

Old Stamfordian Club



FEBRUARY 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Old Stamfordian

We are now well into the new year and planning for the reunion weekend continues.

We are currently looking for participants for the touch rugby and cricket and all levels of ability will be welcomed and catered for. Further details will follow but please drum up as much support as you can. Given those interested already, it promises to be a fantastic event.

As always please reach out if you would like to discuss anything directly.

Thanks

Cam Park (OS 07)

Chairman

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NEWS

[Fred Miceli & Kieran Wade \(OS 98\)](#)

The Empty Pages

Kieran and Fred, together known as The Empty Pages, released ‘The Clowns’ E.P. in early 2022, their first new piece of work since 2019.

Written during lockdown, the duo had to wait for restrictions to ease to record the songs, which is more guitar-driven blues/rock as opposed to the acoustic folk and country from their earlier work. The five-song release has already attracted listeners in the United States, Australia and South America, amongst other countries.



For details on how to listen or buy a CD, [head over to The Empty Pages website](#).

We have also been informed of two Old Stamfordians making news in the cricket world.

Robin Vitas (OS 99)

Robin, the skipper at Castor and Ketton Cricket Clubs, has received a surprise call-up to the Serbian national cricket team, and will make his international debut in World Cup qualifiers in July.

Robin qualifies to represent Serbia through his father, and Belgium, Portugal and Austria are the initial opposition. [You can read an article from the Peterborough Telegraph here.](#)

We wish Robin the best of luck!

Shan Masood (OS 09)

Stamford School recordholder for runs in cricket with 1,237, Shan has joined Derbyshire for the 2022 season, leaving behind Multan Sultans, with whom he helped to win the the Pakistan Super League in 2021. Shan has played in nearly 350 matches across all formats, and clocked up a total of nearly 16,000 runs.

Derbyshire released a statement in December about Shan's impending arrival [which can be read here.](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

Luffenham Heath Golf Meets

Saturday 7 May 2022

Saturday 24 September 2022

Contacts: Geoff Holyoake & John Cartwright

Old Stamfordian Lansdowne Drinks Event

Saturday 7 May 2022

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

Further information to follow.

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

Old Stamfordian Reunion Weekend 2022

Friday 10 June 2022 to Sunday 12 June 2022

Further information to follow.

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

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, Community Engagement Manager](#)

Burghley Park Golf Meet

Friday 26 August 2022

Contact: Neil Nottingham

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](#)

184th London OSC Dinner

Wednesday 2 November 2022

Further information to follow.

Contact: Ian Brassington

FAREWELLS

We have been informed of the passing of two members of our Old Stamfordian community and we extend our condolences to their families and friends.

John Exley (OS 49)

Susan Exley, John's daughter, informed us that John sadly passed away on 26 January 2021. We published details of John's school life in the OSC update of June 2021, and Susan has written to us further to share the following obituary.

John Trevor Exley 13 February 1931 – 26 January 2021 (OS 49)

John joined Stamford School in 1942 along with his elder brother, Charles David Exley. Joining the Combined Cadet Forces he was made Lance-Corporal and House Prefect. Awarded house Colours for Rugby and Athletics, John was also involved in Drama assisting with the varied duties of Stage Manager for Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* in 1948 and the role of Stage Manager for the Junior Dramatic Society's production of *Treasure Island*.

After leaving Stamford in 1949, John spent his National Service in the Navy before attending the Scottish Hotel School in Crookston, Glasgow. Following time in Glasgow, John gained experience in a variety of hotels in Switzerland, Wales, London and the South East of England before returning to Hull, where he met his late wife, Margaret. Marrying in May 1959, they moved to The Kings Head in Appleby in 1960 where their daughter, Susan was born in 1962. The family returned briefly to Hull before moving to The Goathland Hydro in North Yorkshire in 1964, which they ran until 1984. Their son, Richard was born in 1965 and after retiring, John and Margaret travelled widely and enjoyed their life together in the Whitby area.

Alan Warner (OS 60)

Barbara Midgely informed us of Alan's passing on 27 January 2022 at his home in Los Angeles. A news story from [Hits Daily Double](#) can be found [here](#), and from [Billboard magazine](#) [here](#).

Our Archivist writes:

Alan Warner

Born in 1943, Alan Warner was the son of E.J.C. Warner (OS 1928-33), who worked as Assistant Music Master at Stamford School and later became organist at St Martin's, and Evelyn Ida Warner (nee Hobbs), an SHS Old Girl who worked in the Bursar's Office. In 1951, Alan joined his father's old school first at St Paul's House and then moving over to Radcliffe House. He left in July 1960.

From The Stamfordian, Spring 1978:

Warner, A. (1951-60) – he is here today, gone tomorrow, one day in Rome, the next in Paris and then back to Los Angeles where he works for United Artists Records! His latest double-LP “The Golden Age of Hollywood Stars” has just appeared in the shops. It is an album for “movie fans” and consists of dialogue and music from the greatest Warner Bros. pictures made between 1926 and 1949; some of the stars featured include Edward G. Robinson, Joan Crawford, Humphrey Bogart and Gary Cooper. Alan's hope is that this will be more than just another record and he likes to think that it may become a historical document always available. Recently he was a guest at the American Film Institute's salute to Henry Fonda – all the great stars were out in force – a who's who of the film world

which included James Stewart, James Garner, Richard Burton and many more, truly a night to remember!



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