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THE STONYHURST MAGAZINE

'I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the ever increasing standard of production of the Stonyhurst Magazine. It puts most other school magazines to shame!'

'Once again I want you to know how much I enjoyed reading the magazine.'

'Thank you for the splendidly edited Magazine which I read with much interest.'

The above are just three of the favourable comments from OS after reading the latest edition.

In spite of its (long-established) title, *The Stonyhurst Magazine* is far more than a mere 'magazine', to be flicked through and discarded. Each issue is now a copiously illustrated *book*, not only as entertaining as any magazine, but also a valuable reference work to be given a lasting place on the bookshelf, to be lifted down and referred to again and again over the coming years.

In return for your welcome support, every OS with a genuine interest in the past, present and future of their old school will find it a wonderful investment.

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Cover: The Blessing of the Munsters, by Fortunio Matania. "On the evening of 8th May [1915], under command of Lt-Col. V.G.H. Rickard, 2nd Munsters once again marched towards the Front. At a French wayside shrine, Rickard halted the Battalion and formed a hollow square before it. On three sides were the rifle companies, and facing them on horseback were Col. Rickard, his adjutant, Capt. Filgate and the Chaplain, Father Gleeson. Gun flashes added to the semi-light of a spring evening; gunfire and shell explosions reminded all of the ordeal to come. All bared their heads and the light breeze ruffled hair and caused to flutter the green company standards. Father Gleeson's stole made a splash of soft colour. The chaplain raised his right hand and intoned general absolution and all sang the Te Deum. Then, to the barked command of RSM Ring, the march resumed towards the sound of the guns." [Orange, Green and Khaki: Story of the Irish Regiments in the Great War, 1914-18]. The painting was destroyed in World War II.



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The Irish Enigma

The First World War saw both heroic Irish sacrifices on the Western Front, and impassioned fighting against the English by the republican movement. David Mercer outlines this confused inheritance, p. 15



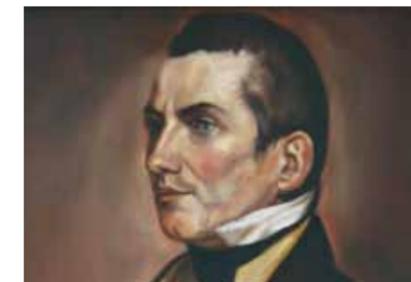
Some Irish OS

Throughout its history, and particularly since its arrival at Stonyhurst, there have been Irish at the College. David Mercer recalls some of the more famous, p. 18



What is a Jesuit education?

Stonyhurst no longer houses the number of Jesuits which many OS remember; what is a Jesuit education without Jesuits, Christopher Page asks? p. 20



Waterton Returns

The exciting news that Waterton's Collection is returning to the College is celebrated with a new portrait of him by a young OS. p. 27

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DIARY OF EVENTS

Details will be published on the web site (www.stonyhurst.ac.uk/association.shtml);
email association@stonyhurst.ac.uk with any queries

October 9th/10th

1994 REUNION, STONYHURST

A reunion is being held at the College for those who left in 1994. Please email the Association Office for a booking form, or contact David Scott at david@dmscott.co.uk.

October 22nd

ROBERT PERSONS LECTURE

This will be held at Balliol College at 6.30pm and the lecture will be given by Professor Victor Houlston of Witwatersrand University. There will be a buffet supper afterwards in the Catholic Chaplaincy. All OS and their families are invited to attend. For catering purposes we would ask you to contact the Association Office to confirm your attendance.

November 13th

STONYHURST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

This will take place at the RIBA, Portland Place, London, when Michael Joseph OS 1959 will be the President. Tickets are £55, and £40 for those aged 25 and under. The booking form can be downloaded from the website or can be obtained from the Association Office.

December 15th

NORTH WEST CONVIVIUM

There will be a Carol Service in the College Chapel at 6.30pm followed by light refreshments in the Top Refectory. All OS and their families are welcome to attend.

December 15th

LONDON, SLOANE SQUARE CAROL SINGING

6.30–8pm and afterwards at a venue nearby. Musicians with instruments are particularly welcome. For further details contact Michael Fenton on 07969 800463 or email: michaeljoseph85@hotmail.com.



The Association is now on FACEBOOK

As ever moving ahead with the times, the Association now has its own Facebook page, which can be found by searching Facebook for:

Official Stonyhurst Association

Like it – Share it – Use it
and join a fast growing community of OS online, get the latest news of forthcoming Association meetings, and read up to date reports of Convivia & Wanderers' events.

SPOT THE BALL!



They know where the ball is – but do you?
Mark the spot and send your entry to Stonyhurst Association, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe BB7 9PZ. The winning entry will be sent a very new bottle of Beaujolais!

CHAIRMAN'S ACADEMIES SPEECH

CHRISTOPHER PAGE

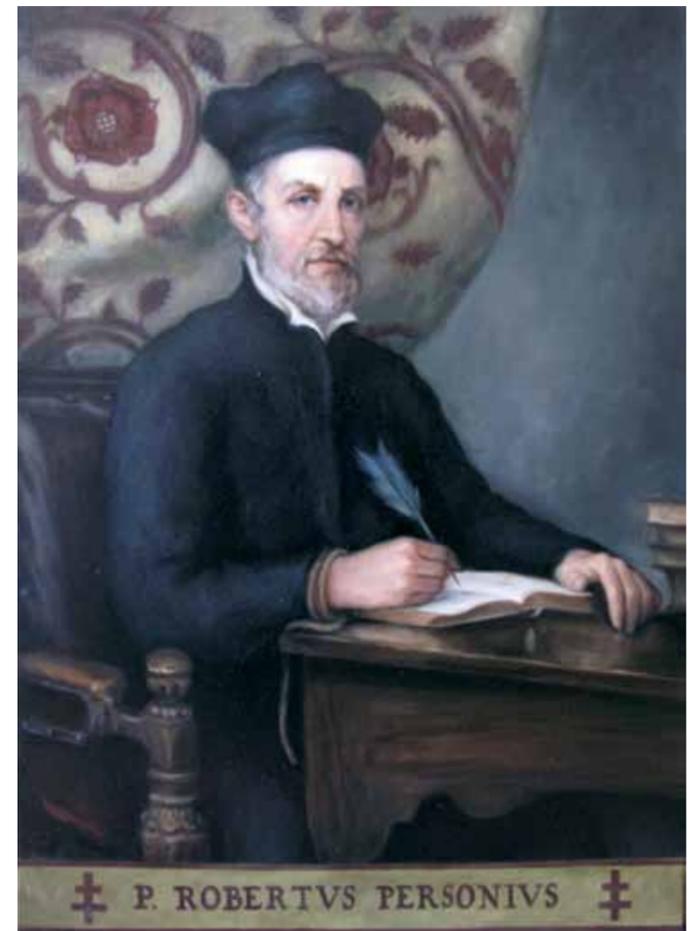
THIS YEAR is the 400th anniversary of the death of the founder of the College, Father Robert Persons. College tradition has allowed him to be overshadowed by his more attractive companion, Edmund Campion. We have always celebrated Campion Day; it has only taken us four hundred years to think of celebrating a Founder's Day, which I believe will be on the 21st October. We get there in the end, but time has been on our side!

Campion and Persons were linked by education at Oxford, by their training and vocations as Jesuits, by their joint mission to penal England, and by deep friendship. It is in fact through Persons that we have one of our most tangible links with Campion, the rope by which he was bound on his way to martyrdom at Tyburn. Persons was given that rope and wore it around his waist for the rest of his life. And it has been in the safekeeping of the College ever since. That is to say most of it has; it is about six feet long; when Campion was canonised in 1970, a posse of six of us went from the College to Rome, to present the Pope with a piece of the rope, which was at least an inch long! We have always been known for our generosity!

Above all, Persons and Campion shared a passion for their faith. They called themselves 'companions of Jesus', *compañeros*. They knew, as we know, the two sides of passion; real passion involves both love and suffering, epitomised of course in Christ's own passion. But for Campion and Persons their suffering took deep, albeit different forms. Campion died a martyr by being hanged, drawn and quartered, not a pleasant death. Persons escaped back to the Continent but was for the rest of his life mortified that Campion had been captured and executed while he had escaped. He himself was vilified and pilloried, known as the most hated man in England for his writings in which, as a political theologian, he challenged the status quo, Tudor absolutism, and proposed political and social structures which were anathema then but which should be familiar to the politicians of today. His manifesto was ahead of his time.

The Association will be celebrating his life with a lecture in Oxford in October, at Balliol College (*see Diary of Events*) and we are funding an essay prize in honour of Persons at the College and also a research fellowship for a young OS to assist with cataloguing the Collections and archives. These are all ways of commemorating Persons. But our real commemoration of Persons, as of Campion, lies in our **compassion** with them. We should be tied to them with that same old rope. Compassion requires us not just to love together but also to work and suffer together and if we are to genuinely show our compassion with these two great men, we need through the College and the Association, to renew our commitment to our faith by challenging the injustices of society.

(Extract from Christopher Page's speech at Great Academies)



Above: A new portrait of Robert Persons SJ commissioned by the College from the artist Lynn Kroll, to mark the 400th anniversary of his death.

22 OCTOBER

All Association members are invited to the

ROBERT PERSONS LECTURE

which will be given by Professor Victor Houlston of Witwatersrand University at Balliol College, Oxford, by kind permission of the Master.

It will be followed by a reception and buffet supper at the Catholic Chaplaincy.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Editor welcomes your news and contributions, which should be sent to him at d.mercer@stonyhurst.ac.uk

BIRTHS

Christopher Byrne OS 81 - 86 and his wife Ana are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Sean Thomas, on 19th February 2010 in Madrid.

Tom Bidwell OS 83 - 90 and his wife Chieko had a baby girl, Annette, on 6th May 2010. She was born in Singapore and is a little sister for Tino and Jolyon who were born in Tokyo in May 2008.

MARRIAGES



Above: Charlotte Dugdale OS and Richard Tonks

Rosalind Bibby OS 97-99 (above) married Steven Hunt on 27th December 2009 at St Peter and Paul's RC Church, Crosby, Liverpool. **Matthew Bibby OS 97-99** was an Usher with **Melanie Ashton OS 97-99** as Chief Bridesmaid. Guests included **Emma Taylor OS 97-99**, **Gemma Lenton Smith OS 97-99** and **Clare Lloyd OS 97-99**.

