

The Chronicle

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

Winter 2019



150 YEARS

Yuletide Comfort & Joy

Thursday 5 December – Doors open 6.30pm

Join us for a magical evening of entertainment and Christmas cheer – open to all ages, interests and beliefs!

Performances at St Stephen's Church, SW1, 7-8pm, include: music from the amazing Noel McCalla (singing with the wonderful Scarlet, a St Andrew's Club member), Etcetera - the Civil Service choir, The Royal Academy of Music Connaught Brass Quintet and jazz singer Elaine Delmar. We are also thrilled to have a reading from Sue Lawley OBE, well known British broadcaster. And, of course, plenty of audience participation!

Then join us for a delicious and festive food and drink reception, 8.15-9.30pm, at the nearby Wellington Hotel by Blue Orchid, Vincent Square.

Tickets are £10-40 Contact kimberley@standrewsclub.com for more info and to book.

See the website for further details about some of the wonderful performers.

With special thanks to local organisers John and Glynis Billelt and sponsors Knight Frank and Blue Orchid Hotels.



Westminster Walk – St Andrew's Club Community Summer Walk

Our St Andrew's Club "Westminster Walk" was a huge success in July with over 100 walkers taking part and raising over £10,000!

It was a great get together for the local community. Families, friends and dogs gathered together to embark on a 10k walk that started and finished at the Club, taking in some of City of Westminster's most iconic sites. Watch our video online on our News page to see how the day went.

Thank you so much to all those involved who made the event such a success, including everyone who participated in the walk and raised or donated money. Particular thanks to Chris Sweeney, Trustee of the Club and former member, for making this happen.

To find out more about our next Westminster Walk on Saturday 18 July 2020, [contact kimberley@standrewsclub.com](mailto:contact.kimberley@standrewsclub.com).



3 - 10 DECEMBER 2019

From 3 until 10 December, every penny you donate to St Andrew's Club will be doubled!

One Donation – Twice the Impact!

Donations need to be made through the Big Give website link. See The Big Give Christmas Challenge page under "Support Us" on our website for a direct link!

The money raised will pay to run our Junior Club for another year! We will only get our full matched funding if we raise at least £10,633, so do please give what you can during the dates above. Email kimberley@standrewsclub.com if you'd like a reminder.

Deniz's Story

St Andrew's definitely had a massive positive impact on my life - I think I would have taken a lot of wrong paths in life if I didn't have the Club. I never took up drinking, smoking or drugs, as this wasn't allowed at the Club where I could be 5 days a week until late. I also learnt about responsibility as I worked there for a year and coached the under 12s football team.

I was twelve when I started going - shy, overweight and new to the area. Playing for the St Andrew's football team helped me get in shape and gave me a strong network of friends.

St Andrew's was a real 'home away from home'. The staff made a big difference - Valance was like a dad. He and Paul gave me references to join the Navy, a career I loved.

We make a difference!



Message from the Chair

Welcome to our Winter Chronicle 2019!

Most of you will be aware that Westminster is one of the most prosperous boroughs in the country and yet is also listed at 6th in the top 25 local authorities with highest levels of child poverty across the UK, with Trust for London citing 38% of children as living in poverty.

We are proud to be a community organisation. At only 50p per visit (for those aged 9-14), thanks to the help of our wonderful supporters, we have kept our prices affordable, allowing us to provide a completely non-selective service for all young people aged 5 to 19 years old.

We are open to new members and any current or potential supporters are welcome to pay us a visit to find out more about what we offer.

Warmest wishes,
Elizabeth Cuffy, Chairman



News Round-up

4 Week Summer Project - 22 July to 16 August

St Andrew's Club's 4 week structured Summer Project ran from 22 July to 16 August, offering a varied programme of creative, educational, recreational and sporting activities and trips out to 180 local young people, aged 8-18.

Activities included cookery, archery, art and trips out in the Club's minibuses to Quad biking, trampolining, swimming in the Serpentine Lido, HMS Westminster and Burberry.

