

Old Stamfordian Club



MARCH 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Old Stamfordian

We are now a quarter of the way through 2022 – how time flies! For the committee and Development Office it has been spent planning the programme of events for the Old Stamfordian community, and finalising the upcoming opportunities through the mentoring scheme and sector group activity. We look forward to bringing you more information on this in due course.

As shared in the last update, we are looking for cricketers and rugby players to join us over the reunion weekend in June to play in a series of matches that are being organised. If you would like to be involved please let [Tom Gulland](#) know or alternatively contact

the [Development Office](#). We are also looking for year group reps from each year to help promote events, encourage fellow OS to book tables and to generate general support. If you would be interested in this, please contact [Simon Richardson](#).

You can read in this edition about the proposed rules and case for change, which will be shared formally at the AGM in June, and also of events, memories and a farewell to an Old Stamfordian.

As always, please reach out if there is anything you would like to discuss or if there is any support that you need.

Thanks

Cam Park (OS 07)

Chairman

RULES

UPDATING OF THE CLUB RULES

Background

The Committee of the Old Stamfordian Club (OSC) recently initiated an updating of the Club Rules which have not been reviewed for many years. The objective is to ensure that the Rules accurately reflect the mission of the OSC to serve all its members and the developing partnership between the OSC and the Stamford Endowed Schools (SES).

In this regard two key changes have taken place that impact on the OSC:

- Will Phelan, Principal of Stamford Endowed Schools, has described his vision of the Stamford Community as consisting of the Stamford schools, the Old Stamfordian Club, the Old Girls' Guild, parents of students and alumni and local institutions. On the basis that so much more can be achieved by co-operation and collaboration, the OSC is committed to playing its full part in the Stamford Community as it develops.

- The level of activity within the OSC has increased substantially as the Club seeks to provide a programme of events and initiatives which appeals to all generations. To ensure an appropriate level of professionalism in how the OSC operates, a close collaborative partnership is now in place between the Club and the SES Development Office.

Specifics of the updating of the Rules:

Rule 2 underlines the commitment of OSC to play a full part in the Stamford Community.

Rule 3 deals with Membership. Membership is no longer associated with the payment of a fee. Membership is therefore available to all former students of Stamford School, provided that the criteria in clause 3.1 are met. Nevertheless, it is important that the Committee retains over-riding responsibility for the management of the OSC, including addressing actions of individual members which may bring the Club into disrepute. For many years the Rules contained provision for expulsion and it is proposed to re-introduce this in clause 3.6.

Rule 4 contains a provision that the Chairman of the Reunion Organising Sub Committee should be an Officer of the Club to reflect the importance of our flagship event.

Rule 5 contains provision for attendance at Committee Meetings via electronic means at the Chairman's discretion. Improvements in IT technology have enabled 'virtual meetings' to be very effective and to save on travelling time.

Rule 6 in addition to members being able to exercise control by participation in the AGM, there is now a provision whereby control can be exercised via an EGM (6.2). The expression Independent Examiner

features in clause 6.1 for the first time simply to reflect current practice.

Rule 7 reflects the fact that the activities of the OSC are now mainly funded through an annual budget agreed between the OSC and the SES Development Office. This relationship is governed by a Collaboration Agreement including service level criteria which are to be reviewed regularly.

Rule 9 although a remote prospect, best practice dictates that a mechanism is prescribed in the Rules in the event that the OSC has to be dissolved.

Conclusion

The existing Rules need updating to ensure they are fit for purpose and to provide a framework that allows the OSC to meet its goals and objectives.

[The updated rules can be found here.](#)

REUNION WEEKEND

After a two year absence, we are delighted to be able to host the Reunion Weekend once more for our former students of both Stamford School and Stamford High School.

There will be a programme of activities at both schools for Old Stamfordians to take part in, including a service at either Chapel or St Martin's Church, a luncheon and school tours. We would then like to invite everyone to join us on the Saturday evening for a hog roast and also to spectate, or participate in, the Andrew Carter touch rugby tournament. This has previously been a most enjoyable evening of both schools coming together to reminisce, catch up and continue the celebrations.



