



# Old Stamfordian Club

## OS Updates, September 2020

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The first Committee Meeting of the current year will take place virtually on Saturday 26 September 2020. A full report will appear in the next Update. The aim is to make achievement, enthusiasm, friendship and fun the watch words for the current year and we will do our best not to disappoint.

A good start has been made. A Zoom Quiz was held on the evening of 21 August 2020. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. Thanks to Ian Brassington (OS 73) and Nicky Lambert (OS 90) who assisted on the night and special thanks to Giorgio Rubbo (OS 16) and Natalie Pretsell (Community Engagement Manager in the Development Office) for turning Giorgio's excellent idea into reality. We hope that the event will become a regular feature of the calendar.

Alan Hancock (former staff member) took over as Treasurer of the Old Stamfordian Club from Richard Allen (OS 81) on 1 July 2020. The handover is now complete. Richard has been Treasurer for many years and throughout those years the Club has benefited from his acumen, professionalism and wisdom. On your behalf I thank Richard who remains a member of the Committee and also Alan for assuming the mantle.

I do hope that you have all had a reasonable Summer and look forward to meeting as many Old Stamfordians as possible in the forthcoming year. For cricket enthusiasts the Summer will have been brightened by following Joey Evison (OS 20) the extremely promising Notts all rounder and Shaan

Masood-Khan (OS 09) whose first innings score for Pakistan in the first Test was outstanding. There was something of a local derby about that test in that Shaan was bowled out by Stuart Broad, an old Oakhamian!

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## **EVENTS**

### **First Old Stamfordian Online Quiz, 21 August 2021**



Friday 21 August saw the first ever virtual Old Stamfordian quiz, where Old Stamfordians from across the decades battled it out, testing their knowledge on everything from science and sport to the Schools themselves!

The evening was attended by 14 Old Stamfordians spanning a total of 70 years at the Schools. Participants attended from across the globe with people dialling in from Spain and Hamburg to join in the fun and put their knowledge to the test.

Sarah Howard (OS 84) was the triumphant winner of the evening. Second place was awarded to Timothy Knowles (OS 70) and joint third place awarded to David Spratt (OS 69) and Richard Ivett (OS 69).

A thoroughly entertaining evening was enjoyed by all and we look forward to hosting many more in the future.

### **Daily Telegraph, 22 August 2020**

[Click here](#) to read the letter from Will Phelan, Principal of Stamford Endowed Schools published in the Daily Telegraph on Saturday 22 August 2020.

### **A Career in Data/Data Analytics**

Adam Jones (OS 07) works in Data/Digital Analytics. This month we are fortunate to have a fascinating article from him. Thanks to Adam for taking the time and trouble. This is greatly appreciated. [Click here](#) to read the article, it is well worth a read.

### **AfterExtraTime**

Jack Godfrey (OS 13) has developed AfterExtraTime which is a podcast featuring discussions about football with ex professionals covering all things football from transfers to mental health.

Congratulations to Jack on his achievement. [Click here](#) to find out more.

### **Virtual Reunions**

As written in our most recent Stamford Magazine, Stamford reunions offer the opportunity each year for many to come back and visit their former Schools, see fellow classmates and members of staff, and indulge in the nostalgia of school days gone by. With the Covid-19 pandemic putting a halt on events this year, we would like to offer out the opportunity raise a glass, share some laughs and memories and host a reunion online.

Following the success of some reunions already held virtually, and also the Quiz night, if this is something you and your classmates would be interested in please [click here](#) and Natalie Pretsell, our Community Engagement Manager, will arrange this with you.

### **NEWS OF OLD STAMFORDIANS**

**Giles Howell (OS 70) writes:**



Bartle Frere's Rolls Royce

I happened to come across [this article](#). I seem to remember seeing the car in the car park by the shooting range. My eldest brother Richard spent his time in Byard House when Bartle Frere was Housemaster, succeeded by John Craddock. He used to tell tales of being driven around in the car by Bartle. Happy days!

### **Jonathan Shepherd (OS 70):**

Jonathan sent the photographs below of Form 1 1961/1962. Help with the names to feature in the next Update will be appreciated.





**Captain Anthony (Tony) Wardale (OS 48) writes:**

I was Patrol Leader of the Cuckoos with Whisky Wainwright as the el supremo. He was I think a maths teacher. It all seems like yesterday.

