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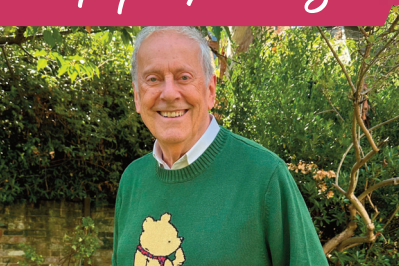
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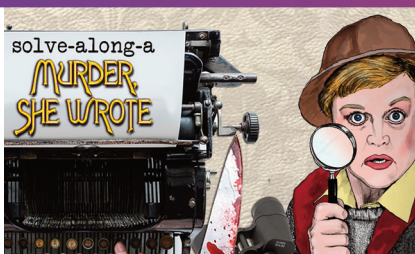
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WELCOME TO STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

Happy 2027! We're delighted to welcome you back to Stamford Arts Centre with our brand-new Spring season – packed with fresh events, exciting performances and plenty to look forward to in the year ahead. It's been wonderful to see so many of you enjoying everything the Arts Centre has to offer, and even better when you share your experiences with us on social media. Whether you're joining us for a film, bringing the family along to a theatre show, or seeing your very own artwork on display in the gallery, we love hearing from you! Not following us yet? What are you waiting for? Our social media channels are the best way to keep up to date with what's coming up, discover what's happening at the Arts Centre and tag us in your visits. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @stamfordarts.

2026 saw the launch of the new Out & About SK programme, bringing arts and cultural experiences to communities right across the South Kesteven district. You may have spotted the team in your local area, delivering everything from pop-up cinema screenings and village art clubs to Grantham Bike Night, the South Kesteven Walking Festival and much more. The programme is all about bringing the arts closer to you and your community – particularly for those who may not have the

wonderful Stamford Arts Centre right on their doorstep. We're excited to build on this throughout 2027 and bring even more opportunities to communities across the district.

We've got some fantastic names joining us this Spring, so we're starting the year with a bang! Gyles Brandreth – writer, broadcaster and former MP – will be joining us following his sold-out appearance at the Guildhall Arts Centre as part of the Margaret Thatcher Centenary events in 2025. This time, he'll be sharing the secrets to how to be happy and live a long life! Legendary guitarist and songwriter Martin Simpson returns following his sold-out 2025 show, this time with his new album, *Some Kind of Jubilee*.

Comedy fans are in for a treat too, as Mock the Week star Mark Simmons hits the road in January, testing out brand-new material. And Luke Wright is back for the fourth year running with his latest tour, *Yes* – a unique mix of poetry and stand-up that promises to be every bit as entertaining, funny and thought-provoking as his previous visits.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Arts Centre soon.

The Stamford Arts Centre Team



SATURDAY 9TH JANUARY, 7:30PM

NEW YEAR FRENCH BAL

Now in its 10th year, the French Bal will again introduce people to some simple traditional French couple and circle dances with the energetic music of the 'Trio Meunier Villeneuve', as part of their first tour of England. The evening will start with a beginner's dance workshop. Following in the footsteps of the famous hurdy-gurdy, bagpipe, and accordion formula, this trio revisits and enriches the world of traditional music from central France. Influenced by their diverse backgrounds, their music is imbued with jazz, pop, and rock influences. We are pleased to welcome some of the foremost young traditional musicians in France.

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



SATURDAY 23RD JANUARY, 7:30PM

MATT FORD PRESENTS THE COLE PORTER SONGBOOK

Join BBC Proms regular, vocalist Matt Ford, and step back into a world of wit, romance, and timeless sophistication as he celebrates the genius of Cole Porter — the composer who gave us “Anything Goes,” “I Get a Kick Out of You,” and “Let’s Do It (Let’s Fall in Love).” Matt is joined by a world-class group of musicians to bring to life Porter’s irresistible music. From Broadway Musicals through to Hollywood classics, this is your chance to rediscover the sparkle, humour, and heart of one of the 20th Century’s greatest composers and songwriters.

£24 (£22 concessions) | Ballroom



SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY, 7:30PM

BACH AND BEYOND STAMFORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

This all-strings programme travels from the Baroque to the late Romantic, with one of the most celebrated works in the repertoire at its heart. Bach's Double Violin Concerto is a perennial favourite, joyful, conversational, and endlessly satisfying, and it sits here alongside two real discoveries. Suk's radiant Serenade, composed when he was just nineteen, overflows with youthful warmth and melodic invention. Bantock's rarely heard Scenes from the Scottish Highlands is a colourful suite of five folk-inspired movements, well overdue its moment in the spotlight.

