

The Chronicle

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



Spring 2017

"Welcome! We continue to celebrate our 150 years, recognising the tremendous contribution the Club has made from its birth in 1866. Still providing a sense of belonging and fun to over 700 members from five years old through to adulthood, the story of progress and community for young people continues. Building resilience, self-confidence, respect for others and giving back to society. This is something to shout about! This newsletter highlights how we do that and how you can support us.

Welcome to Trustees Curtis Juman, Deputy Receiver-General at Westminster Abbey who joins us as Treasurer and Claudia Whibley, Associate at RadcliffesLeBrasseur. Congratulations to Ray Mingay CMG, Peter Scott and Barry Walsh, recently appointed Vice-Presidents of St Andrew's Club. Our thanks to them for their tremendous support of the Club over many years."



Thanks to the generosity of The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, St Andrew's Club had a special reception in the Jerusalem Chamber following a beautiful Evensong in Westminster Abbey, in which a prayer for the work of the Club over the last 150 years was heard.

"If serving young people were only about providing facilities, our Club would be little more than a sports centre. But St Andrew's operates at the heart of its community, it has tradition; it has soul. It's where young people undertake a host of activities in an environment of moral leadership, inspiration and support. And, something we never forget - it is a place where young people can, and should, have fun" said Barry Walsh, a member over fifty years ago, who spoke from his heart at the reception.



Dean of Westminster.
Photo courtesy of Ian Stratton, Westminster Abbey



Regular Givers were thanked for their support. Visit the website to find out how you could make a regular gift of sustainability to the Club.

News round up in pictures



The annual President's Reception was attended by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Steve Summers, who said: "I can't imagine how many lives St Andrew's Club has changed in the course of 150 years."



Thanks to all our Santas - the Morgan Family (Club members), Burberry and staff who together raised a total of £3,000.



Staff from Ruffer enjoyed an evening seeing the Club in action to kick start their fundraising endeavours. Good luck to everyone!

Paul Whittle gives a rare interview to talk about his over 40 years at St Andrew's Club

Paul comes from a large family with roots in Pimlico reaching back to the nineteenth century. He recalls that families were poor, but looked after each other. He is rightly proud that the Club he has managed for over 30 years helps to maintain the spirit and soul of the local community.

A member aged 10, and appointed manager in his 20s, Paul is particularly keen to help young members take on responsibilities and new challenges in the Club. He is determined that the Club is 'a nurturing and caring place that provides all sorts of opportunities.' He is pleased members have achieved high awards in karate and snowboarding, as well as football. But he is clearly just as proud that an autistic child has found a sense of belonging in the Club.

The Club has changed a lot under Paul's leadership; responding to changes in its members' world. Opportunities have increased; but drugs have become more of a challenge and social media bullying was unthought of in the 1980s. Paul's team and the Club's activities are all directed towards helping 700+ members make the most of the opportunities and robustly address the challenges. Visit the website for the full interview with Paul.

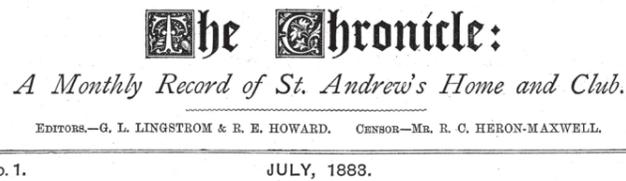


Paul with Club members at the No 10 Downing Street reception

"The Club should be a rock on which members can stand throughout their life." Paul can certainly be proud of his continuing part in fashioning that rock.

150 years serving the community "From Boys' Clubs to Youth Clubs"

St Andrew's Club has entered 2017 as an organisation truly in touch with its 150-year heritage. Thanks to fellow London Youth's members' cooperation, we have been sharing our unique story with an educational HLF poster and exhibition materials across London. 'Like' our Facebook page to see regular bulletins from the fascinating archive.



This invaluable work has been made possible thanks to generous funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund



Our newly visualised history has been capturing the imaginations of young people in our community



Explore our heritage at www.standrewsclub.com/heritage where you will find a short film, digital galleries and more

Why we are more than just a youth club - members' achievements

Over the last ten years St Andrew's Club has sent over 100 members on the Snow-Camp apprenticeship training, with over half of them becoming ambassadors for the programme. Our Youth Work Development Programme offers not only skill development and experience in the snow sport industry, but enables members to grow in confidence and self-esteem, develop as individuals and make positive choices for their lives. Hamza, our current Club Member of the Year, has flourished on his apprenticeship with Snow-Camp and is currently working on a year's placement at the Snow Dome in Milton Keynes.

In addition to funding members with Snow-Camp apprenticeships, we provide learning and training for older members who want to gain hands-on work experiences. Our Youth Work Development Programme offers opportunities for members aged 16 upwards to volunteer one evening each week to develop their practical skills. Guided by our paid youth work leaders, members, such as Dedan, who is employed by the Club as an assistant graffiti tutor and was recently taken on at Hamley's, can progress to paid junior staff through to full-time youth worker. The youth programme empowers members: they feel motivated in applying for jobs; more confident to take up a position of responsibility as well as developing their understanding of the world of work.



