



DECEMBER 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Old Stamfordian

It is a great honour for me to step into the role of Chairman.

Firstly, my thanks go to all those who have gone before me as, in my mind, the Club is currently in a great place. Most notably, thanks must go to my immediate predecessor, Phillip Hoskins, who stewarded the club through an unprecedented and highly challenging time.

We clearly still have some way to go with the pandemic but we have nevertheless planned a great programme of events for 2022, including three years' worth of five- year reunions to be hosted in the summer. The key for me is that any involvement with the Club should have an element of fun to it - whether sitting on the committee or simply turning up to events; this should be our focus.

For the moment, however, I simply want to wish you a Merry Christmas.

Thanks,

Cam Park (OS 07)  
Chairman

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## NEWS

### London Old Stamfordian Club Dinner

The London Old Stamfordian Club Dinner was held on 10 November 2021 in the magnificent setting of the RAF Club in Piccadilly. Last year as a consequence of the pandemic the event was held on 11 November 2020 in Woodford Green with Ian Brassington (London OSC Chairman) being the only attendee. So it was a real joy to be able to welcome members to the event taking place on a face to face basis for the first time in two years. Thanks go to the RAF Club-in particular the meal was of an extremely high standard.

The dinner was well supported by Old Stamfordians. Some 49 Old Stamfordians attended including two former masters. Stamford School was well represented; Mr Nick Gallop, the Headmaster, gave a "State of the Union" address about the School. The School is in rude health right across the piste from academic activities, CCF, D of E, other extra curricular activities through to sporting achievements. It was both pleasing and impressive to hear about the innovation and resilience, which has enabled Stamford School to survive and prosper during the pandemic. Thanks go to Nick.

The Old Stamfordian Community is first and foremost a fellowship and friendship organisation. This really was an evening not only of Fellowship and Friendship, but also of Fun. The event was absolutely first class and thanks and congratulations go to Ian Brassington (OS 73) (Chairman of the London OS) and Neil Paterson (OS 85) who does most of the heavy lifting for the event.

The event is organised by the London OSC, but the event is open to all. This year we had guests from Australia, Boston, Bourne, Careby, Devon (three guests), France, Isle of Wight, Lincoln, St Neots and Stamford among other places. Wherever you are the journey is more than worthwhile. If you were not with us this year, please consider attending next year. We promise you good food, good wine and good company-all in all a memorable evening.

Thanks also go to Natalie Pretsell and Dale Harrison in the Development Office for their contribution to and support for a splendid evening.

Phillip Hoskins  
Secretary of the London OS

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### **Breakthrough Star**

A huge congratulations to Joey Evison (OS ) who was selected in the Daily Telegraph's Uncapped England Test XI, a team of the season picked exclusively from players without a test match appearance.

They wrote about Joey, "Big, tall allrounder, aged 19, who can only bowl quicker but is already worth a place in his county's strong seam attack, although a Lincolnshire lad originally. In addition he has already hit the fastest 50 ever for England Under-19, off 18 balls, but a batsman not a slogger."

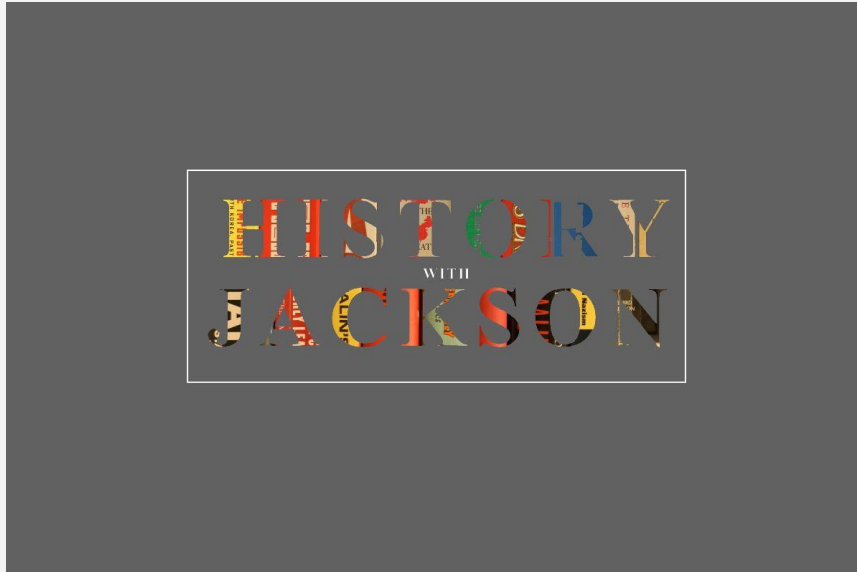
[You can read the whole article here.](#)

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### **History Book Published**

Jackson Van Uden (OS 18), who also produces the 'History with Jackson' podcast and YouTube channel, has published his first book, 'The Crystallisation of Totalitarianism'.



