

# Stamford School



Old Stamfordian Club  
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## WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all our former students from Stamford. We are delighted to bring you this edition through a whole team effort, something that is a true value of the Stamford Endowed Schools.

In this edition we are covering news from the Old Stamfordian community including events past, present and future and also updates from the School. We have also been working hard 'behind the scenes' with updating articles and accessibility on the website to keep you connected.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this publication. As always, please do get in contact and let us know of your news throughout the year as we love to share these across our Old Stamfordian community.

We wish you a safe and prosperous year ahead.

**Your Alumni Relations & Development Team**

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## Notes from the Desk of the Headmaster Nick Gallop



The last year was, of course, the educational year that the global health crisis turned upside down. School closures, group restrictions, mass testing, cancelled examinations and more – all conspiring to present an extraordinary set of circumstances that the whole school community did extremely well to navigate so effectively.

Despite all that was thrown at the school and the students, we are proud to say that one area we refused to compromise on was our charitable and service activities. The students have continued to donate an enormous amount of time and money to great causes and to people that are considerably less fortunate than themselves. The Harvest Foodbank collection raised over 215kg in food donations, Charity Rock raised £850 for the Sue Ryder Hospice and Movember raised over £4,000. A casual clothes day to raised money for the Evergreen Care Trust and a Christmas jumper day for Save the Children.

From a teaching and learning point of view, it is worth bearing in mind just how far we developed in a

way that is more positively related to the impact of the pandemic. The schools issued over 1,300 Surface Pro devices in four days at the start of the September term, following an extensive upgrade to the IT infrastructure. Since then, students isolating at home were engaged in missed lessons and staff have been innovating with the delivery of work and methods of marking and feedback. It has been great to see the widespread adoption of certain technological

improvements to teaching and learning within the school. In particular, Teams Assignments has become the standard method of delivery for homework and OneNote has been extensively used within the school to enhance delivery of content and to allow for digital submission and feedback of work, and student engagement with the devices has been excellent.

The student Digital Leader Group has also been established to ensure that pupils themselves have a say in the implementation and use of the devices. More widely, students enjoyed our Stamford Lectures as they moved online. A particularly prominent one on Artificial Intelligence by Professor Luckin was very well attended.

The CCF continues to go from strength to strength with over 270 in the contingent this term, this is the largest it has been in a long time. We were extremely proud to see 115 cadets participating in Stamford's Remembrance Parade on the 14 November, they represented the school exceptionally well.





Our D of E Silver and Gold expeditions have all been completed (including canoeing) along with other activities (axe throwing/ bushcraft and eco work!).

A full OE Hall was treated to a fantastic Autumn Concert on 17 November with the highlight being a full rendition of Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody' by the ever-growing SES Choral Society.

Parents and staff were treated to a fantastic performance of 'Frankenstein' by our Years 10 and 11 and the Senior House Music Competition was excellent, as always, with Exeter House winning both the unison song and the part song. The Senior Houses have also enjoyed competing in football, badminton, basketball, chess, debating and general knowledge competitions so far this term. The Junior Houses, not to be outdone, have enjoyed a wide range of activities from house rugby and tug o' war to chess and general knowledge.



In sport, there have been an enormous number of fixtures – over 140 in the case of our rugby teams – with the U16A and U15B XV having unbeaten rugby seasons; the U14 fives team becoming national champions; the U13 cross country team being placed 7th in the national championships; one of our boys in Year

10 becoming the National U16 Racketlon Champion, our basketball Firsts reaching County Cup Final and Stamford School hosting several fantastic prep school rugby and cricket tournaments.

We continued to play against all of our regional rivals and the boys have risen to athletics challenges on Saturdays as well. Our U14 cricket team reached their national final in the competition that spanned three years rather than the usual two, involving many hundreds of school cricket sides.

We were also delighted to see the enjoyment of Enrichment Week which contained all sorts of activities ranging from duck herding to beekeeping to water sports and science experiments.

This is only a very small selection of our sporting highlights, there are of course many, many more so congratulations and well done to everyone involved.

We were all delighted and honoured for Stamford School to be shortlisted in 2021 by the Times Educational Supplement (as Independent School of the Year for Sport) and also by Independent School Parent Magazine (as Boys School of the Year) – an accurate reflection of how hard staff and students work to make the school as great as it possibly can be.

On that note, it is farewell from me to the students, staff, families and alumni who form part of the wonderful Stamford School community. I have thoroughly enjoyed leading this great school and am looking forward to leading Brighton College International in Bangkok to similar heights.



## Notes from the OSC Chairman Cam Park (OS 07)



### Welcome to the Old Stamfordian Club Newsletter!

It is my honour to be writing to you comprehensively for the first time. Our club is one of significant strength and diversity and our resolve has been tested in the last 24 months but we are hopefully now out the other side of the pandemic with normality on the brink of resuming.

Having said that, there are clearly new challenges being faced and any Old Stamfordian who feels they need further support on this should hopefully feel comfortable reaching out to the club and the Stamford community more generally.

Whilst the activities of the club have been significantly reduced for Covid reasons, the foundations laid by the committee and my predecessors mean we are in a strong position to press on now we are able to. As reported in the past, the Sector Group Project is a key focus for us with some successes to report already. The aim is to involve Old Stamfordians in particular sectors with the aim of:

- Creating a sector specific community.
- Providing help and support for those in the sector.
- Providing advice for those in the sector.
- Having fun.
- Providing help to SES students and support to SES careers staff to help SES students contemplating a career in the sector.



For me the final two points are the most important. There are numerous sector-specific networking groups and whilst our sector groups can exist alongside them, the ability for recent students to engage with those in industry is incredibly useful for both students and equally rewarding for those further into their career. So far we have the following groups at various stages of development. These can be found on page 38 and if anyone would like to get involved with those above or have ideas for further sectors so far not catered for, please get in touch with the Development Office

Old Stamfordian sport is something that has rightly been put on hold whilst we haven't been able to meet in person. Reunion Weekend gives us our first opportunity to unite over some competitive sport in both the Andrew Carter Shield touch rugby tournament and various levels of cricket. Please get in touch if you want to participate or are just a keen spectator.

Also, please start banging the drum and get as much support amongst your peers as possible. It only takes one of you making four phone calls and you have a touch rugby team.

Next year we will be targeting a Friday night lights event to re-establish the 'Overs vs Unders' 15-a-side rugby match, and the three-way hockey tournament previously held at the sportsman's weekend between the schools 1st XI, the 'Overs' and the 'Unders' and any other sport that wishes to participate... watch this space.

One event that has managed to go ahead successfully this year is the London Old Stamfordian Club Dinner at the RAC Club. A very well attended event and I think all will agree that the food, the company and the speeches were of the highest quality. My personal thanks goes to the Headmaster for his contribution to the evening and to Neil Patterson for his usual high-level organisational skills.

This year's Reunion promises to be a spectacular event. We have cricket on the Friday, the traditional chapel service, the AGM and the lunch in the usual way, then some touch rugby to play, some hog to be eaten and beer to be drunk. Please join us for as much or as little as you fancy.

With regards to the AGM, a small team from the OS Committee has been reviewing the Club Rules and there will be a motion at the AGM in June to approve several important updates. A copy of the updated version of the Rules can be found on [page 40](#) together with a note summarizing the reasoning behind the proposed changes.

I sign off with a huge thank you to both the Development Office and the Old Stamfordian Committee without which many of the past present and future events and benefits of being part of this community would not exist. Thanks to you all.

See as many of you at reunion weekend as possible!

Cam Park (OS 07)

## MEET THE OSC COMMITTEE

**Chairman:** Cameron Park (OS 07)

**Vice Chairman:** Simon Stanley (OS 85)

**Secretary:** David Denney (OS 74)

**Treasurer & Membership Officer:** Alan Hancock (Staff 80)

**Committee Members:** Ian Brassington (OS 73)  
Tom Gulland (OS 13)  
Neil Paterson (OS 85)  
Simon Richardson (OS 84)  
John Smith (OS 71)  
Oliver Thorley (OS 01)  
Robert Thorpe (OS 78)

**Honorary Vice President:** Alan Maddox (OS 64)

**Governance:** Honorary President: Will Phelan  
President: Nick Gallop  
Attending: Hannah Hamilton (Director of Development & External Relations)  
Natalie Pretsell (Community Engagement Manager)





**Cam Park (OS 07)**

I left Stamford School in 2007 having enjoyed my time there immensely. I initially reconnected with the OS Club for sport related reasons but have remained on the committee for a number of years as I believe that a strong alumni network benefits our membership and the wider Stamford community.



the alumni relations activities which now play such an important part in the wider Stamford SES community.

**Alan Hancock (Staff 80)**

My first job following university was on the teaching staff from 1969-80, and having retired following a most rewarding and enjoyable career in the profession I wanted to give something back to the establishment that had made me so welcome and given me such a firm foundation.



**Simon Stanley (OS 85)**

I left Stamford School in 1985, the eldest of four siblings who attended the Schools. I am a member of the Bar and currently work as a senior official at the Church of England with a major role in child safeguarding, and I am former editor of the Old Stamfordian Newsletter.



**Alan Maddox (OS 64)**

Towards the end of 1973, Randy Shelford (ex-staff), informed me that as the Chairman of the London Old Stamfordians, I should be attending OSC committee meetings. Since that time, it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve both fellow OS and the School in various committee roles.



**David Denney (OS 74)**

Nine thoroughly rewarding years as a Boarder at School set me up for university and a forty year career in international HR in Europe and the USA. I joined the OS Committee as Secretary in 2015 to reconnect personally with the School that had served me well and to contribute to



**Ian Brassington (OS 73)**

My membership on the Committee came about through the London OS, of which I am currently the Chairman. My aim has always been to increase members'



involvement by making the Club relevant to more people by offering a range of services and social functions to build upon the success of the Annual London Dinner.

**John Smith (OS 71)**

Following school and higher education, I pursued a career in IT, both private and public sectors, taking on positions of systems analyst to business systems manager and IT consultant. I have served on the OSC committee for a number of years including being club Chairman and more latterly working with the School's Development Office in planning reunion activities.



**Oliver Thorley (OS 01)**

A true millennial, we grew up as computers, mobile technology and the environment started to shape everyday life. A devoted patron of the Arts, I perform music, write and influence, advocating real social change locally and nationally. Hence, my Stamford School education is invaluable to me. Volunteering with the Old Stamfordian Club is enabling me to realise my lifelong ambition of nurturing, shaping and developing individuals' prospects given my own life experiences; ultimately realising the exceptional



potential that all current SES students and alumni share, the culmination of an exemplary education.

**Robert Thorpe (OS 78)**

After some 20 years in banking, I worked in Higher Education/ Gallery management, initially at the Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford and latterly The Courtauld Institute of Art. I'm currently considering my next career steps.



I joined the OS committee because I know I owe so much of what I've achieved to the knowledge and guidance I gained as part of the Stamford School community. I want to share my own experience in helping those who've followed me to fulfil their own potential.

