



Old Stamfordian Club Newsletter

2019-20



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WELCOME

The Roaring '20s...

A very warm welcome to all our former pupils from Stamford. This newsletter marks both a year of wonderful, continued relations between former Stamford School pupils and the Schools, and the beginning of a new decade.

We're delighted to be sending you this newsletter as part of your membership with news and events past, present and future.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this publication. As always, your feedback and continued support through your contributions are so welcome. If you would like to send in any news for next year's magazine, please do forward them to the contact information below.

We wish you a wonderful year ahead.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



The past year has been one of consolidation with the objective of building upon the vision of previous Chairmen and Committees.

Many of you will be familiar with the discipline of mentoring: a professional relationship during which an experienced person (the mentor) helps another individual (the mentee) to develop skills and knowledge that will assist the mentee's personal development. Robert Thorpe and Rob Forster have developed a programme for Old Stamfordians, which is the subject of a separate article in this Newsletter. I commend that article to you and thank Robert and Rob for their innovation and vision-a truly exciting and worthwhile project!

As previously reported this Sector Group Project is very much at the forefront of our endeavours.

The aim is to involve Old Stamfordians engaged in a particular sector with the aim of:

- creating an online community
- providing help and support for those in the sector
- providing advice for those in the sector
- holding dedicated events
- providing help to SES students contemplating a career in the sector.

Progress has been made. We have the following Sector Groups in various stages of development:

- Accountancy and Finance
- Education
- Legal
- Marketing and PR
- Military Services
- Property
- STEM

Thanks go to all those involved in the Sector Group Project. Engagement with Old Stamfordians has increased as a result of this initiative. Our hope is that relationships developed within the Sector Groups will be of benefit to the participants and that in turn the participants will be of some help to the SES students.

At this time of the year the minds of many Old Stamfordians turn to Reunion Weekend. The event will take place on 12 June 2020 to 14 June 2020. We are working hard to provide another first-class weekend for Old Stamfordians. A warm welcome awaits all Old Stamfordians, wives, partners and families at the event. If you left School in a year ending in zero or five John Smith will no doubt be in touch with your Year Group



Representative to encourage as many of your Year Group to attend as possible. Peter Sayers is already spearheading a Group to which all leavers of the 1950s and 1960s are welcome and Ted Stevenson is collecting together a strong contingent of 1970 leavers for the event. From the staff Nick Gallop, Geoffrey Brown, Kendal Mills, Richard Brewster, Jon Hodgson and Dave Laventure have already committed to attend the Reunion lunch on the Saturday. The aim as always is to produce memorable and enjoyable weekend. Thanks go to Jo Peck, John Smith, Neil Paterson, Cam Park, Tom Gulland and Dale Harrison.

The London Old Stamfordians are a separate entity with a separate constitution and jealously guard their independence! The Annual Dinner of the London Old Stamfordians continues to be a stellar event. Thanks go to Ian Brassington and to Neil Paterson in particular who is responsible for most of the heavy lifting!

Will Phelan, Principal of SES, has a vision of the Stamford Community consisting of the three Schools, the Old Stamfordians, the Old Girls Guild, the parents of students and alumni, and local businesses and institutions. So much more can be achieved through co-operation and collaboration and on that basis the Old Stamfordian Club is committed

to playing a full part in the Stamford Community as it develops. Already members of the Old Girls Guild attend meetings of the Old Stamfordian Club and vice versa and more and more initiatives are going forward on a joint basis.

The level of activity within the Old Stamfordian Club is increasing and the nature of some of the activities is changing. The Old Stamfordian Club is committed to providing a programme which will appeal to all generations. The dream is that one day we will have a programme which has such a beneficial offering that when Will and Nick Gallop are talking to prospective parents they are able to say *Not only will your son receive an education, but afterwards he will be a member of the Old Stamfordian Club, the benefits of which are.....*

As the Old Stamfordian Club evolves with hopefully an exciting and ambitious programme for the future, it is necessary to revisit the Rules/Constitution. Thanks go to David Denney, Alan Maddox and Simon Stanley who have worked hard to produce Revised Rules which are fit for purpose and which will enable the Old Stamfordians to make good on their promises. My plea is that if you are able to attend the AGM on 13 June



2020 to support the Rules Revision that would be greatly appreciated. If the Rules Revision comes into effect, we will have a framework upon which to make the further progress, which we all crave.

All feedback is greatly appreciated- particularly if you think that we are on the wrong track. Please do pick up the phone or send an e mail. Contact details are below. It is your Club and the most important people are you the members.

There are so many to whom appreciation must be expressed. Will and Nick are great supporters and generously provide facilities for Old Stamfordians. We would not be able to operate at the present level without the unstinting support of the Alumni Office, especially Sarah Mahoney and Jo Peck. Special thanks go to Sarah who left us in January 2020 for pastures new. Bath's gain is certainly Stamford's loss! Staff at SES are always helpful and co-operative. It has been a pleasure to work with the Old Girls Guild so thanks to Jill and her team, especially Nicky Lambert who has been such a regular attendee at Old Stamfordian meetings.

Finally, some notes of personal thanks, to each and every member of the Committee for their hard work, dedication and support, especially to those who have stopped me going off piste when inclined to do so!

Wise counsel is always welcome! As the end of the second year as Chairman looms into sight, thanks to all for the kindness and friendship. When Sir John Major left Downing Street, he left a bottle of champagne for Tony Blair with a note "it is a great job, I hope you enjoy it." I say the same to all future Chairmen!

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One of the greatest challenges at times of unprecedented change, upheaval and political and social turbulence lies in the question; upon whom should young people rely?



Notes from the Desk of the Headmaster Nick Gallop

Summer Term 2019 Report

If you haven't yet read one of Yuval Noah Harari's books, try *Sapiens* first. In Harari's more recent *21 Lessons for the 21st Century*, the prize-winning Professor and bestselling authors suggestions make slightly uncomfortable reading for older generations.

In the past, Harari says it was a pretty safe bet to rely on the adults; they knew the world fairly well and things changed

pretty slowly. But now, well adults might mean well, but has the timeless wisdom they once offered come closer to outdated bias? So, if not relying on adults, on what? On technology? Well it's often argued that the technological revolution has much in common with its revolutionary forerunners: the agricultural and the industrial ones. Transformations that promised to set us all free but ended up enriching a tiny elite and enslaving the vast majority. Enslaved, this time, by those relentless nudges, recommendations of new friends, new products, new experiences. With every passing day those algorithms get stronger: how great is the temptation to relax and to enjoy the ride as the algorithms will take care of us?

It is for our pupils to play their part in a system here which, quite possibly without even knowing it, is organising a quiet cultural rebellion against those algorithms. A place that values real, first-hand experiences, opportunities to connect and to collaborate, to create not just to consume, that values the arts at least as highly as the sciences, that places an ever greater emphasis on providing for and rewarding high performance in areas that can't be replicated by machines.

With this in mind, it was great to see so many at the recent charity debate (in aid of

MindSpace) that saw the causes of mental health contested. Many pupils have been involved in the School's new series of popular 'Unsafe Space' forums. These and other debates have been examining complex issues such as gender identification, abortion and the readmittance into the country of those known to have been involved in terrorist acts overseas. Well done, in particular, to the senior debaters who represented the School on the national stage in London debating expertly and proficiently, "the extent to which multi-national companies should be required to impose western employment standards on their supply chains".

Countless boys have been involved in the many presentations, essay competitions and Scholars talks, on topics as wide-ranging as whether artificial intelligence is a threat to the human race, whether Vladimir Putin is the sanest world leader today and whether ignorance is bliss. The School's blog is a wonderful repository of fascinating writing and debate with hundreds of articles on topics such as the ethics of performance enhancing drugs in sport, or the Arab-Israeli conflict, to name just two.

The musical life of the School continues to go from strength to strength. From the sublime of the regular and superb Scholars' Concerts and whole school orchestras, choirs and bands and acoustic evenings to the only marginally less sublime mass participation of the House Music, the levels of skill and inspiration are extraordinary.

Sport, as always, remains a key feature of School life with boys reaching both Regional and National finals in swimming, golf, tennis and athletics, and the senior cricketers have made it through to the last four in the semi-

final of the U17 National Cup following some fine performances. The boys are shortly embarking on a rugby tour of New Zealand and Australia and we all wish them a very enjoyable time.

In the Easter holidays, the German department teamed up with the History department and took 15 students to Berlin. In May, 40 students from Years 8 and 9 took part in the SES Paris trip and, travelling a bit further afield, our Upper Sixth enjoyed a Politics and History cultural trip that saw the students visit New York and Washington. In June we welcomed 12 students and their two teachers from our exchange school in Khimki, Moscow; the return journey involving SES students (Years 9-12) to Russia will be made in December and in July, 48 SES pupils will take part in the Spanish residential trip to Puerto de Santa Maria, Andalucía.

Charity and service remain a key feature of School life. Year 12 boys have been volunteering at Whitefriars Care Home in Stamford for the Sports Leaders program since September and fortnightly visits to Tixover Care Home continue. The boys are continuing to raise hundreds of pounds for our nominated charities. Charity Rock for the Tom Billington charities took place in November and MOVEMBER saw the Year 13s and various members of staff growing moustaches to raise money for the prostate cancer cause.

Ten 'Chernobyl's Children' visited Stamford School to spend an afternoon doing activities with the students and clothing, seeds and necessities were collected to be taken to Belarus in due course. Students continue to collect for the Stamford Foodbank and The Air Ambulance was recently presented

with a cheque for £508.90 after £1,017.80 was raised by the collection from a concert delivered by the Band of the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, along with SES students, at Stamford Corn Exchange.

Over the last few years, there has been concerted fundraising in memory of Tom Billington. Tom was a wonderful boy who sadly died in 2014 whilst he was in Year 9 and who would have been amongst our Year 13 leavers this year. We have calculated that just over £11,000 has been raised for charities in his name in the intervening years. It was lovely to see his family in Chapel earlier this term to present the Sixth Form Drama performance trophy, which was awarded in Tom's name and will continue to be in future years.



Finally, we say farewell to a number of staff this term. Bill Chadwick retires after 31 years at Stamford School, during which he has worked as a maths teacher, Head of Maths, Head of Staff Development and – for over a decade – Senior Deputy Headmaster. Bill has always been a pioneer in the field of teaching a learning. He spearheaded the Ideal Classroom project and has been at the forefront of the Stamford Endowed Schools’ IT strategy. Alongside his many successes Bill has inspired countless students to study mathematics at the highest level, and he is remembered fondly by all those fortunate enough to have been taught by him.

