

# The Chronicle

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



150 YEARS

Summer 2016

## Message from our new Chair – Elizabeth Cuffy



Welcome to this re-launch of The Chronicle. It is great to be reviving a publication which, like St Andrew's, has such a long and proud history. I was appointed chairman of the board of trustees in March 2015, bringing experience from my extensive professional youth and community work background. I know that Barry Walsh will be a tough act to follow, but I am delighted to

be here, working with the Club members and supporters and with Paul and his staff team. I love the warm and friendly atmosphere that greets you upon entering the Club and the exciting and varied youth programmes on offer.

It can be tough for a young person growing up in South Westminster. Over 700 young people depend on us each year in our 'neutral' environment, that isn't part of a housing estate. St Andrew's will be celebrating its 150th birthday in November 2016 and we are taking this opportunity to begin a fundraising drive. More news and information will follow, as we'd like everyone to get involved and play their part helping us give every young person in Westminster, and many beyond, the chance to thrive and give back to society.

This new edition of The Chronicle is filled with pictures of the wonderful life and buzz at the Club. Do pop down Monday-Thursday evenings to visit us to see what a priceless contribution this historic charity makes to the local community.



"working together, sharing and concentrating"

## Football: medals, cups and Parliamentary thrashing

There were some great highlights and results for all the Club's teams this season. Including an historic thrashing of the MPs' First XI.

The three younger teams ended the season with a collection of cups and medals. The Under 10s won the League Shield Copper Group, and the Under 11s the League Shield Bronze Group Finals. The Under 12s, topped their league, and only lost the League Cup Final on penalties. The Under 14s fared less well, but hope to bounce back and 'do a Leicester City' next year.

After a great start, the senior team slipped to finish third in their league. They did however run rings round the MPs' XI in February, winning 9-1 in a special 150th Anniversary match.

A season of performances to be proud of. Visit the News page at [www.standrewsclub.com](http://www.standrewsclub.com) for our Director of Football, Cecil Nyako's full report.



MPs in red, St Andrew's in blue. © The Daily Telegraph

## Junior Club numbers double

The Junior Club goes from strength to strength. In the last two years its membership has nearly doubled. There are now 30-50 members coming each Monday and Wednesday evening.

Open to ages 5-9, there is an increasingly wide range of carefully supervised activities on offer. These include arts and crafts, chess, bubble fun, football for both girls and boys. All for only £1 each session thanks to generous sponsorship from M&G Investments.

If you are interested in joining the Club, contact Linda at [linda@standrewsclub.com](mailto:linda@standrewsclub.com).



## 'St Andrew's makes this community the kind of place it is.'

Sisters Jo Stanghon and Lesley Rider reminisce about how St Andrew's has been an important part of their families' lives for nearly 100 years.

Their Uncle Alfred, born 1908, joined in his teens. The family has been involved as members and volunteers ever since; running the Junior Club, football teams, and other evening activities. Uncle Alfred might not recognise the computers, but would be delighted that Jo's grandsons - Harry, an evening leader, and Frank - are still enjoying St Andrew's.



Jo meeting Princess Anne in the 1980s at the Abbey Club, the forerunner to St Andrew's Junior Club

They see changes in the local area, and new opportunities for the young. They worry that the Club looks to be the last youth club in the area that is really functioning. 'It is terrifying. But St Andrew's makes this community the kind of place it is.'

For more of their memories, including Princess Anne's Junior Club visit read the full interview under News at [www.standrews.com](http://www.standrews.com).

## 150 years of making a difference

Join our 150th anniversary regular giving appeal. Over the last 150 years eminent supporters of St Andrew's Club have included Angela Burdett Coutts, Catherine Gladstone, Sting and Trudie Styler and Samantha Cameron to name but a few.

A monthly donation of £35\* will help pay for a young person to benefit from a year's membership of all the exciting, varied and relevant youth programmes and Club activities. Help them not only to 'stay out of trouble', but build self-confidence, respect for themselves and for others, learn vital skills and experience opportunities to create a positive sense of citizenship. We think that what the Club offers its members and the local area is priceless.



"creative, constructive self-expression"

Our regular givers are important to St Andrew's Club. Invitations to special anniversary year events to recognise their contribution are planned at the Club, Parliament and a reception on 29th November in Westminster Abbey's Jerusalem chamber, courtesy of the Dean, The Very Reverend Dr John Hall.