*We are always keen to hear from our alumni about the work of the committee. If there is an event you would like to see happen or have an idea for the future then we would like to hear from you.*

*Also, if you are interested in joining the committee as a volunteer or would like to suggest a project please do contact us either via email at [oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk) or phone 01780 750032 and speak with a member of the Development Team who will be able to put you in contact with a member of the committee.*



## REMINISCENCES

### *Tributes to Mike Chew*

#### **Richard Hance (OS 60) writes:**

This is obviously very late, but better late than never! I would like to pay my respects to Mike Chew. Mike and his wife Ena used to come up to Easton on a Sunday to have afternoon tea with my parents, my father was head of Easton Primary School. We had laid a grass tennis court in the back garden and Mike and my father had some quite competitive games there. Mike's connection with my Dad was they both went to the same school in Oxford apart from their love for tennis.

Mike did a tremendous job with the Old Stamfordian magazine, and when we met up in Stamford some time ago, he had worked out that if he lived to 100 he would be around to celebrate the special occasion of the School's 500th year since its foundation - I hope I have that right! Both my wife and myself thought that he was in extremely good nick considering his age, and we were both very shocked to hear of his untimely death.

#### **Stuart French (OS 63) writes:**

Mike and I became quite close friends even after the most inauspicious of beginnings. He had reported me to Basil Deed for being in The Vaults, and I was given a very stern lecture by

the Head. The fact that I was in the pub to pick up the keys to our house from my father was not considered mitigating circumstances. The fact that I had a pint in my hand wouldn't have helped.

I was included in Mike's German exchange programme, and in a beautiful irony my exchange's parents owned one of the biggest pubs in Aachen, and they were away for the first week. That location did wonders for my German. Mike and Ena stayed with us for three or four days in Toronto. Ena was a lovely person. On our frequent visits to Stamford we would be sure to meet up with them, and later with Mike and his 2nd wife Anne. Mike and I travelled several times to The Smoke for the OSC London reunion, and to that splendid evening at The Mansion House, where we shared a table.

Mike Chew was a most excellent teacher and a good friend. He was proud of his humble roots, and especially of Stamford School, as his enthusiastic and relentless work on The OSC Magazine attests.

### *Bartle Frere's Dates*

#### **Alistair Sivill (OS 66) writes:**

Does anyone remember 'Dates'? The recent OSC update mentioned Bartle Frere together with a photograph of his 1926 Rolls Royce. Nobody could ever forget Bart. Indeed he will be remembered as a slightly eccentric, but excellent, teacher of history. For me he will also be associated with "'Dates', a punishment he devised only slightly less severe than detention. For erring you may be given 20 or 30 dates. The offence was formally recorded and you were issued with a sheet of blue paper onto which you neatly copied "dates" from a master list. Each date was about two lines long, the Junior School had the abbreviated version.

I remember the first one was ...55BC Caesar comes to Britain...plus supporting text. I'm assuming they're no longer used.

#### *The responses...*

#### **Colin Wheeler (OS 58) writes:**

Alistair Sivill's message about "Bartle Frere's Dates" resonated well with me, as having had to copy out those dates many times during the course of my time at Stamford School (1953 - 58), I have an excellent command of dates from 55 BC onwards. Never was a punishment so mentally beneficial!

#### **Harvey Clegg (OS 66) writes:**

The writer must have been a 'good boy', i.e. never caught. The dates had 70 entries: short version for Juniors,

and longer for Seniors. Blue paper had to be obtained from one's Housemaster so he was made aware of the sins. I was aware of a black-market in blue paper but I never had the funds.

#### **John Hatton (OS 67) writes:**

With reference to Harvey Clegg's note about blue paper for dates, the longer senior school dates had to be written on one line so making the writing very small and extra tedious. Also, referring to the 'black market' in blue paper, there was also a facility to pay another boy, usually a 'goodie' who did not have his own dates to do, to do yours for you, some sort of payment changed hands, probably sweets or bubble gum! And yes, I was in both camps.

I once wrote them out for somebody and also got them done for me by somebody else at another time. The worst bit though was going to your Housemaster, Mr Moody, and having to explain to him why you had been mis-behaving....again.

#### *Editor's note:*

*Four pages of dates can be seen on the next page and you can enlarge the images by clicking them. We haven't yet found an example of the blue paper, so if any Old Stamfordians have a copy please feel free to send them to [oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk).*



## STAMFORD SCHOOL

### DATES

"A"

- B.C. 55 **Caesar came to Britain.**  
He made a reconnaissance in force but established no permanent garrison.
- A.D. 43 **Claudius invaded Britain.**  
Four legions landed in Kent and forced the passage of the Thames; the Roman occupation of Britain began.
- 121 **Hadrian's Wall.**  
73 miles in length, it was built from Tyne to Solway with forts and signal stations at intervals.
- 313 **Constantine secured religious toleration.**  
He moved his capital from Rome to the Bosphorus, and was later baptized a Christian.
- 410 **Roman Legions withdrawn from Britain.**  
The Britons henceforth had to defend themselves, since Britain was no longer a Roman province.
- 597 **Mission of St. Augustine.**  
Sent to Britain by Pope Gregory the Great, he baptized the King of Kent and so re-established contact with European culture.
- 664 **Synod of Whitby.**  
The Celtic churches were set aside and Britain acknowledged the Pope.
- 879 **Treaty of Wedmore.**  
Alfred ceded the Danelagh to the Danes (England north of Watling Street together with the five Danish boroughs of Mercia, of which Stamford was one).
- 1035 **Death of Canute.**  
Hardicanute obtained Denmark and England south of the Thames; Harold Harefoot obtained England north of the Thames.
- 1042 **End of Danish dynasty.**  
The Wessex royal house of Alfred was restored in the person of Edward the Confessor.

"B"

- 1066 **Battle of Hastings.**  
Duke William of Normandy landed at Pevensey, defeated Harold and was crowned King at Westminster.
- 1086 **Domesday Book.**  
A general survey of England, it showed the extent, population and ownership of the land, both before and after the Conquest.
- 1141 **Battle of Lincoln.**  
King Stephen was defeated and taken prisoner when besieging Lincoln Castle; Matilda was acknowledged Queen.
- 1170 **Death of Thomas Becket.**  
After the Archbishop's murder in Canterbury Cathedral, Henry II did public penance at his tomb.
- 1189 **Third Crusade.**  
Richard I concluded a peace with the Saracens and secured free access for pilgrims to Jerusalem.
- 1215 **Magna Carta sealed by King John.**  
It limited for the first time the power of the King and secured rights for some of his subjects.
- 1265 **The first Parliament.**  
Simon de Montfort summoned to it two representatives from each of the chief cities and boroughs besides the Barons, Clergy, and two Knights from each County.
- 1314 **Battle of Bannockburn.**  
Robert Bruce defeated Edward II near Stirling, and Scotland regained her independence.
- 1346 **Battle of Crécy.**  
English long-bows routed the French, and Edward III proceeded to capture Calais.
- 1348 **The Black Death.**  
Nearly half the people of England perished from bubonic plague, and this led to acute shortage of labour.

"E"

- 1628 **Petition of Right.**  
Drawn up by Pym, it enacted that no man may be imprisoned without trial, and that no tax may be levied without Parliamentary consent.
- 1640 **The Long Parliament.**  
In opposition to the autocratic methods of Charles I it waged civil war.
- 1645 **Battle of Naseby.**  
Thomas Fairfax and Oliver Cromwell with the New Model army defeated Charles I near Leicester.
- 1649 **Death of Charles I.**  
Oliver Cromwell brought about his execution, and England became a commonwealth.
- 1660 **The Restoration.**  
Charles II returned from exile; the Monarchy and the Church of England were restored.
- 1666 **The Great Fire of London.**  
It raged for three days and nights, destroying over half the City.
- 1688 **The "Glorious" Revolution.**  
James II fled the country, and a constitutional monarchy was set up under William III and Mary.
- 1704 **Battle of Blenheim.**  
John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, marched to the Danube and defeated the French under Marshal Tallard.
- 1707 **Union with Scotland.**  
The Kingdoms of England and Scotland were united under one parliament with the name of Great Britain.
- 1713 **Treaty of Utrecht.**  
Britain obtained Gibraltar and the right of trading slaves with the Spanish-American colonies.

"F"

- 1720 **The South Sea Bubble.**  
After the financial collapse, Sir Robert Walpole restored public credit and became the first prime minister.
- 1745 **The Young Pretender.**  
Prince Charles Edward attempted to gain the throne for his father but was defeated at Culloden.
- 1756 **Black Hole of Calcutta.**  
The Nawab of Bengal confined 146 English, of whom 23 survived; Clive avenged them at Plassey and British rule in India began.
- 1759 **Capture of Quebec.**  
General James Wolfe defeated the French under Montcalm, and Canada was joined to the British Empire.
- 1769 **The steam engine.**  
James Watt patented his improvements to Newcomen's "atmospheric" engine.
- 1773 **The Boston Tea Party.**  
About 50 American colonists threw 343 chests of tea into the harbour, and war became inevitable.
- 1789 **French Revolution.**  
Louis XVI summoned the States General; the Paris mob destroyed the Bastille.
- 1805 **Battle of Trafalgar.**  
Nelson was killed but Britain's mastery of the sea was assured.
- 1807 **Abolition of the slave trade.**  
William Wilberforce and Charles James Fox persuaded Parliament to suppress this trade throughout the British Empire.
- 1815 **Battle of Waterloo.**  
The Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon, and the long French war was ended.

"C"

- 1356 **Battle of Poitiers.**  
The Black Prince defeated the French King and took him prisoner.
- 1381 **Peasants' Revolt.**  
Jack Straw in Essex, Wat Tyler in Kent, demanded the end of villeinage.
- 1415 **Battle of Agincourt.**  
Henry V routed the French by superior archery and discipline.
- 1431 **Joan of Arc.**  
She roused a national spirit in France, drove the English from Orleans, and was burned at Rouen for witchcraft.
- 1470 **Battle of Empingham.**  
Edward IV defeated Sir Robert Wells at "Lose Coat Field"; the fleeing rebels flung away their badges in the hope of escaping capture.
- 1485 **Battle of Bosworth.**  
Henry Tudor, Earl of Richmond, defeated Richard III, ended the Wars of the Roses, and founded the Tudor dynasty.
- 1487 **Star Chamber.**  
A royal law court established by Henry VII, it consisted of the chief judges and members of the King's Council.
- 1492 **Christopher Columbus.**  
Sent by Spain, he discovered the Bahamas in the West Indies, but not the continent of America.
- 1513 **Battle of Flodden.**  
James IV of Scotland allied himself with France, invaded England and was defeated and killed.
- 1529 **Fall of Cardinal Wolsey.**  
Thomas Wolsey, Lord Chancellor and Papal Legate, was deprived of all his offices save the Archbishopric of York.

