

Old Stamfordian Club



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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear Old Stamfordian

As the calendar year draws to a close, preparations are underway for Reunion on Saturday 8 June 2024, as well as the annual OSC Newsletter. If you wish to share your news or have memories of your time here at Stamford that you would like including in the newsletter, please [contact us](#).

The annual OSC publication, as well as these updates, wouldn't be possible without your input, and we are thankful to all who contribute. We look forward to hearing from you and reading your updates.

With best wishes

The Old Stamfordian Club Committee

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OLD STAMFORDIAN NEWS

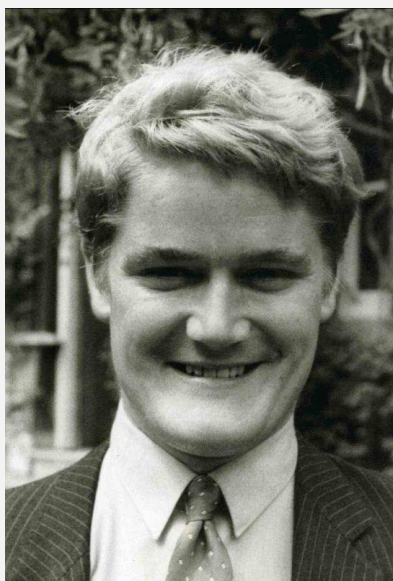
Trevor Newton

Last month we learnt of the passing of Mr Trevor Newton, who has sadly left us after a battle with cancer.

Mr Newton taught English at Stamford School and, in 1982, wrote the script for the production of 'Gaudeamus Igitur' for the school's 450th anniversary. Billed as 'Dramatic Celebration of the 450th Anniversary of Stamford School', the play described the history of the school from foundation to modern day.

We were informed by Mr Ken Chapman. Upon announcing the news on our social media channels, we received many tributes to which can be [read here](#). They really are a testament to such a wonderful man who made a lasting impact on so many of us.

Our thoughts and condolences are with all who knew Trevor. He will be sadly missed.



London Old Stamfordian Club Dinner

On Wednesday 8 November 2023, the London Old Stamfordian Club held their 185th annual dinner at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly. The event brought together 64 attendees from across eight decades of Old Stamfordians, ranging from 1957 to 2020.

The number was a notable increase on last year's 39, and a particularly heartening feature of the evening was the significant number of first-time attendees. Continuing the tradition at the dinner, each newcomer introduced themselves and it was fantastic to see 1969 leavers attending their first dinner, alongside many of our more recent alumni.

Will Phelan, Principal at the Schools, gave an informative and entertaining update on the Schools, including the incredible success of some of our Old Stamfordians.

Chair of the London OSC, Ian Brassington (OS 73), was joined on the top table by Will Phelan, sponsor Tom Wallington (OS 07), and Brian Tunncliffe (OS 57), the eldest Old Stamfordian of the evening. The Loving Cup, crafted by artist Nelson Dawson (OS 1877), was also on display on the top table, although the tradition of passing the cup around the table has been postponed, as in the previous two years, with consideration of potential health issues.

A great time was had by all, celebrating the unique Old Stamfordian bond while welcoming many new faces. Thanks go to Ian Brassington and Neil Paterson (OS 85), Treasurer of the London OSC, for their organisation of the evening.

[A photo gallery of the evening can be viewed here.](#)



Community Awards Win For Dan Zenchuk (OS 03)

Dan is the Founder and Managing Director of Danzen Logistics, who achieved a significant milestone by winning the Business in the Community Award at the Peterborough Telegraph Business Excellence Awards 2023.

The awards ceremony, held on Wednesday 23 November, recognized Danzen Logistics for its outstanding contributions to the community, reflecting the company's dedication to social responsibility. This award speaks to the company's commitment to making a positive impact beyond the business realm. Alongside being the main sponsor for Whittlesey Athletic Football Club since July 2022, the company also sponsors various players of the Peterborough United Women's team as well as various youth football clubs.



Dan, who is of Ukrainian heritage, has also been heavily involved in both fundraising for Ukraine and delivering supplies to those affected by the Russian invasion.