Rosalind is living and working in Herefordshire as a primary school teacher.

Charlotte Dugdale OS 94 - 96 married Richard Tonks on 17th July 2009 at St Peter's Church, Stonyhurst. The reception was at Mitton Hall Hotel and **Daniel Krause-Harder Calthorpe OS 90 - 97**, **Jennifer Hainsworth OS 95 - 97**, **Rachel Hainsworth OS 96 - 98** and **Ryan Timoney OS 89 - 96** were in attendance.



Andrew Livesey OS 75 - 80 married Joanne Cuckson on March 6th 2010, at Stoke Park Club, Buckinghamshire. The Best Man was **Don Landers OS 75 - 80** and also in attendance was brother **Tim Livesey OS 74 - 77**.

Thomas O'Maileoin OS 82-90 married Nyree Slater at Farm Street Church, London on 6th March, 2010. His brother **John OS 87-95** was Best Man and brother **Michael 82-87** a Groomsman. His nephew, Patrick Taylor, currently at St John's Beaumont, was an altar boy. Fr **Nicholas King SJ, OS 60-66** officiated. The following also attended: **Peter Geach OS 86-90**, **David de Menezes OS 88-90**, **Huw Jones OS 82-90** and **Timothy Posnett OS 85-90**.

Dominic McCarthy OS 94 - 98 married Katie McCree at L'Eglise de St Michel, Chamonix-Mont-Blanc on 20th December 2009. **Patrick McCarthy OS 93 - 95** was the Best Man and other OS in attendance were **Alistair Douglas OS 90 - 98**, **Andrew Langdon OS 90 - 98**, **Peter Douglas OS 58 - 64** and **James McCarthy OS 61 - 66**. Dominic is now working for Canterbury of New Zealand and he and Katie are living in Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Patrick McCarthy OS 93 - 95 married Ruth Capper in December 2004. They live in Didsbury, Manchester and Patrick is a partner in Horwich Farrelly Solicitors, specialising in insurance fraud.

Jonathan Kearns OS 80 - 86 married Miss Vicky Nestor of Limerick, Ireland, on 8th September, 2009, in Holy Trinity Abbey, co Limerick. **Mr Richard Gourlay OS 79 - 86** was Best Man. Jonathan and Vicky now live in Nantwich, Cheshire.

Hagen Sinapius OS 00 - 02 married Amelie Hildegard Goldacker on June 5th 2010 at the village church of Lekow/Lekowo, Eastern Pomerania (Poland). **Ciaran McAuley OS 00 - 02** was also there.

IN MEMORIAM

News of the deaths of the following OS has been received since the last issue of the Newsletter.

Colonel Richard F N Anderson
Associate

Peter Finch
OS 42 - 51

Michael Edouard de Latour Willems
OS 48 - 58

Cecil Clothier
OS 33 - 38

David Fleming-Jones
OS 51 - 60

James Duncan Cosgrove
OS 48 - 56

Father Mark Francis Hartley OCSO
OS 49 - 54

Desmond Mark Stokes O'Callaghan
OS 37 - 40

Nicholas Gilbertson
OS 95 - 98

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Friends or relatives, who wish to write the usual obituary for the Stonyhurst Magazine, are invited to contact David Knight at the College (d.knight@stonyhurst.ac.uk).

CORRESPONDENCE & MISCELLANY

Errata: It was reported in the last newsletter that **Lucy Williams OS 02-04** was currently in teacher training. This was incorrect. She has been teaching for two years having completed her PGCE three years ago. Amongst other things, she is Head of Geography at Alton Convent School in Hampshire and says that **Philippa d'Aquino OS 00-04** is teaching in Bristol.

Tom Morris OS 74-82 is now well established as Artistic Director of the Bristol Old Vic where he is determined to lure audiences who might not normally come to a theatre: you can see the very full programme he has put together on www.bristololdvic.org.uk. His first play at Bristol, a version of *Romeo and Juliet* set in an old people's home, caused some excitement and he says he did this because he is interested in how 'some kind of taboo has developed about what older people are allowed to feel and behave..'. His next venture is in quite a different area: he is directing a new musical of *Swallows and Amazons* by Helen Edmundson (music by Neil Hannon), which will be staged this December and January.

His brother **Chris Morris OS 72-80** has meanwhile enjoyed critical success with his film *Four Lions*, the DVD of which has now been released.

Below: An OS took a trip down Memory Lane and sent us this picture of an abandoned army camp once used by the CCF. Does anyone know where it is?

Questions in the House. Robert Persons SJ, the founder of St Omer's was regarded as a man well ahead of his time and this seems to prove it. According to Hansard, Mr Greg Knight (East Yorkshire, Conservative) recently said: 'I welcome the fact that we are debating this motion tonight and that we now have a Backbench Business Committee in place. This reform has been a long time in coming – the idea that the House of Commons should control its own timetable was first set out in the 1590s by someone called Robert Persons. So it has taken more than 400 years.....'

Dr James McCarthy OS 61-66 retired from his work in General Practice and Occupational Medicine in 2008 and divides his time between the Peak District, where he was in practice for almost 30 years and Chamonix, France.

Richard Thorpe OS 77-82 is now the Association Representative in New Zealand and will be interested to hear from other OS in the area. He is involved in shipping which is very satisfying since he has a passion for sailing and has circumnavigated the globe. He also enjoys cycling and also 'hacks around at golf' but has a long way to go to match his wife, Marama's abilities.

He is a member of Rotary and President of his local club this year and is currently busy organising a 'get-together' for OS in New Zealand.

Together with four friends **Matthew Betts OS 91-98** set up The Glanfield Hospitalité Trust (GHT) in February 2010, to support and advance the standard of life for children and young adults in need throughout the world, whether through poverty, disabilities, deprivation or neglect. The aims include the provision of vital equipment to enable individuals, organisations and communities to become more self sufficient and the books and materials needed for their education.



Adam Morgan OS 97-07 (above) has been an enthusiastic and talented racing driver since first venturing on to a kart track at the tender age of eight and competed in his first national historic Rally Championship whilst still at Stonyhurst. In his final year at Bristol University he joined the Dynojet team in his bid for the G50 Championship, having spent the previous year testing and competing his Ginetta G50. He is currently lying a very creditable 5th in the championship, and recently had his first win, which he described as "amazing and a real confidence boost".

Adam is hoping to carry on racing next year, and any sponsorship would be greatly appreciated. A fully leaved car and tickets to the BTCC rounds are available. For further information please call Adam on 07796 175 387 or 01254 878975.

David Gardner OS 66-71 is Chief Leader Writer and Associate Editor of The Financial Times, having previously spent four years as the paper's Middle East Editor. In 2003 he won the David Watt prize for political journalism for his writing on the Arab world. He is now



the author of *Last Chance: The Middle East in the Balance*, recently published by I B Taurus. The book has been longlisted for the Orwell Prize, the pre-eminent British prize for political writing.

Andrew Lubienski OS 66-71 is a Maths Examiner for EDEXCEL and Area Proprietor of Home School Tutoring in West London. **Henry Lubienski OS 73-78** is partner in the Aequitas Group, a firm of management consultants in Hamburg and **Michael Lubienski OS 75-80** is Senior Lawyer to the Welsh Assembly Government in Cardiff.

Dr James McCarthy OS 61-66 retired from his work in general Practice and Occupational medicine in 2008 and divides his time between the Peak District, where he was in practice for almost 30 years, and Chamonix, France.

Emma-Jayne Middlemiss OS 02-04 completed her PGCE in Bristol a year ago and is now teaching Home Economics and Design Technology at a Bristol school.



Congratulations to **Francis Rainsford OS 66-71** (above). He has been appointed the new Honorary British Consul in Arequipa, Peru, where he established Conchotex EIRL, trading and consulting in textiles, and also serves as a director on the Board of the International Alpaca Association. He has been the *Wool Record/Twist's* correspondent in Peru since 1998. Francis is married to a local girl, Gloria, and they have a son, William



Ellen Riley OS 01-06 is a very gifted portraitist, exhibiting at the National Portrait Gallery at the age of 16. After College she studied in Paris, where days before her first solo exhibition she was rushed into hospital for an operation on a brain tumour. In the face of an incurable condition her response is robust: "time is ticking and I've got paintings to do". She has returned to Lancashire with her art tutor and boyfriend Cedric Charleuf, whom she subsequently married at the College, and has embarked on a project with Clitheroe Castle, painting portraits of local heroes. So far she has completed a portrait of Simon O'Rourke, an activist for the disabled who was confined to a wheelchair after an industrial accident, and is currently painting Laura Bailey Quinton, 77, a campaigner for the relief of Third World debt, a volunteer for Oxfam, the Grand and St Paul's Playgroup in Clitheroe, and a fund raiser for the Friends of Chernobyl Children.

"When you are faced with huge events in your life, the everyday people who surround you can turn out to be heroes

Kevin Barrett is not the only OS to have distinguished himself in this year's IRB Rugby Sevens series. **Matthew Bressons OS 98-03** gained his first cap at scrum half for the Italian Sevens team earlier this year while playing at Twickenham. The Italians were competing in the London leg of the World Series where they beat USA 17-14, but lost against Argentina and Samoa (eventual champions of the series) leaving them in 3rd place in group A. Matthew also took part in the Edinburgh tournament, held at Murrayfield, competing against rugby giants South Africa and New Zealand in group B. In addition Matthew is a regular player for the Italian club team Blugeo Rugby Colorno.

Right: *Timoteo Iosua of Samoa is tackled by Matthew Bressons.*

and, by painting their portraits, I would like to commemorate the actions of local people who do or have done heroic things."

www.ellenriley.co.uk

Above: Ellen and Cedric with paintings commissioned from her by the Good Shepherd parish in Nelson, Colne and Barrowford

Below: Self-portrait



Hipólito Olea OS 93-94 is a Missionary Oblate in Playa Grande at Ixcán in Guatemala. He is kept extremely busy by a very large parish, with over 110 outstations. He is visiting Rome in September for the Oblate General Chapter, but would love to revisit Stonyhurst.

