



St Andrew's Club

The world's oldest youth club

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The first St Andrew's Chronicle was printed in 1883; 126 years on we thought it was about time we reintroduced a newsletter and hope you enjoy this update on Club activity! We've had a successful year, and are grateful to the many donors who have made it possible. In addition to generous donations towards specific club activities, a £25,000 grant from Garfield Weston and £10,000 from the Westminster Foundation towards our running costs have made a significant difference to our work.

We're delighted to have been chosen as the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Charity of the Year; this is a great honour and important recognition of our work. Since becoming Lord Mayor, Cllr. Sandys has made many visits to the Club and has quickly become part of the St Andrew's family. During his year in office, he aims to raise substantial funds for us. If you would like further information about events taking place or other ways you can get involved during this special year, please contact Naomi Roper, Development Manager.

Charity of the Year!

"I have always been struck by the energy, diversity and positive attitudes I have witnessed at St Andrew's."

Councillor Duncan Sandys, Lord Mayor of Westminster

SNOW CAMP

"It was amazing; I gained confidence in myself and learned to be determined in my goals" *Danielle, 15*

Thanks to a large donation from a generous supporter, twelve members took part in a trip of a lifetime to the French Alps as part of 'Snow Camp' – a week of skiing, snowboarding and life-skill coaching for over 100 inner city teenagers. We're delighted to report that, at the final evening awards ceremony – which presents six awards in recognition of excellence over the course of the week – two went to St Andrew's Members.

FOOTBALL

Our football teams have had another successful year. Four teams reached the semi-finals in their respective cup competitions, with one coming runner-up in their league. Both our under 10s and under 11s won cup trophies. Other highlights included our under 18s team competing in trials for Inter-Milan FC and our under 14s taking part in the first ever Beach Soccer tournament in London's Oxford Street! A number of new sponsors have come on board this year; including the Newman's Own Foundation (which has supported aspects of Club activity over many years), The Centre for Public Policy Seminars and a generous private donor.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Our theatre space has been looking a little tired of late so we are delighted to have secured a grant from the John Lewis Partnership to refurbish the room plus investment in our drama and dance provision – a team of John Lewis staff has recently decorated the theatre and left us with a fantastic new space.



Snow Camp



The Under 11s Football Team



HMS Westminster

HMS WESTMINSTER

"It was great staying on board the ship and having all the tours; the most important thing I learnt was the value of team work." *Morgan, 13*

As affiliated charity partner of HMS Westminster; we were invited to take part in a number of activities with the ship when it sailed into London. A group of children spent the day onboard the vessel when it was docked on the Thames and four Club members spent a thrilling two days sailing with the crew from Portsmouth to London – this trip had a huge impact on those participating, all of whom want to now join the Navy! We are grateful to the ship's crew for all their support.



One of the new mini-buses

REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

Since opening in 1984, our premises have withstood much wear and tear. However, thanks to a £25,000 grant from the Mercers Company, we have been able to complete part one of a much needed refurbishment programme and now have a smart new frontage and new toilets. Much more work remains to be done; if you would like to help, please contact our Development Manager, Naomi Roper.

MINI-BUSES

Until last year, our 'newest' mini-bus was seventeen years old! Generous grants from Westminster United Almshouses and The Worshipful Company of Saddlers have enabled us to purchase two newer vehicles, which are kept busy shipping our members to football fixtures and on days out. Our buses are a regular sight in the local neighbourhood as we often lend them to other community groups to help their members get about.



Before and After - members jump for joy in their new theatre space

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

We are delighted to announce that Sir Paul Stephenson, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has agreed to succeed Sir Ian Blair as a Vice-President of St Andrews's.

MAKING MUSIC

40 members recently worked with a group of professional musicians from Wigmore Hall on a classical-fusion score; copies of this masterpiece are available from the Club! Thanks to a grant from the Hedley Trust, we have been able to transform a large storage cupboard into a music suite! New funding from Westminster City Council is enabling us to carry out an exciting music programme this year – utilising our music suite and potentially engaging over 200 members. There is a guaranteed place at a top music college available to the most successful course participant.



Phil Vickery gives a cookery class

NEW FACES

Thanks to a generous grant from the John Lyon's Charity, we have been able to recruit and offer training to a female deputy manager who will engage and increase provision for girls and young women. Burcin Tagman joins Adrian Philips in supporting Paul Whittle plan and carry out our new programme. Thanks to charitable support we are able to fund both Burcin and Adrian train for a diploma in Youth and Community Work.

We are delighted with all that we have achieved in the Club recently, and the articles in this newsletter highlight just some of the range of activities in which St Andrew's members are involved. None of this work would be possible without the kind support of our many donors and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters longstanding and new. If you would like to add your name to our list of benefactors – to join our Circle of Friends – then we would love to hear from you. There are many ways in which you can help St Andrew's continue to cater for the needs of its 700 members and our Development Manager Naomi Roper would be delighted to talk to you about them. – naomi@standrewsclub.com / 020 7222 6481.

COOKING

"I enjoy cookery because we learn different skills and cook different things each week. I like getting my hands messy and tasting the end result!" *Harry, 12*

St Andrew's cookery projects were given a huge boost with a £5,000 grant from the Land Securities Capital Community Fund. Weekly classes continue to be hugely popular and a highlight this year was a visit from Celebrity Chef Phil Vickery who came to the Club and led an exciting fajita making master class as part of a promotion for British Turkey!