

The Chronicle

Summer 2021



150 YEARS

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

Message from the Chair

Welcome to the latest Chronicle. The National Youth Agency's guidance from 17 May enabled our youth provision to meet indoors or outdoors without limitations on group size – so no more booking is needed: a relief for everyone.

However, our team is aware of the longer-term impact of the pandemic on the mental health of young people. We are delighted that we now have a Mental Health Youth Worker one day a week at the Club, getting to know our staff and young people to provide preventative support and flag up any issues. This resource is managed by BWW Mind, shared with the other Westminster Youth Hubs and funded by Westminster City Council. A truly important asset.

Thank you for all your invaluable support which helps the Club enrich young lives.

Please visit us soon.

Elizabeth Cuffy



Everyday Kings and Queens

A campaign to thank the communities' local heroes has been launched by Victoria, Victoria Westminster and Whitehall Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).

Two of St Andrew's own have been recognised amongst this wonderful group of 'Kings and Queens': Youth Club Manager, Sarah, and Deputy Manager, Adrian. They have gone above and beyond during the pandemic and have been highlighted for their incredible commitment to the Club's members, their families and the wider community.

Their recognition means so much to the Club. Read more here: <https://www.victoriabid.co.uk/everyday-kings-and-queens/>



Successes of the Youth Development Programme

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted on opportunities and prospects for so many young people. The Club's Youth Development Programme helped eight 16–24-years old by providing volunteering and work, as well as great opportunities for development and training. Benefits have included: improving transferrable skills; increasing awareness and confidence in personal development skills; setting personal goals for employment and leadership; increasing confidence to approach and support young people in the Club and increasing confidence in interview scenarios.

These transformative experiences, skills and confidence have created change that will endure long beyond the project. Members are now in a stronger position to reach out to and create other opportunities, helping them realise their potential. Feedback from the Youth Development Team has been overwhelmingly positive:

"We're now a lot more prepared for job searching and interviews and have a whole tool kit - which we helped to create and that we can use in the future. We were able to reflect on questions that regularly come up and how we might answer them."

Well done the Youth Development Team!



The Youth Development Team delivering a cookery session as part of their Level 1 Youth Work Qualification

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What has the Club been up to?

After a challenging start to the year, we were thrilled to open the Club doors under more 'normal' circumstances for our Easter and May Half Term Programmes. The team successfully balanced attendances during restrictions to ensure that the most vulnerable young people in our community were able to attend. Sessions offered members a diverse, engaging and needs-based programme featuring a variety of sports, arts and crafts, cookery, chess, music production, photography and much more. Our team of brilliant youth workers were thrilled to engage with young people who were new to St Andrew's Club, successfully welcoming a number of new members once the holiday programmes ended!



Club Fun

Parent Feedback

The girls had a brilliant day as usual x

Thank you ever so much

what you do really makes a difference to their well being x

Year 11 Summer Activities

Our Year 11s have been enjoying weekly trips courtesy of the Westminster City Council Holiday Activities and Food Fund. Trips have included Aquapark, Go Ape, Thames Rocket Speed Boat and History and Paintballing! Each trip is focused around an employability/ life skill, and has been a great success.



"The Thames Rocket trip was my favourite, I was hesitant at first but it ended up being my favourite trip!"



"I was really nervous before Go Ape, but so proud of myself for having a go and taking part!"

Meet the CEO

"I started working for St Andrew's in 2016 to help fundraise for the Club in its 150th year. Little did I know that I would one day I would become the CEO!

I went to a local youth club as a teenager in Kent and, like St Andrew's Club members, am grateful for the experiences and opportunities it put my way: from trips out, to making new friends, to the eagerly-looked-forward to weekly discos. Private after-school clubs were, and are, expensive, and I didn't go to them. Like for many members today, open access youth clubs were a godsend.

Although, since Covid, I'm only in the Club once a week in person, the rest of the working week I am 100% dedicated via my laptop to delivering my vision for the Club: amazing youth service; first-rate team; engaging new members; demonstrating impact and staying local whilst raising the Club's profile.

