

# Old Stamfordian Club



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## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear Old Stamfordian

Arrangements for the Old Stamfordian Reunion Weekend 2023 are well underway, and we are looking forward to welcoming more Old Stamfordians back to the Schools. If you are still in contact with any of your peers who may not be aware of the date for Reunion, then please do be sure to draw their attention to it.

We hope you enjoy reading this latest newsletter. If you have any news that you wish to share with us then please do [contact us](#).

*[The Old Stamfordian Club Committee](#)*

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## NEWS

### **Fundraising Swim Across Lake Geneva**

Paul Grindal (OS 87) has been part of a team who took part in a 70km relay of Lake Geneva. He told us:

"Over the 5/6<sup>th</sup> of September I was a member of a 5 man swim team (The Broker Buoys) who took part in a swim a relay race, the entire 70km, length of Lake Geneva, (without wetsuits). It was part of a three, property-related, team race, taking on the challenge which had only been completed by 12 other teams previously, those teams being the few that had met the Lake Geneva Swimming Association rules."



"Apart from the need to beat our fellow teams, most importantly, the event was in aid of supporting 4 charities (to whom the swimmers all had a variety of personal connections):

- **Charlie Waller Memorial Trust** (mental health focused)
- **Muscular Dystrophy UK** (helping those with muscle wasting disease)
- **MacMillan** (our only large charity but close to many of us)
- **FirstTouch** (care for sick and premature babies at St George's Hospital, SW London)

Our current fund raising stands at almost £110,000 and is still rising.

We departed from Chateau de Chillon at 8am on Monday 5 September, reaching Geneva just under 27 hours later on Tuesday 6. In fact, my team won the race in 26hrs 58mins, with the Ladies of the Lake team a mere 5 minutes later – quite amazing when you consider the distance we had covered."

More information about the relay and how to donate can be [found here](#) - congratulations Paul and team!

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## **OS Golf Society Annual Autumn Meeting**

The OSGS annual Autumn meeting was held at Luffenham Heath Golf Club on Saturday 24 September.

On a fine sunny morning the competition was for the Alastair Ross Bowl. There was a tie between Simon Hodgkinson (OS 81) (playing for the first time at the Meeting) and Martin Jaffrey (OS 78), both scoring 36 points. With Simon having a better back nine holes of 19, as opposed to Martin's 15, Simon was declared the winner.

The "nearest the pin" competition on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole was won by Tim Johnson (OS 81).

After lunch the competition was for the Geoff Holyoake trophy, of foursomes stableford. Again there was a tie, with the team of Richard Palmer (OS 71) and Alistair Watt, (OS 76) against Martin Jaffrey playing with Nigel Cracknell (OS 78), both scoring 30 points, but the trophy was won by Richard and Alistair having scored better over the back nine holes. The afternoon was just completed before the rain set in. John Cartwright (OS 53) presented the trophies and the prizes after play.

Geoff Holyoake (OS 74) himself was unfortunately unable to play and join in on the day due to Covid.

The 2023 Spring meeting is planned for Saturday 6 May 2023 at Luffenham Heath

Many thanks to John Cartwright for submitting the report.

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## **The Stamford Lecture Series**

Former architect of the Eden Project, Michael Pawlyn, will be giving the next Stamford Lecture on Thursday 7 November and we are delighted that he will be joining the School for a virtual lecture.

Treating nature as a blueprint, he believes there are huge gains to be made by learning from how the natural world works.

In this talk, Michael will give his perspective on the key differences between conventional sustainability and the emerging paradigm of regenerative design. He will describe how biomimicry – learning design lessons from the living world – will be a crucial part of this transformation. The talk will be illustrated with projects which explain how this thinking can be applied in a practical way.



The lecture will be held virtually on Zoom on Thursday 17 November at 7pm.

[Book Here](#)

## REMINISCENCES

### OSC Newsletter 2023

We have reached that time of the year again when planning has begun on your annual OSC magazine 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](#).

## 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.

### Alan (Eric) Twelvetree (OS 45)

Alan's daughter, Anne Rogers, informed us of the sudden passing of her father in February this year. Anne writes:

"Alan and his brother John were evacuated from Great Yarmouth in 1941 to stay with an uncle farming in Barrowden and were pupils at the school in Country House until 1945.

Alan's time at Stamford had a great influence on his life and he clearly enjoyed his time there, frequently regaling the family with tales of school life. He passed a good school certificate and left the school determined to make something of himself. Sadly, returning to a heavily damaged Great Yarmouth after the war, life and schooling was badly disrupted. So Alan left at 17 for a job in the Borough Treasurer's Office, set to and studied at night for his CIPFA qualifications. He and Pat, whom he married in 1953, moved around the length and breadth of the country as Alan worked his way up through the ranks in local government to become County Treasurer of Essex aged 46, a position he held until retirement. He served as president of the Society of County Treasurers, was presented to HM Queen Elizabeth II and was awarded the Freedom of the City of London in 1987.

In retirement Alan continued to be extremely active, training full time to become a very accomplished silversmith. He helped out with local organisations and also enjoyed watercolour painting, needlepoint, collecting antiques, and local history. He was blessed with very good health throughout his life and had begun a new painting on the afternoon before he died!

We all came to visit Stamford last year and he walked us along the prescribed

route to the school from the station along the alleyways; anything else was out of bounds! We met some current pupils who seemed astounded to see an old boy from the time of WWII still walking happily around the town!"

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### **Bob Kime (OS 47)**

Dudley Bryant MBE (OS 61) shared the news of Bob's passing with us, as Bob was a regular attendee at the Boston Lunch, along with his wife, Barbara.

The funeral service was held on Monday 24 October 2022 at St. Mary's and St. Nicholas' Church, Boston.

A full tribute will be published in a future OSC update, and our thoughts are with Barbara and all of Bob's family and friends at this time.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **184th London OSC Dinner**

**Wednesday 2 November 2022**

The Royal Air Force Club

128 Piccadilly

London

W1J 7PY

Contact: [Ian Brassington](#)

*Please note that booking for the dinner is now closed*

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### **Luffenham Heath Spring Golf Meet**

**Saturday 6 May 2023**

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

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**Old Stamfordian Reunion Weekend 2023**

**Friday 9 June - Sunday 11 June 2023**

Further information in due course

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