



Old Stamfordian Association Update

Dear Old Stamfordian

Welcome to the latest Old Stamfordian Association update!

You may recall in the previous update I mentioned that the OSA committee has been working closely with the School's graphic designer to create a logo that represents both our committees. I am delighted to share our new logo, pictured at the top of this email, and hope you like it! For any groups using the old logos please contact the [Alumni Relations office](#) to receive the new logo.

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, preparation has begun on the first edition of the new Old Stamfordian Association publication. If you wish to contribute please [let the team know!](#)

I hope you enjoy this update, which is once again filled with amazing achievements and news from across our Old Stamfordian community. Of note is the date for next year's Reunion on **Saturday 14 June 2025**. Be sure to save the date



and look out for the schedule when we share that in the future.

If you have any news that you wish to share with us for the next update, please [contact us](#).

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Nicky Lambert (OS 90)
Old Stamfordian Association Chair

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Remembrance Day

Former Head Boy Michael Holloway (OS 90) returned to Stamford while visiting from New Zealand and joined OSA Chair Nicky Lambert to lay a wreath on Remembrance Day.

Years 7 - 11 gathered on Mainfields, along with staff and our guests, and fell silent at 11am as the Stamford community paid respects and remembered the lives lost.



Our Sixth Form and Junior School students also paid their respects at a service on their sites.

We were also delighted to welcome, for the first time, representatives from the Spalding Parachute Regiment and our Polish community to the main school service prior to their own memorial service at Brazenose House remembering those who fell in the war.

Stamford Futures: Speed Networking

We were thrilled to host our first Stamford Futures event of the academic year earlier this month. The Marketing & Creative Careers Speed Networking Evening welcomed back six Old Stamfordians and four parents as they spoke to over 80 students and parents from Stamford School and other local schools about their careers.



These events are integral to our career programme, which earned Stamford a finalist spot in last year's Independent School of the Year awards for the Student Careers Programme category.

A massive thank you to the OS and parents from diverse marketing and creative fields, including designers, marketing directors, business founders, marketing consultants, and managing directors. Your insights, drawn from experiences at organisations like Tottenham Hotspur, Games Workshop, Nowadays, Caterpillar, and others, were truly appreciated.

We are always looking for Old Stamfordians to support with our careers programme and would welcome conversations with anyone interested in contributing. Although we know the careers of many of our community, we are mindful that we don't know everyone's paths since leaving Stamford, so if you would like to share your journey please do **get in contact**.

New OS Book

Chris Fox (OS 98, Staff 2004 - 10) has recently released his second book, *White Nile*, following on from 2022's *Dreams*.

Chris told us:

“After my first novel, *Dreams*, was published in 2022, I thought the time was right to begin writing another. Around that time, I had a vivid dream about walking the unfamiliar streets of Khartoum and, hey presto, the seed that became *White Nile* was planted.

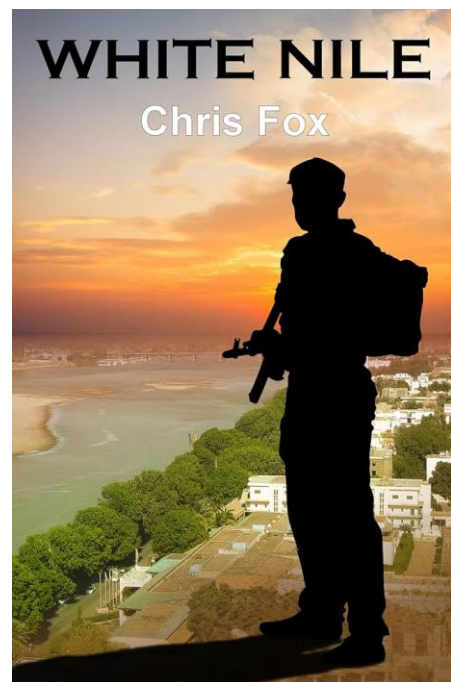
Published by Blossom Spring Publishing, *White Nile* explores the effects of war on mental health and family life, while also serving as a thriller with fast-paced action, and all manner of twists and turns.

