

# Old Stamfordian Club



**APRIL 2021**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

*Dear Old Stamfordian*

I write this message on 12 April 2021. The lock down is starting to ease, infection rates are falling and there is cause for cautious optimism. Life is still not easy for some and if you are in need of help and support, which you feel that the Old Stamfordian Community can give, please do make contact.

The booking form for the Autumn Get Together on 20 November 2021 is attached. This event is not a substitute for the Reunion, but nevertheless we hope to welcome many Old Stamfordians to the event. The invitation is warmly given.

With every good wish,

Phillip Hoskins

Chairman

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## EVENTS

### **Old Stamfordian Autumn Get-Together**

**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.](#)

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### **Annual Autumn Reunion Lunch @ Boston**

**18 September 2021**

**Boston and County Club PE21 6RL**

Expressions of interest to Dudley will be greatly appreciated at this stage.

Contacts: [Dudley Bryant MBE](#)

[Phillip Hoskins](#)

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### **Old Stamfordian Golfing Society**

**Saturday 8 May 2021**

Meeting @ Luffenham Heath

**Friday 27 August 2021**

Meeting @ Burghley Park Golf Club

**Saturday 9 October 2021**

Meeting @ Luffenham Heath

Contacts: [Geoff Holyoake](#) (for the Luffenham Heath Events)

[Neil Nottingham](#) (for the Burghley Event)

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### **London Old Stamfordian Dinner**

**10 November 2021**

**RAF Club, 128, Piccadily, London W1J 7PY**

Contact: [Ian Brassington](#)

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### **Old Stamfordian Reunion Weekend 2022**

**Friday 10 June 2022 to Sunday 12 June 2022**

Contact: [Natalie Pretsell](#)

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## **REMINISCENCES**

### **Royal Visit to Stamford and the Stamford Schools 1961**

June 2021 will be the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Phillip the Duke of Edinburgh to Stamford and the Stamford Schools. We will be including reminiscences of this event in the June Update.

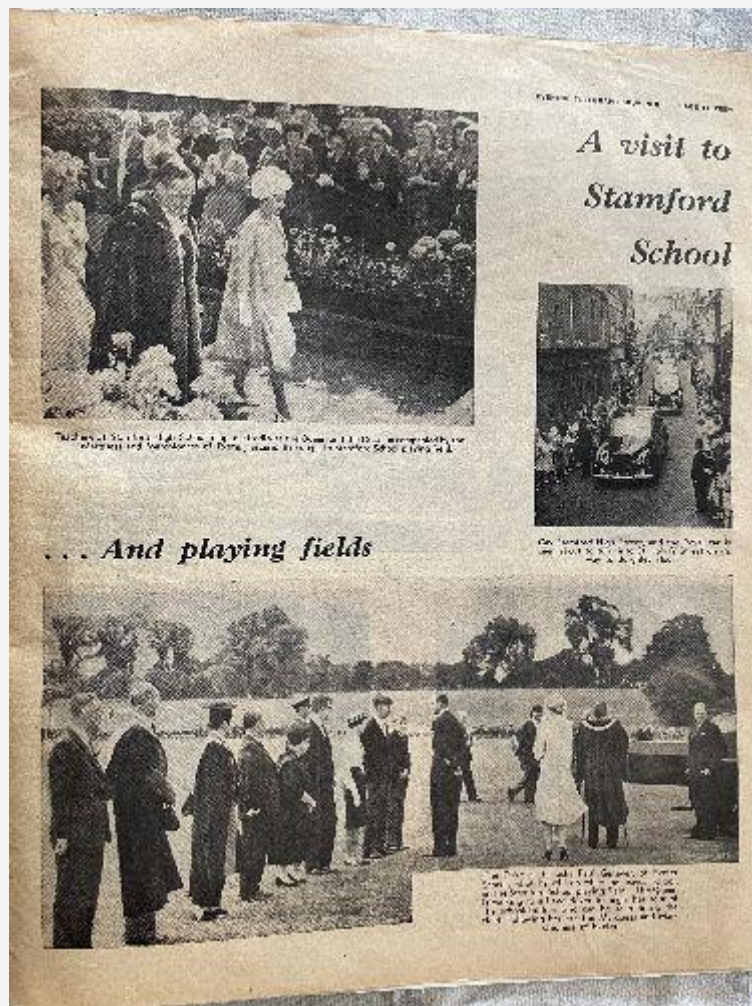
Many Old Stamfordians will have been moved by the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip. [We welcome contributions from Old Stamfordians](#) by way of tribute whether anecdotes about meetings with the Duke or details of experiences in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme or similar.

