

THE CHRONICLE

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:



Elizabeth Cuffy

Welcome to our Autumn/Winter edition of The Chronicle: the first with our new branding, thanks to magnificent pro bono work from advertising agency Dragon Rouge. We hope you like it!

Life is tough for many of our members and their families, and we remain steadfast in our support for their physical and mental wellbeing during their time at the Club. We are grateful to all our amazing supporters who help fund the Club – this precious community asset in the heart of Westminster – we couldn't do it without you.

MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

TRIP OF A LIFETIME: HMS WESTMINSTER

The Club is an Affiliate of HMS Westminster and in September 2022, two members of the Club Youth Development Team, accompanied by two of the senior Youth Workers, spent four nights at sea on the ship, travelling from Portsmouth to Gibraltar with the Royal Navy. Our team experienced a slice of life on board a warship, getting to see first-hand how the Royal Navy operates, taking part in some of the crew's drills, dressing in military gear, and listening to stories with the friendly and hospitable crew who shared their experiences. They all hugely enjoyed this unique, eye-opening, once-in-a-lifetime experience. Thank you so much to the crew of HMS Westminster for giving St Andrew's this fantastic opportunity.

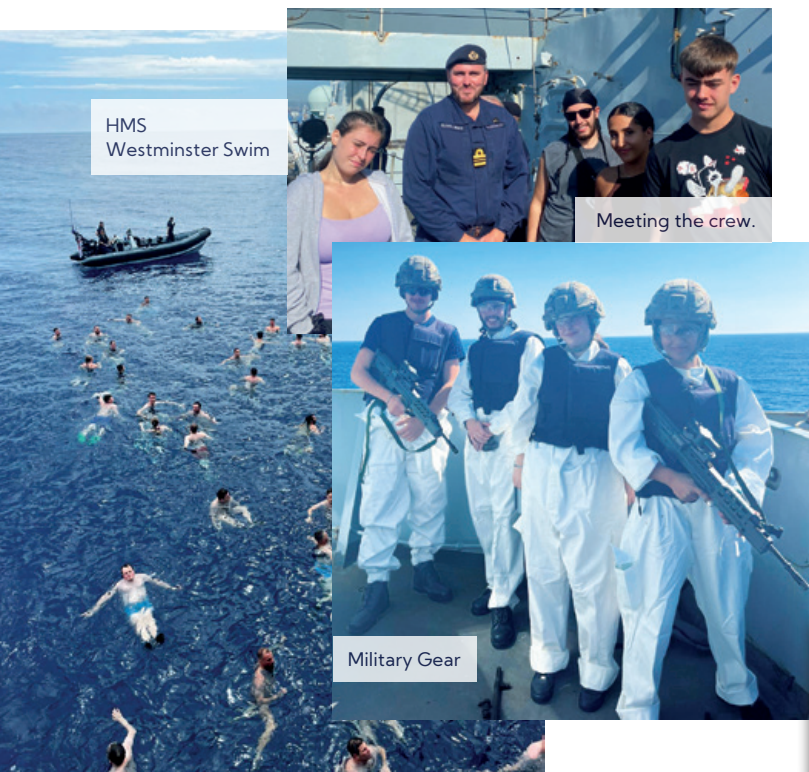


Snow Camp

SNOW CAMP

Snow Camp is a life-changing snow sports programme for young people, delivering an accredited journey of courses to young people at indoor snow domes across the UK, as well as on real snow in the mountains for the lucky few. For over 15 years St Andrew's Members have taken part in this amazing programme. This year, six more Members joined the Snow Camp course, some to improve their existing skiing skills, but for most it is a unique opportunity to learn something totally new. The Members took part in Snow Camp's First Tracks in September and are currently taking part in the six-week Excel Programme. Some of the Members will then be selected for the Graduate Programme where they will train for a Snow Sport Level 1 qualification and experience a trip to France to ski in the Alps. Youth Development Team Member Indie did this earlier in April 2022 and loved it! This qualification will allow them to apply for a Snow Camp apprenticeship or volunteer as an instructor.

Go team St Andrew's!



HMS Westminster Swim

Meeting the crew.

Military Gear

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CLUB NEWS

NEW MENTAL HEALTH YOUTH WORKER

The Club is delighted that we have a new Mental Health Youth Worker. Libby, who joined the Club in September. Libby works for the charity MIND across the boroughs of Brent, Wandsworth, and Westminster. Libby's role at St Andrew's Club is to provide an early intervention, preventative service to children and young people who access Youth Hubs. Libby is at the Club each Wednesday evening where she builds relationships with Members, offers activities centred around understanding mental health and how to maintain a positive wellbeing, and also provides a safe space for Members to discuss with her any difficulties they may be facing.

Following the Covid pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, young people's mental health has become more of a priority than ever at the Club and we are delighted to have Libby as part of the team.



