be erected around The Cross and it may be necessary to close the pavement during the works. To minimise inconvenience to pedestrians it is intended to carry out the works during the school summer holiday.

## FROM THE STALBRIDGE ARCHIVE GROUP

The Archive group are still busily cataloguing our ever-growing collection of historical photographs and documents. We are also preparing a small display for the Hub Open Morning on 7<sup>th</sup> April. This display is about William Lovelace who opened a garage in 1911 making bicycles. He also had a charabanc service offering trips to Weymouth and Cheddar. After the Second World War, the Lovelace bus business was bought by Patrick Lewis having returned from serving in the Canadian Airforce. With more modern buses Pat continued to provide trips, he also ran the school bus service to Sturminster Newton which many will still remember. If you have any photographs of those days with Lewis Coaches, we would love to see them. **The Stalbridge Archive Society AGM is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at The Hub.** Everyone welcome to come along and find out about the archive.



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

at The Stalbridge Hall Wednesday 23rd May at 7.30pm.

Every English Parish must have a meeting annually.

**This is not a Town Council meeting**, although it is the duty of the Town Council to organise and fund the meeting. This is a meeting for the Town, in order to allow people to come together and celebrate activities and discuss matters which effect the town. Proposals can be put forward for inclusion on the agenda and voted on at the meeting. The Town Council endeavour to ensure that all groups that we are aware of are invited to the Annual Town meeting. However, if you, or a group you represent would like to

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be involved or you wish to have an item listed on the agenda please contact the Clerk by 9<sup>th</sup> May.



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION OFFICE AT THE HUB

**BOOK FAYRE** - On Sat 24<sup>th</sup> March 10am -12 noon. Books on sale including an antiquarian section. Opportunity to meet local authors. A Librarian will hold Story and Rhyme time sessions in the Hub: Pre-school 10.30 am, and 5 plus from 11.15 am.”

**DROP IN FOR A CUPPA** - Refreshments and an informal get together on the first Friday of each month commencing the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2-4pm. Open to all , pop in for a cuppa and a chat open to all

**WHATS ON AT THE HUB** - On Saturday 7th April 10am – 12 noon the Information Office will be hosting the annual event to showcase the many and varied groups that use The Hub and offer services to Stalbridge residents. Come along and see what’s going on, refreshments will be served.

## JUBILEE PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

A scheme has been decided upon and the aim is to have the refurbishment completed for Easter. Take a look at the scheme on the Town Council web site <http://www.stalbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk/>.

**FINANCE** The Council has set its precept of £109,500.00, resulting in an increase in charge per month of 32p pence on a band D property, for the Town Council’s part of the total Council Tax bill. For this part of the council tax bill the Town Council:

- Provides Street Cleaning, public WCs and town bin emptying
- Manages open spaces including 2 play areas
- Provides allotments & a car park
- Supports local groups and organisations with grant funding
- Provides a community library run by volunteers
- Manages The Hub as a community facility

## MEETING DATES SPRING/SUMMER 2018

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  
April 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
May 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Town Council Meetings & Planning meetings  
Wednesday  
April 4<sup>th</sup>  
May 9<sup>th</sup>

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