Alexander Thomas OS 96-98 read Russian at Durham University before embarking on a career in the City, which he has now forsaken to begin a new career as a prep school master. From this September he will be a Teacher of Junior History and Games at Westminster Cathedral Choir School.

It is pleasing to report that **David Donegan OS 54-61** and the Rutland Arms, Bakewell, are still a going concern. They recently received a minor savaging on TV in the program *Hotel Inspector*, but survived and are considerably wiser I believe. For an interesting experience in a charming old coaching inn their contact details are: Tel 01629 812812 and www.rutlandarmsbakewell.co.uk

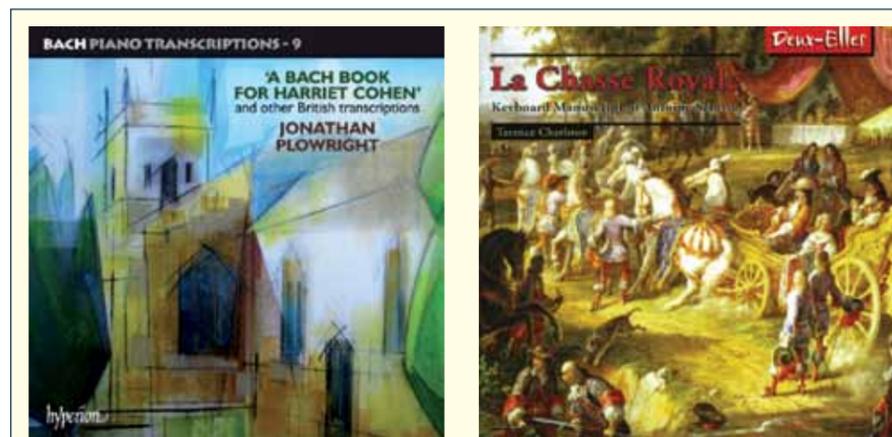
We are pleased to report that **Simon Bartley OS 65-75** has been elected Fourth Warden of the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers of London. He is also Chairman of the Trustees of the Providence Row Charity founded 150 years ago to help the homeless.

Jaime Uribe OS 86-93 writes from Mexico where he works in biopharmaceuticals and would like to exchange news with friends. His email addresses are:

home: uribejm@me.com
work: juribe@probiomed.com.mx

The private notebook of **Thomas Weld OS** and donor of Stonyhurst has been found at a convent of the Order of the Visitation, Waldron, Sussex. He was an exceptionally generous benefactor to several religious orders and the notebook reveals his intense piety.

The first page is dated September 1782 when he was 34 years old and the notebook records Welds daily routines detailing the length of time to be spent on various prayers and meditations, beginning on weekdays at 6.20am and continuing through Lauds, Mass, Matins, the Rosary and twice-daily visits to the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 10.30 pm. There were special regimens for Sundays, holidays, fast days and retreats.



Two CDs have recently come out which might be of interest to Association members: *A Bach Book for Harriet Cohen*, a collection of piano transcriptions played by **Jonathan Plowright OS** and released under the Hyperion label, and *La Chasse Royale*, a collection of keyboard music by Antoine Selosse SJ, director of music at St Omers from 1659-87.

Jonathan Plowright's CD has had a very favourable review by Stephen Pritchard in *The Observer*: "Every so often a CD comes along that I simply can't stop playing. Here's one such example". The transcriptions were commissioned by the pianist Harriet Cohen and were made "by a veritable Who's Who of 20th-century British composers" – Walton, Bax, Howells, Vaughan Williams and Bliss among others, all displayed in Plowright's "glorious interpretations".

The Selosse CD, performed by Terence Charlston and brought out under the Deux-Elles label, is the fruit of research by Dr Peter Leech, who directed the opening concert of the *Held in Trust* exhibition, and wrote on Selosse's work in Newsletter 299. It is a double CD set of music for clavichord, harpsichord and organ, published with comprehensive and scholarly notes.

and finally:

THE LENTEN SACRIFICE

The idea that Sundays should not be a part of Lent (referred to in the last issue) has many adherents but the practice followed at the College has yet to be ascertained. However that frequent Stonyhurst visitor and parent, the writer Evelyn Waugh seems to be in no doubt and says in a letter:



To the Marchioness of Bath

Piers Court
12th March 1948

Dearest Daphne

...Alas Laura can't come on account of cows and kids. She thanks you very much for the kind invitation.

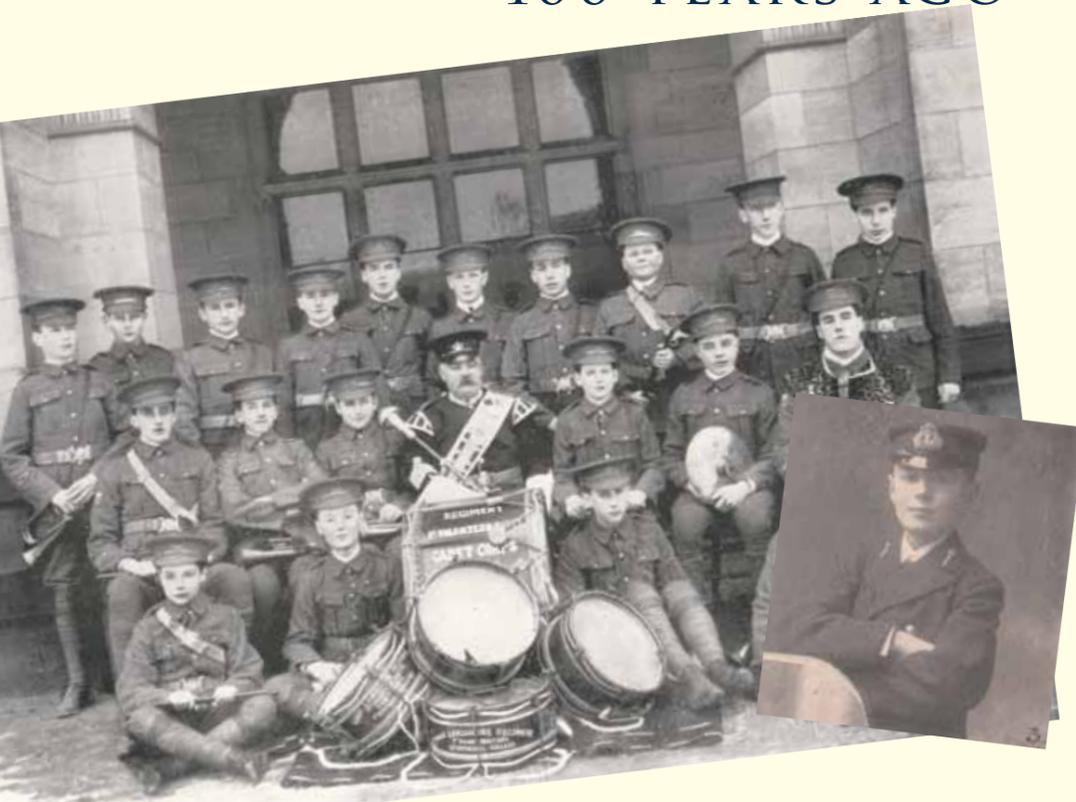
I say it is interesting about your being on the waggon. I am too on account of Lent and I have just read in my paper that there is an unprecedented glut of gin in the West Country in the last few days....

When I say waggon, that doesn't mean Sundays of course and goodness we do get spicificated then...

Love from
Evelyn

[We hope there is a touch of hyperbole in the last sentence.]

100 YEARS AGO



George Archer-Shee (the Winslow Boy) is back at Stonyhurst
Front row, second from left, and inset



A kingfisher is sighted, spending the winter on the Infirmary Pond

Sir John Lane Harrington, after a distinguished military and diplomatic career becomes President of the Stonyhurst Association.

Edward VII dies in May, inspiring five poems in the Stonyhurst Magazine.

Halley's comet is seen in New York which also sees the first dinner of the Stonyhurst Association of America.

A seismograph given by the R.G.S. to the Observatory has already recorded a number of earthquakes.

A new stone cross is set up in the Park. Left: Fr Provincial gives the Address



The Waterton Memorial Window, designed by Paul Woodroffe OS, is installed in the Sodality Chapel.

Thomas Hughes OS 1875 becomes the first Lord Mayor of Sydney, Australia.

Left: Not quite p.c. perhaps but this is how some OS amused themselves in those days – the Moylan family and friends on a shooting party in Kamapore, Betul

REUNIONS AND CONVIVIA

EDINBURGH CONVIVIVUM - ROBERT BELDERBOS

This was held at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 27th February. It was at the end of a hard winter and many roads especially to the north of the city were blocked by snow. For some it required a very special effort to get there and many were unable to do so.

The main celebrant of the Mass was Cardinal Keith Patrick O'Brien, Archbishop of Edinburgh. Andrew Johnson, Headmaster of Stonyhurst, gave the 1st Reading, Robert Belderbos OS 55-59 gave the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel was read by Fr John Twist SJ, Chaplain to the College.

The Bidding Prayers were read by Victoria Robinson OS 01-06 and Jensen So OS 04-08.

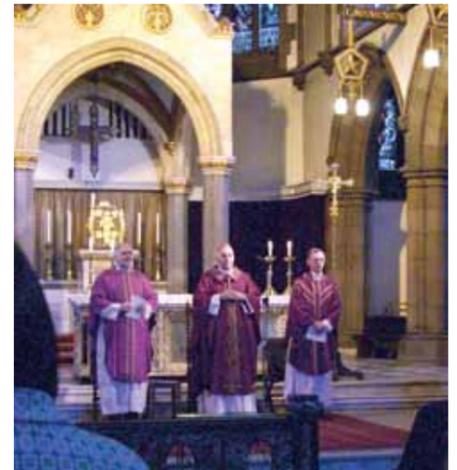
Simon Nieminski was the organist and he played many of the traditional Stonyhurst High Mass pieces including the Credo, Pater Noster, Domine Salvam Fac and ending with Widor's Toccata.

We enjoyed a social lunch in the Cath-

edral Hall kindly hosted by Monsignor Michael Regan, Administrator of the Cathedral and it was good to meet old faces and a few new ones including families with young children. The Wottons had managed to come up from Newcastle with their two young sons and the Ansbros had travelled from the Solway coast.

