

The Chronicle

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

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150 YEARS

Prevention is better than cure

Youth violence is a national issue and has devastating consequences for individuals, families, communities and society at large. This year, London has experienced particularly tragic levels of youth violence. The Youth Violence Commission July report pinpoints **youth clubs** as part of the solution. St Andrew's Club has always believed 'prevention is better than cure.' We offer a safe, appealing, 'neutral' environment and a programme of activities, which are fun and varied which help to engage young people and enable them to thrive and give back to society. It is clear that our work is vital and we are very much needed. Here are some of our recent highlights, with an introduction by Noah Small, 18, who is this year's John Scott Club member of the Year.

Visit our website [News](#) to read the full Youth Violence Commission report.



I have been a Club member at St Andrew's for 7 years. Last year Adrian, Deputy Manager, offered me a volunteer role, as part of the Club's Youth Development Programme.

I volunteered at Junior Club once a week, developing my practical and leadership skills.

My hard work was recognised, and I am now employed to help out at Junior Club every Wednesday.

This year I was voted Club Member of the Year- I am really motivated to be giving something back.

I represent members at management meetings and hold weekly surgeries, giving me a chance to engage with members and to hear their opinions and represent them. The experiences the Club has given me have definitely changed my life for the better. I have made new friends, got a part time job and am learning valuable life skills. I am also getting to play lots of football!

Visit our website [Gallery](#) to watch a video of Noah.

Summer Project

The Summer Project is especially valuable during the long school holidays when, through boredom, young people may be tempted by negative activities, particularly those who do not go on holiday (which 57% of the members who completed the pre- Summer Project survey said they were not). This year's 4-week Summer Project, now in its 30th year, was a resounding success. 164 young people attended our structured, participative and inclusive activity programme. Our thanks to Octavia Foundation, Young Westminster Foundation and William Shelton Education Charity for their funding.

Visit our website [News](#) to see photos and videos.



Cake decorating
creativity in the kitchen



First time on snow
trip out to a nearby ski slope



Jenga
traditional games still attract

Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders

Another incredible experience at the Top Gear race track. Members built and branded their own electric racing car. Adrian, Deputy Club Manager said, " We didn't win but the months of hard work building and learning new techniques to help us get round the track was worth all the effort. A massive thank you to all the team at SMMT who have supported and funded this amazing project".

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New Kitchen

Cooking sessions provide opportunities to carry out important youth work. Working with young people in a creative way helps build positive and trusting relationships and fosters a sense of wellbeing.

Thanks to The Beatrice Laing Trust, The Edward Harvist Trust and a wonderful local company for their generous help, the Club now has a brand new kitchen!

Visit our website [News](#) to see before and after photos.



Message from the Chair

A warm welcome to The Rt Hon the Lord Strathclyde CH PC who recently took up the position of Club President. Our thanks to Lord Selborne, who returned to being Vice President, thus maintaining a continuity of marvellous involvement in St Andrew's Club by the Selborne family, since the Club's earliest beginnings. We bid farewell to Major Martin Snow who served as a Trustee for many years but who has now moved away from London. We thank him for all he has done for the Club. We now have a Trustee vacancy, so do get in touch if you would like to know more: Elizabeth@standrewsclub.com.

We are fortunate indeed to have such support for the Club and thanks to Trustees, supporters and funders old and new we are able to continue to deliver our quality youth provision week in, week out. We aim to keep our young people safe and challenged, whilst having fun, helping them grow into super members of society. Come and visit us to see for yourself. Thank you." **Elizabeth Cuffy**



Get Involved with St Andrew's Club



Westminster Abbey

Friday November 30 is St Andrew's Day and the 153rd birthday of St Andrew's Club! The Very Reverend Dean of Westminster, Vice-President of the Club will include a collect for young people and for those who work with them in the Evensong service, 5:00pm in the Quire. All welcome to attend.

Yuletide, Comfort and Joy

Join local supporters John and Glynis Billett on Thursday December 13 for their Christmas Community Event in support of the Club at St Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, SW1. In a recent Telegraph article, John tells how after a successful business career in advertising he reinvented himself as a jazz promoter.

His new company now organises more than 50 concerts a year. Supported by Knight Frank, this will be an hour of outstanding musical performances, jazz, trumpets, piano and poetry. Tickets from £10.

Follow the link from our website Homepage to see the full programme, book tickets and read John's profile in the Telegraph.



