



Old Stamfordian Club

OS Updates, July 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I hope this latest Update finds you safe and well.

In this edition we welcome the Class of 2020 to the Old Stamfordian Club and hope that their involvement will be fulfilling, worthwhile and above all enjoyable.

[Here is a welcome message](#) from Nick Gallop (Headmaster) and from [Cam Park](#) (Old Stamfordian Club Vice Chairman).

As Nick Gallop references in his message, we will take full advantage of the Reunion Lunch on Saturday 12 June 2021 to acknowledge the Class of 2020 joining our ranks.

Best wishes and take care,

Phillip Hoskins

OSC Chairman

THE FIRE AT STAMFORD SCHOOL

All Old Stamfordians will join the Committee in expressing sorrow for the fire which destroyed a substantial part of the Principal's House and some School facilities. It is a mercy that no injuries were suffered and on behalf of all Old

Stamfordians we send our best wishes to all involved following what was undoubtedly a shocking and nerve-wracking event.

[Here is the full article](#) in Lincolnshire Live.

The Prefects of both Schools have launched an appeal to support the Fire Fighters Charity and any support for their endeavours will be welcomed. The prefects will be walking/running/cycling some 576km, the length of the English Channel, in support of the cause. Please [click here](#) for full details of their progress and how to donate.

Furthermore Giorgio Rubbo (OS 16) is organising a Zoom Quiz for Old Stamfordians to support the same appeal. The aim is to have competing teams from the various decades and our thanks to Giorgio for taking this initiative. Further details will be advised shortly.

ARE YOU UP FOR GIVING SOMETHING BACK?

The Old Stamfordian Committee is on the lookout for additional members to help drive forward our ambitious programme of alumni activities. We are all volunteers committing time (five meetings a year) and energy to ensure that as many OS as possible feel connected to the School and the broader Stamford Community. Our motivation for being involved with the Committee is a belief that active alumni can help the School to thrive-the School that played an active part in our formative years.

Through Sector Groups (helping OS in various professional industries) to sporting events and, of course, the Reunion Weekend the Committee seeks to provide connection points for all generations of OS. If you are interested in joining our enthusiastic team please [contact us](#) for an initial discussion.

NEWS OF OLD STAMFORDIANS

Dr Philip Cox (OS 04)

Sarah Cox writes as follows:

My husband Phil is a senior Doctor in the medical world and has just been appointed to the Executive of the Local Medical Committee. He was nominated by senior doctors due to his commitment to work, his patients and the profession. He has also recently written an article in the British Medical Journal, which has been shared right across the world.

He is highly regarded. He speaks so highly of his education and the teachers at Stamford that when we were first dating he took me home to Stamford to show me the School.

Many thanks,

Sarah Cox

Martin Vink (OS 72)

Congratulations to Martin Vink on his achievements as a School Governor in Ashford. [Here is the full article.](#)

Martin also writes:

Another interesting story is that I was on holiday in New Zealand in February 2020 and thankfully managed to fly home before restrictions were put in place. One sunny day I was sitting in a cafe in the small town of Mapua, which is just to the west of Nelson at the top of South Island. I noticed a chap with his family come and sit at an adjacent table and was drawn to the familiar phoenix on his baseball cap. After some discrete peering to check that it was an OS cap, I approached and established that his father had taught me at School as he was in fact Mike Chew's son. So the moral of the story is always travel with an OS cap as you never know who you might meet or the chance conversations you might have.

Best wishes and you never know I might just make it to a reunion one Summer.

Matthew Outen (OS 09)

As an old boy of the school, and also with the terrible fire at the Principal's house recently, Matthew contacted us to inform that he is starting a new career as a firefighter, and will be completing a charity fundraiser of a 20mile walk with 12 new recruits which will take place on Saturday 25th July. Please [click here](#) for more information and the JustGiving page.

FAREWELLS

This month we have five farewells. Our sympathies and condolences go to each of the families and the friends of the deceased:

NOEL ASPILL (OS 70)

Noel was in St Paul's House and then in Radcliffe House. He represented the School in the 1st XV Rugby Team in an era (one of the many) when the standard of rugby at Stamford was extremely high. Noel will be remembered as a good guy.

GORDON MacDONALD MBE (OS 66)

Major General John Drewienkiewicz (OS 64) advises that Gordon died in March 2020. We will publish a full tribute in due course.

JOHN READ (OS 51)

We have recently been informed that John Read passed away last year. Sadly we have no further details.

JOHN SNODIN RILEY (OS 45)

John Snodin Riley passed away at the end of May 2020 at the age of 93 years. His son writes:

My Father followed his father George Nelson Riley into Stamford School as a boy and then later, after his degree, he returned as a Master. On leaving Stamford in 1959 Father moved to Halliford School in Shepperton Middlesex where after being Geography Master for two years, he became Headmaster until 1983 when he retired from education. Father was a keen and avid member of the Old Stamfordians, especially the London section and he and Mother who predeceased her, herself a former Stamford High School girl, regularly joined the weekend gatherings until ill health precluded their attendance.

REVEREND DAVID HUGHES (Staff 1956-74)

Just before going to press we were notified by his family that David Hughes died recently at the age of 94. Old Boys will no doubt remember David as the Northfield housemaster and teacher.

A fuller commemorative report will appear in the August update.