After 20 years Julia Fox leaves us. Full of energy and easily outpacing younger staff and pupils with her brisk walk, her passion for teaching has shone through. She has enthused students with a love of languages (even in the era of Brexit) but has also developed their broader understanding of culture. She was one of the pioneers who helped launch the joint German-History trip to Berlin and was a stalwart on it, even to the point of doing the Mexican wave with the students in the Olympic Stadium.

Justin Backhouse leaves us having been with us for five years teaching Maths. Before this Justin was a member of staff in the 1990’s when he helped introduce a water sports trip,



filmed the school video and he and his wife, Helen, ran two boarding houses at the same time! Justin has been an enormous help with the parents’ association (FOSS) helping to organise race nights, film nights and Ceilidhs. As well as teaching Maths he is a middle school tutor and he has helped to guide Y10 and Y11 boys over recent years. We wish him and his wife Helen well as they once again set sail in the Mediterranean.

Annabelle Holland joined the school in 2000 and for 19 years has taught art and been involved with CCF. She became Head of Art across SES bringing the art departments across all three schools closer together. She introduced art trips to Italy, Paris, Spain and Edinburgh and as well as teaching she found the time to do a masters and complete her PHD. Of course, art is only part of Dr Holland’s role, she has been a naval officer in the CCF and, for the last seven years, Contingent Commander helping to organise and run countless field days and inspection days.

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Lorna Blissett will be hugely missed by boys and staff alike. As a member of staff she has been a consummate professional, dedicated to doing the best for the boys in her charge at all times, whether it be teaching English, coaching the badminton team, encouraging boys to read through her ever-popular book group or persuading boys in Radcliffe to take part in House activities. Boys she has taught during her time at Stamford will remember her mischievous sense of humour and her boundless energy and enthusiasm for her subject, coupled with firm discipline and motherly concern for their welfare.

We also say farewell to Peter Whitehouse, Mark Lester, Matilda Parslow, Matt Bartell and Mark Webb who have all made significant contributions to School life in so many notable areas. Our thanks and best wishes go to them all.

Autumn Term 2019 Report

I write at the end of another term full of activity and commitment at Stamford School, a term where there have been many notable events and successes.

Our debating teams have had a busy start to the academic year with the Sixth Form Debating Society welcoming a group of students from New College, Stamford and our younger debaters taking part in a balloon debate competition hosted by Oundle School. Our Scholars have enjoyed talks by Sixth Form Scholars and Old Stamfordians including TED talks, an EPQ presentation and A Level subject talks. Our Sixth Formers from across both schools were very lucky to be given a lecture by Professor Sir Robert Winston as part of his outreach programme. He encouraged the students to question him about his work and the ethics involved, and it was a privilege to have him visit.

Students have enjoyed several trips over the past few months with more trips planned for the Christmas break. Our Year 13 Business, Geography and Economics students visited China during the half term break, the WorldWise Challenge Fieldwork weekend took place in Shropshire, our Year 9 German students enjoyed a day at the Birmingham Christmas Market and our Chapel Choir enjoyed a trip to Venice singing in, amongst other places, St Marks, Basilica. Over the Christmas break our Year 9 to Year 12 students are heading to Moscow on the Russian exchange and we hope they all have a wonderful time. Our DofE goes from strength to strength; we have recently received our DofE volunteering certificate with 4,381 hours for the whole School, which has made us top in the area and over 1,000 hours ahead of the

second placed school. Thank you to everyone involved in supporting this area of School life and for making it so successful.

We were lucky enough to have a workshop in conjunction with the Irish Guards who performed a fantastic evening concert in early December and, earlier in the term, the SES Senior Ensembles Concert was held featuring the Chamber Orchestra, String Trio, Big Band, Saxophone Ensemble and Cantare.

Our Drama Department took several theatre trips to Birmingham and our Year 10 GCSE Drama students took part in performance workshops with West End actor Mike Southern. The Year 11 GCSE Drama students hosted Theatre in Education performances to Year 3/4 audiences from Malcolm Sargent Primary School and St. Gilbert's Primary School and our Year 12 A-Level Drama and Theatre students took part in a practical workshop with internationally acclaimed theatre company Frantic Assembly. To end the Autumn Term, we were treated to four nights of amazing performances of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol performed in front of packed houses in the Llowarch Performing Arts Centre. Rehearsals are now underway for the Dance Showcase: Alice in Wonderland (January 2020) and the Senior Musical Legally Blonde (March 2020).

Our Sports team continue to impress and dominate. One of our Year 13 boys has been selected for Leicestershire Rugby Union under 18's training squad, in Hockey, two Year 13 boys made their debuts in the national league for Cambridge and Peterborough and another boy in Year 13 played for the England U18 in the hockey Six Nations; he is now part of

Great Britain Elite Development Squad. In Cricket, a Year 13 boy had his 1st cap for Notts v Warwickshire and he also played for England U19 v India and Bangladesh. 42 Year 8 boys joined the SES sports tour to Scotland to experience rugby against Scottish opposition and enjoy the unique elements of touring, and in Cross Country eight boys qualified for the next round following the Kesteven district trials, and they will represent Kesteven at the Lincolnshire championships.

We have had another bumper season in rugby with some great performances. Of note are our 14As, 15As, 13Bs, and the undefeated 13E team! The 1ST XV are chasing a top 10 National Daily Mail Trophy finish and all the senior sides finished with winning records.

In charity news, our Sixth Formers helped welcome guests and sell raffle tickets at the recent Evergreen Care Trust Dinner and Dance raising around £500, Movember raised £700 and our House and Charity Rock evening raised over £900 for Mind. Your continued support of the Stamford Foodbank collection has been considerable for this, and for everything else you and your boys support I thank you.

**N D Gallop, Headmaster
Stamford School**



#archivestories

Thomas Edward 'Eddy' Sandall (OS 1888)

One of my favourite jobs as the SES Archivist is researching into the lives of students who attended the school during the Victorian Era. I went through the admissions register covering the period 1874-1908, and for each boy, I took down his name and ran it through the Ancestry website.

I have pieced together this article on Thomas Edward 'Eddy' Sandall using material from the archive and from outside sources. Eddy was actively involved with the Old Stamfordians' Club, and so the magazines hold updates on his life. British Newspapers Archive and the digitised records of the Old Bailey enabled me to summarise the two occasions he was called to assist with police investigations. During the 1920s, he wrote a book called *The History of the 5th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment*. This was the battalion Eddy served in during the First World War, and his book is a source of information for his experiences during the conflict. The photograph of Eddy with his football team

was one of four pictures from 1882-7 which were donated to the school by his widow after his death in 1930. The other picture in this article, of him in uniform, comes from the Phillips Collection.

Thomas Edward Sandall, known to his relatives as 'Eddy', was born on Christmas Day 1869, the eldest of five children to Thomas Sandall and Constance Boémé. Eddy came from a family which was strongly associated with Stamford Grammar School. His father attended the school from 1848 till 1852, before becoming manager for the Stamford Branch of the Northampton Banking Company, which had been founded by his own father. Eddy was admitted into Stamford Grammar School on 26 January 1881. His brothers, Arthur, Robert and Herbert would also attend this school, while his only sister, Sophie, was admitted into Stamford High School.

From contemporary magazines, we know that Thomas was a keen sportsman during his time at the school. In the photograph on the top left of this page, Thomas (holding the football) is the Captain of the 1st XI football team in 1886. During the same year, he passed the first division for the University of London Matriculation Examination; by which time, he had only just reached the minimum age, at which candidates could enter for this assessment. In his diary, his father recalled that during the summer of 1884, Eddy was invited to accompany his French Master, Monsieur Marinier, to his home in France. The trip did not go down well. Eddy's hosts seemed to forget about their visitor in their excitement, and he quickly became homesick. He made his way back to England by himself. During his last year at the school, Eddy was elected Editor of the *Stamfordian Magazine*. When he left the school in July 1888, Eddy



obtained a Marshall Exhibition which entitled him to a payment of £50 for three years. This enabled him to go up to study at St John's College, Cambridge. At university, Eddy's sportsmanship continued. He rowed in one of his College Trial Eights, and he obtained his College Colours for Lacrosse, and played in the winning Scratch Six at Association Football. After he came down from Cambridge in 1891, Eddy went on to forge a career in the medical profession,

Eddy's first appointment was as House Surgeon and Physician at Charing Cross Hospital, and it was during his time here that he got involved with a police investigation. On 12 June 1894, a gentleman was assaulted by a group of five men. He was brought to Charing Cross Hospital in a dazed condition and suffering from concussion. Eddy was the doctor who received the victim upon his arrival. One month later, the case went to trial and Eddy was called to give testimony. The accused was found guilty and sentenced to fourteen months' hard labour.

At the turn of the century, Eddy returned to

Lincolnshire where he set up practice in the town of Alford. By this time, he was a married man, and had two sons and a daughter (two further daughters were born while the family resided in Lincolnshire). In 1906, he got involved in another police investigation. This one would turn out to be far more complex than the previous one. On 12 July, a lonely widow was found at the foot of her bed badly beaten and burnt. The police wanted to determine whether she had been murdered or had committed suicide. Eddy and another surgeon of Alford examined the woman's body and identified several wounds on her head which were almost certainly the cause of death. Furthermore, they both concurred that the victim could not have inflicted these upon herself. However, the coroner's inquest ruled it to be a suicide. According to the records from St John's College, Eddy continued his practice as a doctor until 1910. It is possible he put that behind him to focus on a new career.

During his time in Lincolnshire, Eddy had been with the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment. In 1908, he appointed to the newly formed 5th Battalion at the rank of Honorary Major. In May 1912, the Commanding Officer stood down from his post, and Eddy was appointed his successor. The Battalion's first assembly under Eddy's command was to serve as Guard of Honour for the ceremony of the opening of the new docks at Immingham by King George V. Two years later, Eddy and his Battalion were to be called into action.

During the summer of 1914, Eddy was camping in Yorkshire, when he received a communication telling him that Britain had declared war on Germany. He was recalled to Lincoln for active service. Eddy was not the only member of the Sandall family to make

a contribution to the war effort. His sister, Sophie, became a Voluntary Aid Detachment at the Stamford Infirmary during the first half of the conflict, and Herbert (the youngest brother), who had been living in Rhodesia for three years, joined the Royal Field Artillery in 1916.

In February 1915, Eddy and the 5th Lincolns

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were despatched to the frontline in Flanders. They were placed on guard in the front trenches for six months, and then on 13 October 1915, the battalion was employed by Sir Douglas Haig to storm the Hohenzollern Redoubt as part of the Battle of Loos. In his book on the battalion, Eddie said that the attack on the Hohenzollern Redoubt was a victory for the Battalion, but it suffered many casualties. Among them, Thomas took a wound in the leg. He went on sick leave from October 1915 till March 1916. During this gap,

Thomas visited his school and presented the prizes at Speech Day on 16 December 1915. Soon afterwards, he achieved recognition for his service in the field.

