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WELCOME TO STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

Welcome back to Stamford Arts Centre — and if you're new here, a warm hello!

We're embracing the Autumn and Winter seasons with our brand-new What's On Guide, packed with events to brighten the colder months. Of course, we can't end the year without a little festive cheer! Look forward to magical Christmas cinema screenings from the Royal Ballet, a heartwarming evening of poems and stories with Radio 4 regular John Osborne, the return of the beloved Albion Christmas Band and our in-house pantomime — this year, it's *Alice In Wonderland*!

We've also made some exciting improvements to the building. Our brilliant team have been hard at work painting the Box Office and Gallery spaces and we've laid down a brand-new carpet in the Box Office. Plus, our upgraded Spektrix payment system now accepts Google and Apple Pay, making it quicker and easier than ever to book your tickets online.

We love welcoming families through our doors and this season is perfect for introducing little ones to the joy of live performance. Following the success of *The King's Polar Bear*, we're thrilled to welcome back Full House Theatre this

November with their playful show *The Three Bears*. There's also a magical ballet performance of *Hansel & Gretel* by the Let's All Dance Ballet Company — a delightful treat for the whole family. Plus, young dancers can join a special post-show dance workshop for just £3.50!

Looking back on the summer, we want to thank everyone who joined us for Music In Quiet Places, our beautiful concert series in equally beautiful village churches. Last year's turnout was fantastic and this year, we surpassed it! We're so proud to bring live music to these special spaces and we're deeply grateful to the church teams whose support helps make it all possible.

Here's to another exciting season at Stamford Arts Centre! We look forward to welcoming you soon.

The Stamford Arts Centre Team



SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

YAROSLAV OLIINYK

One of our team members recently saw Yaroslav performing at The Meadows and was absolutely blown away! This exceptionally talented young pianist, composer and improviser is a must-see this season. Since 2023, he has been based in the UK, where he has performed solo concerts across the country. He holds a Global Talent Visa, endorsed by Arts Council England. Alongside his solo work, Yaroslav collaborates with fellow artists, composing original music for stage and visual projects. Each of his live performances blends structured composition with improvisation, making every concert a one-of-a-kind experience. We would like to thank Stamford Diversity Group and Stamford Living for donating towards this performance.

£20 standard | Ballroom | Programmed



SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

HARRIET MACKENZIE AND CELONIATUS ENSEMBLE

Harriet Mackenzie directs Celoniatus Ensemble with a nature inspired programme. Mozart's fresh and dynamic Divertimento in D perfectly complements the Lark Ascending by Vaughan Williams and Vivaldi's iconic Four Seasons with the accompanying poems. Harriet is an internationally renowned concerto soloist and has performed across five continents. Her recordings include concertos with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Orchestra Nova and the English Symphony Orchestra. These have received international acclaim, including Five Stars in The Times (Richard Morrison) and have frequently appeared in the 'Top Recordings of The Year' lists.

£28 (£26 concessions) | Ballroom | Programmed



SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

RED PRIEST

A thrilling programme of baroque masterworks performed in Red Priest's inimitable, high-energy style. The group – now in its 29th year – explores some of the highlights of its glittering international career at the cutting edge of baroque performance. The group has given numerous radio and TV broadcasts, including a documentary for The South Bank Show which attracted a million viewers. Red Priest's discography includes an iconic take on Vivaldi's Four Seasons, hailed by Gramophone Magazine as one of the all-time best recordings of the work, and The Baroque Bohemians, which surprised the major labels by reaching No.1 in the UK classical charts.

£22 (£20 concessions) | Ballroom | Programmed



SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

SCO HEROIC BEGINNINGS

Join Stamford Chamber Orchestra for some wonderful and inspiring music, featuring the wonderful Charlotte Ashton playing Reinecke's tuneful Flute Concerto, along with Beethoven's ever-popular Egmont Overture and Bizet's enchanting Symphony in C.

£16.50 (£13.50 concessions, £6 under 26s) | Ballroom | Hired



FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 7:30PM

JAMES LISNEY: A MUSICAL OFFERING

Over four decades, James Lisney's musical integrity and pianistic command have fuelled a career that has taken him seamlessly from concerto and recital soloist – to chamber musician and pianist director. Initiatives, such as his highly acclaimed Beethoven Project in Amsterdam, Leipzig, and Berlin - or his many recordings - have provided a platform for his wide-ranging musical sympathies. This performance features Beethoven's final sonatas with preludes by Chopin, Shostakovich and Bach.

