

THE CHRONICLE

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Welcome to our Spring Chronicle, the first of 2023. This is also the first since Annette retired and Sarah Nicholls has taken over as CEO. We are thrilled that Sarah has taken on the role and are confident that she will continue to lead the Club with the same level of commitment and dedication to enriching the lives of our Members.

In light of the current cost-of-living crisis, the Club has been working tirelessly to adapt and provide even more support and opportunities for our Members and the wider community. It is at times like these that, throughout its 156-year history, St Andrew's takes on a more crucial role. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our amazing supporters who have helped fund the Club. Without your generosity, none of this would be possible.

We invite you to read on and discover the latest news from St Andrew's Club, from exciting events to inspiring stories, we have plenty to share with you.



Elizabeth Cuffy

MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

OCTOBER RESIDENTIAL TRIP

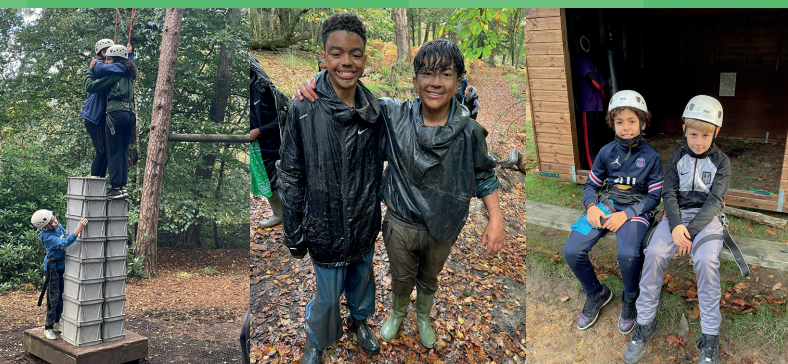
During the October half term break, 35 Members of the Club embarked on a thrilling residential trip to Hindleap Warren Outdoor Centre. This marked the third consecutive year that Club Members had visited the centre, and it was no surprise that the trip was met with great enthusiasm.

The previous trips had been a resounding success, providing Members with the opportunity to explore exciting new activities and experiences. This year's adventure was no exception, with Members participating in activities such as rock climbing and raft building.

The residential trip is always a highlight for Members, as it offers a rare chance to escape the hustle and bustle of London and spend quality time with friends. It's an opportunity to forge new friendships, build confidence, and create unforgettable memories.

Trips to Hindleap Warren are just one example of how St Andrew's Club helps guide Members out of their comfort zones and encourages them to embrace something new. By giving them access to opportunities and expanding their life experiences we aim to boost their well-being, self-confidence and perspective.

If you're interested in learning more about St Andrew's Club and our half-term projects, please visit our website and read our news stories.



DECEMBER PROJECT

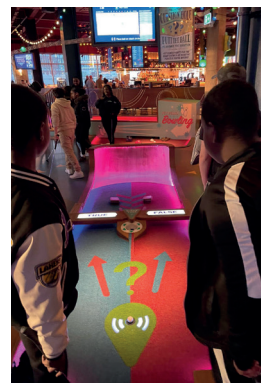
From 19 to 22 December 2022, our Members enjoyed the St. Andrew's Christmas Project, marking the culmination of the year. Among the exciting activities arranged by the Club was a trip to the Apollo Victoria Theatre to watch Wicked and our annual Christmas party at the Club, complete with a visit from Santa who gave a Christmas gift to each Member. The festivities at the Club during the Christmas project forge lifelong memories for our Members and we look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come.



FEBRUARY HALF TERM

In the mid-February half term break our Members were treated to a plethora of exciting activities, both at the Club and some fun trips. 30 Members went to the Slime Factory in Brixton then to Puttshack, where Members enjoyed playing crazy golf on a joint trip with fellow Members from the Avenues Youth Project.

Back at the Club our Members had a fantastic time participating in various activities, including sports, arts and crafts, and games, and of course socialising and making new friends. The Club's staff ensured that everyone had a great time and went above and beyond to cater to everyone's differing needs.



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RECENT NEWS

A ROYAL VISIT

On Wednesday 30 November the Club was delighted to celebrate its 156th birthday. St Andrew's is the oldest Youth Club in the world, and we are proud to continue that legacy into the future.

Our birthday coincided with a Royal visit, which really helped mark this special occasion. This was the first in-person visit to a youth club for HRH The Earl of Wessex, now The Duke of Edinburgh, since taking over the patronage of charity London Youth from his late father, Prince Philip. Members were able to discuss with Prince Edward what they enjoy about the Club and their thoughts on the role it plays in the community. Prince Edward was given a tour of the building, which had been opened by his late father in 1984, and seemed to particularly enjoy the gym, the music suite and playing table football. He joined in a graffiti session with the Members, run by Youth Worker Adrian, and later stated that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time with us.

We are grateful to Prince Edward, who is a champion of youth causes and leading advocate of the role of non-formal education in young people's personal development, for recognising the work done by St. Andrew's. Our rich history is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our Members and staff, and we look forward to continuing to make a positive impact in the future.

For more information about Prince Edward's visit to St. Andrew's, please visit our website and read our news story.

