



Old Stamfordian Club Newsletter

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Important memo

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Old Stamfordian Club

Chairman's Report

Phillip Hoskins (OS 72)

Will Phelan's vision of the Stamford Community in which students of both schools have a life long relationship with the Community is truly inspirational. The Old Stamfordians are committed to playing their full part in that Community. Membership of the Old Stamfordians spans many generations and it is important that the Old Stamfordians are relevant to all. For the more senior generations this means continuing with the traditional events in our calendar, but for the younger generations it is equally important that we develop a programme which appeals.

Against that background we are in collaboration with the Old Girls' Guild developing Sector Groups which we hope will benefit alumni and students of both Schools. The objectives of each Sector Group are to:

- provide a network for those involved in the Sector
- provide guidance and support for those contemplating a career in the Sector
- provide help and support for those involved in the Sector

The Legal Group is well established, the Education Group is progressing well, by the time of publication of this newsletter the Property Group and the Finance and Accountancy Groups will have held their inaugural meetings, the Military Services Group and the Engineering Science and Technology Group are advancing with foundation work and the Sales and Marketing Group and the Media Group are in the process of being formed. It is of course early days, but we are hopeful of turning our dreams into reality!

The Old Stamfordians will be providing mentoring both to support the work of the Sector Groups and for those who would like to participate independently of the Sector Groups. There is no doubt that mentoring is a powerful tool for individuals at all stages of their career and we believe that this project represents a significant development and opportunity for members of the Old Stamfordians and the Old Girls Guild

Furthermore, a Whats App Group has been formed in collaboration with the Old Girls Guild for students who studied in a co-educational environment under the Diamond Structure.

You will all probably be aware that Mike Chew passed away since the last Newsletter was published. Mike was an outstanding man, a good friend and a pillar both of the School and the Old Stamfordians. He was held in high regard and affection by so many people, not least by his family. It was therefore entirely fitting that the Memorial Service held on 1 December 2018 in the Chapel was so well attended.

It would be remiss not to thank all those who have supported and continue to support the Old Stamfordians in whatever way. Special thanks go to the Committees (present and past) for their hard work and support. There are always unsung heroes, and in this regard, sincere thanks go to Sarah Mahoney and Maxine Weeks in the Alumni Office. We are equally thankful to the Principal and the Headmaster for their unstinting support and for the facilities and opportunities which they make available to the Old Stamfordians. Thanks also go to the Old Girls Guild with whom we are working more and more closely as part of the Stamford Community.



As we look ahead your Committee will continue to do whatever it can to develop a platform so that members of the Old Stamfordians have the opportunity to have a life long relationship with the Stamford Community. We will co-operate and collaborate with stakeholders within the Stamford Community wherever possible, but above all we will do all we can to make sure that involvement with the Old Stamfordians is worthwhile and enjoyable. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to help please do make contact. Additionally, feedback is always greatly appreciated. If you think we are getting it wrong, feedback is particularly welcome.

Finally, a warm welcome awaits all Old Stamfordians at the Reunion Weekend on 15 June 2019 and 16 June 2019. Our aim is to ensure that the event is enjoyable and worthwhile. I do hope that you will be able to join us. The booking form appears later in this Newsletter or alternatively it is possible to book on line.

With best wishes,

Phillip

OS Events 2018-19

Armistice Day

The Annual Service of Remembrance was held in the Chapel on Friday 9 November 2018. This year the service was particularly significant coinciding with the centenary of the end of World War I. The exhibition paying tribute to fallen Old Stamfordians in World War I was both moving and inspirational, as was the service in the Chapel conducted by the Reverend Mark Goodman. It was wonderful to see so many students so genuine in their tributes.

Stamford School WWI Centenary Exhibition

An exhibition of fallen Old Stamfordians was produced for Remembrance 2018 to celebrate the centenary of the end of WW1. The exhibition consisted largely of professionally created boards with photographs, information about OS soldiers and a little about the School and the Town during the period. The School recently supported two staff members of the CCF who have made a number of journeys to visit and photograph the majority of the graves, headstones or memorial panels in Flanders cemeteries. The material gathered on these visits was used to make a short commemorative film. The School then purchased replica medals of each of the types worn by decorated Old Stamfordians during World War I. The boards, short film, medals and other display and archive material were displayed in the Reading Room adjacent to the Chapel on the days immediately before and after 11 November 2018.

Memorial Service for Mike Chew

Mike Chew was an outstanding and inspirational man. His experience, expertise, kindness and friendship benefited so many of us and all for the good. The Reverend Mark Goodman conducted a short memorial service in the Chapel on Saturday 1 December 2018, which was an absolutely fitting tribute. The service was followed by lunch in the Oswald Elliott Hall. We thank the Chew family for their kind and generous hospitality.