£18.50 (£17.50 concessions) £7 under 25s | Ballroom | Hired



A GLITTERING EVENING OF SHAKESPEAREAN
MUSIC, VERSE AND ANECDOTE.

The Food of Love devised by Nigel Hess

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SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

THE FOOD OF LOVE

A glittering evening of Shakespearean music, verse and anecdote. This uplifting and highly entertaining show is the creation of Nigel Hess, the pianist/composer behind *Ladies in Lavender* and *A Christmas Overture*, and for several years, house composer to the Royal Shakespeare Company and Shakespeare's Globe.

The performance also features actors Lesley Nicol (*Mrs Patmore* from *Downton Abbey*) and Richard Teverson (*The Crown*), and vocalists Michael Dore (West End star) and Eleanor Grant ("one of Britain's greatest talents").

From the Bard's most famous speeches to scandalous backstage anecdotes, and from alarming theatre reviews to sublime settings of Shakespeare's most poignant poetry, all of Will's musical world is here!

£25 standard | Ballroom



SATURDAY 16TH JANUARY, 10:30AM

SING ACAPPELLA! WITH BRUCE KNIGHT

Bruce has been running singing workshops in the UK and abroad for over 25 years. He has a talent for enabling people of all backgrounds and abilities to sing with wild abandon and teaches inspiring and uplifting harmony songs with humour and clarity. "The day may include a bit of gospel, a dash of pop, and some world-folk – whatever I'm currently feeling passionate about." Be prepared to move your body and sing your heart out!

£30 standard | Adults only | Ballroom

FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

MEGSON

Four times nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and double winners of the Spiral Earth Awards, MEGSON create a truly unique brand of folk music. Combining an infectious mix of heavenly vocals, lush harmonies and driving rhythmic guitars, they have gained a reputation not only for their arresting & intelligent songwriting, but also for their exquisite musicianship and northern humour. Comprising Debs Hanna (Vocals, Whistle, Piano Accordion) and Stu Hanna (Guitar, Mandola, Banjo) MEGSON have been described as “the most original duo on the British folk scene” by The Guardian and as Froots Magazine puts it ‘if you don’t like the music here then you have a problem’.

£20 (£18 concessions) | Ballroom



SATURDAY 6TH MARCH, 7:30PM

THE DORIC STRING QUARTET

The Doric String Quartet brings elegance and refinement to both the Classical canon and new music, offering fresh perspectives of familiar masterpieces. For over two decades, the quartet has combined the insight of a long-established ensemble with fresh artistic energy and a sense of discovery. They have performed complete cycles of Bartók and Britten at major European venues, including the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Vienna Konzerthaus and Hamburg’s Elbphilharmonie. The first instalment of their Beethoven recording cycle was released in 2023 and praised by The Times as ‘a joy’, the series marking the 200th anniversary of Beethoven’s death in 2027. This is the final concert in the Doric String Quartet’s Beethoven string quartet project, don’t miss it! Programme available on our website.

£26 (£24 concessions) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 19TH MARCH, 7:30PM

MARTIN SIMPSON

Legendary guitarist and songwriter Martin Simpson will release his new album ‘Some Kind of Jubilee’ on Topic Records, his musical home for more than two decades. The record marks a remarkable milestone - 50 years since the release of Simpson’s debut album, Golden Vanity (1976) and, in his own words, captures “my best work to date.” For this landmark recording, Martin has gathered an extraordinary ensemble of collaborators he has met along his storied career. The album weaves together newly written songs, reimagined traditional material, and fresh interpretations of classics from Simpson’s extensive catalogue.

£25 standard | Ballroom





SATURDAY 3RD APRIL, 7:30PM

JENNIFER PIKE AND JÂMS COLEMAN

Jennifer Pike has taken the musical world by storm with her unique artistry and compelling insight into music from the Baroque to the present day. She first gained international recognition in 2002, when aged 12, she became the youngest-ever winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year and the youngest major prize-winner in the Menuhin International Violin Competition. She was invited to become a BBC New Generation Artist (2008–10), won the inaugural International London Music Masters Award and became the only classical artist ever to win the South Bank Show/Times Breakthrough Award.

