

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBERS



Neil Penny has been resident in Stalbridge since July 2020, having moved here from Bath & North East Somerset. Originally from Portsmouth in Hampshire, Neil served in the Royal Signals and after military service, he worked in the City of London managing secure telecommunication links before moving to the Private Sector in 1997. He founded his own telecommunications consultancy in 2006 specialising in data protection and compliance and decided to retire in 2020. He is married with 1 adult son and 3 adult step-children. His interests are Current Affairs, History, Archaeology his hometown football club, world travel, and food & wine . Neil hopes his experiences would provide value and benefit to Stalbridge & the Council.

Viv Zarucki has lived in Dorset for 25 years and moved to the local area in 2019 after she and her husband retired from their small manufacturing business. Viv is active within the Stalbridge community, including the Women's Institute, and her many interests include sewing, cycling and astronomy. She hopes to use her varied experience and enthusiasm to help Stalbridge and its residents shape their future to their benefit.



STALBRIDGE ARCHIVE POP UP EXHIBITION AT THE HUB

The Archive were very pleased to accept the loan of a life times collection of clay pipes from Joy Hind (Anne Harris's Aunt) The collection dates from the 1400's. Pipe smoking became very popular in the 17th century and was thought to be good for your health, this led to the manufacture of clay pipes. In Dorset clay was dug by hand at Poole and Wareham and it was known as "pipe clay" or "ball clay". The potters made the pipes in moulds. Sir Walter Raleigh is said to have brought tobacco from Virginia to England on 27th July 1586. He introduced pipe smoking to the English Court of Queen Elizabeth1, and it became very popular. It is rumoured that while he was living at Sherborne, he visited an inn at Henstridge and was seen smoking his pipe, this is said to be how "The Virginia Ash" got its name.

In 1604 King James1 described smoking as "Loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain and dangerous to the lungs"

(The Town Council is the custodian of the Stalbridge archive. There was a settlement near Stalbridge in Roman times. The town was home to scientist Robert Boyle, writer Douglas Adams who wrote The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy and artist Sir James Thornhill lived just south of the town. The Stalbridge archive is a growing collection of documents, Photographs and artifacts of times past which which is a fantastic resource to engage with the towns rich and varies history . A group of volunteer

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archivists meet at The Hub on Wednesday mornings who are keen to share and receive information about the history of the town)

Web site www.stalbridgearchive.co.uk

JARVIS FIELD PLAY AREA REFUBISHMENT

In the near future there will be an open event at The Hub to present the schemes for public comment.



REMEMBRANCE 2022 NOVEMBER 13TH

Again this year the Stalbright creative and friends will be decorating the town with hand crafted poppies. This parade to St Mary Church will leave Station Rd car park as usual at 10.45am and the return parade from the St Marys to the RBL will be at a new time of 11.30am.

CHRISTMAS 2022

The event to light the lime tree will take place on Friday 2nd December preceded by a lantern parade from The Gugg. There will also be a local charity fayre at the Scout HQ and watch this space for what's going on at Stalbridge Hall.



CASUAL VACANCIES

There are currently 2 casual vacancies that can be co-opted. If you would like to know more about the role of a Town Councillor and what the Council does or you would like to be considered for co-option please contact the Clerk.

HAVE YOUR SAY Members of the public are very welcome at Town Council meetings to speak during open forum. **If you wish to attend please register in advance with the Clerk.**

MEETING DATES AUTUMN / WINTER 2022/23

Meetings are at the Hub@Stalbridge unless otherwise shown and are open to public & press. Planning meetings are subject to the Town Council being consulted on planning applications that meet the criteria to convene a meeting (Minor planning applications are dealt with by the Planning & Open Spaces advisory Group)

Town Council Meetings on Wednesday commencing at 7pm

November 16th

December 14th

January 18th

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