



**Sunday 21st April
10am to 4pm**



- 100+ stalls ▪ street food ▪ storytelling ▪
- live entertainment ▪ falconry ▪
- street performers ▪ amusements ▪
- indoor craft fair and much more

**Official opening at 10am with
Parade from 11.30am**
March Library ♦ City Road ♦ West End Park

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The Parade

Local groups are invited to join us in parading from the Bandstand in West End Park at 11.30am. Spectators can view the procession, which will be led by Newmarket Samba Band, as it passes the skate park onto Brewin Chase, into City Road Car Park and then back to West End Park. The parade will be led by the dragon and flanked by banners and pennants that have been created by March community groups and individuals with artists Ricki and Cary Outis.



Year 10 students from March's Neale Wade Academy will also be wearing spectacular head dresses that they have created with Mandinga Arts, who have contributed extraordinary and innovative outdoor performance costumes, puppets and processions at many festivals and events across the UK and Europe including Notting Hill Carnival, Brighton Pride, STAMP Festival (Germany), and Aalborg Carnival (Denmark). Thanks go to Cambridgeshire Community Foundation and Fenland Culture Fund for grant funding to make this possible for the students.

The Library Presents - Musical Balloon Band

Don't miss this musical balloon animal show with drumming, counting, singing, movement and audience participation perfect for the under 7s. Enjoy original songs and well-loved tunes and rhymes. Features live music including drums, keyboard, trumpet, saxophone and much more. Participants will be able to have a go on percussion instruments, dance, sing and have lots of fun.



FREE to attend. Drop in to March Library any time – even if the show has started.

Story Telling

Dave Tonge, professional storyteller and award-winning author of Tudor Folk Tales, Norfolk Folk Tales for Children and Medieval Folk Tales for Children, will be performing at this year's festival at 11am, 12.30pm and 2pm on West End Park. Dave, who is also known as the Yarnsmith of Norwich, said: 'I travel the land telling tales. I wander the road bringing wonder wherever I go!'

Falconry

Fens Falconry will be showing a wide range of breath-taking flying falconry displays at 1.30pm in West End Park. There will be the chance to get up close and personal with some of nature's best designed predators, along with some superb opportunities for photography. Come and discover more about birds of prey from how they have evolved to what makes them a top predator.



Gorilla Circus

Gorilla Circus is an independent, Fenland-based circus production company delivering interactive indoor and outdoor contemporary shows for all ages. Their variety of shows have comprised ground-level performances and aerial spectaculars set on eye catching custom structures with unique industrial props, often telling stories of global challenges. From Gorilla Circus you can expect enchanting performances featuring superb acrobatics and a playful sense of humour! Gorilla Circus usually perform in Regents Park in London, so this is a unique opportunity to see a first-class circus in March.



Histrionics

We welcome this award-winning history theatre group to West End Park. Creating adaptive, interactive shows and events, bringing audiences together through shared heritage and adventure! Prepare for shining knights fighting ferocious duels!

Amusements

There will be amusements on West End Park from 10am to 4pm including hook-a-duck, total wipe out, bumper carz, pirate galleon, land zorbs and bungees. The Crocodile Slide will be subsidised at £1 as will the water rollers to £2 per ride.

Crafts

If you are feeling creative, be sure to visit the medieval encampment on West End Park where you can try your hand at shield making from 10am to 4pm. Thanks go to Market Place Creative People and Places and Cary Outis for this activity and curation of the wider arts activities for the festival along with Cambridgeshire Skills and 20Twenty Productions.

In addition to the outside craft stalls, there will be an indoor craft fayre at March Library, with 20 exhibitors offering an inspiring range of handmade items from 10am to 4pm. Many thanks to March Library for hosting this. The friends of March Library will also be serving refreshments.

Fun Fair

We're delighted that L W Carey Amusements will be bringing their fun fair to City Road Car Park this year, from 10am to 4pm. Many thanks to them for accommodating changes this year and still being able to support the event.

Scoters

Local scooter club The Flatlanders will be holding a show and shine in West End Park from 11am to 3pm. Established in 2017, The Flatlanders Scooter Club have ridden the length and breadth of Britain flying the flag of Fenland and even venturing to the south of France and Holland. They have taken part in St George's day parades for a number of years now with support from other scooter clubs from in and around the region. This year will be no exception as they continue to promote March town and St George's day bringing in clubs from as far as Lincoln and Essex. There will be classic and custom scooters on show and an award for best club display and individual scooter at 3pm.

