



**APRIL 2023**

**MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Dear Old Stamfordian

As we near the end of April, the Reunion on Saturday 10 June is fast approaching and bookings for the lunch are looking strong. There is still space available, however, so please keep drumming up interest. Whether you are attending alone or as a group, you will always be amongst friends, and if you have any queries do contact the [Development Office](#).

As well as the lunch, the Andrew Carter touch rugby tournament will be played in the evening, and there will be a cricket match against Tolethorpe on Sunday 11 June. We are also looking for cricketers and rugby players to participate in these so if you would like to be involved please let [Tom Gulland](#) know or alternatively contact the Development Office.

As always, we hope you enjoy reading this latest update and if you have any news or memories that you wish to share then please let us know. We love to

hear from our Old Stamfordian community.

With best wishes to you,

*The Old Stamfordian Club Committee*

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## NEWS

### Old Stamfordian Reunion Lunch 2023

Saturday 10 June 2023

Good company, good food and good wine is a somewhat hackneyed expression, but attendance at the Reunion Lunch is recommended precisely because the company is both interesting and convivial, the food is always first class and the wine is palatable!

As well as the opportunity to talk over times with friends and acquaintances from yesteryear and renew those friendships and attendances, you will also have the chance to hear from the Headmaster or Principal about what is happening at the Old School and how it is doing. Do not despair; speeches are few and short!

Simon Richardson (OS 84) is doing a marvellous job leading the Year Group Representatives project and drumming up attendees for Reunion; the role of

a YGR is to help encourage contemporaries to return to Stamford for all or part of the Reunion Weekend 2023 as well as future events. If this a role you would be interested in, then please [contact Simon](#). The Development Office will be able to supply support and advice on how best to make the role work for you.

Some leaver years manage to put groups together for the lunch, but there is always a warm welcome for those flying solo! One of the strengths of the OS Club is its capacity for fellowship and friendship. This is nowhere more apparent than at the lunch and the atmosphere is truly wonderful. Currently we have a wide range of year groups booked, ranging from 1954 through to 2018, with every decade represented.

Above all the lunch is a fun event as the photographs below show, so don't just save the date - [book now!](#) we look forward to seeing you there.

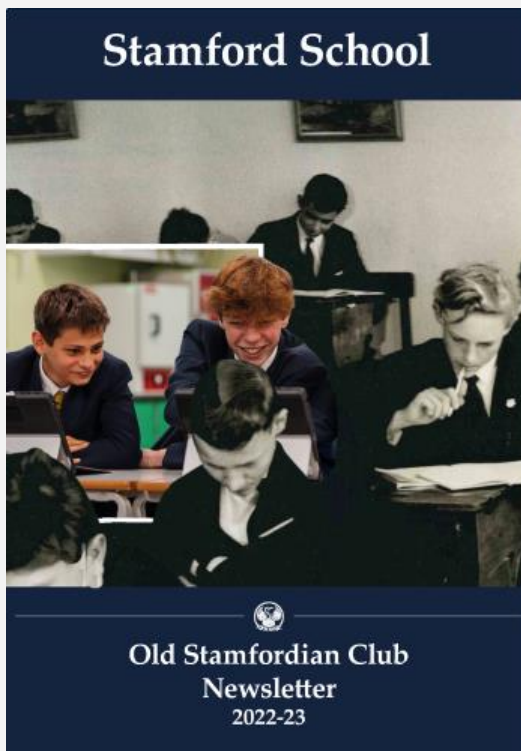




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### OSC Newsletter 2022/23



You may have already seen that last week we sent out the latest edition of the Old Stamfordian Club Newsletter.

This includes, as always, memories and reminiscences as well as news from both the Schools and Old Stamfordians, amongst other features.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter, and if you wish to contribute to next year's magazine with your news or memories, or have any feedback, then simply [contact us](#).

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### Year 13 Lunch with OS

It was wonderful to welcome back Old Stamfordians of Stamford School earlier in the month, as they joined Year 13 students to speak about their futures and life after Stamford.



It was an extremely valuable opportunity for students to hear directly from OS about the careers paths they have chosen, pick up some sector-specific tips and gain an insight into the OS community that they are soon to join.

We have received some fantastic feedback from the students and we wish them all the best for their upcoming exams.



There was also a lovely token of appreciation from the prefects for Geoffrey Brown, who was presented with a blazer in Old Stamfordian Club colours as a thank you for 18 years of service as Head of Sixth Form. Geoffrey, you may recall, became an Honorary Life Member last year.

Thank you to those that attended and shared their advice. In the past it has proven to provide valuable insights for the students and we are sure that this year, and going forward, will prove to be no exception.

If you are interested in purchasing an OS blazer please [complete this form](#) and return it to [oldstamfordianmerch@gmail.com](mailto:oldstamfordianmerch@gmail.com).

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### Sports Results

There was a well-deserved break from school sports over Easter for our students, but that didn't mean the sports stopped altogether. Over the holidays, four of our Year 8 students played for Lincolnshire hockey while in the U17 Leicester Tigers v Northampton Saints match the Schools were represented by seven of our students. This included two brothers who faced off against each other.

On top of these success, Nick Green (OS 18) made his Cambridgeshire CCC debut at the weekend, while Joey Evison (OS 20) hit a stunning 99 runs for Kent against Warwickshire two weeks ago, only to see them lose the match. In his latest outing he hit 38 not out as Kent drew against Essex, with no play on the final day due to bad weather.

Full sporting fixtures and results can be found on the [sports website](#).



