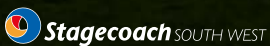




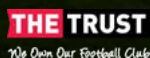
# STAGECOACH ADAM STANSFIELD STAND

**OPENING CEREMONY**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018



Stagecoach SOUTH WEST



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At Stagecoach, we are all about people, from the people that we employ, to the people that we carry. We believe in community. This role in our community is very important to us and one of the prime reasons we have supported Exeter City Football Club for more than 12 years. We believe this is a club which puts its supporters and the city at the heart of everything it does, a club with which we share many of our core values. We have watched the development take shape over the months and along with you all feel immense pride in this fantastic new stadium. We were also very pleased to recognise one of Exeter's truly great players and share the naming rights of the stand, to make it the Stagecoach Adam Stansfield Stand.

Bob Dennison, Managing Director Stagecoach South West

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After a four-year partnership with the club it is very satisfying to see the new Stagecoach Adam Stansfield Stand completed and looking so good. I hope it will serve Exeter City well, and help them to go from strength to strength both on and off the pitch.

Andrew Davis Director, Yelverton Properties

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This is a fitting tribute to Adam who was a real local hero and sporting role model. He gave everyone in Exeter so much pleasure throughout his playing career and was always willing to give his time to the community - a true embodiment of our own 'Close to You' philosophy.

Roy Kinnear, Chief Commercial Officer Flybe

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Everyone at the council is thrilled to be part of today. The path wasn't always smooth, as often is the case, but you should be really proud of the work of the club and what you have achieved.

Cllr Phil Bialyk, Portfolio holder for Health and Wellbeing, Communities and Sport Exeter City Council

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Today as we celebrate the opening of The Stagecoach Adam Stansfield Stand, the Club Board wish to thank every single person who has helped us reach this milestone in the history of St James Park.

Club board

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN JULIAN TAGG

Thank you for being here today to be part of this historic event for our football club.

I truly believe that this is a special club, we're special because we're owned by our fans, but we're also special because we are surrounded by people who care. So, whether that is our fantastic city council representatives, our boards, our sponsors, our staff, our volunteers or our fans - these are people who make sure things get done for the good of our club.

There are a lot of challenges around running a football club which, over the last century, has inherited various buildings and unusual pieces of architecture. It was many years ago that the idea for a new stand was first suggested, when it was clear to all that the much-loved, yet dilapidated original structure, which dated back to 1926, was well past its sell by date.

Ideas and discussions rumbled over the years and various options were explored, but it was in 2014, when we were approached by Andrew Davis from Yelverton Property Developments with an innovative proposal, that things became a little more real and we realised this development was actually a possibility and no longer a pipe dream. It has to be said that it is down to Andrew's sheer tenacity and dedication to the project that we have the development you see here today.

And it certainly wouldn't have been possible without Exeter City Council. The stand, along with the ground it is built on, is owned by the city council. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for financing this development through the proceedings of the sale

of the land behind the Thatchers Big Bank. We must pass on our sincere thanks to Councillor Pete Edwards, Leader of the Council; chief executive Karime Hassan, and city council surveyor Mike Carson for this, and for their ongoing support of our club.

The planning process itself was a difficult one, with two legal challenges to the student accommodation, a part of the project which was integral to its success. Here we must acknowledge the contribution of Andrew Rothwell from Ashfords for his support through the legal and planning process. We dealt with one legal challenge, eventually saw full planning permission granted in May 2016 and were then faced with a second legal challenge after this. Work finally began on the redevelopment a year later.

We must express our gratitude to club board member David Lee who guided us through the extremely complex legal process and has relentlessly kept this project moving forward. Our general manager Justin Quick has worked closely with architects Kensington Taylor, who have been long-term supporters of our club, contractor GLE and project managers Campus to deliver the project on time. He has dealt with all the problems of building two new stands and all associated facilities in a working stadium with good humour and unlimited patience.

We're also proud to be able to show where we've come from and we can do this thanks to our new heritage collection, which has been made possible through a grant from the



Heritage Lottery Fund and the hard work of the Supporters' Trust history group and the Grecian Archive, in partnership with the University of Exeter.

We are very fortunate to have many extremely loyal sponsors, none more so than Stagecoach, who have not only remained strongly committed to our club over this development period but have also shared the naming rights of the stand which has allowed us to recognise and support our fanbase by naming it the Stagecoach Adam Stansfield stand.

Take a look around today, at our improved away end, new changing rooms, associated facilities and our fantastic new Stagecoach Adam Stansfield Stand and be proud of what we have achieved - a stadium to reflect the values of our club, our city and our community.







# HISTORY OF THE STAND

## ECFC MUSEUM

Today we celebrate the official unveiling of the Stagecoach Adam Stansfield Stand, which is now the third grandstand to have been built on this part of St James Park.