OS Advent Lunch

Some forty people (OS and partners) gathered for lunch on Sunday 4 December 2018 at the Toft Country Club. The event was relaxed and convivial and took place in pleasant surroundings. The event was made all the more special as a result of the exhibition which John Craddock had put together from the archives. Sincere thanks to John Cartwright (OS 53) and Tony Story (OS 54) for all their hard work in putting this event together. I commend the event to all for future years.

Old Stamfordian Golfing Society

Once again, the Stamford School Grafton Morrish team gathered in the spring of 2018 to attempt to qualify for the finals to be held in October. Many of the team had warmed up nicely the week before in the OS Spring meeting at Luffenham Heath. The day was celebrating the 50th anniversary of OS Golf society. The event was commemorated by the presentation of a bench by Neil Paterson on behalf of the OS, to John Cartwright the founder of the Society.

The team of James Cobb, Neil Nottingham, Nick Glover, Kieran Staunton, Geoff Holyoake and Tim Johnson accumulated a score of 86 to qualify in third place out of seventeen. Which was creditable effort given that the quality of the opposition is improving with each year.

On to Norfolk in the Autumn and Stamford were the first name out of the hat for the finals draw meaning a tee off at 7.30am against Bancroft's school. After the usual introductions on the first tee it became clear that the opposition hadn't qualified for the finals in recent years and perhaps might be considered the underdog in this tussle. With our usual hardnosed approach, no quarter was given, and all of the three pairs were quickly into their stride and put clear water between them and their opponents. The team were being cheered on by a new breed of supporter, as Julian Smith, Richard James and Tim Johnson wandered around the sandy dunes of Hunstanton, attired in some strange head wear but well wrapped up from the cool Northern breeze that was developing.

All three pairs closed their matches out without having to play the eighteenth hole to record a good three nil victory.

A much more substantial test was lying in wait for the next round in the shape of Millfield. They boasted a team containing two former professionals and four of them having represented England schools golf team. With the matches being played off scratch this would prove to be a tough assignment with all matches going in favour of Millfield, who had set their sights on the final where they would eventually be defeated by George Heriots.

A mention must go to Neil Nottingham and Nick Glover who did enjoy a terrific match which included a number of birdies and an eagle. However, they ultimately succumbed on the final hole to lose one down.

Thus, the team retired to the clubhouse with their heads held high to plan next year's assault on the trophy.

Team Back row left to right: Rory Edwards, Kieran Staunton, Nick Glover. Front Row: James Cobb, Geoff Holyoake and Neil Nottingham.

OSGS v Old Oundelians 2018

The annual match against the Old Oundelians took place at Luffenham Heath on Friday 13th in very warm and sunny conditions with unusual brown arid fairways. Each team consisted of 8, playing in a fourball betterball format. The result this time was a draw. Previously the result had swung from one to the other. Winners for OSGS were John Cartwright playing with Richard Bailey over Colin Ringrose and Roger Winson. and Andrew Taylor playing with Robin Riddington over Peter Fox Andrews and Mike Winson. Not so fortunate this time were Mark Walmsley with Martin Jaffrey and John Hughes with Ian Delaine Smith.

After the match, over a meal together at the Club, there was much outpouring over what might have been and looking forward to the challenge again in 2019.

OS Golfing Society - 13 October 2018

The OSGS Annual Autumn Meeting took place at Luffenham Heath Golf Club on Saturday 13 October, in high gusting winds attributable to Storm Callum.

This made for a particularly challenging event for the players in having to cope with both variable wind speeds and direction. Despite this, playing in the event for the first time, Drew Nicholson, managed to score a very creditable 33 points to win the Ross Bowl. Runner-up was Geoff Holyoake with 31. The prize-giving took place at the Club during Dinner afterwards, with respective partners present.

OS Golfing Society - 24 August 2018

Neil Nottingham writes: The Annual OS Golfing Society Meeting at Burghley Park was held on Friday 24 August 2018, although a week after the main OS Sportsman's Weekend due to course availability.

The field of fifteen took to the course to compete for the John Cartwright Trophy and the weather held well apart from a 15-minute shower mid round. The nearest the pins on each of the par threes were won with excellent shots by Mike Barton on the third, Andrew Taylor on the ninth, Neil Nottingham on the thirteenth and Mark Walmsley on the sixteenth. The main stableford competition started to turn into a straight battle between two of the non-Burghley members! John Hughes went off like a man possessed accumulating sixteen points after only six holes, meanwhile further ahead on the course Tim (Jumbo) Johnson turned in the front nine in one over par gross for twenty-one points. John turned in twentytwo points, but a rocky start to the back nine saw his chance take a stumble. Although Tim eventually dropped some shots coming in, his excellence over the first thirteen holes produced a fantastic score of forty points to pick up the cup presented by John Cartwright. A fast finishing Andrew Taylor with thirty-seven points pushed John Hughes with thirty-six points into third place. At dinner the players were joined by John Cartwright and Phillip Hoskins, the new Chairman of the Old Stamfordian Club.