£22 (£15 under 18s) | Ballroom | Hired



SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 7:30PM

SIMFESTIVAL SCHUBERT QUINTET

Join violinist Freya Goldmark and friends for an evening of festive warmth and exceptional chamber music at SIMFestival's annual Christmas concert. The evening opens with Mozart's final completed quartet – String Quartet No.23 in F Major, K590 – a work of refined elegance, joy and warmth. The second half is dedicated to Schubert's String Quintet in C Major, D.956, a work often described as one of the greatest achievements in all chamber music. As the year draws to a close, we invite you to experience the great works of chamber music performed by some of the UK's most sought-after chamber musicians.

£28 standard (free under 17s) | Ballroom | Hired





SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

POLKAWORKS

PolkaWorks are one of England's premier ceilidh dance bands. Wearing cocktail dresses and with shoes to die for, they undoubtedly bring a touch of class and elegance to the ceilidh scene. But don't be fooled by their demure looks. There's nothing polite about their music: a powerfully rhythmic wall-of-sound designed to send dancers into a whirling, stomping, galloping frenzy.

Drawn from all corners of the country, this six-piece supergroup has a pedigree that includes The Albion Band, The Bismarcks, The Old Swan Band, Magic Lantern, Umps and Dumps and The Old Hat Dance Band, as well as many years of dancing with Morris sides and playing for Morris, clog and step dancing.

PolkaWorks firmly believe that music is for dancing; that you can never have too many shoes; and that the Spirit of the Dance is gin and tonic. Whatever shoes you're wearing, whether they're your own or someone else's, you are sure to find them moving in time to PolkaWorks' irresistibly danceable music. Please be aware that this is a dancing event and seating may not be available.

£15 (£8 under 16s) | Ballroom | Programmed

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YOUR DONATION WILL ALLOW US TO PROVIDE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES, FREE OF CHARGE, TO THOSE WHO WOULDN'T OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO ATTEND



Your donations will allow us to provide tickets free of charge to people, children and families that have never been to the theatre before or might not have been able to attend otherwise. We will work with local partners including schools, social prescribers and third sector organisations to identify those most in need within our community. Donations can be made online, over the phone or in person at box office.

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FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

DERVISH

Legendary Irish folk music band Dervish are one of Ireland's best known traditional bands and are described by the BBC as "an icon of Irish music". Dervish received a prestigious lifetime achievement award from the BBC in 2019, a fitting tribute to the band after over 30 years of recording and performing all over the world, playing at festivals from Rio to Glastonbury.

Dervish have a line-up which includes some of Ireland's finest traditional musicians, fronted by one of the country's best-known singers, Cathy Jordan. Regarded by many as the most distinctive voice and finest frontwoman in Irish traditional music today. The instrumental line-up of fiddle, flute, bouzouki, mandola, bodhran and accordion draw from seemingly limitless depths of talent, finesse, subtlety and fiery energy. Exceptional musicianship, breath-taking vocals, vibrant sets of tunes and instantly compelling songs all come together to make Dervish as complete a band as are to be found anywhere in the tradition.

All six members are steeped in the musical traditions of counties Sligo and Leitrim in north-west Ireland. It's an area which matches Atlantic coastline with storied mountains and rural landscapes. It has inspired a host of musicians, artists and writers, including the Nobel Prize-winning poet W. B. Yeats.

£25 standard | Ballroom | Programmed



FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 8PM

DISCOS FOR GROWN UPS

After our last few sold out discos in Stamford - we are bringing Discos For Grown Ups back for more disco fun with a brand-new playlist of '70s, '80s and '90s dance floor classics. Get ready to dance the night away to all your favourite disco, soul and feel-good pop hits you love from Donna Summer, Sister Sledge, Chaka Khan, ABBA and many more.

£19.50 standard | £24.50 VIP | Ballroom
Strictly 18+ | Hired

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

ANDY IRVINE

Andy Irvine is one of the great Irish singers, his voice one of a handful of truly great ones that gets to the very soul of Ireland. He has been hailed as "a tradition in himself." Musician, singer and songwriter, Andy has maintained his highly individual performing skills throughout his over 50-year career. From Sweeney's Men in the mid-60s, to the enormous success of Planxty in the 70s, his duo with Paul Brady in the later 70s and then from Patrick Street to Mozaik, LAPD and Usher's Island, Andy has been a world music pioneer and an icon for traditional music and musicians.

£18 (£16 concessions) | Ballroom | Programmed



THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 8PM

WOVEN CHORDS WINTER CONCERT

Stamford's popular community choir, Woven Chords, will be back on stage this December! Specialising in a cappella (unaccompanied) songs from at least four continents, and often singing in the original languages, they aim to take the audience around the world with songs from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. Enjoy their glorious harmonies, be uplifted and filled with seasonal cheer. How is all this possible? We hear you ask. Come along and find out!