I was there from 1943 to 1948 when as a family we moved from the area down to the South Coast. I was aged ten on entry and as a Country House pupil came from Bourne. Bill Packer was the Housemaster.

Later Raymond Mays of BRM fame sponsored a pupil and I remember a fast run back home in a car with Raymond doing 83 mph. We had an Art Master Gerard Hofnung who alas died far too young. Other masters I remember were Squibs Bowman, Major Lamb, Randy Shelford, P Hughes (who was the reason I gave up Latin.)

The School ran a camp at Bench Wales which I went on twice living under canvass. I was very interested in chemistry. One was able to buy all the various compounds over the counter at the local chemists in Bourne, also in Stamford one could buy a string of crow scarers, no checks or questions asked.

**FAREWELLS**

Our sympathies and condolences go to each of the families and the friends of the deceased:

**Malcolm Louis Hardingham (OS 45)**

Martin Hardingham (OS 50) and Catherine Doubleday (OGG 61) write as follows:

Our brother Malcolm Louis Hardingham (OS 45) died peacefully aged 92 years on 21 July 2020 at Bramshott Place, a retirement home in Hampshire. The Thanksgiving and Burial Services took place on 14 August 2020 at St Mary the Virgin Church, Bramshott.

Malcom was married to Brenda, who predeceased him in 2004. They had four children: Nigel, who also predeceased him in 2004, Richard, Michael and Karina.

On leaving Stamford School Malcolm worked for E Bowman & Sons in Stamford for a short time before being called up for National Service in the Royal Artillery. He liked being in the Army and became a regular soldier transferring to the Rifle Brigade when he went to Hong Kong, where he became ADC to the Governor General. He was a keen sportsman at School and his enthusiasm for sport continued throughout his life.

#### **Ian Hodgson (OS 67)**

Kevin Hodgson (OS 70) reports the death of his brother Ian on 19 August 2020 in the John Ratcliffe Hospital, Oxford two days before his 71st birthday.

#### **Richard Matthew Stanley (OS 89)**

Steve Stanley (OS 82) reports the death of his brother Richard on 4 August 2020.

#### **Alan Jones (OS 51)**

John Smith (OS 71) advised us of the death of Alan Jones on 19 June 2020. Alan lived and worked in/around Peterborough area all his life. He lived for sport and particularly cricket and was a key member of the Ufford Park Cricket Club and played with distinction for them for over 20 years. He always said he felt very privileged to have played in the School XI under MJK Smith. Following his playing days he took up umpiring and was a well respected member of the local umpires association. He was also the appointed umpire of Oundle School for a number of years. During his time at the School he was awarded the House Athletics Colours and the House Cricket Colours.

#### **Gerald Bradshaw (OS 54)**

We have recently been informed that Gerald Bradshaw passed away. The Stamford Mercury covered this in an article which you can [view here](#).

#### **Gordon MacDonald MBE (OS 66)**

Major General John Drewienkiewicz (OS 64) has written a tribute to Gordon who died in March 2020. [Click here](#) to read this piece.

**OSC Newsletter / OGG Magazine 2019-20**

As mentioned in the previous Update, the two committees have this year decided to publish the OSC Newsletter and OGG Magazine as one publication in print.

Please click the relevant links below:

[OSC Newsletter 2019-20](#)

[OGG Magazine 2019-20](#)

**A note from Natalie Pretsell,  
SES Community Engagement Manager**



Hello everyone,

I do hope this update finds you well and having enjoyed some of our summer. You may recall from the August Update that September is the UK [Festival of Learning / Have a Go Month](#). This is the biggest celebration of lifelong learning in England. We have heard many stories from Old Stamfordians using the current Covid-19 to learn new skills and 'have a go' at something they may not have tried previously. So, we thought we would join this campaign and invite you, throughout the month of September, to [share with us](#) a photo, video, piece of writing about what you have been learning so that we can celebrate with you! We will be promoting the campaign throughout the month on our social media so watch this space.

You should have also by now received your copy, either electronically or via post, of the Stamford Magazine 2020 and we really hope you enjoyed reading our reflections

and celebrations of our OS and Schools' achievements. If you have not received a copy do [let us know](#) and we will arrange this for you.

As part of ongoing efforts to make our content as accessible as possible, you can now [download a PDF of this email](#) to enlarge as needed.

As always, we are keen to hear from you about anything you would like to see more of or any suggestions you have for things we could be doing so please feel free to contact me on [oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk).

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