

**DECEMBER 2021**

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

Dear Old Stamfordian

I would like to start by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy 2022.

Many congratulations to the award-winning Old Stamfordians detailed below, please do let us know if you have achieved something you are proud of so we can share your success.

We recently enjoyed an autumn get-together at the school with great food (thanks to the catering team) and a hearty rendition of the school song. I hope that we are able to hold our reunion on 11 June 2022 and many of you will look forward to attending.

As always, if you have any news or photographs to share with your fellow Old Stamfordians, please feel free to [contact Natalie Pretsell](#) or click on any of the links further down the page.

Jill Hamilton (OS 80)  
Chair, Old Girls' Guild

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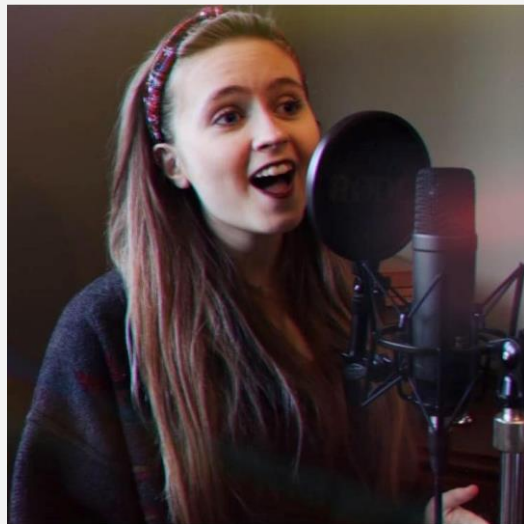
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## NEWS - AWARD-WINNING OLD STAMFORDIANS!

### **Kitty Richardson**

We are delighted that Kitty Richardson (OS 18) has won the Emerging Artist Award at the MY HERO International Film Festival.

Kitty is a singer-songwriter from Oakham, currently at the University of Leeds. She was a music scholar here at the Schools who won Rutland's Got Talent in 2015 with her song 'Wonderland', award presented by Rob Persani, and has been on BBC Introducing twice.



MY HERO first became aware of Kitty when she applied to be a college intern in 2020 while attending the University of Leeds for her Year in Industry. Her contributions to the project include award winning music video productions, short video portraits of heroes from the MY HERO Calendar, outstanding interviews with winning filmmakers and original short films that profoundly explore her unique vision and perspective.

*Kitty says:*

"At the age of 12 - I was diagnosed autism and with EDS, a rare connective tissue

disorder. This spurred me on to writing, producing and publishing my first song to raise money for the EDS charity. Soon after an album followed. Ever since then I have been passionate about creating music of all types. I must credit my teachers and Mr. Turner from Stamford High School, for not only introducing me to music, but for encouraging and believing in me at such an early age.”

[You can read more about her achievements on her website.](#) Congratulations Kitty!

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### **Ella Tapson**

We are thrilled that Ella Tapson (OS 16) has recently won the South Kesteven District Council Award: Neil Smith - Beyond the Call of Duty Award for her work attending emergencies, fundraising and attending community events while training to be a paramedic.



The life-saving volunteer was presented with her award by Candice Smith, whose late husband Neil, an SKDC employee up to the time of his sudden and untimely death, inspired the award. Neil saved their infant son Tommy's life by administering CPR until medical help arrived - from a LIVES first responder. She is pictured above with Candice Smith, her son Tommy and SKDC Leader Cllr Kelham Cooke (OS 08).

*Ella spoke to the council and said:*

"It's a real privilege to be able to help people, sometimes needing to use the defibrillator that I carry and sometimes just to sit with them until an ambulance arrives. It's wonderful to get recognition for what we all do and the difference that first responders make."

We are proud of you Ella!

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### **Vicky Whiter**



Vicky Whiter (OS 88), owner and Managing Director of Peters' Cleaners has won the award for Tech Woman of the Year 2021 at the Women in Peterborough Awards. What an honour and a well deserved award to go some way in recognising Vicky for her innovation in tech.

An article about Vicky with further information about the award will be published in due course.

Congratulations Vicky!

## **REMINISCENCES**

### **Audrey Clarke née Morris (OS 48)**

After the news of Audrey's passing in our last update Miss Gladys Bland has written with the following tribute.

"Audrey Clarke was very proud and grateful to be an Old Girl of the School. She felt the school had given her an education and opportunities that otherwise she would not have had. I always appreciated her unfailing love and loyalty to the school.

It is not always appreciated how much a school owes to its support staff. A school could not function without its cleaners, cooks, groundsmen and all its maintenance staff. Secretarial staff are of prime importance in promoting efficiency and are often the first place where prospective parents form a first impression of the school. I worked with Audrey for many years and valued her qualities as one of the extremely important team of office staff. secretaries. She was efficient, hardworking, punctual, loyal and discreet.

Audrey was diagnosed with lupus and that is known to be an unpleasant and not always recognised health problem. However she enjoyed her life and holidays travelling abroad. She delighted in and deeply loved her family, to whom I extend sympathy.

May Christ Spede her soul to rest in peace."

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **Old Stamfordian Lansdowne Drinks Event**

**12 May 2022**

**London Lansdowne Club, 9 Fitzmaurice Place, Mayfair, London, W1J 5JD**

Further information to follow.

Contact: [Natalie Pretsell, Community Engagement Manager.](#)

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### **Old Stamfordian Reunion Weekend 2022**

**Friday 10 June 2022 to Sunday 12 June 2022**

Further information to follow.

Contact: [Natalie Pretsell, Community Engagement Manager.](#)

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

On behalf of everyone here at Stamford, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and enjoyable New Year.





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