

The Chronicle

St Andrew's, the world's oldest youth club

Summer 2019



150 YEARS

Friends, wellbeing, opportunities and fun!

"St Andrew's Club is such a triumph – and continues to live up to its long and proud reputation. Its purpose, support and distraction embodies all the good work needed to help the mental health and wellbeing of our local young people – my particular passion". These were the words of The Lord Mayor of Westminster 2018-19, Cllr Lindsey Hall, at the annual President's Reception 2019. Mental health awareness is so important at St Andrew's Club. We always aim to give a safe space to all our members, supported by our team of youth workers. Sarah, Youth Club Manager, is a qualified mental health first aider, and, along with Adrian and Burcin, she looks out for signs of anxiety in members. St Andrew's helps each young person to develop confidence, respect for themselves and others, and to create a positive sense of citizenship. Friends, new activities, opportunities and importantly fun underpin all our member's Club experiences - all essential factors in nurturing good mental health. What is more, from 22 July to 16 August the annual Summer Project will be coming to the Club, meaning 4 weeks of summer fun, socialising and engaging activities for our members! Grace, 9, opens this edition of The Chronicle with her experiences at St Andrew's.



I moved to this area 4 years ago. I didn't know anyone and had to start a new school. My older brother started coming to Senior Club but I was too young to go with him so started going to Junior Club with some of my new school friends. From attending Club I made even more friends! When I was old enough I came to Senior Club and now I come most nights. I love cooking, photography, football and spray painting. I have also discovered that I am very good at boxing!

The Greenpower electric kit car project with SMMT is well underway, beginning at the start of May. Supported by 2 youth workers and 2 volunteers, lots of members are taking part in the design and construction process ahead of September's race day.



The Grub Club's first 6-week cooking course was a huge success. The second session has begun. Delivered by a pro chef, they focus on healthy eating and food education. This term has seen homemade shepherd's pie, fajitas and pizza on the menu!

Read our website News for more.



On 14 May, 12 Club members went to see *Wicked The Hit Musical* at Apollo Victoria Theatre. It was an amazing evening and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Mousetrap Theatre Projects for securing tickets for the Club.

Well done to the U14s for playing 14 games and winning 14 games in the London County Saturday Youth Football League.



Spring and Summer at St Andrew's!

The 15-week Collective Music Programme came to an end on 7 June with a live music concert. This incredible opportunity supports young aspiring musicians to develop their talent and produce socially conscious music. Congratulations to Club members Scarlet and Malachi who worked in a recording studio to record their tracks and produced an online collective album. **Read our website News for more.**



Thanks to generous funding from the Peabody Community Fund through the London Community Foundation, during May half-term, 10 of our youth workers spent the week in Wales developing their skills, group bonding and wellbeing through physical and mental challenges. This included raft building, caving and gorge walking.

Read our website News for more where you can also watch a video of the trip filmed by our youth workers.



Message from the Chair



A recent report in April 2019 from the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Youth Affairs highlighted that "youth work remains an important element of the support wanted and needed by young people today, ... and can provide young people with the life skills, resilience and aspirations to overcome adversity". Growing up can be tough and we know that youth services have been hit particularly hard by austerity. But we continue to do what we can to keep the vital St Andrew's Club going, keeping our young people safe, challenged and entertained - thanks to the support of our wonderful community.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Paul Whittle, Club Manager for over 35 years and to his partner Helen Hughes who has run Junior Club for many years. Read the interview with Paul on page 3. We thank them for all they have done for the Club and wish them a long and happy retirement. Come back and visit! Annette Fettes and Sarah Nicholls have now taken up their new roles and more can be read on page 3 about the new management structure.

Thank you and goodbye to recent Trustees Curtis Juman (Treasurer) and Rhys Phillips. Hello and welcome to Trustees Chris Sweeney, Gregory Watson (Treasurer) and Grazyna Richmond.

In support of St Andrew's Club



The Club has received £15,300 in funding over three years from BBC Children in Need towards our Cookery Programme. The programme will teach members new practical cooking skills, as well as increase their confidence and awareness of new and different ways of preparing healthy food.



Help St Andrew's Club for the future with a gift in your Will. One way to do this is with the John Scott Fund, a growing fund, established by friends and supporters of the Club, with a particular mission to provide some long term financial security to the Club. Named after a previous President, John Scott gave great support to the Club.

Contact annette@standrewsclub.com for more details.



Thank you to Terry and Megan who will be taking part in this year's iconic Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 mile cycle for St Andrew's. If you would like to support their fundraising efforts, **please visit the 'Fundraise for Us' section of the website.** Go Megan and Terry!



Massive congratulations to Leanna who ran the London Marathon for St Andrew's Club, finishing in the incredible time of 3 hours, 53 minutes and 10 seconds, raising valuable funds for the Club. "I feel extremely privileged to have been able to take part in the London Marathon and represent St Andrew's Club on the day! Knowing that I was fundraising for a worthwhile cause and having the support from friends and family made me even more determined to do well." Leanna, you are amazing!

Read our website News for Leanna's marathon story in full.

FORSTERS

St Andrew's Club has been chosen Charity of the Year for Forsters LLP - and for 3 years! There are lots of exciting fundraising and staff engagement plans in development, starting with a 'St Andrew's Club challenges Forsters to a Bake Off competition'. Forsters employees will be coming to the Club in July to take part in the challenge versus Club Members.



Do you have an upcoming birthday or special celebration? Instead of receiving gifts, perhaps this year you might want to raise money for St Andrew's.

Contact lucy@standrewsclub.com if you would like to find out more.



