



# The Chronicle



## ST ANDREW'S, THE WORLD'S OLDEST YOUTH CLUB

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"The young people of St Andrew's are a bonus to their community. Curious, creative and courteous: their energy and ideas are genuinely inspiring."  
*Project Manager, Tate Britain*



Stills from *Nightwatch*

Welcome to Edition 6 of The Chronicle. We entered our new year in September on a high, following an action-packed summer project. Membership at the beginning of this year is up 9 per cent in our main Club, and 40 per cent in our Junior Club, which is encouraging.

While we were entertaining young people at the Club in August, elsewhere the lack of youth provision was one of the reasons cited for the cause of the rioting and looting that took hold of London and other cities. We've been working with our young people to get their views following the disturbances. The most recurring reasons they cited for youth unrest were: lack of employment opportunities; young people don't have a voice in society; relationships with the police are increasingly negative. We're making extra efforts at the Club, and in the wider community, to address these issues, whilst reminding our members of their responsibilities to be good citizens. For example, we continue to open during the day and offer help with CVs and applications for employment and further education. We always ensure that our young people are listened to within the Club and we try to make sure their voices are heard in wider society. In the meantime, we're working with the police to address concerns on both sides. Mark Field MP, President of St Andrew's, has spoken of the need for Clubs such as ours in parliamentary debates following the riots. Watch this space for further developments.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our donors to allow us to continue our work – since the last edition of the Chronicle we have received significant commitments to support our work over three years from the Anglo-American Foundation and the Wates Foundation, amongst others. Thank you to these donors and to all others that support our work.

### NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

Carrying on the tradition of the Commander of the Metropolitan Police serving as a Vice-President of St Andrew's, we are delighted to welcome Bernard Hogan-Howe (pictured right) who is 'honoured' to continue the relationship between the two organisations.



### PETER SCOTT TAKES A BREATH

Peter Scott resigned as Chairman on 12 August 2011 after more than 40 years of unstinting commitment to and support for St Andrew's. We hope that after a well-deserved rest from unswerving hard work for so long that Peter will want to re-enter the fray on our behalf at some point in the future. Mention of Peter's unique contribution would not be complete without reference to his wife Mencia, whose affection and active concern for our Club has been equally unstinting. St Andrew's would like to record its heartfelt thanks to both Peter and Mencia.



### CUT TO OUR FUNDING

It was a major blow to lose £43,800 from our anticipated grant support from Westminster City Council (WCC). We are, of course, actively seeking others funds to make up this deficit and remain hopeful that WCC will be able to find other means of supporting the work we do. St Andrew's is by far the largest youth club in South Westminster and we find roughly 90 per cent of our running costs from our own efforts. As a result, we think that Westminster residents would agree that financial support of just 10 per cent from our local authority represents extremely good value.

### AWARD WINNERS

In the last edition of the Chronicle we highlighted the partnership between St Andrew's and Tate Britain resulting in the production of a short film – *Nightwatch*. We are delighted to announce that *Nightwatch* has been selected as the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award at the recent Vivendi Awards for Digital Excellence. Congratulations to all involved.



Members enjoying a trip go karting during the Summer Project



Philip Broadley and family following his marathon run



Cooking up a tasty treat!



Congratulations to Edson Rebole – Club Member of the Year

## SNOWCAMP

The week-long programme of skiing, snowboarding and life skills training which has been so beneficial to many of our members in past years, has grown into a yearlong programme. The new structure comprises four elements, each of which will result in participants being accredited; on completion of the course participants will qualify as snowsport instructors. We have sent ten members on the first part of this course and urgently require funding to enable the training process to continue. The cost of this is £1300 per member: If you are able to help, please contact Naomi Roper, Development Manager.

## PHILIP BROADLEY

We are hugely grateful to Philip Broadley for his mammoth achievements in running the 2011 London Marathon. Philip chose St Andrew's as one of two charities to benefit from his run and we were thrilled to receive support totalling almost £50,000 as a result of his efforts.

## SUMMER PROJECT

Thanks to a grant of £10,000 from BBC Children In Need, we were able to offer an exciting four-week programme of events during the summer holidays. Provision included visits to Longleat Safari Park, Thorpe Park and water parks, along with in house activities such as Masterchef competitions, beauty workshops, a football academy and other fun and games at the Club. We hope to be able to repeat the initiative in 2012.

## TASTY TREATS

As part of our partnership with the Hyatt Regency London – The Churchill Hotel, their Head Patisserie Chef has been visiting the Club to pass on his cookery skills to our members. Budding chefs have also made a visit to the Hotel and spent an afternoon in the patisserie kitchen before taking home delicious boxes of cakes to share with their families.

## CHANGING ROOMS

Thanks to grants from The Laing Family Trusts and The Newman's Own Foundation along with donations from two individual donors, our male and female changing facilities have undergone a major refurbishment. Unrenovated for 26 years, the rooms now boast new showers and toilets along with a communal area for project work. Spa and beauty workshops are already taking place in the female changing room and a sports injury clinic is planned for the male space. Members will now be able to shower at the Club after physical activities, and then stay on to make use of all the other facilities St Andrew's has to offer.

## PRESENTATION EVENING

Congratulations to all members who won trophies at our last presentation evening. An extra special well done to Edson Rebole for winning the Member of the Year award.

We are delighted with all that we have achieved in the Club recently, and the articles in this newsletter highlight just part 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

Finally, everyone at St Andrew's wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year.

See you in 2012!