

The Chronicle

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



Summer 2017



"A warm summer welcome. St Andrew's Club is rooted in its community and continues to flourish thanks to generous support from many local supporters, old and new. Some of that support and our latest work is featured in this issue. We give members the chance to thrive and give back to society through our varied youth programmes - a wide range of sport, art, practical skills, excursions and training - which help them develop educationally, socially and personally, whilst having fun!

"Rhys Phillips, Head of the banking analysis division within the Bank of England's financial stability directorate, has recently joined as a Trustee. My thanks to Rhys and to all those who help behind the scenes giving their time so generously. Welcome developments see senior youth worker and member representation at regular Management Committee meetings, ensuring all voices are heard. Thank you all." Elizabeth Cuffy

News round up in pictures



Football success

Well done to football managers Michael (U13) and Tom (U15). Both won the Tandridge League and the U13s also added the Rob Cairney Knockout Shield to their haul. "Resilience, determination to focus and train hard from pre-season receives my utmost respect. Congratulations!" said proud Michael.



Anthony celebrating with his sons

A huge thank you to Anthony Scott, Deputy Chairman, who ran the Virgin London Marathon in 4hrs 56mins and 59secs! "The cause and generous support I received definitely helped with the 460 miles of training between November and April 23," he said. Anthony raised over £16,000!



Ruffer's fundraising

Thank you to all the bakers and buyers at Ruffer Investment Management for their April Bake Sale. Their fundraising to date has reached over £10,000 for St Andrew's Club. Thank you!



New table tennis table

Our fittings and furnishings inevitably wear out due to the constant use of our many members. Our huge thanks to M&G Investments Staff Charity Fund for buying a new table tennis table and two new running machines, and to John Lewis for providing two super smart hard-wearing leather sofas, keeping Club equipment in great shape.



New sofas



Pizza Making

Thank you to Burberry staff and Pizza Pilgrims who showed members how to make the perfect pizza - from dough to throw.

"All you need to do is ask"

Why we are more than just a youth club

Listening to what young people want, understanding the dangers and temptations around them and providing a variety of enriching experiences to open their minds and improve their outcomes so they can reach their full potential as capable and confident young adults is at the heart of what we do at St Andrew's.



Thanks to a partnership between the Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders (SMMT) and the Club, members are taking part in the Greenpower Project, dedicated to promoting engineering and technology to young people aged 9-25. Over eight weeks, staff from the SMMT are working with a group of 12 members to design and build their own kit electric car, which they will be able to race in September.

As part of our commitment to the education of young people we run workshops and discussion groups in response to members' enquiries. Our recent major input has been in the field of Gangs & Radicalisation prevention. Three weekly sessions for 20 members aged 14+ heard from the mother of a murdered son; a reformed gang member and a former English Defence League member who explained how he had got involved through football hooliganism. Lively questioning sessions showed our members the dangers of these activities.



Our members, who are instinctively good at understanding new apps and technology, have been tasked to script and film on a phone a short insight into Club life and the importance of our youth workers. This will be used as a fundraising tool.



A day at the Supreme Court

Members had a fascinating day out representing the Club and learning about the history of our legal system.

Interview with James Armstrong, former member

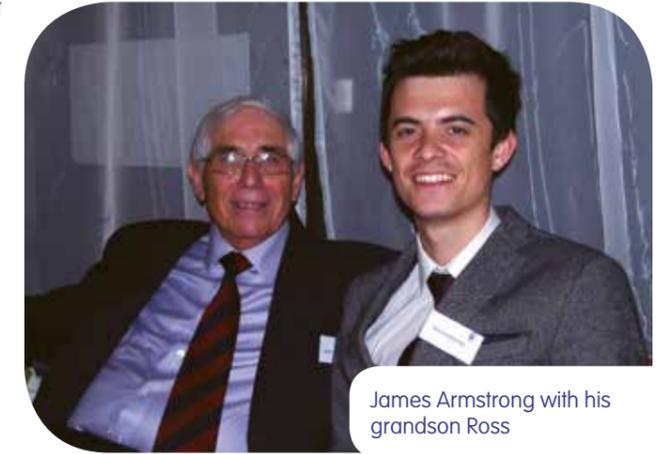
James Armstrong joined St Andrew's in 1947, first in Monck Street and then Tufton Street. His family of five lived in Page Street sharing two toilets and a single sink with three other flats. "It was marvellous to have the Club open most nights to escape and relax in."