At the start of 1916, he was mentioned in despatches by the Commander-in-Chief in France, his name was published in the London Gazette, and he was appointed a Companion of the most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. At the invitation of King George V, he attended Buckingham Palace on 12 March where he was decorated with the Badge of the Order.

On 2 May 1917, after five years in charge, Eddy relinquished his command over the 5th Battalion. He was appointed to command the First Army Rest Camp, but less than year later, in March 1918, he was taken seriously ill and had to undergo emergency gastric surgery. As a result of this operation, Eddy was relegated to duties on the Home Front for the rest of the conflict; the last thing he wanted to do. After the war ended, Eddy relinquished his temporary commission. On his return to Lincolnshire, he was invited to unveil a memorial cross for the men of Alford who had lost their lives during the war.

Eddy moved to Oxford where he was appointed Deputy Commissioner for Medical Services under the Ministry of Pensions. In 1922, he wrote his book with the assistance of his middle daughter, Violette. Sadly, she died from tuberculosis in 1925. Weakened by his experiences in the war, Eddy contracted the same illness. He died on 31 May 1930 at the age of 60. His death was acknowledged by the Old Stamfordians' Club. His final resting place is in Oxford.

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 and how best the OS Club could facilitate its operation.

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, once rolled-out, Stamford High School for Girls with a similar scheme) through accessing the experience and advice of those who are further ahead in their subsequent careers.

An initial briefing for all those involved will be held in central London by Robert Thorpe (OS 1978) and Rob Forster (OS 2014) who are managing the trial. Robert is the Director of Operations at The Courtauld Institute of Art, with specific HR responsibilities and with previous experience as the Manager of the Barclays worldwide Management Development Programme for graduates; Rob is the EMEA Marketing Manager at LogMeIn and has previously spent time working at PwC in Belfast and New Zealand.

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.

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 3/ 4 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 Robert Thorpe (robert.thorpe@courtauld.ac.uk) or Rob Forster (r.forster96@mail.com) 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. Robert and Rob will then determine who best to include in the initial trial to provide an appropriate cross-section of participants. Please do get in touch if you wish to be considered for inclusion in this first phase..

OS Events 2019-20

Landsdowne Club Reception

Thursday 14 May 2020

Landsdowne Club,

9, Fitzmaurice Place, London W1J 5JD

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OS Reunion Weekend

Saturday 13 June 2020 and Sunday 14 June 2020

Stamford School

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Cam Park (All)

Peter Sayers (1950s and 1960s leavers)

Ted Stevenson (1970 leavers)

City Drinks

Wednesday 5 August 2020

The Oyster Shed, London EC4R 3AB

Contact; Cam Park

London Dinner

Wednesday 11 November 2020

RAF Club

128, Piccadilly, London W1J 7PY

Contact: Ian Brassington

Boston Lunch

Saturday 19 September 2020

Boston & County Club

Boston PE21 6RL

Contact: Dudley Bryant

Future Events

Old Stamfordian Reunions

Leavers from 1950s and 1960s

Peter Sayers is hoping to gather a group of contemporaries together to join us at the 2020 Reunion on 13/14 June 2020. A Special Bulletin has been sent out to Leavers from 1950s and 1960s. If interested in joining the group at the 2020 Reunion, but have not yet registered interest, please email Phillip Hoskins.

Leavers from 1970

Ted Stevenson is hoping to gather a group of contemporaries together to join us at the 2020 Reunion on 13/14 June 2020. Ted writes as follows:

A number of OS friends who were part of that very special 1970 leavers group have suggested that the potential for a reunion in 2020 would be something that cannot be ignored.

In 2010 we had a very successful and extremely memorable 40th reunion at the home of Mike Penhaligon and his wife, Kate, in Wansford. Many of the attendees had spent much of the day visiting the School, stirred by memories of the old and familiar, and somewhat bemused, yet in awe, of the new.

The challenge that we faced to organise the event in 2010 was to alert sufficient 1970 leavers of the proposed celebrations. Thankfully word of mouth prevailed, and I hope this will be repeated 10 years on, but with the assistance and influence of social media.

The venue for the evening celebrations is yet to be decided and very much depends on the

response. If you are interested in attending, please email Ted Stevenson. Equally, if you are not a 1970 leaver but you know someone who was and may not see this announcement, please pass on the details to them.

Leavers from 1971

Julian Stedman is hoping to gather a group of contemporaries to join us at the 2021 Reunion. Please send preliminary expressions of interest to Phillip Hoskins.

Leavers from 1980

Tim Bass and James Chew are looking to celebrate a 40-year reunion this June:

Hi 1980 Stamford School leavers. Tim Bass and James Chew will be co-ordinating a year group reunion next summer during the OS weekend on 13th-14th June. More information will follow shortly. If you are a 1980 leaver and would like to register interest please contact Tim Bass or James Chew.

Jaffrey (OS 78) with Mark Walmsley (OS 64). Narrowly losing for the OS this time were John Hughes (OS 64) with Richard James (OS 83) and Richard Bailey (OS 62) with Michael Goodacre (OS 79).

After the match, we had an enjoyable meal together at the Club with much discussion as to what might have happened when out on the course!

Stamford School XI v Old Stamfordian XI, Mainfields

Sunday 30 June 2019

What a wonderful day at Stamford watching the School XI play the Old Stamfordian XI on Mainfields! Thanks to Will Phelan and Nick Gallop for making the facility available. Thanks to Dean Headley, Max Sawyer (OS 70), Tom Gulland (OS 13), the School Catering Staff and the School Ground Staff for making the event happen. Thanks to the players from both teams and of course the supporters including Committee stalwarts David Denney (OS 74) and John Smith (OS 71). We hope to have photographs for the next Update, but in the meantime congratulations to the School XI.

Past Events

OS Golf v Old Oundelians

Luffenham Heath

Thursday 20 June 2019

John Cartwright (OS 53) writes: The annual match against the Old Oundelians was played on Thursday 20 June 2019, eight per side. Despite threatening clouds, rain kept away, and a great match developed resulting in a draw. Two matches won by the OS and two matches won by the OO. The winning pairs for the OS were Robin Woodall (OS 76) with John Cartwright (OS 53) and Martin



London Old Stamfordian Dinner

This year's London OS dinner was held on Wednesday 16 October at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. The evening started in the American Bar before heading to the ballroom for the five-course silver service meal. OS also enjoyed the loving cup ritual and then drinks in the Cowdray Lounge until the early hours. The dinner was well supported by OS both young and old, and it was excellent to see a strong turnout from OS 13. In total our company was 60 strong. The school was represented very well; Mr Gallop, the Headmaster, spoke boldly about the excellent health of the school, from the sporting success to academic achievement. It was also remarkable to hear that the school now boasts a Nobel laureate in its alumni, M Stanley Whittingham (OS 60). The speech was well received from all the diners.

The London OS Dinner is a very special event, and personally, my favourite in the OS calendar. I would urge any OS who are in London next year, to attend and enjoy the wonderful hospitality of the RAF Club amongst old friends. Indeed, the guest list is by no means confined to London and many travel from Stamford and further afield to attend. Finally, thanks must go to the committee chaired by Ian Brassington (OS 73) and special thanks to Neil Paterson (OS 85) (the man who does almost all the heavy lifting) for his efforts in organising a wonderful evening. Thanks also go to the Alumni Office and Rob Forster (OS 14) for their support generally and their help in promoting the event and producing



the photographic record with special thanks to Sarah Mahoney (OS 10).

Will Joyce (OS 11)



Old Stamfordians Rifle Team

Graham Nelson (OS 01) reports: The OS Rifle Club met for their annual reunion at the Public Schools Veterans Match. This match is held every year at Bisley as part of the NRA Imperial meeting, a mix of individual and team (club, county and international) competitions, which runs for two weeks every July.

Target Rifle Shooting comprises of firing single shot rifles at paper targets at distances of 300 to 1000 yards. Telescopic sights are not allowed, and the rifle may not be rested on a bipod or similar rest whilst firing. Instead competitors wear a strong fabric or leather jacket (not ideal in 38°C!) and look through a series of small holes and rings in order to hit the bullseye and score five points. The Bullseye at 300 yards is five inches in diameter and 24 inches at 1000 yards. The bullet is a 7.62mm calibre round and takes just over a second to reach the target at 1000 yards, during which time a strong wind can blow it up to 20 feet sideways. The skill in scoring

well is not only the technical ability to hold the rifle still, but also gauging the strength of wind, using a combination of wind flags and ancillary information, such as mirage seen in the spotting telescope, and where other competitors shots have gone. During an individual match, these tasks all fall upon the firer, however, during a team match, a dedicated wind coach is nominated to improve team scoring.

The OS team of five assembled on the range for the match at 500 yards. Some years the club manages to muster two teams of five, but several team members had just had babies or were imminently expecting new arrivals, significantly reducing the selection pool – we offer our congratulations to them all!

On to the match; with an overcast sky and brisk breeze from the left. Autumn Burrows (OS 17) led the team off strongly with an impressive run of bulls and centre bulls (scoring 5.1 and used to different between competitors if level on score), unfortunately her final shot found its way into the four ring to finish with 49.5 out of 50. This score was matched by Graham Nelson (OS 01) and then bettered by Phil Chapman-Sheath (OS 86) with a 49.6. Charles Smith (OS 18) had an unlucky 45.1, before Jack Keates (OS 12) showed all how it should be done with a very impressive full score of 50.5.

The team finished on a total of 242.22 out of 250 and a very respectable placing of 20th out of 48 entries. The team decanted to the North London Rifle Club, where Jack was awarded the Callaghan Trophy for top score.

Into the Imperial Meeting itself and there were a few notable performances by OS. Jack Keates is to be congratulated on his selection

for the England Under 25s and GB Under 25s (both winning teams) and for the Army Rifle team and Graham Nelson for his selection as a wind coach to the senior England team, who won the National Match (shooting's own version of rugby union's six nations).

The team is always keen to re-introduce OS to the sport and the match happens every year, usually on the third Thursday in July. If you are interested in coming along to have a go please contact g.p.nelson@doctors.org.uk

Jack Keates is currently in Canada with the England Team gaining his first full English Cap with matches in Quebec and Ottawa. We wish him well.

Finance and Accountancy Drinks

Eight Old Stamfordians attended an Accounting and Finance Sector Group meeting at Business Growth Fund in London on Wednesday 27 November 2019.