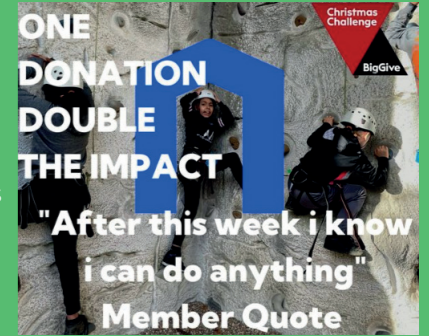


BIG GIVE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

From 29 November to 6 December 2022 the Club took part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge. This is a match-funded campaign where, for one week only, all our supporters' donations to the Club were doubled. It was an incredibly successful week at the Club as we raised £10,550 – smashing our initial target of £9,500. All the money raised goes towards supporting this year's October residential trip to Hindleap Warren. Thank you so much to everyone who donated – your support is vital to continuing the work of the Club.

St Andrew's will be taking part in the Big Give Champions for Children – another match-funded campaign to take place in June 2023. Please keep an eye on our social media pages and remember that every donation given will be doubled, so is hugely valuable to helping us enrich the lives of young people.

For more information about all our fundraising challenges be sure to check out our news stores on the Club website.



FUNDRAISING TEAM

The Club is also sad to say goodbye to our Fundraising and Communications Manager, Callum, who after 2 years at the Club is moving to Canada at the end of March 2023 to embark on a new adventure. Callum's hard work, infectious enthusiasm and determination have been a driving force in raising funds to support the work of the Club. From everyone at St Andrew's thank you Callum for all your fantastic work – and of course your ever-present humour, which will be missed. We all wish you the very best.

The Club is delighted to announce that we have appointed Trish as the new Head of Fundraising. Trish has been known to the Club for many years through her former role at the Cardinal Hume Centre, and she will bring a wealth of expertise and enthusiasm to the role.



CEO POSITION

At the end of January 2023, the Club was sad to say goodbye to our CEO Annette, who retired after seven amazing and successful years at the Club. Annette inspired so many in her time at the Club, providing the best possible experience for every single Member and supporting the team in so many ways. Her hard work and dedication have brought about many positive and lasting changes for the Club. St Andrew's will always be incredibly grateful for her outstanding work. We wish Annette all the best in the next phase of her life, and know she will continue to have a huge impact on whatever she does next. From all those at the Club and all those you inspired, thank you Annette. Youth Club Manager Sarah has now stepped up to become the Club's next CEO with four years' experience leading all activities for Members and her commitment for enriching young lives. Sarah is the perfect person to take over the reins.



EVENTS

COMMUNITY QUIZ

On Saturday 3 December the Club hosted a Community Quiz Night, to celebrate and thank our alumni, and the local community associated with the Club, past and present. Thank you so much to everyone who attended. The event was an amazing success and something we hope to repeat in the future.



YULETIDE

On Thursday 8 December, St Andrew's supporters gathered at the Wellington Hotel by Blue Orchid for the return of the St Andrew's Club Yuletide, Comfort & Joy. The magical festive musical performances of Jazz at the Movies and London Vocal Project were organised for the Club by our wonderful long-term supporter John Billett of JBGB Events. Blue Orchid Hotels provided the perfect backdrop at their Wellington Hotel, as well as a drinks reception with finger food after the performance.



Everyone who attended agreed it was a splendid way to start the Christmas festivities and the performances were remarkable. Thank you to everyone who supported this fantastic event, which we plan to repeat on 7 December 2023 – please watch our website and social channels nearer the time for information on how to book, as places are limited.

CHALLENGE EVENTS 2023

There is a range of exciting events coming up. These events allow the Club to raise essential funds while giving our supporters the chance to take part in challenging sporting activities. If you are interested in taking part in any of the following or have any questions, please email max@standrewsclub.com.

- London to Essex Sunday, 28 May 2023 the Club has secured 4 places. The deadline for applicants is Thursday, 27 April 2023.
- London triathlon 6 August 2023. Take part as a team or by yourself.
- Big Half Marathon 2 September 2023. Taking place at London Tower Bridge. The Club has 3 spaces available.
- London to Brighton cycle taking place 10 September 2023.
- Tough Mudder on 23 & 24 September 2023. A series of obstacle courses ranging from 5k to 15k. Taking place on Crawley Road in West Sussex.
- Royal Parks Half Marathon taking place on 8 October 2023. The Club has 3 spaces available. The deadline for applicants is 25 August 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOHO SANCTUM

St Andrew's Club is excited to Rock the Sanctum with an exclusive rock-themed evening in the heart of Soho at the Karma Sanctum Soho 2023.



This fundraising event is being supported by some serious megastars of the rock world, who have donated lots for an auction. From a signed guitar to backstage passes, we have items to offer from Bon Jovi, Dire Straits, Eric Clapton, Fleetwood Mac, Iron Maiden, and Pink Floyd. The auction will be hosted by Bonhams' Harvey Cammell, and the lots will also include a week's holiday villa in Corfu, a day on a powerboat, and other high-end experiences.

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PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

The Club is excited to host its annual President's Reception to thank our regular supporters and celebrate the Club's recent achievements. Train strikes in March mean the event has been moved from its planned date to 11 May 2023 from 6 to 7:30PM. To book tickets to the event, visit our Eventbrite page or email max@standrewsclub.com. We hope to see you there.

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 trish@standrewsclub.com to find out more.

Thank you to all those who have supported the Club in the last few months, all of this would be impossible without your help and backing.

To see more about those who support the Club, head to our website www.standrewsclub.com



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