In his homily, Cardinal O'Brien spoke of the 'lay apostolate', quoting Pope Benedict XVI, who when speaking to the Scottish Bishops recently reminded them that the Second Vatican Council taught us that 'Wherever the lay faithful live out their baptismal vocation – in the family, at home, at work – they are actively participating in the Church's mission to sanctify the world.'. He indicated that the Pope stressed this was the specific vocation of the laity and something quite different from the variety of lay ministries which might be undertaken by them.

The Cardinal indicated that it was this



Above: the Mass celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral

'positive and inspiring' vision that must inspire all connected with Stonyhurst – whether still pupils or members of staff, whether parents of pupils at the school, or those who had benefitted during their earlier years from their education at Stonyhurst College.

'77 REUNION - CHRISTOPHER GRAFFIUS

Laetare Sunday saw a clutch of blue and gold striped ties converging on Farm Street for the Latin Mass ably sung by Fr Tony Nye. David Sunderland had brought us together from around the globe. Stas Mintowt-Czyz had flown in from Utah – others came from Holland, Malta and around the UK. Some of us thought that '77 was such an anarchic year that a reunion would not be possible. But after thirty-three years, the power of a shared experience was still there. David motivated us to hunt out OS we hadn't seen since our teens and on the day – thanks to the internet and a deal of persistence from many including Ian Frickel and Martin Reynolds, fifty-one of us – around half the year – gathered in central London.

Those who made it to Mass luxuriated in the glories of Lassus's *Missa – Coeur se recommande a vous* and some wondered if it was an accident that the Gospel was the story of the prodigal son. Biding prayers were said for those of us – John Donovan and Andrew Bartley – who had died. After Mass, at coffee, we had the added bonus of meeting Fr Bernard Walker – our playroom master in Grammar and now on the team at Farm Street – and we joined in the birthday celebrations for Fr James Campbell.

We then moved to the cellar bar of the Stafford Hotel in St James's. Over the next nine hours we discovered how remarkable the shared bond of the Stonyhurst experience is. After thirty-three years, it might be difficult to find the right name, but features and mannerisms frequently had not, and for all of us, the boys we had been lurked just beneath the surface. It

was like finding long lost brothers or picking up a conversation that had stopped last month.

A very late lunch was followed by toasts: Roland Rawicz-Szczerbo – who was himself deeply involved in the organisation of the day – proposed thanks to David Sunderland for bringing us all together again. Miles Macfarlane – shouts of 'Silence for the Head of the Line' – proposed a toast to absent friends. Somebody joked that this was the first reunion to warm us up for the last one in twenty years time. In fact the renewal of friendship will prompt more frequent meetings. As I write an unofficial follow-up is planned at the 'Dog and Partridge' in Chipping, Dennis Chiu is organising a lunch in London and there is talk of a gathering at the College in 2012. Many of us felt dubious about meeting up again. The post-event email traffic demonstrates that we need not have worried. It was a unique occasion and one that those who were there will never forget.



Victor Fauvelle reports on a reunion whose proposal was initially greeted with a mixture of enthusiasm and trepidation, but in the event was a huge success: "we met at the Lions and the banter got under way (didn't really stop for the whole weekend!)"



College and I am sure the laughter could be heard all down the galleries." Despite late night "reminiscing" they made it next morning to Mass: "an uplifting and special occasion, with Fr Simon Bishop SJ and Fr Twist SJ celebrating".

"The reunion was a brilliant success. Beverley and the Association organised a wonderful weekend and we were all heartened by the especially warm welcome we received at the College. Even the weather was good!

"It was a very busy time at Stonyhurst with a Parents' Weekend and sports fixtures but staff found time to come and mingle with us. It was especially good to see those who continue to work there since our day and have helped shape the

College over the years. Impressed at the great strides taken at the College we were also reassured that the Stonyhurst spirit has been maintained and even improved! The whole College put a great effort into the event, and many people made a big effort to attend, coming long distances from beyond the UK. Our thanks to Tom Daniel for masterminding things: we look forward to next time!"

There is now a Facebook Group called 'Stonhurst 1980-1985' (with photos past and present). Anyone who shared the same year can join.

Members of Poetry '85 included: Alex Graneri, Brett Fleming-Jones, Mike Kemp, Ben McKeown, Romano Petrucci, Graeme Coulthard, Robert Hill, David Johnson, Richard (Jimmy) Durant, Jez Eastham, Tim Horne, Rowan Somerville, Jonathan Finnegan, Martin Dachs, John Chu, Tom Daniel, Adam Cafferata, Niggs Burke, Hans van Oordt, John Irvine, Pierce Bradley, Mark Lowe, Anthony Bradbury, Michael Porter, Charlie Butcher, Harry Leong, Victor Fauvelle, Kent Haworth, David Hart, Tim Wan Ullok, Carlos Wilkinson, Richard Cooper, Peter Prada, Alastair Rogers, Richard Simpson, Simon Bishop, Tom Burke, Sean O'Hea.



A welcoming lunch was followed by tours of the College before the big event, Saturday dinner in the Top Ref. "This began with a champagne reception and the school band... We changed seats with each course to maximise the time for catching up and then got to the organised part of the evening, a quiz orchestrated by Tom Daniel. It was really an anthology of all the funniest and most memorable moments of our time at the

'84 REUNION

Ed Macey-Dare reports on a 26-year "memorable reunion" of 17 OS '84 (2-4 July). The weekend began with drinks at the Dunkenhagh Hotel on Friday evening, and continued in high style: cricket on the Oval - they all scored "at least one 'four'", dinner at Whitewell Inn and Mass next morning in the Boys' Chapel, celebrated by Fr Gero McLoughlin SJ, their LG Playroom master. Readers were Malik Fernando and Julian Hartley, James Hermacinski read the bidding prayers; and the organ was played heroically by Ed himself, "an instrument I had not played since 1984!" All in all, "a truly excellent weekend."

Below: kneeling left to right: Crispin Hawes, Tristan Cooke, Paul McCosker; standing: Alastair Seymour, Pat Devaney, Jim Hermacinski, Malik Fernando, Tom George, Hideo Takano, Edward Macey-Dare



'90 REUNION

Greg Tomlin writes: "On Saturday 17th July, 36 OS from the '85-'90 year group assembled at the Alma in Wandsworth for a reunion to mark twenty years since leaving the College (below). It was a lively and enjoyable evening that provided an opportunity for many dormant friendships to be brought back to life.

There are plans to have future get-togethers for the year group, and particularly for a large 'do' to mark the 25th anniversary in five years time. Anyone who was at anytime a member of the year group and has not yet been in contact with one of the OS who organised the evening but would like to be kept informed of future events, please contact Greg Tomlin at: gctomlin@yahoo.co.uk



WANDERERS

SPORTING WEEKEND

For most people, the weekend of April 24th/25th meant the multitudinous event taking place in London, but the select few who came North to Stonyhurst for the fun and games there, were not to be disappointed. The weather, of course, was beautiful and this year's was the best attended such event so far, with the Top Refectory almost full to capacity for the excellent supper on Saturday. It was a great credit to the organisers, Wanderers' Chairman Richard Drinkwater, the sports representatives and the enthusiasm of those participating.

RUGBY SEVENS



The turn-out for Rugby Sevens (above) was especially good with nine teams including one of non-OS guests, and later at dinner, Marco Vagheti rewarded his strongest players with prizes.

Sun, Sevens, Bagpipes, Banoffee Pie and Old Friends - the Stonyhurst Association Rugby Sevens had it all!

It was the third year we have run the OS Rugby Sevens and 2010 proved to be the most enjoyable yet. The rugby was of a very high standard and all who came contributed to the weekend both on and off the field, with the weather also on our side!

Early champagne moments on the field were soon matched in numbers of bottles off it, as a healthy gathering of family and friends, armed with picnic baskets, soon assembled on Smith Field to enjoy some dazzling rugby.

All teams displayed good knowledge of the seven-a-side game, with strong early performances from CBA, RH 08 and RH 05, the latter giving Vodka Red Bulls a run for their money in the Cup Semi.

The final was a repeat of the previous two years. Rhetoric 03, victors of CBA in the Cup semi and restricted to Stonyhurst 2003 leavers, against the Vodka Red Bulls an invitational team drawn from OS and friends from local clubs.

It was a clash of styles. The Vodka Red Bulls were confrontational in both defence and attack, looking to crash through defences, against a more traditional sevens approach from RH 03, whose preferred route was to create gaps or skip round the outsiders.

The final didn't disappoint as both teams went to war with no inch given. Early tries were exchanged and RH 03 eventually snuck in front 19-14 with only moments remaining. To their credit, the VRBs came back with a somewhat dubious late try to draw level and then stung again in Golden Time to claim a hat-trick of Stonyhurst Association titles.

Congratulations go to Richard Maudsley (RH 03) who won Player of the Tournament, as voted for by the team captains. Notable performances also from: Luke Copping (RH 07), Tom Halliday (CBA), Phil Leonard (RH 08), Mwai Kumwenda (RH 02) and Pierre Lafayeedney (RH 03).

Later in the evening, the atmosphere and floor boards for that matter were rocking during the dinner in the Top Refectory, especially when the very energetic Heads and Tails raffle took place! Everyone then darted up to the pub for a couple of swift halves and a sing song - following this you will have to ask someone else!

A big thank you for everyone's donations during the dinner. In total £567.15 was raised for the Learning to Care charity.

Many thanks to the following who helped organise the weekend: Beverley Sillitoe, David Mercer, Richard Drinkwater, Simon Charles, Alan Lovegrove, Steve McGinnis, Henning Kaaber, each of the team captains and all the OS sports representatives.

Already looking forward to next year!

Marco Vagheti

OTHER EVENTS

The College soccer team, fresh from their triumphant tour of Malta at Easter, took on a strong OS side and lost. This Wanderers team under Rob Eatough train together and were a formidable side.

Meanwhile, the golfers enjoyed an excellent afternoon on Stonyhurst Park against the College and the Wanderers managed to retain the cup with a tie.