We were very appreciative of James Chew (OS 80) arranging for the event to be held at BGF, who have their own bar the ground floor of the building, thus making it an ideal venue! BGF kindly provided us with free drinks for the whole evening and we are grateful for their hospitality. The building itself has historical significance, having been the headquarters of GCHQ in the 1920s and 30s.

James Chew gave an informative and entertaining speech regarding the organisation and activities of the Business Growth Fund, followed by a lively discussion of the financing opportunities available to new businesses, the restrictions imposed by financial regulations, and a little reminiscing of our time at Stamford.

The event was attended by Old Stamfordians at various stages of their careers. Indeed, one recent leaver, who is currently still at university, made the effort to travel down from Warwick specifically to attend this event. It is to be hoped that future events will attract those considering a career in finance and accounting, giving themselves an opportunity to network and gain an appreciation of working life.



Summer in the City Drinks

Ian Brassington writes: A Summer in the City get together was held at the Oyster Shed public house on the River Thames near London Bridge on the evening of Wednesday 5 August. Whilst initially organised under the auspices of the Finance and Accounting sector group, it was soon realised that this should be promoted to all Old Stamfordians from both schools!

As an inaugural event, held at relatively short notice, seven Old Stamfordians were able to join us at various stages of the evening, including the OS Chairman who made an extraordinary effort to travel down for the evening from Lincoln. His enthusiasm and support for all these events is greatly

appreciated.

It would appear from the records that the London Old Stamfordians held a number of social functions during the summer in times gone by! It is hoped that this will become a regular feature on a quarterly basis, subject to suitable dates being found, such that all Old Stamfordians in the London area would have an opportunity to drop in and join fellow Old Stamfordians for a drink.

Goodwood Revival

Five Old Stamfordians declared an intention to attend the Goodwood Revival on Saturday 14 September 2019 and one other was unable to attend due to family commitments. The small number is not surprising given that tickets sold out early in 2019 and were priced at £80.

Of the five attending, four of us managed to meet up during the day. Guests are encouraged to dress appropriately for the period of the 1940s to 1960s and the OS blazer is an obvious choice of outfit. The blazer provides a good rallying point, equivalent to the ensign carrying regimental colours, thus enabling Old Stamfordians who had not met



before to become acquainted.

The catch up will be repeated next year and for anyone considering attending alone or for the first time, you are more than welcome to join us. It is a most enjoyable day, not only for those interested in historical motor racing, but is an ideal event for Old Stamfordians. I will publish details prior to tickets becoming available, but early booking is strongly recommended.

OS Boston Lunch



The 13th Boston Old Stamfordians Reunion was held on Saturday 8 June 2019 at the Boston & County Club. Old Stamfordians from Boston, Lincoln, Holbeach, Woodhall Spa, South Kyme and Burgh-le-marsh enjoyed an excellent lunch alongside partners.

Principal, Will Phelan, was again welcomed and gave us an update on all the recent successes and future plans for Stamford Endowed Schools. We also welcome a special guest speaker, Old Stamfordian Squadron Leader Andrew Millikin MBE, who talked

about his career in the RAF as a Typhoon pilot and instructor, and his recent tour of duty as Officer Commanding the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) at RAF Coningsby. On that day was it announced that he had been awarded the MBE, so congratulations to him.

The date for the 2020 Boston OS Reunion will be announced in due course and I hope to welcome OS colleagues again, and to welcome all those who have been unable to attend in the past.

Dudley Bryant MBE (OS 61)
Boston OS Reunion Organiser

News

Michael Stanley Whittingham (OS 60)

Won the Mayor's prize for mathematics, was a prefect and member of Willoughby and Ancaster Houses. He took part in hockey, cross country and sailed on the gravel pits.

The Sunday Telegraph carried a feature saying: M Stanley Whittingham may not be a household name, but the chances are the technology he developed is sitting in the smartphone in your pocket and a dozen other devices you own around the home. If you have an electric car, you can think of him every time you power it up and glide out of your driveway. It may be late in his career but as a 77-year-old professor from Lincolnshire prepares to pick up his Nobel prize for chemistry which he was awarded last week, Whittingham is enjoying a rare moment in the spotlight.

Outside the rarefied academic world of materials science, the Oxford Graduate who built the first rechargeable lithium ion battery is virtually unknown, but the Royal Swedish Academy of Science said he, his American collaborator John Goodenough, and Japan's Akira Yoshino, had "laid the foundations for a carbon free society."

The Stamford Mercury reported: A former Stamford School pupil who was one of the brains behind the lithium ion battery has won a prestigious award. Stanley who has been a professor of chemistry in the USA since 1988 said:

"Stamford was a great place for me. I went to Stamford School from 1951 to 1960 and took the maths, chemistry and physics route in the high sixth form. Two teachers in particular influenced my career at Stamford-Major Lamb in chemistry and Squibs Bowman in physics-they were really great and encouraging. We had a new science building then. I was accepted to New College Oxford, but at that time you needed to pass an exam in Latin, even for scientists. Headmaster Basil Deed worked with me very diligently."

John Pollard OS 1960 (son of Lt Col W Pollard, Staff 1928 to 1967) wrote: I was an exact contemporary of Mike: our paths diverged in the VI Form: I to do Physics and Mike to do Chemistry under the tutelage of Major RA (Algy) Lamb. How pleased the 'wee Major' would have been, although with due respect to Mike I think Algy would have been flabbergasted and would certainly have brought out the whisky bottle. And-I suspect-that Head of Physics (Squibbs Bowman)-would never have heard the last of it. I note that his Laureate is in a STEM subject. And what a contribution in solving one of this

century's most pressing problems.

We salute this fine achievement and on behalf of all in the Old Stamfordians send hearty congratulations!

The Daily Telegraph is serialising Margaret Thatcher's Authorised Biography. Reference is made in the Section on Climate Change to conversations between Lady Thatcher and her Private Secretary Dominic Morris CBE (OS 1962 to 1971).

Stuart Burns

Stuart Burns former Headmaster of Stamford School is now head of the International School of Monaco.

North American OS Visit

Our North America Correspondent, Paul West (OS 64) writes: Vivien and I (OS 64) have just returned from a holiday in Canada where we stayed with a former work colleague of mine in Cobourg near Toronto. A year ago, I discovered that a mutual friend of ours Clare Spencer (OS 64) also lived in Cobourg and we took the opportunity of meeting up with her



and her husband on a number of occasions. The photo showing the three of us was taken at Clare's house after we had enjoyed a fine dinner with them and Clare's brother Nick who was also paying a visit from England at the same time. We last saw her in England in 2007.

We were also able to catch up with our friend Jon Nicholls (OS 62) when we visited Niagara on the Lake where he now lives. The photo of the three of us was taken at his local Golf Club where we enjoyed an excellent dinner together. Jon makes fairly regular visits to the UK, but we had not seen him since 2013 when he came to one of the gatherings I organise over Reunion Weekend. It was good to meet up with the both of them.

Jonathan Shepherd (OS 70)

Reports that he is now happily retired, doing voluntary work for the Imperial War Museum and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Matt Kew (OS 14), awarded Young Journalist of the Year by Motorsport UK.



Simon Golby (OS 82)

writes:

Greetings from Ocean Grove Victoria Australia where I have been living since



2011. I have recently celebrated 35 years as an Emergency Services worker- 28 years with the Metropolitan and Humberside Police in England, and seven years with Victoria State Emergency Service. Always glad to hear news of the School and other OS either in UK or out here in Australia.

Casper Fithen (OS 85) writes:

I was recently hunting just south of Louth when, wandering down a quiet country lane, I bumped into a young chap and, over a cup of hot Bovril, and started chatting. It soon transpired that we were both Old Stamfordians -- he was none other than Eric Jessop, School House '46, from farming stock near Bourne, a former First XI cricketer and twice winner of the Burghley Run! He was at School when Canon Day was Headmaster and is still as fit as a fiddle - he'll be 90 in May!



Dr David Dickerson (OS 72) writes:

After leaving School and doing my Environmental Health Degree, I did a Masters in Pollution Control and Environmental Management at Manchester University and then moved to Bristol Polytechnic to lecture in Pollution Control and Environmental Management on their Environmental Health Degree and other courses. Sometime later I was invited to set up the environmental training and consultancy services of the Engineering Employers' Federation in Bristol and spent ten very happy and fulfilling years looking after our major manufacturing industry in the West Country and South Wales. I then moved to Aspect Assessment Limited setting up their environmental and sustainability consultancy services which then merged into Hilson Moran where we grew the staff to a team of around 30. In more recent years my work has been mostly as an expert witness in pollution cases and planning enquiries.

Stamford School Rugby Tour to Australia and New Zealand

Head of Rugby, Dave Laventure writes: A party of over 50 departed for Heathrow from Stamford School at the end of July 2019. The Larry was made up of U17/16 players from all five of the previous year's senior teams.

They touched down in Sydney and enjoyed a three-day training camp as well as enjoying some R&R - jet boating, touring the harbour, surfing on Bondi Beach, NRL game etc. They then headed for the suburbs staying with and playing William Clarke College- the First won easily and the Seconds won by two scores.

They then flew to Auckland and over 12 days made their way down the North Island

going from Massey to Rotorua to Hastings to Masterton and down to Wellington.

The pupils enjoyed three great stays with their opponents and off the field enjoyed lots of rugby - live and TV - paint balling, jet boating, white water rafting, museums, shopping, training, arboreal safari, luging, hot pooling, and exploring thermal geological parks.

On the field, pupils played very well:

The Seconds beat William Clarke, drew with Lindisfarne College and Massey and lost to Rathkeale College and St Bernard's. The Firsts beat everyone apart from Lindisfarne College. No serious injuries to take back to the UK but lots learned!

Pupils have also enjoyed a great half term thus far with:

- 4th XV Won 5/5
- 3rd XV Won 4/6
- 2nd XV Won 3/6
- 1st XV Won 6/7.

Networking Sector Groups

As you know the Old Stamfordian network is setting up further Sector Groups for members of the Old Stamfordian Club and the SHS Old Girls Guild in specific sectors.

We are extremely fortunate in that:

- Ben Hawkins has stepped forward to lead a STEM Group
- Major General John Drewienkiewicz has undertaken to lead a Military Services Group

Ben has already reached out to OGG member Emma Griffiths who works within Jaguar Land Rover and it is hoped that in the fullness of time a trip to JLR can be organised

The Military Services Group will be open

to Military, Police, Merchant Marine, Civil Aviation, Diplomats, NGOs/Charities, Veterans.

