

# Old Stamfordian Club



## JANUARY 2024

### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear Old Stamfordian

2024 promises to be an exciting year for our Old Stamfordian community. We have a great deal lined up this year including social events, sports fixtures and, of course, Reunion. If you have not yet seen, booking for Reunion is now open, and [tickets can be booked here](#).

The annual newsletter is also in production and if you would like to contribute then your stories and memories are very welcome. We always enjoy reading about our Old Stamfordians, so please [let us know](#) if there is anything you wish to share.

Following the *Future of the Alumni Survey* that was completed, and thank you to all who completed the survey, the Old Stamfordian Club committee and Old Girls' Guild committee have been working together on reviewing the responses. Please look out for a special email update outlining the work to date.

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

With best wishes

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## REMINISCENCES

### Bunker/ Sixth Common Room

Earlier this month we shared the following picture on social media of the 'Bunker' under Big School, and received some fantastic replies and memories. Following up on the picture, we also received stories of when the room was used as the Sixth Science Common Room.

Can anyone help with a timeline of what the room has been used for over the years?



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### Rems Classrooms and Changing Rooms

*John Hatton (OS 67) emailed us with the following:*

"I was wondering if anyone might have photographs of the 'prefab' Rems classrooms and the old changing rooms on the school field? I can't see any of them in the archives, perhaps not surprising as they were hardly the school's best facilities. The Rems were freezing in the winter, heated by a pot-bellied coke stove which we loaded up and made it glow bright red....illicitly of course!

The changing rooms were on two levels, terribly dusty chalk walls and random bits of kit and clothing everywhere."

*Are any of our Old Stamfordians able to help John with his enquiry? Please let us know!*

## OLD STAMFORDIAN NEWS

### Johnny Fenn (OS 86)

*In December Johnny wrote to us:*

"At the beginning of January, I am heading back to Nepal to head up the Gurkha Welfare Trust effort in Nepal. I shall be back in the army after 12 years as a Lt Col again.

The reason I'm telling you this is that the new officer commanding British Gurkhas Pokhara (and my next door neighbour) is Major David Carter. Turns out we were both in Exeter House at Stamford - albeit about 25 years difference! Not only that, I came from Nassington and David came from Yarwell. A huge coincidence that the two senior posts for the Gurkhas in Pokhara are both Stamfordians..."

Johnny's return to Nepal comes after his journey last year in which he hiked the width of the country and raised over £14,000 for charity.

We look forward to seeing future pictures of Johnny and David! Incidentally, we have checked the school records and David is an OS 2010.

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### James Mount (OS 99)

We are thrilled to share the outstanding achievements of James Mount, who was recently elected as the Chair of the EU Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products (CVMP)

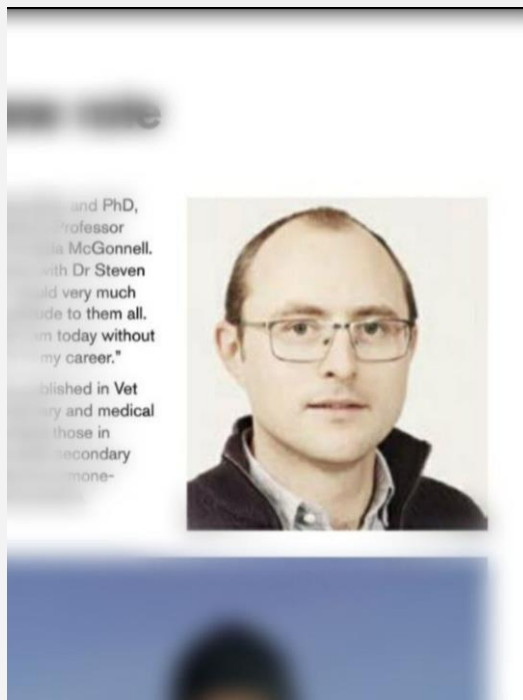
Pharmacovigilance Working Party (PhVWP-V).

The PhVWP-V is composed of European experts from all 27 EU countries selected according to their specific expertise and provides guidance and advice on the co-ordination and supervision of the pharmacovigilance of veterinary medicinal products within the EU.

James brings 13 years of experience, having worked in various roles, including laboratory animal veterinarian and veterinary pathologist in Sweden. His remarkable journey includes research on red deer antler growth and recent publications on veterinary and medical adverse events.

James' appointment was covered in the Royal Veterinary College magazine Eclipse, and a copy of the article in question can [read here](#).

Congratulations to James on his well-deserved success and good luck in your role as Chair!



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### **Sam Hilder (OS 21)**

In December we received the great news that Sam passed out from Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth and is embarking on a career as a Royal Navy Warfare Officer.

On his receiving his sword for the passing out ceremony, Sam explained the following:

"My sword has my name and pass out date etched into the blade. It is tradition to have a family motto or Latin phrase written there too, and since my family hasn't got a motto, I looked to my extended family for inspiration."

"Sam Joseph Hilder  
Christ Me Spede  
14th December 2023"



Sam gave us some insight into how it feels to serve in the Royal Navy and how his time at Stamford helped him. He told us:

"Starting my new career feels absolutely fantastic! Passing out has been a relief as it's been a long journey to get to this point. It is exciting joining the Royal Navy at this time, as you don't know where you'll end up. I'm looking forward to being an Officer of the Watch and taking our ships to every corner of the world.

Stamford School gave me the social tools to be able to work well within a team and help lead ratings in the future. It also helped develop my foreign language skills which is something that is definitely sought after by the armed forces. I think it's important students at the school make the most of the schools' CCF, especially if they're looking for a career in the military as it develops a sense of community and builds the tools useful in this field."

Our congratulations to Sam on a marvellous achievement. The motto on the sword is a wonderful touch too, and really shows how much Stamford School can mean to people.

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

### Award Nomination

We are pleased to announce that the relaunch of the Stamford Card initiative has been selected as a finalist in the Donorfy Awards.

The awards, which recognise inspirational fundraisers, is run by Donorfy a unique and sophisticated platform used by charities to assist with fundraising campaigns. The winner of the Fundraising Campaign Award will be chosen by both online votes (closing on 5th March 2024) and attendees at the Donorfy Together Conference on 7th March 2024.

The campaign with the highest overall votes will win, earning a £500 donation to the charity so **your vote counts!**



**VOTE NOW**  
for our Stamford Card

**[donorfy.com/vote-awards-24](https://donorfy.com/vote-awards-24)**

*What Donorfy say about The Stamford Card:*

"The Stamford Card, managed by Stamford Endowed Schools, fosters community collaboration by providing exclusive benefits at local businesses to cardholders who pay a £10 fee. All proceeds are dedicated to student bursaries and, as of December 2023, the initiative boasts 233 cardholders. 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."

"We also love the innovative approach of engaging the local, independent business community to support a local cause, while also supporting and promoting those businesses. They leveraged the full potential of Donorfy, utilising various features and integrations to streamline sign-ups, manage finances, monitor card expirations, and personalise supporter communications."

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

**[Vote Now](#)**

## 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**

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