

Old Stamfordian Club



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Old Stamfordian

Arrangements for the Old Stamfordian Get Together on 20 November 2021 are now well underway.

I encourage as many of you as able to attend. The event is not a substitute for Reunion Weekend, but nevertheless an enjoyable weekend is in prospect. The fellowship and friendship among the Old Stamfordian Community at large is always quite amazing.

[Click here to book](#). Alternatively if you would prefer to book over the 'phone, please telephone Natalie Pretsell on 01780 750359.

We very much hope to welcome you to the School on 20 November 2021.

With best wishes,

[Phillip Hoskins](#)

Chairman

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NEWS

London Philharmonic and BBC Radio 3

Saturday 25 September saw an Old Stamfordian connection at the South Bank Centre, as the London Philharmonic Orchestra played Sir Michael Tippett's (OS 23) opera *The Midsummer Marriage*. The orchestra were joined by the London Philharmonic Choir which included Martyn Atkins (OS 86) and the evening was broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 and introduced by Andrew McGregor (OS 80).



Martyn Atkins @martynpatrick · 19h

Thrilled, as a former pupil of @SpedeNews , to sing with @LPChoir in a work composed by OS Sir Michael #Tippett , with @BBCRadio3 intro by fellow OS @andrewCDmcg .



Andrew McGregor @andrewCDmcg · Sep 25

I'm up here...great view! Tippett's Mozartian operatic fantasy 'The Midsummer Marriage' just a few minutes away, live at 1830 @BBCRadio3 @LPOrchestra



A recording of the show is [available on BBC iPlayer](#).

GOLF

John Cartwright Cup

Neil Nottingham (OS 84) writes:

The attendance was a healthy 20 competitors ready to play for the John Cartwright Cup. The fair weather provided all with the opportunity to play some good golf, and the competition was fierce. So much so that for the first time in my memory we had 4 players tied on 38 points at the end of the round. In order to find the overall winner we had to employ the countback – of best score on the back 9, which pushed both Paul Coates and Phil Bell back into the minor places and out of the prizes. However it was so close between

the other 2 players that the countback went on to the best score on last 6 holes, then to the best score on the last 3 holes and then to the best score on the final hole – and still they couldn't be separated. Finally the countback was settled with the best score on the hardest hole and Keilin Harper, making is debut in an OSGS event, was declared the winner forcing Richard James in the runners' up spot. There were further prizes for best score on the front 9 going to Paul Coates and to Ian Gorrie for the best score on the back 9. The nearest pins for the lower handicappers went to David Scott on the 9th and Richard James on the 16th, with Ian Delaine-Smith on the 3rd and Ian Gorrie on the 13th winning the high handicap prizes. 15 golfers stayed for the dinner and John Cartwright was on hand to present Keilin with the trophy. We look forward to seeing many more familiar faces for the event next year.

Old Pupils' Salver

Friday 24 September 2021

Luffenham Heath Golf Club

Stamford entered this year's competition as defending champions.

On a fine day with the golf course in good condition overall scoring was higher than previous years. The Stamford pairings of Neil Nottingham and Nick Glover (39 points), Richard James and Geoff Holyoake (39) and Mark Walmsley and Martin Jaffrey (36) performed well but not outstandingly.

Consequently, they were unable to retain their title and came third (78 points - best two to count) behind the winners Loughborough (84) and Oakham (80).

REMINSCENCES

David Denney (OS 74) writes the following:

I came across this photograph in an old file I have from my time as Editor of the Stamfordian in 1973/74. The photograph was taken by one P.A. Boyden who was watching

the traditional end-of-term rucker match between the Masters and the Boys, probably in the Autumn Term of 1973.



I don't think we published the photo in the Stamfordian which was a shame because Mr J.R. (Randy) Shelford is captured in a marvellous pose so reminiscent of his towering presence on the School sports field in that era. The right arm raised almost as though waving is just how Randy would signal the end of an over in the school cricket matches as he set off purposely for square leg.

Mr Shelford's umpiring decisions sometimes caused consternation to the captains of visiting cricket teams but as Reggie Woodward, Master in charge of cricket at Kings Grantham, told his team during the tea interval: "Mr Shelford may not always get it right but he is impartial and consistent."

The Masters who played rugby in the 70's suggest that it is Hugh Allan (English) with arms raised in the photograph waiting for his props to bind on at the scrum Mr Shelford has awarded and one of those props being Clive Daniels (Biology) with the beard lining up at tight head.

I do not recognise any of the boys but perhaps OS readers might... great times!

FAREWELLS

We are sad to report the passing of a number of Old Stamfordians and we extend our sympathy to their families and friends.

Thomas J Marriott (OS 45)

Thomas' elder brother, J Robert Marriott (OS 43) informed us of his passing.

He writes:

Thomas died peacefully on 24 July 2021 aged 93. Thomas leaves a daughter, Fleur, and son, Alan. At school (1937-45) he was a boarder, first at Northfields House and then at Main School.

At school Thomas reached modern 6th and obtained school colours at rugby and cricket. After school days, he studied building construction whilst working as a bricklayer for the family firm (Marriott Construction Group) and went on to become Contracts Director.

In rugby he played 90 games for Northampton Saints Rugby Club.

Our Archivist adds:

At Stamford School, Thomas James Marriott made the rank of Lance-Corporal in the Junior Training Corps. He won the School Colours for Rugby and the House Colours for Cricket, and was Captain of the School House Cricket Team.



Robin Maule (OS 61)

John Pollard (OS 60) notified us of Robin's passing.

Further information will be included in the next OSC update.

Paul Davies (OS 95)

Ed Finch (OS 95) informed us that Paul passed away in Bali at the beginning of September.

