

Old Stamfordian Club



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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear Old Stamfordian

This year's Reunion, being held on Saturday 10 June, is fast approaching and the full timetable and booking information for this can be [found here](#). We are looking for rugby players to play in the Andrew Carter touch rugby tournament on the Saturday evening, as well as cricketers to play against Tolethorpe on Sunday 11 June. 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 drum up general support. If you would be interested in this, please contact [Simon Richardson](#).

Along with Reunion planning, work on our latest OSC Newsletter is nearing

completion and will be landing in letterboxes and inboxes in the next couple of weeks. Our thanks to all those who have contributed. Previous editions can be read on the Schools' new website, which was launched last week, and you can read more on that [here](#).

The OSC Committee is made up entirely of volunteers, all of whom are committed to maintaining close links for you, as an Old Stamfordian, with the School; if you would be interested in joining the team please contact [Natalie Pretsell, Development Manager](#), to discuss the opportunity.

With best wishes to you,

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

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NEWS

New Record from Old Stamfordian Band

Fred Miceli and Kieran Wade (both OS 98), together known as The Empty Pages, released their fifth record in January 2023, titled *Too Much Pressure*.



The six songs of blues-rock were all recorded in Kieran's home studio and is available on all streaming platforms. Kieran and Fred became friends and formed their first band together here at Stamford.

The album is available on the usual streaming sites, and you can find these, and more on the [band's website](#).

OS Football

In our last update we mentioned that we were contacted by an Old Oakhamian who was looking to arrange a football match against an OS team. We are delighted to announce that Dean Cornish (OS 96) has offered to organise a team, and the first match will take place at 2pm on Saturday 20 May at Cottesmore AFC.

If you wish to play then please [contact us](#). Supporters are welcome as well, and the bar will be open.

Sports Results

You may have seen our weekly sporting round-ups that are published on Old Stamfordian social media each Thursday. Following feedback we will be including a monthly summary of sport within this mailing going forward.

It has been a successful term, not just month, with victories and impressive performances across a wide range of sports. The U16s rugby 7s won the LeicsGS 16s trophy at the beginning of the month, and this was swiftly followed by some fantastic performances, including personal bests, for our swimmers at the Olympic Park in London. The U11 fencers from the Junior School won bronze at the British School Fencing Team Championships, only missing out on silver by three points.

As the month went on there were massive performances by our rugby 7s 1st team (first picture below) in the Sedburgh Super 10s. The tournament is the Grand Finale of the schools rugby season, held in the picturesque surroundings of the Yorkshire Dales. Stamford went through the qualified for the latter stages of the tournament, only to be knocked out by the hosts and eventual runners-up Sedburgh.

The Schools welcomed Waseda Jitsugyo High School from Tokyo earlier this week, celebrating our schools' continuing relationship with the international school that sends students to study with us each year. Two great rugby games were also played, with the opening try of the day going to Stamford (bottom picture).

Elsewhere, the football 1st XI, in their first season since football returned as a competitive sport, won the ISFA Mercian League (third picture).

There has also been lots of inter-house sport, as well as external fixtures. On Wednesday 29 March, the swimming Lower School House Championships took place in the Memorial Pool, with Radcliffe coming out victorious overall (second picture). It was a far cry from the days of the outdoor swimming pool, which we are sure many of you will remember with varying degrees of fondness! The sporting week, month and indeed term ended with the Burghley Run. The annual cross country race is now run by all year groups from across the three schools, alongside members of staff (fourth picture).



'Beyond Stamford' Careers Event

On Monday 20 March we welcomed five Old Stamfordians back to the Schools, as well as two members from the wider Stamford community, to talk to our students about careers in the legal sector.

The speakers were invited to share their insights into the legal world and ranged from solicitors to barristers, including those starting their training to those at the end of their career. The specialist areas of law of our guests ranged from immigration law to small businesses, from intellectual property law to criminal law.

This event, part of the ongoing 'Beyond Stamford' series, was open to all students and parents from years 10 to 13 as an opportunity to speak to professionals in the field about what jobs exist, the best routes in and discover what they could do now to help future chances.

Thank you to all those who participated.

New Stamford Schools Website

The Schools have recently launched a new website, which you can [view here](#). The Marketing team worked closely with local design company *Dsquared* to create the new site, with the aim to improve site navigation, style, and professionalism, and to fully reflect our outstanding and unique school and happy students.

Please feel free to send any feedback you have about the new site to [our Marketing Team](#).

FAREWELLS

John Troth (OS 57)

John's brother-in-law, Richard Palmer (OS 71), informed us of John's passing. Our thoughts and condolences are with John's family and friends. Richard writes:

John was born in Stamford and attended Stamford School until 1957. On leaving school he joined the local brick and tile manufacturer, Williamson Cliff, and after a time learning the ropes, was sponsored to study clay technology at Stoke-on-Trent. This was where John found his vocation, progressing through the managerial ranks of the industry initially in Kent and then on to Westbrick in Exeter.

His career watershed came when the family uprooted and moved to North Wales on his appointment as Managing Director of Dennis Ruabon, quarry tile manufacturer, near Wrexham. Here, he carried out an extensive modernisation and expansion programme, which saw the factory transformed into one of the leading producers and exporters of quarry tiles in the UK. John travelled widely throughout the world, developing and promoting his company's products and obtaining new export markets, for which he was awarded an OBE in 1991 for services to export.



*John Troth, highlighted here in the 1956 Swimming team photograph.
Click for an expanded colour photo.*

He was also a keen advocate of training and development and became Chairman of North East Wales Training and Enterprise Council, where he championed the national development of modern apprenticeships and the NVQ programme. He also worked with North East Wales Institute of Higher Education (NEWI) to gain university status for Wrexham Glyndwr University, where he was awarded an honorary degree for his work

In his retirement, he continued his voluntary work becoming Chairman of Groundwork North Wales supporting communities in need. He was particularly proud of forming a group to acquire the local Marford Quarry, developed as a nature reserve, where he and his wife, Judy, spent many happy walks, finding this particularly rewarding during those desolate days of lockdown.

John was a keen rugby player, playing for Stamford Town in his day and latterly as the muscles ached more, for several “vet’s” teams in Wales, before settling down as an ardent rugby supporter. And as he said, it was always a difficult one when England met Wales in the Six Nations and he was watching the match in his local. Travel was also a big part of family life with many annual trips through Europe in Daisy, the family VW camper van, and latterly flying off to visit daughter, Jen and family, in South Africa.

John led a full and interesting career. But we, as family, will remember him as the loving family man with a great sense of humour. Trips up to Wales were always a time of great celebration when the extended family gathered together in the warm hospitality of the Troth household. Always proud to be a Stamfordian, he is survived by his devoted wife of 57 years, Judy, whom he met at the Methodist Youth group at Barn Hill, and who attended Stamford High School until 1963, plus his three daughters, Sue, Jen, and Liz, and eight grandchildren.

FUTURE EVENTS

School Concerts

After Easter the Schools are will be putting on various lunchtime concerts, including String and Percussion concerts, as well as performances from our Scholars. The concerts are open to those in our community who wish to attend; [you can view the dates here](#).

Luffenham Heath Spring Golf Meet

Saturday 6 May 2023

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

Football - Old Stamfordian v Old Oakhamians

Saturday 20 May

14:00, Cottesmore AFC

Westray Park, Burley Rd, Cottesmore, Oakham LE15 7DH

Contact: [Dean Cornish](#)

Old Stamfordian Reunion Weekend 2023

Saturday 10 June - Sunday 11 June 2023

[Full timetable and booking information here](#)

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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