

The Chronicle

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

Autumn/Winter 2017/18



150 YEARS

Many of our members live locally in Westminster and come from homes on very tight budgets

Our mission is to give young people of diverse backgrounds a sense of belonging and fun, in a safe and attractive environment, where they develop self-confidence, self-respect and respect for others and, thereby their ability to contribute to society as good citizens. Here are some of our recent highlights, with an introduction by Charlotte, volunteer of the year 2017:

Hi! I have known about St Andrew's for 18 years. I grew up round here and have seen how expensive this area has become for local people. I started volunteering last year as I wanted to give something back to the Club. I have always loved football and wanted to encourage younger girls to develop my love for the sport. I am so impressed with my girls' team – over the year we've trained and played friendlies and their skills are really getting good.

St Andrew's is an amazing place. I tell everyone I know about it, as it just quietly gets on with providing a safe and secure space for young people, not to mention all the great activities that I see going on every week when I come for training.



Race Day! The team with their electric car, built with the help of staff from The Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders Ltd

4 week Summer Project: opportunities to learn new skills, keep fit, socialise and have fun

6 week special effects make up: exploring potential talents and interests in the world of fake cuts, bullet wounds, burns and character creations



Message from our Chair

St Andrew's Club now approaches 151 years! Thank you to all our valued supporters old and new for enabling us to continue to deliver our varied youth programmes to our local membership at a time when distraction and positive role models are needed more than ever. A challenging economic climate and strong competition for funding means we have to shout loud and clear about our important work. Help us spread the word. Thank you all.

Elizabeth Cuffy



News round up in pictures



Guests watching the film made by members and youth workers, which can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/-xuq9O6NUKw>

Rasha, 11, presenting Club artwork to the Lord Mayor of London at the Club's special reception at the Mansion House

Art exhibition at the Club for members of the Victoria Business Improvement District



Save the date

Reception at the Speaker's House. Join our family of regular givers and not only make a regular gift of sustainability to the Club but enjoy invitations to special events at the Club such as the Speaker's House, 26 April 2018. Contact annette@standrewsclub.com for details.



Add a diary reminder so you can DOUBLE your donation and DOUBLE your impact for 7 days from 12pm 28 November to 12pm 5 December. Help us raise £20,952 for our 'Thursday nights – more than a youth club' project. See website for more detail.



Jackie Gifford, former member Interview by John Rhodes, Trustee

Jackie Gifford made history in the 1960s. She and three school friends Rita, Maureen and Kathy plucked up the courage to ask St Andrew's Boys Club leader, Hugh Dean, that girls be allowed to become members. After a little thought, and almost exactly one hundred years after the Club started, they got the right answer. St Andrew's YOUTH Club has never looked back and now over 150 St Andrew's members are girls.

Jackie lived round the corner in Monck Street, in the now demolished Portcullis Theatre where her father was the caretaker. She says "The Club opened up new worlds to me." And she has photos to prove it. Pictures of Club dances with brilliant 20ft paintings celebrating the psychedelic sixties pop culture. Sailing on the Thames. Walking round Parliament Square collecting money for the Club. Weekends pony trekking in Devon and rock climbing in Wales.

She says she was not very good at racquet sports, but it didn't stop her meeting and then marrying David Gifford, the badminton coach. They are now retired and live in Walthamstow. Her best friend Kate who she met at the Club now lives in Australia, but they are still in touch.

She said the Club made a really big difference to their lives. Little things like Len and other Club friends showing her and Kate how to order an Indian meal. "These are still powerful memories. The Club really helped give me confidence in my life."

See <http://www.standrewsclub.com/index.php/blog/interviewwithJackieGiffordformermember> for lots of Jackie's pictures and a trip down memory lane.

If you are a former member of the Club and would like to share your story of what the Club meant to you, contact us at info@standrewsclub.com.



Jackie in the 60s decorating the Club Egyptian style

Our members say 'thank you' to all our Trustees, Advisers, Individuals, Local Councillors, Corporates, Trusts, Foundations and Livery Companies who help make St Andrew's Club the precious community asset it is today.



Thank you to our amazing cyclists and committed walker. Between them they have raised over £15,000 with Gift Aid!



Our special thanks for gifts of £5,000 or more received since July 2017 include the Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Guyll-Leng Charitable Trust, Henry Smith Charity, Peabody Community Fund via London Community Foundation, Westminster Amalgamated Charity, Westminster Almshouses Foundation, Strand Parishes Trust.

A gift of sustainability

The John Scott Fund is a growing fund, thanks to friends and supporters. Named after a previous Chairman, John Scott, who gave great support to the Club and whose positive influence is still felt today, the John Scott Fund is an independent charity, with a particular mission to provide a degree of long term financial security to the Club. The Fund is a segregated account held within the Master Charitable Trust of Messrs Hoare Trustees (part of Hoare's Bank). If you would like to make a gift today, or a gift in your Will to help young people now and future generations at St Andrew's Club, please contact annette@standrewsclub.com to find out more.





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Take on a corporate fundraising challenge and become part of a team of 100 ambitious companies who will raise a minimum of **£500 each year**. Details on our website under Westminster 100 Club..

Join in our 150 years' celebrations – visit www.standrewsclub.com for details



9 December 2017: 6k fun Santa Run around Battersea Park. Sign up on our website.

18 – 22 July 2018: London to Paris Tour de France edition bike ride. Sign up on our website.



29 July 2018: Prudential RideLondon-Surrey100. Follow the 2012 Olympic 100-mile route to finish on The Mall. Contact annette@standrewsclub.com to express your interest for this ride.



Shop through the Giving Machine

Shop through The Giving Machine online. Every purchase generates a free cash donation for St Andrew's Club at no extra cost to you. Join at www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk to support St Andrew's Club; it's quick and simple to sign up and start giving for free.

In the next issue of The Chronicle ...

- The Club's President's Reception
- The Club's 150th Anniversary concluding event – Dinner Dance and Auction
- More memories of the Club from a former member
- 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**

Tick to help keep this precious community asset going for the next 150 years

"Thank you for being part of our community. We want to be sure we can keep in touch with you about the impact of our work in the local community. It would really hurt us if the new Data Protection laws in May 2018 mean we can't contact you to send you this regular Chronicle as well as invitations to our various events. We will be writing to all our supporters in the New Year giving a link on our website where you can confirm how you would like to hear from us and what you would like to hear about. Thank you."



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