

# THE CHRONICLE

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Welcome to the latest edition of The Chronicle. It has been a busy spring and summer at St Andrew's. Young people have accomplished so much, and we marked the end of the school year with our annual Presentation Night. In total, 22 Member's received an award to celebrate and acknowledge all they have achieved over the last year.

I hope you enjoy reading about St Andrew's, in this latest edition of the Chronicle. We are so grateful to all our supporters and friends of the Club who make all this possible – we couldn't do it without you.



Elizabeth Cuffy JP

## MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

### ADVENTURE RESIDENTIAL IN WALES

In April, the Club took 10 young people on a 4-day trip to Wales. In collaboration with Fourth Feathers and the Avenues Youth Clubs.

The Members enjoyed exciting and daring activities – raft building, leap of faith, archery and owl handling were just some of the highlights of an incredible adventure.

The trip pushed Members out of their comfort zone, encouraging them to embrace new experiences and boost their confidence. They developed strong peer relationships, making new friends, while enjoying an adventure they would not have access to without the Club.



Owl Handling



Raft Building

### COVID MEMORIAL BENCHES

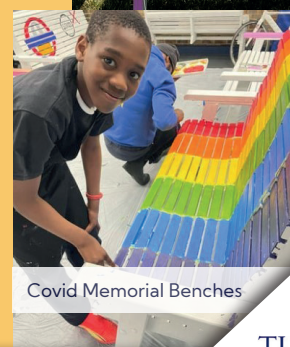
As part of Project Tuesday's, young people and St Andrew's staff worked with local artist Alix Smith over eight weeks to create Covid Memorial benches, as part of the Lockdown Landscape national project.

The benches were designed to reflect on the memories and emotions young people experienced during the Covid lockdowns. Having been isolated from their friends and unable to visit the Club, it was a cathartic experience for both staff and young people alike. Through hard work and creativity, they were able to capture this challenging period in their lives, using it as the inspiration to create colourful and hopeful memorial benches.

The benches are currently on display at the National Memorial Arboretum until the start of October, when they will be returned to the Club. We hope that by sharing our benches with the public, it will inspire others to reflect on their own lockdown experiences.



National Memorial Arboretum



Covid Memorial Benches

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## CLUB NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### PRESENTATION EVENING

In July, the Club hosted its annual Presentation evening. Member's families were invited to join us to celebrate the outstanding achievements of young people at the Club over the past year.

It is important to everyone at the Club, that whatever a young person's passion or talent, that St Andrew's is a place where it can grow and flourish. This year's celebration included awards for football, cooking and drama, alongside the prestigious boy and girl of the year awards for both our Junior and Senior Clubs. The award night concluded with the coveted Member of the Year Award.

Well done to everyone who received an award – it is fantastic to see young people growing in confidence, learning new skills, and developing at the Club.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to this year's London Rose Amy Gillen for presenting.



Mini Footballer Of The Year



Club Member Of The Year

### SUMMER HOLIDAY PROJECT

From 24 July to 18 August, St Andrew's ran our fantastic four-week Summer Project. The Summer Project helped children stay active, positive, and motivated throughout the summer. It provided respite to parents and carers at what can be an expensive and stressful time of year.

The fun-filled programme included opportunities for young people to gain practical skills, such as learning how to make their own fan-powered cars. They explored their creativity by designing their own bags and t-shirts and enjoyed weekly graffiti artwork sessions. Children's well-being was supported, as they learnt how to make stress balls and took part in hair maintenance and self-care classes. They were kept active and healthy with daily sporting activities including football, archery and cricket.

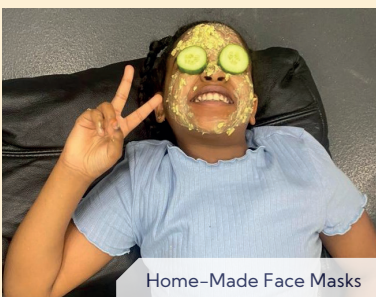


Graffiti Art

There was a range of incredible trips for young people at the Club to enjoy. Including a visit to London Zoo where children got to meet some exotic animals. A trip on Paddington Canal on board the Floating Classroom, where they learnt about nature while exploring London's waterways by boat. Thrill seeking outings to Oxygen Trampoline park, Laser Tag and the ever popular Thorpe Park, where they enjoyed waterslides and rollercoasters.

These are just some of the highlights from an incredible summer at St Andrew's. The Club provided young people with amazing experiences and opportunities that they might have been deprived of without the Club. This is especially important with many families facing financial uncertainty.

A massive thank you to Westminster City Council whose HAF fund supports all of St Andrew's holiday programmes. It was great to see so many happy young people enjoy being at the Club this Summer and we look forward to doing it all again next year.



Home-Made Face Masks



Thorpe Park



Racing Fan-Powered Cars

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

### DOUBLE DONATION CHALLENGE

The Club enjoyed another successful Champions for Children Campaign when all donations were doubled from 6–20 June. Thanks to our generous supporters we raised over £20,000. The funds raised will go towards supporting our After School Programme, providing young people with fun and educational activities five days a week.

A special thank you to the Childhood Trust and Forsters LLP who matched all donations. This campaign would not be possible without their outstanding support.