If you would like to take part in any of the sporting activity taking place over the weekend please contact [Tom Gulland, OSC Sport Officer.](#)

For the Old Stamfordian Club, Simon Richardson is leading on the year group

representatives programme. If you would like to be a year group rep or have a discussion about this role, [please do contact Simon directly](#). We have already heard from a number of Old Stamfordians from both Schools wanting to arrange a reunion for their year and we welcome more requests to incorporate this into the weekend. For further information please [contact us](#).

A full timetable of events for each of the Schools can be found below, and please be assured that a warm welcome awaits you in Stamford when the time comes. If you have any questions please do contact us.

[A full timetable and booking details can be found here.](#)

NEWS

Fact and Rep

John Hatton (OS 67) writes:

"Do any of our Old Boys have a copy of the 'Fact and Rep' test sheet that we did in about 1962? bizarrely, I still remember some of the poem we had to learn...J'aime l'âne si doux, Marchant le long des houx!!"

If you have a copy of the sheet [we would love to hear from you!](#)

Jackson Van Uden (OS 18)

At the end of February we were delighted to welcome Jackson back to the Schools to lead a lesson with our year 3 pupils who have been learning about the Romans.

Jackson, who produces the 'History With Jackson' podcast and YouTube channel and has

just published his first history book, taught about the Romans with the help of his friend Octavius in the picture below!



It was wonderful to see the pupils engaging in an animated lesson, making their own shields and learning about the life of a Roman.

Being able to invite Old Stamfordians in to talk with students is an invaluable opportunity for them and really enhances their learning experience whilst at Stamford and we would like to say thank you to Jackson.

If anyone would like to be involved in future talks across any of the Schools please do get in contact with [Natalie Pretsell, Community Engagement Manager](#).

Rugby Champions

Congratulations to the the U15 rugby team who were victorious in the National Plate final against the Oratory School on Tuesday 15 March!



The team was 0-10 down after 44 minutes but the good old Stamfordian Spirit came through and they roared back to win 26-24 and lift the trophy, [which you can see here](#).

Congratulations gents!

FUTURE EVENTS

Luffenham Heath Golf Meets

Saturday 7 May 2022

Saturday 24 September 2022

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

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, 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](#)

SECTOR GROUPS

Job Opportunity

We have been contacted by Old Stamfordian about an opportunity currently available with Bishopsgate Corporate Finance for a Corporate Finance Associate. [Full details can be found here.](#)

We are always looking to support Old Stamfordians and our Old Stamfordian community, so if you have any job opportunities that you wish to share with the OS [please get in touch.](#)