£10 standard | Ballroom | Hired



FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER, 7:30PM

ALBION XMAS BAND

Returning to the Arts Centre after sell-out performances in 2023 and 2024! The Albion Christmas Band are widely regarded as the premier seasonal show, which has been touring for 26 years this year and attracts sell-out audiences across the UK. Indeed, many people say that their Christmas doesn't start until they have seen The Albion Christmas Band. This show is a seasonal mixture of carols, spoken word and humorous readings. It really is the perfect way to start your festivities. This year will see material chosen by the band from the last 25 years of shows and albums, a "best of the Albion Xmas" selection.

£27 standard | Ballroom | Programmed





FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 8PM

NIGEL PRICE

Over a career spanning more than 25 years, award winning jazz guitarist Nigel Price has become widely acknowledged as one of the hardest working musicians in the business. Musically, his blend of flowing bebop lines, deep blues sensibility and his mastery of chording continue to delight audiences and fellow musicians alike. His career highlights include a support show for Gladys Knight at The Royal Albert Hall and an appearance on Van Morrison's recent album Keep Me Singing.

£15 standard | Ballroom | Programmed



FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 8PM

MUCH ADO ABOUT JAZZ WITH CHRIS GUMBLEY & AL GURR

'Much Ado About Jazz' is something a bit different. It's a show aimed at people who don't necessarily like jazz, as well as those who do! These hugely entertaining and talented musicians perform much-loved jazz classics and jazz interpretations of songs from shows, pop and theme tunes. Expect great melodies and dry humour, as they also 'open up' on how jazz musicians' work.

£15 standard | Ballroom | Programmed

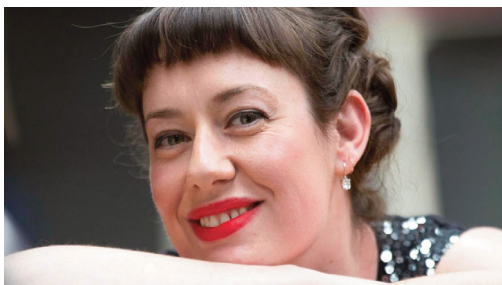


FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER, 8PM

EDISON HERBERT TRIO

Edison Herbert, the virtuoso guitarist celebrated for his electrifying performances and captivating improvisations, invites you to immerse yourself in a night of musical brilliance that will leave you spellbound. With over three decades of mastering the art of jazz, Edison Herbert is not just a musician; he is a phenomenon. His impeccable guitar work, marked by technical precision, soulful melodies, and a daring approach to innovation, has won the hearts of audiences and critics alike.

£15 standard | Cellar Bar | Programmed



FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 8PM

JEANIE BARTON QUARTET

Nottingham's first lady of jazz, singer Jeanie Barton, fronts the Stamford Jazz House Trio to perform swinging arrangements of the Great American Songbook. Voted best newcomer at Marlborough Jazz in 2015, Jeanie Barton performs an evening of heavily emotive jazz classics. They will also play some of her nostalgic yet fresh compositions alongside these joyous standards.

£15 standard | Ballroom | Programmed

Charlie Connelly's

ATTENTION ALL SHIPPING

A Celebration of the Shipping Forecast



FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

ATTENTION ALL SHIPPING A CELEBRATION OF THE SHIPPING FORECAST

As the shipping forecast embarks on its second century, Charlie Connelly's hilarious and informative show brings the quirky broadcast vividly to life, celebrating what he firmly believes to be the greatest invention of the modern age.

Delving into the history of the forecast and the extraordinary people who made it, Charlie explains what those curious phrases really mean, celebrates its wide cultural impact and influence on poets, musicians and writers, shares rip-roaring adventures from his own extraordinary journey through the 31 sea areas and presents his case for the shipping forecast being our finest achievement.

Inspired by Charlie's bestselling book, which has sold more than a quarter-of-a-million copies, this pacy, moving and hilarious show takes you all the way from Viking to South-East Iceland and back to ensure the shipping forecast will never sound the same again.

"I can thoroughly recommend an evening spent in the company of the very funny and very lovely Charlie Connelly whose knowledge of what I call 'the ships' is excellent. Sou'westers optional." - Corrie Corfield, BBC Radio 4

£16 (£15 concessions) | Theatre | Programmed



WED 3RD – SAT 6TH SEPTEMBER, 7:45PM

SAT 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2:30PM

THE 39 STEPS STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE

London, 1935. Meet Richard Hannay—dashing, debonair, and absolutely done with politics and polite society. But when a dead spy drops into his life, he's catapulted into a whirlwind of murder, mystery, and mayhem! The 39 Steps is a madcap mash-up of Hitchcock, hilarity, and high-speed hijinks. Watch in awe as just four actors morph into over 100 outrageous characters in a breakneck adventure!

