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**Welcome to the programme for the Centenary celebrations at Stowe! The events to be held between now and the end of 2023 will give, we hope, many members of the Stowe community the opportunity to come together to celebrate the first 100 years of the School.**

As we reflect on our School's journey and achievements during its first century and enjoy our new status as the Tatler Public School of the Year for 2023, these special events also give us the opportunity to talk about the future and the exciting plans for our next century.

In this programme you will find information about all the principal events and initiatives during the year ahead at Stowe, elsewhere in the UK and around the world, and we warmly invite you to participate in as many of them as you are able.

Space at some of the gatherings will naturally be limited and we do encourage you to go to the Centenary website ([www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary)) to register your name and book tickets for you and your guests. (The code next to each event indicates to whom the event is open.)

We look forward to seeing you at Stowe, and perhaps elsewhere around the world, for what promises to be a wonderful twelve months.



# THE YEAR IN VIEW

Saturday 19 November 2022

**THE CENTENARY CONCERT  
IN CHAPEL** S P OS F C

Friday 25 - Saturday 26 November 2022

**A ROYAL WEEKEND IN EDINBURGH** OS P F C

Wednesday 7 - Saturday 10 December 2022

**SENIOR CONGREVE - GREASE** S P OS F C

Various Dates

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS** P OS F C

Friday 3 - Sunday 5 March 2023

**STOWE FLIX 'and... ACTION!'  
FILM FESTIVAL** S P OS F C

Sunday 19 March 2023

**OLD STOIC SPORTS FESTIVAL** S P OS F C

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**DAVID WYNNE EXHIBITION** S P OS F C

Thursday 9 - Friday 24 March 2023

**COLONEL ANDREW CROFT, DSO, OBE,  
ARCTIC EXPLORER** S P OS F C

Monday 27 March - Saturday 1 April 2023

**OLD STOIC ART EXHIBITION** S P OS F C

Wednesday 29 March 2023 **PRIVATE VIEW**

Wednesday 26 April 2023

**THE SOS LUNCH (SENIOR OLD STOIC)** OS

Thursday 11 May 2023

**CENTENARY DAY** S C

From Friday 12 May 2023

**MR ROXBURGH'S GARDEN** S P OS F C

Wednesday 17 May 2023

**CENTENARY SERVICE OF CELEBRATION** S P OS F C

Friday 26 May 2023

**SPORTS DAY** S P OS F C

Friday 26 May 2023

**EVE OF SPEECH DAY CONCERT** S P OS F C

Saturday 27 May 2023

**CENTENARY SPEECH DAY  
OS CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY** S P OS F C

Sunday 18 June 2023

**EXPLORE THE HISTORIC STATE ROOMS** S P OS F C

Saturday 27 May 2023 & Monday 26 June 2023

**THE ANTHONY EYTON COLLECTION** S P OS F C

Monday 26 - Thursday 29 June 2023

**SUMMER SPORTS FESTIVAL** S P OS F C

Saturday 1 July 2023

**THE STOWE CENTENARY BALL** S P OS F C

Saturday 23 September 2023

**OLD STOIC DAY** OS C

Sunday 22 October 2023

**THE ROXBURGH SOCIETY  
CENTENARY LUNCHEON** P OS F C

Saturday 11 - Sunday 12 November 2023

**REMEMBRANCE 2023** S P OS F C

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# THE CENTENARY BOOK

One of the principal projects to mark the Centenary will be the bringing together of the work of world-famous photographer Jonathan Glynn-Smith into a special edition book that is now available to pre-order.

Over the last four years, Jonathan has become a member of the Stowe Community, visiting the School regularly to take photographs, documenting the life of the School in the lead up to our anniversary year. His images are striking and iconic, illustrating not just School life in all its forms but the beauty of the space we inhabit here at Stowe.

Jonathan's Instagram account @stowestudio100 gives just a glimpse of the incredible images that he has taken since the beginning of the project.

Complementing the photographs will be chapters written by the Head, Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, that blend history and anecdotes, recounting the rise and progress of the School since its foundation in 1923.

We are thrilled to bring to life a beautiful book to mark such a milestone in the School's history - a memento not just of the Centenary but of the remarkable place that Stowe is.



**The book is on pre-sale now for £120.00.**

**The book will be printed in the Autumn of 2023.**

**Pre-order your copy at [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary)**

# THE CENTENARY CONCERT IN CHAPEL

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Saturday 19 November 2022

Stowe Chapel | 7.30pm | £free

You are warmly invited to attend this special performance, as singers from across The Stowe Group join forces with the Chapel Choir to sing the monumental Requiem D Minor by Mozart. Pupils, Parents, Staff, Old Stoics and community singers will be performing alongside professional soloists and the Alina Orchestra, and they will be joined in the first half of the concert by soloist Ben Andrew (Stowe's Head of Keyboard) for Beethoven's mighty Piano Concerto No.4.

To book your tickets (to guarantee admission) please visit [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary).



**The Stowe Group Choral Society  
& Stowe Chapel Choir**

**Alina Orchestra**

**Emily Brown Gibson (soprano)**

**Chloe Pardoe (alto)**

**Paul Badley (tenor)**

**Simon Whitehead (bass)**

**Ben Andrew (piano)**

**Craig Greene (conductor)**

**Overture No 3 in C Major  
("Leonore") - Beethoven**

**Piano Concerto No 4 in G Major  
- Beethoven**

**Interval**

**Requiem in D Minor - Mozart**

# A ROYAL WEEKEND IN EDINBURGH

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Friday 25 November 2022

**The Wally Dug, 32 Northumberland Street, Edinburgh**

**From 6.30pm | £free**

Old Stoics currently studying at The University of Edinburgh or recent Stowe Leavers living within easy reach of Edinburgh, are invited to attend Drinks at The Wally Dug on Friday 25 November, from 6.30pm onwards. The Wally Dug is one of Edinburgh's most iconic pubs and is owned by Old Stoic, Rikki McCowen (Grenville 01).

Old Stoics of other vintages are encouraged to come along for a drink if they are in Edinburgh for the weekend.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.



Saturday 26 November 2022

**Her Majesty's Yacht Britannia,  
Ocean Drive, Leith, Edinburgh EH6 6JJ**

**7.30pm - 11.00pm | £120**

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All Old Stoics, Parents and Friends of Stowe with links to Scotland, or those who would consider a trip to Edinburgh, are warmly invited to attend a special dinner on board HMY Britannia. We are honoured that our President, The Baroness Fraser of Craigmaddie (née Struthers, Stanhope 86), will be joining us, as Guest of Honour, and will deliver a short after-dinner speech. What promises to be an unforgettable evening at a unique venue will include a Champagne Reception followed by a three-course dinner and evening entertainment, on board the Royal Yacht.

Places are limited and guests are very welcome to attend. Tickets are £120 each.

To book your tickets please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.

We are delighted that Edinburgh's famous Christmas Market and Festival of Lights will be running in various locations around the City for those wishing to kick-start the festive season with a visit to Edinburgh.

