

# THE CHRONICLE

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Welcome to the latest edition of the St Andrew's Chronicle. As the Cost of Living continues to make things tougher for many families, St Andrew's is there to provide young people with a safe space to play, learn and grow. This addition of the Chronicle highlights some of the recent achievements of young people, staff, and our amazing community of supporters. We invite you to read on and discover the latest news from St Andrew's Club including young people's daring adventures at Hindleap Warren, our 157<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, and some fantastic fundraising from our wonderful supporters. I hope you enjoy reading about all this and more.



Elizabeth Cuffy JP

## MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

### OCTOBER HALF TERM

Young people at St Andrew's enjoyed an amazing October half-term. Junior Club was fully booked and Senior Club was packed with excited Members who couldn't wait to enjoy Halloween season at St Andrew's.

During a spooky-themed week, children channelled their creativity to decorate wind chimes and showcased their artistic talents in our scary mask-making competition, creating a range of fabulously frightful creations.

Young people loved getting ready for Halloween by pumpkin carving and taking part in trick-or-treat challenges. It was great to see so many happy faces at the Club spending the spooky season enjoying new experiences and spending time with friends.



### ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

During the October Half term, St Andrew's took 35 young people on a five day trip to Hindleap Warren Adventure Centre. Members got to enjoy exciting activities such as tree climbing, archery, abseiling and more. St Andrew's annual trip to Hindleap is a highlight of the year for the young people who attend, providing a truly unique experience that they might have missed out on without the support of the Club.

The Hindleap residential pushes young people out of their comfort zone, supporting their development and building their independence. The trip helps them learn key skills such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, and perseverance while enjoying a once-in-a-lifetime adventure with their friends. One young person said "I learnt patience as well as confidence and how to face my fears".

This adventure was funded by our 2022 Big Give Christmas Challenge. Thank you so much to everyone who donated - your support helped provide young people with treasured memories to last a lifetime.



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## CLUB NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### YOUNG PERSON'S FILM - SHOE DUNNIT

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Club celebrated our 157<sup>th</sup> birthday. The highlight of this special day was the screening of Shoe Dunit. A thrilling mystery film starring, directed, and edited by young people at St Andrew's, as part of a project with the Filmworks Trust. It was such a proud moment for our young filmmakers to share their film with an audience of their excited peers.

It was fitting that the Club's birthday was spent enjoying the talents of our Members, as celebrating young people's achievements has always been at the heart of all the work done by St Andrew's.

To see the full film visit the [St Andrew's YouTube page](#) or scan the QR code.



### CHRISTMAS AT ST ANDREW'S

It was a magical Christmas at St Andrew's, as we celebrated the end of another amazing year at the Club. In the lead up to Christmas young people enjoyed holiday inspired arts and crafts, a festive themed beauty session of nail decorating and a pizza and football night for the under 13's. Children in our Junior Club were thrilled when Santa paid a visit and handed out gifts at their Christmas celebration.

Each child received a gift from under the Christmas tree, thanks to some very generous supporters who donated over 300 gifts! A special thank you to Forsters, Ruffer, John Lewis and Harley Street Business Improvement District, for generously donating gifts for young people at the Club.

Following Christmas, Young people started the new year with a series of exciting days out as part of the Club's Winter Holiday Programme. They enjoyed amazing trips to the theatre, ice skating, and Oxygen trampoline park. Everyone had so much fun and it was great to see young people starting the new year with big smiles on their faces enjoying an adventure with St Andrew's.

**86%** of young people said the holiday programme made them feel more confident.

*"My daughter loved going to the club and seems to communicate well and get along with staff members and peers. I appreciate those opportunities. I'm really so grateful to you." – Parent*

A special thank you to Westminster City Council whose Holiday Activity Fund makes the Club's Holiday Programme possible.



## FUNDRAISING NEWS

### CHRISTMAS MATCHED GIVING CAMPAIGN

The Club enjoyed another successful Big Give Christmas Challenge where all donations were doubled for one week. Thanks to the amazing generosity of our supporters, the Club exceeded our fundraising target and raised over £12,000 in just five days.

All money raised will go towards next year's residential to Hindleap Warren, giving more young people from St Andrew's the chance to go on the trip of a lifetime.

A special thank you to the Childhood Trust and the Fieldrose Charitable Trust who matched all donations. This campaign would not be possible without your support.

The Club will be taking part in another matched giving campaign in June this year, where again all donations will be doubled. Follow our social media, closer to the time, to find out how you can support the campaign.