OS Golfing Society 50th Anniversary Meeting – Saturday 5 May 2018

The largest field for many years assembled to celebrate 50 years of O.S. Golf on a fine sunny day at The Luffenham Heath Golf Club with the O.S. flag flying outside the clubhouse. Amongst the 28 morning players was John Cartwright. John initiated the original event and has organised both L.H.G.C. annual meetings every year since. His service to the O.S. was commemorated later in the day when the O.S. Chairman, Neil Paterson, presented a fine teak bench to L.H.G.C to mark the event. The bench was suitably carved with the following inscription:- "To commemorate 50 years (1968 - 2018) of the Old Stamfordian Golfing Society and in honour of John Cartwright, Founder and Organiser".

Old Pupils Team Golf Day - 26 April 2019

The Luffenham Heath Golf Club hosts a Golf Day once a year for teams from Old Loughburians, Old Norvicesians, Old Oakhamians, Old Oundelians, Old Ratcliffians, Old Stamfordians, Old Uppinghamians and Old Wellingburians. The event was first played in 2011 on the centenary of the founding of Luffenham Heath Golf Club. The trophy, a salver, was provided by the Luffenham Heath Golf Club in appreciation of donations from Stamford, Oakham, Oundle and Uppingham toward the Club House Clock which was erected to mark the Club's centenary.

Last year's OS team of Geoff Holyoake, Martin Jaffrey, Neil Nottingham, Richard James, Paul Ramm and Richard Allen successfully regained the trophy in 2018 and will be turning out again in 2019 to defend the trophy.

Deaths and Obituaries

Michael Barwell (OS 1949-56)

Bill Welch (OS 1952-56) has written to inform us of Michael's death on 19 February 2018. He had a bright academic career at school and excelled in Cricket, Cross Country and Rugby. Quite possibly influenced by Scottish Careers' Master Major Algy Lamb he studied Mechanical Engineering at Glasgow. He had a successful career with Rolls Royce as member of an elite team developing jet engines. We extend our sympathies to his wife Jo, their two sons Owen and Robert and their families. For a more detailed tribute please click [here](#).

Mike Chew (1932 – 2018)

Mike was born in Cowley, Oxford. He attended City of Oxford High School, where he played a lot of sport, especially cricket, being a member of the 1st XI cricket team for four years. He was awarded a place at St John's College, Oxford to study modern languages, but first it was national service in the RAF, where he started playing tennis seriously. He always claimed to have played at Wimbledon; he did, in the RAF championships.

After Oxford, he took up schoolmastering at Bablake School, Coventry and married his long-time girlfriend, Ena. He moved to Stamford School in 1958, teaching modern languages, and was appointed Head of Department in 1961. Mike and Ena had four sons, Edmund, Philip, James and John, all of whom attended Stamford School.

In 1960, he set up the German exchange with Ernst-Kalkuhl-Gymnasium in Bonn, which continues to this day, and subsequently he organised multiple trips abroad over the years. Outside of teaching, Mike was responsible for several building projects at Stamford School: the first school tennis courts on the Dell, then Northfields and Willowponds, levelling Willowponds playing fields, and the building of the School squash courts.

Following retirement from Stamford in 1985, he worked in training and eventually he took on the editorship of the OS Updates until his death. He was made an Honorary Vice Chairman of the OS Club in 2018.

His love of all things involving Stamford stayed with him to the end and he was truly grateful to the town and the School, which had welcomed him 60 years ago. The ethos of the School and the opportunities it gave to all pupils reflected his philosophy of education, and he was proud to have been able to contribute.

Harold 'Harry' Croft Clarke (OS 1934 - 1939) 1 January 1923 - 22 December 2018

Harold Croft Clarke, known in his later years as 'Harry', was educated at Stamford School between 1934 and 1939 and formed lifelong values and passions from this time (notably his love of cricket and rugby from playing for the school teams).

He left School in 1939 and in 1941, volunteered to join the RAF. He became engaged to his wartime sweetheart, Vera, before being posted to Canada for four years to train as a wireless operative/navigator on Mitchell's (then Liberators).

On his return to Stamford in 1946, he married Vera, and continued his banking career being posted to Peterborough where their daughter, Lesley, was born in 1953. He was actively involved in the community with roles in the Chamber of Trade Show Committee and the church. Here he was the Vicar's warden during the days of Canon Curtis in the 1970s.