"D"

- 1536 **Dissolution of the Monasteries.**  
Suppressed by Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's Vicar General, their possessions passed mostly into lay hands.
- 1549 **First English prayer book.**  
Produced by Thomas Cramer, Archbishop of Canterbury, it was unique in its perfection of form and felicity of expression.
- 1556 **Death of Cranmer.**  
Burned at the stake in Oxford, he and the other martyrs ensured by their example the continuance of the reformed religion.
- 1559 **Act of Supremacy.**  
This established the Church of England, of which Queen Elizabeth I was styled "Supreme Governor."
- 1571 **Parliament approved the Thirty-nine Articles.**  
The confession of faith of the Church of England, they had been drawn up by Cranmer.
- 1580 **Drake round the world.**  
Sir Francis Drake returned from his voyage; the Golden Hind, worm-eaten and water-logged, laboured into Plymouth.
- 1588 **Spanish Armada.**  
Philip II's invasion fleet was dispersed by the English fleet and British weather.
- 1598 **Death of Lord Burghley.**  
William Cecil, Lord Burghley, Lord High Treasurer and the Queen's chief minister throughout her reign, was buried in St. Martin's, Stamford.
- 1611 **Authorised Version of the Bible.**  
No other version was so pure, so vigorous and so eloquent.
- 1616 **Death of William Shakespeare.**  
"Thou in our wonder and astonishment  
Hast built thyself a live-long monument."

"G"

- 1829 **Stephenson's Rocket.**  
Its success on the Liverpool-Manchester railway ensured the growth of steam locomotion.
- 1832 **First Reform Bill.**  
The landed aristocracy was compelled to share its political power with industrialists, tradesmen and others.
- 1840 **Penny Post.**  
Rowland Hill introduced penny postage on letters between all parts of the United Kingdom.
- 1851 **The Great Exhibition.**  
It was intended to teach British manufacturers that their work could be improved by comparing it with that of others.
- 1854 **Crimean War.**  
Fought to check Russian expansion, it was remarkable for the work of Florence Nightingale.
- 1857 **Indian Mutiny.**  
The East India Company ceased to be a political authority, and India was brought directly under the Crown.
- 1869 **Opening of the Suez Canal.**  
The main sea route from Europe to the East, it was constructed by a French company under de Lesseps.
- 1870 **W. E. Forster's education act.**  
It provided compulsory education for the masses but failed to insist on religious instruction.
- 1885 **Death of General Gordon.**  
Sent to evacuate the Sudan, he was killed in Khartoum by the Mahdi.
- 1899 **The Boer War.**  
Defeated in the war, the Boers soon obtained full rights of self-government under the British flag.

"H"

- 1901 **Development of wireless telegraphy.**  
Marconi succeeded in sending a message from Cornwall to Canada and in obtaining a reply.
- 1906 **The "Silver Ghost" Rolls-Royce.**  
The best car in the world, it was designed by Henry Royce. Three years later Henry Ford began the mass production of the Model "T" Ford in the U.S.A.
- 1911 **Splitting the atom first proposed by Lord Rutherford.**  
Eight years later his successful experiments opened the way to the use of atomic energy.
- 1914 **The murder at Sarajevo.**  
The Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated and a world war began.
- 1917 **The Bolshevik Revolution.**  
Tsar Nicholas II was assassinated; Lenin and Trotsky set up the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
- 1919 **First Transatlantic Flight.**  
Alcock and Brown, in a Vickers "Vimy" powered by two Rolls-Royce "Eagles," flew the Atlantic in sixteen hours.
- 1931 **Statute of Westminster.**  
The Dominions were defined as being equal in status, united by a common allegiance to the Crown, and freely associated as members of the British Commonwealth.
- 1940 **Battle of Britain.**  
"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."
- 1947 **Indian independence.**  
The sub-continent of India was divided into the republics of India and Pakistan, remaining within the British Commonwealth.
- 1953 **Conquest of Everest.**  
Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing, members of Colonel Hunt's expedition, were the first men to reach the summit.

*So you went to Stamford ? Well, briefly ...*

**John Lewis (OS 54) writes:**

I was a difficult child and, it being wartime, my father a PoW and grandparents being far, far too lofty to help, I was packed off to Stamford School in 1943, aged just short of seven. My interview was with Canon Day himself. He asked me to read a paragraph from a book picked at random off the shelf and the next weekend I was boarding. Initially I was boarded with a charming couple named Carter whose life I soon complicated by catching chicken pox, a serious disease in those days. Then 52 St Martin's was acquired under the Moores and odd children like me were herded into a rather attractive early Victorian house with a good garden.

A much more serious regime followed, professional and suffering no nonsense. Still troublesome, I seemed to survive without untoward incident. St Martin's being the opposite side of Stamford, those boarders had to pack their bags for the day, walk to school across Stamford and walk back after school. Decades later, I like to believe my lifelong love of walking developed at that time and also, probably, my ability to organise myself.

Incidentally on the route between St Martin's and school were distractions, including a small row of primitive cottages. This was probably our first

contact with the squalor of the very poor and sadly for some of us it may have been our last contact. We also passed a small camp of Polish soldiers who always seemed to have time to wave and laugh. As all soldiers of that time – one morning they were not there, gone we supposed to embarkation ports on the south coast. The build-up to D-day was such a vast operation that it was the forbidden talk of the country. At that time the Great North Road ran right through the centre of Stamford, along St Martin's and we watched in high excitement. Convoy followed convoy of American vehicles which had landed at Liverpool, day and night, grinding and roaring up St Martin's.

Tanks, guns, unrecognisable structures for building bridges, for destroying mines, and canvas lorries without number with strange faces peering out of the back. Day after day. Far into the dark, as the sound of another convoy approached, strict bedtime discipline collapsed and we were all at the blacked-out windows.

VE-day and VJ-day came at last. In due course I moved to one of the School houses. I think there are plenty of reminiscences of that period so I will skip a few years.

I left in 1954 and went into the Merchant Navy as an apprentice in a London-Greek tramp. A much more interesting education. In due



course, by the New Zealand Shipping Company and Canadian Pacific, I took my Extra Masters Certificate. After being called to the Bar as a barrister (a mistaken turn) I worked in the City, running a mutual insurance association.

Finally I retired in my 50s and worked overseas, mostly in Eastern Europe and the Balkans setting up micro-credit groups for a charity. That was quite the most rewarding and interesting period in my rather muddled career. My last task was a summer in Gaza which drove my wife to confiscate my passport.

**Old Rugby photo**

**David Denney (OS 74) writes:**

I came across the photograph below in an old file I have from my time as

Editor of the Stamfordian in 1973/74. The photograph was taken by one P.A. Boyden who was watching the traditional end-of-term rugger match between the Masters and the Boys, probably in the Autumn Term of 1973.

I don't think we published the photo in the Stamfordian which was a shame because Mr J.R. (Randy) Shelford is captured in a marvellous pose so reminiscent of his towering presence on the school sports field in that era. The right arm raised almost as though waving is just how Randy would signal the end of an over in the school cricket matches as he set off purposefully for square leg.

Mr Shelford's umpiring decisions sometimes caused consternation to the captains of visiting cricket teams



but as Reggie Woodward, Master in charge of cricket at Kings Grantham, told his team during the tea interval: "Mr Shelford may not always get it right but he is impartial and consistent."

The Masters who played rugby in the '70s suggest that it is Hugh Allan (English) with arms raised in the photograph waiting for his props to bind on at the scrum Mr Shelford has awarded and one of those props being Clive Daniels (Biology) with the beard lining up at tight head.

**The responses...**

**Steve McCombe (OS 75) writes:**

Neil Ricketts & John Decamp to the left in the photo of the Masters v 'Boys' game?

**Adrian Hobbs Bowes (OS 74) writes:**

Re the photo of "Juggins" Shelford in rugby referee mode I'm fairly sure it made the cover page of an early 70s Stamfordian ....in any event I still have an original copy as Phil Boyden and myself were in a photo club at the time and took and processed lots of black and white films...

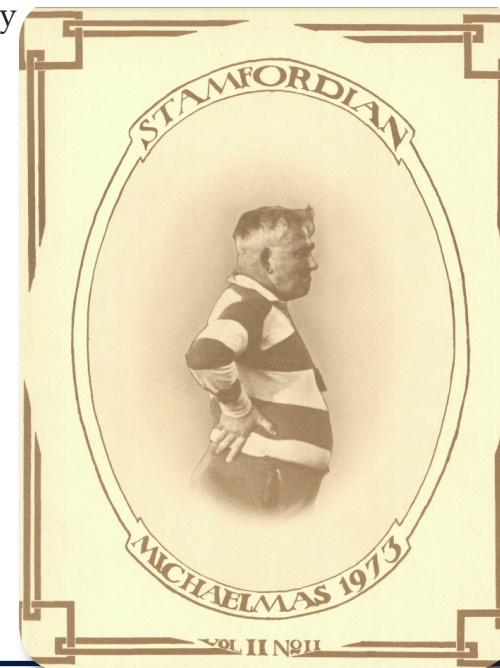
*Editors note:  
On the right, the magazine cover in question.*

**John Pollard (OS 60) writes:**

Adrian is quite right. As I write this I have a copy of the Michaelmas 1974 edition with, on the front cover, a vignette of a slightly portly middle-aged gentleman in what I remember as a Radcliffe House rugby shirt. He looks as though the referee had just given a decision against him.

Indeed I have not just one copy but two copies which are identical but for the autographs in blue ink just under picture which differ slightly. The signature is 'Randy Shelford'. At first I could not understand why I had them but soon remembered that 1974 was when my brother David ("Birdie") Pollard left school.

The reason there are two copies almost certainly is because Dave and Dad each had a copy; I believe the OS continued sending the latter copies of the Stamfordian throughout his retirement. He was never uninterested in news of his charges and this issue was particularly valuable to him as it records Dave's winning an Exhibition at Trinity College Oxford.





## OS NEWS

### Johnny Fenn (OS 86) writes:

Here I am in the photo below, running an adventure photography course in Knoydart - West Coast Scotland in September. One of the guests - Simon Foster (OS 86). We hadn't seen each other since doing Art A-Level together 35 years ago! We spent a fabulous week together!



### Will Hetherington (OS 95)

Will Hetherington has written two guides to 21 of his favourite walks in the Stamford and Rutland area.

Having written a monthly walking feature in Active magazine for a decade, Will has definitely done his homework and he said: "I was a boarder for eight years in Northfields and Byard, and in that time I fell in love with Stamford. I still live here and over the years I have walked most of the glorious footpaths in Rutland and the Stamford area, so it's good to share these wonderful routes with readers."

### Fred Miceli & Kieran Wade (OS 98)

#### The Empty Pages

Kieran and Fred, together known as The Empty Pages, released 'The Clowns' E.P. in early 2022, their first new piece of work since 2019.