In the Ambulacrum, mixed teams of boys and girls, OS and College enjoyed friendly games of Badminton and outside, the Wanderers were soundly beaten at hockey by the College girls. The Association President, Barry O'Driscoll, abetted by his granddaughter had come to watch his daughter play for the 'Mums' against the 'School' at netball and then encourage the Wanderers side to beat the 'Mums', but they went on to lose against the College first team.

After drinks in the Long Gallery, everyone was welcomed by the Headmaster, who then said Grace before we adjourned for supper. Marco gave his prizes and Barry and Richard brought the evening to a close with 'Heads and Tails' raising £567 and 15p for 'Learning to Care'. Many then headed off to the Bailey Arms and elsewhere in 'support of local industries'.



L to r: Barry O'Driscoll, Carl Cimpoias & Kirk Alex Stokes

Former member of staff, Adrian Bidwell read the Bidding Prayers at Mass next morning and then it was time for the cricket.

The Sporting Weekend is a well established sporting and general OS reunion: the College and the Association play host to former pupils and welcome them 'home'. If you are interested contact the representatives below, well in advance of the same time next year.

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CRICKET

Team sheet: Adrian Bidwell, Dan Smalley, John Waring, Kirk Stokes, Richard Drinkwater, James Cathcart, Matt Wild, Will Mould, John Smalley, Jonny Garlington, James Garlington, Brendan Knight.

On a cloudy spring morning, following the previous evening's entertainment, the Wanderers had to gather themselves mentally and physically to take on the College 1st XI on the ever picturesque Oval. A sense of calm washed over the Wanderers as we 'won' the toss and elected to bat. Surely an opening pairing of Bidwell and Smalley would see us through to lunch we thought, as they elegantly stroked the ball to all parts of the field. Unfortunately there seemed to be a fielder on every part of the field, and after a partnership of 11, lasting 40 minutes, Adrian was caught out at gully. In walked Richard Drinkwater to steady the ship if not his own hangover, but after a few lusty cover drives, he too departed, bowled off his pads for 10. At 29 for 2, the OS looked like they needed some luck, but again the cricketing gods conspired against them, with Dan Smalley being run out comfortably after a mix up in the calling. Dan had played a sensible and delicate innings, unfortunately he only scored 9 runs and left the wicket with the score on 36-3. John Waring was the next to fall for 5, caught off the spin bowling of the impressive Tim Le Breton. Thankfully at this point the OS showed some backbone with a great (in the context of the game!) partnership of 32 between Kirk Stokes (14) and Matt Wild (21 no). Unbeknownst to us, our luck was about to run out. With Stokes' wicket falling with the score on 78-5, I was quite sure we could post a competitive total of 130-140. Wild looked very comfortable with the bowling, but alas, his next 5 partners didn't! The ensuing collapse took 3 overs and 6 runs! Messrs Cathcart, Mould, John Smalley, Jonny and James Garlington scored 2 runs between them and the innings was completed with the tenth wicket falling for 84. Top Scorers were Matt Wild with 21, followed by the extras, 17! At this point I was wondering whether next year the cricket team will forego the customary visit to Rio's...

And so to the bowling!

What can I say other than that Hopkins and Le Breton got the College off to the best start possible, knocking 37 off the first four overs, which ultimately put paid to our chances of bowling them all out! In his third over, before having to dash off back to London, Cathcart made the breakthrough by having Le Breton caught at mid wicket. Here we go, thought I...! How wrong I was; Hopkins and Teague combined to score runs quickly despite a few bowling changes, and when John Waring bowled Teague for 10, the score had moved on to 72. At this point, it's worth mentioning that John Smalley declined to bowl the final overs as he didn't want his averages to take a hit! No such reticence from Kirk Stokes who steamed in for 7 balls, but the winning runs were hit, deservedly so, by Hopkins who crushed a 4 through mid wicket to see the College through to a very comfortable (and sobering!) 8 wicket win!

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the game and lunch; also to Gareth Thomas and the College XI who made us look like the amateurs we are, and to the caterers who provided a sumptuous lunch as ever! Let's hope we can be a tad more competitive next year.

Richard Drinkwater

THE IRISH ENIGMA

DAVID MERCER

MIDNIGHT, MAY 3RD, 1916 saw an unusual event taking place in Kilmainham Jail, Dublin. One of the prisoners, although dying of consumption, was being married. The ceremony took place in darkness except for the light of a candle held by a British soldier. Another two soldiers armed with rifles acted as witnesses. The prisoner's handcuffs were then replaced and he was taken back to his cell which contained a plank, a blanket and no light. A little later, he was allowed to see his bride for ten minutes only and without any privacy, the time being measured by a soldier with a watch, and others looking on. Then he was taken out into the prison yard and shot.

The man was Joseph Mary Plunkett OS 1906 - 1908.



Above: Joseph Plunkett, seated on the right, in the 1908 Philosophers' year group photo. Seated on the left of the group is Aidan Liddell, whose First World War experience was a contrast to Plunkett's: he was awarded the VC in 1915

The Easter Rising had failed as it was almost bound to do and as even the leaders knew it would, but had decided already that their 'blood sacrifice' was necessary for the cause of Irish independence and the survival of 'Gaeldom'. Joseph Plunkett had been the military planner with Michael Collins as his assistant and for six days they had defied the might of the British Army using mainly antiquated weapons supplied by the Germans. Considerable damage to property ensued. There were many civilian casualties when artillery was used against them and considerable damage to property ensued. The first reaction to their occupation of the General Post Office and other places had been one of amused indifference but when the surrendered rebels were marched off into captivity, they were reviled by the Dublin populace.

Over 150,000 Irishmen had volunteered to fight for the British Empire and most people seemed content to be patient and wait for home rule and some form of independence. To militant separatists, this was a 'further extension of the process of seduction by which the Irish race was sleepwalking to extinction'. The father of Garret Fitzgerald, a future prime minister, considered that 'Our national identity was obliterated not only politically but in our own minds. The Irish people had recognised themselves as part of England.' The idea was unacceptable to the poetic and visionary leaders of the Rising who sensed that people were losing their 'Irishness', an identity which could only be redeemed by war. It was realised that to make people demand a revolution, they would first have to be given a rebellion.

This was fought with great tenacity, but also chivalry. Despite the heavy casualties inflicted, the rebels earned the Army's respect. Joseph Plunkett's brother, George OS 1906 - 1912, risked his life to carry a wounded soldier to safety and one officer commented that they were the cleanest and bravest lot of boys he had ever met. But with increasing exhaustion and casualties and no chance of relief, there could be only one end. There could also only be one penalty for the leaders. Many people had been killed, it was wartime and they had committed treason.

The leaders were immediately tried by secret court martial, the executions began; the public mood started to change. It was never known who would be the next to die or when. Nobody denied that the rebels had fought bravely and fairly and even the British Prime Minister paid tribute to them and described them as being misled. It was pointed out that it was the first rebellion in Irish history in which the people had aided the government. By the time it was Eamonn de Valera's turn to be shot, the British Government had had enough and his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Being an American citizen probably also helped because it was hoped that they would come into the war as allies of the British.

Revulsion at the executions was compounded by the secrecy of the court martial proceedings and also the stories which began to come out from the families of the condemned, about their final days. It was rumoured also that atrocities had been committed by the military and rebels had been shot after the surrender. Even General Maxwell, the British Army commander in Ireland conceded that the insurgents had possibly gained more from the Rising than by constitutional methods and the swing in public opinion gained momentum from the imposition of martial law and the increasing possibility of conscription being introduced. The large numbers of people arrested when the rebellion was put down became an embarrassment and by Christmas many were released including Michael Collins. The Easter rebels had made their point.

Sean Moylan, a rebel leader from County Cork said years later about these events;

'Even those who looked with dismay on Easter Week were proud of the courage of their compatriots and bitterly

Another brother Jack, was also involved in the fighting and their father, Count Plunkett, was already in gaol charged with sedition.

Below: the scene in the Dublin General Post Office, April 1916. Pearse, Clarke and Plunkett hover over the wounded James Connolly.



resentful of the execution of prisoners. Irish history has made insurrection inevitable; the conditions and mentality created thereby produced a revolution.... for the replacement of each man in prison, there were countless others. The quiet was ominous.'

Resentment evolved into resistance, almost unconsciously at first. Non-cooperation with the authorities increased. By 1919, an independent government was developing and London was starting to be ignored. Government offices and police stations were attacked mainly for the acquisition of arms, leading to reprisals by both sides as the movement for independence developed into a guerrilla war and Ireland became ungovernable.

In the summer of 1921, a truce was arranged which led to a treaty only narrowly accepted by the Irish representatives. It fell far short of what the republicans wanted and before long caused splits leading to civil war in June 1922, despite a pact between de Valera and Michael Collins. The British now supported the Provisional Government of the Irish Free State, which excluded six counties in Ulster, and which now recruited for a National Army. Friends and former comrades became the bitter enemies of Pro or Anti-Treaty factions and the conflict was marked by much greater atrocity and cruelty than the war against the British. Erskine Childers, author of *The Riddle of the Sands*, and a republican was executed on the charge of possessing a pistol given to him by Michael Collins when they were comrades on the same side and fighting the British. Collins had already been killed in an ambush by the Republicans. Ironically, Childers' son later became President of Ireland.

The fighting continued until a ceasefire in the spring of 1923, when the anti-Treaty republicans were more or less beaten.

In the 1960s, I was in the Dublin house of a former prominent rebel. He had later become a Minister of Agriculture and then of Education. Above the fireplace, I noticed an invitation from Eamonn de Valera, now the President, and in a corner stood a Lee-Enfield rifle. It was old and very rusty. For their generation at least the war was now over.



During World War I, seventeen Victoria Crosses were won by Irish soldiers, the first by an OS, Maurice Dease. Many had joined up for good wages, in the expectation that the war would soon be over, in the spirit perhaps of the 'Wild Geese' of previous centuries but once committed 'to King and Empire', they kept faith with their cause. Roger Casement, one of the Easter Rising conspirators, had no success, recruiting prisoners of war into his 'Irish Brigade' to fight for the Germans.

Sadly many of the men who survived the war felt unable to go back to Ireland. If they did they were liable to be stoned in the streets.