The image below was supplied by OSC Chairman, Phillip Hoskins, who writes:

"Mother was passionate about the Royal Family. I have just come across the picture below among her Royal Collection.

I have no doubt that this will evoke some memories for many. I was on Mainfields that day, but not as a Stamford School student, but as a student of Welland House!

Happy Days!"



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**Mike Chew**

*Richard Hance (OS 60) writes:*

This is obviously very late, but better late than never!

I would like to pay my respects to Mike Chew. Mike and his wife Ena used to come up to Easton on a Sunday to have afternoon tea with my parents, my father was head of Easton Primary School. We had laid a grass tennis court in the back garden and Mike and my father had some quite competitive games there. Mike's connection with my Dad was they both went to the same school in Oxford apart from their love for tennis.

Mike did a tremendous job with the Old Stamfordian magazine, and when we met up in Stamford some time ago, he had worked out that if he lived to 100 he would be around to celebrate the special occasion of the school's 500th year since its foundation - I hope I have that right! Both my wife and myself thought that he was in extremely good nick considering his age, and we were both very shocked to hear of his untimely death.

## FAREWELLS

We are sad to report the passing of three Old Stamfordians; Alan Luntley, Robert Burbidge and Graham Robinson.

Our sympathy goes out to the families and friends of all.

### Alan Luntley (OS 54)

We were informed of Alan's passing by his wife Mavis who, alongside our Archivist, provided the following information.



Alan Luntley attended Bluecoat School before joining Stamford School in September 1947. He made the rank of Corporal in the Army Section of the Combined Cadet Forces and served as a House Prefect for Radcliffe House during his last year at Stamford School. He also won the House Colours for Swimming and sat on the Committee for the Chess Club. In Drama, Alan served as stage staff on Shakespeare's *Coriolanus* (1953) and played

a gentleman of the jury in *Trial by Jury* (1954).

After Stamford School, Alan went straight into National Service Training with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He spent most of his working life in the timber-using industry. In 1957, he became assistant manager at a Joinery Manufacturing Firm in Barking, Essex. By 1989, he was Managing Director for a major door company in Melton Mowbray. At the same time, he served as Vice-Chairman for the Old Stamfordian Club under former headmaster, H.A. Staveley (OS 1935) during the Club's centenary year. In 1989, he became OSC Chairman.

*“Alan sees his year as Chairman as one of consolidation, strengthening the administrative and communication aspects of the Club. He views a growth of membership, both in those leaving school and those who have lost contact with us, as an important way in improving the status of the O.S. Club.”*

-OSC Newsletter, September 1989

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**Robert Burbidge (OS 63)**

We were informed of Robert's passing by John McKechnie (OS 66). Our Archivist has written an article about Robert which [you can read here](#).

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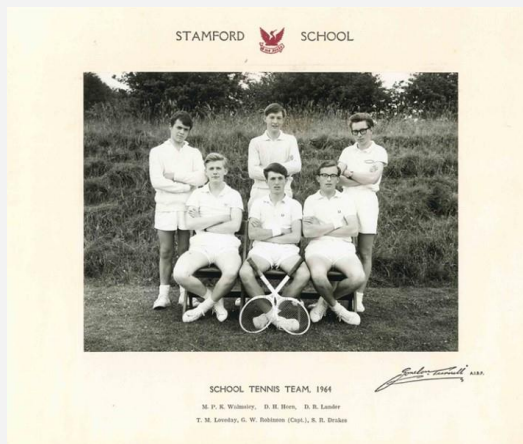
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**Graham Robinson (OS 65)**

Graham William Robinson attended Glington Church of England School before he joined Stamford School in September 1955. He was first in Cecil House, and then moved over to Exeter House in 1960. Graham was a House Prefect, a Sergeant in the CCF, Biology Librarian, and won the House Colours for Athletics.



During the 1960s, Graham joined the School Tennis Team. In 1963, he represented the School at the Boys' School L.T.A. championships at Wimbledon. He was Captain of the Tennis Teams for both Exeter House and Stamford School. In the photograph of the School Team from 1964, Graham is seated centre in the front row.



## CALLING OLD STAMFORDIANS!

Calling Old Stamfordian from the world of veterinary sciences!

We have an increasing number of Y12 students interested in veterinary science and our Med Society lead would like to collaborate with OS from this field of work on support their interest. This could be to provide a real life insight in to this career, guidance on how to get there, a debate task, or an update of opportunities and changes in this area.

If you would be interested in supporting and being a part of this [please contact me](#).

Kindest regards  
Natalie

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