Libby

PRESENTATION NIGHT

On Thursday 21 July, St Andrew's Club hosted our annual Presentation Evening, celebrating our Members' and volunteers' development and achievements throughout the 2021/22 Club year. The evening was an opportunity for Members to bring their proud families and celebrate their achievements with St Andrew's staff. There were numerous prizes awarded. The evening concluded with the coveted John Scott Member of the Year Award. Won by Junior Youth Worker, the incredible Mollie in celebration of the fantastic work she has showcased in transitioning from Member to Youth Worker through our Youth Development Team. Well done to all those who won awards and have learned and developed new skills over the past year. You can read more in our Website News.



Presentation Evening



Mollie receiving her award

STAFF NEWS

The Club's succession planning moved into the next phase from September 2022. In preparation for Annette Fettes's retirement at the end of January 2023, Sarah Nicholls has stepped up to Deputy CEO; Adrian Phillips has stepped up to Interim Youth Club Manager and Amina El-Alaoui has been appointed Interim Deputy Youth Club Manager.

Precious continuity will be maintained with the new leadership team taking up the reins on 1 February 2023.



Annette



Sarah



Adrian



Amina



Climbing Wall



Junior Club



Thorpe Park

**SUMMER PROJECTS
JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLUBS**

From 25 July to 19 August, St Andrew's ran its four-week Summer Project for both Junior and Senior Clubs: providing a welcoming safe space for our Members to enjoy their summer together as part of our caring community. This also provided a much-needed respite for parents and carers trying to navigate this hectic and expensive time of year. In total St Andrew's enriched the lives of 74 Junior Club Members aged 5-9, with over 600 individual attendances. Senior Club had 1,014 individual attendances from 107 Members aged 9-17. Both Junior and Senior Club members had action-packed adventure-filled daily programmes full of opportunities and experiences to develop their confidence, make new friends, tap into their imaginations, and learn new skills, with a range of activities from creating glitter pictures and paintings; constructing Lego structures; and taking part in Master Chef-inspired games, such as cake decorating and dessert designing. Members were also able to enjoy off site trips to Legoland, Go Ape, Coral Reef Water World and Thorpe Park - taking part in a range of thrilling activities from roller coasters to zip lining. You can read more in our Website News.



Junior Club Trip

UPCOMING EVENTS:

COMMUNITY QUIZ

The St Andrew's Community Quiz takes place on Saturday 3 December from 7pm. A chance for Alumni and those in our community to come back and see the Club and have a fun, relaxed evening taking part in a friendly Quiz, with prizes and a raffle with amazing prizes. Teams of 4-6. Some refreshments will be provided but we recommend bringing a bottle for your team. To book your place, contact **Callum** at: callum@standrewsclub.com.

BIG GIVE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

From Tuesday 29 November – Tuesday 6 December, St Andrew's Club will be taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge. For this one week, all donations made to the Club will be **DOUBLED!** For our supporters, this means one donation, double the impact. This year, the Club is raising funds to send our Members on next year's residential to Hindleap Warren Adventure Centre. Please note the date in your diary or ask callum@standrewsclub.com

YULETIDE COMFORT AND JOY

The fantastic 8 December musical Christmas event featuring top-class performances has been generously arranged and sponsored by JBGB Events. Co-sponsored by Blue Orchid Hotels, the event will be in the Wellington Hotel by Blue Orchid. You can read more in our Website News. There are only a few tickets left, so please contact callum@standrewsclub.com.



THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS:

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 £3,000 or more received from funders since June 2022 include: **Alta Advisers Limited, BBC Children in Need, The Childhood Trust, Forsters LLP, ExPat Foundation, the HAF Fund provided by the Department of Education and Westminster City Council, John Lyon's Charity, The Mayor's Fund for London: Kitchen Social, Mercers' Company, Mrs Maud Van Norden's Charitable Foundation, Ruffer LLP, The Rank Foundation, St Giles & St George Education Charity, Schroder Charity Trust, Strand Parishes Trust, Westminster Charitable Trust, Westminster City Council.**

3RD PARTY FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to each supporter who has trained and worked hard to achieve a personal milestone whilst raising valuable funds for St Andrew's.

The Big Half Runners:

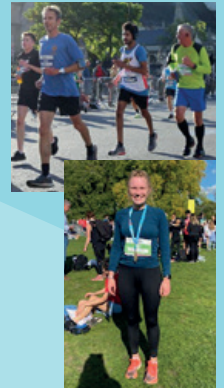
Layla Madkour, Faye Goodship, Ana Costa London

Marathon Runner: **Matthew Ogg**

Royal Parks Half Marathon Runners:

Edward Henderson, Laura Southern

The Club is increasing our places for 3rd party fundraisers in 2023; head to our website or contact **Max** at max@standrewsclub.com to find out more.



LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

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. Contact annette@standrewsclub.com to find out more.

WESTMINSTER 100 CLUB

The St Andrew's Westminster 100 Club is a team of local companies who **raise a minimum of £500** each year to help disadvantaged young people in our community. Through financial donations, as well as support through volunteering corporate partners of the Westminster 100 Club are amongst the most vital supporters of St Andrew's. The Club aims to bring this group together and show appreciation of their support by holding exclusive events such as the Westminster 100 Club reception evening held in July, with a fascinating talk about 'brain stuff'.

If you are interested in becoming part of the St Andrew's Westminster 100 Club, contact **Annette** at Annette@standrewsclub.com for further details.



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