# SENIOR CONGREVE GREASE

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Wednesday 7 - Saturday 10 December 2022

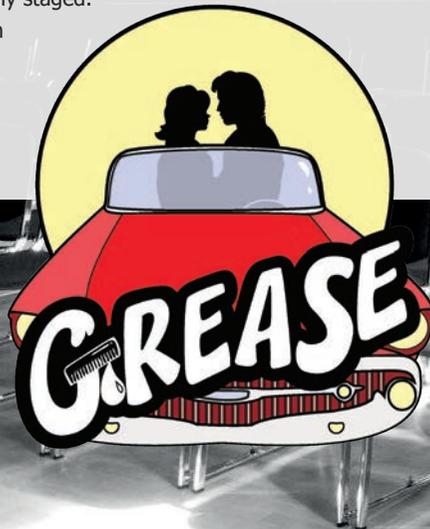
Stowe | £free

**Senior Congreve 2022 is the musical Grease written in 1971 by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey**

Directed by Rebecca Clark, the Stowe Drama Department is working in collaboration with the Music and Art Departments to stage this hit musical. Chosen in early 2022, the production has gained a poignancy since the recent death of Olivia Newton-John, who starred as Sandy in the 1978 film of the same name.

## Rebecca Clark - Director's Note

Always fascinated by the origins of theatre, I was gripped when I discovered the play's origins to be a semi-autobiographical account, based on Jim Jacob's own adolescence at Taft High School, Chicago, where it was originally staged. Named after the 1950s working class youth subculture, the raw and punchy original production was sanitised when it transferred to Broadway.



Appreciating this sheds a new light on a play that has become infamous for its stereotypical tropes and problematic narrative. At Stowe, our aim is to view history through a fresh lens, and in theatre to approach each production with a progressive mindset.

My instinct on my first reading of the script was that Grease is the story of a group of working-class, mostly immigrant, teenagers who struggle to find acceptance and fulfilment. Excluded from the mainstream territory of school councils, cheer squads and sports teams that are firmly occupied by the wealthier, middle-class kids, the Burger Palace Boys and the Pink Ladies are those failed by the system. Tackling teenage pregnancy, gang violence and peer pressure alongside discrimination on the grounds of class and race, Jacob's young characters display a heart-warming resilience and humour that is immediately compelling. Learning that the show's messages were diluted, leading to the play becoming somewhat saccharine affirmed my view that this was the right play for the right time, and formulated the vision for our production.

The set design concept is driven by the idea of finding an environment where the new 'teenager' would hang out in 1950s America; a secret hideaway behind the school which would allow for a grittier, counter-culture setting, stylistically a distance away from the saccharine stereotype so entrenched in minds by the iconic 1978 Randal Keizer's film adaptation. The costumes are designed to capture an America where for the first time, there was a fashion for kids, whilst also taking into consideration the social demographic of these young people whose disposable income was negligible, so their clothes seem outgrown, and they are a little unkempt.

# INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Stowe is immensely proud of the presence and reach of its network of current and Old Stoics, Parents, Colleagues and Friends across over 110 countries around the world.

On these pages, we are pleased to list the 'hub' locations at which we plan to hold events during our Centenary year. We warmly invite all members of the Stowe community to attend these events, whether they are resident in each of the locations or may be travelling to or passing through them.

If you would like to make contact with members of the Stowe community and perhaps organise an event at a further venue in these or any other countries, please contact the Old Stoic Office on [oldstoic@stowe.co.uk](mailto:oldstoic@stowe.co.uk) and we will be delighted to assist.

## NEW YORK

**Thursday 27 October 2022**

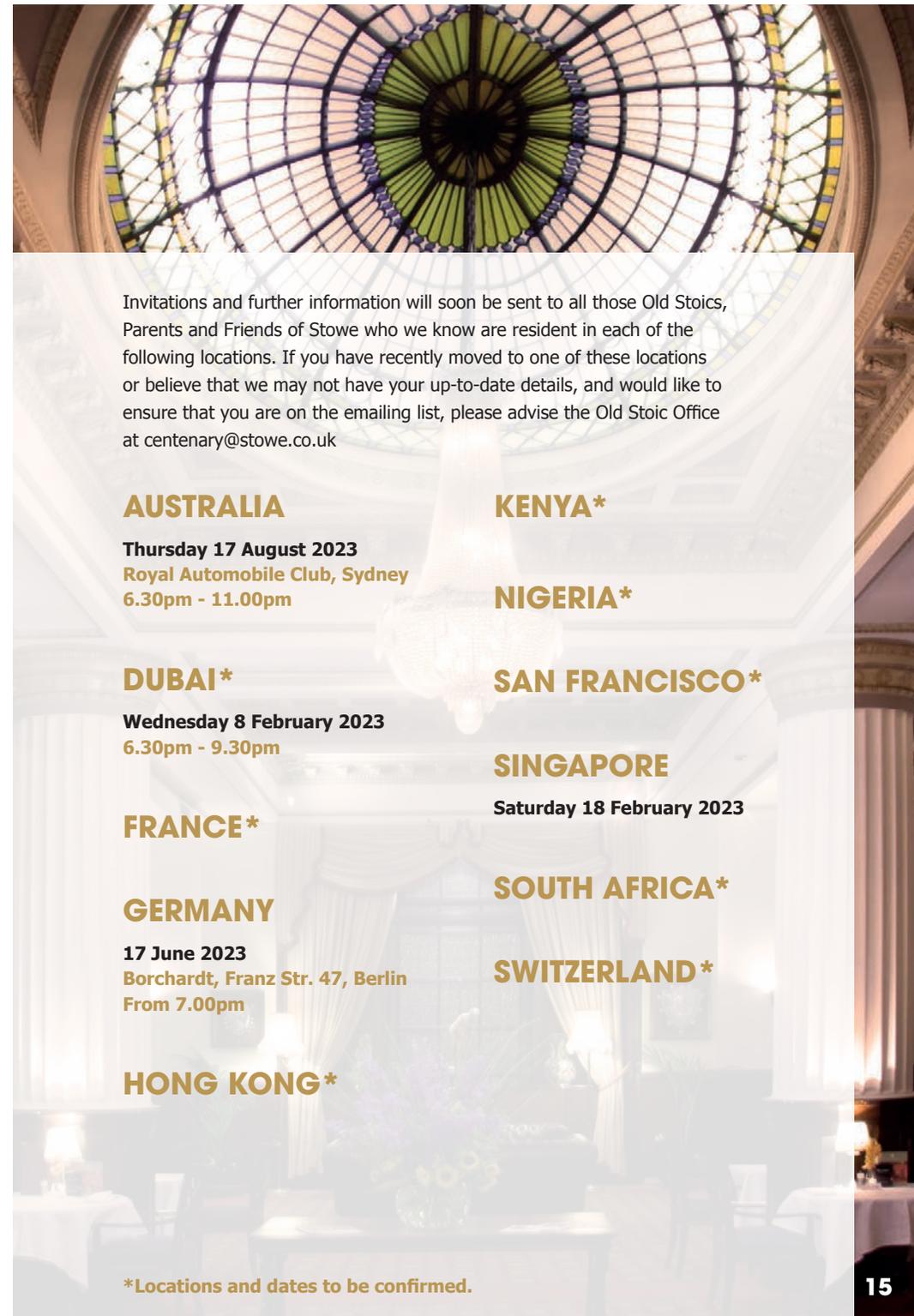
**American Friends of Stowe Centenary Cocktail Party  
Roosevelt House, New York**

**6.00pm - 9.00pm | £Free**

Since its inception in 2001, American Friends of Stowe (AFS) has played a vital role in bringing together Old Stoics, Parents and other Friends of Stowe across the USA. Their annual gathering in New York has been at the heart of AFS's activities and this year we are thrilled to extend the invitation to those in Central and South America and Canada, along with those who may be travelling to New York during the School's half-term, to join us.

