



APRIL 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Old Stamfordian

The reunion fast approaches and promises to be an excellent event. Please keep drumming up support for the various events and get in touch with the Development Office or I with any queries you may have! The lunch looks to be well attended but there are still spaces. Taking a full table isn't a requirement so whether you're attending alone, with a mate or in a group you will always be amongst friends.

I would also encourage as many of you as possible to attend the AGM. An updated set of rules are being proposed, as previously published, in order to facilitate the Development Office and the Committee continuing to run the Club effectively so please come along with any questions you may have. If you have not yet seen the rules, [they can be found here](#).

As always, please [contact me](#) if you wish to discuss any OS matters.

Cam Park (OS 07)  
Chairman

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## NEWS

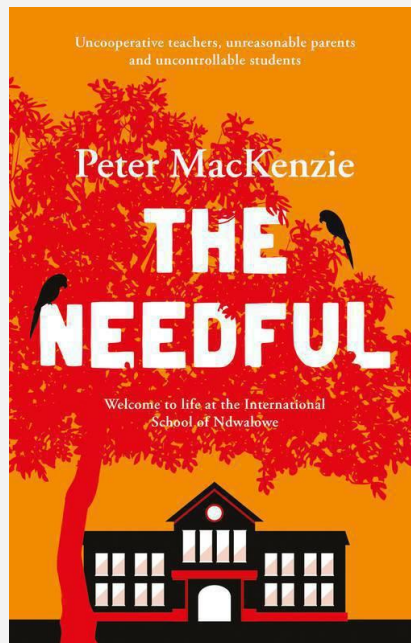
### OS Author

We are delighted that Peter MacKenzie (OS 74) has become the latest Old Stamfordian to publish a novel, 'The Needful', which is available for [purchase here](#).

The blurb of the book:

*All major cities in Africa have at least one international school and they are prominent in the lives of transient diplomats, other expatriates, and, increasingly, of the local middle classes. They throw up multiple challenges as different cultures interact, not always easily or willingly.*

*The International School of Ndwalowe, in the imaginary African country of Awanza, is just emerging from bankruptcy. Charged with this responsibility, indeed daunted by it, is Peter Corby, British, in his first headship and in Africa for the first time.*



*He must deal with recalcitrant teachers, unreasonable parents, intractable students, and a sometimes-frustrating Board of Directors in this affectionate tale often inspired by the author's own experiences.*



Since leaving Stamford, Peter has spent more than half his life living and working overseas in Switzerland, Germany, Japan, India, Tanzania and Namibia. He has visited more than fifty international schools, worked in six, been the Head of three, and has sat on the Board of one. He has been a member of the Board of the Association of International Schools in Africa, was for three years the President of the Japan Council of International Schools, and has worked for the International Baccalaureate. 'The Needful' is his first novel.

Congratulations Peter!

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### **Mystery of OS Disappearance Solved After 80 Years**

Windsor Webb (OS 39) attended Stamford School for two years before enlisting in the RAF reserve in June 1941. In 1942, he and seven other members of the 207 'Lancaster Bomber' Squadron disappeared but his second cousin, Mr Bill Webb, has now solved the mystery of what happened.

Since starting to research the disappearance in October 2021, that included a visit to the school to see the memorial in the Chapel, Bill has discovered that the plane was shot down on 25 November 1942, 40 miles from Bergan ann Zee, off the coast of the Netherlands.

[A full article can be read here.](#)

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## Year 13 Lunch with OS

It was wonderful to welcome back Old Stamfordians of Stamford School earlier in the month, as they joined our Year 13 students to speak about their futures and life after Stamford.

It was an extremely valuable opportunity for students to hear directly from OS about the careers paths they have chosen, pick up some sector-specific tips and gain an insight into the OS community that they are soon to join.

Thank you to those that attended!





## Sporting Success

We have recently seen some fantastic sporting success, from both our current students and Old Stamfordians.

In rugby, the U15s won the National Plate with victory over the Oratory School in mid-March and the basketball Firsts capped an unbeaten season by winning the County Championship.



Representing the Old Stamfordians in cricket, Zak Chappell (OS 14) and Joey Evison (OS 20) are currently playing for Nottinghamshire and Shan Masood (OS 09) has recently moved to play for Derbyshire.

In rugby, Louis Grimoldby (OS 12) plays for Bedford Blues, James Martin (OS 17) for Coventry and James Peachey (OS 17) for Nottingham, while Harry Clayton (OS 18) has been selected to represent England Students against the French Universities.

The Schools are also represented in motor racing with Alexander Sims (OS 06) competing for Mahindra Racing in the Formula E Championship.

Congratulations to all involved!

