



Old Girls' Guild Old Stamfordian Club

Dear Old Stamfordian

Welcome to the first Old Stamfordian Association (OSA) update!

As you will be aware of now, on Reunion day the AGMs concluded with unanimous voting from both the Old Girls' Guild and the Old Stamfordian Club to merge the two committees and form the new OSA. This will bring everyone together whilst also honouring and respecting the heritage of the Stamfordian community in the future. The School's Alumni Relations Office will now work with the new committee on creating an events programme, communications and engagement programme inclusive to everyone, so please do watch this space for more information.

The combined committees are looking forward to our first meeting in September and will also work on a new logo for the association.

Thank you to all who attended Reunion. We heard some wonderful stories and memories of times at Stamford School and Stamford High School and it was fantastic to see so many smiling faces throughout the day.



A selection of photos from the day are [here](#) for you. Shutterbox Photography were also on hand to take photos of the evening event, and you can [view those here](#), using the access code SESREUNION24.



We hope you enjoy this update full of amazing achievements and news from across our Old Stamfordian community. If you have any news that you wish to share with us please [let us know!](#)

May Christ us Spede

Nicky Lambert (OS 90)
Old Stamfordian Association Chair

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News

Knighthood for Old Stamfordian

We are delighted to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Old Stamfordian Sir M Stanley Whittingham (OS 60), who has been honoured with a knighthood in the King's Birthday Honours 2024 List.

[In an article for Binghamton University](#) in New York, where he is Distinguished Professor, Whittingham said “I am absolutely delighted that the government has given me this great honour. I may be wearing a lab coat instead of

This recognition comes after he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2019, highlighting his remarkable contributions to science and technology.

[The official notes on the Government website](#) laud Professor Whittingham for his "outstanding and sustained contribution to chemistry. His invention of the lithium-ion battery, recognised with a Nobel Prize in 2019, stands out as one of only a few technological advances in recent decades that has changed the lives of almost everyone on the planet. Without it, we would not have the mobile telephones, or tablets, of today, technological breakthroughs that have brought communications to large parts of the developed and, crucially, the developing world."

armour, but I'll continue to fight the good fight for energy storage, knowing the King is behind me!"

Sir M Stanley Whittingham's achievements are a source of immense pride for the School. His work exemplifies the spirit of innovation and dedication that we encourage for all of our students. We celebrate his knighthood and look forward to his continued influence and inspiration in the scientific community and beyond.



OS Parachute Jump

You may recall that in April we reported on the three Old Stamfordians, Eilidh Doig, Charity Stow and Amelia Findlay (all OS 18), who were planning a charity skydive. We are delighted to report that they touched ground safely and Eilidh told us the following of the jump:

“The skydive went well - petrifying but we survived! We all agreed that the scariest part of the jump was when the door of the tiny little plane opened and we were slowly nudged one by one towards it...

We jumped out at 14,000 ft and did a free fall for around 50 seconds, This was the most intense part but once you reach terminal velocity it was a bit easier to try and enjoy it because the stomach-dropping sensation had ended.



I really enjoyed the parachute descent – amazing views from up there which seem quite surreal.

We are all really pleased that we were all able to raise over our target amount for Nottingham Hospitals Charity. It’s good to know that our contribution will make a real difference. We raised a combined total of £1,612 with over 100 individual donations.”

The JustGiving page is still open if you wished to donate.

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Congratulations ladies!

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Illustration Business Supporting Charity

Oliver Roberts (OS 2000), founder of illustration & animation agency, Oskar Illustration (Oi!), has shared the news with us that the company are supporting ‘Save the



Children' with a fundraising campaign, using a piece of specially created art.

The team at Oi! commented, "We were all children once. Now as parents, we feel united in the desire to do everything in our power to help #StopTheWarOnChildren.

We wanted to raise money for a cause that could give direct aid to those families and children living in conflict across the world.

As a collective of producers and artists we decided to use our creative thinking, illustration and marketing skills to launch a fundraising campaign. Creating a piece of art that spoke to our goal by supporting Save the Children's incredible work."

More information about the campaign can be [found here](#) and if you wish to contribute you can do so using the button below.



Donate

50 Year Reunion for the Class of '74

This year marked 50 years since the Class of 1974 left Stamford School. It was too good an opportunity to miss and the Head of School from that year, David Denney, was determined that the occasion should be celebrated.

He and Chris Wilmhurst contacted as many of their contemporaries as they could with help from the school and some investigation on social media with the end result being a wonderful evening on Friday 7 June at the Crown Hotel in Stamford. Fifteen 74ers and two past masters, celebrated over dinner, sharing stories, reminiscing, and remembering old friends who sadly were no longer with us. As one attendee put it, the evening was "the right mix of joy and poignancy."

David said of the evening, "we would encourage all other year groups to celebrate notable anniversaries and not to leave it as long as we did."



