

The Chronicle

Summer 2022



150 YEARS

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



Elizabeth Cuffy

Message from the Chair

As the cost of living continues to rise, putting pressure on already hard-pressed families, St Andrew's Club is more important than ever to our members and their families. A nominal annual subscription - of £5 each year for 9-14 years old and free provision for all age groups for every holiday project – means no one is excluded for financial reasons.

In our next Autumn edition, we'll reveal our new branding, thanks to magnificent pro bono work from advertising agency Dragon Rouge. This work will ensure we stay relevant to our young people. 155 years after the Club was founded, our aim of enriching young lives remains at the heart of all we do.

Club Outreach

Refugee event with the Bessborough Family Hub, Young Westminster Foundation and Westminster Befriend a Family

In partnership with Westminster Befriend a Family, Young Westminster Foundation and the Bessborough Family Hub, the Club hosted an evening of fun and activities for the young members of refugee families, asylum seekers and their parents who are currently based in South Westminster. To many the concept of a 'Youth Club' is unfamiliar, so the team introduced them to the safe and welcoming space of their local community youth hub. Many of the young people have signed up as members, and parents have joined the Gym. This was a fantastic opportunity for St Andrew's Club to provide support to those who are hard to reach, yet in need, in our community.



Young
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Schools - Year 6 visits.

The Club is building positive relationships with local primary schools by inviting Year 6 classes to spend an afternoon experiencing the Club with their classmates. This outreach will help those in Year 6 with the transition they face as they prepare for secondary school. Students are given an information leaflet about the Club, its many programmes and how to join. We are confident of new members joining to meet other young people they may be at school with next year, widening their friendship groups, and building their confidence.

Latest E-zine and Stanley's Member Engagement

The Club's Youth Worker Digital Lead Stanley has been working with a group of members on developing the Club's half termly E-zines: online magazines that detail Club life experienced by our members. The E-zines are created by members, for members, giving them ownership of this project and allowing members to see themselves represented in Club media. Members are encouraged to express their creativity, work as a team and learn new skills such as designing and writing articles.

Have a look at the most recent E-zines here on our website:
<https://www.standrewsclub.com/stac-archives>



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Club News and Achievements:

Easter Project

The Club welcomed members to a wonderful two-week Easter Project, providing a variety of fun, engaging and exciting activities. The Club was full of Easter fun as members took on new challenges and learnt new skills, such as designing their own T-shirts, building their own bunnies, designing squeezezy eggs and concluding with a local Easter egg hunt.

Senior Club members went on an outing to Battersea Park where they spent time in the sun, playing team games; and, thanks to one of our supporters, a trip to Canon Ashby Farm in Northamptonshire, where they saw how the farm was run. They met, fed and even named, some new-born lambs.

Thank you to all our supporters for making these Holiday Projects possible – especially the HAF Fund provided by the Department of Education and Westminster City Council, and to all our members and Youth Workers for making them special!

Jubilee Half Term Project

As the nation celebrated the Jubilee long weekend, the Club hosted a short three-day half term holiday programme. Members celebrated the historic occasion by creating crowns, baking Jubilee cakes and walking to Buckingham Palace through St James's Park, to wave at the Queen! A celebration indeed of community - one which we are proud to serve and will forever strive to be a key part of.



Project Tuesdays

Project Tuesdays have been piloted since April to help boost numbers on Tuesday evenings, traditionally a quieter night. The Club now opens on Tuesdays between 4pm-6pm for open access provision. This provides an important after school club for many. From 6pm the Club activities become a targeted and are pre-bookable. Each Tuesday there is a project on offer for older members (13+) and one for younger members (9-12). Each project has been designed to offer members new opportunities and skills, build knowledge and confidence. Projects run for 6-weeks and have included learning about practical haircare and understanding puberty. Already, the projects have proved immensely popular and are drawing higher numbers to the Club on Tuesdays.



