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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Dear Old Stamfordian

We would like to say good luck to our new Old Stamfordians now that the Schools have broken up for the summer. We look forward to seeing them at our future events and are excited at following their next chapter.

If there is anything you wish to see from the OGG or if you have any news to share, [please let us know.](#)

May Christ Us Spede

Nicky Lambert (OS 90)
Chair, Old Girls' Guild

Lindy Carter (née Gosling) (OS 80)
Secretary, Old Girls' Guild

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NEWS

Wedding Award Win

Viv Bradford (née Crisp) (OS 86) and her company, Mrs Bee's Flowers, have won Weddings Inc – Weddings Industry Awards in the East Midlands for Wedding Florists category.

Mrs Bee's Flower Company has continually marked itself by the quality of the beautiful wedding flowers and warm, friendly customer service offered. The quirky natural floristry has significantly contributed to improving the wedding industry and offering that exceptional service to customers.

“Thanks to its product features and characteristics. We are very pleased that Mrs Bee's Flower Company has been recognised as offering the best service in the wedding industry” said Laura at Weddings Inc.

Weddings Inc – Wedding Industry Awards brings together businesses within the wedding industry across the UK. Wedding business owners have suffered over the past two years with the pandemic and the awards wanted to honour key players and recognise the contribution of business owners within the wedding industry.

Congratulations Viv!

Race for Life in Memory of OS

Anna Everitt (née Martin) (OS 02), Katy Barker (née Lane) (OS 02), Lucy Talbot (née Armitage) (OS 02) and Cathy Stamp (née Woolf) (OS 02) ran the Race for Life in June, in memory of fellow Old Stamfordian Dr Emily Clavering (OS 02).



Emily, who was good friends with the four participants, sadly lost her brave fight against breast cancer in December 2021. Her brother, Dr Will Clavering (OS 2000) wrote a poem for her eulogy that became the title of their Race for Life campaign

- *More Gin, Less Tonic*.

An extract from this poem is below, and the full version can be read in the [eulogy](#).

*A little more eye shadow, a little more glow
Never scared to ask for help when feeling low*

*A little less pretentious, a few more laughs
A little more gaming and a few more crafts*

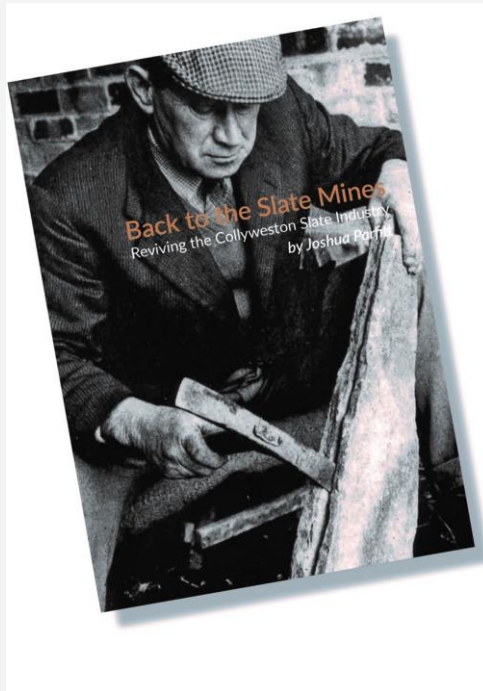
*A little more noise and a little more phonic
A little more gin and a little less tonic*

[Click here for the tributes read out as part of Emily's eulogy](#), and you can [donate to the *More Gin, Less Tonic* campaign here](#).

Three Old Stamfordians Involved in Local Book

If you visit Legoland in Denmark you will see that England is represented by Stamford's Red Lion Square and the buildings have Collyweston slate roofs. It is easy to take our iconic roofs for granted and never take the time to stand and stare up at the intricate 'laced valleys' and handcut tiles that get larger the closer they become to the gutter. Three OS members had certainly never bothered to look up,

that is until they were commissioned to produce *Back to the Slate Mines, Reviving the Collyweston Slate Industry*.



Joshua Parfitt (OS 04) has spent most of his life abroad and now lives and works on the Costa Blanca. He, like his mother, Jo Parfitt (née Gosling) (OS 79) and his uncle, Patrick Gosling (OS 80), attended Stamford. Joshua is a writer, Jo runs Summertime Publishing and Patrick is a photographer. The book was published by Jo, with photographs by Patrick and text by Joshua.

Back to the Slate Mines covers the history and methods of the trade and celebrates the reopening, after 50 years, of Collyweston slate mine. Captured within these pages are the stories, in the slaters' own words, of how the trade used to be – and how hard the industry fought to resurrect it.

The book, now available in several Stamford bookstores and direct from Summertime Publishing, is fun and informative and will encourage you to look up, recognise the craftsmanship and appreciate the buildings that make this part of England like no other.

www.summertimepublishing.com

www.joshuajames.xyz

SECTOR GROUP SPOTLIGHT

This joint venture between the Old Stamfordian Club and the Old Girls' Guild aims to provide a platform for supporting Old Stamfordians with career guidance, sharing of information, networking, and job/work experience opportunities, and also social events – a worthwhile offering for the alumni community I am sure you will agree.



Old Stamfordians Education Sector Group

Every once in a while fate deals a helping hand and it certainly has done with the Education Sector Group. Ben Slack (OS 07) has stepped forward to lead the Education Sector Group. Ben qualified as a teacher, taught at Stamford, and now works within Education Technology. Above all Ben has bags of enthusiasm and is keen to get weaving.

The objectives of each Sector Group are:

- to provide guidance and support for students contemplating a career in the Sector
- to develop a network for Stamfordians involved in the Sector
- to provide help and support for Stamfordians throughout their careers

Once the beginnings of a network are established, an event will be held. This is a really exciting development in the Sector Group Project.

If you are interested in being involved please [contact Natalie Pretsell](#)

Thanks

Phillip Hoskins (OS 72)
Lindy Carter (OS 80)

FUTURE EVENTS

[Annual Autumn Reunion Lunch at Boston](#)

Saturday 3 September 2022

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

After a wonderful gathering of Old Stamfordians last month at the Reunion Weekend, we look forward to meeting up again for the Boston annual OS Reunion.

All Old Stamfordians are invited, so please contact your contemporaries, and come along.

Please spread the word to your old school mates, arrange to come together, sit at tables of 8 or 10, and enjoy reminiscing over lunch and a drink.

[Book here](#)

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