Roosevelt House on East 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan, provides the perfect venue for this centrepiece occasion at which the Head will be present, the long-standing connections between the US and Stowe will be celebrated and Stowe entertainment will be provided.

To join us, please contact the Old Stoic Office on [centenary@stowe.co.uk](mailto:centenary@stowe.co.uk) and we will be delighted to assist. Guests are most welcome to attend along with those who may be interested to learn more about Stowe and the activities of American Friends of Stowe.



Invitations and further information will soon be sent to all those Old Stoics, Parents and Friends of Stowe who we know are resident in each of the following locations. If you have recently moved to one of these locations or believe that we may not have your up-to-date details, and would like to ensure that you are on the emailing list, please advise the Old Stoic Office at [centenary@stowe.co.uk](mailto:centenary@stowe.co.uk)

## AUSTRALIA

**Thursday 17 August 2023**

**Royal Automobile Club, Sydney  
6.30pm - 11.00pm**

## KENYA\*

## NIGERIA\*

## DUBAI\*

**Wednesday 8 February 2023**

**6.30pm - 9.30pm**

## SAN FRANCISCO\*

## SINGAPORE

**Saturday 18 February 2023**

## FRANCE\*

## GERMANY

**17 June 2023**

**Borchardt, Franz Str. 47, Berlin  
From 7.00pm**

## SOUTH AFRICA\*

## SWITZERLAND\*

## HONG KONG\*

**\*Locations and dates to be confirmed.**

# STOWE FLiX 'and... ACTION!' FILM FESTIVAL

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Friday 3 - Sunday 5 March 2023

Roxburgh Hall | £free

During Stowe's first century, Old Stoics have been leading lights on screen, both behind and in front of camera. As part of the Centenary festivities we are celebrating the association between Stowe and film with a programme of initiatives we are calling 'and... ACTION!'.

An exhibition of film and media artefacts, donated by Stoics, Old Stoics and Staff, will be displayed in the Watson Art Gallery in February and March 2023. If you have autographs, posters, cuttings, costumes, call sheets, props or anything else film-related that you would like to include, please do email [centenary@stowe.co.uk](mailto:centenary@stowe.co.uk).

Friday 3 March will see the first 'and... ACTION!' Film and Media Conference for Stoics and visiting students studying Film or Media Studies - featuring guest speakers from across the industry, presentations of student films and projects led by our current cohort of Stoics.

Our celebrations will conclude with the 'and... ACTION!' Film Festival: a weekend of movies and talks with a Stowe theme, which will take place in the Roxburgh Hall from Friday 3 to Sunday 5 March, with screenings at 2pm and 7pm. Film titles and special guests will be announced and circulated in January 2023. Old Stoics, Staff, Parents and Friends of Stowe are warmly invited to attend on Saturday 4 March when we plan to show archive films during the morning, followed by lunch and a matinee film viewing.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.

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## OLD STOIC SPORTS FESTIVAL

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Sunday 19 March 2023

Stowe | 10.00am - 4.00pm | £free

All Old Stoics, Staff, Parents and Friends of Stowe are invited to attend the OS Sports Festival on Sunday 19 March to celebrate sporting achievements at Stowe over the last 100 years.

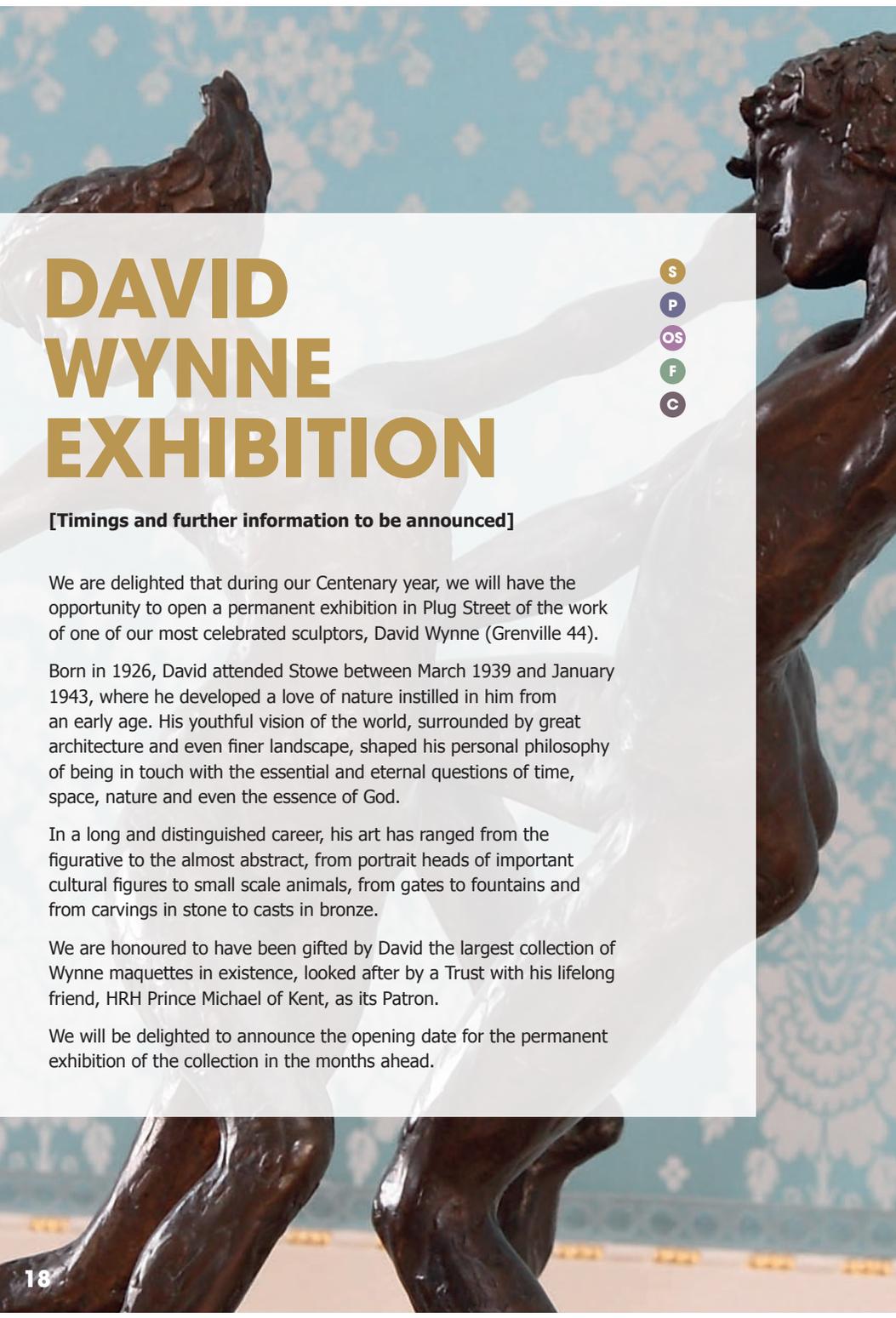
A range of OS vs Stoic sports matches will take place during the morning, including: Hockey, Football, Tennis, Fives, Squash, Clay Shooting, Lacrosse and Cross Country. The unbeaten Hockey side of 1983 are aiming to play one more time against the Boys' U14s. Guests are welcome to join the teams or spectate.