It's a privilege to use my skills and experience to lead the world's oldest youth club into its bright future **#GoodYouthWorkWorks**"



SouthWestFest

Throughout July, St Andrew's Club is proud to be taking part in SouthWestFest – a community festival for south Westminster, showcasing culture, community and heritage through fun activities and engaging events for all ages. Sessions at the Club include a taster Gym session with PT, Iman; a Graffiti Art taster session with Adrian and Karl. The Club will also be displaying the work of artist Sophie O'Leary.



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St Andrew's Club Community Walk – Saturday 17 July

The iconic St Andrew's Club 10km sponsored walk was back on **Saturday 17 July** – a great community event after the last difficult 12 months. Visit our website News to see how it went this year.

Image from the 2019 Community Walk

Champions for Children

We were delighted to take part in 'Champions for Children' – a matched fundraising campaign run by The Big Give for the second year. Each donation was doubled and our extremely generous supporters gave an incredible £20,544 in just seven days! These donations will make such an impact on the lives of our members. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated and special thanks to Forsters LLP and The Childhood Trust.



Staff Recognition Award

Stacey, Youth Worker and Manager of the Girls' Football Team, has shown great commitment to St Andrew's Club over the last few months. She is eager to develop both professionally and personally as shown by her success in the Level 1 FA qualification last year and her current attendance at the City Lit Mentoring course. Stacey has also shown great guidance and leadership to the Youth Development Team during the Mousetrap Theatre Project work at the Club.

Stacey is an overall team player and always willing to pitch in! In recognition of her incredible hard work and commitment to the Club, Stacey was awarded with the latest staff recognition award.





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How can you support us?

Regular Giving

These uncertain times have highlighted the importance of our Regular Givers. A regular gift allows St Andrew's Club to plan for the future knowing that we will have a steady income stream that we can rely on, whatever the external circumstances. By pledging a regular gift, you

will help St Andrew's Club not only survive but thrive. Gift Aid could make your donation worth 25% more. Our Regular Givers receive regular invitations to Club events and receptions, which we continue to plan for when that part of life resumes. **Please contact annette@standrewsclub.com for more details.**



Make a one-off donation

You can make a one-off donation to the Club via BACS, online through our Virgin Money Giving page, by cheque, or over the phone.

Gift 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 Annette for more information at annette@standrewsclub.com.

Sign-up to The Giving Machine and Smile Amazon – it's FREE!

Donations that don't cost you a penny! Once you're signed up, a percentage of what you spend with many participating partners, including Sainsbury's, eBay, and John Lewis, gets automatically donated to the charity of your choice. 1. Sign-up online. 2. Make St Andrew's Club your chosen charity. 3. Donate whilst you shop.

Run the London Marathon for St Andrew's Club!

We are thrilled to have 1 virtual place for the world's greatest marathon, the **London Marathon 2021**. Take place virtually, on a course of your choice, from 00:00:00 to 23:59:59BST on Sunday 3 October, wherever you are on the planet! Amy is running the Marathon physically for the Club and explains why here: "I fervently believe in helping to harness the potential for young people's development and create opportunities for them to thrive". **Read more here: <https://www.standrewsclub.com/index.php/blog/run-london-marathon-st-andrews-club>**

If you are interested in running for St Andrew's Club, please email Lucy at lucy@standrewsclub.com.

Why not do your own bike ride; coffee morning; piggy bank savings by not commuting, eating out or travelling - or any other fundraising idea that takes your fancy? **Please contact Lucy, Fundraising Officer, at lucy@standrewsclub.com for what to do next!**

Upcoming Events/Fundraise for Us! Save the Date – Thursday 28 April 2022

The long-awaited Dinner, Dance & Auction fundraiser is back at the Westminster Kingsway Catering College. Christie's will auction some incredible lots. Enjoy a fantastic evening with dinner, wine and music, courtesy of John and Glynis Billett's sponsorship of an amazing 9-piece dance band: Jivin' Miss Daisy! **Contact Callum to book tickets, sponsor, or donate an auction lot: callum@standrewsclub.com.**



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