Written during lockdown, the duo had to wait for restrictions to ease to record the songs, which is more guitar-driven blues/rock as opposed to the acoustic folk and country from their earlier work, and the five-song release has already attracted listeners in the United States, Australia and South America, amongst other countries.

### Rob Vitas (OS 99)

Robin, the skipper at Castor and Ketton Cricket Clubs, has received a call-up for the Serbian national cricket team, and

will make his international debut in World Cup qualifiers in July.

Robin qualifies to represent Serbia through his father, and Belgium, Portugal and Austria are the initial opposition.

### Henry Dawe (OS 01)

Henry showcased his creative flair by releasing a song in memory of the Duke of Edinburgh, raising funds for charity, and through having two comedy books published.

The song was originally recorded in preparation for the celebration of the Duke of Edinburgh's 100th birthday, but was amended to celebrate his life, after the Duke's passing. The project ran between 1 May and 1 November 2021 and raised over £4,000.

### Shan Masood (OS 09)

Stamford School recordholder for runs in cricket with 1,237, Shan has joined Derbyshire for the 2022 season, leaving behind Multan Sultans, with whom he helped to win the the Pakistan Super League in 2021. Shan has played in nearly 350 matches across all formats, and clocked up a total of nearly 16,000 runs.

### James Peachy (OS 17)

A huge congratulations to James Peachey who made his rugby championship debut for Nottingham in October. Although they lost to Ealing Trailfinders, James said after that match "It's not the result we were after but always good to challenge yourself

against the best."

### Jackson Van Uden (OS 18)

Jackson Van Uden, who also produces the 'History with Jackson' podcast and YouTube channel, has published his first book, 'The Crystallisation of Totalitarianism'.



The book looks at the 1953 Conference on Totalitarianism, an important moment in history as it crystallised the meaning of totalitarianism and regimes, such as the USSR and Nazi Germany are examined to see if they were indeed totalitarian.

Jackson has also returned to the Schools to teach our year 3 pupils about the Romans.

### Joey Evison (OS 20)

Joey Evison was selected in the Daily Telegraph's Uncapped Cricket England Test XI, a team of the season picked exclusively from players without a test match appearance.

They wrote about Joey, "Big, tall allrounder, aged 19, who can only bowl quicker but is already worth a place in his county's strong seam attack, although a Lincolnshire lad originally. In addition he has already hit the fastest 50 ever for England Under-19, off 18 balls, but a batsman not a slogger."



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Revd. Mark Goodman

The Schools have announced that the Chaplain, Reverend Mark Goodman, will be leaving his position at the end of the current school term. The OS Club would like to recognise Mark with the following tribute:

Having joined SES in 2006 Mark quickly became involved in many Stamford School Alumni activities. In particular, he officiated at the annual Reunion Weekend service, School Christmas Carol service and Remembrance services and Club dinners - all of which were well attended by Old Stamfordians.

He also officiated at marriages of Old Stamfordians as well as presiding over funeral services of Club members, by family request.

Away from his ecclesiastical duties, Mark is a keen sportsman and an accomplished hockey player. He coached at junior level and umpired inter school hockey matches. He enabled students, who thought they could not play, enjoy the game and to be successful – both at school and after they had left. He offered meaningful pastoral and spiritual care to many.

The Club are indebted to Mark for his support of the Club and we wish him and his family all good fortune in the next chapter of their lives as he takes the post of Rector of St Columba’s in Largs, on the Scottish coast near Glasgow from Easter, 2022. Mark will be greatly missed but, hopefully, we will see him back at the School in the not too distant future.

## The Stamford Lecture Series

The Schools have hosted three Stamford Lectures since our last OSC publication, including a Stamford Lecture first broadcasting live from South Africa when we welcomed Christo Brand, former prison warder to Nelson Mandela, in June 2021.

Christo became a close friend to Mandela, and shared his first hand experiences of the historic decades spent together. Presented by Mr Nick Gallop, Head of Stamford School, over 190 households registered to hear



Christo speak, with viewers welcomed from the Stamford community around the world.

This lecture was followed in November 2021 by a talk from Professor Rose Luckin, known as the ‘Doctor Who of Artificial Intelligence’, hosted by Stamford Junior School Head Mr Matthew O’Reilly.

Professor Luckin discussed some examples of AI and shared her personal thoughts on the aspects of AI that make it useful to education, and suggested criteria that the audience at home could use to assess whether an AI they are looking at or interacting with is likely to be useful to them.

In February 2022 Dr Melanie Windridge joined Mrs Vicky Buckman, Head at Stamford High School, to talk about the science of climbing Mount Everest, after achieving the feat herself in 2018.

Over 150 households tuned in to listen to Dr Windridge, with one viewer saying it was “both a fascinating and inspiring lecture. Whilst there is no doubt that Dr Windridge achieved an amazing feat, her down to earth explanation of her experience made it sound wholly achievable. In short, with the right preparation and mindset, anything is possible!”

Mrs Natalie Pretsell, Community Engagement Manager at the Schools, said of the Stamford Lectures: “It is a privilege to be able to host and share these lectures with so many families.

We really enjoy opening up conversations that promote critical thinking through the topics that are shared and providing opportunities to think differently.”

## Community Outreach Award

The Schools are delighted to win the Independent School of the Year Award 2021 for Community Outreach.

The national awards celebrate and recognise extraordinary and compelling student experiences, and are hosted by Independent School Parent magazine each year.

Principal, Mr Will Phelan, said “It’s fantastic to be recognised for our ongoing commitment to supporting the Stamford community, and my congratulations to all of the students and staff who are supporting our town in so many different ways.”

## School Structure

The Governors of the Stamford Endowed Schools have announced their intention to restructure the diamond-model Stamford Endowed Schools as a fully co-educational School.

A scoping exercise will be carried out during the course of the spring term 2022, the findings of which will allow the Governors and Executive to determine detailed views on the process before plans are finalised. The exercise will be completed by Easter this year, and headline findings will be shared with the School community in the first half of the summer term.



## DEATHS & OBITUARIES

### **Alfred Leonard Vice (OS 39/40)**

*We were informed that Alfred passed away, aged 99, in June 2021. Our Archivist writes:* During his schooldays, Alfred Leonard Vice was Prefect for Country House at Stamford School. In 1937, he was awarded Form Prizes (Upper IV) for English Subjects and English Language, followed by Upper V Form Prizes in English Subjects and French in 1938. He also won the Samuel Edwards Leaving Exhibition and a Kesteven Major Scholarship which covered the fees for him to attend Lincoln College, Oxford.

### **Peter Fancourt (OS 45)**

*Peter passed away on 24 April 2021. Our Archivist writes:* Peter Fancourt was born in a house now occupied by the school shop on St Paul's Street, and left Stamford School aged 15. He worked at the family garage, also on St Paul's Street and in February 1963 drove a Mini on the River Welland when it froze over. He was an amateur radio enthusiast and is survived by his wife Kirsty and children Wendy, Julie and Ed.

### **Thomas J Marriott (OS 45)**

*Thomas' elder brother, J Robert Marriott (OS 43) informed us of his passing. He writes:* Thomas died peacefully on 24 July 2021 aged 93. Thomas leaves a daughter, Fleur, and son, Alan. At school (1937-45) he was a boarder, first at Northfields House and then at Main School.

Thomas reached modern 6th and obtained school colours at rugby and

cricket. After his school days, he studied building construction whilst working as a bricklayer for the family firm (Marriott Construction Group) and went on to become Contracts Director. In rugby he played 90 games for Northampton Saints Rugby Club.

### **Norman Browning MBE (OS 47)**

*Norman passed away in the first half of 2021. Our Archivist writes:* In 1939 Norman won a scholarship to Stamford School and was a student during the war.

Later in life Norman worked the Ministry of National Insurance and in 1986 was awarded an MBE for work on applying European law to the British Social Security legislation. Upon retirement in 1988 Norman enjoyed travelling around Europe and Australia.

### **John Exley (OS 49)**

*Susan Exley, John's daughter, informed us that John passed away on 26 January 2021.* John Exley joined Stamford School in 1942 along with his elder brother, Charles David Exley (OS 1942-7). John was in the Combined Cadet Forces where he made the rank of Lance Corporal. He also became a House Prefect (his brother held the same role before him).

He won the House colours for rugby and athletics. John got involved in drama at Stamford School. In 1948, he assisted 'with the varied duties of Stage Manager' for Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. The

following year, he was Stage Manager for the Junior Dramatic Society's production of Treasure Island.

After leaving Stamford in 1949, John spent his National Service in the Navy before attending the Scottish Hotel School in Crookston, Glasgow. Following time in Glasgow, John gained experience in a variety of hotels in Switzerland, Wales, London and the South East of England before returning to Hull, where he met his late wife, Margaret. Marrying in May 1959, they moved to The Kings Head in Appleby in 1960 where their daughter, Susan, was born in 1962. The family returned briefly to Hull before moving to The Goathland Hydro in North Yorkshire in 1964, which they ran until 1984. Their son, Richard was born in 1965 and after retiring, John and Margaret travelled widely and enjoyed their life together in the Whitby area.

### **James 'Jim' Hunter (OS 52)**

*Jim's nephew, Robert Hunter (OS 88), wrote to inform us on the sad passing of his uncle last May in Christchurch, New Zealand. His family writes:*

After spending his early childhood in Edinburgh Jim's family moved to Stamford in 1950 where he joined Stamford School. He was the first in our family to attend Stamford Endowed Schools. Over the years a number of boys and girls have followed in his footsteps with two of his brother's granddaughters currently attending Stamford High School. My uncle lived a full and happy life with his wife Shirley, their three sons Alex, Bruce and Duncan and four grandchildren. He was greatly loved by his family in the UK.

### **Revd. Michael Savage (OS 52)**

*In his own words.....*

"I had been studying Classics at Stamford School, but struggled with Greek, fluffing my "A" level, but was still accepted at St. Peter's Hall, Oxford to read Law (but I was told to go away and do National Service first!). As graduation approached, advice came from all sorts of directions, yet the answer that kept coming was the call to ministry in the church. Some friends were encouraging, while others counselled caution.

The college chaplain suggested contacting the C.of E. Selection Board; and their secretary invited me for an exploratory chat in London, simply 'with a view', and I found myself being recommended for training, which was more than I had expected!

We spent our final years of ministry in a rural group of parishes in Norfolk, before retirement came in 1999. For retirement, we returned to our beloved Yorkshire Dales!"

### **Chris Tunnard (OS 53)**

*Our Archivist writes:*

Christopher John Tunnard first attended the Conway School in Boston before joining Stamford School in January 1949. He started in St Martin's House before moving across to Byard House. He stayed with the latter house through to his departure from Stamford School in December 1953.

### **Alan Luntley (OS 54)**

*We were informed of Alan's passing by his wife Mavis who, alongside our Archivist, provided the following information:* Alan Luntley attended Bluecoat School



before joining Stamford School in September 1947. He made the rank of Corporal in the Army Section of the Combined Cadet Forces and served as a House Prefect for Radcliffe House during his last year at Stamford School. He also won the House Colours for Swimming and sat on the committee for the Chess Club. In Drama, Alan served as stage staff on Shakespeare's *Coriolanus* (1953) and played a gentleman of the jury in *Trial by Jury* (1954).