£12 (£10 concessions) | Theatre | Hired

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 8PM

MARK SIMMONS

After a sell-out 200-date debut tour, 'master of one liners' Mark Simmons is back on the road testing out new material! Expect a night of freshly cooked one-liners, some that may never see the light of day again, from the Dave's Joke of the Fringe Winner 2024. Alongside are three fantastic comedians handpicked by Mark.

Grab this opportunity and see this fantastic comedian before his 2026 tour!

£15 standard | Theatre | Suitable for ages 14+ | Programmed



FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

JOHN CRACE: WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?

The last 10 years of British politics has been one long psychodrama. The Scottish referendum. David Cameron's surprise election win. Brexit. Theresa May. Boris Johnson. Liz Truss. Rishi Sunak. Each prime minister worse than the last. John Crace, the Guardian's much loved political sketch writer, has had a ringside seat at all the main events. Join him for an evening of high comedy as he tries to make sense of it all. Find out what the Queen's last words to Liz Truss really were. This might just be the best therapy session you've ever had.

£20 standard | Theatre | Suitable for ages 14+ | Programmed



FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH LAMPHOUSE THEATRE

Take a break Rick Wakeman, back to your trailer Brendan Fraser, watch and learn Jules Verne, Lamphouse are going on a journey all the way to the centre of the Earth! Two intrepid explorers, one impossible mission (featuring at least one joke about a big hole) and no special effects budget whatsoever. What could possibly go wrong? From the makers of War of the Worlds (On a Budget) and Frankenstein (On a Budget) this new comedy that takes on Jules Verne's classic novel will be one epic night out, full of belly laughs, brand new music and really impressive (not actually that impressive) dinosaurs.

£15 (£12 concessions) | Theatre | Suitable for ages 10+ | Programmed



The Cabinet of Dr Caligari



SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

THE CABINET OF DR CALIGARI

The silent masterpiece with a brand-new live score! Made in the immediate aftermath of the First World War, *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* (1920) is the quintessential German Expressionist film masterpiece. Robert Wiene's distorted sets, sinister shadows and unnerving characters creating a paranoid, unreal world at a time of despair throughout Europe. Incalculably influential, the film's nightmarishly jagged sets, sinister atmospheric and psychological emphasis left an immediate impact in its wake (horror, film noir, and gothic cinema would all be shaped directly by it). But this diabolical tale nevertheless stands alone.

Chris Green's new score is a haunting blend of electronic and acoustic instruments performed live by the composer. Chris is a regular musician at Shakespeare's Globe and was also one of the musicians on BBC's *Poldark*, appearing in series 1 and 2. He also writes and composes, having adapted *The Wind in the Willows* (2017) for GreenMatthews as well as *A Christmas Carol: In Concert* (2018), which *London Theatre Reviews* described as "A delightful show... a lively retelling".

£15 (£13 concessions) | Theatre | Film rating PG | Programmed

GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF STAMFORD

Join Stamford Sights and Secrets Tours on a guided walking tour of beautiful Stamford. You'll hear tales of Stamford's past, explore stunning streets and discover hidden treasures on special themed walks. Alongside standard tours they offer themed tours on various topics including William Cecil and Georgian locations. There's also a fantastic film tour in September, which uncovers the settings used for various films and TV series, such as *Middlemarch*, *Pride and Prejudice* and *The Crown*. All tours start at Stamford Arts Centre, visit our website for more information.



WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

THAT KNAVE, RALEIGH

DYAD PRODUCTIONS

Following their five-star show, *I, Elizabeth*, the award-winning Dyad Productions return to the Elizabethan era. To the famous and fabulous Elizabethan explorer, sailor, dandy, and warrior, Sir Walter Raleigh. Elizabeth I's favourite and James I's knave.

This is a journey through the astonishing highs and lows of one of Britain's most famous historical figures. But there's so much you don't know... In a life spanning around 65 years, Sir Walter Raleigh achieved more than others might do in a hundred lifetimes. Over a decade in the tower and still he held power. The Huguenots, America, The Armada and execution. Is that the whole story? The final chapter of Raleigh's life is perhaps the most daring, strange and utterly heart-breaking.

See the fall from grace taken directly from historical record, marvel at the magnetism of a man who seized every opportunity to create a legacy which spans the centuries and at every wrenching, exalting and personal moment, you will be witnesses.

Praise for Dyad Productions

★★★★★ 'Beautifully performed... entrancing' (British Theatre Guide)

★★★★★ 'Richly re-imagined, exquisitely evocative' (Edinburgh Guide)

★★★★★ 'A towering performance...assured...rich' (The Scotsman)

£16 (£15 concessions) | Theatre | Suitable for ages 10+ | Programmed



ARTS CENTRE CINEMA

Did you know we have a packed cinema programme at Stamford Arts Centre? From foreign films to the latest blockbusters, indie gems and event cinema, enjoy a carefully curated selection in a charming, historic setting. Relax, unwind and let great stories unfold on screen—right in the heart of Stamford!

