



The Chronicle



ST ANDREW'S *the world's oldest youth club*

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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

Welcome to the second edition of The Chronicle, our quarterly insight into the action-packed world of St Andrew's.

Since September we have had a busy first term of our new year; with a series of music workshops added to our programme – more information below. The Lord Mayor of Westminster's 'Charity of the Year' activity remains buoyant. In addition to fundraising activity, our members have benefited from the many new partnerships formed; highlights include a group of fifteen children visiting RAF Uxbridge for a rare, behind-the-scenes tour and another group going as VIPs to the turning on of the Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree lights. If you would like further information about upcoming 'Charity of the Year' activity, please contact Naomi Roper, Development Manager at naomi@standrewsclub.com.

We are delighted to welcome a number of new supporters to the Club, including local corporate stakeholders Rolls-Royce PLC and the

New West End Company; the work we carry out would not be possible without the support of our donors and we are very grateful for all the help we receive. On behalf of all at St Andrew's – staff, members and trustees – a huge thank you to everyone who is involved in supporting the Club, and our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2010.

SONIC SAINTS

"The music studio at St Andrew's has allowed me to develop my music technology skills, it has really benefitted me and other users at the Club" *Asante, 19*



A budding music producer on the Sonic Saints course



A group of members learning the art of graffiti

Weekday evenings at St Andrew's have got more melodic because we're training a bunch of budding music producers, djs and artists as part of Sonic Saints – an exciting new project with Point Blank college, which has been funded by Westminster Council through the Vincent Square Ward Budget. The course is attracting a large number of teenagers – some of whom aren't engaged in

traditional education – who will get an accredited qualification on completion of the course. It is allowing us to utilise our music studio and will potentially engage up to 300 members. This will result in one person getting a bursary to a professional music course, with the promise of a job at the end of the course.

POLICE, CAMERA, ACTION

As part of an initiative to form closer links between local young people, the Metropolitan Police and Community Support Officers, a group of officers recently spent an evening with our members – volunteers had demonstrations in how to use taser guns, the role of the riot police and how to conduct a dawn raid, as well as learning about some more day-to-day actions. The evening proved a successful way of engaging young people in the role of the police and breaking down some barriers. Further evenings are planned for the future.

A LICK OF PAINT... AND MUCH MORE

St Andrew's was thrilled to be chosen as the Wates Construction London community partner this year. 30 Wates staff came down over the course of two days and revamped our weight room, office and a number of communal areas. We are always glad to work with partners on gifts in kind, but having a group of builders and decorators providing this much-needed work was fantastic for us! We have also benefited from a donation from the Wates Charitable Trust and are very grateful for this support.

CIRCUIT TRAINING

We have recently started a circuit training session – this class has successfully attracted and integrated male and female teenage members and is proving a real hit. A group of HMS Westminster crew recently popped into the Club, they joined in the session and were put through their paces!

MUSICAL EVENING

On Thursday 28th January, the Lord Mayor of Westminster is hosting an 'Evening of Songs' in his Parlour in aid of St Andrew's. The evening will feature renowned soprano Martene Grimson performing works by, among others, Purcell (reputed to have been born on the site of the Club), Schubert and Richard Strauss. Tickets cost £30 and include food and drink and spectacular views across London from this special venue. For further information and tickets please contact Mencia Scott Mencia@btinternet.com / 07768 065756.

A SLICE OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

"Unfortunately not everyone can win a prize but all these cakes are winners and everyone who took part should be very proud of their efforts."
Louise, Cookery Teacher

A record number of members have taken part in this year's Christmas Cake competition. Now in its 18th year, members have produced fantastic cakes annually; this year has been no exception with some amazing, creative entries. The photo opposite illustrates what a talented bunch of budding Jane Ashers we have in our midst!

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.



A St Andrew's member in full riot gear!



HMS Westminster in training with St Andrew's



Members enjoying a tour of RAF Uxbridge



A fantastic array of edible Christmas art!