



The Chronicle



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

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Welcome to edition 5 of The Chronicle – a quarterly update of all that has been happening at St Andrew's.

The Club continues to be a vibrant hub of activity. We have been open come rain or snow, and have put on projects over the half term holiday, Halloween and fireworks parties, and a film made by members was premiered at Tate Britain – more information on all of these is contained within this edition. Our cookery provision has increased to incorporate 'Cakes and Shakes' and 'Food Art' activities; members have designed their own t-shirts and made Christmas presents in our new weekly arts and crafts class; fitness continues in nightly activities – from personal training sessions to karate to weight training. In addition, our computer suite is more popular than ever with specific sessions on homework help and assistance with job searches taking place alongside internet surfing activity.

"St Andrew's is a tremendous Club providing great work in the local community"
Mark Field, MP for Cities of London & Westminster

We have been fortunate to have received a number of new supporters in the last quarter including Helical Bar, Duracell and the William Wates Memorial Trust who are all sponsoring football teams this year – a progress report on our football activity will be included in our Spring and Summer newsletters.

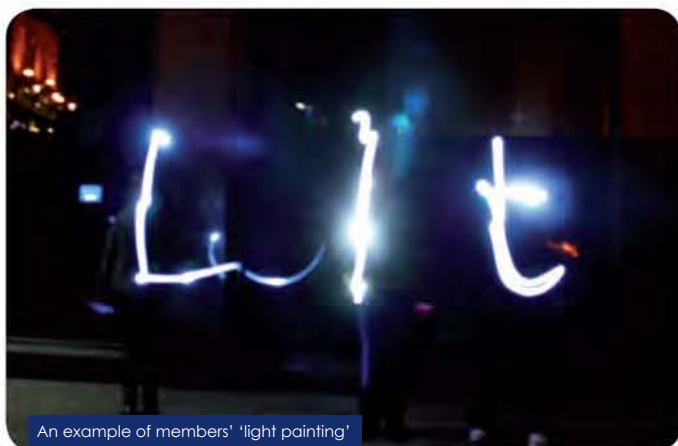
The building is taking a much needed break for two weeks over the Christmas period when we will carry out some essential maintenance. We look forward to welcoming members back in January and are also always delighted to welcome present, past and potential supporters to see us in action – do be in touch if you would like to visit.

On behalf of all at St Andrew's – staff, members and trustees – a huge thank you to everyone who is involved in supporting the Club, and our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2011.

NIGHTWATCH

"Nightwatch was a once in a lifetime opportunity. We were able to make our own film and see London totally differently." **Charlie, 15**

16 members have taken part in a six week course with local artists and Tate Britain exploring their neighbourhood at night. Each week saw members explore different mediums, including 'light paintings' – drawing in spaces with torches and captured on camera;



An example of members' 'light painting'



We had a Halloween party for under 14s...

collage; performance and animation to enhance creative skills, knowledge of technology, confidence and understanding of the local neighbourhood.

The culmination of the course was a fantastic day out at the Tate Britain to 'Millbank Movie Matinee' where a documentary of our members work was shown to the public. A copy of the film will be available on the St Andrew's website from the New Year.

GOOLISH GOINGS ON

A record-breaking 200 members attended our Halloween Party back in October. The Youth Work team transformed every room in the Club into a scary space where members played spookily themed games, ate devilish delights and danced the night away. Huge efforts were made with fancy dress and much fun was had by all!



And one for over 14s too!

CONGRATULATIONS SOPHIE FISHER

We are delighted to announce that 21 year old Sophie Fisher, a local resident and Club member for 16 years, has recently graduated from Kingston University with a first in Sociology. Sophie has now gone on to study for her PGCE and plans on becoming a primary school teacher. Throughout her university career Sophie has worked as a part time youth worker at the Club as well as in a local department store; in addition St Andrew's helped secure her some funding to assist in her studies. Sophie credits the Club and the impact it has had on her with her decision to study towards a career in teaching. We are hugely proud of Sophie for her achievements – as we are of all our dedicated youth work team.

DELICIOUS ART

The Christmas Cake competition once again proved very popular this year with 13 excellent entries. The standard of icing and marzipan design is higher than ever and these cakes now look just too good to eat! Well done to all members who took part, and special congratulations to overall winner George Wells and Anisa Jama who took home the newcomer's prize.



Members go-karting over the Half Term holiday

SUMMER FETE

A belated but heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers, parents and members who made our annual summer fete such a success. Hundreds of people came along to enjoy a variety of games, stalls and a delicious cake stand, and over £1,000 was raised.

ALUMNI

We always like to hear from old members – to reminisce about your memories of the Club and to hear about your life now. We are very keen to establish an alumni group and to keep you in touch with all that we are up to. Do get in touch – call Naomi, Paul or Linda in the office (020 7222 6481), send us an email on our website, drop in and see us or join our Facebook page!



Entries in the Christmas Cake competition

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