The Club has a new minibus- and one that is ULEZ compliant! We can't wait to use it for trips out, football matches, and much more. With thanks to Westminster Amalgamated Charity, Westminster City Council Ward Budgets and The London Freemasons' Charity for their generosity. We're still fundraising to replace the second ancient minibus so all donations gratefully received



Thank you to all our Trustees, Advisers, Individuals, Corporates, Trusts, Foundations and Livery Companies who help make St Andrew's Club the precious community asset it is today. Please keep supporting us - we couldn't do it without you. Our special thanks for gifts of £5,000 or more received since March 2019 include Bennett Lowell Ltd, Garfield Weston Foundation, Swire Charitable Trust, Future Charity, Inner London Magistrates Court Poor Box, Nigel Scott Will Trust, John Lyon's Charity, Westminster Foundation, The Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund, The William Shelton Education Charity, The Westminster Almshouses Foundation and Hyde Park Place Estate Charity.

Paul Whittle, General Manager at St Andrew's Club for over 30 years, interviewed by Kirstie and Mollie, Club Members



I am sad to see you go, Paul. You have made a great impact on me and have made me become a better person. You always greet me with a smile and give off positive vibes. We love you Paul, best of luck with everything.

CLUB MEMBER, AGE 14

It will be a very sad day when Paul leaves St Andrew's. He has been at the Club for 37 years, starting as Assistant Manager in 1982 and then becoming General Manager in 1985 whilst he was studying for his youth work qualification. The Club has been more than just a job for Paul, providing a home for his family of 6 children, all of whom were born whilst he has been in post. During his 37 years, he has seen generations of families become members and graduate from the Club - proof of the impact St Andrew's has on the local community and something which he is particularly proud of. His best Club memory is **"seeing young people develop, become responsible adults and give back to society"**.

"I will really miss St Andrew's and the day to day involvement I have with the Club, particularly working with young people in the evening." Paul will however remain involved with aspects of life at St Andrew's as a consultant for the Club for the next year, to provide help and guidance with any queries, continuing to pass on his knowledge to the next generation of management at the Club. Paul is looking forward to his next adventure - retirement in Spain with his partner Helen and dog Pablo. His holidays will be spent back in the UK when we hope he will drop into the Club and say hello!

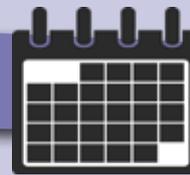
Welcome to the new team!

As a result of Paul's impending retirement, the Trustees have recruited two positions: Annette Fettes (R), previously Development Director has been appointed Chief Executive. She is taking on Paul's responsibilities for the strategy, management, and administrative side of the Club. Sarah Nicholls (L), previously Deputy Club Manager, has been appointed Youth Club Manager, and is responsible for the youth programme and youth workers. Both positions were advertised externally, but we are delighted that the best candidates were those from within the Club, ensuring a smooth handover and transition from 1 May to the end of July when Paul will leave. Both are totally committed to the ethos and purpose of the Club, its role in our members' lives and aim to maintain its strong and proud connections to its incredible 153 years past and to thrive in a new era when our work is needed as much as ever.

Read our website News for more.



The St Andrew's Club calendar



On Thursday 21 March, St Andrew's welcomed over 100 guests to the Club for the annual **President's Reception**. The evening marked the official handover of presidency from Lord Selborne to Lord Strathclyde. Lord Selborne has returned to being Vice President, thus maintaining a continuity of marvellous involvement in St Andrew's Club by the Selborne family, since the Club's earliest beginnings. The reception was a huge success, with over £420 being raised from the raffle - thank you to everyone who joined the occasion. [Read our website News for more.](#)

Don't miss out on the **St Andrew's Club & Westminster Community Sponsored Walk** on 20 July. Get your ticket whilst they are still available for a day of fun, family, friends and activity to raise funds for the Club. [Read our website News for more.](#) If you are unable to take part, but would like to sponsor the walkers' endeavours, please visit the Club's fundraising page here: www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/standrewsclubwalk.



Are you a current Westminster 100 member or a local business? John Amaechi OBE, an organisational psychologist, Chartered Scientist, New York Times best-selling author and CEO of APS, a leadership consultancy working in Europe and the United States - will speak about **'How to encourage diversity in the workplace'** at St Andrew's Club on Wednesday 3 July. [Read our website News for more](#) and RSVP to Lucy at lucy@standrewsclub.com.



St Andrew's Club **'Dinner, Dance & Auction'** is on Thursday 30 April 2020. Join us for an evening of music and dancing to jazz band, 'Down for the Count' (generously sponsored by John and Glynis Billett), fabulous auction lots (with the help from a Christie's auctioneer) and St Andrew's Club celebrations. Save the date now and reserve your table. [Read our website News for more.](#)



Save the date! With thanks to local supporters John and Glynis Billett, 5 December will see a wonderful community evening of entertainment and Christmas cheer return to St Stephen's Church, sponsored by Knight Frank. A catered reception will follow at the Grange Wellington Hotel, Vincent Square, generously sponsored by the Grange Hotels. Contact Lucy at lucy@standrewsclub.com for more details.



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✓ to keep in touch with this precious community asset

"Thank you for being part of our community.

Follow the link **'How you would like to hear from us'** on our website to let us know how we can keep in touch with you about the impact of our work".

In the next issue of The Chronicle ...

Snow-Camp - annual achievements by Club members

Review of Supreme Court Reception for Regular Givers

Members' Presentation Evening

All the goings-on at the St Andrew's Club & Westminster Community Sponsored Walk

"It can be tough for a young person growing up in South Westminster. Around 700 members depend on us each year in our 'neutral' environment, that isn't part of any one housing estate. Help us give local young people in Westminster the chance to thrive and give back to society through the varied youth programmes at St Andrew's Club - a local charity and the world's oldest youth club, which has been making a priceless contribution to the local community for over 150 years."

Elizabeth Cuffy, Chairman

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