From Anglesey, North Wales, Jâms Coleman is a pianist who performs as a soloist, chamber musician and vocal accompanist. He becomes Artistic Director of the Fishguard Festival of Music in Pembrokeshire from 2027; founded in 1969, it is one of Wales's flagship festivals of music and the arts. His first festival, running for ten days in July 2027, opens with the Welsh National Opera Orchestra and soprano Natalya Romaniw at St Davids Cathedral.

Programme available on our website.

£24 (£22 concessions) | Ballroom



SATURDAY 20TH MARCH, 4PM & 6PM

CHILDREN'S CONCERT STAMFORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

A wickedly witty fairy-tale adventure with orchestra, narration and musical mischief. Join Stamford Chamber Orchestra for Paul Patterson's musical setting of Little Red Riding Hood. Suitable for children and adults of all ages!

**£14 adult (£6 under 18s) | Ballroom
Hired**

FRIDAY 9TH APRIL, 7:30PM

TIM KLIPHUIS TRIO - RHAPSODY IN BLUE

Just over 100 years ago, George Gershwin composed Rhapsody in Blue for the Paul Whiteman Orchestra, combining elements of classical, jazz and blues. This iconic piece opened up a new era for America's musical history. Tim Kliphuis and his Trio have toured for 20 years and celebrate with a brand-new Rhapsody that swings, emotes and dazzles. Paired with the Rhapsody is the Trio's popular arrangement Hoedown for the Common Man, as performed with orchestras across the world, celebrating the music of yet another legendary American composer, Aaron Copland. To top this exciting programme off, the Trio play some Gershwin gems: It Ain't Necessarily So, I Got Rhythm and They Can't Take That Away from Me in a solo guitar version.

£22 (£20 concessions) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 30TH APRIL, 7:30PM

MARTHA TILSTON

With a pure silken voice and lyrics that inspire and captivate, Martha Tilston has developed a successful musical career with a large and loyal following. She has performed on some of the world's most prestigious stages and festivals, gained a nomination for BBC best newcomer, appeared as a guest vocalist for Zero 7, toured internationally and worked with some of the world's most inspiring performers including Damien Rice, Nick Harper, Kate Tempest, Roddy Frame (Aztec Camera) and Zero 7. The past few years have seen Martha venture into the world of film making, gaining nominations for best arts film for The Clifftop Sessions and recently releasing her first feature film (with an accompanying Soundtrack Album) – The Tape – which is garnering much praise and excitement. With her long-time collaborators and musicians Matt Tweed and Matt Kelly, they entwine raw vocals, sparkling melodies and thought-provoking lyrics with filmic movements and earthy baselines.

£20 standard | Ballroom





FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY, 8PM

ANDY DAVIES

Andy Davies is an award-winning Welsh trumpeter (as well as being a comedian, scriptwriter, voiceover artist, actor, and educator). He has hosted the famous Ronnie Scott's Upstairs Jazz Jam for over 15 years. A courageous and powerful hard bop player of the highest level, Andy is one of the most accomplished and exciting jazz musicians we have in the UK. Now, he's heading out of central London to share the vibe of those wild nights with audiences at jazz clubs across the country.



FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 8PM

SHARP LITTLE BONES

Sharp Little Bones was formed by members of the house band of Peggy's Skylight, a multi-award-winning jazz venue, and is led by bassist and composer Simon Paterson. Joined by drummer Andrew 'Woody' Wood, keyboardist Paul Deats and multi-BBC Jazz and Parliamentary Jazz Awards winner Tony Kofi, they form a virtuosic quartet playing compositions that reach deep within and far outside the jazz canon. They have sold out venues and delighted audiences around the country, from jazz clubs and festivals to Nottingham's legendary Rock City.



FRIDAY 12TH MARCH, 8PM

FEELING GOOD - THE MUSIC OF NINA SIMONE

This special event pays tribute to Nina Simone's remarkable artistry, blending jazz, blues, soul, folk, gospel, and classical influences into a sound that remains as powerful and relevant today as ever. Re-interpreting some of her most beloved songs, including timeless classics such as Feeling Good, I Put a Spell on You and My Baby Just Cares for Me. Performed by the Peggy's Skylight Jazz Club House Band, featuring Rachel Foster on vocals, each song captures the emotional depth, passion, and fearless individuality that defined Nina Simone's work.