WEDNESDAY 19TH – SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 7:30PM | SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 2:30PM

BETTY BLUE EYES

COLLEGE PLAYERS

Following the hugely popular 'Miracle on 34th Street - the Musical' last year, College Players are delighted to be bringing Betty Blue Eyes to Stamford. Based on Alan Bennett's film 'A Private Function' this musical is a delightful concoction of 'make do and mend', heartwarming moments, nostalgic songs, a sprinkle of naughtiness, and a dash of glamour. It will have you giggling, tapping your toes and wondering why you've never seen it before. You might even fall just a little bit in love... with a pig called Betty Blue Eyes!

£17.50 (£15 concessions) | Theatre | Hired



TUESDAY 2ND – FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 7:45PM | SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 6:30PM

THE LION IN WINTER

STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE

The Plantagenet family gather at Pichon Castle for the Yuletide season - but amidst the snow-capped turrets and the wafting smell of roast boar, the fate of England is being sealed. This is the kingdom of Henry II and his queen, Eleanor of Aquitaine. Courageous, hardy, imperious – Henry is a mountain amongst men. Yet even the strongest must age, and in the waning days of his reign, his thoughts turn to succession. The halls are decked and the stage is set for a festive night of political intrigue, dark humour and an English titan's desperate search for legacy.

£12 (£10 concessions) | Theatre | Hired



THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 7:30PM

THERE WILL BE TINSEL

Join us for an evening filled with poems and stories that capture the true spirit of Christmas. With a record player on stage playing Christmas records, a stage covered in Christmas lights and tinsel, this is the perfect show for a night out in December! Audiences are treated to relaxed, seasonal festive poems and stories that have already proved popular at Christmas shows in recent years, from writer, theatre-maker and Radio 4 regular John Osborne. From the creator of hit theatre show John Peel's Shed and Sky 1 sitcom After Hours, directed by Craig Cash. Stewart Lee is a big fan of John's wonderful storytelling, and you will be too.

£10 standard | Theatre | Suitable for ages 14+ | Programmed

THERE WILL BE TINSEL



Stories and poems about Christmas



Stamford Arts Centre's professional in-house pantomime returns with a brand new adventure - ALICE IN WONDERLAND. It's a production made in Stamford...for Stamford by the Arts Centre team with lots of local cast and creatives.

Join Alice as she journeys down the rabbit hole and into the heart of Wonderland, meeting all kinds of curious characters along the way. However, she'll need to be careful to avoid the Queen of Hearts if she wants to keep a-head! Will she ever manage to get home? Will the White Rabbit ever be on time? Will the Hatter ever actually sell a hat?

Starring a spectacular cast including our very own Venue Manager, PHIL NORTON as the Queen of Hearts alongside KAYLEIGH BARNES as Alice, the hilarious HANNAH PEACOCK as the White Rabbit, JONATHAN SISMEY as the Mad Hatter and the return of VICTORIA FALLOW-NORTON multi-roling as the Mad March Hare, Cheshire Cat & Knave of Hearts. Also featuring talented young performers from Welland School of Dancing.

The show is packed with a great mix of songs, colourful costumes, hilarious jokes, a whole host of local nods & references and scenery designed by popular local artist Karen Neale.

PERFORMANCES

FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER
6.30pm

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER
2.30pm & 6.30pm

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER
2.30pm & 6.30pm

MONDAY 22 DECEMBER
2.30pm & 6.30pm

TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER
11am, 2.30pm & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER
11am & 2.30pm

TICKETS £16 | CONCESSIONS £15
FAMILY OF FOUR £60 | GROUPS OF 10+ £15 EACH

Box Office: 01780 763203 | Book Online: www.stamfordartscentre.com

KIDS THEATRE & WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER, 2:30PM

HANSEL & GRETEL THE BALLET

LET'S ALL DANCE BALLET COMPANY

Whether your child has recently started dance classes or dreams of becoming a ballet dancer, this is the perfect opportunity to dive into the world of performing arts. The Let's All Dance ballet company presents this captivating new ballet, adapted from the original Brothers Grimm fairytale. With expressive music and staging, this vibrant retelling of the classic tale celebrates the timeless themes of courage, family bonds and the power of love. We're also offering a post-show dance workshop with the ballet company for just £3.50 per child! Spaces are limited so head to our website for more information.

£10 adult (£8 child) | Theatre | Suitable for ages 5+
Workshop available | Programmed



FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER, 10AM

HALLOWEEN ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOP

This Halloween, join Hannah Peacock for a spooky themed arts and crafts morning! There will be a variety of crafts on offer, so come along and have a go. Get creative and make a pumpkin suncatcher to decorate your home. Design your very own monster mask and make your own creepy crawlies garland using recycled materials. We cannot wait to see your creepy creations! Adults don't have to buy a ticket however all children attending MUST be accompanied by an adult.