After Stamford School, Alan went straight into National Service Training with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He spent most of his working life in the timber-using industry. In 1957, he became Assistant Manager at a Joinery Manufacturing Firm in Barking, Essex.

By 1989, he was Managing Director for a major door company in Melton Mowbray. At the same time, he served as Vice-Chairman for the Old Stamfordian Club under former headmaster, H.A. Staveley (OS 1935) during the Club's centenary year.

### **Arthur James Turner (OS 59)**

*Mrs Valerie Turner, wife to Arthur James Turner, has notified us of his passing. She writes:*

Known as James, he started with Stamford at the age of 8 in 1948 as a boarding student. Stamford School gave my husband a very good education and he gained much from his time there. He worked hard, had a good ethos and was nurtured in the boarding house.

James went on to St Andrew's University to complete an economics degree then worked as a tutor there. He went on to

work at CBI in London which is where they met in 1976. From here, he went on to the Imperial Group as an Economic Advisor.

James was loved dearly by his wife Valerie, children, and his grandchildren and will be very much missed.

### **Martin Bettinson (OS 60)**

*We were notified by Martin's niece that Martin passed away in Australia, his home for many years. Our Archivist writes:*

Martin Bettinson attended Cottesmore Church of England School before joining Stamford School in 1955. He was first in Willoughby House, and then in Ancaster House from 1957 until he left in 1960. He appeared in *The Seventeenth Highwayman* and the *Stamfordian Magazine* of 1957 writes that "he attempted an awkward part with some success, including a good faint".

### **Alan Warner (OS 60)**

*Our Archivist writes:*

Born in 1943, Alan Warner was the son of E.J.C. Warner (OS 1928-33), who worked as Assistant Music Master at Stamford School and later became organist at St Martin's, and Evelyn Ida Warner (nee Hobbs), an SHS Old Girl who worked in the Bursar's Office. In 1951, Alan joined his father's old school first at St Paul's House and then moved over to Radcliffe House. He left in July 1960.

*From The Stamfordian, Spring 1978:*

Warner, A. (1951-60) – he is here today gone tomorrow, one day in Rome, the next in Paris and then back to Los Angeles where he works for United Artists Records! His latest double-LP "The Golden Age of Hollywood Stars" has just

appeared in the shops. It is an album for "movie fans" and consists of dialogue and music from the greatest Warner Bros. pictures made between 1926 and 1949; some of the stars featured include Edward G. Robinson, Joan Crawford, Humphrey Bogart and Gary Cooper. Alan's hope is that this will be more than just another record and he likes to think that it may become a historical document always available. Recently he was a guest at the American Film Institute's salute to Henry Fonda – all the great stars were out in force – a who's who of the film world which included James Stewart, James Garner, Richard Burton and many more, truly a night to remember!

### **Robin Maule (OS 61)**

*John Pollard (OS 60) notified us of Robin's passing. He writes:*

Robin came to Stamford School in 1953: we started to be chums only later, in the Sixth Form. He boarded, ending up as Head Boy of Byard as well as Head of School in 1961. His father (and possibly his mother) taught at the London School of Economics.

Robin always struck one as larger-than-life: impossible to ignore. He was obviously sent here to run things and tell us all what to do. However, and it is a big "however", he never in all the time I knew him bullied or shouted people down. He was indeed gentle, tolerant and with good-humour ever bubbling below the surface: a delight to be on a project with.

It was not surprising to discover on our visit in 2016 that Robin had adopted his wife Minou's Baha'i faith, one which emphasises gentleness. I understood that

he had a long-term project to publish a history of the faith movement and had already spent twenty plus years researching and writing. I will miss him.

### **Robert Burbidge (OS 63)**

*We were informed of Robert's passing by John McKechnie (OS 66). Our Archivist writes:* Robert Brinsley Burbidge joined Stamford School in September 1955. In 1956, he was a reader for the Junior Carol Service on December 18th. The following year, Brinsley moved over to Radcliffe House. In 1962, Brinsley won the Fifth Marquess of Exeter Prize for Biology, and the Fowler Prize for Modern Studies. After Stamford School, he went onto St Andrew's College to read Zoology. He graduated with a 2:1 degree. He did some research at Jodrell Bank before moving to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh where he studied for a diploma in angiosperm taxonomy. He gained his PhD and met his future wife who worked in the cultivated plant herbarium of the Botanic Gardens.

### **Graham Robinson (OS 65)**

Graham William Robinson attended Glington Church of England School before he joined Stamford School in September 1955. He was first in Cecil House, and then moved over to Exeter House in 1960. Graham was a House Prefect, a Sergeant in the CCF, Biology librarian, and won the House Colours for Athletics.

During the 1960s, Graham joined the School Tennis Team. In 1963, he represented the school at the Boys' School L.T.A. championships at Wimbledon. He was captain of the tennis teams for both Exeter House and Stamford School.



**Brian Matthews (OS 63)**

*Geoff Cusden (OS 63) notified us of Brian's passing and writes:*

Brian joined Little School and Willoughby House and subsequently Ancaster House before leaving in 1963. At school he enjoyed playing most sports particularly rugby and athletics. He was proud to have been awarded the Victor Ludorum, an achievement that his brother David had also gained a few years earlier. Brian did not think that this family record has been equalled by any other brothers.

On leaving school he went to London and worked in banking and marketing before eventually moving to Seaford in East Sussex. There he was self employed for several years before retiring due to back problems. Although, my living near Edinburgh meant that we had not met recently, we did enjoy regular phone calls with much laughter and discussion about the fortunes of English cricket and rugby. Brian leaves a wife Sylvia and a son Roger.

**Peter Thompson (OS 63)**

*Peter's wife Anne (née Fowler, OS 62)*

*informed us of Peter's passing. Anne writes:*

It is with deep regret that I am writing to inform you that my husband, Peter Thompson (53-63) passed away very peacefully on 14th September 2021, after a heroic fight with Parkinsons.

Peter and I met at Stamford as I am ex-SHS (51-62). In the early 1960s the Heads of our schools decided to initiate a Sixth Form Film Society and we were chosen as the respective secretaries. The series of Russian films was shown in a Stamford School science laboratory under the watchful eye of a member of staff! On

leaving school Peter went off to the Royal Air Force College Cranwell and I went off to Oxford to train as an Occupational Therapist. We kept up our friendship and we were married in 1967.

**Paul Frisby (OS 93)**

Paul passed away aged 46 in May after a short battle with cancer. Paul - aka Fris - joined Stamford School in 1986 and enjoyed Stamfordian life to the full going on to play rugby for the 1st XV and competing on the track in the athletics team. Paul spent much of his professional life working in recruitment, most recently for an engineering and high technology consultancy.

Paul loved sport playing rugby to a good level for many years after leaving school. He was a very keen cyclist, racing for the local club near his home on the South Downs. Paul leaves his wife, (Jacqui) daughter, (Ella) and two step children (Caitlin and Sam).

His funeral was held at Worthing crematorium and attended by a good number of OS with whom he had been firm friends since their school days. Paul will be remembered as positive, determined, grounded and fun - characteristics he showed right to the end. He was a great friend to many people and an exemplary husband and father. He will be sorely missed.

**Paul Davies (OS 95)**

*Ed Finch (OS 95) informed us that Paul passed away in Bali at the beginning of September. Ed writes:*

It's with great sadness to report that Paul Davies, OS 95, died suddenly in Bali on 4 September. He was a great friend to

many, and an irreplaceable family member. He leaves behind his wife Emma, two young boys Ethan and Finn. His parents John and Tish, and sisters Claire and Lisa.

Paul's life took him all over the world. After leaving university he lived and worked in London, Sydney, Singapore and more recently Bali, always with a smile on his face and his glass half full. Sport and recreation were pivotal to his life, and it was no surprise that when he did leave these shores he did so whilst out surfing in Bali. They say the good die young and with Paul, nothing could be closer to the truth.

Below is a letter, read out to the Stamford School 1st XV, before a minute's silence was held in his honour and memory on Saturday 18 September. It sums up Paul's Stamford School adventure, and how it set him up for life on a path of exploration and happiness.

"Boys,  
I wanted to write a small note about Paul Davies and his rugby journey, for whom we are having a minute's silence today.

Paul died suddenly in Bali on September 4th aged 44 and leaves behind his wife and two young boys aged 4 and 8. His parents and sisters, wider family, former teammates and many friends from school and beyond are here today.

Paul was a pupil at Stamford School from 1988 to 1995. He played two seasons for the school 1st XV, in 1993, and in 1994 as captain. He also captained a very successful tour to South Africa in the summer of 1994.

At the time 1994 was the most successful season in the school's history and the first time the school had ever beaten Oundle. We lost one game that season to a very average Trent College side, which still hurts to this day to be honest. There is now an expectation that Stamford School will be one of the strongest rugby schools in the country, and that is credit to the hard work you all put in, and it makes all Old Stamfordians extremely proud, it certainly made Paul very proud looking at the continued success of Stamford School rugby.

Paul was an exceptionally committed and talented scrum half, who led by example. He went on to represent the Midlands in 1995 and played against a touring Australian schools side. After school he joined the Newcastle Falcons Academy and played for the University of Northumbria 1st XV.

Perhaps more importantly he enjoyed rugby throughout his life, which would take him all over the world, and through rugby was able to develop friendships wherever he went to live. Rugby is so much more than a game; it teaches you valuable life skills and opens doors wherever you might end up in life.

School rugby is unique. You are now the custodians of a proud shirt and tradition before you move on to university or pastures new and pass it on to the next generation.

We were once the custodians of that same shirt, sitting exactly where you are today. Paul is one of you. Good luck today, give 100%, enjoy yourselves and make us proud."



Paul Davies will be remembered by his peers as nothing more or less than an exceptional human being, born and bred in Stamford and forever a proud OS.

He will be forever missed and remembered. Rest In Peace, Paul Gareth Davies

### **Mrs Hendy Farquhar-Smith**

*We were saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs Farquhar-Smith, who taught for many years at Stamford School before leaving in 1999.*

*The following was written by Mr David Moss-Bowpitt and taken from the Spring/Summer 1999 edition of the Stamfordian:*

*“Hendy was already in post when I arrived in 1987. At that time she was based in the ‘utility room’ which is now the Headmaster’s office. Her brief was to offer help to those boys who had identifiable learning difficulties. She was in the forefront of the work in this field and was able to bring to us experience in an area that was only just starting to be formally recognised in the education world.*

The value of her work in assisting boys with learning support needs grew over the years and was highlighted by the move from a part-time post in a shared room to a full-time appointment in a designated room. This change in the role occurred when Hendy returned from a four year gap away from us whilst she and her husband were in Madrid. It was typical that she used this experience on her return to help one of our boarders who had also been in Spain gain his GCSE in Spanish at the end of his Third Form year. During her time here Hendy also taught some Latin and had formerly

taught English. Her approach was not always conventional but at the root of her style was always what was in the boys’ best interest. She kept a particular eye on those boys she had seen in the Junior School and had pride in the achievements of her former charges when they did well in later years, successes were to include places at Oxford and Cambridge.