After the matches, an informal Old Stoic Sportswomen and Sportsmen Lunch will be held in the State Rooms. 1st Team

Captains of major and minor sports from throughout the decades are encouraged to get their teams back together for the lunch. We are delighted that England Lacrosse Player, Olivia Thomas (Nugent 18), will be gathering an OS Ladies' Lacrosse team to take on the Stoics.

Places are limited to 200. Old Stoics are welcome to bring one guest if they wish to do so. Tickets are free of charge.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.



# DAVID WYNNE EXHIBITION

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[Timings and further information to be announced]

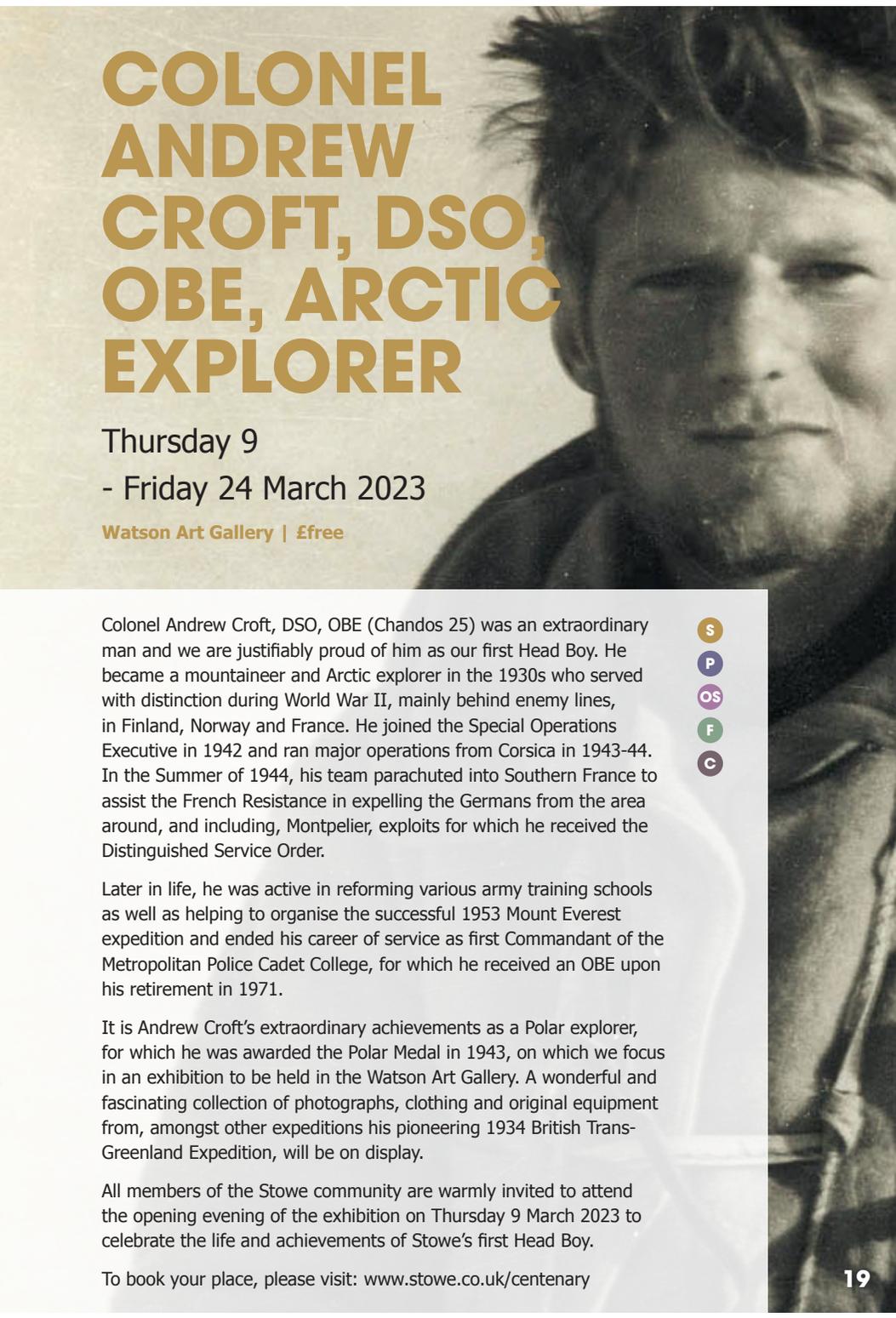
We are delighted that during our Centenary year, we will have the opportunity to open a permanent exhibition in Plug Street of the work of one of our most celebrated sculptors, David Wynne (Grenville 44).

Born in 1926, David attended Stowe between March 1939 and January 1943, where he developed a love of nature instilled in him from an early age. His youthful vision of the world, surrounded by great architecture and even finer landscape, shaped his personal philosophy of being in touch with the essential and eternal questions of time, space, nature and even the essence of God.

In a long and distinguished career, his art has ranged from the figurative to the almost abstract, from portrait heads of important cultural figures to small scale animals, from gates to fountains and from carvings in stone to casts in bronze.

We are honoured to have been gifted by David the largest collection of Wynne maquettes in existence, looked after by a Trust with his lifelong friend, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, as its Patron.

We will be delighted to announce the opening date for the permanent exhibition of the collection in the months ahead.



# COLONEL ANDREW CROFT, DSO, OBE, ARCTIC EXPLORER

Thursday 9  
- Friday 24 March 2023

Watson Art Gallery | £free

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Colonel Andrew Croft, DSO, OBE (Chandos 25) was an extraordinary man and we are justifiably proud of him as our first Head Boy. He became a mountaineer and Arctic explorer in the 1930s who served with distinction during World War II, mainly behind enemy lines, in Finland, Norway and France. He joined the Special Operations Executive in 1942 and ran major operations from Corsica in 1943-44. In the Summer of 1944, his team parachuted into Southern France to assist the French Resistance in expelling the Germans from the area around, and including, Montpellier, exploits for which he received the Distinguished Service Order.