On retiring with the death of Vera in 1997, after 50 years of marriage, he combined his passions for photography, travel and nature, returning to his beloved Canada to visit favourite places such as Lake

Louise in the Rockies and Niagra Falls, and to see wild bears and killer whales. He also visited New Zealand, Iceland and Argentina, always videoing the whole trip, even though he had an excellent memory for detail, so he could relive the experiences on his return.

In the UK, he had a shared interest with his daughter of finding and photographing wild orchids, many of which were rare and protected. This led to field trips all over the country, with much map reading and missed turns, to find the remote locations before the days of the internet and sat nav.

With friends from the Orchid Society, he would think nothing of getting up at 4.00am to travel, up to say Colonsay in Scotland, or trample through knee deep marshes in Norfolk. This led to some interesting conversations with the police who would stop him just to inquire why he was about at that time in the days, he didn't stay around long enough to make his Century.

John Hooper, former teacher of modern languages at Stamford School between 1964 and 1968 on 23 January 2018.

Mark Langley (OS 1963 - 72): 5 September 1954 - 21 January 2019

Mark arrived at Stamford School in Autumn 1963. He will be remembered as a good guy by all with whom he came into contact while at Stamford. He was a House Leader in Southfields, an enthusiastic member of the CCF, an accomplished sportsman, Captain of Swimming, a Browne House Prefect and a School Prefect. Mark passed away as a result of a stroke. Our sincere condolences go to Marga, Sophie and Charles.

William (Will) James Plant (OS 2007-11)

Will passed away on 28 March 2018 after a courageous fight to overcome a brain injury sustained whilst serving with the Parachute Regiment on a joint exercise with the Spanish Military in Madrid in November 2016. We extend our sincere condolences to the Plant family and to Will's many friends.

Ken Riley (Staff 1956-81)

We regret to report the peaceful passing at home at the age of 97 of Ken Riley on 17 April 2018. We extend our sympathies to his family and many friends. At Stamford School he taught maths, physics and chemistry in most parts of the school and was also an energetic rugger, hockey and tennis coach. One of his outstanding contributions was with the Combined Cadet Force. In 1958 he took over the Army Section from Walter Pollard and in 1965 he succeeded Randy Shelford as Commanding Officer of the whole CCF. He and his late wife Margaret had five sons at the School, all of whom were a credit to them and to the school community.

Barry Sanderson (OS 53) on 13 July 2018

His funeral was held on Monday 30 July 2018 at Burgh-le-Marsh Church, near Skegness, Lincolnshire, and afterwards at Barnack Lodge.

DIG Smith (OS 40)

We are sad to report the death of DIG Smith (OS 1933 to 1940) DIG Smith was in Country House and after leaving School joined Wherrys of Bourne, one of the UK's leading seed and agricultural merchants. His nephew Jerry Flint (OS 1959 to 1969) has written his obituary.

Alastair Summers (Staff 1974-05)

We very much regret to report the death of Alastair, a much valued member of staff, on 23 March 2018. He had been in ill health for some time. Many of his colleagues and ex-pupils attended his funeral St John the Baptist Church, Barnack on Wednesday 11 April. Alastair was a very caring and conscientious member of staff and was greatly motivated by his strong Christian faith. We extend our sympathies to his wife Carol, their three children Tim, Libby and Suzie and their families.

Dates for the Diary Events 2018-19

OS Pupils Team Golf Day
Friday 26 April 2019
Luffenham Heath Golf Club

Old Stamfordian Golfing Society
OSGS Spring Meet
Saturday 4 May 2019

OS Boston Lunch
Saturday 8 June 2019
12.00pm
Boston and County Club,
Park Gate, Boston PE21 6RL

OS Reunion Weekend
Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June
2019
Stamford School

Old Stamfordian Golfing Society
OSGS v OOGS
Thursday 20 June 2019

OS Sportsman's Weekend
Friday 30 and Saturday 31 August
2019
Contact: Cam Park

Goodwood Revival - OS Catch-up
Saturday 15 September 2019
Goodwood Revival Website
Contact: Ian Brassington

Old Stamfordian Golfing Society
OSGS Autumn Meet
Saturday 28 September 2019

OS London Dinner
Wednesday 16 October 2019
RAF Club, Piccadilly, London
Contact: Ian Brassington

For information on any of these events please contact the SES Alumni Office:

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Photos from the London OS Dinner 2018



Old Stamfordian Club Reunion Weekend 2019 Timetable and Registration Form



Join us this summer for the annual OS Club Reunion Weekend to be held at Stamford School, Saturday 15 June - Sunday 16 June 2019.