The front cover of this issue shows the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Munster Fusiliers being blessed by their chaplain, Father Francis Gleeson, the evening before their first action in Belgium in 1915. On the following day, 22 officers and 520 soldiers went into battle. Only three officers and 200 soldiers survived.

During the retreat from Mons, at less than battalion strength, the 2nd Munsters halted the advance of the German Army for fourteen hours enabling the rest of the British Army to withdraw. They were outnumbered at odds of 6 to 1 and when finally defeated, the survivors were congratulated on their supreme bravery by the German soldiers they had fought.

Stonyhurst sent fifteen of its sons to war with the Munsters. Eight of them did not return. This was more than from any other regiment in the British Army. Those who died were:

Lieutenant Harold Blake OS 1904-09, Major Joseph Callaghan MC, OS 1902-09, 2nd Lieutenant Richard Gethin OS 1907-14, Major CHB Jarrett OS 1883-91, Lieutenant W McCarthy O'Leary OS 1905-12, Captain Hugh HC O'Brien OS 1896-97, Lieutenant Kevin O'Duffy OS 1905-12, Captain HAJ Roche OS 1898-04.

In the Great War, the Royal Munster Fusiliers won 50 'mentions in despatches' and 198 decorations. They were disbanded in 1922 when the Irish Free State was formed.



The Rev Francis Shaw SJ, MA, professor at University College, Dublin in 1966 referred to the three great wounds inflicted on the unity of Ireland by the Easter Rising.

The first is Partition. (Northern Ireland and the Republic) The threat of this in 1916 was already very strong and

now it would seem to be final.

The second is the civil war caused by the extremism shown in the Easter Rising.

The third and least remembered wound is that occasioned by the thousands of Irishmen who fought and died in the Great War and are yet virtually without honour in their own land.

That same year, Mr Sean Lemass, then Taoiseach, 'broke a great silence... when he spoke with sympathy, understanding and appreciation of the sacrifice of those men... They could yet have consequences for unity in Ireland...'



In the last newsletter, John Green OS 68-76, wrote about the Catholic Association founded by Daniel O'Connell to win Catholic Emancipation and promote home rule for Ireland. He also described a ceremony on November 11th at Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin and promised a sequel. John writes:

At the outset of their campaign the Catholic Association concerned themselves with the 'humiliating' situation by which Catholics could not have the Catholic burial rite administered at the graveside. In short, since the reformation, all, graveyards were in the control of the established church and fees had to be paid to the local parsons; many of whom had no parishioners but still lived 'royally' on the proceeds of these burial fees. However overall there was a 'Modus Moriendi' which was occasionally interrupted. The appointment of Archbishop Magee was one such time and the Association decided to do something. Immediate success in this action saw the 'Easements of burials Bill' which purported to allow Catholic and Dissenter unimpeded burial rights but in fact enshrined the parson's power. The Association decided to set up its own cemetery and lands at Golden Bridge were purchased opening as a cemetery in October 1829 six months after emancipation. This was soon followed by Glasnevin in 1832. O'Connell wrote: 'Our first wish has ever been to reconcile our countrymen of all denominations. We wish to live on terms of amity and affection with our brother Protestant fellow-countrymen. We earnestly desire to be united with them in our lives, and not to be separated from them in death.'

Eventually in 1846, the Burial Committee, the last legacy of the old Catholic Association was given statutory powers as the 'Dublin Cemeteries' Committee' Over the years its members have included several OS and from 1945 to 1990 under the chairmanship of James Green OS 24 - 31 it was dominated by them: Hubert Woulfe Flanagan OS 17 - 27, Maurice Hegarty OS 29 - 32, Christopher Preston OS. When my father died in 1990, I was invited to join the committee. Recently the committee reaffirmed the principles of the founders and assured that Glasnevin remained a burial place 'for the peoples of all religions and none, for peoples of every creed, belief and race.' The treatment of those who died in or as a result of the World Wars offered us an opportunity to transparently confirm our case.

Since the founding of the State, much has been resolved in Ireland but certainly the position of those who fought in the two World Wars has not. Two cenotaphs have been erected, one in the 1930s and another after the Second World War but most of those who died in or as result of the World Wars lie in unmarked graves, unacknowledged for over 90 years. Many of them died in poverty because they were reluctant to draw their service pension. Recently Dublin Cemeteries Committee asked the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to individually memorialise them. We have now identified nearly 300 graves in the Cemetery and the process of acknowledging them appropriately is well under way.

On Remembrance Day 2009, when four of these headstones were unveiled, I asked why these brave men had lain in unmarked graves so long. The answer lay in the fact that as a nation, Ireland had not come to terms with the role of the many Irish men and women who fought in the two World Wars. The Irish Times said that the ceremony was 'another important milestone... in our reconciliation with the totality of our history... Men and women who fought in the British Army are part of that history too.'

In early June, Baron Bannside (Rev Ian Paisley) visited the cemetery with his wife and the former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern. As we were whisked around in a golf buggy, I was genuinely taken by the conciliatory nature of the man. We stopped at the cenotaphs and the Big Man said 'I think I will pray as this is holy ground'. He then read Chapter 21, the Apocalypse... I saw a new heaven and a new earth... and then he prayed aloud

for peace, reconciliation and redemption for our peoples. As we left the cenotaphs, Rev Paisley asked me if I knew the reading. I told him I did and that it had been one of the readings at my wedding but only the first part, the latter was too dark for a wedding. He stopped, put his hand on my shoulder and said 'You must have darkness to have light. Without the dark there is no light'. After visiting O'Connell's tomb, our last port of call was the Republican Plot where Bertie Ahern's parents are buried and again the Big Man prayed, this time for Bertie's parents!

Later as we took tea, we talked about the Easter Rising, the Battle of the Somme... and I reflected on how much has changed in Ireland these past few years.

Right: Glasnevin Cemetery; the tomb of John Devoy, 1842-1928, Fenian.



IRELAND AND THE COLLEGE

Not many boys came from Ireland when the College was established on the Continent. The earliest name mentioned is that of William Boyton SJ who was born in 1609 in Cashel. Some members of the Carroll family who had not emigrated to Maryland were at St Omer's and also a number of Plunketts. Daniel O'Connell, the 'Liberator', was something of an OS manqué. He went to St Omer but after the Jesuits had gone and it was run by secular priests.

After the College moved to Stonyhurst, it was relatively accessible by sea and the Society, though suppressed, still had a very good name for education. In Ireland there was almost no opportunity for secondary education until Clongowes opened and even then a large contingent continued to come throughout the 19th and into the 20th century. The rocky marriage between their parent countries had its effect on the children, especially during the frequent upsurges of Irish nationalism. Much of the turbulence in the school from time to time had its roots in this problem and of course the school was situated in the 'enemy camp'.

John Green sent this story about Colonel Leslie Humphreys OS 18-22 who was half Irish and half English:

'I started the biggest riot in the school history in October 1920 (at the height of the struggle for independence). The school was almost half English and half Irish with a few oddments. At that time

Terence McSweeney, the Lord Mayor of Cork, (and a prominent rebel) had been on hunger strike for a number of weeks and when the news came through, I rushed into the study place and shouted 'The Lord mayor of Cork is dead. Hurray!!' My punishment was doubled because the Prefect of Studies told me no one else would have lived to tell the tale!

The reputation of the College was such that even after independence, there were a considerable number prepared to cross the sea for their education. John Green describes his own background:

'In the summer term of 1930, Joe Jackman's mother and sister, Marie, visited the College over from County Waterford and Joe brought his friend Kensey Green out to lunch. Returning to the College, Kensey introduced his brother James, Head of the Line. My parents, James Green and Marie Jackman met for the first time. Naturally my two brothers (Michael and Kensey) and I also came on to Stonyhurst.'

Both John's uncles, Joe and Kensey, served in the British Army in World War II. Joe won the VC at Tobruk where he died and was buried. Kensey now rests in Glasnevin.

Recently, Rickard O'Connell OS 85-93 and a descendant of the 'Liberator', was asked why he had been sent to Stonyhurst and said after some thought, 'Well you might say, it was a family tradition.'



SOME OTHER IRISH OS

Stephen Woulfe c.1800 was a member of a family settled in Ireland since the fifteenth century which had stayed staunchly Catholic. He went with his friends mentioned below, to Trinity College, Dublin, and was called to the Bar in 1814. He was an effective speaker and took part in the agitation for Catholic emancipation but was of moderate views and was made solicitor-general and later attorney-general for Ireland. He became the first Catholic to be appointed chief baron of the Irish exchequer.

Nicholas Ball OS 1800-01, the son of a silk merchant also went to Trinity and was called to the Irish Bar in 1814. Like Woulfe, he had moderate views on emancipation and was prepared to compromise. He became an MP for Clonmel and Irish attorney-general and then a judge. He was regarded as a zealous Irish liberal but opposed to the disintegration of the Empire.

Sir Thomas Wyse OS 1801-08 came from an old Waterford relatively impoverished by their adherence to the Catholic Faith and the consequent fines under the penal laws. At Stonyhurst he developed an ardent love for literature and the classics and distinguished himself at Trinity College, Dublin before studying law at Lincoln's Inn and then spending time on the Continent with his friends, Ball and Woulfe. In Rome he met and then married Napoleon's niece and lived

for a time at Viterbo.

He had always taken a keen interest in politics and when the agitation for Catholic emancipation revived in 1825, he returned to Ireland to take a leading part along with O'Connell and Shiel in the activities of the Catholic Association. After Emancipation in 1829, he became an MP and was regarded as an 'enlightened liberal' voting for the Reform Bill of 1832. He was anxious to promote education for all and many of his ideas were taken up by others.

He sought redress for Irish grievances but declined to join O'Connell's Repeal Association and later refused to join the Young Ireland physical force movement of Thomas Francis Meagher and others. He then became British Minister at Athens where he stayed until he died in 1862, highly respected by the Greeks. He was knighted in 1857.