Plenty of affordable food was available each day via the Lunch Club, where slices of pizza, wraps and fruit were always on offer.



Race Day - 15 September

This three-month design and build of a kit electric race car culminated in Race Day on 15 September at Dunstone Park Race Track (the Top Gear track).

This was a tremendous team day of racing and support for six Club members, aged 11-16, who had committed to the project, led by Deputy Manager, Adrian.

The project involved learning so many new skills to build the race car - from using tools and the necessary health and safety, to electro mobility, aerodynamics and design and build. Members also learned about team building, problem solving, communication and, importantly, commitment to see a project through.



Supreme Court - 27 June

St Andrew's Club's invaluable community of regular givers were invited to a 'Thank You' reception at the iconic Supreme Court of the United Kingdom - just a stone's throw away from our club.

The evening included tours of the Supreme Court, including the Library, which is usually closed to the general public, and a speech from Mark Ormerod, Chief Executive of the Supreme Court. A short film about the Club and the value of regular giving was shown, and our new CEO, Annette Fettes, spoke about the important role the Club plays in the lives of our members.

Three of our Club members, aged 13-15yrs, worked alongside professionals to serve the refreshments, which were generously sponsored by Forsters LLP and Ella-Mei, 17, took the photographs - an invaluable experience for those young people!



Members Presentation Night - 11 July

Our members' Presentation Night is a wonderful way of celebrating their achievements and progress throughout the year.

This year, we added the Michael Passmore Cup. Michael, who sadly passed away last year, was a long term supporter of the Club and had a lifelong interest in showing young people the joy of challenge and achievement in the outdoors.

The Cup was awarded to Joanna Morgan for her great personal progress, in confidence and participation in new activities, at our Youth Development Team Residential Trip in May.



Snow-Camp - Ongoing

An amazing, four step, achievement based programme over one year to train and get young people work placements in snow sports. The First Tracks 2-day programme was completed in August and 11 of our members are signed up to the Graduate, 6-week programme running from October to December.

We are thrilled that one of our members and youth worker, Amina, was selected for a place on the Apprenticeship work placement and NVQ Level 2 qualification programme, out of only 5 places available. This runs from July 2019 to July 2020.



Westminster 100 Club Annual Networking Evening - 3 July

Our Westminster 100 Club is a growing number of ambitious local companies who have pledged their support to the Club to help disadvantaged young people in our community.

Members of the local business community were invited to the Club to hear 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 - speak on the topic of 'How to encourage diversity in the workplace'.

John spoke about inspiring organisations to become beacons of best practice in diversity and inclusion, beyond achieving basic diversity quotas, ultimately helping organisations to become an employer of choice.

Guests also heard from Michael, a current member at St Andrew's and Chemical Engineering graduate, who recently completed work experience at an engineering company, thanks to opportunities provided by St Andrew's. The evening finished with tours of the Club by the team of youth workers and a chance for guests to network with like-minded Westminster businesses, whilst refreshments were served by Club members.



St Andrew's Club is a local charity and community based youth club. Mainly funded by grants and voluntary donations, we are the world's oldest youth club, which has been enriching young lives for over 150 years.

We provide activities that help our members, aged 5 to adulthood, develop educationally, socially and personally through a wide range of sport, art, practical skills, trips out and training. The Club offers a safe, welcoming and active environment and aims to do right by our members to help them help themselves and others.

How to Support Us

Sign up to The Giving Machine and SmileAmazon – it's FREE!

Signing up to The Giving Machine and SmileAmazon and making St Andrew's Club your chosen charity is an easy way to donate – without costing you a penny!

Once you're signed up, a percentage of what you spend with participating partners, such as John Lewis, Sainsbury's and eBay, gets automatically donated to the charity.

Make a donation – single or monthly

It's easy to donate to us by BACs (no additional charges to us), online through our Virgin Money Giving page, by cheque or over the phone.