Later in life, he was active in reforming various army training schools as well as helping to organise the successful 1953 Mount Everest expedition and ended his career of service as first Commandant of the Metropolitan Police Cadet College, for which he received an OBE upon his retirement in 1971.

It is Andrew Croft's extraordinary achievements as a Polar explorer, for which he was awarded the Polar Medal in 1943, on which we focus in an exhibition to be held in the Watson Art Gallery. A wonderful and fascinating collection of photographs, clothing and original equipment from, amongst other expeditions his pioneering 1934 British Trans-Greenland Expedition, will be on display.

All members of the Stowe community are warmly invited to attend the opening evening of the exhibition on Thursday 9 March 2023 to celebrate the life and achievements of Stowe's first Head Boy.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary)

# OLD STOIC ART EXHIBITION

Monday 27 March  
- Saturday 1 April 2023

**Green & Stone, 251-253 Fulham Road, London SW3 6HY**

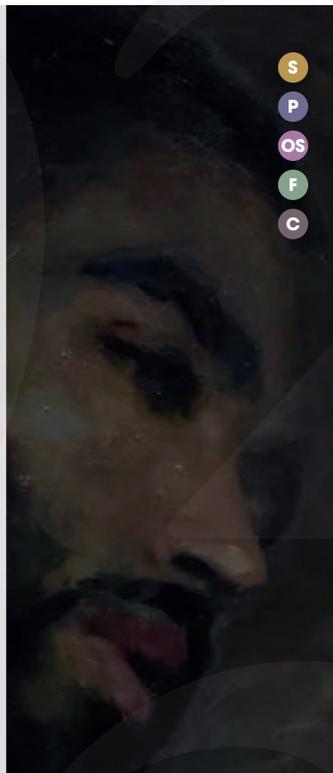
**10.00am - 5.00pm | £free**

Since the 1920s, an education at Stowe has inspired some of the country's foremost and best-known painters and sculptors, from David Shepherd (Chatham 49) and David Wynne (Grenville 44) to Caroline de Peyrecave (Nugent 04) and Toby Michael (Temple 15).

We are delighted that a diverse collection of Old Stoic Artists will come together to form a week-long exhibition at Green & Stone, on Fulham Road, London.

Old Stoics, Staff, Parents and Friends of Stowe are warmly encouraged to visit at any point during the exhibition week. The Gallery is open Monday - Saturday, 10.00am-5.00pm.

The exhibition will also be shown in the State Rooms at Stowe in September 2023.



## PRIVATE VIEW

Wednesday 29 March 2023

**Green & Stone, 251-253 Fulham Road, London SW3 6HY**

**6.30pm - 8.30pm | £free**

Members of the Stowe community with a keen interest in the Arts are warmly invited to join us for the official opening of the Old Stoic Art Exhibition.

We are delighted that the Head will be in attendance, along with a number of the Artists taking part in the Exhibition. Portrait artist, Caroline de Peyrecave (Nugent 04), will undertake a live painting demonstration during the evening.

Places are limited to 80. Guests are welcome and tickets are free of charge.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.

Artists interested in submitting their work to the Exhibition Selection Committee should email [centenary@stowe.co.uk](mailto:centenary@stowe.co.uk).

# THE SOS LUNCH (SENIOR OLD STOIC)

Wednesday 26 April 2023

**Stowe | £free**

All Old Stoics aged 70 and over are invited to attend the 'SOS' Lunch at Stowe. The Head will host a Drinks Reception in the Marble Hall, followed by a three-course lunch in the Music Room. After lunch, we will enjoy light musical entertainment performed by current Music Scholars.

For those who wish to do so, there will be an opportunity to tour the School and Landscape Gardens after the lunch. Assistance vehicles will be provided for those unable to walk long distances.

Coach transport will be provided for those travelling from London, if there is sufficient demand.

Tickets for this event are free of charge. Old Stoics are welcome to bring one guest if they wish to do so.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.



# CENTENARY DAY



Thursday 11 May 2023

It was on Friday 11 May 1923 that, on the North Front steps, JF Roxburgh welcomed the first 99 boys to Stowe, proclaiming the opening of a school that would transform the educational landscape of the country.

Exactly a century later, Stowe is fully co-educational and our Centenary Day will be an occasion for all 900 current Stoics, joined by the School community of teachers and all our non-teaching Staff, to reflect upon and mark the School's first 100 years.

We will take the opportunity to re-open formally the restored 'Mr Roxburgh's Garden'.

The programme for the day will include: a Centenary Day Service in Chapel, led by The Rt Revd Ric Thorpe (Walpole 83), Bishop of Islington, the formal re-opening of Mr Roxburgh's Garden with invited guests, lunch for our invited guests in the State Music Room and Centenary Day Activities on the North Front for Stoics and Staff and our guests.

# MR ROXBURGH'S GARDEN



from Friday 12 May 2023

Stowe | 10.30am - 5.00pm | £free

This year, we are delighted to reinstate JF Roxburgh's garden on the South Front to commemorate the School's Centenary.

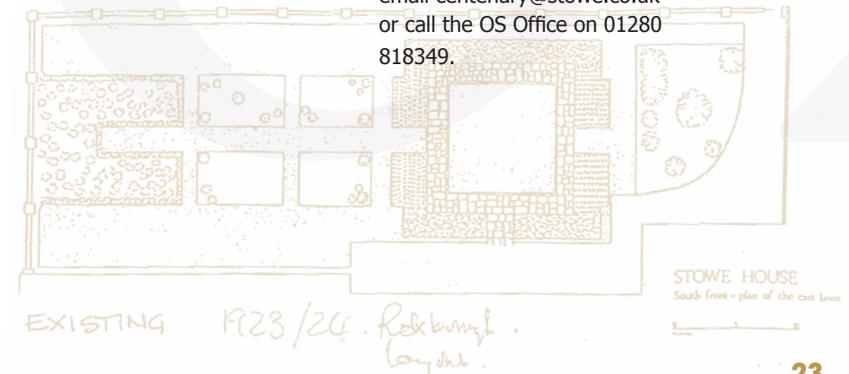


The garden was commissioned in 1922 by Roxburgh and formed the Eastern side of the South Front parterre. It was one of the earliest design works by Brenda Colvin who went on to be a respected Landscape architect who founded the Landscape Institute (the professional body for Landscape Architects). Her projects include the gardens at The University of Wales, Aberystwyth which are now listed as they are considered to be of historical significance.

The garden has hosted both Queen Mary and HRH Prince George (later King George VI).

An approach was made to Colvin and Moggridge, the company founded by Brenda Colvin in 1922, and they are delighted to be involved with this project as it aligns with their own Centenary this year. Colvin and Moggridge devised the landscape masterplan for the new National Trust Visitors' Centre at New Inn and have an extensive portfolio which includes Petworth Park, Leeds Castle and Blenheim Palace.