John is interested in organising a possible trip to the Normandy Battlefields for the Military Services Group once the Group is operational. Please if you are interested in participating in either group or would like to stay in touch about a potential Battlefields tour, get in touch. Coaching Sport at Stamford Endowed Schools SES continues to provide pupils with access to a number of sports under the umbrella of our stellar sports departments across all three sites. We are interested in speaking to any alumni that may be interested in helping coach or support sport at the schools on a volunteer basis.

Experience not necessary, but of course, helpful, however, an interest is certainly appreciated! The Director of Sport, Mark Nasey, would be very happy to speak further with any alumni that would be interested in offering their time. Please email Mark for further details, any queries, or offers of support.

Reminiscences

Nick Pearch (OS 73) writes:

Many thanks for an excellent OS Update as always. The feature of Bruce McKenzie and Stamford Bridge Club brought back some happy memories of playing this fascinating game at School. I recall persuading Bruce McKenzie to introduce bridge as a minority subject in the Sixth Form, allowing us to play cards during School hours. He also encouraged Andy Grinter and me to skip prep occasionally to play duplicate bridge

competitions at the town club.

With Bruce's support we entered the Daily Mail National Schools Bridge Competition one year and qualified for the final held at the Daily Mail offices in London. Andy Grinter and I were obsessed with bridge and spent many hours after lights out in our dorm trying to master the complex Italian Blue Club bidding system by torchlight. Mark James was also in our team of four, when not playing golf, but the name of his partner has faded from memory. In true Bruce McKenzie fashion, he would find time in lessons to demonstrate the finer tactics of squeezes and sacrificial bids, as a welcome relief from double maths. I cherish my copy of *Advanced Play at Bridge*, awarded by Mr Staveley for the UIV maths prize in 1970.

On leaving School and moving to London I joined the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, a fiercely competitive hotbed of testosterone for under 30s, very unlike most genteel clubs at the time. I saw several fights break out there and tables overturned in rage. Sadly a non-playing wife and a young family ended my bridge career early, but your article has sown the seed for revival! We live in France now, but the game is still called "bridge" and not "pont" as you might imagine.

Kevin Cummins (OS 69) writes:

I thought it might not be too late to talk about Squibby (Mr CAM Bowman). Inevitably he came up in conversation during the summer weekend. Here is one of my memories:

I became interested in tape recorders, but how they worked was a mystery to me, so I asked Squibby who would surely know. He went out of the room for a few minutes (as was his wont when asked a tricky question) and when

he returned wrote the answer slowly on the blackboard: "Similar to, but on a smaller scale than, a battleship."

Lee Bagshaw (OS 97) writes:

Thanks for sending me the fixtures of Stamford School's rugby team; I have been following progress on twitter. I was at Stamford School 1990 to 1997 and played for the First XV for two years (1995 to 1997) in the last year of Geoffrey Timm. I am planning to watch them play at Rathkeale whilst they are on their Aus/NZ tour now living in Wellington NZ, not too far from Masterton.

Denzil Hollis (OS 46) writes:

As a 1946 leaver (90), I am interested to learn of any contemporaries still active! I saw Eric Jessop's name come up in a recent news item, I am one day older than him and knew him well. When I regularly attended reunions (still single!) our group included Mike Kalmar (now "gone") Arthur Henderson, Dick Marriott (I last saw after a stroke I think.) Arthur's brother Jon was mentioned a while ago, also Jack (Bunny) Watson retired in Newmarket (brother Richard, my brilliant farm vet, now "gone" too.) Love to hear who is still in the land of the living.

John Spencer (OS 55) writes:

The School and the Club may be interested to know that at the end of June 2019 this year, there was a death notice in the Times for Eric Southern at an age just short of 100. EPS, as he was known, taught at Stamford between 1948 and 1951, when he moved to the Leys School, Cambridge. He was a Cambridge graduate and Cambridge then remained his base. In my day he was Form Master of 5A where he taught English and Latin. He was an excellent teacher. Each weekend he set us homework to learn a psalm. We

complied religiously and it greatly improved our English until we realised he never tested us on them, and that is where we fell by the wayside.

I remember he asked us to translate into Latin "When will you give me the money you owe me"-*"quango donabis argentum quod mihi debis"* adding "I suppose the answer is not in Fair Week, but you need not translate that." He also took us through the set book which was Hardy's *The Trumpet Major*. This was very useful for me when I worked in Dorchester (Casterbridge) and Weymouth (Budmouth) for 18 years and met many people who had known Hardy.

The story I heard from someone who had a sister at the High School was that EPS became engaged to a teacher from that School and the girls had a collection for the wedding. The wedding was called off and he then became engaged to another teacher from the same School. The girls were rather miffed when they were expected to contribute to a second collection!

Michael Savage (OS 52) writes:

Fascinating to hear memories of Eric Southern, who with Richard Chapman tried to instil some Greek into my thick head. Greek had never been an option-it was simply a matter of Canon Day in Lower IV directing the top five boys in Latin into a Greek class, at the expense of Geography (which I never studied thereafter!) and having to begin to grasp this strange new language initially at the hands of Rev. W Richardson. I recall too Eric Southern also refereeing matches (Hockey or Rugby?) still with jacket on and no sports gear-he seemed impervious to the cold!

Kissing the Old Man

Brian Farrant (OS 66) writes:

I started as a boarder in Browne at the start of the Autumn Term in September 1961 and remember kissing the Old Man at the beginning of term. I was more worried about climbing on the chair placed on a table and “supported” by other boys than I was about kissing the gargoyle! I have no recollection of the ceremony taking place in my other four years at School.

Deaths and Obituaries

John Craddock

It is with great sadness that we report the death of John Craddock on Saturday 27 April 2019. John had suffered a heart attack a few days before and passed away in Peterborough Hospital on Saturday afternoon. An obituary will be published in the OS E-Bulletin/Update in the fullness of time.

John will be remembered as a man of high standards and values, a religious man, a man of many talents, a skilful and effective school master, a good friend of Stamford and the Old Stamfordians, but above all as a true gentleman and a good friend.

Tributes to date: “I had much interaction with John. He taught me Latin, was my under 14 Master i/c Cricket all those years ago!!....and worked closely with us all on OS Club matters over many years. John was highly valued in the local church community. He will be greatly missed by all who

knew him.”

“Another integral part of my childhood disappears. Very sad news.”

“I would not profess to be a Classicist-John did however put me through Latin A level which helped to set me off on my career path. For that and many other things I shall always be thankful to John.”

John Craddock’s funeral took place at St Mary’s Church, Thursday 30 May 2019, followed by cremation at Peterborough Crematorium. John’s funeral incorporated the requiem mass, according to the Anglican Rites he wished for, and for the cremation to be following a very brief committal at the crematorium chapel.

Michael Crosby

We also with equal sadness report the death of Michael Crosby.

Dick Haynes wrote:

“Just a note to let you know that a former member of staff, Michael Crosby, died on 11 April 2019. Michael had been Head of History at Stamford and also Housemaster of Browne House from 1980 to 1987, after which time he left to become Headmaster of Asheville College, Harrogate. I am particularly sad as the two of us took over the senior boarding houses (Browne and Byard) at the same time and worked closely together for seven years.”

Other tributes: “One of the finest teachers I ever had”, “Very sad news indeed. He was my inspiration and the reason why I chose to study History at University.”

A small family funeral was held in early April. A memorial service will be held on Sunday 7 July 2019 at 3.00pm at Ashville College, Harrogate.

To the family and friends of both Michael and John we extend our deepest sympathies.

John Dobbie (OS 1945-1954)

Passed away after short illness in November. Played in all school teams and was head of Browne House. Gained a place to read Law at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. After a period with Shell joined family retail firm in Edinburgh where he lived a very full life for the last fifty years.

Robert Fairgrieve (OS 71)

Rob Fairgrieve passed away on 3 June 2019 after a short illness. He was head of St Pauls House, a School Prefect and Head of Radcliffe House. A graduate of VI Modern (Mr Shelford,) he was Captain of Cricket and will be remembered as a decent and honourable man.

Bill Ferrier (OS 1945)

Bill Ferrier recently passed away. Bill played Rugby for the First XV and left School to do national service. He returned to Stamford and became highly respected within the Stamford Business Community. Our condolences go to Andy (OS), Sally (OS) and all the family.

C C Edwards 1937 - 2020

It is with deep regret that I report the death of my brother in law Colin Edwards. Colin

came to Stamford in 1946 and was in Country House then Ancaster. He left in 1955 having studied modern languages and did his national service in the Royal Signals. He followed a career in horticulture, first in the family business, growing mushrooms at South Luffenham, then growing water cress in Dorset, and later joining the Land Settlement Association in Essex as a manager. Finally, he became a lecturer at Writtle horticultural college until his retirement. The family moved to Tonbridge in about 2015. Colin had breathing problems recently and after collapsing at his home on 14th January, he was taken to Penbury Hospital where he died the next day.

Colin leaves his wife Janet, daughters Stephanie and Kathryn and son Ian. He will be greatly missed.

Richard Oliver Maxwell Bayldon 12 September 1938 - 23 December 2019

Christopher Thorneycroft-Smith writes:

Oliver passed away peacefully at Meadow House Hospice on the 23 December after a long illness.

Oliver's funeral was held at the Mortlake Crematorium, Kew Meadow Path, Townmead Road, Richmond, TW9 4EN on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 11.20am.

Ian Snelling (OS 79)

Ian left Stamford School in 1979 with a particularly inauspicious academic record although he was recognised as a notable sportsman (Rugby then Boxing). He initially joined the Royal Marines before transferring to the Army where he trained initially with

the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers before specialising in aviation engineering and going on to serve alongside the Army Air Corps across the world. On leaving the Army in 1993 at the rank of Sergeant, Ian worked for a further 3 years with the AAC as a civilian engineer on the flight line at Middle Wallop. In 1996 he joined Grant Rail before moving to Germany with Volker-rail where he lived and worked alongside a number of his ex-service comrades.

Ian was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2018 and died in Blomberg, Germany on 19 August 2019 after a rapid deterioration in his health. Ian was a larger than life character for whom nothing was ever a chore – full of strength and determination and a wicked sense of humour, he will be greatly missed. Thoughts and condolences to his family, especially parents Jackie & Jim and brother Adam.

Tributes to John Craddock and Michael Crosby

Michael Crosby Tribute

Michael Crosby's twelve years at Stamford School may not have been long enough to have propelled him into the pantheon occupied by some of the Common Room, but he was a massively important figure within the school during that time.