Date/Time	Event	Location	Price	Tickets Required
Saturday 15 June				
10.00	Morning Prayer	Chapel	Free	
10.30	Registration and Coffee	Staveley Library	Free	
11.00	OSC AGM	Reading Room	Free	
11.00	School XI v Uppingham XI	Mainfields	Free	
12.30	OSC Lunch	Oswald Elliott Hall	£25.00	
12.30	OSC Lunch (Leavers 2014-18)	Oswald Elliott Hall	£20.00	
14.00 - 16.00	Full School Tours	Atrium	Free	
16.00	Refreshments	Marquee, Mainfields	Free	
17.30 for 18.30	Andrew Carter Touch Rugby	Mainfields	Free	
19.30	Hog Roast	Mainfields	Free	
Sunday 16 June				
13.00	OS XI v Old Oakhamian XI	Mainfields	Free	
14.00	Tommy Wright Memorial Match: OS v Tolethorpe	Tolethorpe Cricket Ground	Free	

Merchandise:

Can be purchased in advance and collected from the Atrium Welcome Desk:

Product	Price	Quantity Required
OSC Tie	£23.00	
OSC Cufflinks	£10.00	
Umbrellas	£20.00	



Attendee Details:

Name: _____ At School from: _____ to _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Tel No.: _____

Number of Guests Attending: _____

Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

Would you like to be seated with other attendees or year group? (Saturday 15 June 2019 lunch bookings only)

Methods of Payment:

By Online Booking:

Purchase tickets swiftly and easily through our Box Office: www.ticketsource.co.uk/ses

By Cash/Cheque:

To: Old Stamfordian Club
c/o SES Foundation Office
Brazenose House
90632031
St Paul's Street
Stamford
PE9 2BS

By Bank Transfer*:

To: Old Stamfordian Club
Sort Code: 40-43-05
Account Number:

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General Enquiries:	SES Alumni Office:	osc@ses.lincs.sch.uk

Reminiscences

Kissing the Old Man

Oliver Bayldon (OS 57) asks: Am I the only pupil remaining who kissed the Old Man above the Chapel Door in my first term at School? Everyone had to do it as an act of commitment to school traditions as a loyal gesture.

Kevin Cummins (OS 69) reports that having retired he will have more time to attend OS events and indeed on the occasion of Mike Chew's Memorial Service was able to renew his acquaintance with one of his best school friends, Max Sawyer. His full report can be read [here](#).

Philip Ashbourn (OS 1948 -1955) writes: I was a contemporary of Oliver Bayldon, who I remember very well, but I kissed the Old Man in 1948 on joining the School, leaving in 1955 to do National Service in the RAF, which probably meant that I beat Oliver to it. However, there must be other OS still around who beat me to it.

David Lees (OS 1945-1955) writes: I note Oliver Bayldon's item about kissing the Old Man above the Chapel Entrance. I had this honour in the Autumn Term of 1945. Prefects lifted me up to perform this feat. Rumour was that it had been plastered with salt but all I remember is the cold stone impression on my lips! I believe that the tradition ceased because the poor Old Man's head was wearing away! I am sure there are many who remember this ritual and possibly earlier than 1945.

Michael Savage (OS 1942 -1952) writes: In reply to Oliver Bayldon's reminiscence/query, I can recall the Kissing the Old Man ceremony which I along with other new boys had to undergo when I joined the School in 1942. If I recall correctly, it was permissible for new boys so welcomed to be pursued upto midday and "persecuted" in some appropriate manner, for fear of which one lad was alleged to have spent the rest of the morning hiding in a dustbin.

Jack Watson (OS 1938-1947) writes: I was pleased to receive your report especially about kissing the Old Man. I kissed the Old Man in my first term in September 1938. I was in Northfields before moving to School House. I left in July 1947. I had two elder brothers who preceded me (Warren and Richard). On leaving Stamford I went to Durham University Dental School situated in Newcastle qualifying in 1951. After two years National Service in the Dental Corps I joined a Dental Practice in Bury St Edmunds as an assistant. In due course I was offered a partnership and eventually became the senior partner of a six-man partnership. I retired in 1985 and now live in Newmarket having just celebrated my ninetieth birthday.

Squibby during the War

John Fox (1943-50) writes: "I was somewhat puzzled by the note "(Ed: No)" where David Thorne was reminiscing about Squibs. Both Squibs and Major (Algy) Lamb were indeed "Missing" during the war years, possibly just from 1941. I believe, but am not 100% sure, that they both worked in Government Scientific Research during their 'absence'. Sproggy Sproson and Yappy Yates were their temporary replacements in the Physics and Chemistry Labs respectively.