Three's Company

We welcome this year Three's Company, a young jazz trio from Fenland who will be sure to get the event off to a great start from 10am in the Bandstand, West End Park.

Newmarket Samba Band

Samba originates from South America and involves different types of drums playing different rhythms at the same time to create one sound. This group will be making plenty of noise with their high energy drumming from 11.20am at the Bandstand in West End Park.



Spotlight Glee

This local youth musical group for over 8s will be performing at 1pm on the stage. Members meet on a Thursday evening from 5pm to 6.45pm at March Town Hall. Besides all the singing and dancing they thrive on teamwork and love supporting each other to help create the best show possible. For more information email nia@20twentyproductions.co.uk



Back Two

Sally and Paul have been performing together as a duo for over 9 years. They have entertained at a wide variety of events from weddings to festivals and from small private parties to corporate events. Both have musical backgrounds and with over thirty years' experience between them, their knowledge and know how makes any occasion a success. They will be on stage at 11:20am.

March Can't Sing Choir

Set up as a choir for the community in 2016, we are pleased to welcome back the choir to St George's Festival to sing a selection of songs on the stage at 10:20am. Fancy exercising your vocal cords?

Everyone is welcome on Wednesday evenings at the Trinity Hall, March. Contact Val on 07952 639495.

Bourne Borders

This Lincolnshire Company have been regularly delighting audiences with loud, energetic and colourful dancing, traditional folk music and Mummers Plays at festivals since 1992! See them in the parade at 11.30pm. The side is always on the lookout for new members so why not give it a try! Contact them via www.bourneborderers.co.uk or via their Facebook page Bourne Borderers Morris.



Ely and Littleport Riot

Ely & Littleport Riot are a fantastic Fenland women's morris side who perform traditional and original dances in a Border style and are based in and around Ely. See them in the parade at 11.30am



20Twenty Productions Youth Theatres

A huge thank you goes out to the team at 20Twenty Productions for curating the stage programme this year, which will include commentary from their young performers and a performance from their Youth Theatres at 12.30pm.

Future Stars Youth Theatre

Future Stars musical theatre group based in Doddington, will be giving a live performance on stage at 12pm. Children aged 4-15 train in singing, acting and movement at Doddington Methodist Church on Mondays.

The Boatmen

We welcome back to West End Park Bandstand the Boatmen duo who will be rocking the afternoon away with both covers and original music from 1.45pm - pull up a deck chair, sit back and enjoy.

Teapots Dance Company

This dance company offer inclusive dance classes from babies to seniors both in performance and creative collaboration opportunities. We welcome them to the stage at 1.35pm.

School Performances

We are delighted to be joined this year by students from Burrowmoor, Westwood and Lionel Walden primary schools. Performances will take place 10:50am, 2pm and 2.30pm respectively, on the stage in March Library car park.



Fenland Music Centre Association

Join the local musicians of the Fenland Music Centre Association's Concert Band at the West End Park Bandstand where they will be playing a popular selection of music in this exciting performance at 11.45am.

March Brass 2000

March Brass formed in 1891, making it the longest-standing group at the festival. The band is a friendly family-orientated brass band with over 30 members from as young as 9 to over 70 years of age. The majority of these live in the town but several travel from further afield. Enjoy their music in West End Park Bandstand at 12.45pm.



Mog the Orc

Stephen AKA 'Mog' brings a mesmerizing fusion of danger and artistry to the occasion, captivating audiences with his fiery displays. With each breath, he exhales flames that dance and twirl in the night, creating an enchanting and dramatic spectacle that leaves guests in awe. Performances at 10am and 1pm West End Park

Food and Drink

There will be plenty to tempt your taste buds too with tantalising street food and deserts. Why not try a gyro or how about some curried goat with mac and cheese or finish things off with a sweet crepe? There will be a tasty mix of cuisines for all. Not to mention

the many establishments that will be open for business throughout the town too so be sure to leave room for a delicious lunch!

Shopping

Thanks go to all the traders who are taking part this year. We may be relocated to the Library Car Park and City Road Car Park, but we are delighted to say that the following businesses will be supporting the festival.