Richard Lalor Shiel OS 1804-07 was something of an eccentric along the lines of Charles Waterton. He too went to Trinity, Dublin and before long took an active part in public affairs championing the rights of his Catholic countrymen. He was very interested in the stage and wrote various dramas partly to support himself financially when preparing for the Irish Bar. After Catholic Emancipation, he was elected an MP and although until then, not considered much of an orator, he made a

great impact with his maiden speech. In 1846 he was made Master of the Mint and during his tenure a new coin, the florin (top) was introduced. It was soon noticed that these did not bear the legend F.D. (Fidei Defensor) and it was assumed that this was a result of Shiel's Catholicism. Considerable outrage ensued and the coins had to be withdrawn.

He withdrew from Parliament in 1856 and was appointed Minister at Florence where he died the following year.

Thomas Francis Meagher OS 1839-43 man of many parts, all of them colourful and mainly controversial returned to Ireland already a nationalist and was soon drawn into the movement for home rule led by Daniel O'Connell. He and other young men, became impatient with O'Connell's policy of non-violence to achieve their aims and he became known as 'Meagher of the Sword'. The 'Young Irelanders' started an abortive rebellion in 1848 and were sentenced to death, commuted to transportation to Tasmania.

From there, he made his escape to America and was lionised as a patriot

Above: *The Fighting 69th* by Mort Künstler, ©1998 Mort Künstler, Inc. www.MortKunstler.com
Colonel Robert Nugent points out to General Meagher (standing) the pontoons on Rappahannock River, December 1862.

by New York and Irish society, practised law and married well. He was a noted orator and lecturer and wrote articles for Harper's Magazine but when the Civil War broke out, he raised a force known as The Irish Brigade (the Fighting 69th) which fought with distinction on the Union side. They carried green Irish banners into battle made by Mrs Meagher and her friends, one of which was later presented to the Irish Republic by President Kennedy.

After the war, he obtained the post of Acting Governor of Montana Territory, a turbulent part of the West where his rule was frequently questioned and he made many enemies except among the Irish. He had developed a serious drink problem and one night he disappeared from a river boat on the Missouri and was never seen again.

Oliver St John Gogarty OS 1892-96 son of a wealthy Dublin physician, was a talented athlete and whilst at Stonyhurst sneaked out on his bicycle to play for

Preston North End FC. He also had a successful cycling career for a while and even rescued four people from drowning. Not a very attentive student, he went Trinity College Medical School, where he developed a serious interest in poetry and literature and was noted as a witty conversationalist. He frequented the Dublin literary circles of W B Yeats, George Moore, Seamus O'Sullivan and James Joyce. His Martello Tower menage, with Joyce and Samuel Chevenix Trench provided the inspiration for the opening chapter of Ulysses. 'Buck Mulligan' as was obvious to everyone was based on Gogarty who didn't like it and they quarrelled.

Gogarty published three small books of poetry, three plays performed at the Abbey Theatre and later some works of prose, but he also became one of the founding members of Arthur Griffith's Sinn Fein movement for Irish autonomy. He took part in the Irish War of Independence, afterwards becoming

a Free State senator and close friend of both Griffith* and Michael Collins. He was kidnapped by anti-Treaty IRA forces who had orders to shoot senators but managed to escape by jumping into the River Liffey and swimming away.

He was a highly-visible, colourful Dublin character in his day and also appears in a number of memoirs penned by his contemporaries. Besides 'Buck Mulligan' he appears in George Moore's Hail and Farewell and it is suggested that the speaker of W B Yeats's poem, High, is a representation of Gogarty.

*Griffith published the speeches and writings of Thomas Francis Meagher in 1916 as *Meagher of the Sword* and considered him the most accomplished Irish orator of the 19th century: 'his was an eloquence not before heard... passion and poetry transfigured his words and he evoked... a manly consciousness of national right and dignity'. The book made Meagher's name a legend in Ireland.

MAURICE DEASE VC

On the 22nd August 2010 one day short of 96 years since the Battle of Mons a plaque dedicated to Maurice Dease VC was unveiled in Culmullen Church. The 10.30am mass was a memorial mass for Lt. Dease whose parents lived in Culmullen House for 10 years and it was the family home when he was killed.

The magnificent church built in 1877 was recently restored and a parishioner, Nicholas Molloy, noticed that a plaque commemorating Dease had disappeared amongst several other items. His desire to replace the plaque was initially thwarted as there did not seem to be any good reason for the plaque being in Culmullen Church.

Nicholas Molloy investigated the Dease family history in detail and discovered that as Norman settlers they had purchased Turbotstown House near Castlepollard in the 1270s and had remained there until the early 1900s. Despite the Penal Laws they had never wavered in their faith and had

outlived many other great families. Dease's grandmother was a daughter of Christopher Waterton and through her Maurice Dease was ascribed a direct descendant of St Thomas More.

Nicholas Molloy realised that not only Dease's VC was of huge interest but also the whole Dease family but he could not place the family in Culmullen. The 1911 census had the family back in Westmeath but in fact they were only staying the night! Almost at a dead end Molloy contacted the Association with a picture of Dease and his "friend" Arthur French wondering if French was OS and if so could they provide contact details for the French family. David Mercer put him in touch with John Green who was able to give him contact details for Maurice French who is Maurice Dease's nephew. The circle was completed and once the local memory was jogged the Deases' tenure in Culmullen House was well remembered.

John and Michael Green attended the Ceremony. Fr Kerrane, Pastor Emeritus, spoke at length about the Dease family and in particular of Maurice Dease and his heroic bravery, reminding the congregation "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends". Afterwards in the Parish Hall Nicholas Molloy unveiled an exhibition on Maurice Dease based heavily on "The Seven VCs of Stonyhurst College" and with a picture of the Dease and Liddell portraits over the fireplace in the Old refectory.

Turbotstown House is now owned by a descendant of the Dease family, Peter Bland.

As we departed this beautiful Church we felt how appropriate it was that Maurice Dease VC a descendant of a great and good Norman family was commemorated in a church dedicated to St. Martin of Tours!

John Green

Left: Michael Green, Nicholas Molloy, Fr Kerrane, Mickey Kenny (local historian) and John Green after the ceremony.
Inset: the new plaque.



WHAT IS A JESUIT EDUCATION?

CHRISTOPHER PAGE

AN OLD PHOTOGRAPH in the press recently of 40 Jesuits was striking on three counts: they had dark hair; they were all wearing collars and gowns; and they were all teaching at one famous Jesuit college.

Declining vocations and a rebalancing of emphasis (and garb) by the order mean that such a photograph would be impossible now. While the Jesuits in Britain still run eight schools, there are no more than a dozen Jesuits working within them. Even if the schools are still “Jesuit works”, with the lay heads reporting to the Father Provincial and their Jesuit charism assured by Jesuit trustees, some would question whether it is possible to have a “Jesuit school” without Jesuits.

What is a Jesuit education? While St Ignatius initially had no intention that his new order should become involved in education, he soon realised its power, and 450 years later the Jesuit order holds a unique place in the history of education. His schools are founded on his own spiritual vision, which grows from two deeply grounded theological roots. First is that God is found in all things: all creation, everything we are, have and see is a gift. Within that vision the pursuit of knowledge is not just an intellectual activity but is a sacred process. From this conviction springs the second root of all Jesuit education, namely that learning is not just a matter of gaining information, but rather is a catalyst for transformation, which in Jesuit terms means a profound change in one’s view of the world.

Ignatius believed that the best way to educate, to foster transformation and conversion, is through individualised guidance combined with self-reflection. His famous book, the *Spiritual Exercises*, written for the benefit of lay people, was designed to help the individual realise, through daily experience, the presence and love of God. The natural consequence of this realisation is to move outward into the world of God’s creation with one consuming purpose: to serve others in whatever way you are best suited. Thus Ignatian spirituality is the opposite of “other worldly”. Jesuit education intimately and inextricably links reason and religion; it is not the pursuit of intellectualism, it is about the formation of the whole person. Even when there were platoons of Jesuits within their schools, formal religious classes were rarely for more than two hours a week. It was thought superficial to make “religion” a course of its own as faith should permeate and penetrate everything.

Jesuit founders of schools were conscious of being reformers. Jesuit education then was, and is now, a means of producing good leaders to transform the world by humanising it, striving to overcome the egoism that de-humanises both persons and institutions, challenging the status quo, since this form of humanism is irreconcilable with racist, nationalist, sexist, religious or cultural claims of superiority or self-sufficiency; in the twenty-first century it embraces again a cosmic spirituality, embracing the planet, not just the people on it.

An ordained Jesuit, formed within the Society for a dozen or so years, becomes imbued with the Ignatian vision, which, when applied in a school context, should hydrate all he



Above: engraving after Rubens, from the Vita Beati P. Ignatii Loiolæ, Rome 1609

contributes. But is there any reason why such a vision should not also inspire lay staff? Should lay staff be any less capable of delivering such transformative education? Or, to question another canard, should such an education be restricted to Catholics, or is it in some way diluted by the presence of non-Catholic pupils and staff?

Of course the answers rely to a very large extent upon the governors, staff and parents. There is no reason at all in theory why the Ignatian vision for education should not be alive and well in lay-run Jesuit schools, even if the pupils and staff are not all Catholic. It is the accessibility of the *Spiritual Exercises* to people both inside and outside religious life, Catholic or not, that makes Ignatian spirituality and Jesuit education particularly apt for our twenty-first century, with increasing lay involvement and leadership in the Church, and a deepening understanding of inculturation and ecumenism.

Ignatius understood that he should spare neither pains nor expense in the formation of his teachers, and that his schools’

success hinged on the skills and faith of their teaching staff. The *Ratio Studiorum*, the classical Jesuit code from the 1590s for conducting schools, critically put the formation of teachers as the top priority. There is no reason why any teacher, whether ordained or not, in a Jesuit school should not achieve the same ends, provided that they are properly formed and that the curriculum and life of the school are deep-dyed in the Ignatian vision.

But if parents and lay teachers in this post-clerical age are not to rely on ordained Jesuits and are themselves to be messengers, they must first understand and live the message. Teaching within the Jesuit tradition is given a nobility and profundity lacking in an arid, straitjacketed, educational environment of school inspections, league tables and the national curriculum.

The old and new mottos of Jesuit

schools, *Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam*, “Men and Women for Others” and “Faith that is Justice” have never been more important, and are just as capable of being achieved by lay staff as by ordained Jesuits.