"At the time Sproggy was courting a Miss Frost, whose parents kept a shop at the corner of Alexandra Road and Kings Road; there were frequent references to this courtship with comments such as "It's frosty this morning" from the assembled pupils which usually prompted the use of the metre metal ruler mentioned by David. On one such occasion the ruler struck a pupil on the side of the head causing a cut that had to be treated by the Matron and he returned to class heavily bandaged. Sproggy eventually married Miss Frost.

“During the severe winter of 1947, Squibs came into class one morning in his customary long overcoat and declared that he had solved the problem of how to keep his feet warm. He showed us that he was wearing two pairs of pyjama trousers under his outer trousers to act as lagging so that the blood was kept warm on its way to his feet.”

Later John wrote again: “After I sent my email to you, I recalled a bit more about Squibs and his wartime involvement. My father, having been a Telegraphist in the Royal Navy during World War One, became the Signals Officer for the Stamford Home Guard; he and his fellow signallers knew how to operate their radios but had no idea either of their internal workings or, in my father’s words, “How what they put in came out at the other end”. This was corrected by the Signals Section attending lectures by Squibs at The Pantiles in the evenings. I recall my father mentioning that Squibs was working at Lincoln at the time but beyond that I have no further recollection.” Can anyone else shed light on this episode in Squibs’s life?

John Croft (1950-57) writes: Thinking about Squibs during the war he did talk to me about the jet engine research at Cranfield by Frank Whittle and I had the impression that he had been involved somehow.

Bill Welch (OS 56) writes: I have written before about my admiration of Squibby Bowman and the deep gratitude I owe him for teaching me and others the merits of clear and logical thinking. These lessons have been with me all my life and have been of enormous benefit. If I had stayed in the London grammar school, I should have missed out on experiencing this inspirational teacher.

A Reminiscence from the Forties

David Thorne (OS 1940-50) writes: Some of these memories may be of help; if not, I shall understand. Edit or dump as required. Recent articles ref. Squibs, ‘Bang’ Wright & Colin Dexter have prompted my response. 1940-1950 was my time, in Country House.

‘Bang’ Wright (Staff 1928-60) was not school chaplain but Deputy Head. He taught French from the Thirds to 6th ‘Modern’, which included my School Cert. Year. I asked him if it would be possible to carry on with French when I went into Science 6th, “Pas possible”. ‘Gaffer’ Day (Headmaster 1913-47) is, in my opinion, too notorious to be given space. I remember asking Colin Dexter why such an able pupil chose Classical 6th and his reply was that it was a bit easier to get to Oxbridge by that route. I went on to Nottingham!

Another brought to mind was ‘Streaky’ Pollitt (1940-45), who taught history. In 1945 he arranged a general election in Upper 4th. There was a slight bias, but when asked how he would vote, he said that it was private. But the Secretary of the British Communist Party was named Pollitt. Coincidental, of course. ‘Poddy’ Hughes (1941-51) taught Latin – could be with a good Welsh accent. Used to go into Prefects’ study at lunchtime when we had to make sure that smoke had all gone up the chimney. Gave me the lasting name of ‘Davy’. ‘Whiskey’ Wainright, (1936-56) master of Northfield House (now sold) for junior boarders and active leader of Boy Scouts. Taught maths at some level.

Bill Packer (1935-76) Housemaster of Country House. From the start I was at odds. Pity about the Rugger and Cross Country. My worst year was Lower 4 A, when he was form master. One term I was 26th of 26 every week except when I excelled in the exams and came in at 25! ‘Squibs’ Bowman (1936-66) was away, I think, (Ed: No), as was Algy Lamb (1935-??) during the war.’ Sprogy’ Sproson (1941-46) taught physics; his favourite instrument was the metre ruler, with which he could control all of us without having to get up from his seat. Gerard Hoffnung (Art) (Staff 1945) was super entertainment. ‘Fob’ Towel irked him once; response was “Are you mocking me, boy?” He was a hoot!

Sector Groups

The Old Stamfordian Club is aiming to form Sector Groups to benefit Old Stamfordians and existing students of the School. The objectives of Sector Groups are to:

- provide a network for those involved in the sector
- provide guidance and support for those contemplating a career in the sector
- provide help and support for those in the early years of their careers We aim to reach out to current students via the Sector Groups and develop on line connections.



The proposal is that:

- each Group has a leader, the leader being supported by two or three others
- activity within Sector Groups does not necessarily have to always involve meetings etc. It can simply involve sharing of information via on line resources etc

Each Sector Group will be set up to provide what its members want and will evolve accordingly. It goes without saying that in addition to the general objectives above, the founding members of each Group will set more specific objectives.

THE CALL TO ACTION AS ALWAYS, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in setting up and driving any of the following Groups forward, please contact Phillip Hoskins:

- Armed Services
- Business Management
- Engineering
- Marketing/PR/Advertising
- Any other Sector Groups

If you are interested in becoming involved in the following Groups, the contacts are:

- Legal-Simon Stanley
- Property-Cam Park
- Education-Alan Hancock
- Finance and Accountancy- Ian Brassington

We very much hope that you will join in this exciting project and thank you in advance for your help and support.