This book is a must for fans of thriller fiction, those who enjoy military and political stories, and people who like action-packed writing. I have already started writing the direct sequel to *White Nile*.”

The blurb for the book is below:

“Captain James Hillsdon, an Iraq War veteran, is scarred by his tours of duty. Desperate for solace, he travels up the course of the River Nile in an act of soul-searching. When he reaches the city of Khartoum, Sudan, he makes a discovery that places him at the heart of a global crisis, and into the hands of two American officials.

But Hillsdon is hiding a secret, and the Americans know about it. If his secret is ever revealed, the consequences for Hillsdon’s family will be unthinkable. He needs to make a choice, but if he chooses poorly, there will be no escaping the repercussions.”



[The book is available from Amazon.](#) Congratulations Chris!

Stamford Little Lectures

Stamford Junior School have announced the launch of the 'Stamford Little Lectures Series', an inspiring new initiative tailored for SJS.

These lectures will provide our young learners with a unique opportunity to engage with a variety of subjects and professions. By inviting alumni with diverse career paths and areas of expertise, we aim to spark curiosity and inspire exploration.

This initiative not only celebrates the achievements of our former students but also connects the school's rich history with its present, fostering a strong sense of continuity and community, and furthering our children's love for learning and discovery. Above all, it inspires the next generation to pursue their passions and explore a wide range of interests and career possibilities.

To begin the Little Lectures, Jackson Van Uden (OS 18), recently named in the 'Best Young Historians' in BBC History Extra's '30 Under 30' list, visited our Year 3 pupils as part of their Humanities unit on World War II. He provided a captivating insight into his career and deepened the children's understanding of life as an evacuee during the 1940s.

Our youngest learners in reception were thrilled to meet a firefighter Lili Atkin (OS 16), who taught them about fire safety and the important work firefighters do.



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Little LECTURES



Our thanks go to Jackson and Lili. We look forward to many more enlightening sessions that will undoubtedly enrich the educational experience at Stamford Junior School.

OS Speak to Students

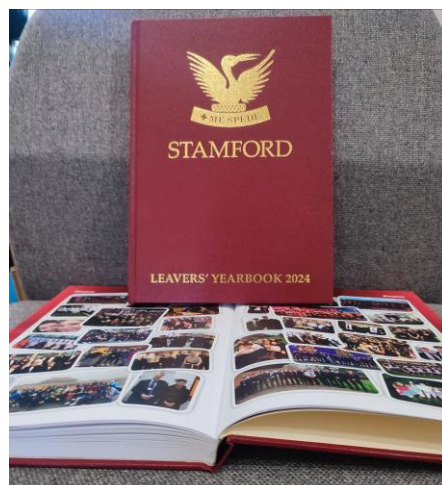
We also recently had the pleasure of welcoming back two further alumni to share their expertise with our students. Vincent Eschaliere (OS 00), now a successful architect visiting from Paris, inspired our students with insights into the world of architecture. Andy Fox (OS 10) joined our Year 10 and 12 students for an engaging Classics lesson.



We would like to extend a huge thanks to Vincent and Andy for their time in supporting the students.

Spare Yearbooks

Whilst sorting and tidying the archives, the Alumni Relations team have discovered spare yearbooks and are offering them out on a first come, first serve basis to OS in the year groups listed below, for a recommended donation of £25.



If you wish to obtain a copy from your year please [contact the Alumni Relations Office](#), stating which year.

The postage cost will be £3.49 within the UK. Please note that the cost to send internationally will be higher.

2013 – 1 book

2017 – 14 books

2021 – 1 book

2016 – 4 books

2018 – 3 books

2022 – 2 books

2019 – 4 books

Alumni Magazine

We're gearing up for the next edition of our Alumni Magazine and would love to hear about the amazing things you've been up to.

Have you started a new job, launched a project, won an award, or hit a big milestone? Whatever it is, we want to celebrate it! [Send us your news](#), achievements, and any great photos you have.

[Contact Us](#)

Your updates help keep our Old Stamfordian community connected and inspired.