A donation form, with the important Gift Aid declaration, is included for your convenience, or contact Annette at [annette@standrewsclub.com](mailto:annette@standrewsclub.com) for any further information. Thank you.

\*plus the additional 25% Gift Aid which we are able to claim if you are a UK tax payer. Visit the website for different levels of monthly giving. Every gift is truly valued.

## Goodbye and Hello

We say fond goodbyes to outgoing chairman Barry Walsh, who joined the Club as a member and gave many years of unstinting support as a trustee. Ray Mingay, a former chairman, steps down as a trustee but continues as an adviser, as does Lionel Hoare, for which we are most grateful. James Scott-Web steps down as treasurer. Again our huge thanks for his contribution. Burcin Tagman, Deputy Club Manager, is on maternity leave, and we congratulate her on her baby boy born in February.

We welcome John Rhodes and Elizabeth Hitchcock as trustees; Sarah Nicholls as Maternity cover for Burcin and Annette Fettes as Development & Communications Manager. You can read more about all our current trustees, advisers and staff on our website under 'Who's Who'.

## 150 years serving the community

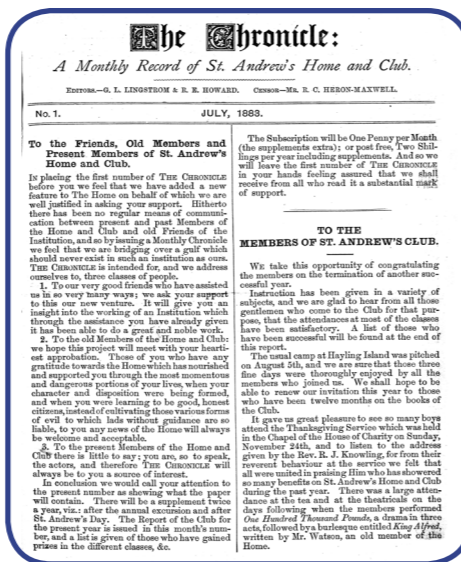
The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded St Andrew's a grant to explore the history, context and impact of what is regarded as the oldest youth club in the world. This initiative is being undertaken by a small team working in the Club this year, led by Andreas Persson.

An important part of the Club's 150th year celebrations, the project will deliver an exhibition, short film, educational materials and talks by historians. A number of community events such as film screenings are also planned. More details are on our website.

Andreas would love to hear from you if you are interested in being involved, or have memories or mementoes from the Club's past. He can be reached at the Club or at [info@standrewsclub.com](mailto:info@standrewsclub.com).



Barry, with his wife Bronwen, accepting a stencilled portrait made by the members, to mark his retirement from the Club in 2015 after many years' service.



First issue of The Chronicle, July 1888

## Local facilities for local business

Staff from The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom have been using the sports hall at St Andrew's Club most Friday lunch times for the last two years. These lunch time football sessions have been very popular and have helped the team train for various competitions including the local Victoria Cup each summer.



The Supreme Court football team in the sports hall

Chris Maile, Head of HR at The Supreme Court says: *"We are very pleased to support St Andrew's and in return enjoy a great game of 5-a-side each week. It is certainly a win-win situation. The modest hourly rent we pay for use of the sports hall helps the Club with some day time income. In addition, we have built a good relationship with staff at the Club and are always pleased to arrange a tour of The Supreme Court for any young people who want to find out more about the law, and in doing so, hopefully encourage the next generation of lawyers."*

To find out more about hiring the sports hall, gym, or our performance studios, contact Linda at [linda@standrewsclub.com](mailto:linda@standrewsclub.com).

## St Andrew's secures London Marathon Place 2017

St Andrew's Club is delighted to announce that it has been successful in the charity ballot in securing a coveted place for next year's Virgin London Marathon on 23rd April 2017.