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"Snow-Camp has changed my life; I have made many new friends and found out that I had a talent which I would never have known about. By continuing my journey with Snow-Camp through the apprenticeship I will be able to give back to the charity by teaching others exactly what I was taught by the other apprentices and staff. All this was made possible by my involvement with St Andrew's" says Hamza.

"The youth volunteering programme has helped me improve my confidence and socialising with younger people. I also feel like there is more I can benefit from by working here" says Dedan.

New Year's Programme

Highlights for 2017 are the screen-printing workshops; Girls' football and Girls' Galore, championing girl power; healthy and tasty cooking sessions in the kitchen and encouraging positive choices with a series of workshops from sexual health, to money management and online bullying.



The choice is endless for Club members! Challenging creativity, concentration and discipline are just some of the benefits



"Shocked by smoking breathalyser. Now thinking about giving up." Member, aged 18

St Andrew's Club in the News



Our special anniversary has given us the opportunity to spread Westminster's best kept secret! Visit the website to read the articles



London Youth Mark

We were delighted to be awarded the Bronze City & Guilds Quality Mark from London Youth. The Bronze Quality Mark is about policy and procedure. It demonstrates that we meet all legal requirements and have good youth work practice. Now we are spurred on to work towards the Silver Quality Mark, which focuses on the opportunities we offer our young people through their involvement in helping to run our Club as well as the opportunities and training we give to our staff and volunteers.



Our three Deputy Managers

Meet the Team

Welcome back to Burcin from her maternity leave. She and Sarah are now job sharing the role of Deputy Manager, with Adrian as the other Deputy Manager. The team now has three dynamic role models leading Club members.

Thank you to our supporters

Thank you to our President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Advisers, Individuals, Corporates, Trusts, Foundations and Livery Companies who help make St Andrew's Club the precious community asset it is today. One of our long-term supporters has made a gift in his Will to benefit future generations of local young people at St Andrew's Club. We are truly grateful to him and other supporters for their generosity.

Our special thanks for gifts of £5,000 and more received since September 2016 from Garfield Weston, Living Communities, London Stock Exchange, Schroder Charitable Trust, Westminster City Council Ward Budget, Westminster Foundation.



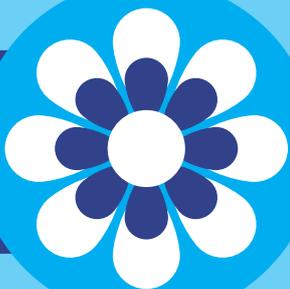


23rd April: Virgin London Marathon. Support Anthony Scott, Deputy Chairman of the Club who is dusting off his running shoes and getting into serious training to run and raise funds for St Andrew's Club.

6th or 7th May: Tough Mudder. Sign up direct and fundraise what you can for St Andrew's Club at this awesome venue and new course. Support Deputy Manager Sarah and her team and staff from The Supreme Court in raising funds.



27th May: Chelsea Flower Show tickets. M&G Investments have kindly donated 2 tickets. Place your bids on Ebay.



28th May: Vitality Westminster Mile. Join a team of St Andrew's Club members and thousands of others to take part in this iconic one-mile course. See Sarah or sign up direct and fundraise what you can for St Andrew's Club.



19th – 23rd July: London to Paris Tour de France edition bike ride. Support William Underhill, one of our Advisers, and his wife Maxine. Or join them and slip into your lycra, hop on your saddle and follow in the tyre tracks of the greats!



30th November: Fundraising Dinner and Dance at Westminster Kingsway College. Buy a table, bid at the auction and get your jazz shoes on to dance and have fun.

30th July: Prudential RideLondon-Surrey100. Will you be one of our 4 riders to follow a 100-mile Olympic route on closed roads through the capital and into Surrey's stunning countryside to finish on The Mall?



Are you a local business?

If you want to give back and make a difference, please contact annette@standrewsclub.com to find out the benefits your support could bring, both to young people and to your company.



Rolls-Royce

Thank you to Rolls-Royce for their continued support

Shop through the Giving Machine



Shop through The Giving Machine online. Every purchase generates a free cash donation for St Andrew's Club at no extra cost to you. Join at www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk to support St Andrew's Club; it's quick and simple to sign up and start giving for free.

In the next issue of The Chronicle ...

- Challenge events highlights
- A look back at the Club through the eyes of an 80-year old former member
- More reports on members' activities and achievements

"It can be tough for a young person growing up in South Westminster. Over 700 members depend on us each year in our 'neutral' environment, that isn't part of any one housing estate. Help us give every young person in Westminster, and many beyond, 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 150 years." Elizabeth Cuffy, Chairman