To arrange to see the garden, email [centenary@stowe.co.uk](mailto:centenary@stowe.co.uk) or call the OS Office on 01280 818349.



# CENTENARY SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

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Wednesday 17 May 2023

Southwark Cathedral, London

6.00pm - 8.00pm | £20

One of the most important events of our Centenary year will be a Service of Celebration to be held at Southwark Cathedral, just a few days after Centenary Day itself.

All members of the Stowe community living within easy reach of London are invited and encouraged to attend the Service at Southwark which will mark the first hundred years of the School.

The programme will include musical performances by Stoics, congregational singing of some of the hymns most fondly remembered by Old Stoics and still sung in Chapel today, readings, along with historical tributes to celebrate Stowe's landmark anniversary.

The service will begin at 6.00pm, with drinks and canapés served in the Cloisters following its conclusion.

Old Stoics, Parents, Staff and Friends are very warmly invited to attend and guests are most welcome.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.

# SPORTS DAY

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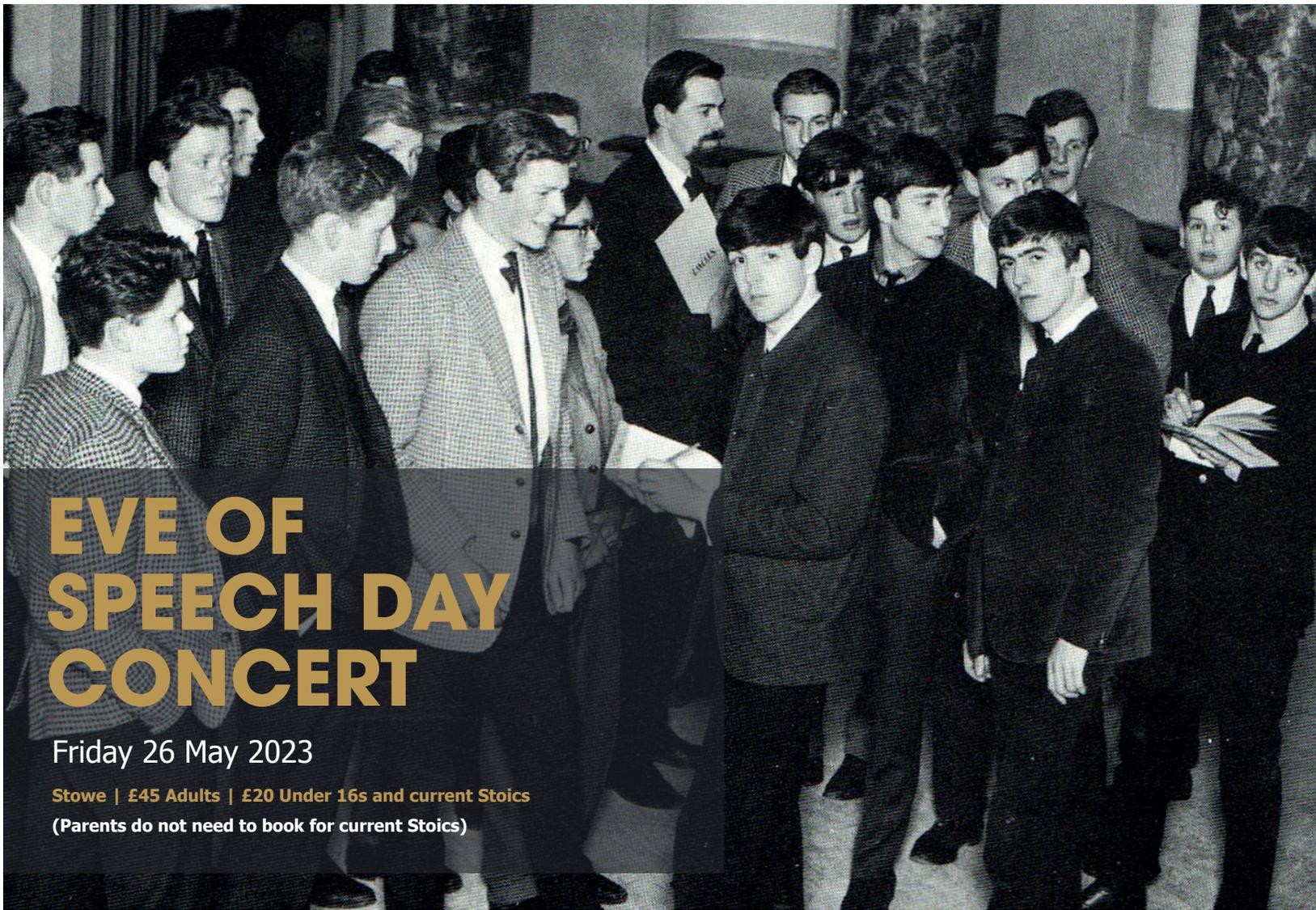
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Stowe | 2.00pm | £free

The School's annual Sports Day is a great opportunity to watch Stoic athletes in action and our Houses compete against each other.

The track and field events will start at 2.00pm, with the presentations being made by the Head at 4.45pm.

No booking is required; come along and cheer for your House!



# EVE OF SPEECH DAY CONCERT

Friday 26 May 2023

Stowe | £45 Adults | £20 Under 16s and current Stoics  
(Parents do not need to book for current Stoics)

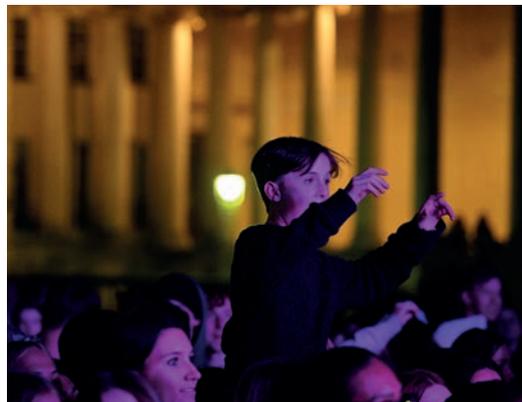
Over the last fifteen years, the 'Eve of Speech Day' concert has become an established fixture in the 'season' at Stowe. Held inside the concert arena on the South Front, with capacity for 2,000 concert-goers, with facilities for picnicking alongside, it is a wonderful way of spending a late May evening!

In 2023, we will be marking one of the landmark moments in Stowe's first hundred years, - the ruby anniversary of the remarkable concert in 1963 when The Beatles performed in The Roxy.

Sixty years on, we are delighted to welcome The Bootleg Beatles, the highly-acclaimed tribute band. Whether you were one of the many hundreds who claim to have been in The Roxy that night or simply want to dance to the soundtrack of the last sixty years, you really won't want to miss this concert!

Stoic artists will also be performing on the evening.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.



# CENTENARY SPEECH DAY



Saturday 27 May 2023

Stowe | 10.00am - 5.00pm | £free

(Current Pupils and their Parents do not need to book to attend.)