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### **Invitation to a Sunday Lunch with Eddie Jones**

The Schools' Sports Department are hosting Sunday Lunch with Eddie Jones for a fundraising event on Sunday 21 May at Burghley Park Golf Club and would love to see members of our Old Stamfordian community in attendance.

The current Head Coach of the Wallabies and one of the world's leading high performance coaches will be sharing his considerable experiences and the proceeds will go towards supporting both the rugby and netball tour of South Africa. and the Kariega Foundation.

Details on how to book are below.

**Sunday 21 May**

**Burghley Park Golf Club**

Glass of Fizz, three courses and coffee 12:30-18:00

Smart casual

£700 for a table of 10

To reserve your table, please email [ajdoig@ses.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:ajdoig@ses.lincs.sch.uk) with contact details of a head of table and make one electronic payment (per table) to the account details

below. Tables will be reserved for 24 hours and then secured following confirmation of electronic payment. No formal tickets will be issued.

Electronic payments to be sent to:

Bank: Barclays Bank

Location: 46-49 Broad Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 1PZ

Account Number: 50830763

Sort Code: 20-81-53

Please reference 21MayEDDIE for the payment for the dinner

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## FAREWELLS

### Richard Lewis (OS 51)

*Richard's son, Piers, informed us that his father passed away on 30 March 2023. Piers writes:*

Richard Hunter Lewis was born and brought up in Stamford, and from the educational certificates, he achieved his school certificates in July 1948 (I can find evidence of English Language, English Literature, Scripture, History, French, General Science, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry). His uncle was 'Squibs' Bowman, Physics Master at the school, and he played a lot of rugby and hockey.





*Richard Lewis, highlighted here in the 1950 rugby 1st XV photograph.*

*[Click for a colour photo.](#)*

From school he left to join the RAF, and on commission (initial training in Jurby, Isle of Man) ended up training as a Bombing Navigator (in Winnipeg, Canada) and served in many RAF Squadrons, including the infamous 617 Squadron as well as 149 Squadron. He flew in Vulcans and Canberras. He was on standby for a number of months on the former of those aircraft type during the height of the cold war with a 'special' payload strapped to the aircraft whilst based in Germany. He also spent a lot of time horse riding and water skiing in his spare time.

After 12 years, he left the RAF as a Flight Lieutenant and relocated to Maidstone, Kent where he joined a defence company (Elliot Brothers, later to become GEC Marconi Avionics) as a Project Lead on a number of key projects including the stores management system on the Tornado, various systems on the C5 Galaxy as well as systems on the VC10, BAC 111 and even Concorde. In the late sixties, he bought a run-down 16<sup>th</sup> Century hall house and took a year to completely

renovate it. He married Vikki in 1973, raised two children at that same house, and Vikki still lives there today. Towards the end of his career, he moved into business development before retiring in 1997. Since then, he spent most of his time restoring classic cars.

He died eventually from a reoccurrence of Lymphoma which was untreatable, in Maidstone. His wife remains in Maidstone, his son lives in Hampshire and his daughter in Essex. His brother still lives in Stamford today.

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### **David Cooper (OS 64)**

*Don Bentley (OS 63 & former member of staff) informed us of David's passing. He provided an obituary that was included in the Glenside News, the magazine produced for Careby, Castle Bytham and the surrounding villages, a copy of which is below.*

Much-loved David Cooper passed away aged 76 on January 2nd 2023 at his new home in Norfolk with his wife Barbara and daughter Louise by his side following a brief brave fight with cancer.

Dave was born on 9th July 1946 in Stamford and was a Stamford School pupil and keen rugby player. Whilst still at school he met his future wife Barbara and following teacher training courses they married in 1968.

Dave graduated from De La Salle College in Manchester and taught at various local schools until, after a brief spell managing a garage in Grantham, he began a long-standing career with British Rail, becoming the Main Line's Maintenance Manager until retiring in 2004 after 30 years of service.

After relocating with Barbara and Louise to Careby in 1977, Dave became known as someone always willing to help anyone. His passion was for engines, building and renovations, extending and improving Maazledene, refitting the family's narrowboat and more recently, rebuilding and leaving as a legacy, the long-closed and hugely derelict Careby Village Hall.



*David Cooper, highlighted here in the Radcliffe 1963 rugby team photograph.*

*[Click for a colour photo.](#)*

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### **Stephen Parr (OS 72)**

*Phillip Hoskins (OS 73) informed us Stephen's passing at the end of March. We have no further details, however our Archivist, James Buckman, provided these details about his time here at Stamford:*

Stephen Parr attended St George's School before joining Stamford School in September 1965. He was first in St Paul's House before moving to Radcliffe House in 1967. He left in 1972 and entered chartered accountancy.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### School Concerts

There are a many concerts coming up over the next few weeks, including String and Percussion concerts, as well as performances from our Scholars. On Tuesday 2 May we also have an Organ Concert to celebrate our new organ. These concerts are open to those in our community who wish to attend; [you can view the dates and book here](#).



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### Senior School Ensembles Concert

Wednesday 26th April

### Inaugural Organ Concert

Tuesday 2nd May

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### Luffenham Heath Spring Golf Meet

Saturday 6 May 2023

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

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### Football - Old Stamfordian v Old Oakhamians

Saturday 20 May

14:00, Cottesmore AFC

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

This will be the first OS football match, and even if you are unable to play, supporters are more than welcome to come along and the bar will be open. We

would love to see you there.

Contact: [Dean Cornish](#)

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### **Old Stamfordian Reunion Weekend 2023**

**Saturday 10 June - Sunday 11 June 2023**

[Full timetable and booking information here](#)

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### **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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