*The blurb of the book:*

The 1953 Conference on Totalitarianism is an important moment in history as it crystallised the meaning of totalitarianism. This Conference saw George Kennan and Carl J Friedrich define what it meant to be totalitarian. Other academics, such as Bertram D. Wolfe, Waldemar Gurian and Jerzy G. Glikzman added depth to the categories and definition that Carl J Friedrich provided. Karl W. Deutsch outlined the 'Patterns' in the process which sees totalitarian systems disintegrate and the possible events that might occur within this process. Totalitarian regimes, such as the USSR and Nazi Germany are examined to see if they were indeed totalitarian, and the term 'totalitarian' is examined to see just how relevant it is today and what a modern audience can learn from this conference.

[More information about Jackson's book, YouTube channel, podcast and other endeavours can be found here.](#)

Congratulations Jackson!

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### **Books Donated By OS**

Old Stamfordian committee member Oliver Thorley (OS 01) recently donated a large number of books to the art department.

*He writes:*

"On 6 October 2021 I had the pleasure of donating a series of Art Books to the Stamford Endowed Schools. Beginning with a friendly handshake with the Head of Art, Mr J Gosden in Brazenose House, I toured the art facility discussing the excellent subject matter and customarily exchanged an entire collection of pre-modern Beaverbrook Express Art print books.

I gifted over 40 high quality A3 books, each with 16 highly illustrative colour tipped prints and useful complimentary biographical information. Some in mint condition, they reveal and chronicle the life and work of a broad and diverse collection of illustrious and highly notable artists. Since Raphael decorated the Italian Renaissance; to 1890s Paris, as Toulouse-Lautrec encountered, observed and portraited the salons, shows and parlours of Montmartre; right up to the Abstract masters, some of whom like Picasso and Kandinsky were alive and busy creating alternative perspectives on human condition at the time of print. This series of exclusive private order items were released nationally in 1958 and ran with various stylistic and collectable editions for the next few years appealing to and distributed through the Express media's popularity base.



I felt it important to donate these books as I believe essentially that fine art, indeed, it's aesthetic, emotive, and technical merit should be unfettered from an inclusive preservation, to be set free, widely accessible and celebrated by the Public especially involving children and young people. Where better shall I enact this mantra other than with my alma mater and the talented pupils of the Stamford Endowed Schools who are now better equipped with sources of precious inspiration, history and information?

After witnessing first-hand the remarkable, exquisite and thoughtful mixed media work by many present and former pupils of the Schools it reinforced my intent to engage our young people with real, tangible and interesting material. This donation acts now and for the future as a paradigm not only for budding painters to evaluate and deconstruct masterpieces; yet also to potential collectors, supporters and enthusiasts as an example of enterprise, initiative and good sense."

The Schools' Art Department has also created their first virtual art gallery, [which you can view here](#).

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### **Over £4000 Raised for Charity**

You may recall that earlier in the year Henry Dawe (OS 01) recorded and released the song 'Two Paces Back', celebrating the life of the Duke of Edinburgh. Henry has been in touch to let us know that he raised a little over £4,000 for The Silver Line helpline for older people between its release on 1 May and the closure of the project on 1 November. Many thanks to anyone who donated.

In case you missed the song, it can be [found here, along with more information on The Silver Line charity](#).

## **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.](#)

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**Annual Autumn Reunion Lunch at Boston**

**3 September 2022**

Further information to follow.

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**MEMORABILIA**



Attendees to our Autumn Get-Together may have seen the Old Stamfordian gifts and memorabilia, pictured above, on display, and these items, including cufflinks, ties and rugby shirts can be purchased on [our online School Shop](#).

If you wish to buy an Old Stamfordian blazer, please use [this order form](#) and send it to [oldstamfordianmerch@gmail.com](mailto:oldstamfordianmerch@gmail.com)

## 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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