### ROCK THE SANCTUM

On 23 March, St Andrew's Club invited friends and supporters to 'Rock the Sanctum' as they joined us for a musical-themed fundraiser.

The stunning Karma Sanctum Soho London hosted the evening, as over 70 guests enjoyed a night of delicious food, unique auction prizes and got to dance along to a fantastic live rock band.

We are so grateful to Richard Berry who organised the event and (with help from his friends in the music industry) secured some truly unique auction prizes – including a guitar signed by members of Bon Jovi and Dire Straits. The event raised an incredible £15,000! A huge thank you to everyone who attended.

**The Club will be taking part in the Christmas Big Give, in late November, when all your donations will be doubled. Follow our social media in November to support the campaign.**



Rock The Sanctum

### FORSTERS BIKE CHALLENGE

A massive thank you to our friends at Forsters LLP who undertook the Andrew's Bike Challenge, to cycle the 488-miles from St Andrew's Youth Club to St Andrews Scotland. Over 60 staff took part, cycling on four static bikes in the Forsters office, they almost doubled the mileage covering over 900 miles and raising over £3,000 for the Club.



Forsters Andrew's Bike Challenge

If you or your company would like to take on the Andrew's Bike Challenge or organise an event for the Club, please get in touch  
[Trish@standrewsclub.com](mailto:Trish@standrewsclub.com)



Big Half Marathon

### GOING THE DISTANCE FOR ST ANDREW'S

The Club is grateful to all our supporters who have taken part in challenge events this summer to raise vital funds for the Club.

In August, five supporters took on the London Triathlon. A huge thank you to Chris and Ali who raised over £700 and Beatrice, Edward, and Laura from LBMW who raised over £1000. Sam from corporate partner Edelman and Merrick (whose child attends St Andrew's Club), ran the Big Half Marathon on the 3 September and each raised over £400 for the Club.

## TAKE ON A CHALLENGE FOR THE CLUB

The Club takes part in a series of exciting challenge events throughout the year. If you would like to run, walk, cycle for the Club please contact [max@standrewsclub.com](mailto:max@standrewsclub.com) and check out the Clubs fundraising page on our website to keep up with our latest challenge events.

### CHALLENGE EVENTS IN 2024

Tough Mudder 18 and 19 May (Henley-on-Thames)  
Ride London to Essex 26 May • London 10K 14 July

## SUPPORTING THE CLUB

### YULETIDE COMFORT AND JOY

St Andrew's Club invites you to our sparkling Yuletide Comfort and Joy Christmas concert, on 7 December. With inspiring readings and performances from the highly rated Hertfordshire Chorus and Chris Inghams *Jazz at The Movies Swing Christmas* featuring singer Joanna Eden, the evening is guaranteed to get you in the festive spirit. The event has been arranged and sponsored by JBGB events and co-sponsored by Blue Orchid Hotels who are hosting the event at the stunning Wellington Hotel in Victoria.

Tickets are £50 and include a drinks and canapes reception. There is limited availability, to secure your ticket to the Yuletide Comfort and Joy Concert visit [jbgbevents.com/yuletide,-comfort-and-joy-2023](http://jbgbevents.com/yuletide,-comfort-and-joy-2023)



### REGULAR GIVING

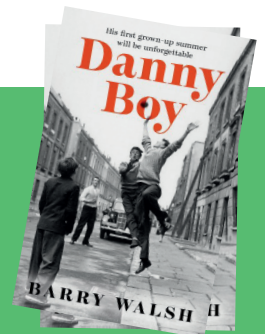
If you would like to support the Club, you can donate online, via bacs or cheque, see the donation section of our website for more details. All money raised will go towards enriching the lives of young people at the Club. Thank you so much for your support.

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

### DANNY BOY - A MEMOIR BY FORMER MEMBER

Former St. Andrew's Club Member and current Club Vice President, Barry Walsh, has penned a remarkable book titled *Danny Boy*. Inspired by his childhood growing up in Westminster in the 60's, Barry generously dedicated the book to St Andrew's, recognizing the profound influence the Club has had on his life and the formative role it played in his development. The book can be purchased on Amazon.



### UNIFORM BANK

The cost-of-living crisis is impacting many families and as the new school year begins many parents will struggle to cover the cost of a new uniform (the average cost to maintain a child's school uniform is £337).



In response to this crisis, St Andrew's Youth Club, the Bessborough Family Hub and the Cardinal Hume Centre have come together to launch a School Uniform Bank at St Andrew's Club. Local children can access extra pieces of uniform that families cannot afford to make sure they don't miss out on their education.

If your business would like to do a uniform collection, please contact [trish@standrewsclub.com](mailto:trish@standrewsclub.com)

### REMEMBERING THE LATE LORD PETER BROOKE

*Extract from an article written by former Member and current Vice President Barry Walsh*



Lord Brooke or Peter as he liked to be called, was the St Andrew's President during what was one of the busiest times of his career. However, he made sterling efforts to support the Club. On many occasions, even when the pressures of his office in Government prevented him from attending the whole event, he would stay late to talk to young people at the Club.

On his retirement as President, we presented Peter with a St Andrew's football shirt. Typically, instead of holding it up for photographs, he insisted on wearing it. He was proud of St Andrew's, as were we of him. *Visit our website to read the full article.*



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