£5 per child | Ballroom | Suitable for ages 3+ | Programmed



SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2PM

THE THREE BEARS

FULL HOUSE THEATRE

Returning to the Arts Centre after last year's fabulous production, 'The King's Polar Bear', Full House present 'The Three Bears' - a hilarious fairy tale remix! Get ready for giggles galore in this wild, high-energy adventure! Perfect for all ages the show celebrates love, laughter and the beauty of families of all shapes and sizes. The Three Bears flips the classic fairytale of Goldilocks on its head and is packed full of surprises, slapstick chaos and heart-warming twists. A delightful theatre experience bursting with fun that all children everywhere will treasure forever.

£12 adult (£8 child) | Theatre | Suitable for ages 3+
Programmed



TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 7:45PM

PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK: STAMFORD IN THE 1960S

What happened in Stamford - and to Stamford - in that remarkable decade? We started with the new A1 bypass, celebrated the 500th anniversary of the granting of the town's charter, were proud to become the 1st Conservation Area in the country, and ended the decade watching men walking on the moon. Philippa looks at these important events and details the changes to the town streets and buildings in the 1960s, the introduction of new technologies, fashion, music and youth culture. How did the town cope with all the new ideas flowing?

£7.50 (£6 concessions) | Theatre | Programmed



THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

A HISTORY OF POLAR EXPLORATION: ANNE STRATHIE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Drawing on her latest book, A History of Polar Exploration in 50 Objects: from Cook's Circumnavigations to the Aviation Age, Anne Strathie shares the stories of objects from a period of exploration which is the bedrock of our present-day knowledge and fascination with polar regions. Some objects were used by famous explorers but more testify to important work by mariners, scientists, artists, photographers and filmmakers, or sometimes overlooked roles played by explorers' relatives, sponsors and other supporters. Collectively, the objects evidence a continuum of polar endeavour which reflect levels of international collaboration to which we should aspire.

£14 (£12 concessions) £10 RGS members | Theatre | Programmed

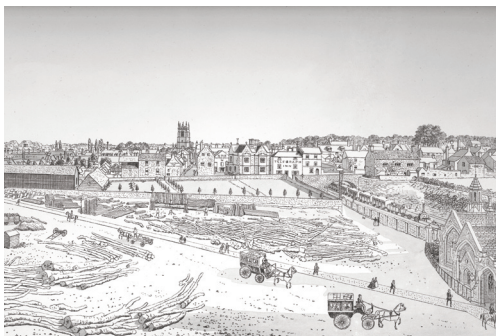


THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 7:45PM

PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK: STAMFORD'S RAILWAY REVOLUTION

The first iron railway opened in 1825, a new way of travelling and transport. This had a momentous effect on Stamford, as it completely destroyed the coaching trade which had made the town wealthy and on which it had relied for well over 100 years. Philippa details the town's struggles to be involved in the new technology, as its former major industry collapsed in a few short years. She investigates the physical changes that the coming of the railways made to the town, and what effect this had on the town.

£7.50 (£6 concessions) | Theatre | Programmed



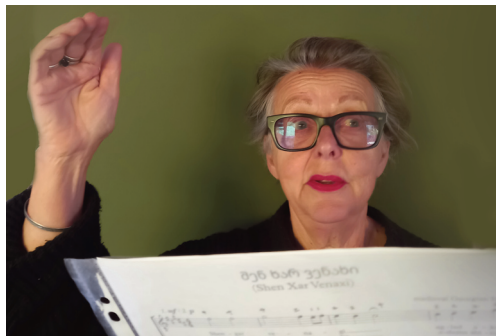
ADULT WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 10.30AM

WORLD MUSIC SINGING WORKSHOP

This one-day singing workshop, led by Linda Roast, will feature a mix of African, Gospel, Georgian, American and Croatian songs. We'll start with some physical and vocal exercises - gentle shaking and stretching of both voice and body to prepare us for singing. We'll warm up with a simple song, moving onto songs which have three or more separate harmony parts. At the end of a workshop, we'll go over all the songs we've learnt. All songs will be taught by ear, so no musical ability is required.

£30 standard | Ballroom | Strictly ages 16+ | Programmed



THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER – THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 7PM

THE RIGHT TO WRITE WITH DARREN O'SULLIVAN

They say everyone has a book in them, waiting to be written. Why not start yours? You have a right, to write. Join Bestselling thriller author Darren O'Sullivan for a 6-week introduction to novel writing. Over the weeks you will meet like-minded people and start the process of writing your book. During these sessions, you will examine how stories are created from first idea to final draft and how you can write fast paced, engaging fiction, as well as managing time, expectations and overcoming that dreaded writers block. Purchasing a £90 ticket gives you admission to this 6-week course, running from 7pm-9pm.