OS Property Group 2019

News of Old Stamfordians

Kieran Pegrum-Milner (OS 15). Recently I have been appointed as Head Coach at Reading University as well as the U18 Development Coach for Scotland Lacrosse. The latter is a role that I am very excited and proud of. My role will be to increase the development of Lacrosse for women in Scotland U18 and help them to be ready to participate in the home internationals. Further to this, I shall be pushing them to make the standard of the U19 World Cup held in Peterborough, Canada, in which they shall hopefully be representing Scotland.

Richard Latham (OS 1987-97) is Bye Fellow and Director of Music at Emmanuel College Cambridge. He studied Music there, and after working in New York as an organist he trained as a singer at the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. In addition to his work as Director of Music at Emmanuel he is a professional singer. Richard returned recently to Stamford with the Emmanuel College Choir to perform at St Martin's Church.

James Graham (OS 1992-00) has recently become Senior Creative Manager of Beams International, which specialises in the product development of branded and bespoke food and alcohol gifting for High St, Grocer, Online & Discount retailers as well as back to Brand projects. He was previously a Buyer for eight years with BHS on the Food & Drink gifts department and then four years with Moonpig as Head of Gifts. He has a BTEC in Art & Design from Loughborough University and a BA Hons in Outdoor Adventure Management from Southampton Solent University.

Nick McCarthy (OS 2001-08) has recently moved as a qualified solicitor to the law firm Hewitsons LLP in Cambridge where he is a part of their Agricultural and Rural Property Team. He acts for individual landowners, companies and charities in relation to all manner of agricultural and residential property transactions.

Thanks to Max Sawyer (OS 70) who advised that **Zak Chappell (OS 14)** of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club has been called up to go on the England Lion's Tour to India. We salute Zak's achievement and wish him every good fortune.

Tobi Crosbie (OS 1990-99) is CEO and Founder of commercial property finders Making Moves London Ltd. The company has been in existence for more than three years. He has a BSc Hons in Urban Land Economics from Sheffield Hallam University. At School he was Head of Byard. <http://www.makingmoves.london>

Matthew Fennell-Fox (né Fox) (OS 07) is currently a Senior Hydraulic Modeller with architectural design company Arup, based in Solihull, working on flood risk aspects of major infrastructure projects. He is also a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Chester on both the undergraduate physical geography programme, and CPD courses for professionals in the flood risk industry.

He has a BSc in Geography with Natural Hazard Management from the University of Chester and an MSc in Environmental Monitoring, Modelling and Reconstruction from the University of Manchester. He recently got married to Sarah, and they live in Shifnal, Shropshire, where they are currently renovating a late Victorian terrace. Matthew plays hockey in his spare time, most recently for Old Silhillians, and is currently looking for a new club in the West Midlands.



M Stanley Whittingham: Congratulations to M Stanley Whittingham who has been inducted into the National Academy of Engineering in Washington DC.

School News

Stamford School talk their way into the nationals

Two Year 12 students have become the East Midland champions in the regional final of the English-Speaking Union Schools' (ESU) Debating Mace hosted by Stamford Endowed Schools yesterday. They are now set to attend the national finals at the end of March.



The team are now looking forward to a trip to the national finals at Dartmouth House, the ESU Headquarters in London, where they will take part in a semi-final and compete for a place in the grand final.

Stamford Spanish students return as Business Language Champions

Stamford Endowed Schools' Spanish linguists return as Business Language Champions having competed in the Business Language Champions 'marketing in the making' challenge recently held at Oundle School. The teams from Stamford, including a French and German team, were tasked with producing a short video advertising campaign in two hours by the Business Language Champions – an organisation, which bring schools and businesses together to promote foreign languages and cultural understanding.



As part of the tasks, Stamford teams had to complete a planning sheet and a presentation about their film, the challenges they faced and explain what they learnt from the experience. The Stamford Spanish team of Year 10 students; Aaron, Thomas, Eve, Kitty, Annabel and Elizabeth, impressed the panel of judges with their Uncle Ben's rice and sauces campaign and gained top scores in the language, presentation and film sections leading to an overall competition win.

