



# Old Stamfordian Club

OS Updates, August 2020

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

There are many occasions in life when one is reminded of the esteem in which Stamford School is held. One such occasion came listening to the Sky Sports Cricket Channel on the Sunday of the third test England v West Indies.

Michael Atherton, David Lloyd and Nasser Hussain were talking about Dean Headley, the former England Test Cricketer who is now Cricket Coach at Stamford School. There was the usual joshing during which Deano tweeted- all very good humoured. Both Atherton and Hussain mentioned Stamford School and all three commentators were complimentary about Deano, both regarding his contribution to England Cricket and his guidance and support for Joey Evison (OS 20) who is now part of the set up at Nottinghamshire County Cricket.

[Click here](#) for the twitter link provided by Nick Gallop.

As one Committee Colleague commented "lovely to see, some well needed good news!"

The Summer holiday period is traditionally a quiet time for the Club, but nevertheless your Committee have been working to make sure that when we are able to resume normal service, we do so with what I hope is customary enthusiasm.

During the close season a great deal of work has been carried out on data.

One of our stated aims is to increase engagement and we can only achieve that if we have a full and comprehensive data base. Please will you assist by [updating your details here](#). Additionally if you are in touch with any Old Stamfordians who are no longer in touch with the School please encourage them to reconnect with the Stamford Community by emailing [oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk).

Kelham Cooke (OS o8) has stepped forward to lead a new LinkedIn Sector Group on Public Service/Public Sector. Kelham is Leader of the South Kesteven District Council and is well qualified to lead this Group. If you are interested in joining this networking and support group, please make [contact us](#) by emailing and we will put you in touch with Kelham or alternatively [join the group here](#).

I do hope that this Update finds you and yours safe and well.

Enjoy the Summer.

Phillip  
OSC Chairman

## **EVENTS**

### **OS Zoom Quiz, 21 August 2021 - Battle of the Decades**

Think you know your Squash from your Racketball? Your Stavely from your Squibbs? Just want to prove that your vintage of OS are top of the class? On the 21<sup>st</sup> of August at the Old Stamfordian Club will be hosting an online 'pub quiz' via zoom to welcome the 2020 leavers. Old Stamfordians will be grouped by decade as we compete over 6 rounds of general knowledge to include sport, history, art and of course, our school. The evening promises to be a light hearted competition and fun for all. The evening will begin at 19:00 for a 19:10 start, we look forward to (virtually) seeing you all, and a link to

join the event will be sent out shortly to those interested.

G Rubbo (OS 16)

To book your place on the quiz [click here](#), you will then be sent a link once registered with the log in details.

### **Boston Lunch**

The Boston lunch which was due to take place at the Boston and County Club on Saturday 19 September 2020 has been postponed to 18 September 2021. Thanks to Dudley Bryant's enthusiasm and hard work and to excellent company, the event is always both convivial and enjoyable. The decision to postpone was not taken lightly, but in the circumstances there was sadly no option.

Please note your diaries for the 2021 event.

### **Update on the London Dinner - 11 November 2021**

[Click here](#) to read a message from Ian Brassington (OS 73), Chairman of the London Old Stamfordians.

### **The legal profession in time of COVID-19**

This month we are fortunate to have an insightful article from Nick Fluck (OS 70) who was President of the Law Society of England and Wales 2013/2014 and is presently a partner in Stapleton and Son, Solicitors in Stamford.

Thanks to Nick for taking the time and trouble. [Click here](#) to read this excellent article.

### **Festival of Learning**

September 2020 is the UK [Festival of Learning / Have a Go Month](#). Festival of Learning is the biggest celebration of lifelong learning in England with the aim of celebrating the benefits of lifelong learning and inspire more people to

have a go at learning for themselves. 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](#) via photo, video, writing 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.

Natalie Pretsell  
Community Engagement Manager

### **NEWS OF OLD STAMFORDIANS**

#### **John Fox (OS 60)**

John Fox writes as follows:

In the OSC July Updates, Martin Vink recalls seeing someone wearing an OS baseball cap while he was on holiday in New Zealand; the wearer turned out to be the son of the late Mike Chew. I had a similar experience while serving in Malta with the RAF in 1957.

My wife and I were taking a leisurely Sunday afternoon stroll along the sea front in Sliema when having just passed a couple walking in the opposite direction, I heard a remark “That was an Old Stamfordian tie.” All four of us stopped and turned and it transpired that the remark had come from Mr PJ Watson-Liddell, a master at the School during my time but never a pupil of his. We adjourned to the Watson-Liddell’s nearby flat and spent a very pleasant couple of hours, or so, reminiscing over afternoon tea. As Martin said, always travel with an OS baseball cap. However, if you are my age an OS tie might be more appropriate!

After leaving Stamford School in 1954 Watson-Liddell “signed up” with the War Office and, at the time of our meeting, was on the staff of the Services

Secondary School on the Island. The Register of Stamford School 1532 to 1960 shows that in 1960, he was Headmaster of a similar School in Cyprus.

John Fox (OS 60)

## **FAREWELLS**

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

### **REVEREND DAVID HUGHES (Staff 1956-74)**

David was a true inspiration to his students. He was a man of high standards and exemplary integrity. Many Old Stamfordians have good reason to be thankful to David. His work at Stamford touched so many of us, whether as House Master of Northfields, a teacher of French, a Scout Leader, the organiser of foreign trips for students, the founder and Officer Commanding RN Section CCF or simply as a conscientious, enthusiastic and kind School Master, forward looking but with Old School values.

[Click here](#) to read a tribute from David's daughter Jane and from [Jerry Newlove \(OS 69\)](#). Thanks to both for their thoughtful words.

The following is an extract from the 1978 Stamfordian.

**Hughes, Rev. D.A.** (Staff 1956-74)-Dr E Gobbett Staff 1966-96) and the Editor had the privilege of attending the induction of David to the living of Graffoe. The service was in the Parish Church of Wellingore which was filled to capacity for the occasion. It was pleasant indeed to hear the Bishop, in the course of his sermon, refer to David's time at Stamford. The Church there is a real gem and the Rectory in which David will live has a magnificent sit on the

summit of the Lincoln Edge looking out west over the plain at the foot of the scarp.



### **John Snodin Riley (OS 45)**

Michael Sharpe (OS 64) writes as follows:

My sincere condolences to John Riley's family. "Snod" as he was affectionately known, was my first form master in Upper II in 1954. As a rather shy eight year old in my first term at "big school," I was at first rather shy of this strict, but fair master. But I always remember him marching in one afternoon and declaring that there would be no lessons that afternoon, we would be listening on the radio to one of our own OS playing on the wing for Oxford in the annual Varsity Match against Cambridge. This was of course MJK Smith, who went on to become a double blue and a double international-at rugby and cricket. I credit "Snod" with giving me the enthusiasm for competitive sport and the motivation to do well. After all, if a Schoolboy at Stamford could achieve so much, why couldn't I? I will always be thankful to him and have been telling this true story for the last fifty years or more!

Michael Sharpe (OS 64)

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## **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](#)

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



I hope everyone is enjoying the Summer and able to get out in the fresh air somehow, somewhere.

We are in the middle of finalising the Stamford Magazine 2020 to then publish and distribute this month which is an exciting look back at the year and celebration of our OS and Schools' achievements. Based on the preferences you have selected, you may receive this as a digital or hard copy so watch this space!

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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