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Big Give Christmas Challenge

Add a diary reminder so you can DOUBLE your donation and DOUBLE your impact for 7 days from 12pm 27 November to midday 4 December. Help us raise £14,512 for **Bring Back Friday Night Youth Club!** This will allow the Club to open for a shorter 5.30-8.30pm evening for the U14s. This will be a great bridge to encourage some of the older Junior Club nine year olds transition into the Senior Club, without the real oldies being around. We are grateful to Gledswood Trust, Brocklebank Charitable Trust and The Childhood Trust for providing the match donations. **Visit our website News for more detail.**

Interview with Louise Hawes, former member and long-standing youth worker, by John Rhodes, trustee

Leading the way for girls at St Andrew's

In 1981 Louise Hawes was one of the few girl members at St Andrew's. Although only age nine, she could be confident that she would be able to look after herself. Not least because her father, John, who sadly died recently, was a keen boxer at the Club. And her mother, Brenda, volunteered on reception for 25 years.

Louise particularly loved going on the activity weekends at Woodrow; a country house youth centre, just north of London. "The countryside was a world away from the Peabody estate." The Club provided other opportunities to expand her world. Pony trekking in Wales, and visits to Paris and Spain. Cost, fewer weekend volunteers and health and safety concerns have made such outings so much more difficult. But Louise's close involvement with St Andrew's is as strong as ever.

From being a youth helper, she joined the staff working three nights a week at the Club. She started activities that would

attract girls to follow her into joining. She is delighted that "there now seem to just as many girls as boys," and also that girls are now the minority in her cookery classes.

Despite now having two boys and moving to Epsom, Louise still runs the Wednesday evening cookery session. She loves the new kitchen gifted to the Club by a generous local company and two grant-giving trusts. But she's clear that it's the community and providing a safe place for our members that has kept her coming to the Club for the last 37 years.

Visit our website News for more of Louise's pictures.

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.



The Supreme Court

Regular gifts are so important to the sustainability of the Club's income. These enable us to plan ongoing positive activities for young people. To be sure of your invitation to our next special evening reception on June 27 2019 at The Supreme Court, join our family of Regular Givers and make donations by standing order. Contact **Annette** at annette@standrewsclub.com for more info.



Westminster 100 Club

Our Westminster 100 Club is growing and is a fantastic way to demonstrate commitment to the local community whilst benefiting your business, and uniting your team. Donate or raise a minimum of **£500** each year and enjoy all the business benefits, including an annual networking event planned for July 2019. Read more on our website - search Westminster 100 Club.



Leave a gift in your Will

One way to support future generations of young people at St Andrew's Club is with a gift or legacy to the John Scott Fund.

This independent charity, is a growing fund, with a particular mission to provide some long term financial security to the Club. 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 a segregated account held within

the Master Charitable Trust of Messrs Hoare Trustees (part of Hoare's Bank) and has been established by friends and supporters of the Club. Mr Christopher Hoare has pledged to leave a gift in his own will to the John Scott Fund: **"I feel it important to make a gift to the John Scott Fund to underpin the sustainability of St Andrew's Club in years to come. This will enable the Club to make a real difference to the lives of future generations of young people"**.



Fancy a Challenge?

Are you looking for a place in the 2019 Virgin London Marathon, a cycle ride from London to Paris, a Tough Mudder or a 100 mile bike ride on London's closed roads? Search 'Fundraise for Us' on the website for details of these and other challenge events. Or find and create your own! Contact **Lucy** at lucy@standrewsclub.com for more info.

London Youth Quality Mark Silver Level

The Club has been awarded a Silver Level London Youth Quality Mark, a quality assurance scheme and programme accredited by City and Guilds. We received the Bronze award in July 2016 which confirmed we had all the policies and procedures in place to ensure we operate legally and in a safe and secure environment. Receiving the Silver award demonstrates the opportunities we provide to young people, as well as the training and support we provide to staff and volunteers. It was a fantastic team effort, led by **Sarah Nicholls, Deputy Manager.**



The Club has space to rent - a large indoor, sprung floor Sports Hall; a theatre room for drama, meetings or exercise classes; and a smaller studio with mirrored wall. Wi-fi is available throughout the building. Booking prices are competitive; availability is mostly during the day. **Please contact Linda@standrewsclub.com to see if we can help you.**



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. Please keep supporting us - we couldn't do it without you!

Our special thanks for gifts of £5,000 or more received since July 2017 include City Bridge Trust, The Drapers' Company, Gyll-Leng Charitable Trust, Henry Smith Charity, Living Communities (Grosvenor Fund via London Community Foundation), The Mercers' Company, Strand Parishes Trust, Westminster Abbey and Westminster Amalgamated Charity.



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"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 as well as send this regular Chronicle and occasional event invitations by post or by email. Follow the link '**How you would like to hear from us**' on our website to express your personal preferences at any time".

In the next issue of The Chronicle ...

Report on Yuletide Comfort & Joy



More memories of the Club from a former member



More 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 local young people in Westminster 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 over 150 years."

Elizabeth Cuffy, Chairman