He was a discreetly scholarly teacher, and a very invigorating one. As Head of History, he set a sparkling example of verve and vigour, one appreciated by pupils of all ages, but which perhaps found its fullest expres-

sion among his A Level sets. To be taught by MHC in those final two years of school guaranteed any student a masterly insight into Early Modern History. In a cheerful and composed fashion – the two adjectives were his leitmotif – pupils were worked hard. They were never patronised if they found the going hard, nor lionised if, as sometimes happened, they proved prodigiously talented. Michael was brilliantly even-handed. He very much liked people, but he kept a genial, gentle distance.

These qualities served him well when he took over the housemastership of Browne in 1980. His fairness and equanimity gave him great credibility and authority but – as often happens with senior figures of authority – he had to ride out some difficult days early on. Boarders at Stamford at that time did not always seem entirely welcomed by the larger school, nor did they sometimes set out to ingratiate themselves in the wider community. Michael, and his close colleague and friend in Byard, Dick Haynes, set out unapologetically to change that. The early and mid-1980s saw boarders from both senior houses fully invested in every theatre of school life, and the whole school was the better for it.

These same qualities made Michael an outstanding colleague. In 1983, three new rookie History teachers were appointed (Robert Bacon, Clive Rickart and myself). The time he gave to nurture each of us during those first tentative months was extraordinary (he was a Housemaster, a Head of Sixth Form, a husband and father of two at the time). New teachers need reassurance at least as much as explanation and information, and Michael never betrayed even a flicker of irritation at the demands placed on him. This self-control was not typical of many of the teaching

profession during that era, nor was it shared by all his colleagues. But it was integral to the man – part of his integrity and his exceptional even-handedness.

Michael left Stamford in 1987 to become Headmaster of Ashville College, and stayed in office there – with great distinction – until he retired. The fifteen years which followed were spent in industrious, self-effacing activity: he was a governor of multiple schools, a guide at Ripon Cathedral, and a loving father and grandfather. He had been diagnosed with cancer several years earlier, but had made a strong recovery until, last Autumn, it returned aggressively. He faced the implications of that with exactly the same undemonstrative but steely courage which had characterised his whole life. There are many former Stamford pupils and staff, most now in ripe middle age or some way beyond that, whose professional lives were inspired by his gentle good learning and whose whole way of thinking has been touched by his calm benevolence. - David Hargreaves (Common Room, 1983-April 1986)

David Bond (OS 62) writes:

How we shall miss that lovely and friendly man John Craddock walking down the High Street much as Randi Shelford did in his time. Both were marvellous to have a chat with, retaining all their marvellous enthusiasm for everything and through their virtues and values helping us all to enjoy and benefit from their valued company. Great teachers, wonderful men.

John Culley (OS 91) writes:

Very sad to hear of the deaths of John

Craddock and Michael Crosby. John was the original JEC and when I joined the staff in 1985, I became JECy. However, when I returned in 1994 I had the honour of being JEC in my own right! I could never have lived up to John's high professional standards and erudition. Apart from his knowledge as a classicist, he knew so much about Anglican Church music. He was a stalwart of the Chapel Choir for many years. I am sorry that he had retired by the time I began to sing with the Chapel Choir.

Mike Crosby was Housemaster of Browne when I joined the staff in 1985. He taught me so much about being a good schoolmaster and boarding tutor. At a party in my flat, I remember telling him that the cheese I had bought called "Cambozola" was a kind of "Ur-Lymeswold." He found this curiously amusing. To this day, I don't know which cheese was invented first, but Mike was ever the gentleman and never corrected me.

Kevin Cummins (OS 69) writes:

I am so saddened and shocked to hear of the passing of John Craddock. He was one of my Latin Teachers (after Messrs Chapman and Tomlin) and I have some great memories which I will share at a later date. By total chance I bumped into John in the Marks and Spencer cafe in Peterborough on 16 April this year. We sat together for twenty minutes or so and we were both looking forward to the OS event. We even discussed the cobbles in Red Lion Square, downright dangerous for cyclists such as JEC! I was highly impressed by the way he rushed off to catch the bus back to Stamford. He was out of sight in no time! I particularly wanted to introduce JEC to my wife who is studying Latin with U3A. I was so happy that somebody who taught me over

fifty years ago was still going strong!

John Drewienkiewicz (OS 64) writes:

Dear old John Craddock has passed away. He was simply outstanding and a role model for educators everywhere. He had enormous quiet influence and will be sorely missed. With Ken Riley, Mike Chew and now John Craddock all gone it is the end of an era.

Nicholas Fellows (OS 78) writes:

How very sad to read of the death of John Craddock. I was already aware of Michael Crosby through a friend. They epitomised everything about 'schoolmastering,' willing to go that extra mile for you. I thoroughly enjoyed the cricket I played under John until we let him and ourselves down badly in the county final chasing a score of not much more than 50!

Michael did a great deal for me, supporting me through Oxbridge preparation for History, ensuring the right College was chosen. I was very fortunate to be taught by him and Bartle Frere for A level History - it was not only why I read History, but also why I then taught it.

Stuart French (OS 63) writes:

It is with sadness that I learn of John Craddock's death. "Hoppy" Craddock

as he was known to we Oicks, unfortunately never taught me. I understand from others that he was an excellent teacher. My relationship with John started after I left School through my father by way of the Probus Club. They were good friends and at my father's funeral I recall John in attendance.

On my frequent trips to Stamford I never failed to come across John, usually on his venerable bicycle. On my last visit I asked him how far he and that bike had travelled, and he showed me the tachometer. The reading was impressive those few years ago and I have no doubt that he continued to add to the mileage since then. Someone should take a final reading. John Craddock was the last of the masters that were in place in my time. The thing that always impressed me, apart from his gentlemanly ways, was that he never seemed to age.

Kevin Cummings (OS 69) writes:

Dressed in his gown and looking the archetypal schoolmaster, JEC remains clearly etched in my mind. He commanded total respect from his pupils, and we all made sure that we worked hard both for ourselves and for him. And how could we fail to demonstrate that we had done our homework (or 'prep' as it was called)? Well it was close to O-levels and JEC was going around the class, row by row, checking that we were fully set for the exam, and then it happened. One of our form could not answer the question. I can't recall precisely what the question was, but our classmate didn't know the answer. He couldn't remember the appropriate form of Latin verb or noun. JEC was shocked and uttered the immortal words: "It's Kennedy for you." For those readers unlucky enough not to have studied Latin, Kennedy was

our grammar book and indeed a work well known to every Latin scholar throughout the country. Our unfortunate friend, whose name I remember well, but which I shall withhold for reasons of discretion, no doubt consulted his Kennedy because I know for sure that he passed the exam.

Tributes to Colin Doughty

Colin Doughty Tribute

Colin was at the School from 1945 to 1954 and passed away on 4 September 2019. Colin was Captain of Hockey and Cricket, Head of Radcliffe and a member of VI Classics. He went on to study at Durham University and was a Stamford businessman for over twenty years. Colin's son James was a pupil at the School and a member of staff at SES. We pay tribute to, and are thankful for, Colin's support of the School and send deepest sympathy to James and all the family.

Michael Savage (OS 52) writes:

Thank you for the sad news of Colin Doughty's passing. We had been in Classical VI together and played in the School Hockey team together (he, I think was on the left wing and I was in the half-back line—"combination" was a frequently used term when we succeeded in scoring!) but I lost touch with him after leaving School and often wondered what path he had followed. I don't think our paths crossed again after our time at Stamford. And so, another chapter closes.

Bill Turnill (OS 53) writes:

As an afterthought to my screed on Colin, I

remember his fearsome high-speed delivery of a cricket ball and his abilities with a hockey stick. He would almost certainly have been made Head of Radcliffe if GS Parker had remained Housemaster. It was, I suspect, only Randy Shelford taking on the role, and my successful completion of the Flying Scholarship to be the only member of the School to have a Private Pilot's Licence at the time, that were the dominating factors in my being appointed Head of House and certainly not my woeful lack of games abilities! I am now aged 85 and a bit with five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Now that is something to be proud of!

Nick Mayfield (OS 64) writes:

One of the many achievements of my old maths master Bruce McKenzie was his founding of the Stamford Bridge Club. Over the years the Club has developed into one of the leading clubs in the country, not only because of the standard of play but also because of the creative enthusiasm of the Club. This month's edition of the English Bridge Union's Magazine once again hails Stamford as the lead club in "Taking Bridge into Schools." This is a structured programme introducing school students to bridge with its inherent benefits in maths, logic and reasoning. Bruce McKenzie would be rightly proud of his legacy.

Editor's Note: Nick is a member of the Merseyside and Cheshire Bridge Association

John Bennis (OS 55) writes:

I was very sorry to hear of the death of Colin Doughty. We were contemporaries at School, at University College, Durham and sang in the St Martin's Church Choir when HB Sharp

was the organist and choir master and Canon JD day was the vicar. Colin was in VI Classics and on Monday mornings we Modern Linguists joined them to read Virgil's Aeneid Book VI with Basil Deed. We were given passages to learn off by heart. I still remember "arma virumque cano." But it was as an outstanding sportsman that I best remember Colin. He was a first team member at rugby, hockey and cricket. He was a left arm spinner and bamboozled many a batsman with his chinaman-monsieur Chinois to Bill Packer. Later we travelled together to Durham having bought a half share in an Austin Ruby (1936 model.) In Durham Colin played a full part in the life of the college and excelled in the University Hockey XI. He was a very good friend and helped me to acclimatise to University Life after two years of National Service

Thomas Wright (OS 53) writes:

I was at School from 1948 to 1953 and knew Colin quite well. He was Head of Ratcliffe house when I was there and presented me with House Cricket colours in 1953. As Head of Radcliffe he was always very pleasant. You could not meet a nicer person. I lived in Stamford for seventy odd years and occasionally used to see Colin in the town. I have lived in Wales for the last nine years and look forward to reading the OS Updates. I now only visit Stamford once a year and regularly read the obituaries in the Stamford Mercury on the Internet, but now recognise very few of the names as there are less of us Old Codgers left. I convey my condolences and best wishes to Colin's family.

School News



Stamford School through to Regional Final of ESU Schools' Mace

Stamford School's Sixth Form Debating Team have successfully competed in the second round of the English-Speaking Union Schools' Debating Mace; allowing them to compete in the regional finals later in February.

The team, comprised of Oliver Fraser, Harry Laventure, Year 12, and Ryan Spall, Y13, debated the topic 'this House regrets the commercialisation of Pride' against SHS, The Becket School and Loughborough Grammar School.

Oscar wins prestigious Arkwright Scholarship

Oscar Wordsworth, Year 12 at Stamford School, has been awarded the prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship, given to students who are seen as potential engineering leaders by national STEM education charity, The Smallpiece Trust. Oscar joins a long list of successful Stamford students to have been awarded this scholarship since 2002.