## SECTOR GROUPS

This joint venture between the Old Stamfordian Club and the Old Girls' Guild aims to provide a platform for supporting Old Stamfordians with career guidance, sharing of information, networking, and job/work experience opportunities, and also social events – a worthwhile offering for the alumni community I am sure you will agree.

We currently have groups covering the following areas:

- [Main Old Stamfordians page](#)
- [Property Sector](#)
- [The Arts, Culture and Music](#)
- [Medicine](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Armed Forces/Military](#)
- [Marketing, PR and Advertising](#)
- [Financial Services](#)
- [Public Services](#)
- [Legal](#)

- [STEM](#)(Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
- [Arts](#) (Facebook group)

We are also in the process of establishing networks for agriculture, IT and sport.

For the future, we would like for each group to have a face to face social activity and to have a spotlight feature in our Updates, sharing any stories or activities from the group. The aim is to increase participation and offer something really worthwhile to the alumni community.

An upcoming proposed event for those interested in STEM is a visit to Morgan Motors at Malvern. This will include a lunch at [www.cottageinthewood.co.uk](http://www.cottageinthewood.co.uk) followed by a factory tour at [www.morgan-motor.com](http://www.morgan-motor.com).

If this is something you would be interested in please [let us know](#) Monday 16 May.

Once we have expressions of interest, we will fix a date hopefully convenient for all.

**Finally,**

If you wish to become involved in the Sector Group Project or know someone who could help in any way at all (giving talks, providing venues etc) please do let us know, or if you would like to join one of the existing groups or assist with setting up one of the new groups, please click on the links above or [email us](#).

## WORK PLACEMENT

James McBain Allen (OS 06) has shared details of a job spec for a Placement Year at Bishopsgate Corporate Finance for Old Stamfordians who left in 2019/20 and are looking for experience in the financial sector.

[Full details can be found here.](#)

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **Luffenham Heath Golf Meets**

**Saturday 7 May 2022**

**Saturday 24 September 2022**

Contacts: [Geoff Holyoake & John Cartwright](#)

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

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

[Timetable and booking details can be found here](#)

Contact: [Natalie Pretsell, Development Manager](#)

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### **OS Reunion Event for Leavers from 1969 - 1972**

**Saturday 11 June 2022**

**Bluebell Inn, Helpston, PE9 7ED**

Contacts:

Geoff Chambers for the 1969 leavers

Ted Stevenson for the 1970 leavers

Julian Stedman for the 1971 leavers

Phillip Hoskins/Paul Johnson/Martin Vink for the 1972 leavers

For their details please contact: [Natalie Pretsell, Development Manager](#)

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### **Burghley Park Golf Meet**

**Friday 26 August 2022**

Contact: [Neil Nottingham](#)



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**Annual Autumn Reunion Lunch at Boston**

**Saturday 3 September 2022**

**Boston & County Club, Parkgate, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE21 6RL**

Further information to follow.

Contacts: [Dudley Bryant MBE](#) & [Phillip Hoskins](#)

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**184th London OSC Dinner**

**Wednesday 2 November 2022**

Further information to follow.

Contact: [Ian Brassington](#)

**FAREWELLS**

**Norman Hazeldine (OS 52)**

Norman's son, Richard (OS 83), has informed us that Norman sadly passed away on 24 February 2022.

*He wrote the following:*

Norman loved his time at Stamford which coincided with arrival of a new art teacher, Walter Douglas. Art was still being taught in a dilapidated wooden shed, a left over from WW1. Four students were enlisted to renovate the 'Shack', as it was to become known, and were sent to collect cow dung from the meadows to mix with lime, creating a render which they duly applied. There followed lessons in carpentry, cementing and decorating, all learned from local craftsmen, using recycled material. The master's old car was also used to teach basic mechanics and coachwork, including sign writing. Norman would recall how, although many of the methods and approaches appeared eccentric, they achieved results and the lessons learnt on how to tackle projects stayed with him for life.

Norman was a school prefect and Head of Ancaster House. When he applied to Emmanuel College Cambridge to read Natural Sciences he had an interview with Mr Welbourne, Master of the College. The interview did not go to plan as Mr

Welbourne could not offer a place, he did however comment on the outstanding piece of work he had received as a reference from his referee, W Douglas, the likes of which prose he had never read before and asked permission if it could be retained for the college archives.

After School Norman completed his National Service in the RAF, before reading Natural Sciences at Fitzwilliam College Cambridge. He then started work at British Sugar, then Unilever before joining Walkers Crisps in 1967. He retired as Technical Director in 1993 having overseen the growth of the company from a family run business to part of an international food giant.

Norman retained his association with the school, both his sons Richard (OS 83) and Thomas (OS 87) like their father were school prefects and Heads of Ancaster. His daughter Jane attended the High School. Norman was a keen member of the Old Stamfordian Club and served on the committee and as Chairman.

He leaves a widow Catherine, three children and six grandchildren.



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