Regular Givers

Regular giving helps St Andrew's Club securely plan for the future. You also get exclusive benefits such as an invitation to our reception at The Supreme Court, or a seat in the Quire at Westminster Abbey.

Gift in Will/ John Scott Fund

Leave a legacy in your Will to 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.

Volunteer/ Drive our Minibus!

We need volunteers. You can do anything from teaching chess to members to driving our minibus or pledging us a few hours of office, reception or IT help or any specialist skills e.g. plumbing, electrics or carpentry.

Fundraise for us

Our incredible fundraisers make a real difference to the lives of local young people in Westminster. There are lots of ways you can fundraise for us, including taking part in a challenge event, from running to cycling, holding a cake sale or organising a pub quiz. We can also help you organise a special fundraising event. Contact us for more information on how you can get involved in fundraising for us.

Join our Westminster 100 Corporate Club

The Westminster 100 Club is a fantastic way for businesses to demonstrate their commitment to the local community whilst benefiting their business, and uniting their team. If you, or someone you know, wants to join and access exclusive benefits, get in touch.

If you would like to join our Westminster 100 Club, introduce us to a local business, or find out more about any of the above, please send an email to kimberley@standrewsclub.com.



Fashion Project



Baking



Chess



Girls Boxing

How Can Your Contribution Help?

£20 helps pay for one attendance at the Club for one Club member. Last year we had nearly 18K attendances across our wide range of activities.

£85 helps pay for one person to attend football club – including providing them with kit and contributing to the running of the Football Programme.

£200 helps pay for two young people, who would otherwise rarely experience such treats, to take part in our annual small trips programme. Trips are to places of interest, education and fun from museums to paintballing and fun parks.

£500 helps pay for a young person to benefit from one year's membership at the Club

£750 helps pay for the average cost of a young person's coaching qualification to progress their own development and give back to the Club in a more professional way. Qualifications include Football Association, Personal Fitness, Snow-Camp and Youth Work.



Mastering My Future

Renting Our Space

We are a community space, as well as a youth club, and we encourage all to make use of our facilities during the day.

Whether you want to run a workshop, hold a conference, have a special event or work on your fitness, we have several spaces available for hire, Wi-Fi available throughout the building and a fully equipped gym and selection of fitness classes.

Prices are £20 - £30 per hour, with all money from venue hire going to the charity.

Spaces include:

- Large, indoor Sports Hall with viewing gallery – recently refurbished with sprung floor
- Theatre room – commonly used for classes and corporate meeting space
- Dance studio with mirrored wall, ballet bars and polished wooden floor
- Music Studio – fully equipped
- Piano room – smaller room with piano and keyboard access
- Kitchen – can be used to service onsite functions or cookery classes
- Large Activity Space (kitchen/ bar area) – includes pool table, table tennis, table football, sofas and kitchen/bar



GYM Membership Benefits

- Fully equipped gym (bench press, free weights, fixed weight machines, treadmills, cross trainer, squat rack, Olympic bars, bosu, core area with mats)
- Onsite showers and modern changing rooms
- Access to free and subsidised boxing fitness classes
- Access to third party classes, including HIIT and Reformer Pilates (separate cost)

Membership £35*, plus optional donation, for the whole year, up to 31 August 2020.

**subject to increase after 31 August 2020*



DIARY

3 – 10 Dec 2019 – The Big Give

Online donation giving campaign to raise £10,633

30 Nov 2019 - Westminster Abbey

20 seats available for our Regular Givers in the Quire at Westminster on St Andrew's Day

5 Dec 2019 - Yuletide Comfort & Joy Concert & Reception

£10 concert tickets or £40 to include Reception at Wellington Hotel by Blue Orchid

12 Mar 2020 – President's Reception

'Thank You' social and networking reception for our supporters

30 Apr 2020 – Spring Dinner & Dance

Fabulous night to include 3-course dinner, jazz band and auction. Tickets £85.



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