Over one thousand students between the ages of fifteen and sixteen applied, following nominations from their schools. Oscar has undertaken a rigorous, year-long application process, involving an assessed application form, teacher's reference, two-hour problem-solving aptitude exam and university-based interview.



Mr Steve Newton, Head of Design Technology at Stamford School, said: "We are extremely

proud of Oscar's achievements; he has worked diligently throughout his GCSE studies, producing an outstanding collapsible bike maintenance stand.

"His Arkwright Engineering Scholarship will provide him with links to a sponsor company, opportunities to attend courses and will ultimately put him in good stead for a future career in Mechanical Engineering."

The Arkwright scholarship supports students through their sixth form studies, offering access to a wide range of enrichment experiences including industry conferences, mentoring, residential courses and university VIP days.

Bruce wins Kettering Disability Sports Personality of the Year



Bruce Dee, Year 8 at Stamford School, has been awarded the title of Kettering BC Disability Sports Person of the Year, for his phenomenal swimming achievements.

With a short-term aim to qualify for the British Para-Swimming International Meet in April 2020, Bruce aspires to swim at the Paralympics in Paris 2024, or in Los Angeles in 2028.

In the past year alone, Bruce has won over 15 medals. Most recently, he won six gold medals within the S6 category at the Activity and Alliance and Swim England National Para-Swimming Championships in Manchester.

In the summer, he scored high placings competing at the Swim England National Summer Championships in Sheffield. The early spring brought a fantastic seven medals in the S6 category at the Junior National Para-Swimming Championships in Sheffield. The British Para-Swimming International meet in Glasgow then brought a 4th place position in the mixed classification open age 50m Butterfly final.

Bruce enjoys studying mathematics and physical education at Stamford School, with

badminton and tag rugby quoted as his favourite sports, following swimming.

Up against three other talented para-athletes, Bruce expressed his surprise at winning the sports personality award: "It was a great night with lots of awards going to lots of brilliant athletes. I was very shocked to win, and I'm looking forward to going to the Northamptonshire Sports Awards in November!"

CCF

Remembrance Parade

Over 90 cadets and officers from Stamford Endowed Schools' Combined Cadet Force (CCF) marched in the Stamford Remembrance Parade, as part of the town's Armistice commemorations. Fourteen other cadets and officers from the Contingent also participated in Barnack's act of Remembrance – a commitment that the school has also honoured each Remembrance Sunday for many years.

Mr Nick Davies, Deputy Headmaster of Stamford School, said: "Cadets, from all 3 sections, had spent several hours preparing for these events over the previous week. This meant lots of marching practice (in some fairly inclement weather), as well as committing to



the challenge of preparing their uniforms to the highest possible standard in advance of the day. Given the importance of the occasion, the cadets were honoured to take part and were glad to have this opportunity to pay their respects to those who fought on our nation's behalf over the last century."

Joey Evison Signs Three-Year Professional Contract

Joey Evison, the 17-year-old Nottinghamshire all-rounder who was recently handed his first-class debut, has signed a professional contract with the Club.

The England under 19 International, who marked his maiden senior innings against Warwickshire last week with an assured 45, has agreed a three-year deal. Evison, a product of the Nottinghamshire age-group system, became the youngest player to represent Nottinghamshire since Bilal Shafayat in 2001 when making his debut last week.

The Peterborough-born teenager, who is the first player born in the 2000s to represent Notts, has made four appearances for England's under 19s this summer. And, while he admits becoming a professional cricketer represents one mission accomplished, his ambitions in cricket stretch much further.

"It's a dream come true to get my first professional deal," said Evison.

"It's something I've been working towards since a very young age. My first-class debut was special, everyone in the dressing room welcomed me and it was a massive milestone in my career.



Head Coach Peter Moores.

“It’s exciting for him and for the Club because he seems to have that ability to step up to new levels of cricket and adapt. “That’s a difficult skill for anybody, particularly when stepping into the first-class game as Joey did last week.

“Not just because of the runs he put on the board – but also the way he went about it, batting in the top six – was hugely impressive.

“Now I’ve got my first deal, it’s another goal ticked off and the hard work starts again on the journey forward.”

Following in the footsteps of Matthew Carter, Evison is the latest product of Nottinghamshire’s link-up with Lincolnshire. Stamford School, where Evison currently studies, has a proud cricketing tradition and was also attended by Notts’ fast-bowler, Zak Chappell.

Celebrated as a precocious talent from a tender age, Evison first reached three figures for Lincolnshire’s under 10s. In 2017, at the age of 15, his potential was underlined with a Nottinghamshire Premier League ton for the club’s Academy team against Attenborough.

With national Under 19 call-ups and ascension to the first team following in the intervening summers, Head Coach Peter Moores is excited to see the progression of Evison over the next three years.

“Joey’s certainly a real talent – that’s been there for everyone to see for a while,” said

“He’s been playing good cricket across different levels for a while and now is his opportunity to do that at the professional standard and try to move his game forward.

“We’ve demonstrated for a number of years now that, if players show the potential to be good enough, there will be opportunities for them to play.

“Jack Blatherwick, Liam Patterson-White and now Joey are all recent additions to the professional ranks on the back of that, and there will be more to follow.”

Old Stamfordian signs professional rugby contract in USA

Leicester Tigers U18 academy championship winning team.



Old Stamfordian, Zack Godfrey who left Stamford School in 2018, has last week been signed for the American Major League Rugby (MLR) side Houston SaberCats as wing/centre/fallback for the 2020 season.

After leaving the School, Zack moved to the Ealing Trailfinders academy before flying out to New Zealand, where he has been scoring tries for the provincial team North Harbours U19 squad.

During his time at the Stamford Endowed Schools, Zack was a key player in the Schools 1st XV. He also was a one of several Stamford students who represented the School in the





Students awarded sponsorship to fund trip to Russia

Two students at Stamford School have each been awarded sponsorship of £400, which they will use to help fund a trip to Russia.

Ted Genever and Fabian Darbost, both in Year 9, are studying Russian at Stamford. They were selected to receive the funding after a competitive process that required them to produce a report on the country and complete a one-to-one interview to assess their knowledge of their chosen topic.

The awards are designed to increase understanding of Russian culture, business, history and politics, and to give young people an insight into one of the world's most powerful nations.

The funding was generously donated by Richard Wallace, himself an Old Stamfordian, who studied Russian Language and Literature at Birmingham University, and who has spent twenty years working in Anglo-Russian relations and international trade.

Richard said: "It is vital that the next generation understands our relationship with Russia, which is and will remain one of the most powerful and influential countries in the world. It's incredibly important that students study other languages and cultures and develop the skills to think about how we relate to other nations, and work with them in every area of our lives."

Caroline Wray, Head of Russian at Stamford School, said: "Trips and exchanges add a tremendous amount to the study of languages

– without them, students are learning in a vacuum. It has also been extremely valuable for the pupils to have to complete such a rigorous assessment as part of their funding bid: that assessment has been a useful experience in its own right, and has introduced them to the research, presentation and interview skills that they will require in their professional lives.”

Stamford School runs an annual exchange trip to Russia, which is now in its 25th consecutive year. Russian is thriving at the Stamford Endowed Schools as a whole: 21 students completed GCSE Russian in 2018, and 100% of students achieved A*-B at A Level.



Reunion Weekend 2019

Join us at this year's Reunion Weekend 2020, with images courtesy of Old Stamfordian, Mark Henley. We had a great celebration back in 2019 with over 400 Old Stamfordians of Stamford School and Stamford High School returning back to the town to celebrate. Share your photos from last year, enquire about this year's events, or simply sign up in anticipation that this year's event will be our biggest yet.

We hope to see you there!



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Old Stamfordian Club Reunion Weekend 12-14 June Timetable and Registration Form



Join us this summer for the annual OS Club Reunion Weekend to be held at Stamford School, Friday 12 June - Sunday 14 June 2020.

Date/Time	Event	Location	Price	Tickets Required
Friday 12 June				
18.00	OS 8-a-side cricket (4 teams: School Y13, School Masters, 2 OS sides)	Mainfields	Free	
20.30	Catering	Marquee, Mainfields	Free	
Saturday 13 June				
10.00	Morning Prayer	Chapel	Free	
10.30	Registration and Coffee	tbc	Free	
11.00	OSC AGM*	tbc	Free	
12.30	OSC Lunch	Oswald Elliott Hall	£25.00**	
12.30	OSC Lunch (Leavers 2015-19)	Oswald Elliott Hall	£20.00**	
14.00-16.00	Full School Tours	Atrium	Free	
16.00	Refreshments	Marquee, Mainfields	Free	
17.30 for 18.30	Andrew Carter Touch Rugby	Mainfields	Free	
19.30	Hog Roast	Mainfields	Free	
Sunday 14 June				
14.00	The Rev Tommy Wright Memorial Match: OS v Tolethorpe	Tolethorpe Cricket Ground	Free	

* 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

** Prices have been held at the same level as 2019

Attendee Details:

Name: _____ At School from: _____ to _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Tel No.: _____

Number of Guests Attending: _____

Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

Would you like to be seated with other attendees or year group? (Saturday 13 June 2020 lunch bookings only)

Methods of Payment:

By Online Booking:

Purchase tickets swiftly and easily through our Box Office: stamfordschools.org.uk/events/os-reunion-weekend

By Cash/Cheque:

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

By Bank Transfer*:

To: Old Stamfordian Club
Sort Code: 40-43-05
Account Number: 90632031

*Please use name as reference.

Contact Points:

Phillip Hoskins (OS 72): philliphoskins@btinternet.com

SES Development Office: oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk

01780 750032

Year Group Representatives:

The Old Stamfordian Club plans for the OS Reunion 2020 are now gathering pace, and after the success of recent years due to Year Group Representatives (YGRs) being appointed and working to encourage their contemporaries to return to Stamford for all or part of the Reunion Weekend, we plan to continue that approach for 2020.

The concept of identifying YGRs was pioneered by the late Mike Chew, and its' success means we intend to continue his legacy.

Target years for the 2020 Reunion Weekend will be leavers from: 1950s and 1960s, 1970, 1980, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2019. The OGG are taking a similar approach to planning their OGG Reunion Weekend and will include the same years.

Through accepting, you will then be well supported by the SES Development Office, who can provide initial contacts for your Year Group and advise on the most effective way to then contact your contemporaries.

Carrying out the YGR work is very rewarding and provides an ideal way to network directly with your contemporaries and with whom you may have lost contact.

It also goes without saying that if a Year Group is not on the target list then leavers from the missing years will still be most welcome at our Reunion with the Development Office providing full support to enable a successful weekend.

