



## APRIL 2021

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

*Dear << Test First Name >>*

We do hope this Update finds you safe and well. There seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel now and some normality approaching which is warmly welcomed.

Despite the pandemic, we have heard of Old Stamfordians continuing to do what they do best; shine in the face of adversity with that Stamfordian spirit. It is so nice to hear how people are getting on, what new projects they are involved with and where life has taken them. In this edition, you will read of an Old Stamfordian's sporting competition, a quiz winner and an article with a musical theme. As always we welcome contributions to the Updates so please do let us know if there is anything you would like including in the future.

We are also looking forward to being able to host the OS Autumn Get-Together at the Schools in November, you will find more details a link to the booking form below.

The annual member's publication is at the printers so you should be receiving this in the not too distant future which is very exciting. We will be circulating a special Update with full details so do watch out for this.

### **May Christ us Spede.**

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

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## **EVENTS**

### **Old Stamfordian Autumn Get-Together**

**20 November 2021**

In the absence of being able to host a formal Reunion Weekend for 2021, we are pleased to be able to announce a one day event for Saturday 20 November 2021 (subject to government guidelines).

[Booking for this event is now live and you can find schedule of events and ticket information here.](#)

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

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

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

We are delighted to announce the dates for the Reunion Weekend 2022. Planning is still in the early stages however we hope that you will mark the dates in your diary.

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

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## OS NEWS

### Old Stamfordian in the Women's Boat Race

Megan Stoker (OS 16) participated in this year's Women's Boat Race, racing for Oxford against Cambridge. Held at the beginning of April, this year marked the 75th anniversary of the race.



Megan discussed the race in an interview with Natalie Pretsell, Community Engagement Manager at the Schools:

“On the day I was feeling nervous as you would expect, with all the cameras on us and knowing this is the one chance we have; however, at the same time we were all very excited to show everyone what we are made of. It was not the result we wanted but it was an extremely hard fought race, full of tenacity, which I could not be more proud of. I feel extremely lucky to be part of a team with such strong and inspiring women and I cannot wait to try again next year to get the win we came here for.”

[You can read the full interview with Megan on our website](#), along with other Alumni news.

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### Quiz Show Contestant



For those of you who have participated in our virtual quizzes, it may interest you to know that Sarah Howard ((OS 84) and two-time virtual quiz champ!) and her daughter were on the BBC quiz show 'Pointless' this week. We don't want to give anything away if you haven't seen, but it is still available to watch on iPlayer.

Watch this space for dates of future virtual quizzes!

### Fundraising Old Stamfordian

Christine Bennett (OS 69) has informed us of her fundraising project for the charity 'Herts Musical Memories', with [a YouTube playlist for her 70th birthday](#).

Christine told us:

"It took a little while to sort out – but, again, people were astonishingly generous. Some of the videos are endearingly amateur but some are extremely professional (not least, because most of those are from professional musicians, who – even though they were

**PARTY PIECE**  
Version 2.0  
**CONCERT**  
YouTube Playlist  
[tinyurl.com/efymzw7r](https://tinyurl.com/efymzw7r)  
FROM Mon, 1 Mar 2021

Musical "Pot Pourri":  
Rock, Pop, Jazz, Folk, Classical... including  
John & Mandy Wyatt, Victoria Simmonds,  
John Schindler, Neil Maxfield, Gaura Horn,  
Deborah Holborn, Michelle Harris, Gavin  
Davies, Christine Bennett, Kim Archer, ...

Access Free – donations to  
**Herts Musical Memories**  
Registered charity in England and Wales (1176007)  
<http://www.hertsmusicalmemories.org.uk>

in the midst of a time when  
earning was

almost impossible – *still* gave their time for free). This time the charity is [Herts Musical Memories](#) (“HMM”) I’m not one of the “leaders” but I’m a regular “support singer” for them, so I saw how desolate the clients were, a few years ago, when the *Singing for the Brain* (TM) sessions, run by the Alzheimer’s Society were about to be halted because of a funding change. HMM was set up by one of the leaders that lives up the road from me, and was able to rescue about a dozen of the 14 or so groups in Hertfordshire, and she runs it on a shoestring from her home. It's entirely reliant on *ad hoc* grants and donations and the modest contributions from the clients."

You can read [Christine's full story here](#), and if you would like to make a donation you can find [the HMM website here](#).

## REMINISCENCES

Dear OGG community,

Sorting out in my attic I came across an old file full of notes taken during my student days at Nottingham University, now no longer scientifically relevant!! Still taped inside the cover were the below pictures! I shall send it to my 15 year-old granddaughter to see how it compares with her current COVID-upset school timetable!

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL  
Autumn Term 1956

MORNING		AFTERNOON	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9.0 Latin	9.0 Latin	9.0 Latin	9.0 Latin
10.0 French	10.0 French	10.0 French	10.0 French
10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40
BREAK			
11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40
12.15	12.15	12.15	12.15
AFTERNOON			
2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20
2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55
3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30
PREPARATION			
Chemistry 20	Maths 20	Physics 20	French 20
Geography 20	Latin 20	History 20	English 20
French 20	French 20	Chemistry 20	Geography 20
English 20	Geography 20	English 20	Latin 20

Also I am interested if anyone from Upper V one (1956-7) is in contact with you some 64 years since many of us left.

I have had an interesting life so far, most of it in the Balkans, and try to keep up-to-date by reading 'Nature' a comprehensive weekly scientific magazine.

All the best to the team

Anna Nikolic (Shouler) (OS 57)

**STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

Autumn Term 1956 Name Anna Shouler  
Form U.V.

	MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.
9.0	Scatterings	Prose			
10.0	Latin Britain Geography G.R.	Hist French Maths General	Hist Biology Bl. Latin Chemistry Hist	Nations Hist Biology Bl.	Chemistry Chl Essay French Hist
10.40	Maths	Geography G.R.	BREAK.	"	Physics Phil
11.40	Plays English Translation	Novel English	Physics Phil	N. America	Maths Hist
12.15	French	FREE	"	Gym 1/4 H	Caesar Latin Hist
AFTERNOON.					
2.20	Music ChR	Verbal Latin	Maths	Prose & Grammar	FREE
2.55	Chemistry Chl	Games	English Hist	FREE	Poetry English Hist
3.30	Prep Hist	"	Prep Hist	Hymn Practice	Prep.
PRÉPARATION.					
	Chemistry 30	Maths 30	Biology 50	French 30	Physics 50
	Geography 30	Latin 30	Physics 40	Maths 30	Maths 30
	French 30	French 30	Maths 30	Biology 40	English 60
	English 30	Geography 30	Chemistry 30	Geography 30	Chemistry 30
	2 hrs.	2 hrs.	Latin 30	1 hr 40 min.	Latin 30
			3 1/2 hrs.		3 hr 20 min.

## CALLING OLD STAMFORDIANS!

Calling Old Stamfordians from the world of veterinary sciences!

We have an increasing number of Y12 students interested in veterinary science and our Med Society lead would like to collaborate with OS from this field of work to support their interest.

This could be to provide a real life insight in to this career, guidance on how to get there, a debate task, or an update of opportunities and changes in this area.

If you would be interested in supporting and being a part of this [please contact me](#).

Kindest regards

Natalie

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