



FEBRUARY 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear Old Stamfordian

Planning for Reunion is progressing well and we are looking forward to welcoming any of our fellow Old Stamfordians back to the Stamford in June. After the success of last year, we are expecting more of the same. If you are thinking of coming and have not attended a Reunion before, a warm welcome and a day of events, camaraderie and reminiscences await. [Tickets can be booked here.](#)

We are delighted to let you know that the latest edition of the annual OSC Newsletter has gone to print. We will be sending out the digital copy in a matter of weeks, so do keep an eye out for this when it lands.

You may have already seen the mailing regarding a potential merger of the Old Stamfordian Club and Old Girls' Guild to form a new Old Stamfordian Association.

If you have any questions or queries about the proposals for the Old Stamfordian Association, please submit these to oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk by 15 March 2024. The queries and questions will be anonymised and answered in the next OSC and OGG Updates.

As always, if you need anything from us please let us know.

The Old Stamfordian Club Committee

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OLD STAMFORDIAN NEWS

50 Year Celebration for 1974 Leavers

With this year's Reunion fast approaching, to celebrate the 50 year milestone of leaving Stamford for our 1974 leavers, David Denney and Chris Wilmshurst are looking to host a dinner on the Friday evening (June 7).

If you are interested in attending please contact David or Chris on their respective email addresses – daviddenney@hotmail.com or cwilmshurst55@gmail.com.

Simon Medwell (OS 81)

Simon Medwell has written to us with this lovely update regarding his father Mike:

My father, Mike– an OS too – turns 90 on 11 February this year. Not especially unique but a milestone none-the-less. Perhaps of more interest is that joining him will be two of his class mates from Form One, who still lunch together from time to time. What does seem quite impressive is that three schoolboys Mike Medwell, Arthur Combridge and Mick Goodacre who met at the age of eight – leaving in 1947 - are still meeting up to compare notes! Strong stuff these OS ties...! The three of them are pictured here at Burghley Park Golf Club.



Stamford Futures

On Wednesday 7 February we welcomed 10 Old Stamfordians back to the Schools to support the first in our series of careers events hosted by Head of Futures, Rebecca Candy. Our alumni were also joined by two parents of current students who were also sharing their expertise.

Students and parents were able to gain knowledge and ask questions during a speed-networking style event. Students were introduced to various branches of law allowing attendees to explore the multifaceted nature of the legal profession.



[You can read more about the event here.](#)

We would like to extend our gratitude to our guest speakers for providing such a helpful opportunity for our students. Another event will be held on Wednesday 24 April 2024, focussing on the finance industry, so if you would like to get involved [please let us know](#).

REMINISCENCES

Rems Classrooms and Changing Rooms

You may recall last month John Hatton (OS 67) got in contact with an enquiry about the old Rems classrooms and changing rooms. We received the following response:

I well remember the coke-fired pot-bellied stoves glowing red in a corner of the room. Those boys in the two rows closest to the beast would get lightly kippered while those of us in the back rows needed Arctic survival gear. I was there during the autumn/winter/spring of 1955/56.

Our Remove year was when we had to endure the torment of the fact and repetition exam. An orange, foolscap sheet was handed out; it was packed with knowledge never to be used again. We were given several days, or maybe weeks, (can't remember) to learn and regurgitate the contents. There was a passage of Virgil's Aeneid, all the kings and queens with their dates since 1066, some tricky-to-spell words, and some other vital information that was going to help us get to grips with the modern economy.

The changing rooms. Ah yes. The abiding memory is the special fragrance emanating from the lower floor imbued with the scent of damp socks worn too many times between washings. A cloying odour that clung in the nostrils for hours. That's how we built up immunity to many nasty ailments.

We also received the picture below with the information:

"Old Changing room in background. Master Officer in picture Mr. Riley."



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

Award Nomination

You may have seen in the last update that the Stamford Card initiative has been nominated for a national award, as Fundraising Campaign of the Year in the Donorfy Awards.

The winner will be chosen by both online votes (closing on 5th March 2024) and attendees at the Donorfy Together Conference in London on 7th March 2024.

The Stamford Card provides exclusive benefits at local businesses to cardholders who pay a £10 fee. All proceeds are dedicated to student bursaries and the funds raised over the last 12 months has raised nearly £28,000, paying for three transformational bursaries for students who would otherwise be unable to benefit from an education at the schools. While supporting bursaries, this also increases footfall to the independent businesses that partner with the card, helping local businesses along with local families.

Two members of the Schools' External Relations team, who are both Old Stamfordians and bursary recipients, will be at the conference to talk about the Stamford Card. The campaign with the highest overall votes will win, earning a £500 donation to the charity so **your vote counts!**

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to cast your vote and help Stamford win this award.



VOTE NOW
for our Stamford Card

donorfy.com/vote-awards-24

EVENTS

Reunion 2024

Booking for Reunion is now open.

This is a key annual event for our Old Stamfordians to come together, reminisce and reconnect, through a day of celebrations.

There will be a programme of activities for Old Stamfordians to take part in, including a service in the Chapel, lunch and school tours. On Saturday evening, together with the Old Girls' Guild, we invite everyone to join us for a hog roast, bar and sports.

The traditional Andrew Carter touch rugby tournament will again be taking place and is open to all to spectate, or participate in.

The timetable for the day is below, and [you can book here](#).

Saturday 8 June

10:00 - Chapel Service (*Chapel*)

10:30 - Registration and Coffee for the AGM (*The Atrium*)

10:45 - OSC AGM (*Dining Hall*)

12:00 - Pre-Lunch Drinks for the OSC Lunch (*Location TBC*)

12:30 - OSC Lunch (*Oswald Elliot Hall*) *Dress: smart casual but diners are encouraged to wear OSC colours*

14:00 - 16:00 - Full School Tours

17:00 - Andrew Carter Touch Rugby (*Mainfields*)

18:45 - Hog Roast - jointly with OGG (*Mainfields*)

Sunday 9 June

14:00 - OS Cricket v Tolethorpe (*Tolethorpe Park CC*) - *for the Rev. T. Wright Cup*

[Book Tickets](#)

Golf Meets

Luffenham Heath Spring Golf Meet

Saturday 18 May 2024

Burghley Park Summer Golf Meet

Friday 19 July 2024

Luffenham Heath Autumn Golf Meet

Saturday 5 October 2024

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

Boston Lunch

Saturday 28 September 2024

Further details to be announced in due course.

186th London OSC Dinner

Wednesday 6 November 2024

Please note this is the provisional date and still to be confirmed.

Further details to be announced in due course.

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