FAREWELLS

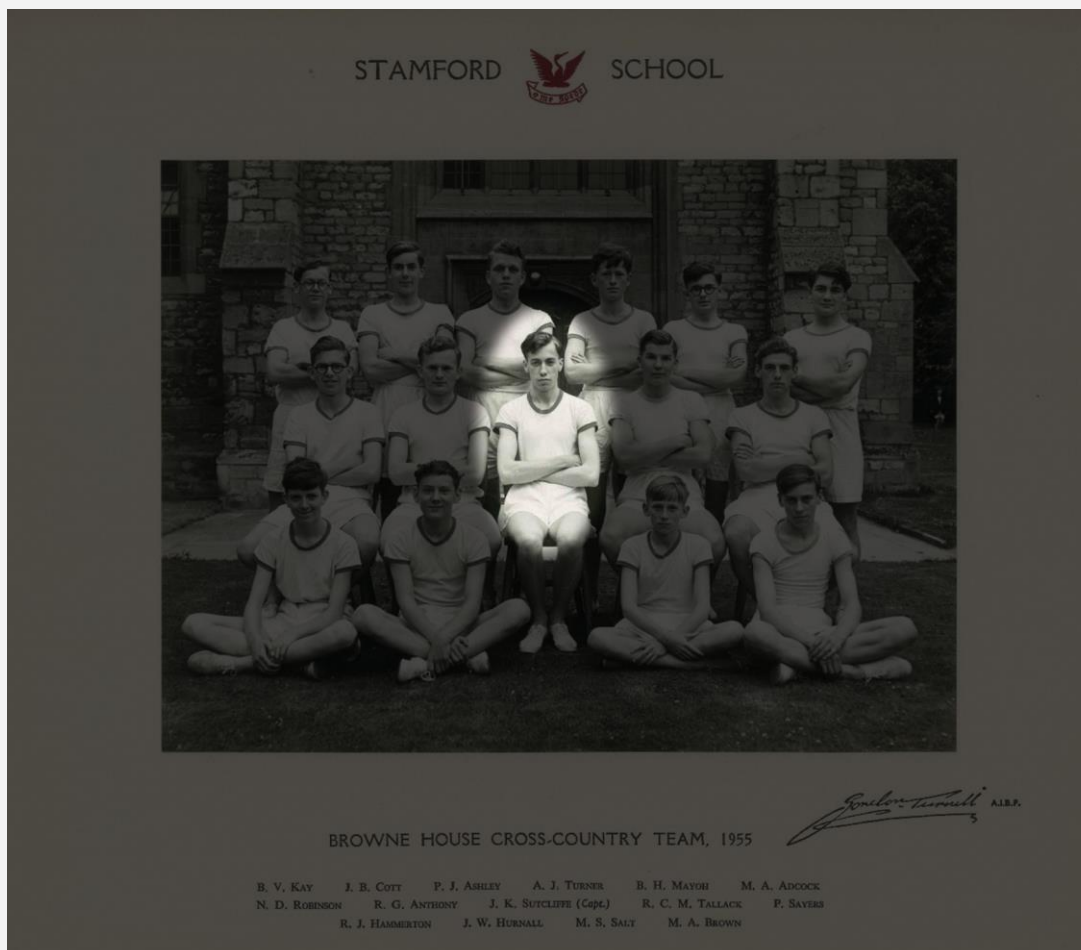
John Kendrick Sutcliffe (OS 56)

John's wife, Annette Sutcliffe (OS 58), has informed us that John sadly passed away on 1 February 2021.

Annette writes:

Sadly I have to report that John Kendrick Sutcliffe - OS 1946 to 1956 died on 1st February 2022. John, who lived in Peterborough, was a day boy in the junior school until he was 13, when he transferred to being a boarder. After A levels, he won a scholarship to Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge, from where he graduated in Natural Sciences in 1959. He embarked on a career in teaching, principally Physics, at Repton School, near Derby. After six years he was appointed Head of Science at the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone, Kent, where he introduced the teaching of Nuffield Physics. He remained at the Harvey until retirement. Out of school he was an active member of St. George's

Church, Folkestone, where he served as a Church Warden for 13 years following retirement from teaching. We were married in 1963 and had two children, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



Our Archivist writes:

John Kendrick Sutcliffe joined Stamford School in 1945. He started in Country House and then moved over to Browne House where he became a House Prefect and Captain of the Cross-Country Team (as shown in the team picture). For his final year, John served as a School Prefect and Head of Browne House. John was also a Lance-Corporal and Assistant Instructor Signals in the Army Section of the CCF. In 1953, he appeared in the School Play, *Coriolanus*, in which he played an Aedile (a Roman Magistrate) and a Volscian Senator.

When he left Stamford School in 1956, John was accepted as a Commoner at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge where he read Natural Sciences. In 1963, he wrote to the Old

Stamfordian Club. By this time, he was teaching Physics at Repton, and said he was 'enjoying being a "Squibs"' (a reference to C.A.M. 'Squibs' Bowman who was Physics Master at Stamford School during John's schooldays).



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