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a special Centenary Speech Day; an occasion which will be the centre-piece of the Centenary celebrations during the Summer Term. Over the decades, Speech Day has provided a wonderful opportunity to bring together the Stowe Community and reflect upon the achievements and progress of the School over the preceding twelve months.

The day will include the OS Classic Car Display on the North Front, exhibitions, sports matches and displays around the School, speeches on the South Front and a big picnic on the lawn. During the day, a fun run or walk in the gardens will take place for Old Stoics.

Old Stoics and Friends should book at [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.



## THE OS CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY AT SPEECH DAY

In celebration of Stowe's landmark anniversary, this year's OS Classic Car Display will bring together a wide range of cars produced before 1923. We hope to adorn the North Front with historic vehicles that would have been on the road when Stowe welcomed the first 99 Stoics. We also hope to track down JF Roxburgh's car, which was given to him as a gift from Old Stoics upon his retirement.

If you can help with finding cars from pre-1923 please contact the OS Office by email [oldstoic@stowe.co.uk](mailto:oldstoic@stowe.co.uk)

OS Classic Car Drivers who attend our annual display are welcome to bring cars from later vintages and these will be displayed as normal. Lunch for Classic Car Drivers will be served in the OS Marquee on the North Front.

To register your car, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.



# EXPLORE THE HISTORIC STATE ROOMS

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Sunday 18 June 2023

Stowe | Midday - 5.30pm | £free



Only 23 years ago, the Stowe House Preservation Trust embarked on one of the most ambitious and challenging country house restorations ever undertaken - and, with it, the renaissance of what has been described as "the largest and most completely realised private neo-classical buildings in the world."

Starting with essential work to safeguard the fabric of the building, the Trust has moved progressively through the interiors, researching historical schemes, negotiating funding and managing risks, including a global pandemic to deliver a restoration of award-winning quality.

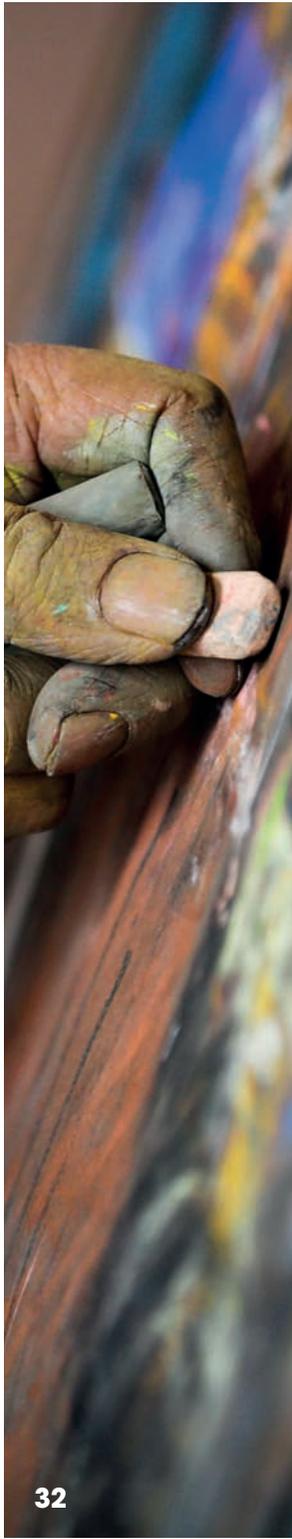
Some said it could not be done but, as the School Centenary approaches, it is nearing completion. In all, nearly £30m has been spent on the programme so far and we hope that all members of the Stowe community - current and Old Stoics, their Parents, Staff and Friends of Stowe - will agree that it was worth every penny.

None of this would have been possible without the support of donors too numerous to mention but whose generosity has been greatly appreciated.

Come and see the restored Mansion and hear from the restoration experts.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.





# THE ANTHONY EYTON COLLECTION

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Saturday 27 May 2023 (Stowe)  
Monday 26 June 2023 (The Cello Factory)

As our Centenary celebrations approached, in 2017 we were delighted and honoured to commission one of Britain's finest painters, Anthony Eyton, to record Stowe in all seasons and in all its glorious guises.

Working with Mark Flawn-Thomas (Grenville 72), the two artists have captured and conveyed the vitality of the landscape and the people who live and work in this extraordinary environment. Their work at Stowe over the past five years has captured not only the beauty and magnificence of the architecture and grounds but importantly it records too the activities of the School itself.

Anthony Eyton RA studied fine art at Reading University in 1941 before serving in the Army from 1942 to 1947. He went on to study at Camberwell School of Art from 1947 to 1950 and in 1951 received an Abbey Major Scholarship taking him to work in Italy. Anthony taught at the Royal Academy Schools from 1964 to 1999.

Mark Flawn-Thomas is an amateur artist and friend of Anthony who introduced him to Stowe.

We are very grateful to the group of Old Stoics whose generosity has made possible the acquisition of this important body of work for permanent exhibition in the Music School at Stowe.

The exhibition, Arcadia Revisited, will be available to view on Speech Day at Stowe. Following this, the School is pleased to invite Old Stoics, Parents and Friends to a private view of Arcadia Revisited at the Cello Factory in Lambeth on Monday 26 June from 7pm to 9pm.

Complimentary tickets to the exhibition at the Cello Factory are available for Old Stoics, Parents and Friends of Stowe.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.



## SUMMER SPORTS FESTIVAL

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Monday 26 June  
- Thursday 29 June 2023

Stowe | 10.30am - 5.00pm | £free

During the final week of the Summer Term, we will be delighted to host a Summer Sports Festival that brings together Stowe with Canford School. Like Stowe, Canford is one of the founding members of the Allied Schools – a network of independent Schools formed in 1923 - who also celebrate their Centenary in 2023.

Old Stoics are invited to participate or spectate, and BBQs will be served for all at lunchtime.

Further details will be published in due course.

# THE STOWE CENTENARY BALL

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Saturday 1 July 2023

Stowe | 7.30pm - 3.00am

Fine Dining £160 (£130 for under 30s)

Food Court Dining £90 (£75 for under 30s)

The Stowe Community is warmly invited to come together for an extraordinary and unforgettable evening at Stowe celebrating one hundred years of our fine School.

This promises to be the social event of the year - an occasion that harks back to the Pineapple Balls of yesteryear at Stowe, and a gala like no other that has taken place recently at the School!

The evening will celebrate the Roaring Twenties in honour of Stowe's early years. The Mansion and South Front will be transformed for our guests to explore and delights will include: champagne and canapés, cocktail bars, an array of delicious street food on the North Front; fine dining in the State Dining Room for those wishing to celebrate formally; show-stopping main stage entertainment; funfair rides; Old Stoic acoustic performances; circus acts and 1920s jazz and, of course, an incredible firework display.

This is an unmissable evening for everyone who holds Stowe close to their hearts.



