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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear Old Stamfordian

The year continues to fly by and news from our Old Stamfordians continues to come in thick and fast! Thank you for sharing your stories with us; these updates wouldn't be possible without your much-appreciated input and contributions.

Work will soon begin on the next edition of the OGG magazine, so if you have any news or updates that you wish to share and include in the magazine, [let us know](#). Likewise, if there is anything you wish to see from the committee, please contact us.

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[The Old Girls' Guild](#)

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OLD STAMFORDIAN NEWS

Marigold Lamin (OS 56)

Upon sharing the sad news of Marigold's passing in our last update and on Old Stamfordian social media channels, we received many tributes and memories.

[A selection of these memories are below, and you can read all the tributes here.](#)

"She was a lovely, generous lady who always had time for everyone and always thought the best of people."

"Such a lovely lady. I remember being in the same crafting group with her a few years after school. She asked me to call her Marigold, but I could never think of her as anything except Mrs Lamin. It took a few weeks to get there. Love her colour choices
♥♥♥"

"When you have a teacher who totally shapes your life... for me, mine was Mrs Lamin. She was my first teacher at Stamford Junior school in L2 (year 4) in about 1987 and she was incredible and believed in all of us girls. She was nurturing, an inspirational teacher and a wonderful lady."

To the glory of God
in Thanksgiving for and
Celebration of the life of
Christobel Ida Marigold Lamin



1937 - 2023

A well-attended Service of Thanksgiving was held on Thursday 31 August and it was lovely to see so many Old Girls and former members of staff celebrating Marigold's life and pay tribute to a much-loved member of our Old Stamfordian community. Marigold will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.

OS Involvement in Rugby World Cup

With the Rugby World Cup in full flow, *The Times* have written a brilliant article on Old Stamfordian Charlotte Gibbons (OS 95), who they describe as 'the master organiser behind England's rugby squad.'

Charlotte is Operations Manager at the RFU, and is responsible for everything from

handling players' passports to measuring beds to ensure players such as 6ft 7 Courtney Lawes fit!

[The full article can be read on on The Times website.](#)

Fingers crossed that the Old Stamfordian spirit can help England in the tournament!



Genealogy Expertise in Zürich

At the beginning of February, Christine Cocks (née Bennett) (OS 69) was invited out to the Rietberg Museum, in Zürich, to attend the Benin Forum, and investigation by Swiss Museums into how they acquired Benin Art treasures. An interim report was presented to a delegation from Nigeria, and due to her expertise in genealogy, Christine was cited in the report.

Of her participation, Christine said "A Swiss-based researcher, Alice Herzog recruited me to the *Swiss Benin Initiative*: investigating the provenance of Benin Bronzes, whose source may have been the 1897 British Punitive Expedition, when our army pillaged Benin's palace and deposed the King. I did some "work", via email; then, in early Dec 2021, I met Alice at the British Museum and had the privilege of looking at many African artefacts through the eyes of the curator. I had already helped avoid a wrong research-route and found additional research lines in other cases.

"In late 2022, Alice invited me to the Benin Forum, at the Rietberg Museum, Zürich, on 2 Feb 2023. The Forum was a wonderful experience and I felt truly privileged to have been invited. It began with formal introductions, continued with the presentation of the report

on the two-year project, then the formal presentation to the Nigerian delegation, of printed copies. Afterwards, the formal Q&A panel-session helped me to grasp, more deeply, just how important the project is, with huge ethical implications – putting right a grave historical wrong. I also learned that, unusually, the Swiss museums had been initiators of the conversation with the Nigerian “stakeholders”. That interaction has proved immensely fruitful in improving the understanding of the artefacts. Nigerian help was able to identify which “suspect” pieces were not, in fact, Nigerian at all, or had been made after 1897. The Nigerians who’d travelled to Switzerland were at last able to see and touch artefacts that they’d only seen in photographs – and it was very clear that that had been profoundly important to them.”