We are taking expressions of interest from anyone keen to run for the Club and help raise vital funds. We were last represented in 2011 by one of our wonderful supporters, Philip Broadley, who raised nearly £50,000 for St Andrew's Club from individual and matched company support. Philip said:

*"The London Marathon was my first and so far only marathon. It is a fantastic experience that I heartily recommend. When pounding the streets in training, the thought of raising money for St Andrew's was a real motivation."*

If you would like to find out more, please contact Annette at [annette@standrewsclub.com](mailto:annette@standrewsclub.com)



## St Andrew's Club alphabets: today and in 1884

- A is for Adrian, the assistant manager
- B is for the Boss! Paul
- C is for cookery, where you can chop, slice and dice
- D is for dancing, we all love a bit of Beyoncé
- E is for entertainment, where the fun never ends
- F is for football, where all ages can play
- G is for gym, where you can pump up your muscles
- H is for happiness, where we are all friends
- I is for I pay my subs when I arrive
- J is for joining in all activities
- K is for karate, come join in!
- L is for love, we are all a family
- M is for music, it's always loud and pumping
- N is for no negativity
- O is for opportunities, and there are many of them
- P is for pool, hit that shot
- Q is for the Queen, who is our neighbour
- R is for remembering the times we've had here at the Club
- S is for Sarah, our new staff member
- T is for table tennis, who will win, who will lose
- U is for unique, everyone is different
- V is for vibes, we only have good ones
- W is welcoming, you will always feel welcome here
- X is eXcited, as everyone is when they join
- Y is for yoga, where you can release your stress
- Z is for zillion, the amount of members of the Club over 150 years

### ST. ANDREW'S HOME AND CLUB ALPHABET.

- A stands for Andrew, a name we all know,
- B is the Boys' Home in Dean Street, Soho;
- C is the Club which is open at nights.
- D are Debates or political fights.
- E is the CHRONICLE'S Editor bold,  
Whose merits must not be left out in the cold.
- F is the Football which each of us loves,
- G has to stand for Gymnasium and Gloves.
- H stands for Hayling, a spot in South Hampshire,
- I it's an Island, and we pitch our camps here.
- J are the Jokes which we have when we're there,
- K is the kindness we find everywhere.
- L is the Leisure, so welcome to some,
- M are the Matches of Club *versus* Home.
- N are the "Natives" at Hayling we buy,
- O native Oysters, delicious! we cry.
- P are the prizes for which we contend,
- Q (Kew!) we have visited times without end,
- R on the River, our very old friend.
- S is the Supper which always comes after  
the Theatricals brim full of laughter.
- U is the Usefulness due from each one,
- V are the Vices we all strive to shun;
- W is the Work which we cheerfully do,
- X is the Cross which we needs must bear too,
- Y is our Youth which to age must give way,
- Z stands for Zero, and here ends my say.

St Andrew's Home and Club Alphabet from The Chronicle 1884

Thanks to Chelsea King and Ella Mei Morton for their alphabet of St Andrew's Club in 2016.





## Thank you 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. We couldn't do it without you!

A fabulous cake served at Elizabeth and David Hitchcock's recent fundraising supper



## Get involved

- Visit our refreshed website and read our latest news at [www.standrewsclub.com](http://www.standrewsclub.com)
- Donate through our new on-line giving platform BT MyDonate. We are using this site as every penny of the money that you contribute (excluding credit and debit card charges) goes directly to St Andrew's Club. There is no commission, set up or monthly fees. BT MyDonate will collect Gift Aid on our behalf to maximise your donation.
- If you are a local business wanting to give back and make a difference, please contact Annette to find out benefits your support could bring, both to young people and to your company at [annette@standrewsclub.com](mailto:annette@standrewsclub.com)



## Keeping in touch

We hope to provide the next issue of The Chronicle by email to keep costs down. If you would prefer to receive it by email, please fill in your details in the Contact Us form on our website and title it 'Please add me to your email list for The Chronicle'. Or email [info@standrewsclub.com](mailto:info@standrewsclub.com). Thank you.

## All you need to do is ask

This is the motto around the Club. If we can help with anything, we will always do our best for our members. These photos show just a glimpse of some of the wonderful activities St Andrew's Club offers.



"learning new skills, taking responsibility, making new friends"



"discovering new ingredients, cooking on a budget, healthy eating"



"encouraging physical health, teamwork and cooperation"

## In the next issue of The Chronicle ...

- Our 150 year anniversary reception at No 10 Downing Street hosted by Samantha Cameron
- An interview with Barry Walsh - former member 50 years ago, trustee and chairman and Paul Whittle - Club manager for the last 31 years
- More reports on members' activities and achievements
- Other 150 year celebrations, including community events