### THANK YOU FORSTERS

Thank you so much to Forsters LLP for your outstanding commitment to St Andrew's during our four-year partnership.

The Club have loved working with the team from Forsters and their staff have undertaken incredible fundraising challenges since 2019, including the Welsh three Peaks Challenge, marathons, tough mudders, cycling challenges, raffles and bake sales. Staff have also volunteered at the Club, running art classes, bake-off sessions, wrapping Christmas gifts for Members and so much more.

Forsters amazing partnership with the Club has meant so much to young people and staff at the Club. Their outstanding support has been vital to the work the Club does enriching young lives.

### 2023 FESTIVE CONCERT

On 7 December, the Club welcomed the Christmas season with our Festive Music Concert. The event was organised by our wonderful supporters John and Glynis Billett, from JBGB Events, who planned the programme and the incredible musical performances from the Hertfordshire Chorus and Jazz at the Movies. The event was generously hosted at The Wellington Hotel, by Blue Orchid. It was a wonderful evening and raised over £2,800 for the Club.



*"As a firm, we have greatly enjoyed working with the Club over the years. It's been a pleasure working with you, and brilliant to see the club go from strength to strength during our partnership"*  
– Michael Armstrong,  
Charity Committee at Forsters



### TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

Thank you so much to everyone who took on challenge events in 2023! You can take on a challenge and support St Andrew's in 2024. From triathlons to marathons, there are plenty of events for you to take part in this year to fundraise for the Club.

To sign up or learn more email [max@standrews.com](mailto:max@standrews.com) or visit the [challenge events page](http://www.standrewsclub.com/st-andrews-challenge-events) on our website [www.standrewsclub.com/st-andrews-challenge-events](http://www.standrewsclub.com/st-andrews-challenge-events)



### CHALLENGE EVENTS IN 2024

**Battersea Park Half Marathon** – 11 May, 27 July and 20 October  
**Toughmudder Henley On Thames** – 18 or 19 May and **Faygate West Sussex** – 21 or 22 September  
**London Triathlon** – 28 July • **The Big Half** – 1 September



# SUPPORT ST ANDREW'S

## WESTMINSTER 100 CLUB EVENT

In October, the Club welcomed members of our Westminster 100 Corporate Giving Club and other local businesses, to a special networking reception.

The event provided a great opportunity for local businesses to see the Club in action. At the centre of the event was an inspiring talk given by Julian Thomas, a former British double gold medallist sprinter. Julian reflected on his experience and offered guests an insight into how to apply the lessons he learned as an athlete to their professional and personal lives to support their well-being.



Being part of the **St Andrew's Westminster 100 Club** is a fantastic way to demonstrate your commitment to your local community whilst benefiting your business and uniting your team. If you would like to join the Westminster 100 Club please email [trish@standrewsclub.com](mailto:trish@standrewsclub.com)

## RUFFER'S LONDON TO PARIS CHALLENGE

In October, 17 staff from Financial Management firm Ruffer took on the ambitious London to Paris Bike ride challenge. The thrill-seeking team cycled the 300Km from their London to Paris office in just two days and raised over £2,600 for St Andrews.



Ruffer are a local business and Westminster 100 Club member. In addition to their amazing fundraising efforts in 2023, staff also volunteered at the Club and donated gifts at Christmas. Thank you Ruffer!

## HELP US CELEBRATE 40 YEARS AT OLD PYE STREET

We hope you can join us on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March for our annual President's Reception and to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Wizard House on Old Pye Street.

Join us for a drinks and canapés reception and an interactive tour of the Club to enjoy: a photo and memory gallery; our sports programme in action and a screening of the young person's Shoe Dunit film. The evening is **hosted at the Club by our President, Lord Strathclyde**. It is a small way for us to thank you for your kind support of St Andrew's Club, and for you to meet young people, volunteers, Trustees and staff.



To book tickets to the event, visit our **Eventbrite Page**, scan the QR or email [max@standrewsclub.com](mailto:max@standrewsclub.com). We hope to see you there.



We have activities planned across the year to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Old Pye Street, so look out for announcements on our social media.

## GIFTS IN WILL

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](mailto:trish@standrewsclub.com) to find out more.

## REGULAR GIVING

If you would like to support the Club, you can donate online, via bacs or cheque, see the donation section of our website for more details. All money raised will go towards enriching the lives of young people.



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