Her advice and support to other staff were also much appreciated as was the time she gave to all her pupils. A convert to the game of golf, we thank her for her time with us and wish her many happy and successful rounds in the future.”

*The Old Stamfordian Club wish to send condolences to the friends and loved ones of all we have said farewell to over the last year. Our thoughts are with you.*



## **H.S. McGuigan (OS 36)**

**#archivestories**



**A talented sportsman and thespian, Hugh McGuigan served in the policeforce of Sudan until tragedy struck. Our Archivist, James Buckman, tells his story.**

**B**orn in Taplow, Buckinghamshire in 1917, Hugh Sutherland McGuigan joined Stamford School in 1925. During his schooldays, Hugh became a House Prefect, a Sixer in the Boys’ Scouts, a Corporal in the Officer Training Corps, and he proved to be a keen sportsman.

He was a fine cricketer, and he demonstrated this as early as 1930 when he became captain of the U14 XI. Hugh turned out to be ‘a useful captain but needs to be more confident and aggressive’. He became captain of the 1st XI team and won the school cricket

colours. Hugh ‘could always be relied upon to get runs quickly when the 1st XI was in a tight spot; and the nonchalance with which he took full blooded drives when fielding only a few feet from the batsman became legendary.’ Cricket was not the only sport in which Hugh excelled. His Housemaster, Brigadier T.S.J. Anderson (Assistant Master, 1933-39), recalled that he had an innate skill ‘linked to a complete disregard for his personal safety.’ He was a tough and rugged boxer ‘who, for the compactness of his build, invariably found himself matched with bigger men – generally to their undoing.’ Canon Day said he was ‘as brave as a lion.’

Away from the sports field, Hugh participated in the school’s Dramatic Society. In 1930, he played the servant of Sir Anthony Absolute and his son in *The Rivals* by Richard Brinsley Sheridan. The following year, he had a role in *A Trip to Scarborough*, and then in 1932, he played a sailor in Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night*. In 1934, he played the Under-Prompter in Sheridan’s *The Spanish Armada*, and Robin Starveling (a tailor) in Shakespeare’s *Pyramus and Thisbe*.

After he left the school in 1936, Hugh travelled to India where he joined the police force. He received training in fingerprinting, law, and the Marathi language. According to the *Stamfordian* from Spring Term, 1937, one of Hugh’s first duties ‘was that of watching an agitator who was a former member of the



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school staff'. In late 1937, Hugh successfully passed his law examination. As soon as he qualified in drill and languages, he was assigned to a district. His first post was as Assistant Superintendent of Police in Poona. T.S.J. Anderson wrote that during his time in the Indian Police Force, Hugh 'established a reputation for impartiality, determination, and understanding of his fellow men.' In his spare time, Hugh played rugby, hockey for the police school, and cricket for his platoon.

After the Second World War, Hugh was appointed Superintendent of Police by the Sudan Government. He served at Atbara, Omdurman, and Port Sudan. Finally, in 1952, he made the rank of British Police Commandant in Khartoum, Sudan. Just like in India, Hugh earned respect and admiration from his colleagues. Wherever he was in the world, he expressed hope that he might encounter any Old Stamfordians who happened to be in the same district. He had a reunion dinner with W.F. Gutteridge (OS 1930-9) in 1942. His path crossed with Victor Ludorum winner Michael Harold Mountain (OS 1932-6). Michael was also appointed to the Indian Police Force where he worked in the CID Branch. In 1943, he and Hugh played rugby in the Bombay Tournament. They were beaten in the semi-final.

Hugh's career had made a promising start, but it was cut short by tragedy, on 1 March 1954, the day of the opening of the

Sudan's first parliament. A party of demonstrators marched into Kitchener Square shouting out their disapproval over a union with Egypt. It was here that they encountered the police and firing broke out. Hugh heard this and jumped into his car along with his second-in-command and his chauffeur. They drove among the rioting tribesmen and were attacked. Greatly outnumbered, Hugh was stabbed to death.

In the wake of Hugh's murder, his friends among the Old Stamfordian community decided to inaugurate a memorial fund. His family agreed a fitting memorial would be a cricket scoreboard on the Stamford School fields. H.E. 'Bill' Packer (OS 1921-31, Assistant Master, 1935-77), who coached Hugh at cricket became treasurer in an appeal committee to obtain the necessary funds for this memorial. The scoreboard was opened by his widow, Susan, in May 1955. The occasion was followed by a memorial match between the Headmaster's XI and the School.

Hugh left behind a wife and a son, Rupert, who attended St George's School, Windsor. His son had sung at the funeral of King George VI in 1952 and at the Queen's Coronation the following year. In 1978, P.C. Hind (OS 1929-38) wrote that he had met Hugh's widow and son in New Delhi. Michael Mountain left the Indian Police in 1953 'and travelled back to England by way of Austria, Switzerland and France'. In 1988, he funded the renovation and repainting of the scoreboard.

*Sources*  
*The Stamfordian*  
*Stamford Mercury (British Newspaper Archive)*

## EVENTS

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### **Luffenham Heath Golf Meets**

Saturday 7 May 2022

Saturday 24 September 2022

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

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

Friday 10 June – Sunday 12 June 2022

[Please click here for more information and booking.](#)

#### **Burghley Park Golf Meet**

Friday 26 August 2022

Contact: [Neil Nottingham](#)

#### **Boston Lunch**

Saturday 3 September 2022

Boston & County Club

Boston

PE21 6RL

Contact: [Dudley Bryant](#)

#### **Old Stamfordian Lansdowne Drinks**

This event has been postponed and will now take place in the Autumn term. Further details to follow.

Contact: [Natalie Pretsell](#)

[Community Engagement Manager](#)

#### **184th London OSC Dinner**

Wednesday 2 November 2022

RAF Club

128, Piccadilly

London

W1J 7PY

Contact: [Ian Brassington](#)

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[oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk)

#### **London OSC Dinner 10 November 2021**

The London Old Stamfordian Club Dinner was held on 10 November 2021 in the magnificent setting of the RAF Club in Piccadilly. Last year as a consequence of the pandemic the event was held on 11 November 2020 in Woodford Green with Ian Brassington (London OSC Chairman) being the only attendee. So it was a real joy to be able to welcome members to the event taking place on a face to face basis for the first time in two years. Thanks go to the RAF Club - in particular the meal was of an extremely high standard.



The dinner was well supported by Old Stamfordians from Stamford School with some 49 OS attending, including two former masters. Stamford School was well represented; Mr Nick Gallop, the Headmaster, gave a "State of the Union" address about the school. The school is in good health right across the piste from academic activities, CCF, D of E, other extra curricular activities through to sporting achievements. It



was both pleasing and impressive to hear about the innovation and resilience, which has enabled Stamford School to survive and prosper during the pandemic. Thanks go to Nick. The Old Stamfordian community is first and foremost a fellowship and friendship organisation.



This really was an evening not only of fellowship and friendship, but also of fun. The event was absolutely first class and thanks and congratulations go to Ian Brassington (OS 73) (Chairman of the London OSC) and Neil Paterson (OS 85).

This year we had guests from Australia, Boston, Bourne, Careby, Devon (three guests), France, Isle of Wight, Lincoln, St Neots and Stamford among other places. Wherever you are the journey is more than worthwhile. If you were not with us this year, please consider attending next year. We promise you good food, good wine and good company - all in all a memorable evening.

Thanks also go to Natalie Pretsell and Dale Harrison in the Development

Office for their contribution to and support for a splendid evening.  
*Phillip Hoskins (OS 72)*

### **Autumn Get-Together 20 November 2021**

The OSC held an Autumn Get-Together on Saturday 20 November 2021. The day started with a Chapel Service conducted by the Chaplain, Reverend Goodman, in what is likely to be his last OS event before leaving the Schools at the end of the spring term for pastures new.

Following Chapel there was an OSC Status Meeting chaired by Phillip Hoskins which was well attended.

The main event of the day was a buffet lunch in the Oswald Elliot Hall. The Headmaster provided a detailed summary of the recent School achievements and despite the overall Covid situation and restrictions, those attending were left in no doubt that Stamford School was moving forward in safe hands.

The day concluded with the opportunity to watch the School 1st XV



narrowly lose a high scoring encounter with visiting Berkhamstead.



Many thanks to the Development Office team (Jo Peck, Natalie Pretsell, Dale Harrison and James Buckman) for their sterling support to make the day the success it was. We are looking forward to the Reunion Weekend event and being able to welcome many more Old Stamfordians back for what is planned to be a long overdue celebration.

*John Smith (OS 71)*

### **Boston Lunch**

During the 1960s an annual reunion of Old Stamfordians was held in Boston, organised by Philip Towell. After a gap of some 40 years, it was during the 2006 OS Reunion Weekend that in conversation with Mike Chew it was suggested that I might volunteer to resurrect the event. As a result, the first modern day reunion was held at the Boston & County Club on 21st September 2007 and since then I have organised it every year (except throughout Covid).

Annual luncheons are a joyous event held in the September with all Old Stamfordians from Stamford School,

with wives or partners welcomed to attend, and to enjoy a convivial lunchtime with old school friends.

Recently we have been delighted to welcome Old Stamfordians from Stamford High School to join us. Over the years, we have sadly had to say goodbye to colleagues who have passed on, and have celebrated their lives by raising a glass. The luncheons have been a key opportunity to stay connected with school friends and reminisce of days gone by. School representatives also regularly attend with the Principal and Headmaster giving us an update on school activities, future plans and the successes.

We occasionally have VIP Old Stamfordian guest speakers including M.J.K Smith, England Cricket & Rugby Captain; Sqn. Ldr. Andrew Millikin, former Officer Commanding Battle of Britain Memorial Flight; Nick Fluck, President of Law Society 2013-2014 to name a few.

We now look forward to hosting the 2022 luncheon on Saturday 3 September and extend the warm welcome to join us to all Old Stamfordians wishing to attend. You may live or work locally to Boston, be passing through on your travels or make special arrangement to attend, as this event really is open to all.  
*Dudley Bryant, MBE (OS 61)*

## Year Group Representatives Events

Enthusiasm for the Reunion in 2022 is already gathering pace, particularly after the cancellation of Reunions in 2020 and 2021, so at this point, please note your diaries and be assured that a warm welcome awaits you in Stamford when the time comes.

The Old Stamfordian Club now seeks your help. We are looking for Year Group Representatives to help us encourage your contemporaries to return to Stamford for all or part of the Reunion Weekend 2022 as well as future events.