Mark Dexter, Andrew Johnson, James Kudlinski, Dave Ball, Adrian Hobbs, Alan Hancock, Geoff Holyoake, Mick Stafford, Tony Chapman, Tony Wales, Dave Denney, Simon Bryant, Chris Wilmshurst, Tom Bengochea (late arrivals not in photo: Stewart Richards and Peter Moody)

1968 Leavers

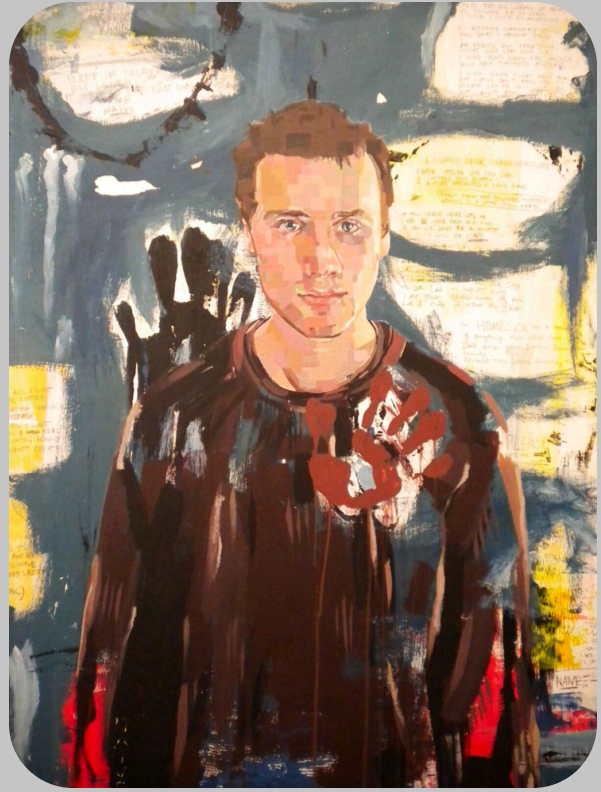
Last month it was lovely to welcome five of the Stamford High School Class of '68 back to Stamford. The Schools' Head of Fundraising and Engagement, Natalie Pretsell, was on hand to show the group around and there were beaming smiles all round.

Thank you for coming Class of '68!



The Courtauld Institute of Art

We have some brilliant news to share about Archie Barnes (OS 23), who has just completed his Art Foundation at Leeds and has now been accepted to study History of Art at The Courtauld Institute of Art from September. Two of his pieces that he produced for his A levels are below, showing how brave and dynamic art at Stamford is.



Of his time at Stamford and his upcoming studies Archie says, “I went to Stamford Junior School from Year 4. I’ve spent so much of my life at school. I spent most Saturdays in the art department and in sport fixtures. The school has offered me so many opportunities, especially with concerts in the music department. Before my art foundation, I was able to try so many disciplines.

My work is expressionism and figurative at a largescale, mostly faces and full-figure portraits. Working on a large scale and working loosely with oil painting. I was and still am hugely inspired by my former teacher Mr Gosden and his art.

“I’m so grateful for the support and help from the art department, a hidden haven where I could focus on my work.”

London is the epicentre for everything creative, with the vast amount of art galleries. When I was at Stamford, the art department only spoke so highly of The Courtauld and to have received a place, is so exciting.”

We are delighted to hear such great news. Good luck Archie!

Farewells

John Spencer (OS 55)

We are saddened to share the news of John's passing. His son, Richard, wrote the following:

My father, John Spencer, passed away on May 25 this year, at the age of 87.

He was a very proud Old Stamfordian, attending the school from 1946 to 1955 and went on from there to St John's College Cambridge, courtesy of a scholarship for local boys funded, I believe, by the family of the Marquess of Exeter.



Dad recently told me that he was always too embarrassed to ask school friends home with him as his house in Langtoft had no running water or electricity, and he studied for all his exams by paraffin lamp.

Not surprisingly, he always valued his place at Stamford, via 11+, when it was a direct grant school, as the single most important thing that happened to him (with the possible exception of marrying my mother) and he followed news from Stamford and of fellow Old Stamfordians until his final illness.

After graduating from Cambridge, where he met my mother who was training to be a teacher at Homerton College, he studied for the Bar at the Inner Temple and then went into the Magistrates Courts service, as a deputy clerk in London, and then for many years as Clerk to the Justices in West Dorset.

Alongside his court work he was at one stage one of the country's leading experts on road traffic law, being the editor of the standard legal text-book, Wilkinson's Road Traffic Offences, author of a popular guide to the subject and on the relevant Home Office committee.

John is survived by his wife, Brenda, his children Elizabeth and Richard, and their families - five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In the archives we have found that in 1953 John was chairman of the Chess Club, he came 36th in the Burghley Run and was captain of 2nd XV rugby team, pictured below, centre, holding the ball.



Our thoughts and condolences are with John's family and friends.

Sport

Old Pupils' Salver

Friday 3rd May 2024, Luffenham Heath Golf Club

Six schools entered this year's competition and the team totals (best two out of three pairs to count) were very close, within six points, for the majority.