FRIDAY 16TH APRIL, 8PM

MAGNUS HAWKER-FRENCH QUINTET

Stamford Jazz welcomes back rising star trombonist Magnus Hawker-French for a special evening celebrating the music of two giants of the instrument, J.J. Johnson and Kai Winding. Magnus is a versatile and highly accomplished trombonist, equally at home in contemporary jazz and the classic repertoire. Regular audiences may remember his previous Stamford Jazz appearance with HAMMERHEAD, where his powerful sound, fluency and natural swing made a memorable impression. Expect an evening of beautifully crafted jazz, from hard-driving bebop to lyrical ballads and everything in between.

SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY, 8PM

MARK SIMMONS & FRIENDS

Mock The Week star and Dave's Joke of The Fringe Winner is back on the road testing out new material. Settle in for a fully loaded night of comedy, supported by three amazing comedians, all handpicked by Mark. Expect an evening of freshly cooked one-liners, some that may never see the light of day again, from the 'master of one-liners'. As seen on Mock The Week, heard on BBC Radio 4Extra Stands Up, host of Jokes With Mark Simmons Podcast, winner of DAVE's Joke of the Fringe 2024.

£15 standard | Suitable for ages 14+ | Theatre



FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

SOLVE ALONG A MURDER SHE WROTE

The cult hit event comes to Stamford with an interactive screening of the classic Murder, She Wrote episode "Menace, Anyone?". Jessica Fletcher visits a former student (Linda Hamilton) at a pro tennis tournament, but soon there's a murder that only JB (or you) can solve! Expect a unique and hilarious night featuring games, prizes and audience participation, with special permission from NBC Universal Television. See the show Time Out rated one of 2021's & 2019's 50 Great Nights Out in London. Hosted by super-fan Tim Benzie, an award-winning playwright and writer.

£18 (£16 concessions) | Suitable for ages 16+ | Theatre

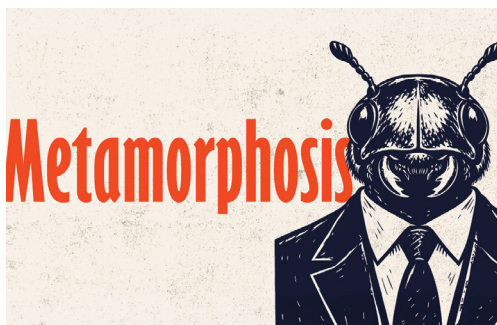


WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH – FRIDAY 5TH MARCH, 7:45PM | SATURDAY 6TH MARCH, 2:30PM & 7:45PM

METAMORPHOSIS STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE

Franz Kafka's timeless reflection on alienation, dehumanisation and the love of the family is given a stunning stage adaptation by theatre maverick, Steven Berkoff. The Samsa family live in a cramped, early 20th century Eastern Europe house where they survive through their salesman son Gregor, who works endless hours to provide for their lives. But as Gregor goes to bed one evening feeling particularly ill, he awakes the next day to find all their lives changed forever. Using strong physical storytelling and dazzling ensemble work this surreal story comes to life and aims to amaze and move in equal measure.

£12 (£10 concessions) | Buy 10 tickets get the 11th free
Theatre | Hired





THURSDAY 25TH MARCH, 7:30PM

ORWELL- THE ROAD TO 1984

A timely portrait of a writer whose words remain a warning - and a hope. George Orwell is perhaps the most influential English writer of the twentieth century. His classic tales *Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, which warn of the dangers of totalitarianism, resonate now more than ever. But where did his vision of the future come from?

In this powerful and moving play, Mark Stratford takes you on a fascinating journey through the extraordinary experiences that shaped the work of this perceptive and compelling writer. In Orwell's words, we travel through many of the remarkable episodes in his life including his time at a grim boarding school, being a police officer in colonial Burma, his adventures tramping through England to live among the poor and underprivileged, and his extraordinarily close shave with death in the Spanish Civil War.

In this age of misinformation, political extremism and digital surveillance, *Orwell - The Road To 1984* is a play for our time.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Suitable for ages 12+ | Theatre



SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY, 10AM

KUMIHIMO WORKSHOP

Discover the ancient Japanese art of Kumihimo braiding with Donna McKean Smith, owner of Riverside Beads in Market Deeping. This creative and relaxing class is perfect for anyone wishing to explore the beautiful world of braiding while making their own stunning bracelets. All materials are included with a choice of colours of satin cord, and end caps, learning essential techniques along the way. Her passion for the craft and clear teaching style make this an inspiring workshop for all skill levels.