Generally we approach Year Groups to attend Reunion on a fifth or tenth anniversary of leaving or a multiple thereof. For the 2022 Reunion Weekend we have some catching up to do given the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 Reunions.

We will be therefore be approaching leavers from the 1950s and 1960s, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016 2017, 2020 and 2021.

Seeing the joy on people's faces and feeling the warmth when friends from Stamford meet up makes the whole job more than worthwhile.

We are not limited to the years mentioned above. Groups from other years will be just as welcome and equally well supported.

Please make contact as the role is truly rewarding.

Thank you in anticipation.

Simon Richardson

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We also encourage you to spread the word of events to any Old Stamfordians that you may be in contact with and who may otherwise be unaware of events.

## Old Stamfordian Reunion Weekend Friday 10 June - Sunday 12 June Timetable



Join us at this year's Old Stamfordian Club Reunion!

All events will be subject to government guidelines and restrictions and are subject to change.  
In case of cancellation, a refund of your ticket price will be given until 31 May 2022.

Date/Time	Event	Location
<b>Friday 10 June</b>		
10:30 - 17:00	Old Stamfordian Club v Old Oakhamians Cricket	Burghley Park Cricket Club
18:00	8-a-side Cricket	Mainfields
<b>Saturday 11 June</b>		
10.00	Chapel Service	Chapel
10.30	Registration & Coffee	The Atrium
11.00	OSC AGM*	Geoffrey Timm Meeting Room
12.30	OSC Lunch	Oswald Elliot Hall
12:30	OSC Lunch (Aged 30 & under)	Oswald Elliot Hall
14.00 - 16.00	Full School Tours	
16.00	Refreshments	Mainfields
17.30	Andrew Carter Touch Rugby	Mainfields
18.30	Hog Roast (Joint with OGG)	Mainfields
<b>Sunday 12 June</b>		
14:00	The Rev Tommy Wright Memorial Match: OS v Tolethorpe	Tolethorpe Cricket Club

\* All are welcome to attend the AGM but only those with voting rights under the current rules are entitled to participate in the meeting and vote

Purchase tickets swiftly and easily through our Box Office:  
[www.stamfordschools.org.uk/about-stamford/news/events/old-stamfordian-reunion-weekend-2022](http://www.stamfordschools.org.uk/about-stamford/news/events/old-stamfordian-reunion-weekend-2022)

### Contact Point:

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# Old Stamfordian Autumn Get-Together

20 November 2021



## Keep your contact details up-to-date:

It is important for us to have the correct contact details and preferences for you as we are keen to ensure that we communicate with you in the most effective way for you and about the things that are meaningful to you.

In order to keep your details up-to-date, please [click here](#) and follow the instructions.

## MENTORING AT STAMFORD



The Old Stamfordian Network is launching the trial of a mentoring scheme for OS.

Mentoring is a professional relationship during which an experienced person (the mentor) helps another individual (the mentee) develop skills and knowledge that will assist in their personal and professional development.

Serving as a mentor brings many challenges and rewards, with the best mentors working to shape their mentees into other leaders, rather than just good followers; while the opportunity to access a mentor's experience, positive challenge, guidance and network can be invaluable to a mentee's career development. If done well, the long-term impact of mentoring can offer life- and career-changing benefits to both parties.

The objectives of the trial are:

- to test the extent and nature of benefits which a mentoring scheme for OS could provide
- to identify the most effective means of administering such a scheme
- to identify and confirm the briefing/training requirements of those

engaged in the scheme

- to determine the requirements involved in a subsequent larger-scale implementation, including how this might be phased in.

The number of participants - both mentors and mentees - is being deliberately limited in this first phase so that these objectives are manageable and can be assessed. However, the ambition is to create an enduring scheme which supports the development of those in their first few years of leaving both Stamford School and Stamford High School through accessing the experience and advice of those who are further ahead in their subsequent careers.

Robert Thorpe (OS 78) and Rob Forster (OS 14) initially commenced the scheme however the pandemic caused it to be postponed. Lindy Carter (OS 80) has also joined as a Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild committee representative.

Full briefing material and 1:1 support will be provided at the outset and through the duration of the trial. They will also be responsible for the initial "matching" process of mentors and mentees, with the support of the Development Office.

The “rules” regarding who would qualify as a potential mentor/ mentee for the trial are few – as a mentor, you will have sufficient career experience to be able to offer advice and guidance to a less experienced alumnus, which means that you may be some 10 + years post leaving the School; as a mentee, you will be within the first three/ four years of departure. In both cases, you must be prepared to invest sufficient time and effort to meet the expectations of the other party; though it is not expected that this will be at all onerous or time-consuming.

If you would like to participate as either a mentor or mentee, please contact the Development Office at [oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk) with a very short note explaining why you would like to participate and what you think you would bring to/ gain from the experience and, in the case of a potential mentor, a short CV. It will then determine who best to include in the initial trial to provide an appropriate cross-section of participants. Please do get in contact if you wish to be considered for inclusion in this first phase.

## Sector Groups

In recent years, we have launched a Sector Group Programme through LinkedIn where groups of Old Stamfordians, from various industries/professions, are meeting for informal networking and to share ideas.

These groups are open to people at any point in their career, including those simply considering a sector and who would like to speak to someone to explore the various opportunities open to them through career advice, practice interviews,

talks, careers fairs, as well as to receive wider experience, direction and general advice.

## Geographical groups

Asia-Pacific  
Overseas  
United States  
France  
Asia  
Australasia  
Canada

## Employment/Advice and Guidance

Property Sector  
The Arts, Culture and Music  
Medicine  
Education  
Military Services  
Marketing, PR and Advertising  
Accountancy and Finance  
Public Services  
Legal  
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

If we do not yet have a group for your sector, you would like to set up a group or for any further assistance please contact the Alumni Office:

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## THE OLD STAMFORDIAN CLUB STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Income</b>		
Annual Subscriptions & Donations	996	1,020
Interest received	2	78
OS Merchandise sold	70	0
<b>Received by School in future</b>		
Term subscriptions	0	0
Profit/(Loss) on Reunion Day	0	0
	<u>1,068</u>	<u>1,098</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Sundries	93	125
Other postage and expenses	0	0
OS Merchandise purchased	0	0
Stock write down	70	0
Silver buttons	0	0
Loss on Leicester Tiger tickets	0	0
Bank charges	5	0
<b>Paid by School in future</b>		
Foundation Costs Accrual released (Sept 18 - Dec18)	0	0
Leavers ties purchased	0	0
Bursaries	0	0
Promotional events	0	0
	<u>168</u>	<u>125</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	<u>900</u>	<u>973</u>

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Assets</b>		
Sundry stock	180	250
Sundry debtors	0	0
	<u>180</u>	<u>250</u>
<b>Cash at bank</b>		
Current account	8,413	12,445
HSBC Deposit account	24,855	19,853
Secure Trust account	0	0
	<u>33,448</u>	<u>32,548</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accumulated fund at 1st January 2021	32,548	31,574
Excess of income over Expenditure	900	973
Balance at 31st December 2021	<u>33,448</u>	<u>32,548</u>
Sundry creditors	0	0
	<u>33,448</u>	<u>32,548</u>

These accounts have been independently examined and were adopted at the Committee Meeting on 5 February.

### For information:

The Stamford Endowed Schools have a budget allocated separately to both the Old Stamfordian Club and the Old Girls' Guild each year to support the committees in achieving their overall objectives.

There are currently three sources of funding for alumni relations:

- The OSC owned bank account
- Funds allocated to the OSC by SES in the form of an agreed annual budget for the provision of OSC activities
- SES owned alumni relations expenditure

A more comprehensive list of financial responsibilities will be made available in the Appendix to the Collaboration Agreement which will be shared and discussed at the AGM.



## OLD STAMFORDIAN CLUB (FEBRUARY 2022)

### UPDATING OF THE CLUB RULES

#### Background

The Committee of the Old Stamfordian Club (OSC) recently initiated an updating of the Club Rules which have not been reviewed for many years. The objective is to ensure that the Rules accurately reflect the mission of the OSC to serve all its members and the developing partnership between the OSC and the Stamford Endowed Schools (SES).

In this regard two key changes have taken place that impact on the OSC:

- Will Phelan, Principal of Stamford Endowed Schools, has described his vision of the Stamford Community as consisting of the Stamford schools, the Old Stamfordian Club, the Old Girls' Guild, parents of students and alumni and local institutions. On the basis that so much more can be achieved by co-operation and collaboration, the OSC is committed to playing its full part in the Stamford Community as it develops.

- The level of activity within the OSC has increased substantially as the Club seeks to provide a programme of events and initiatives which appeals to all generations. To ensure an appropriate level of professionalism in how the OSC operates, a close collaborative partnership is now in place between the Club and the SES Development Office.

#### **Specifics of the updating of the Rules:**

**Rule 2** underlines the commitment of OSC to play a full part in the Stamford Community.

**Rule 3** deals with Membership. Membership is no longer associated with the payment of a fee. Membership is therefore available to all former students of Stamford School, provided that the criteria in clause 3.1 are

met. Nevertheless, it is important that the Committee retains over-riding responsibility for the management of the OSC, including addressing actions of individual members which may bring the Club into disrepute. For many years the Rules contained provision for expulsion and it is proposed to re-introduce this in clause 3.6.

**Rule 4** contains a provision that the Chairman of the Reunion Organising Sub Committee should be an Officer of the Club to reflect the importance of our flagship event.

**Rule 5** contains provision for attendance at Committee Meetings via electronic means at the Chairman's discretion. Improvements in IT technology have enabled 'virtual meetings' to be very effective and to save on travelling time.

**Rule 6** in addition to members being able to exercise control by participation in the AGM, there is now a provision whereby control can be exercised via an EGM (6.2). The expression Independent Examiner features in clause 6.1 for the first time simply to reflect current practice.

**Rule 7** reflects the fact that the activities of the OSC are now mainly funded through an annual budget agreed between the OSC and the SES Development Office. This relationship is governed by a Collaboration Agreement including service level criteria which are to be reviewed regularly.

**Rule 9** although a remote prospect, best practice dictates that a mechanism is prescribed in the Rules in the event that the OSC has to be dissolved.

#### Conclusion

The existing Rules need updating to ensure they are fit for purpose and to provide a framework that allows the OSC to meet its goals and objectives.

## OLD STAMFORDIAN CLUB RULES

### 1. Name

1.1 The Club is called the 'Old Stamfordian Club' (OSC).

### 2. Objectives

2.1 The objectives of the Club are to be a fellowship and friendship organisation, providing networking and support for all its members. In addition, the Club recognises its position as a member of the Endowed Schools Community and the key supportive role it can play through engaging with others in that Community.