£90 standard | Burley Room | Strictly ages 18+ | Programmed

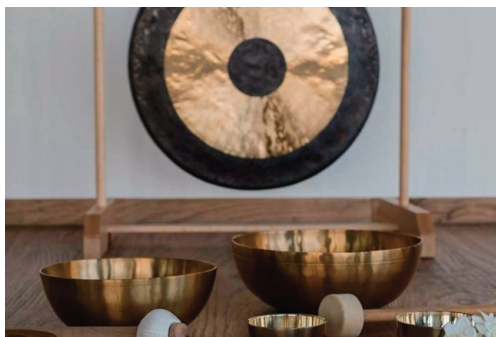


FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER & FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 6PM

GONG BATH MEDITATION

Sally will create a soundscape using light percussion instruments and gongs. Please bring a thick comfy mat or equivalent, a warm blanket (depending on the season), a small cushion and be open to receiving the enveloping sound vibrations which can help bring you into a restorative state of balance and relaxation. Please visit our website for further information and recommendations.

£18 standard | Ballroom | Strictly ages 13+ | Hired



Pint Of Poetry

PINT OF POETRY

Join us for Pint Of Poetry, held in our Gallery Bar on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Stamford poets (and budding poets) perform live stand-up poetry. Enjoy reading aloud to an appreciative crowd or simply enjoy the poetry of others over a drink! These events are free to attend!

Kerry Shearer & Sarah Heather bring you:



TUESDAY 2ND – THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

HORSES, HOUNDS & HOMES: THE ART OF COUNTRY LIVING

Kerry and Sarah bring to you 'Horses, Hounds & Homes: The Art of Country Living'. Following on from their enormous success with the previous 2024 'Carnival of Colour' exhibition. This pair of intuitive, naive artists have expanded their whimsical, joyful collections, to bring you a real feast for the eyes.



TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER – SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER

WELLAND VALLEY ARTS SOCIETY AUTUMN EXHIBITION

In this, its 80th year, The Welland Valley Art Society is delighted to present its Autumn 2025 Art Exhibition with a wonderful selection of paintings, drawings and sculptures, featuring the work of over 130 exhibiting members. This annual competition is a creative highlight for artists and art lovers alike. For full details of all Society activities, including workshops in the Art Centre studio, visit www.wellandvalleyartsociety.co.uk



TUESDAY 21ST – SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

ONE WORLD?

2025 marks 20 years of Stamford Fairtrade's One World Week Exhibition being held at Stamford Arts Centre. Events linked to the exhibition include:

- Displays of artwork and projects exploring the theme by Stamford College students and pupils from local primary schools
- Exhibition preview – Tuesday 21st October (tbc)
- Stalls selling fairly traded products (Friday and Saturday only)
- Interactive activities



Escape the Ordinary!

28 OCTOBER TO 8 NOVEMBER 2025

ESC Artists
Art & Craft Exhibition
Curated by Eve Marshall & Shalini Austin

Stamford Arts Centre Gallery

29-31, Mary's Street, Stamford PE9 2QJ
Open Monday to Saturday 10 am – 8 pm

TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER –

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

ESCAPE THE ORDINARY!

After previous successful seasons of artist-led gallery exhibitions, Lincolnshire based practicing artists Eve Marshall and Shalini will present their 10th Escape The Ordinary exhibition promoting extraordinary workmanship and talent. Exhibits include an eclectic mix of Felt Art, Copper Creations, Ceramics, Sculptures, Jewellery, Original Paintings, Art Prints & Cards.



TUESDAY 11TH –

SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

#SIMPATICO

Artists Sarah J Hatherill and Jane Hawkins' November 2025 mixed media exhibition, features painted and written art works, which explore the power of a tribe, the joy of finding your crew, and the love of family.



TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER –

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

THE ART OF STAMFORD

Most of the pictures exhibited will be by Michelle Hewett, a local artist, who has been drawing and painting scenes of Stamford and the surrounding area for over 25 years. This exhibition will also include scenes beyond Stamford e.g. the Lake District and Tuscany. Alan Younghusband is a keen photographer who has been inspired to create colourful images by the graffiti and buildings he has encountered on his travels.



TUESDAY 9TH – SATURDAY 27TH DECEMBER

THE DEEPFORD ARTISTS WINTER EXHIBITION

The Deepford Artists are a diverse art collective based in the Deeping and Stamford area. They meet monthly to share ideas and inspiration, working in a range of art forms including ceramics, printmaking, watercolour, oils, and acrylic. The Winter Exhibition showcases recent work largely inspired by nature, landscapes and portraiture.



Exhibit your work in our gallery!