£15 standard | Suitable for ages 16+ Art Room

Behind Enemy Lines



"Must see!"

"Amazing"

The story of WW2
female spies



THURSDAY 15TH APRIL, 7:30PM

BEHIND ENEMY LINES

Extraordinary women whose courage, daring, ingenuity and sacrifice defeated Nazi terror. Songwriter and storyteller Louise Jordan uncovers the lives of inspiring secret agents of WW2. Who were they? How were they selected and trained to commit acts of sabotage, subversion and silent killing? Did they ultimately evade capture, torture and execution?

Behind Enemy Lines is a solo performance of live music, original songs, storytelling, soundscape, acting and choreography. Join Louise Jordan as she honours the inspirational lives of some of history's lesser-known women.

Having toured across the UK and Europe since 2010, Louise became focussed on telling hidden women's stories in 2015 with her one-person touring production 'No Petticoats Here: extraordinary women of the First World War'. This was followed by 'The Hard Way: the true story of working-class suffragette Hannah Mitchell' in 2018 and 'Florence; the lesser-known life and legacy of Florence Nightingale' in 2020, before the Covid-19 pandemic led Louise into the world of street theatre with her 'Pop Up Pedestal'.



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!

£16 (£15 concessions) | Suitable for ages 12+ | Theatre

SATURDAY 13TH MARCH, 2PM

GYLES BRANDRETH: HOW TO BE HAPPY!

The 7 secrets of being happy and living the hundred-year life. Gyles Brandreth, biographer of Elizabeth II, known for his appearances on QI, This Morning, Just a Minute, discusses the secrets of how to be happy and live a long life, together with stories from his own unlikely career, and a bit of name dropping for good measure. Gyles is a writer, broadcaster, former MP and Government Whip, now Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Chester. His novels include seven Victorian murder mysteries featuring Oscar Wilde as his detective and he has published two acclaimed volumes of diaries, an autobiography and two best-selling royal biographies.

£30 standard | Theatre



FRIDAY 19TH MARCH, 7:30PM

WILL MILLARD - MAPPING BRITAIN:

THE STORY OF AN ISLAND THROUGH THE ORDNANCE SURVEY ARCHIVES

A talk from the Royal Geographical Society. Join explorer, writer, and broadcaster, Will Millard, for an evening immersed within the extraordinary archives of the Ordnance Survey. For over two years, Will has pored through thousands of map sheets stretching back through almost three centuries of mapmaking history. This illustrated talk will feature the gems he discovered, telling the story of Britain through the changes on the maps, and the history of our most iconic mapmaking institution. Signed copies of his book Mapping Britain: The Story of an Island Through the Ordnance Survey Archives (Orion: 2026) will be available to purchase.

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



TUESDAY 20TH APRIL, 7:45PM

PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK: A HISTORY OF 2 HOUSES

32 BROAD ST AND BARN HILL HOUSE

Philippa compares two very different Stamford houses. She investigates who lived in each building over time, what they did and for what that building was used. The first was built in the 17th century, with 18th and 19th century additions. The grounds behind have accommodated a silk-throwing mill and later a builder's workshop. The second dates from 1698 and stands in substantial grounds high above the town. It was given a new front and other physical changes, to accommodate a royal entourage, and later became an Infant Welfare Clinic.

£7.50 (£6 concessions) | Theatre



MORE UPS THAN DOWNS



THURSDAY 11TH MARCH, 7:30PM

MORE UPS THAN DOWNS: GEORGIE JONES

Georgie Jones has (very scientifically) sorted her entire existence into two categories; Ups and Downs.

A cinematic kiss after a perfect date? Up.

Contracting cystitis on day two of a five-day camping trip? Down.
Spectacular down.

In her latest hour, Georgie explores the ups, the downs, the ups that become downs, the downs that reveal themselves to be ups, the ups that are both downs and ups at the same time, the ups that are unequivocally ups, the downs that are undoubtedly downs and the ups that are only halfway up, so are neither up nor down (Grand Old Duke of York, is that you?).

Praised for her 'formidable stage presence and compelling way with words' Georgie brings spoken word, stand up and just a smidge of oversharing to the stage. More Ups Than Downs is packed with good stories, bad decisions, and the hope that with a little bit of luck and a handful of good people, at the end of it all, we might just find ourselves with more ups than downs.

