

Old Stamfordian Club



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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear Old Stamfordian

Christmas is quickly approaching and work continues on the planning of the annual OSC Newsletter and next year's reunion. We were delighted to hold the annual London OSC dinner and AGM at the RAF Club this month. With 39 attendees, a speech from the acting Head and good food and drink, a splendid evening was had by all. An expanded write-up of the evening will follow in a future update.

If you have any news that you wish to share with us then please do [contact us](#).

Our thanks to all those who have contributed to this latest newsletters; we hope you enjoy reading it.

The Old Stamfordian Club Committee

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NEWS

Sunday Times Best Seller

Alex Hirst (OS 99) recently contacted us with the brilliant news that his book *Workstyle: A Revolution for Wellbeing, Productivity and Society* became a Sunday Times Number One Bestseller!

Workstyle, written by Alex and fellow author Lizzie Penny, calls for radical changes to the ways of working that will improve wellbeing, productivity and society, giving people the power and freedom to choose when and where they work.



Of the book, Alex and Lizzie said “[it] is for everyone who has had to take a day off work to receive a delivery or go to a doctor's appointment. It is for anyone with caring responsibilities, for parents, those with illnesses, mental health issues, who feel burnt out, or who are living with disabilities. It is for those who are older, who identify as neurodiverse or who consider themselves different in any way... It is for anyone who questions why they need to commute to an office to be productive... This book is for everyone who works or wants to work, and for all of us who want to shape the future of work for generations to come.”

[Click here for more information on the book and how to order.](#)

Congratulations Alex!

Debut Novel for OS

Moving on to another author, this time in the fiction category - Chris Fox (OS 98, Staff 04-10) whose first novel is being published on 6 December.

The book, titled *Dreams*, is the story of Hugo Swann, a young undergraduate in his first term at Oxford University. Things are looking up when he meets Alice, his new girlfriend, but a series of strange dreams are having a terrible impact on his mental health. Before long, he'll encounter a mystery woman with whom he forms a deep bond, while Alice becomes obsessed with solving the riddle of his dreams. And when she finally works things out, will Hugo want to know the truth of what she discovers?



[More information on the book and the author can be found here.](#)

Congratulations Chris, we look forward to following your writing career.

REMINISCENCES & UPDATES

Roger Kenyon (OS 59)

Roger Kenyon has written to us with an update of his time after Stamford. He told us:
I was a member of Byard House, under the care of Bartle Frere. I left to go to St. Andrews University in 1959. Dan Maland had been my history master in the sixth form and he sent me to be interviewed by Professor Lionel Butler who was Professor of Mediaeval History. I was accepted and Lionel Butler became a good friend.

I went, by accident, into the engineering industry. In those days, preparation for

one's career was not that common, but I didn't want to be a teacher, which was the main alternative. I worked in Lincoln at a company called Ruston and Hornsby, who made diesel engines and industrial gas turbines. I ended up with Tube Investments Ltd that, in the 1960s, had a great reputation for training. I then became Area Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, where the Latin I had had to continue studying at St. Andrews helped me in learning Spanish.

After several years, I was sent to Mexico where I've lived for over forty years and now I'm virtually retired. It was supposed to be a temporary posting!

Recently I've been in touch with Steve Riley (OS 66), and Mike Perkins (OS 59) who became a business partner with my uncle Geoff Cooper in Market Rasen.

My brother Simon (OS 63) ended up as Professor of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University. He's now retired and lives in Maryland in a small fishing village. He looks after a Nature Refuge, as acting (and probably unpaid!) Secretary. He married and had 3 children, two of whom are in the USA, and the elder in New Zealand.

I have many happy memories of Stamford School, both academically and athletically: I was Captain of Fencing and played cricket for the School and for Byard. At St. Andrews I fenced for the University and for Scotland.

Happy days!

Thank you for sharing this Roger.

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 newsletters and publications, [please email us](#), and feel free to include any photos as well.

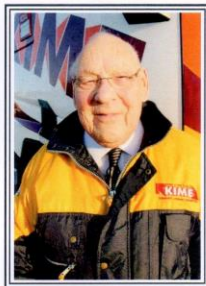
To see memories shared in past newsletters, [previous editions are available on our website](#).