2.2 The Club will operate on a 'not for profit basis'.

### 3. Membership

3.1 All former students of Stamford School are automatically eligible for ordinary membership of the OSC, once they have attained the age of 18 years. Membership of the OSC is voluntary and students about to leave the School will be invited to complete a form to indicate their wish to take up membership. Former students may also opt in to membership at any time after leaving by completing a membership form, and those who may be uncertain of their membership status can have it confirmed by completing the form. All such forms need to be submitted to the SES Development Office where members' data will be held and processed securely in line with all current data protection laws. (The right to membership may not be granted automatically to those who have been expelled from the School. In such cases, the former student concerned should, if interested in becoming a member, submit an application to the OSC Secretary, who in turn will consult the Principal.)

3.2 Teaching staff at the School will automatically be associate members of the Club for life, but have no voting rights.

3.3 Former staff can apply to the OSC Secretary for ordinary membership of the Club. Any such application will be considered by the Committee before membership is granted.

3.4 The Principal and the Head of Stamford School will be ex-officio, Honorary Life Members.

3.5 Honorary Life Membership (HLM) can be awarded in recognition of special service to the OS Club and/or the School. The grant of HLM bestows full membership rights upon the recipient, if they are not already an ordinary member.

3.6 The Committee may by unanimous vote refuse, suspend or terminate membership on the grounds that the member's conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, was injurious to the good name of the OSC or otherwise renders

them unfit for membership. When the Committee is voting on such matters, the Chairman will give particular attention to potential conflicts of interest. Any proceedings taken under this Rule will be determined by the Committee and are to be conducted in line with the principles of fairness and natural justice with the member concerned given time and opportunity to understand the case brought against them and to defend themselves against any accusations made.

3.7 Only members of the Club are entitled to wear Club colours.

### 4. Officers of the Club

4.1 The following will be Officers of the Club ex-officio:

- The Principal will be the Honorary President of the Club
- The Head of Stamford School will be the President of the Club
- Any Honorary President or President retiring from the Endowed Schools will be Vice-President for life
- Members of the Club who are deemed to have given especially meritorious service may be elected to the office of Vice-President
- The immediate past Chairman will be an Officer of the Club for as long as his successor is Chairman

4.2 The following are the Elected Officers of the Club:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Chairman of the Reunion Organising Sub-Committee
- Communications Officer
- Events (Sports) Officer

### 5. The Committee and its Responsibilities

5.1 The Club will be managed by a committee and it will transact all the necessary business of the Club.

5.2 The Committee will meet at least once a year for this purpose but otherwise, in its management of the Club, it will decide on the frequency and agenda of its meetings, ensuring at all times that the operation of the Committee is consistent with the overall objectives of the Club and these Rules.

5.3 The Committee will exercise oversight of the operations undertaken on its behalf by the Stamford Endowed Schools' (SES) Development Office. The agreed terms are set out in a Service Level Agreement ("The Collaboration Agreement"), which is subject to an annual review. The Director of Development and External Relations, and the Community Engagement Manager will normally attend Committee Meetings to assist in this process.

5.4 The Committee is empowered to manage and spend Club funds in line with the OSC's objectives and these Rules and to make investments that are considered low

risk. The Committee will receive regular reports from the OSC Treasurer at its meetings. (see also Section 7 Finances below)

5.5 An emergency meeting of the Committee can be convened at the discretion of the Secretary or by him at the request of any 2 members of the Committee.

5.6 The lower of eight voting members or one third of the number of voting Committee Members in post rounded up to the nearest full number will constitute a quorum and can include any members that the Chairman has agreed can contribute by electronic means.

5.7 The Committee will comprise the elected and ex-officio officers, 2 members nominated by the London Old Stamfordians, together with 8 other elected members and any other members, who have been co-opted onto the Committee. Co-opted members have no voting rights.

5.8 The Committee will consider nominations for Honorary Life Membership and those nominations that are considered deserving by the Committee will be put before the AGM for ratification. Ratification of HLM status at the AGM requires support from at least 2/3 of those voting.

5.9 Those proposed for Honorary Life Membership will be expected:

- In the case of teaching staff – to have been employed at the School for at least 15 years and to have worked outstandingly in the service/interests of the OSC and/or the School
- In all other cases - to have given outstanding service to the OSC and/or to have promoted the standing, reputation and prosperity of the School

5.10 The Committee may arrange to indemnify committee members by taking out Trustee Indemnity Insurance at the Club's expense, against their personal liability incurred through a breach of trust, breach of duty or negligence (or other provisions set out in the Policy), when acting in their capacity as committee members. Such indemnity would be rendered void if prohibited by other legislation or as a result of fraud, dishonesty or deliberate wrongdoing on the part of the committee member(s) concerned.

## 6. General Meetings

### 6.1 Annual General Meetings (AGM)

- The AGM of the Club will take place on the Saturday of the annual Reunion Weekend. A quorum at the AGM will be fifteen members. If, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Committee, no AGM has been held 18 months since the last AGM, the Committee may authorise the holding of an AGM, irrespective of date, without delay.
- Voting on the business before all General Meetings will take place by those present through a show of hands (unless stipulated differently elsewhere in these Rules). Those entitled to vote at a General Meeting are: Ordinary Members, the Hon. President, the President, Vice Presidents, Hon. Life Members who are not Ordinary

Members and any Elected Officer or Elected Committee Member not otherwise eligible to vote (during their period of office).

- The Elected Chairman (or an agreed deputy) will take the chair at this meeting and at all other types of meeting of the Club. He may exercise his personal vote at his discretion, whilst being aware of the need to convey impartiality. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman can exercise a casting vote to resolve the matter.
- The Chairman will make a report at the AGM, detailing the work of the Committee and the main activities of the Club, during the previous year.
- An Auditor [Independent Examiner] will be appointed at the AGM. The Club Treasurer will present to the AGM an annual account that has been subjected to an independent examination, together with his report.
- The AGM will also consider a proposal from a member not relevant to 8 below, that has been submitted to the Secretary in writing, at least 2 months prior to the date of the meeting.
- The Elected Officers of the Club (in 4.2 above) and the 8 members of the Committee will be elected at the AGM. They will automatically resign at the end of each Club year and will be eligible for re-election, subject to the provisions of the Rule below. Should the Secretary receive more nominations than there are positions, then the procedure in the Appendix to these Rules will be followed.
- Should an Officer post become vacant between AGMs, due to resignation or otherwise, then the Committee may appoint another person with full voting rights as if they had been elected. This appointment will last until the following AGM when the appointee will stand down with other elected members.
- Any member of the Committee who has sat continuously for 7 years, without holding an Officer position, will not be eligible for re-election for a period of one year. (Those not eligible for re-election will not exceed two in any one year)

### 6.2 Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)

- The Committee have the power to call an EGM of the Club. If the EGM is called by the Committee to deal with unresolved business from the previous AGM, then a quorum will be the same as that for an AGM.
- For all other matters and in all other respects, the Committee will comply with the conditions set out below.
- The Secretary will also call an EGM upon receipt of a requisition to do so, that identifies the single issue to be debated and is signed by at least 100 members. The meeting must take place within 60 days of the requisition being received, with not less than 21 days' notice being given to all members of the date, time and venue. This notice can be given by email or post. A quorum at an EGM will be 30 members.

## 7. Finances

7.1 The OSC is mainly funded by an agreed budget provided by SES through the Development Office. This budget covers most of the OSC's mainstream activities and is subject to an annual review by the Community Engagement Manager and the OSC Treasurer. Expenditure from the budget will be identified in the Treasurer's Annual

Report. SES also funds the staffing arrangements of the Development Office that provides wide ranging support to the OSC.

7.2 The OSC remains financially responsible for a small range of mainly one-off activities or additional expenditure on budgeted items. For these purposes the OSC holds monies in a bank account, controlled by the OSC Treasurer and are subjected to an annual external inspection that forms part of the Treasurer's Report to the AGM.

7.3 These financial arrangements are contained in a signed document ("the Collaboration Agreement") and is subject to an annual review by both the Community Engagement Manager and the OSC Committee.

## 8. Amendments to these Rules

8.1 Any member wishing to amend the Club Rules must submit a motion in writing to the Secretary at least 3 months in advance of the AGM. Any such motion must contain the full text of the proposed amendment and be supported by at least 2 other members in addition to the proposer. The proposed amendment will be implemented if supported by at least 2/3 of those voting at the AGM.

8.2. Should the Committee wish to amend the Rules then it will pass a motion at one of its meetings by a simple majority, to put before the AGM, where the 2/3 majority vote will also apply. Members will be informed by email or post as to the wording of the proposed amendment and be given at least 2 months' notice prior to the AGM.

## 9. Dissolution

9.1 If it becomes appropriate at any time to consider winding up the affairs of the Club, then this will be done at an EGM, specifically called for this purpose. The Secretary will ensure that all members are given at least 3 months' notice of the date, time and venue for such a meeting. Notice may be given by email or post. The Committee will also put in place a system of voting, for this particular occasion only, that ensures every member known to the Club at the time is able to cast a vote. The meeting will also consider the disposal of the Club's money and any other assets by deciding to pass them either to:

- a) a successor organisation with similar aims that operates on a not for profit basis, or
- b) the Stamford Endowed Schools Charity (527618)

9.2 Any proposal at this EGM to be implemented requires the support of a simple majority of the total votes cast, for or against the motion.

## 10. Miscellaneous

10.1 Each member is entitled to receive a copy of these Rules on joining and at any other time on request.

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## Appendix to OSC Rules

### PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

#### Nominations to Serve on the Committee

The Committee welcomes nominations from the membership to serve on the Committee. Nominations need to be received by the Secretary in writing at least two months prior to the AGM. Members may nominate themselves but their nomination must be supported by at least one other member. If the nominee wishes to stand for a particular office then this should be indicated at the time of nomination, otherwise it will be assumed that the nomination is to serve on the general committee. Nominations should be submitted at least 2 months before the date of the AGM to give the Committee time to administer nominations properly. The Committee will not take upon itself the power to filter nominations that are correctly made. Nominations will no longer be taken from the floor of the meeting unless insufficient nominations have been received prior to the AGM.

#### Election of Officers and General Committee Members (i.e. those without portfolio)

Elections to the Committee will normally take place through a show of hands at the AGM, as has been the practice in the past. This method will be used should more than one nomination for an Officer position be received.

The Rules allow for eight committee members without portfolio, to be elected. Should the Committee receive more than eight nominations in line with the above procedures then they will prepare a ballot paper listing the names of all the nominees.

These ballot papers will be given to all members attending the AGM, who will be invited to mark those nominees, up to a total of eight that they would like to serve on the Committee. The Chairman will collect the ballot papers and if after a count has taken place the eighth position is still in dispute then the Chairman will exercise a casting vote. The result of the ballot will be posted in a prominent position during the afternoon, after the AGM.

If a ballot is required but one of the nominations received is from a member who has left school in the last three years then they will have a priority, separate election before the ballot takes place, leaving the other nominees to contest for the remaining seven places.

On any occasion that a ballot is to take place the Chairman will remind those present at the AGM of the conditions under which the ballot will take place.

(This is a version of the procedures agreed by the OSC Committee in March 2012 and published in the OS Newsletter of that year)