£15 standard | Suitable for ages 14+ | Theatre



SATURDAY 20TH MARCH, 11AM

SPRING TRADITIONS AND TALES IN STAMFORD

Enjoy tales of Stamford's springtime traditions on a walk with Stamford Sights and Secrets Tours and Stamford's poets.

£12 standard | Meet at Stamford Arts Centre

Top
Pick



FRIDAY 23RD APRIL, 8PM

LUKE WRIGHT: YES.

Luke Wright used to think he had the answers. Now he's not so sure.

For twenty-five years, Fringe First winner Luke Wright has been writing poems that wrestle with the world around him. In this new show, he discovers that certainty is rarely as useful as he once thought.

As children grow up, heroes become more complicated and old certainties begin to wobble, Wright finds himself looking again: at the country he lives in, the people he loves, and even those he thought he'd already made his mind up about.

Part poetry, part stand-up Yes. is about changing your mind without losing your convictions – and staying open in an increasingly entrenched world.

Press Quotes:

"Honesty, humour, ire and wonder. He is at the peak of his powers." ***** The Stage

"His poems shoot arrows through the heart." ***** The List

"A sharpness and wisdom that lifts the soul and soothes the battered heart." **** The Scotsman

"Witty observation and rollicking acuity." **** The Guardian

£15 standard | Suitable for ages 14+ | Theatre

KIDS THEATRE AND WORKSHOPS

Top
Pick



THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 2PM

BIG RED BATH

Rubba-Dubba-Giggle, Rubba-Dubba-Laugh, there's magic to be found in the Big Red Bath! This joyful adaptation of Julia Jarman and Adrian Reynolds' beloved children's picture book is packed with imagination, heart-warming whimsy and enchanting music by indie-electro-pop trio Evergreen.

It's the end of a busy day, it is almost time for bed, and Ben and Bella are in the bath. Join us as we dive headfirst into a splashy splashy bathtime adventure, around the world and home again. This exciting collaboration between Full House Theatre and Half Moon has enjoyed hugely successful tours and a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Festival.

£12 adult | £8 child | Suitable for ages 2-5 | Theatre

TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 10AM & 11:30AM

Make sure to also book for our February Craft Morning with Hannah Peacock, inspired by the same book! Create quirky finger puppet characters to star in your own stories, and colourful animal masks inspired by the Big Red Bath story.

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



SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 10AM & 11AM

WILDLING WORKSHOP: FLORAL BOUQUET

Portia will be demonstrating how to use watercolour paints and acrylic paint pens to create beautiful wooden bouquets for you to take home to keep forever! Add a gift tag provided and this could be the perfect present in the lead up to Mother's Day in March! All materials are provided - please dress your children in comfy clothes they don't mind getting a little messy!

£8 per child | Suitable for ages 6-12
Ballroom

KIDS THEATRE AND WORKSHOPS



WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH, 2:30PM

LITTLE SNOWY HARE

Snowy and her siblings are busy playing. Snowy is the fastest and, while speeding away during a game of chase, she ventures a little too far. When she stops, she realises her siblings are no longer following. She is lost... and alone. Unfazed, Snowy spots some funny-looking footprints in the snow and decides to follow them. Perhaps they belong to someone who can help her find her way home? Instead, they lead her to a very large and very unhelpful reindeer, who is far more interested in chomping its dinner – and farting – than helping a small hare. Continuing her journey, she meets even more animal friends along her way.

When morning comes, the footprints Snowy has been following have disappeared beneath a fresh blanket of snow. Drawing on everything she has learnt during her adventure, she uses her senses and her instincts to find the way home all by herself. Instead of following someone else's footprints, Snowy discovers the courage to make her own path through the snow.

£12 adult | £8 child | Suitable for ages 2+ | Theatre



WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL, 10AM & 11:30AM

EASTER HOLIDAYS CRAFT MORNING

This Easter, create your very own DIY daffodil decorations using crepe paper and recycled materials, and spring themed bunting. The workshop invites you to create as a family and prepare fun decorations for the spring season.

£5 per child | Suitable for ages 3+
Ballroom

NEWTON 300

THE LUMINARIUM

COMING TO SOUTH KESTEVEN

27 MARCH - 04 APRIL 2027

SAVE THE DATE

OPEN 10AM-7PM DAILY

**A SPECTACULAR WALK-THROUGH
WORLD OF LIGHT AND COLOUR
INSPIRED BY NEWTON'S DISCOVERIES,
MARKING 300 YEARS SINCE HIS DEATH.**

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THE NEWTON CUP

Celebrate Newton300 with two exciting days of chess, including the chance to play against Grandmaster Gawain Jones and compete in the Newton Cup Rapidplay Tournament!