Upcoming Events

Stamford Futures: Speed Networking Event

Wednesday, 12 February 2025, 19:00 - 21:00

Stamford Sixth Form

We are thrilled to announce an upcoming event dedicated to careers in Architecture, Real Estate, and Construction, specifically for our Year 10-13 students and their families. We warmly invite Old Stamfordians working in these fields to join us as speakers. This event offers a fantastic opportunity for students to explore various roles and career paths within these dynamic industries.

The evening will feature a speed-networking format, where small groups of students and families will rotate through breakout rooms to hear from professionals. The event will conclude with refreshments and one-on-one conversations from 20:25 until 21:00.

If you are interested in speaking or know someone who would be perfect for this event, **[please contact us!](#)**

Hong Kong & China Drinks Receptions

February 2025

We are excited to announce that Stamford School will be visiting China and Hong Kong in February 2025.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with our alumni and share the latest updates from the school.



We will be hosting OS drinks during our visit, and we would love for you to join us.

It's a great chance to catch up with fellow Old Stamfordians, meet the Admissions team, and hear about the exciting developments at Stamford School. If you wish to attend in either Hong Kong or China, please contact **the Alumni Relations team** who will share more details with you.

Old Stamfordian London Drinks Reception

Thursday 22 May 2025, 18:30 - 20:30

We are delighted to be hosting a drinks and canapés reception for our Old Stamfordians at The Farmers Club, London.

Kindly sponsored by Julia Peach (OS 83) and Stamford School, the event promises to be a great evening, and we look forward to welcoming Old Stamfordians from all year groups.



Due to the limited capacity of the club, there are a limited number of tickets available. Tickets are £30, with a subsidised charge of £20 for those who left school between 2019 and 2024. You can book at the link below.

[Book now](#)

News from the School

Agriculture Club

Stamford School is excited to invite a passionate and experienced individual to join our volunteer community as we launch a new agricultural program. If you have a love for farming and a desire to inspire young enthusiasts, we would love to hear from you!

If you are interested in joining our team or wish to discuss the volunteer role further, please contact Assistant Head Co-Curricular, Mr Brown, at GPBrown@ses.lincs.sch.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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Challenges in Workshop
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Farewells

Keven Johnstone (Staff)

Our thanks go to everyone who attended Keven Johnstone's funeral on Friday 22 November. It was wonderful to see that people had travelled from far and wide to pay tribute to such an inspiring and loved member of our Old Stamfordian community.



We have collected together your words and tributes from our social posts about Keven, and you can read these [here](#).

Jean Shields (OS 55, Staff 1961- 1993)

We said our last goodbyes to Mrs Jean Shields on Tuesday 19 November at a service at Peterborough Crematorium in Marholm.

Leueen Burns from the Alumni Relations team attended as representative for the school, and joined attendees including Gladys Bland, SHS Head from 1978-1997. Other former members of staff also attended alongside Old Girls from various leaving years, and the touching service was conducted by Reverend Jo Saunders, herself an Old Stamfordian. Jo read a poignant tribute and it was a fitting send-off for a much-loved Old Girl and member of staff who influenced so many.

Chris Schofield (OS 60)

We received the news from Dudley Bryant that Chris Schofield passed away unexpectedly on Sunday 24 November 2024.

In his time at Stamford School Chris was a keen sportsman, representing both the school and Browne house in swimming and rugby. He is pictured below, back row centre, in the Browne Senior XV in 1958.



Later in life Chris became known as 'Mr Pinchbeck' due to his dedicated service to the village. He served as chairman of the Pinchbeck Carnival for 20 years and was also the chairman of Pinchbeck Village Hall. Chris was instrumental in many community initiatives, including the Pinchbeck Youth Club, Kids' Club, and a popular book stall that became a social gathering. He was often seen driving his tractor around the village, wearing his trademark hi-vis jacket and shorts.



Just last month, Chris was the runner-up in the Community Hero category at the Pride of South Holland Awards. Online tributes to Chris can be read [here](#) and [here](#).

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and our thoughts are with Chris's family and friends.

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