Ed writes:

It's with great sadness to report that Paul Davies, OS 1995, died suddenly in Bali on September 4th.

He was a great friend to many, and an irreplaceable family member.

He leaves behind his wife Emma, two young boys Ethan and Finn. His parents John and Tish, and sisters Claire and Lisa.

Paul's life took him all over the world. After leaving university he lived and worked in London, Sydney, Singapore and more recently Bali. Always with a smile on his face and his glass half full.

Sport and recreation were pivotal to his life, and it was no surprise that when he did leave these shores he did so whilst out surfing in Bali. They say the good die young and with Paul, nothing could be closer to the truth.



Below is a letter, read out to the 1st XV, before a minute's silence was held in his honour and memory on Saturday 18th September. It sums up Paul's Stamford School adventure, and how it set him up for life on a path of exploration and happiness.

"Boys,

I wanted to write a small note about Paul Davies and his rugby journey, for whom we are having a minute's silence today.

Paul died suddenly in Bali on September 4th aged 44 and leaves behind his wife and two young boys aged 4 and 8. His parents and sisters, wider family, former teammates and many friends from school and beyond are here today.

Paul was a pupil at Stamford School from 1988 to 1995. He played two seasons for the school 1st XV, in 1993, and in 1994 as captain. He also captained a very successful tour to South Africa in the summer of 1994.

At the time 1994 was the most successful season in the school's history and the first time the school had ever beaten Oundle. We lost one game that season to a very average Trent College side, which still hurts to this day to be honest. There is now an expectation that Stamford School will be one of the strongest rugby schools in the country, and that is credit to the hard work you all put in, and it makes all Old Stamfordians extremely proud, it certainly made Paul very proud looking at the continued success of Stamford School rugby.

Paul was an exceptionally committed and talented scrum half, who led by example. He went on to represent the Midlands in 1995 and played against a touring Australian Schools side. After School he joined the Newcastle Falcons Academy and played for the University of Northumbria 1st XV.

Perhaps more importantly he enjoyed rugby throughout his life, which would take him all over the world, and through rugby was able to develop friendships wherever he went to live. Rugby is so much more than a game; it teaches you valuable life skills and opens doors wherever you might end up in life.

School rugby is unique. You are now the custodians of a proud shirt and tradition before you move on to university or pastures new and pass it on to the next generation.

We were once the custodians of that same shirt, sitting exactly where you are today. Paul is one of you.

Good luck today, give 100%, enjoy yourselves and make us proud."

Paul Davies will be remembered by his peers as nothing more or less than an exceptional human being, born and bred in Stamford and forever a proud OS.

He will be forever missed and remembered.

Rest In Peace, Paul Gareth Davies

FUTURE EVENTS

Old Stamfordian Autumn Get-Together and AGM (OSC)

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.

Old Stamfordian Golfing Society

Saturday 9 October 2021

Meeting @ Luffenham Heath

Contact: Geoff Holyoake

London Old Stamfordian Club Dinner - for those who attended Stamford School
10 November 2021

RAF Club, 128, Piccadily, London W1J 7PY

Contact: Ian Brassington

Old Stamfordian Advent Festive Lunch - for those who attended Stamford School

Sunday 12 December 2021

Normanton Park Hotel, LE15 8RP

Booked for Sunday 12 December at the Normanton Park Hotel (12.30pm – 1pm), this event is open to Old Stamfordians who attended Stamford School. Wives/partners welcome. The lunch first took place due to popular demand in 2005 and has continued annually since (apart from 2020 when it could not take place due to Covid)

Dress code: Jacket and tie.

Details of the festive menu and the cost will be published shortly.

Managers: John Cartwright and Tony Story

Email oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk for your interest to be registered with John and Tony.

Old Stamfordian Lansdowne Drinks Event

12 May 2022

London Lansdowne Club, 9 Fitzmaurice Place, Mayfair, London, W1J 5JD

Further information to follow.

Old Stamfordian Reunion Weekend 2022

Friday 10 June 2022 to Sunday 12 June 2022

Further information to follow.

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

Annual Autumn Reunion Lunch at Boston

3 September 2022

Further information to follow.

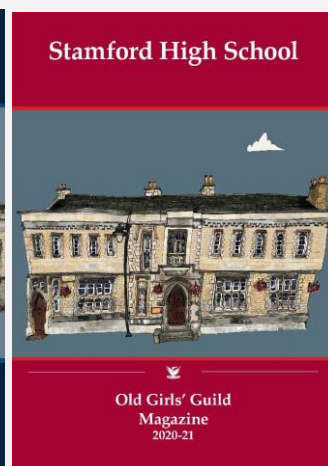
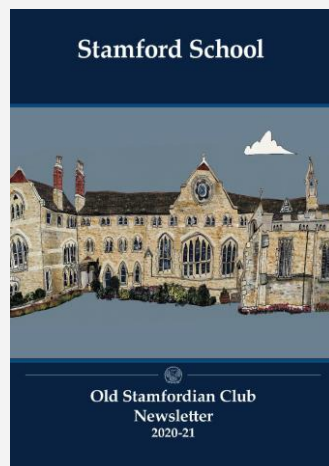
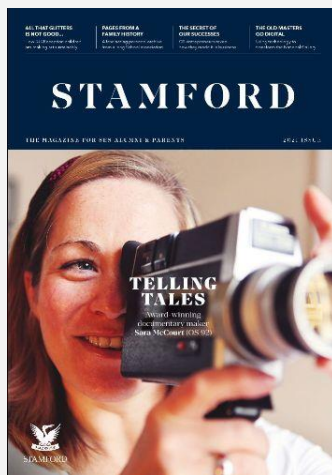
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