1220 (March) SQN Aid Cadets
1st March Scout Group
20Twenty Productions CIC
Aggies bags
Bakhtar Fresh Food
Bee-ethical-active. Veterans Foundation
Belle's GF Bakes
Bets Piece of Cake
Birdhouse Brewery
Brewboard
Brooks and Conquest
Brownbread
Button Bank
Cambridgeshire County Council
Fostering Recruitment
Capricorn Crafts
Cassanov
CCVS
CF Fundraising for BCN Wildlife Trust
Charity Link obo Breast Cancer Now
ClaireLouBear Bespoke
Coady's Music
Cole's Kitchen
Collette's Crepes
Crafty Cats
Creative Agent, CPP Market Place
English Spirit Distillery
FACT Community Transport
Fen Hands
Fen Mill Crafts
Fen Spirits Ltd
Fenland Tools

Fens Falconry
Foodmaster
Healthier Lifestyle Choices
Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and
Peterborough
Histrionics
INCAS
J.H.B. Amusements
Jbr creations
Jeans Hand Knitting
L W Carey's Amusements
Landmark Toilets
Leanne Breslin Craft - Design
Leswin Woodturning
LIBAOHP
Lincoln Farm Shop
Little Treasures
Loads of Cakes
Lyndon's Glass and Crafty Bits
Mandy's Collectables
March, Chatteris and District
Committee for Macmillan
Maureen's Jewellery
Memories of March
Mick's Entertainments
Mr Barks Dog Bakery
Nexus Fostering
NND Clothing
Ntsama's Chilli Oil and Sauces
Pansy Power Craft
Paula Reynolds Frost
Pierro

Rays Ice Cream
RNLi
RSPB - Royal Society for the
Protection of Birds
S B Promotions
Scrumptious Delights
Shell's chakras and sweet treats
Sierra Glow Cosmetics
Silverside Grill Event Catering
Sophie's Mac n Cheese
St John Ambulance
Sticky Treats
Studio Cloud Nine
Sue's Cards and Gifts
Suffolk Quilts
The Anglian Players
The Bean Around Café
The Flour Tub
The Marketeers
The Toy Stall
Useful Makes
Utility Warehouse
We Are Blushed Ltd
White Gables Honey and Wax
Products
Whitmore Blossoms
Wi Yammin
Woodland Creations and
Meamora Nails
Yum Yum Tree Fudge Ltd

Amenities

Free portable toilets will be located on West End Park for public use. St John Ambulance is providing first aid outside of the George Campbell Leisure Centre. A free park and ride shuttle bus will run from Fenland Hall Car Park, County Road to the rear of Clarks shoe shop between 9.30am and 4.30pm, provided by Fenland Association for Community Transport (FACT). Free parking is also kindly provided in March Community Centre Station Road and Darthill Road Car Park. City Road Car Park is closed to public car parking.

Medieval Encampment

Story Telling Tent

Dave Tong: The Yarnsmith of Norwich	10:15
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Main Tent & Small Tent

Art Activity: Decorate your own wooden shield	All Day
Histrionics: showcase of Armour	Varying Times
Dungeons & Dragons	All Day
Roll Play, March, Dungeons & Dragons Game/performance	
Come and be shown how to create your own character for a D&D game - take some time to watch the game come alive	

Medieval Encampment ARENA

Mog the ORC	10:00
Histrionics: Stories of George & the Dragon	10:30
Gorilla Circus	11:00
Parade Finale	11:50
Mandinga Arts: Dancing and audience participation	12:00
Histrionics: Arming the Knight	12:15
Histrionics: Live Armoured Combat	12:35
Mog the ORC	13:00
Falconry	13:30
Gorilla Circus	14:00
Histrionics: Arming the Knight	14:30
Histrionics: Live Armoured Combat	14:50

Time

Bandstand

10am	Three's Company
11am	Parade to meet and warm up with Teigan Liebscher from Teapots Dance Company
11.20am	Samba Band
11.45am	Fenland Music Centre
12.45pm	March Brass
1.45pm	The Boatmen

Main Stage

10am	Mayor of March to open the Fayre and announce winners of the writing competition
10.20am	March Can't Sing Choir
10.50am	Burrowmoor Primary School Choir
11.20am	Back Two
12.00pm	Future Stars
12.30pm	20Twenty Youth Theatres
1.00pm	Spotlight Glee
1.35pm	Teapots Dance Company
2.00pm	Westwood Primary School Choir
2.30pm	Lionel Walden Primary School Choir

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