[Christine's full report about the Benin Forum can be read here.](#) Congratulations Christine, on your fabulous and important work!

Old Stamfordian Art Exhibitions

Emily Howard (OS 17) will be exhibiting her artwork at two upcoming exhibitions and a fair over the next few months. The first event is a month long solo exhibition over October in St Neots in [Art & Soul](#).

Following this will be a joint two week exhibition with three other artists in [Stamford Arts Centre](#), running from 20th November until 4th December.

Emily will also have a trade stand at the Country Living Christmas Fair in Harrogate, which runs from 30th November until 3rd December.

Last year, *Next* began to sell copies of Emily's painting, Harry the Highland Cow, at stores across the UK, while prints, original paintings and commissions are all available from Emily's website.

Emily also supports the [Stamford Card scheme](#) run by the Schools, which raises money for bursaries for local families by offering 10% off commissions and pet portraits to our Stamford Card holders. If you would like to become a Stamford Card holder, [please click here](#).

[For more information about Emily, her artwork and exhibitions, please visit her website or follow her on social media.](#)



EMILY HOWARD DESIGNS

ART EXHIBITION



1st - 31ST OCTOBER ART & SOUL
 7 NEW STREET
 SAINT NEOTS
 PE19 1AE

SUN - THURS, 10:00 - 16:00
 FRI & SAT, 10:00 - 17:00

LIFE IN COLOUR

20TH NOVEMBER - 4TH DECEMBER

AN ART EXHIBITION.
 Emily Howard Designs,
 Rose Thorn, Rachel Larder,
 Emily Jayne Bowers.



Rose Thorn Emily Howard Designs Rachel Larder Emily Jayne Bowers

Monday - Saturday
 9:00 - 20:00

STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE
 27 ST MARY'S STREET
 STAMFORD
 PE9 2DL

EMILY HOWARD DESIGNS

COUNTRY LIVING CHRISTMAS FAIR
 HARROGATE



30th Nov - 3rd Dec
 8:30 - 17:30

Stand N19
 Newcomers Area

Harrogate Convention Centre
 King's Rd
 Harrogate
 HG1 5LA

COUNTRY LIVING

OS Business Celebrates Anniversary

Earlier this month, local accountancy firm, Brooks and Partners, celebrated it's 10 year anniversary.

Founded by two friends, Fay Brooks (OS 91) and Kate Howitt, they left corporate life behind them, and the firm has since grown from a small operation to a successful one with a team of 14 accountants serving a diverse clientele. These can vary between individuals needing a tax return to larger corporate businesses.

To mark their 10th anniversary, Brooks and Partners celebrated with a gathering at The Wine Bar in Stamford, attended by clients, colleagues, and friends. The event was a resounding success, underscoring the enduring relationships forged during their decade-long journey.

Of the business, Fay said: "Brooks and Partners offers a personal service that is tailored to the specific needs of each client. Our accountants are committed to helping our clients succeed, and they understand the pressure of running a business, especially during tricky times.

"In recent years, we have helped clients navigate the challenges of Brexit, Covid, and the Cost-of-Living crisis. The firm has also formed partnerships with financial advisors and wealth management firms to provide our clients with a comprehensive range of financial services."

As they look to the future, Brooks and Partners extend an invitation to those in search of accounting services to meet for a free consultation. Their commitment to providing a personalized touch ensures they become an integral part of the success stories of the clients they serve.

Further information can be found on the [Brooks and Partners website](#).



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

A Weekend of Sport

On Friday 22 and Saturday 23 September, two sporting events were hosted at the Schools. On Friday at the Wothorpe Sports Centre, we proudly hosted the Under 11s IAPS hockey tournament, which brought together some of the finest young talents from 14 schools across England. Although they didn't win, the Junior School can be proud of their joint third-place finish.

On Saturday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Stamford Rugby Club to our St Paul's Campus, with a match-up between the Stamford Rugby Club Minis against Stamford Junior School. There were no winners or losers in this match, as a way to encourage participation without the pressures of winning and losing.



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