

The Chronicle

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

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150 YEARS

151 years of opportunities

We think that what the Club offers its members and the local community is priceless: building self-confidence, respect for themselves and for others, whilst giving these young people a safe, secure and supervised place to come. They develop vital skills and experience opportunities to build a positive sense of citizenship. Many of our members live locally and come from homes on very tight budgets. Here are some of our recent highlights, with an introduction by Ella-Mei, Club Member of the year 2017/18:

"I have been coming to St Andrew's since I was five. I am now 16 so the Club has been part of my childhood. My Mum came to the Club when she was young, as did my older sister and my younger brother is still here. I was so happy when I was made Club Member of the Year. This Club means so much to me and it's a real privilege to be able to hold a senior role. I hold a weekly 'Meet the Club Rep' surgery and members tell me what they like or don't like. We are planning to do our own fundraising to help the Club. Last year I volunteered at Junior Club, and this year I am a paid part-time youth worker. Putting this on my CV has helped me get a part-time job at the local GAP. I hope the Club is here for the next generation of young people as I can't imagine a childhood without it".

Ella-Mei's Tuesday surgeries provide a chance for members to discuss Club life. Thoughts and ideas can be passed on to management committee meetings.

To complement our newly funded Apple MacBook Airs, former Club member, Chris, gave a workshop to teach new skills.

Boxing coach Abdul runs two sessions each week for all ages. Boxing is a great way to keep fit and have fun.

Former Club member Aaliyah joined when she was 13 to make new friends. She is now making a career in the snowsports industry thanks to our partnership with Snow-Camp. Read our website News for more.

Senior Youth Worker Burcin completed a two-day photography course and is now passing on that knowledge through her first course to Club members, seen here on location!





Message from our Chair

St Andrew's Club is now 151 years old! Thanks to all our valued supporters old and new for helping us continue to raise essential funds. The last few months has seen exceptional generosity from supporters at our Anniversary Dinner, Dance and Auction which was sponsored by John and Glynis Billett and Cyrus Investment Management and the on-line matched funding Big Give Christmas Challenge. These funds enable us to continue to deliver our varied youth programmes to our local membership. With knife crime, acid attacks and moped theft all around, it is more important than ever that we give our young people a safe space and positive role models. The economic climate continues to be challenging but we are more determined than ever to show that good youth work works. Come and visit us to see for yourself. Thank you.

Elizabeth Cuffy

News in Pictures



Generous gifts of amazing auction lots helped raise over £36,000 at our 150th Anniversary Dinner Dance and Auction held at Westminster Kingsway College. Read our website News for more.



In the Big Give Christmas Challenge we raised £25,510 in one week to help fund our Thursday night youth club for one year, with donations being matched by our sponsors, the Childhood Trust and our major donor. Read our website News for more.



A super evening to thank our supporters at the annual President's Reception. The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster Councillor Ian Adams said: "St Andrew's Club has created an amazing legacy. I am passionate about social mobility and organisations like this Club with its stellar reputation across Westminster are highly regarded". Read our website News for more.

Forthcoming Event

We are privileged to be holding a reception at the Speaker's House, by kind permission of Mr Speaker, The Rt Hon John Bercow MP. Generously sponsored by Careys Foundation, the event is principally to thank our regular givers. 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 this at the Speaker's House on 26th April 2018. Contact annette@standrewsclub.com for details.



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, search John Scott Fund on the website.



Interview with Linda Llewellyn, former member, by John Rhodes, trustee

Linda's Thursday nights in the '60s.



Linda aged 13 in 1969

During the day, Linda Llewellyn is the first person most people see when they come into St Andrew's. Few will know that this welcoming face first came to the Club some 50 years ago, in her early teens, slipping into the Thursday disco in her favourite pink angora mini-dress.

Punctuating memories with her infectious laugh, Linda recalls the essential elements of a Thursday evening. Sprinting from home immediately after 'Top of the Pops'; 'frothy coffee' at the Strutton Ground Wimpy; and arriving at the Club in Great Peter Street with her best friend, Jackie, in time to "snag a decent boy to dance with". Someone played '45s' on the record player in the coffee bar, and tissue paper hanging from lampshades completed the 'disco' scene.

Wednesday evening's phone calls agreed what to wear. "You always stuck together. So had to avoid colour clashes like red and purple. A disaster!" Linda's own favourites, after the pink angora, were 'red' and 'bottle green'. But it's also worth asking her sometime about the 'Apricot and Aqua' chiffon dress she once skipped school for...

There are other teenage memories. The baked potato and fire brigade incident; the 'Blue Beat' trips to Brixton; the plans to become a croupier; the Club's annual 30 mile fundraising walk; and borrowing a Routemaster - with driver - for the evening.

"We were passionate about everything. Discos with my friend Jackie were safe, but the Club gave us our freedom".

After hearing about our last Chronicle's memories from Jackie Gifford, a former member from the 60s, Maureen, who now lives in France, got in contact.

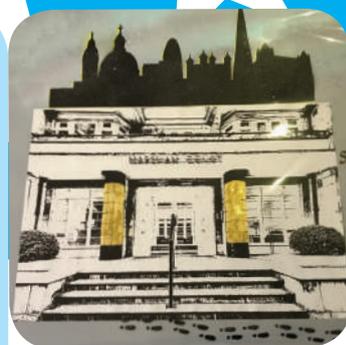
If you are a former member of the Club and would like to share your story of what the Club meant to you, contact us at info@standrewsclub.com.

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. We couldn't do it without you!

This interpretation of Marsham Court was a raffle prize produced by a Club member and helped raise a splendid £1,715 through the Christmas raffle – just part of a wide range of support given to the Club by Marsham Court residents



Our local community support helped us qualify for £2,000 from each of these national brands

Our special thanks for gifts of £5,000 or more received since October 2017 include Silvaria FSL, Westminster Abbey, Hyde Park Place Estate Charity



Are you a local business? Come along to hear how you can become part of a team of 100 ambitious companies who will raise a minimum of £500 each year. St Andrew's Westminster 100 Club Launch Reception on 24th May will be hosted by Tim Guinness of Guinness Asset Management. Contact annette@standrewsclub.com for details. Search 'Westminster 100 Club' on the website.

"Our incredible fundraisers make a real difference to the lives of local young people in Westminster. Whether a walk, cycle, swim, jump or - less energetically - a coffee morning, we think you're amazing!" Visit www.standrewsclub.com for details.



28 April 2018: Tough Mudder. Stamina and mud! Sign up via our website.

26/27 May 2018: London 2 Brighton (Ultra Challenge). Walk, Jog or Run all or part of the iconic route from Capital to Coast. Sign up via our website.



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

29 July 2018: Prudential RideLondon-Surrey100. 100-miles through car free London and Surrey to finish on The Mall. Contact annette@standrewsclub.com to express your interest for this year's ride.



8 September 2018: Thames Bridges Trek. 23 km and 16 historic bridges. Sign up via our website.

✓ 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 this May 2018 mean we can't contact you to send you this regular Chronicle, news or invitations to our various events. Search **Data Communications Preferences** on our website homepage to TICK how you would like to hear from us and what you would like to hear about. Thank you".



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In the next issue of The Chronicle ...

- Speaker's House Reception • Westminster 100 Club Reception • Focus on employment and training
- 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 St Andrew's Club 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 our varied youth programmes. The world's oldest youth club is a local charity which has been making a priceless contribution to the local community for over 150 years. **Elizabeth Cuffy, Chairman**