Fencing force is strong at Stamford

In February 2019, a strong contingent of fencers from all three of the Stamford Endowed Schools competing at the Four County Youth Epee Championships held at Oundle School. The competition was open to individual fencers in age categories from Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland. The event ran as a combined event, with county titles also being given to highest ranked fencers from each county. For many new to the sport, this championship represented the first competition, which resulted in some fantastic placings:



England Head Coach Eddie Jones visits Stamford School

Stamford School was honoured by a visit from England rugby head coach, Eddie Jones in late November 2018. 300 parents and students were then invited to the Oswald Elliott Hall for a Q&A session with Eddie Jones. He spoke about the importance and value of sport and answered a variety of questions from the audience. Eddie joined the School community for a fundraising event in aid of the next Stamford School rugby tour to Australia and New Zealand.



Stamford named top five school rugby team

Stamford has been named in the top five school teams of November by Fifteen rugby after a nail-biting match against Rugby School on Saturday. With Rugby arriving to Stamford unbeaten this season it was sure to be a tense match and after the first ten minutes the home team were left 0-14 down. The next seventy minutes was 'the schools rugby equivalent of the New Zealand vs Ireland match' with Stamford fighting hard for every inch of ground. The fact that Stamford ended the game with a 32-21 win was a remarkable achievement after coming back from 0-14.



Stamford students set for the future

Students from the Stamford Endowed Schools have a long history of rising to the challenges ahead, showing independence of mind and readiness for the future. This year's A level results, epitomises this with students at the Stamford Endowed Schools - Stamford School (boys) and Stamford High School (girls) - once again celebrating strong A level examination results.



Overall, the 202 students gained grades of A*, A, B or C in 82.7% of their examinations with 34.9% of the entries being graded at A* or A. 33 students gained at least three A grades or higher. The success of these students has ensured that many have gained places at the country's top universities or embarked upon their chosen career paths after school.

In a joint statement the Heads of Stamford School and Stamford High School, Nick Gallop and Vicky Buckman, added, "We are incredibly proud of this year's results, which are a true reflection of the hard work that has taken place. This is an outstanding year group and they have made the most of all the opportunities and support offered to them. These Stamfordians can look forward to exciting futures and we wish them well."

Outstanding GCSE results for Stamford Endowed Schools

Students of the Stamford Endowed Schools, Lincolnshire, have achieved outstanding results in this year's GCSEs. Stamford School, which caters for boys, has achieved its best results in a decade, with 55% of all exams passed at grade 9-7, or the equivalent A* - A. 31 pupils at Stamford School passed at least five exams at the top grades of 9, 8 or A*, while Stamford High School saw the same results for 24 pupils – a total of 55 across Stamford Endowed Schools.



Mr Nick Gallop, Head of Stamford School, said: "As a year group, the boys have performed exceptionally well and this is one of the best set of results at GCSE that the School has ever achieved. The boys have been outstanding in so many areas over the years – in drama, music, sport, adventurous pursuits – and have crowned all their achievements to date with the best set of GCSE results in more than a decade. They should be rightly proud of their results today, which are an accurate reflection of all their hard work. I am sure that they would want to thank their teachers too, who have worked extremely hard to support every boy. We are all delighted that so many boys have surpassed their expectations."

THE OLD STAMFORDIAN CLUB
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<u>Income</u>	<u>2017</u> £	<u>2016</u> £
Annual Subscriptions & Donations	1,152	1,135
Term subscriptions	13,325	13,550
Interest received	143	199
Profit/(Loss) on Reunion Day	(117)	(13)
Profit/(Loss) on Sunday lunch	0	0
Profit/(Loss) on Sportsman's Dinner	0	(315)
Profit on OS Merchandise	198	245
	14,701	14,801
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Printing Newsletter	1,380	1,620
Postage and Envelopes	1,134	1,202
Foundation Costs	5,000	1,667
Leavers ties purchased	1,654	1,457
Sundries	41	53
Bursaries	3,545	3,240
Promotional events	635	0
Tolethorpe Cricket	0	30
Donation to RAF Benevolent Fund	0	100
Donation to Parkinsons UK	0	200
New OS flag	0	94
G Timm memorial bench	0	765
London OS Subsidy	0	30
	13,389	10,458
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,312	4,343

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2017</u> £	<u>2016</u> £
Sundry Stock	381	602
Sundry debtors	184	0
	565	602
<u>Cash at Bank</u>		
Current account	629	1,953
HSBC Deposit account	18,286	15,781
Secure Trust Account	10,596	10,458
	30,076	28,794
 <u>Liabilities</u>		
Accumulated fund at 1 January 2017	27,097	22,754
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,312	4,343
Balance at 31 December 2017	28,409	27,097
Sundry Creditors	1,667	1,697
	30,076	28,794

The above accounts were adopted by the Committee of the Club on 12 May 2018.

N Patterson
Chairman

Accountants report to the Committee of the Old Stamfordian Club.

We have examined the above accounts without carrying out an audit.

These accounts are in accordance with the books and records produced to us.

Jackson & Grimes Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
Stamford

17 May 2018