## FINE DINING TICKETS

A limited number of Fine Dining Tickets are available for the Centenary Ball, so we recommend booking early to secure your place. Fine Dining Tickets include a champagne reception, followed by a lavish three course feast with wine pairings in the unrivalled setting of the State Rooms at Stowe. After dinner, our guests will be treated to entertainment from West End musicians, performers from the Stoic and Old Stoic community, classical and jazz musicians and circus acts, all within the unparalleled setting of the Mansion and North and South Fronts. The evening will come to a crescendo with a stunning firework display on the South Front.

Tables of 10 will be available for those wishing to host tables. All Old Stoics, Parents, Staff and Friends of Stowe are warmly invited and guests are also very welcome to attend.

## FOOD COURT TICKETS

Food Court Tickets are available to those who are happy to start the evening with a festival feel Drinks Reception and street food served from food court vendors on the North Front, prior to entry to the Mansion. After dinner, our guests will be treated to entertainment from West End musicians, performers from the Stoic and Old Stoic community, classical and jazz musicians and circus acts, all within the unparalleled setting of the Mansion and North and South Fronts. The evening will come to a crescendo with a stunning firework display on the South Front.

Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday 8 November 2022, at 10am. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis and must be secured by payment in full.

Tickets and accommodation can be booked at [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.

## ACCOMMODATION

Boarding House accommodation will be available for those wishing to stay at Stowe after the Centenary Ball celebrations draw to a close.

# OLD STOIC DAY

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Saturday 9 September 2023

Stowe | 10.30am - 5.00pm | £free



All Old Stoics and Staff are invited to return to Stowe for Old Stoic Day, our annual opportunity to gather with friends from years gone by and explore old haunts within the School, including Boarding and Day Houses, classrooms and, of course, Chapel.

After our traditional Chapel Service, guests will be invited to watch the planting of a tree in Chapel Court. This memorial tree is to remember Old Stoics who lost their lives in times of conflict. The tree is a gift from the Old Stoic Society to Stowe to mark the Centenary and remember those Old Stoics whose lives were cut short.

Old Stoics celebrating a significant anniversary year will be invited to gather with their year group for the day, but all Old Stoics are welcome to attend with their families. An informal lunch will be served in the State Rooms and afternoon activities will include tours of the Mansion and Landscape Garden, watching sports matches, including a 1st XV Rugby match and 1st XI girls' Hockey match, and exploring a Centenary Display in North Hall.

Places are limited to 350 places. Tickets are free of charge, guests are welcome.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.



# THE ROXBURGH SOCIETY CENTENARY LUNCHEON

Sunday 22 October 2023

Stowe | 12.00pm - 4.00pm | £free

The Roxburgh Society recognises those Old Stoics, Parents, Staff and Friends of Stowe who have generously decided to leave a gift to Stowe in their Wills. This special Roxburgh Society Centenary Luncheon welcomes all current members (numbering over 150), but is also open to those who are considering leaving a legacy gift to the School.

Making a legacy contribution during the time of our Centenary celebrations is just one way in which you can support our Change 100 mission to raise funding that will transform children's lives, giving those from hugely disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity of a Stowe education. You can find out more information at [www.stowe.co.uk/change100](http://www.stowe.co.uk/change100) and we would be delighted to talk to you if you would like to become involved in supporting the appeal.

Whether you are an existing member, looking to make a gift in your Will and join the Society, or are just interested in learning more, you are extremely welcome to join the Roxburgh Society Centenary Luncheon. Please get in touch with Colin Dudgeon in the Development Office on [campaign@stowe.co.uk](mailto:campaign@stowe.co.uk) or 01280 818249.



## STOWE 100 RACING CLUB

Building on the success of our Old Stoic Racing Clubs, which began in 2017, we are delighted to extend the chance to become a member in a three-horse syndicate all under the expert eye of Old Stoic trainers.

The first Stowe 100 Racing Club horse is Fagan, who will be targeted at some of the top racecourses like Cheltenham and Sandown. He will be racing for the Club from October 2022 to April 2023 and is trained by Alex Hales (Chandos 92), just outside Banbury and will, wherever possible, be ridden by Old Stoic Harry Bannister (Chatham 12).

Then, two flat horses will be taking up the mantle from May to October 2023, trained by two OS trainers, Jonathan Portman (Chatham 83) in Lambourn and Ed Bethell (Cobham 12), in Middleham in Yorkshire.

There will be 100 shares available at a cost of £100 per month. This wonderful initiative

is being spearheaded by our Racing Club Manager, Henry Kimbell (Chandos 04). Members will receive a wide range of benefits including owners' badges on race days, private yard tours with our trainers and a vibrant calendar of social events both on and off the course.

There has already been lots of interest throughout the Stowe community and we hope this will grow before our first horse takes to the track in the Autumn.

Finally, by taking a share, the Stowe 100 Racing Club will also be making a donation from each share sold to Change 100.

### How to Join

Visit <https://www.stowe.co.uk/stowe100racing> or contact the Stowe 100 Racing Club Manager, Henry Kimbell (Chandos 04), by calling: 07979 522744 or email [henrykimbell@hotmail.com](mailto:henrykimbell@hotmail.com)



# REMEMBRANCE 2023

## FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday 11 November 2023

Stowe | 6.30pm - 8.30pm | £free

Old Stoics, Staff, Parents and Friends of Stowe are invited to join us for an evening of music and remembrance in the Music School, with poignant tributes to some of the 276 Old Stoics killed in action.

Drinks will be served in the Music School before the event.

Places are limited to 180. Tickets are free of charge and guests are welcome.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.



## CENTENARY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 12 November 2023

North Front, Stowe | 10.30am - 11.30am | £free

A whole-School, open-air Remembrance Service will be held on the North Front to remember the 276 Old Stoics who lost their lives during the Second World War and in subsequent conflicts. All members of the Stowe Community are warmly encouraged to attend this important occasion. The event will conclude the Stowe Centenary Celebrations.

Light refreshments will be served in the Marble Hall following the Service.

Guests are advised to dress for inclement weather as the service will take place outdoors. Guests may stand under the colonnades if they wish to seek shelter. Limited seating will be provided for elderly and disabled guests.

Tickets are free of charge and guests are welcome.

To book your place, please visit: [www.stowe.co.uk/centenary](http://www.stowe.co.uk/centenary) or telephone the OS Office on 01280 818349.



# HOW TO BOOK

Tickets for all of the events listed in this brochure will be available to book from 10.00am on Tuesday 8 November.

Each event has a dedicated web page on the Stowe website, containing a ticketing link or web form to complete to secure your places.

Where payment is due, tickets cannot be secured without payment in full. For occasions offered free of charge, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please refer to the information about each event for advice as to how many guests you are able to bring to each event. Where numbers are limited, Old Stoics are kindly asked to bring one guest but we have indicated where numbers are more flexible for wider friends and family to attend.

You will note details on each event's listing about the audience invited to attend the occasion; please refer to the key and colour coding listed at the front of this programme.

If you have any questions, please email [centenary@stowe.co.uk](mailto:centenary@stowe.co.uk) or call the OS Office on 01280 818349.

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