The space is used by a variety of artists including fine art, sculptures, metal work and more. If you are interested, please submit sample images to the email address stamford.events@southkesteven.gov.uk.

We will then contact you as soon as possible and add you to our waiting list for the next available yearly programme.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

SKETCHING STAMFORD WORKSHOPS – KAREN NEALE

MONDAYS 10AM – 12:30PM
karen@karenneale.co.uk | 07710 406967
www.karenneale.co.uk

MONDAY ART CLASS – HEATHER HARRISON

MONDAYS 1:30PM - 4PM (DURING TERM TIME)
heatherlindaharrison@gmail.com

LOVE TO DANCE (STAMFORD) - MODERN JIVE CLASSES

MONDAYS 8PM
07730 269969
Facebook: Love To Dance (Stamford)

STAMFORD DANCE ACADEMY VARIETY OF DANCE CLASSES FOR AGES 2 ½ - 18

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS
charlotte@stamforddanceacademy.co.uk
www.stamforddanceacademy.co.uk

ADVANCED LIFE DRAWING CLASS

TUESDAYS 10AM - 12:30PM
pacrewe@yahoo.co.uk | 07540 075764
Paul Crewe

NICKY HAYES YOGA

TUESDAYS 10AM – 1:30PM,
WEDNESDAYS 7:30PM – 9PM
07739 589810
www.nickyhayesyoga.co.uk

THE ARTS SOCIETY STAMFORD

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 11AM
stamford@theartsociety.org
www.theartsocietystamford.org.uk

DRAWING FROM LIFE PORTRAITURE

TUESDAYS 1:30PM - 4PM &
THURSDAYS 7:30PM - 10PM
01780 763806
Mike Alabaster

WILDCATS THEATRE SCHOOL – STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

VARIOUS CLASS TIMES TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS
admin@wildcats-uk.com
www.wildcats.org.uk

PAINTING & DRAWING CLASS – TIM BEASLEY

WEDNESDAYS 10AM – 12:30PM & 1:30PM - 4PM
smcfoundry@yahoo.co.uk | 07453 993340

THE ARTS SOCIETY BURGHEY

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 10:45AM
Burghley@theartsociety.org
www.theartsociety.org/Burghley

LIFE DRAWING CLASS SCULPTURE CLASS – TIM BEASELY

WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM – 9PM
smcfoundry@yahoo.co.uk | 07453 993340

DROLMA MEDITATION

THURSDAYS 1PM - 2PM
addrolma@gmail.com | 07717 420057
www.drolmacentre.org.uk

LIFE DRAWING CLASS

THURSDAYS 1:30PM - 4PM
pacrewe@yahoo.co.uk | 07540 075764
Paul Crewe

60+ DANCE CLASS – SARAH HILL

THURSDAYS 2PM - 3PM
01778 421229

WOVEN CHORDS

THURSDAYS 7:30PM - 9:30PM
(SEE WEBSITE FOR TERM DATES)
info@wovenchords.com
www.wovenchords.com

EXPLORING ART

SATURDAYS 10AM - 1PM
malcolmpugh@btinternet.com | 07913 938908

BOOKING INFORMATION

The box office is open from 10am-2pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday plus 45 minutes prior to events. Online bookings are open 24/7 and gift vouchers and credit can also be used when booking via our website. Tickets can be printed in person or sent via email as a PDF. Simply show your ticket on your smart phone as you enter the theatre – no need to print!

SIGN UP TO OUR DIGITAL MAILING LIST

Join our digital mailing list via our website or contact the box office if you would like to sign up to receive the brochure, as well as exclusive discounts, offers and exciting updates.

CONCESSIONS

Concessions are available on selected performances, indicated in brackets. We are proud to say that we are part of the Blue Light Card and SKDC Armed Forces Discount Card schemes, and discounts are available on Arts Centre Promoted events – please see logo on website listings for participating events.

CHILDREN

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult when attending unless otherwise specified. Babes in arms tickets are available on selected performances for children. These are for toddlers aged 2 and under. Please speak directly to the box office to check for eligibility. These are lap tickets only and they will not be assigned a seat, therefore one babes in arms ticket per adult.

REFUNDS

We are unable to refund money or tickets once a purchase has been made. If an event is sold out, we will try to sell unwanted tickets and if successful, your Stamford Arts Centre account will be credited the money.

GIFT VOUCHERS

You can buy a gift voucher for any amount you require over the phone, via our website or by popping into the box office.

HIRE THE VENUE

From our magnificent ballroom to meeting rooms we have a variety of spaces to suit your needs. Visit our website or email us at Stamford.Events@southkesteven.gov.uk for more information.

The management reserves the right to change the programme, if necessary, without notice.

THEATRE SEATING PLAN

STAGE/SCREEN														
A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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ENTRANCE

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