James remembers enjoying a wide range of games and sports at the Club. Some played on the Club's Northolt 'home' ground; a long tube journey away. There were also outings arranged to Parliament, newspaper offices, and the BBC. He particularly recalls annual visits to Queen's College Oxford; a football match and "an evening dinner in the main dining hall which was always fantastic." Ration coupons seemed a world away.

James now lives in Leighton Buzzard, and is a proud father, grandfather and great grandfather. He recently visited the Club with Ross, one of his eleven grandchildren. Reflecting on a fulfilling career, retiring from a senior position at Dixons - now Currys - he says that the Club had a huge impact on his life. "It demonstrated a life of opportunity beyond my domestic situation; encouraging me to broaden my horizons and ambitions."

See www.standrewsclub.com for more of James' memories of the Club and his wartime childhood.

St Andrew's Club is truly in touch with its 150-year heritage. 'Like' our Facebook page to see regular bulletins from the fascinating archive, or visit the heritage section of our website.



James Armstrong with his grandson Ross

Keeping our young people safe and challenged, whilst having fun was the name of the game at Easter. Our kitchen may have been messy, but key life-long skills of cookery were learnt by many in the Bake Off. Our regular weekly cookery sessions allow many of our 700 members each year to learn basic home cooking skills.



Charlotte, a volunteer football coach has grown numbers of the girls football team from 6-20 since last summer. Several girls went to trials with the Wimbledon U13s and Charlotte is passing on her own enthusiasm of football and giving back. Football players of both sexes are encouraged to progress and take Football Association qualifications where appropriate.



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. A gift today, or a gift in your Will helps young people now and future generations at St Andrew's Club. We are truly grateful to all our supporters for their generosity.

Our special thanks for gifts of £5,000 or more received since March 2017 include the Dudley & Geoffrey Cox Charitable Trust, Future, The Grocers' Charity, John Lewis Partnership, John Lyon's Charity, M&G Investments, M&G Investments Staff Charity Fund, Ruffer Investment Management, Swire Charitable Trust, Wates Foundation.





19th – 23rd July: London to Paris Tour de France edition bike ride. Good luck to William Underhill, one of our Advisers. Bookings are now open for next year's ride from 18 – 22 July 2018



30th July: Prudential RideLondon-Surrey100. Good luck to Alex Jones, Shaun Bowler, David Fettes and Josh Fettes who will follow the 2012 Olympic 100-mile route to finish on The Mall. Contact annette@standrewsclub.com to express your interest for next year's ride in 2018.

9th September: Thames Bridges Trek. Join in this 25km walk across the Capital zig-zagging over the array of 16 historic bridges - each with its own fascinating story - and a mid-point stop in Vauxhall for refreshments. Raise what you can for St Andrew's Club.



16 September: Tough Mudder. Join this London South course featuring 10 – 12 miles, 20+ of the 'best obstacles on the planet' and raise what you can for St Andrew's Club.

30th November: Fundraising Dinner, Dance and Auction at Westminster Kingsway College, generously sponsored by Cyrus Investment Management, with dancing to Down for the Count, generously sponsored by John and Glynis Billett. A few tables still remaining. Contact annette@standrewsclub.com for details.



Are you a local business? Join our Business 100 Club

Take on a corporate fundraising challenge and become part of a team of 100 ambitious companies who will raise **£1,000 each year**. If you want to give back and make a difference, please contact annette@standrewsclub.com to find out benefits your support could bring, both to local young people and to your company.



St Andrew's Club has signed up to the new Fundraising Regulator, agreeing to abide by its rules and regulations. You can read our Fundraising Promise on our website.



Thank you to M&G Investments for their continued support.

Join our family of Regular Givers

Make a regular gift of sustainability to the Club and enjoy invitations to special events at the Club. Contact annette@standrewsclub.com for details.



In the next issue of The Chronicle ...

- A review of the Club's special reception hosted by the Lord Mayor of London at the Mansion House
- Art exhibition at the Club for members of the Victoria Business Improvement District
- A look back at the Club through the eyes of one of our first female members
- More reports on members' activities and achievements

"It can be tough for a young person growing up in South Westminster. Around 700 members depend on us each year in our 'neutral' environment, that isn't part of any one housing estate. Help us give every young person in Westminster, and many beyond, the chance to thrive and give back to society through the varied youth programmes at St Andrew's Club – a local charity and the world's oldest youth club, which has been making a priceless contribution to the local community for 150 years." **Elizabeth Cuffy, Chairman**