Understandably, the Old Oundelians fared worse as they could only muster two pairs on the day but the remarkable winning score of 90 points came from the Old Ratcliffians.

Stamford was represented well by Neil Nottingham (OS 84) and Richard James (OS 83) (39 points), Geoff Holyoake (OS 74) and Andy Ferrier (OS 76) (36) and Dylan Dronfield (OS 93) and Julian Smith (OS 81) (39).

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56th Spring Meeting
Saturday 18th May 2024, Luffenham Heath Golf Club

With the golf course in superb condition and the weather set fair a dozen OS golfers competed in this year's competition.

Following the first ever Old Girls' Guild member joining the fray last October, Liz Pengelly (OS 83) won the 36-hole Championship and the Whitby Cup with a combined total of 75 points. Her superb morning round of 42 points gave her a two-point lead over Martin Jaffrey (OS 78) at lunch, who won the McKenzie Cup.



Similarly, Rory Edwards (OS 90) won the afternoon Ferrier Cup with 31 points.

Liz also won the nearest the pin at the 12th in the afternoon whilst Ian Delaine-Smith (OS 65) was closest on the 5th hole in the morning.

John Cartwright (OS 53) joined the players for a convivial drink in the clubhouse after play and presented the prizes.

Our thanks go to Geoff Holyoake for providing these reports.

Rev. T Wright Memorial Cup

In a close fought match on Sunday 9th June Tolethorpe Park CC retained the Rev. Wright Cup at Little Casterton. The School's (OSA) skipper Nick Webb won the toss and chose to bat. Tolethorpe bowled a good line and length throughout but with the OSA consistently finding the boundary runs soon accumulated. However, wickets fell at regular intervals and the innings finished at 184 all out. B. Harris top scored with 52. (C. Long 8.1.31.3. J. Pye 3.2.6.2)

Tolethorpe's reply started slowly but a partnership of 90 between James Husbands and Will Joyce (OS 11) for the second wicket set the tone for the chase. Joyce fell for 44 but Steve Roberts continued the impetus with a lively 30. When Husbands was LBW to J. Webb in the 35th over for 81 Tolethorpe required 12 runs to win which was comfortably completed with two overs to spare. (L. Sidwell 5.4. 2.1. J. Webb 5.0.23.2)



The Rev Tommy Wright Cup has been competed for each year since 1961. Tolethorpe were pleased to close the gap on the OS with 23 wins to 34 wins for the OS.

The photos show John Smith presenting the Cup to winning captain James Husbands (above) and the OSA team (below).



Upcoming Events

Rifle Meet

OS Public Schools Veterans Match, Century Range 500 yards Bisley

16:30, Thursday 18 July 2024

Bisley Shooting Ground, Brookwood, Woking GU24 0NY

Contact: [Phil Chapman-Sheath](#)

Burghley Park Summer Golf Meet

Friday 19 July 2024

Contacts: [John Cartwright & Geoff Holyoake](#)

Luffenham Heath Autumn Golf Meet

Saturday 5 October 2024

Contacts: [John Cartwright & Geoff Holyoake](#)

Hockey

Friday 30 August, Wothorpe

Following the fantastic turnout at last year's hockey match, we're thrilled to be holding another match on Friday 30 August.

If you are interested in playing, please **email us** to sign up. Spectators are welcome and there will be food and refreshments available on the day too

Old Stamfordians Vs 1st XI and U16A

6:30pm - Friday 30th August - Wothorpe
Hog roast and drinks available



OLD STAMFORDIANS VS OLD UPPINGHAMIANS
FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
KICK OFF AT 6:30PM
SPRINGFIELDS - ST PAUL'S SITE
BBQ AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

Rugby

Friday 20 September,
Springfields

We're looking for players to join our OS team for a rugby match against the Old Uppinghamians on Friday 20 September at 6.30pm.

Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking for a fun evening, please **email us** if you wish to play!

Boston Lunch

Saturday 28 September 2024, 12 noon for 12.30pm

Boston & County Club, Parkgate, Boston, Lincolnshire PE21 6RL

Dudley Bryant (OS 61) has shared with us the information for this year's Boston Lunch. Taking place at Boston & County Club on Saturday 28 September, the lunch is a delightful event that offers the opportunity to reminisce with fellow Old Stamfordians and take a trip down memory lane. If you wish to attend, please [contact Dudley](#) in the first instance.

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186th London OSC Dinner

(for those who attended Stamford School)

Wednesday 6 November 2024

The Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London, W1J 7PY

Please do save the date for the next London Old Stamfordian Club Dinner. The event is held in the breath-taking surroundings of the RAF Club in Piccadilly. Do not be misled by the word London in the title; attendees come from all over the United Kingdom and indeed the world.

Booking information will be sent out in due course.

News from the School



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Gold at IAPS Para Swimming National Finals

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Gold Medal at Junior Rowing Regatta

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Thomas Excels at European Duathlon Championships

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