The first of these stands was unveiled 110 years ago, having been built to accompany the club's newfound professional status in 1908. This stand, with its rounded roof, provided shelter and comfort for the club's wealthier fans, while changing rooms were incorporated into the design to help City to attract better quality players.

For almost two decades it was the dominant feature of the ground, having seen the club through its formative years, the First World War (where the stand became the headquarters for the Athletes Volunteer Force), and our entry into the football league in 1920. However, disaster struck in 1926 when a fire engulfed the stand in flames.

Rising from the disaster came the second grandstand at St James Park, and if the erection of the first represented the club's emergent professionalism, then this building embodied the spirit of the local community as funds were raised by subscription for its construction.

This stand was designed not only to include 'modern' changing facilities, but also offices, meeting rooms, and hospitality facilities. For many years it was home to players, staff and fans alike, and its longevity at the park led to it being known affectionately as the 'Old Grandstand'.

For 90 years the Old Grandstand was home to generations of City fans, and while there are too many memorable moments to mention here, the development of the Stagecoach Adam Stansfield Stand has allowed us to acknowledge some of the key moments, and people, in the club's



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In addition, the ECFC Hall of Fame has found a home beneath the stand, with its namesake Adam Stansfield being joined by fellow City legends, Sid Thomas, Dick Pym, Cliff Bastin, Reg Clarke, Alan Banks, Peter Hatch, Jimmy Giles, Graham Rees, Dermot Curtis, Tony Kellow, and Arnold Mitchell.

As with its predecessors, the development of this stand represents both professionalism and community spirit, and within this fan-focused endeavour we are proud to have been able to acknowledge the rich history and heritage of the club with our fellow Grecians, as we move forward into a new and exciting era.

*Will Barrett and Gabriella Giannachi*



# STAND TIMELINE

**MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 23,  
2017**

Work officially began on the Old Grandstand at St James Park, including the removal of the buildings adjacent to the stand, the old floodlight poles, and the netting to the right of the stand. The internals were also ripped out to allow for demolition work to take place.



**MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 30,  
2017**

The stand, which dates back to 1926, then has its roof panels removed as work began on the structure itself. Exeter City chairman, Julian Tagg, described it as an "historic moment for



the club and for the thousands of fans who have treasured memories of watching their team from this stand."

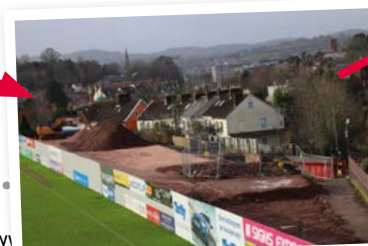
**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER  
30, 2017**

The demolition of the Old Grandstand was largely complete by this time with the steelwork dismantled. The next phase was to remove all of the arisings from the site in order to make space for the piling operation. The forward programme was delayed largely because the foundations of the Old Grandstand were not as had been indicated. There was much less concrete than anticipated which meant that a significant quantity of unsuitable soil and clay had to be removed from site. This meant that additional hard material was required to supplement the concrete that was crushed on site to provide a solid platform for the piling rig.



**FRIDAY, JANUARY  
5, 2018**

After Christmas the redevelopment work took a further step forward following the removal of the Old Grandstand as the laying of the foundations were completed. This preceded the arrival of the piling rig on January 8.



**FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 2,  
2018**

By now 160 piles were sunk to an average depth of 12 metres to provide the foundations for the new stand as the site team encountered no significant problems. Work then began on the pile caps, ring beams and retaining walls for both the Grandstand and the Triangle. This also saw drainage and service connections for both areas put in place.







## TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

Despite bad weather, progress continued on the development into March. By this time the retaining wall to the pitch side of the Triangle had been constructed. This is the wall which now provides disabled access to the front of the stand. Workers then had to dig four metres deep to establish a sewer connection, and that was carried out with an archaeologist present, as it was an area where it was anticipated that historical remains could be found, but nothing was discovered. The next stage of work then involved the completion of the foundations, which was followed by the laying of the foul and storm water drainage pipe connections to the new Stagecoach Adam Stansfield.



## THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

In its 46th week, the work continued apace as workers battled against difficult weather conditions, some consequential plant breakdowns and demand problems which slowed progress on the concrete works. Despite this, the work remained on schedule, with the steel frameworks to be erected shortly. The frame and precast units that provide the seat terracing were constructed in three phases with a target completion date of May 21, 2018.



## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

As the work crept into its 70th week the progress remained on schedule for its October curtain raiser. Over the previous month, work to the undercroft was completed with the ceilings and internal fit beginning as well as windows and lights. External cladding was completed, and the scaffolding removed off site. With a great deal of the stand nearing completion it was time for the CCTV and PA systems to be introduced. The jungle path's turnstiles' refurbishment had been finished and became in use.



## MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018

The erection of the steel frame of the stand was well under way, once again changing the landscape of St James Park. Still very much on schedule, the stone surface and drainage works had recently been completed as well as the foundations and retaining walls. The pre-cast concrete were well on their way with the steel frame and pre-cast units expected to be completed by early June, prior to the cladding works. With City's season nearing its completion, work would soon be under way on surfacing the Triangle and preparing the area for the installation of the toilet blocks and refreshment cabin.



## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018

As another month ticked by, the new Stagecoach Adam Stansfield stand continued its progression with the pre-cast concrete terrace units in place, the completion of the stand's steel frame and the roof and cladding rails almost finished. As soon as the Grecians completed their home campaign at St James Park, the hoarding was removed, and the temporary floodlight pylon taken down. The control room and first aid cabin were then disconnected and made ready for repositioning. The Big Bank temporary toilets were removed, and the existing turnstiles had been sent to the fabricators for repairs ready for installation in the Triangle.

## MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018

In the summer sun, work continued at St James Park with scaffolding erected to the rear elevation and the start of the vertical cladding works. The roof cladding was then completed with the fascia and guttering



installation following shortly after. A pitch side path was then prepared for installation as electrical ducts were laid for the Western Power cable and works developed to bring the new water supply from the footpath in St James Road to the site.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018



Around this time the new red seats had been installed into the new stand with the progression evident for all to see from either inside or outside of St James Park. Thanks to Grecian Goal, the revealing of the huge club crest on the back of the stand gives a fantastic addition to the new stand. The control cabin and first aid room were moved into their permanent positions. Handrails were also installed into the stand as well as floodlights installed on the new stand as the cables were laid for connections. By this time, turnstiles for the jungle path were erected and the toilets and refreshment cabin were put in place.

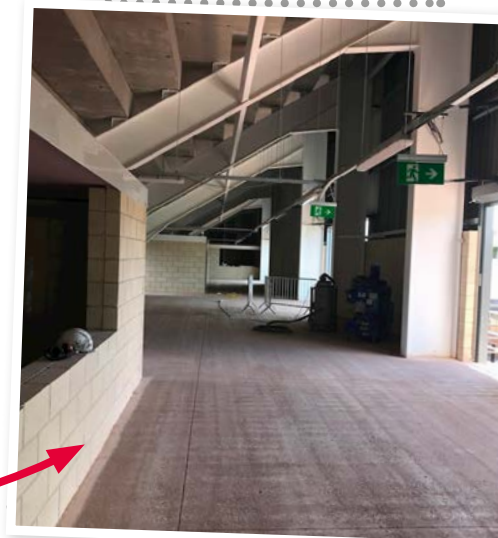
## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

Developers finished the work on schedule and handed the new stand back to the club. A list of outstanding works, including the hand rails to the entrance staircases, were to be completed in the next two weeks and the internal fit out began.

The club officially announced that the stand will be named the Stagecoach Adam Stansfield Stand in honour of the striker who died from cancer eight years ago.

Julian Tagg, said: "We are very

grateful to Stagecoach who have stood by us through the redevelopment of the stadium and continue to do so with their ongoing sponsorship. We know many people wanted to see the stand named in memory of Adam and we are grateful to Stagecoach for working with us to enable this. It is wonderful to be able to honour Adam's memory in this way and demonstrates the regard in which he is held by the club."



# TODAY'S TEAM



## EXETER CITY

**MANAGER:** GL EVENTS UK  
**COLOURS:** RED & WHITE STRIPES

ARQUE <b>LIMITED</b>	1	■
STRUCTURAL STEELWORK <b>LIMITED</b>	2	■
WBM GROUNDWORKS <b>LIMITED</b>	3	■
EX2 ELECTRICAL <b>(SOUTH WEST) LIMITED</b>	4	■
BROTHWELL <b>IRVINE LIMITED</b>	5	■
DB <b>CONSTRUCT (C)</b>	6	■
HART INDUSTRIAL <b>ROOFING</b>	7	■
APEX <b>SCAFFOLDING</b>	8	■
ADAM <b>STANSFIELD</b>	9	■
WRING <b>GROUP</b>	10	■
KENSINGTON <b>TAYLOR</b>	11	■
MAT <b>ELECTRICS</b>	12	■
KENEX <b>ENGINEERING</b>	13	■
DEVON TARMASTERS <b>SW LIMITED</b>	14	■
J&A <b>SECURITY</b>	15	■
MAINTENANCE <b>PLUS</b>	16	■

 Referee: Campus Project Solutions

 Assistants: James Childs & Trevor Newman

 Fourth Official: Mike Green

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