Men's Football Triumph

The St Andrew's Men's Football Team had an immensely successful season. This was their first full season for over six years, following a strong push from those in our community. The team is made up of ex-members, parents of current members, members of staff and gym users. The team won their Southern Sunday League, going undefeated and have been promoted from division 10 to division 2! They won the Dylan Rigobert Trophy and got to the final of the Marcus Lipton Cup. We are so proud of our Men's Team and cannot wait to see what they can accomplish next year.



Presentation Night – 21 July

St Andrew's Club's long-standing annual Presentation Evening returns on 21 July. This is an important evening where we can reflect on and appreciate all the hard work so many people do to make the Club what it is. We will recognise those members and Youth Workers who have gone above and beyond in the last year to leave a positive impact on all that the Club does.



Fundraising News:

Fundraising Team News:

Welcome to Sarah Forrest, who has recently joined the team as the Interim Head of Development, and to Max Blindell, our new Fundraising and Communications Officer, working with Callum Male, our Fundraising and Communications Manager. Together, they deliver the Club's fundraising targets, through bid writing and reporting, running and promoting fundraising events, stewarding our amazing supporters (and finding new ones!) and developing the Club's communications through our various platforms.



Dinner, Dance and Auction:

On Thursday, 28 April, the Club was delighted to welcome 150 of our supporters to a dinner, Dance and Auction at Westminster Kingsway Catering College. Our fantastic supporters raised over £45,000 for the Club by bidding on over 40 amazing auction lots, all of which had been generously donated. Huge thanks to everyone who came, to John and Glynis Billett for sponsoring the fantastic Jivin' Miss Daisy jazz band, and to Arlene Blankers, from Christies for her professional auctioneering skills.

Read more in the [News Story](#) on our website.



Champions for Children

From 14 – 21 June the Club took part in the Champions for Children campaign. All donations made to the Club were DOUBLED! The donations were matched by The Childhood Trust and the Young Westminster Foundation. Thanks to the fantastic generosity of our supporters, we smashed our target of £20,000, and raised over £25,000 for the Club's Summer Project and beyond. Thank you so much to everyone who donated - **you make big things happen!**

Sarah's Walk

Youth Club Manager Sarah took part in the Action Challenge - London to Brighton 24 hour walk on 28 May to raise funds for the Club. Sarah walked 100k in 23.30 hours exactly. It was an absolutely fantastic effort from someone so passionate about the Club. Thanks to our supporters, Sarah raised £647.

We are so proud of her achievement!

House of Lords lunch

On 16 June a small team from Forsters LLP were invited to the House of Lords by the Club's president, Lord Strathclyde, as a thank you for all the incredible support they have given the Club over the last three years, raising nearly £80,000. Huge congratulations on your recently completed challenge of climbing the Welsh Three Peaks in 24 hours!

Read more in the [News Story](#) on our website.





How to support us:

Westminster 100 Club – 14 July

On 14 July, the Club will welcome like-minded Westminster businesses who are keen to support the local community. With guest speaker Jeremy Dudman Jones discussing 'Stuff about the Brain' – the effects of adolescence on the teenage brain and how that impacts the workplace, this will provide insight both for the Club and for potential employees. [Contact callum@standrewsclub.com](mailto:callum@standrewsclub.com) to find out more.



Community Walk – 16 July

On 16 July, the Club will host its annual community fundraising walk/run, followed by a barbeque. This is a great event in the Club's calendar, giving the team the chance to spend time with our local neighbours, former members and supporters. All welcome! If you wish to donate or take part, please contact max@standrewsclub.com.



Yuletide Comfort and Joy – 8 December

After a two-year hiatus, Yuletide, Comfort and Joy concert and reception is back on Thursday 8 December 2022. This fantastic musical Christmas event, featuring top-class performances, will be generously arranged and sponsored by JBGB Events. Sponsored by Blue Orchid Hotels, the event will be in the Wellington Hotel by Blue Orchid.

Contact callum@standrewsclub.com for limited availability tickets @ £45pp.



Regular Givers

Regular giving helps St Andrew's Club securely plan for the future. You also get exclusive benefits such as a recent invitation to our afternoon tea at 55 Broadway.

Contact callum@standrewsclub.com to find out more.



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.

Contact annette@standrewsclub.com to find out more.

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