



JULY 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear Old Stamfordian

Now that the summer holidays are upon us and the Year 13s have become Old Stamfordians, we are delighted to welcome them to the Old Stamfordian community. We are sure you will join the committee in wishing them all the best in carrying on the traditions and values on which we pride ourselves.

We hope you enjoy reading this latest newsletter, and we would like to draw your attention to the annual Boston Lunch reunion, being held this year on Saturday 3 September. The lunch, thanks to the wonderful efforts of Dudley Bryant (OS 61), has been a staple in the OSC calendar since 2007 and we are looking forward to this year's event.

Booking information can be found in the event section of this newsletter and if you require the assistance of the OSC committee then please do [contact us](#).

The Old Stamfordian Club Committee

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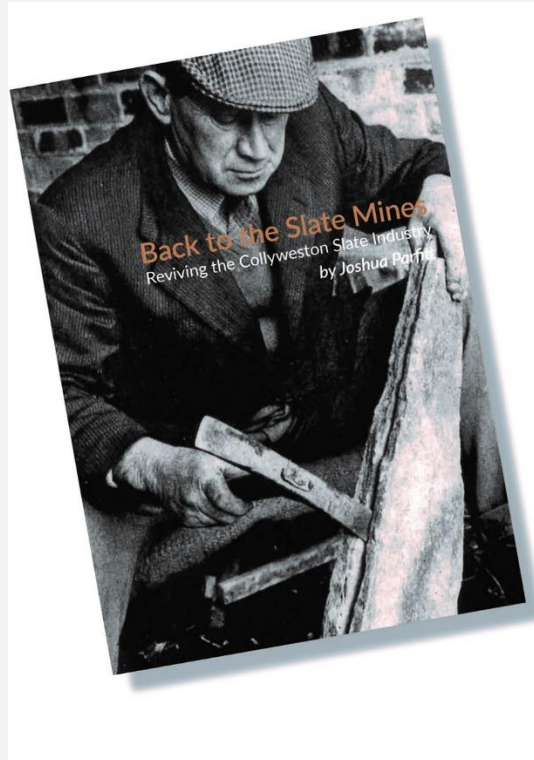
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NEWS

Three Old Stamfordians Involved in Local Book

If you visit Legoland in Denmark you will see that England is represented by Stamford's Red Lion Square and the buildings have Collyweston slate roofs. It is easy to take our iconic roofs for granted and never take the time to stand and stare up at the intricate 'laced valleys' and handcut tiles that get larger the closer they become to the gutter. Three OS members had certainly never bothered to look up, that is until they were commissioned to produce *Back to the Slate Mines, Reviving the Collyweston Slate Industry*.



Joshua Parfitt (OS 04) has spent most of his life abroad and now lives and works on the Costa Blanca. He, like his mother, Jo Parfitt (née Gosling) (OS 79) and his uncle, Patrick Gosling (OS 80), attended Stamford. Joshua is a writer, Jo runs Summertime Publishing and Patrick is a photographer. The book was published by Jo, with photographs by Patrick and text by Joshua.

Back to the Slate Mines covers the history and methods of the trade and celebrates the reopening, after 50 years, of Collyweston slate mine. Captured within these pages are the stories, in the slaters' own words, of how the trade used to be – and how hard the industry fought to resurrect it.

The book, now available in several Stamford bookstores and direct from Summertime Publishing, is fun and informative and will encourage you to look up, recognise the craftsmanship and appreciate the buildings that make this part of England like no other.

www.summertimepublishing.com

www.patrickgosling.com

www.joshuajames.xyz

SECTOR GROUP SPOTLIGHT

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.



Old Stamfordians Education Sector Group

Every once in a while fate deals a helping hand and it certainly has done with the Education Sector Group. Ben Slack (OS 07) has stepped forward to lead the Education Sector Group. Ben qualified as a teacher, taught at Stamford, and now works within Education Technology. Above all Ben has bags of enthusiasm and is keen to get weaving.

Cam summarised the objectives of each Sector Group at the Reunion Weekend:

- to provide guidance and support for students contemplating a career in the Sector
- to develop a network for Stamfordians involved in the Sector
- to provide help and support for Stamfordians throughout their careers

Once the beginnings of a network are established, an event will be held. This is a really exciting development in the Sector Group Project.

If you are interested in being involved please [contact Natalie Pretsell](#)

Thanks

Phillip Hoskins (OS 72)

IMPORTANT AGM DECISIONS

At the AGM on 11 June 2022 attended by 47 members, the meeting approved the nominations for positions on the Committee (see list below) and also approved the updating of the Rules for the OS Club, as proposed by the Committee. The updated Club Rules which are now in effect can be [found here](#).

COMMITTEE

Chairman: Cameron Park (OS 07)

Vice Chairman: Simon Stanley (OS 85)

Secretary: David Denney (OS 74)

Treasurer: James McBain Allen (OS 06)

Reunion Officer: John Smith (OS 71)

Events (Sports) Officer: Tom Gulland (OS 013)

General Committee Members: Neil Paterson (OS 85); Simon Richardson (OS 84); Robert Thorpe (OS 78); Oliver Thorley (OS 01)

FUTURE EVENTS

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

[Book here](#)

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

Luffenham Heath Golf Meet

Saturday 24 September 2022

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

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 Branston (OS 63)

Geoff Hatton (OS 64) informed us of Chris' passing on May 1 2022 in Florida. A Prefect in Ancaster house, Chris was also a former treasurer of the London OSC.

He was Vice President of Paradise Region Gruppe, a Porsche enthusiast club based in Naples, Florida, and an obituary can be [found here](#).

Dr William Ball (OS 01)

William sadly passed away on April 29 2022. He was an award-winning scientist and an obituary written by his colleagues can be [found here](#).

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