FAREWELLS

Bob Kime (OS 47)

We shared the news of Bob's passing in our last update after being informed by Dudley Bryant MBE (OS 61). Bob, along with his wife Barbara, were regular attendees of the Boston Lunch.

ST. MARY AND ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
WRANGLE



In Loving Memory
of
Robert Hugh Kime
(Bob)

Who died on
Sunday 2nd October 2022
Aged 92 years



Service on
Monday 24th October 2022
at 1.30pm
followed by interment in the Churchyard

The funeral service was held on Monday 24 October 2022 at St. Mary's and St. Nicholas' Church, Boston with a eulogy given by Bob's son, Nigel.

Regarding his father's attendance here at Stamford, Nigel noted: "he had a love for rugby as well as other sports but wasn't too fussed about schoolwork! Upon speaking to Dick Hardy, he commented that Bob was noted for always having a full tuck box!"

[The eulogy can be read in full here.](#)

Our thoughts are with Barbara and all of Bob's family and friends.

Nigel Fox (OS 52)

John Cartwright (OS 53) informed us of the sad passing of Nigel Fox on 20 August 2022.

John writes:

Nigel Thomas Fox died on the 20 August 2022. He was at school from 1945 to 1952, having boarded in Northfields House initially and then becoming a founder

member of Byard House in 1951. He and I were close friends. After leaving School, he joined the Army for National Service. He was commissioned in the Royal Artillery and joined 48 Field Regiment, serving in Malaya during the Emergency, being attached to the Ghurka Regiment.

After leaving the Army in 1959, he joined Shakespear McTurk and Graham in Leicester, eventually becoming Senior partner. He also became a Director of Leicester Cattle market. He retired in 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline and his son and daughter, Anthony and Alex.

Our Archivist notes that Nigel won the School Colours for Boxing and Rugby during his time at Stamford School. He is highlighted in the photo below of the Byard House Senior Cup Team, 1951. (click photo to enlarge)



Andrew (Garth Taylor) (OS 70)

Sadly, the Club have been notified of the passing of Andrew (Garth) Taylor on 1 September 2022 by his stepbrother, Ian Russell.

From the committee:

Born in 1953 at Essendine, for most of his youth Garth grew up in Ryhall. He started at Stamford School, Willoughby House, in 1963 with his leg in plaster following a weekend football game, but typical of his determined attitude to any challenge he adapted quickly and soon enjoyed a full range of school activities. Rugby became his favourite sport where he represented both Ancaster 1st XV and the School 2nd XV. *(highlighted in the picture below - click photo to enlarge)*



Garth enjoyed “rock” music, attending the iconic Isle of White Festival in 1970 along with a number of school friends.

He gained a degree in Sociology at Leicester University. After meeting his wife

Catherine in Leeds, they moved to London spending 40 years in Lee and were blessed with two sons, Luke and Sam.

Garth was a civil servant starting at a job centre in Brixton. He progressed to work on education and skills for SOLOTEC in the 1990's, before becoming a Partnership Director for the Learning and Skills Council in Croydon in the 2000's. He retired at the national Skills Funding Agency at the age of 58.

He was passionate about sport, playing for the Old Brockleians RFC and undertaking many charity cycle rides. He was interviewed by the BBC as a cancer survivor riding for Beat Bowel Cancer. He also raised money for Parkinsons and The Royal British Legion.

Sincere condolences are passed to Garth's family. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

FUTURE EVENTS

Luffenham Heath Spring Golf Meet

Saturday 6 May 2023

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

Old Stamfordian Reunion Weekend 2023

Friday 9 June - Sunday 11 June 2023

Further information in due course

Fullbore Rifle Meet

Tuesday 13 July 2023

17:00 hrs, 500 yards Century Range

Bisley National Shooting Centre, GU24 0PB

Teams of 5 and all kit provided if needed (for those who haven't shot recently).

All are welcome, and drinks will be held afterwards along with the prize giving.
There will also be a dinner in North London Rifle Club.

Contact: [Phil Chapman-Sheath, Captain OS Fullbore Rifle Team](#)

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