

# Old Stamfordian Club



**JANUARY 2022**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Dear Old Stamfordian

Now that we are well into the new year planning is underway for a series of events for us to enjoy, most notably our summer reunion.

Due to Covid restrictions it has been a number of years since we have been able to hold this event which leaves us with a great opportunity to host 3 years' worth of 5, 10, 15... 60, and 65 year reunions alongside our usual programme.

With the amount of interest we have to date this promises to be one for the history books so please put it in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there, be that for a specific element or for the entire weekend! A list of the weekend's events will follow in a further update once the programme has been finalised.

Finally, I wish you all the best in 2022!

Cam Park (OS 07)

Chairman

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## NEWS

### OSC Newsletter 2022

We have reached that time of the year again when your annual OSC magazine is being put together and, as always, the team are looking for your input. If you have memories of your time at the School that you would like to share, and/or just like to share where you are now and what you are up to, and would like to share these with us to be used in future publications, [please email us](#), and feel free to include any photos as well.

Depending on responses, some material may need to be edited and we may not be able to use all submissions for this year's magazine, although we will try to publish as many as possible while any that may not fit may be used in the future.

To see material used in past magazines, [previous editions are available on our website](#).

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Stamford Lecture

The Stamford Lectures: Climbing to new heights with speaker Dr Melanie Windridge



How does science support climbers tackling Mount Everest? Join us to hear from scientist and explorer Dr Melanie Windridge as she talks about her experiences climbing Everest, and how science is helping explorers prepare for and combat the physiological effects of one of the world's greatest physical challenges.

A plasma physicist, speaker, writer and adventurer, Dr Melanie Windridge has a PhD in fusion energy from Imperial College London, is Communications Consultant for fusion company Tokamak Energy, Founder of Fusion Energy Insights, is a STEM Ambassador and the author of *Aurora: In Search of Northern Lights*. Melanie loves the mountains and believes science and exploration go hand in hand.

Join us on Monday 7 February live online at 7pm. [You can register for the Lecture here.](#)

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

Many of you will be aware that the annual OS reunion days for the last two years had to be cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. This meant that the plans that were arranged to mark the 50th anniversary for the years 1970 and 1971 were abandoned.

Undeterred, we will be meeting on the evening of June 11th to celebrate this significant

landmark. Furthermore, we will be joining forces with the 1972 leavers, whose 50th anniversary is this year, and those who left in 1969.

The event will be at The Bluebell Inn, Helpston, with a buffet meal provided. For the 1970 leavers this will be our fourth such gathering over the past 52 years and the fact that the same large group of OS members have been to the previous ones is evidence of what a really good evening we have in store.

The year group coordinators now need your help. Due to the restrictions that are associated with Data Protection, it is not as easy as it has been in the past to contact OS members. If you left Stamford School during any of those stated years and you would like to attend, please let [Natalie Pretsell](#) know on the OS Committee and she will pass your detail on to either

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

Equally, if you know someone who was at School at this time but may not be aware of the plans for the June reunion, please pass on the details and ask him to [contact Natalie](#).

There will also be an opportunity to meet at lunchtime on the 11th to attend the traditional OS Club lunch in the Oswald Elliot Hall. If you wish to attend this you will need to contact the OS Club [via the Development Office](#). It is hoped that each of the respective year groups will organise their own individual table for the lunchtime event.

## 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 Lansdowne Drinks Event**

**Thursday 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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**Burghley Park Golf Meet**

**Friday 26 August 2022**

Contact: Neil Nottingham

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**Annual Autumn Reunion Lunch at Boston**

**Saturday 30 September 2022**

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

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.

**Chris Tunnard (OS 53)**

Dudley Bryant informed us on the passing of Chris Tunnard in November of last year.

*Tim Tunnard, one of two sons, gave a eulogy at the funeral and spoke about about his father's time here at Stamford:*

During his early life Dad was lucky in that he gained a surprise friend – John, his cousin from Scotland who came to live with the family after John's mother had tragically been killed in the war. John became like a brother to Dad. The boys went off to Stamford school together and although Dad wasn't a natural in the classroom – This was where he certainly made some good mates through shared scrapes and it was also where he first discovered rugby, one of his great passions in life.

*Our Archivist writes:*

Christopher John Tunnard first attended the Conway School in Boston before joining Stamford School in January 1949. He started in St Martin's House before moving across to Byard House. He stayed with the latter house through to his departure from Stamford School in December 1953.

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**Arthur James Turner (OS 59)**

Mrs Valerie Turner, wife to Arthur James Turner, has notified us of his passing. Known as James, Mrs Turner has shared that he started with Stamford at the age of 8 in 1948 as a boarding student. Mrs Turner expressed that “Stamford School gave my husband a very good education and he gained much from his time there. He worked hard, had a good ethos and was nurtured in the boarding house”.

“James went on to St Andrew’s University to complete an economics degree then worked as a tutor there. He went on to work at CBI in London which is where they met in 1976. From here, he went on to the Imperial Group as an economic advisor”.

James was loved dearly by his wife Valerie, children, and his grandchildren and will be very much missed.

*Our Archivist writes:*

Arthur James Turner (OS 1948-59) was admitted into Stamford School at the age of eight in 1948. He was first in St Peter’s House, where he made his first achievement: winner of the elocution prize in 1950. The following year, he moved over to St Martin’s House for which he sang the descant in the Junior Music Competition, and then in 1952 joined the newly formed Southfields House. During the same year, Southfields produced the first play by a Junior House for some time: *Scuttleboom’s Treasure*. Arthur played the titular character, Scuttleboom: he ‘carried a difficult part well, but needs more variety of movement and the art of standing still’. In 1953, he won the Marshall Exhibition.

In 1954, Arthur moved across to Browne House. He became a House Prefect, and later Head of House. Furthermore, he participated in many sports for both his House and for the school itself. He was a member of the Browne House Cross-Country Team (he is highlighted in the team photograph below from 1955). He played in the House Rugby Team and won the House Colours. He was also Captain of 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and won the colours for this team too. He was a regular player in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, but also played on two occasions for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Arthur was even Sports Editor for the *Stamfordian* magazine.



Away from the sports field, Arthur got involved in many school societies. He is recorded as taking part in a Sixth Form Debate in 1958. G.R. Briggs (OS 1958) showed how space travel, at the time 'a rather fantastic and unimportant possibility' might 'prove itself of great benefit when man learned of the great advances that could be made through it, just as many important scientific achievements in the past had at first seemed trivial'. Arthur opposed this motion and 'preferred to play on the emotions with descriptions of horrible international consequences as the result of man's stepping in space'.

Arthur was Chairman of the Science Association, and Hon. Secretary of the Phoenix Society. For the Senior History Society, he delivered a paper on "Early Greek Civilisation". He was in the RAF Section of the CCF, where he made the rank of Sergeant. During his final year at Stamford School, Arthur was a School Prefect. He left in 1959 to attend St Andrew's University. Graduating with a First in June 1963, Arthur returned to his university as Assistant Lecturer in Political Economy.

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