Speaking of the win, Dan said "We're absolutely amazed to win this against two high-quality competitors. Well done to all. We've all done Peterborough proud."

Congratulations to Danzen Logistics on this well-deserved recognition. We wish Dan and the team continued success in their future endeavours.

OS Role in Biden's Tech Hub Announcement

On 23 October 2023, President Biden announced that Binghamton, a city in upstate New York, was awarded the status of America's Tech Hub for battery innovation. This remarkable recognition holds significant implications for that particular region while being directly linked to Stamford School, and one of our notable alumni.

One of the key figures at the heart of Binghamton's ascent in the realm of battery innovation is Old Stamfordian and 2019 Nobel Laureate Dr M. Stanley Whittingham (OS 60). A distinguished professor of chemistry and materials science at Binghamton

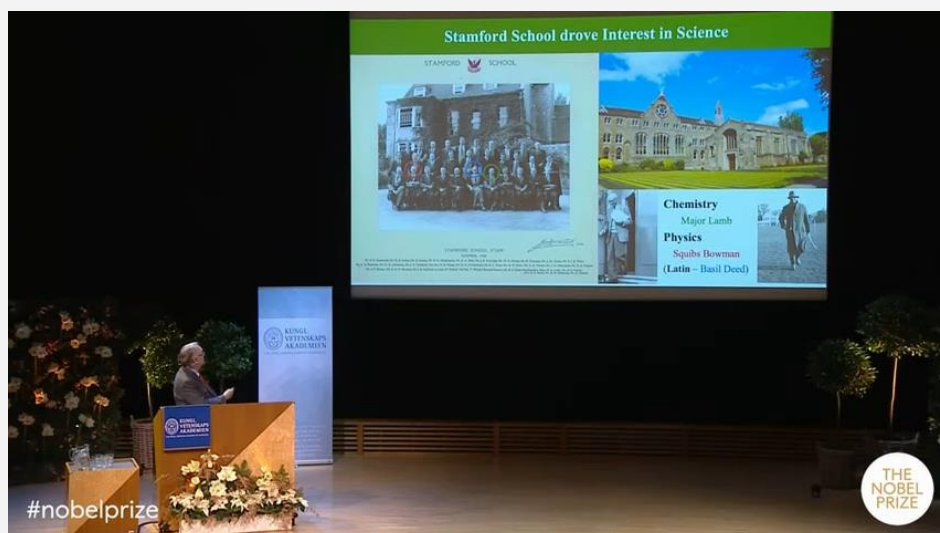
University, Dr Whittingham's pioneering work in lithium-ion battery technology has been a driving force behind the region's success in this field.

While giving his Nobel Lecture in 2019, Dr Whittingham talked about his time here at Stamford, saying, "It was there that I got attracted to science through the inspired teaching of Major Lamb and Squibs Bowman in chemistry and physics, respectively. The school had a well-equipped new science building."

As a student here between 1951 and 1960, he won the mayor's mathematics prize, was a prefect and member of Willoughby and Ancaster houses. He took part in hockey, did cross country around Burghley Park and sailed on gravel pits.

Dr Whittingham was one of the chemists behind the development of the lithium-ion battery in the 1970s, along with John Goodenough and Akira Yoshino, with whom he shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

The full news story can be read on our website.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

Robert Wills Memorial Cup

The Schools were pleased to welcome back Old Stamfordian Henry Wills (OS 16) to present 1st XV captain James E with the Robert Wills Memorial Cup on Monday 27th November. The cup is traditionally presented at the first home game of the season against Uppingham, which this year saw a Stamford victory by 46-13 back in September.

[Read more here.](#)



Army Officer Scholarship Scheme

Stamford's Senior Cadet, Year 13 Tom N, has achieved a remarkable milestone by receiving the highly coveted Army Officer Scholarship Scheme. This prestigious honour is reserved for high-quality students who exhibit the potential to become exceptional Army officers. With just 100 scholarships awarded across the United Kingdom, Tom's achievement is a testament to his dedication and promise.

[Read more here.](#)



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