SIMULTANEOUS CHESS MATCH

 **FRIDAY 5 MARCH 2027**

 **5.30PM**

 **GUILDHALL ARTS CENTRE BALLROOM,
GRANTHAM, NG31 6PY**

 **BOOKING REQUIRED**

 **SUITABLE FOR PLAYERS AGED 18
AND UNDER**

Ahead of the Rapidplay Tournament, Grandmaster Gawain Jones will play a simultaneous match against up to 30 young chess players from across South Kesteven.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

 **SATURDAY 6 MARCH 2027**

 **9.30AM - 4PM**

 **ST WULFRAM'S CHURCH, CHURCH ST,
GRANTHAM, NG31 6RR**

 **BOOKING REQUIRED**

 **SUITABLE FOR PLAYERS OF
ALL AGES**

The Newton Cup is an English Chess Federation-rated, one-day rapidplay chess tournament held in the grandeur of St Wulfram's Church in Grantham.



**ISAAC
NEWTON**
LINCOLNSHIRE 300

Part of Newton300, a programme of events celebrating the legacy of Sir Isaac Newton in the county where his story began.

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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 MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS

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

ADVANCED LIFE DRAWING CLASS PAUL CREWE

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

NICKY HAYES YOGA

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

EVENING LIFE CLASS

THURSDAY 7PM - 9.30PM
mikealabaster@googlemail.com
01780 763806

WILDCATS THEATRE SCHOOL

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 BURGHLEY

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

LIFE DRAWING CLASS PAUL CREWE

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

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
malcolmmpugh@btinternet.com | 07913 938908

GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Pint Of Poetry

PINT OF POETRY

Join us for Pint Of Poetry, held in our Ballroom 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!



TUESDAY 9TH - SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

ANOTHER HALF A PENCIL - TONY NERO

Another half a pencil is an exhibition that documents my creative journey from my very first pencil at school. From designing record sleeves to my very first exhibition up until today working with different subjects and a variety of mediums such as oils, acrylics, water colours, pastels and spray paint.



TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY – SATURDAY 6TH MARCH

STAMFORD COLLEGE CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT SPRING SHOW

Discover the talent of tomorrow at Stamford College's Creative Arts Exhibition! Featuring exciting work from Level 1–3 students across diverse specialisms, this vibrant showcase celebrates creativity, innovation, and artistic growth. Join us to experience painting, design, photography, fashion, and more, all crafted by our inspiring young artists.



TUESDAY 9TH – SATURDAY 20TH MARCH

HATCHED

The Hagstone Collective presents 'HATCHED', a group exhibition that explores themes of evolution, change and new beginnings. Hagstone is a multi-arts collective who work with underrepresented artists and artforms located in quiet corners of the Midlands. Hatched is curated by local artist Ruth Hudson.



TUESDAY 6TH – SATURDAY 17TH APRIL

LAST ORDERS - 30 YEARS OF ART BY GRAHAM WARD

My oil paintings and drawings are of expressionistic themes of portraits and landscapes. I have published books, on my art and poetry "Travelling Shoes" (2018) and "Last Orders" (2024). My art could be described as magic realism because some themes show a strange and beautiful surrealistic subject matter.



TUESDAY 20TH APRIL – SATURDAY 8TH MAY

WELLAND VALLEY ART SOCIETY SPRING EXHIBITION

Welland Valley Arts Society welcome you to the first of their annual shows! Held in the light-filled main gallery, the Spring Exhibition features over 100 original works by professional and amateur artists of the Stamford area. Come along and see fabulous, framed artworks, including the 'Affordable Art' wall offering small paintings at £75 or less, beautiful sculptures, prints and unframed originals. There's something for every art-lover!



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 and we will be in touch as soon as possible and add you to our waiting list for the next available programme.



On selected Tuesdays throughout the year, Stamford Record Players Club brings the Gallery to life with curated vinyl sessions. These evenings are becoming increasingly popular, so why not come along and experience it for yourself? To stay up to date with upcoming dates and news, follow Iwan Powell on Instagram and Facebook.

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!

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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](mailto:Events@southkesteven.gov.uk) for more information.

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

THEATRE SEATING PLAN



BALLROOM SEATING PLAN