Please complete the following 'Year Group Representative - RESPONSE FORM' and respond:

Either by emailing oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk or alternatively phone the Development Office directly on 01780 763327 or by posting directly to:

**Development Office
The Stamford Endowed Schools
Brazenose House
St Pauls Street
Stamford
Lincolnshire
PE9 2BE**

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

Year Group Representatives:

YES, I will offer to be a Year Group Representative for my leaving year and will be attending Reunion 2020. I now look forward to receiving further information from the Foundation Office on how they can help. My full contact details are as below.

YES, I will attend Reunion 2020 but am unable to be a Year Group Representative for my leaving year. Please pass my full contact details as below to the eventual Year Group Representative. I await their further correspondence on Reunion 2020 arrangements.

NO, I am unable to be a Year Group Representative and am unable to attend Reunion 2020. Please update my contact details as below on your database and continue to keep me informed of Old Stamfordian Club activities.

to arrive by Saturday 4 April 2020.

My full contact details are as below:

Name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

Address 3:

Address 4:

Address 5:

Postcode:

Telephone (home):

Telephone (mobile):

Email:

Year of Leaving Stamford School:

THE OLD STAMFORDIAN CLUB
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<u>Income</u>	<u>2018</u> £	<u>2017</u> £
Annual Subscriptions & Donations	1,102	1,152
Term subscriptions	13,625	13,325
Interest received	144	143
Profit/(Loss) on Reunion Day	(864)	(117)
OS Merchandise sold	104	198
	14,111	14,701
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
OS Updates/Newsletter	1,642	2,514
Foundation Costs	5,000	5,000
Leavers ties	1,529	1,654
Sundries	185	41
Bursaries	2,495	3,545
Promotional events	514	635
OS Merchandise purchased	76	0
Armistice Day Exhibition	306	0
OS Golf Society 50th anniversary bench	758	0
	12,505	13,389
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,606	1,312

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2018</u> £	<u>2017</u> £
Sundry Stock	304	381
Sundry debtors	488	184
	792	565
<u>Cash at Bank</u>		
Current account	3,194	629
HSBC Deposit account	17,298	18,286
Secure Trust Account	10,728	10,596
	32,012	30,076
 <u>Liabilities</u>		
Accumulated fund at 1 January 2017	28,409	27,097
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,606	1,312
Balance at 31 December 2017	30,015	28,409
Sundry Creditors	1,997	1,667
	32,012	30,076

The above accounts were adopted by the Committee of the Club on 2 March 2019.

C P Hoskins
Chairman

Accountants report to the Committee of the Old Stamfordian Club.

We have examined the above accounts without carrying out an audit.
These accounts are in accordance with the books and records produced to us.

Jackson & Grimes Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants

6 March 2019

OLD STAMFORDIAN CLUB

The Case For Change

Background

The initiative for the Rule Changes has come from the Committee of the Old Stamfordian Club. As is well known the Old Stamfordian Club jealously guards its independence at the same time recognising the Old Stamfordian Club forms a seamless part of being a student at Stamford School and subsequently.

Our aim is to ensure that the Rules reflect the mission of the Old Stamfordian Club. The Old Stamfordian Club is committed to serving all members of the Club and it is important that there is a set of Rules which provides the framework to enable us to meet the needs and aspirations of all members. As has been stated before the most important people in the organisation are you the members

Over-arching Reasons for the Rules

Over-arching reasons for the Rules are:

- set out the objectives and purposes of the Club
- define the structure of the Club
- provide the cornerstone upon which the Club operates as an effective group
- ensure smooth and effective running of the affairs of the Club
- set out the rules by which the Club will operate
- define the management regime of the Club
- provide a framework for the members to control the Club

Changed Circumstances within the Old Stamfordian Club

There are two key changes of circumstances in particular:

- Will Phelan (Principal of Stamford Endowed Schools) has a vision of the Stamford

Community consisting of the three schools, the Old Stamfordians, 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 Old Stamfordian Club is committed to playing its full part in the Stamford Community as it develops

- The level of activity within the Old Stamfordian Club is increasing substantially and the nature of some of the activities is changing. The Old Stamfordian Club is committed to providing a programme which will appeal to all generations. The dream is that one day we will have a programme which has such a beneficial offering that when Will and Nick (Headmaster of Stamford School) are talking to prospective parents they are able to say "not only will your son receive an education, but afterwards he will be a member of the Old Stamfordian Club, the benefits of which are life long fellowship and friendship and an integrated package of support, also life-long."

If we are to achieve our goals and objectives, then it is important that the Rules not only meet the criteria under the Over-Arching Objective above, but also provide a framework which is fit for purpose and enables the Old Stamfordian Club to meet its goals and objectives and make good on its promises.

Please see in particular:

- Rule 2
- Rule 3
- Rule 5
- Rule 6
- Rule 7
- Rule 9

OLD STAMFORDIAN CLUB

RULES

1. Name

1.1 The Club is called the 'Old Stamfordian Club'.

2. Objectives

2.1 The objectives of the Club are to be a fellowship and friendship organization, providing networking and support for all its members. In addition, the Club recognizes 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 The Club consists of: all students, who have attended Stamford School and are granted ordinary membership once they have attained the age of 18 years.

This membership is granted on the basis of the fee supplement collected by the School from students throughout their time at the School. Any automatic right to membership may not apply to a student who has been expelled from the School.

3.2 Teaching staff at the School will automatically be associate members of the Club for life. Associate members pay no membership fees and have no voting rights.

3.3 Former staff can apply to the OS Club Secretary for ordinary membership of the Club. (Details of any joining fee for full membership will be made known at the time of application and will be held as part of Club administered funds).

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

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

3.6 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
- General Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership and Information Secretary
- Communications Officer
- Editor of OS Updates
- 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 Endowed Schools' Alumni Office. The Director of Development and External Affairs, and the Alumni Relations Manager will normally attend Committee Meetings to assist in this process.

5.4 The General Secretary will be the Secretary to the Committee. 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.

5.5 The lower of eight voting members or one third of the number of 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.

5.6 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.

5.7 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.

5.8 Those proposed for Honorary Life Membership will be expected:

- 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 OS Club and/or the School
- In all other cases - to have given outstanding service to the OS Club and/or to have promoted the standing, reputation and prosperity of the School

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. 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 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 will be appointed at the AGM and the Club Treasurer will present an audited account, together with his report, at the AGM.

- The AGM will also consider a proposal 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. A quorum at the AGM will be fifteen members.

- 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.

- 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 subscriptions previously paid over to the Club by the School are now used to pay for the Secretariat functions that are provided by the Alumni Office to the Club and to fund an annual operational budget agreed with the

Alumni Office. On behalf of the Committee, the OS Treasurer will be the responsible Officer for making the budgeting arrangements. (Any existing funds held by the Club on the 1st September 2019 will be retained by the Club under the direct control of the Club's Treasurer, and includes any regular donations made by individual members as traditional fees or payments in the future).

7.2 The Committee is empowered to invest and spend Club Funds.

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 a 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, or
- b) the Stamford Endowed Schools Foundation Charity (1109995)

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.

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.

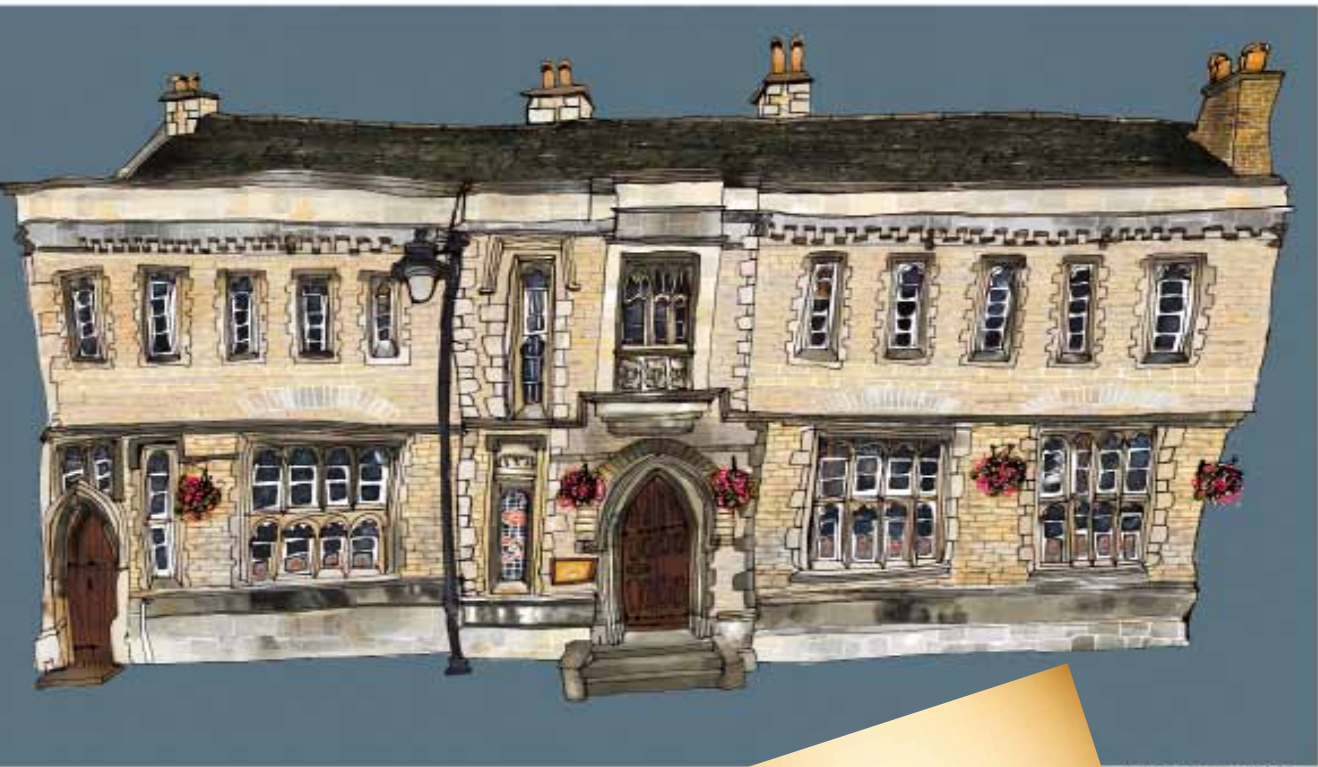
These ballot papers will be given to all members attending the AGM, who will be invited to mark those nominees, up to a total of eight that they would like to serve on the Committee. The Chairman will collect the ballot papers and if after a count has taken place the eighth position is still in dispute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





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