In the United States, where Jesuit schools and universities are numerous and respected, there is a Diploma of Jesuit Education; in many Jesuit schools there and around the world, the education of staff and parents is not just a coincidental by-product, but is understood to be at the heart of the success or otherwise of a Jesuit school without Jesuits.

But part of the responsibility for this must still lie with the Jesuits. Even with its reduced resources, the British Province of the Society of Jesus should, and surely will, continue to put all available effort into the formation of lay staff and parents, encouraging an Ignatian way of life through the *Spiritual*

Exercises, and thereby safeguarding the Ignatian vision and ensuring the survival of Jesuit education in their schools.

Jesuit education is only a means to an end, is only effective once the learner or listener interprets his or her own life in the light of the education given, and acts accordingly. The goal is to educate pupils to become persons able to make free choices, optimistically to recognise their own goodness and to see that reality is good, and dynamically to promote justice and care for other human beings, particularly those whom the unjust structures of society keep oppressed and destitute.

In the words of Fr Juan de Bonifacio SJ in c1590, *puerilis institutio est mundi renovatio*: “to educate youth is to transform the world”. Four hundred years later that is still the aim of Jesuit education.

Reprinted from *The Tablet*

COLLEGE NEWS

INSPECTION REPORT

Stonyhurst has received an outstanding inspection report, highlighting pastoral care, academic standards, extra curricular success and the quality of pupils’ personal development. Andrew Johnson, Headmaster, said, ‘I am very proud of this report, which is a tremendous achievement, and product of the hard work of Stonyhurst staff and pupils.’

A Rhetoric pupil is quoted saying, ‘staff and pupils form a family. We can turn to almost anyone for support... This openness to people’s differences allows people to flourish in... a comfortable and loving environment.’

The report also highlights: “The College’s most distinctive feature... an outstanding, all-pervasive spirituality, which promotes reflective self-awareness and increased moral fibre, leading many pupils to relish opportunities to turn their faith into action.” See: www.stonyhurst.ac.uk.

EXAM RESULTS

On top of the report come the best A Level and GCSE results ever in the College’s history.

‘A quarter of Stonyhurst pupils achieved all A*/As at A Level, while at GCSE, the average number of passes has risen to 9.3 GCSEs per pupil, an impressive achievement.’

WELD HOUSE

Weld House, the new Higher Line building, was opened by His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester on the 22nd September 2010. The first large building project at the College for 50 years has been named after its donor Thomas Weld, and contains 40 en-suite bedrooms, a kitchen and lounge area and accommodation for resident staff – the standards would stun those with memories of Sewage Farm and Siberia. The development, overseen by English Heritage and the local building control and planning departments, is of a high standard; the stone and timber work has been completed by Stonyhurst’s own stonemasons and joiners and the College’s workmen have operated under a building contractor. The build cost for this project is approximately £5 million.

Below: Weld House nearing completion to the left of the Old Infirmary.



CHARITIES

THE SCOSL CLINIC, SIERRA LEONE

Angela Page OS '06, who this September has started her graduate medical training in Manchester, reports on Association assisted work with a charity helping street children in Sierra Leone

IN JULY, I was given the incredible opportunity to volunteer to work in Makeni, Sierra Leone, in a clinic set up originally by a Sierra Leonean NGO called HANCIsl (*Help a Needy Child in Sierra Leone*). Set up in 1994 at the height of the civil war, it has projects around many areas of Sierra Leone including Makeni, a rebel base at the time. Since 2005, the Makeni project has been supported by a UK charity run by Tom Dannatt, called Street Child of Sierra Leone (SCoSL).

The main aim of the project is to reunite street children with their families and encourage them, both morally and financially, to go back into schooling or training. So far around 900 children have been rehabilitated from the streets of Makeni.

Each year a new intake of children is recruited into the day centre, where they are given two hot meals a day, counselling and health care and are supervised during the day with classes and games. Through this initial stage, families are reunited with the children. Reconciling the children with their families and communities is not an easy task; many of the children have multiple "push" factors that result in children fleeing homes. These include: forced marriages; lack of financial support; and broken homes. These factors are individually dealt with, and within several months most of the families are reunited; for those for whom it has been unsuccessful, a foster parent is found. The child is then supported through training or schooling for two years, ending with the exit phase, where the family is prepared financially to sustain a good level of care for the children's training or schooling, enabling them to lead hopeful lives, free of dependence on the charity.

As a medical student, I was mainly working in the clinic which provides health care for the street children, the staff at the centre and some of the community. Currently, it is extremely basic. There is no running water, no electricity and limited medical



Above: Saying Goodbye

equipment and drugs. Despite this the nurses were very informative and extremely knowledgeable and I learnt about diseases which I would struggle to gain experience of in the U.K. These included: malaria, typhoid, many STIs (many street girls work as prostitutes) and different types of worms. I learnt their common signs and symptoms, and how best to treat them under the limited circumstances. The children come and have wounds dressed, receive basic malaria medication, and some injections are administered. I spent my time practising procedures, writing up medical notes and administering antibiotics, and, despite huge language barriers, talking to the patients, who were very open about their problems once I had gained their trust.

I also spent some time teaching the street children about hygiene, HIV and malaria prevention. In addition, I went out with the social workers to trace some of the families of the children. It was an invaluable experience to meet the families, first-hand.

Everyone I met has a different story to tell about civil war atrocities. Every

other child had been orphaned, every other village pillaged. Indeed the centre itself was taken over by the rebels in 1998, the children fleeing through thick forests to relative safety in the northern provinces. Despite this, Sierra Leone is full of hope: the children, who were absolutely wonderful, are so keen to learn and never lose energy to play; and of course the staff seem so passionate and determined about what they are doing. The care they give to each of the children is immense

It really is an effective, sustainable and efficiently run project. All donations go straight to Sierra Leone, as it is completely voluntarily run in the UK. For more information about what they are doing, visit www.street-child.co.uk.

It was an incredible experience, hard, but I gained a lot from it, not just for my future career in medicine. Without the help of the generous grant for my airfare, I would not have been able to make it, so many thanks to the Association Committee.

SPICMA

The transfer of the administration to the Association Office has now been bedded down. That it is working well is illustrated by the fact that, since the dreadful floods in Pakistan, SPICMA has collected and distributed (through the Association Office) over £80,000 directly to parishes there. We already had contacts in some areas as a result of the aid sent to help relieve the massive refugee problems in the North West Frontier following military action against the Taleban.

Thank you to the huge majority of you who have agreed to allow your emails to be used, when appropriate, as a point of contact by SPICMA. We hope to build on the partnership between Eagle Aid, SPICMA and the Association over the next twelve months, and will provide a fuller report in the next Newsletter.



Left: Seán Kennedy working with Turkana children.

BURMA ASSIST

Chris Barr OS 69-74 describes his work with the Burmese community in India

The situation for the Burmese in India is a lesser known story for most people, but there are between 60 - 70,000 people who have been forced to leave Burma and are now trying to survive in the NE of India, and with almost 8,000 in Delhi.

My first visit to Delhi in December 2005 following up an article about the Burmese in Delhi being 'in a very bad way', has led over time into 'Burma Assist', a small development organization and registered Scottish charity (www.burma-assist.org). Our aim is assisting the poorest Burmese refugees and migrants in India, who have fled oppression and economic hardship in Burma, to develop sustainable livelihoods.

Since February 2009 we have been partnering a Burmese community tailoring training project in New Delhi, run by Burmese Chin women. Out of 23 women they have trained so far, 19 are now earning a living; a remarkable achievement for them given the conditions of Delhi.

The heart of the success lies in the motivation and growing skills and confidence of the women running their project, combined with the development expertise and encouragement we provide. For myself, what means a great deal is being with the Burmese for four to five months a year, which helps me to reconnect with the Burmese and their reality.

Looking ahead, we are seeking funding to both continue our support of the project in Delhi, and to develop similar partnerships in the NE India where the need, and also potential for making an impact, is great. *Chris Barr [ogilvie26@gmail.com]*



Right: a Burmese loom-weaving project in New Delhi.

TURKANA

Further to his mention in the last newsletter, Seán Kennedy OS 99-03 reports from Turkana.

Fourteen months ago, I went to the Turkana region of northwest Kenya to spend two months working for Fr Steven Ochieng of the Missionary Community of Saint Paul the Apostle (MCSPA). His mission, the last northerly Kenyan development before crossing into Ethiopia, is to negotiate a peaceful end to the age-old conflict between two tribes – the Kenyan Turkanas and the Ethiopian Dassenach.

Through his faith, strong grasp of local cultures and consistent bold work, Steven has successfully gained the trust of both tribes and celebrates well-attended Masses throughout the region. However, raids and murderous ambushes remain prevalent and Steven is ever seeking new and more effective methods of engaging his pastors.

Before I left Kenya, Steven told me that he was anxious to expand the tiny school at the mission into a much larger facility at which children from both tribes would be able to live and learn together - in essence, to build a boarding school.

The primary goals of this concept were to educate, feed and

care for young children in a manner in which their parents are incapable. The more profound effect the school was intended to have was through the nurturing of good relations between young people. The thought being that as mutual understanding and friendship begin to bridge across the separate communities, so the tribes would slowly become more tolerant and respectful of each other.

Twelve months after offering to help, I am very happy to have raised the £12,500 Steven needs to make his vision a reality and I am especially delighted that £5,000 of it was donated by SPICMA.

My sincere gratitude along with that of New Ways charity and the MCSPA go to Mr Page and Mr Phelan of SPICMA for their very generous investment in Fr Steven's work. Thanks also go to Dr Barry O'Driscoll for his support and to all those who have helped Fr Steven over the years, particularly Professor the Lord Alton of Liverpool.

It is a great thing to witness good works accomplished by our OS community. If anybody would like more information about Fr Steven's mission, please do not hesitate to contact me at my email address.

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CAREERS

NIALL MACFARLANE

WE BELIEVE THERE is a role for the Association to offer careers advice and guidance not only for those who have recently left the College (including Syntaxians) but also to those who want to change paths later in life.

The membership holds a vast range of experiences, expertise and contacts. It is an Aim of the Association to give assistance to members and support each other where help is needed.

Our Objectives are:

- 1 To set up a small working party of volunteers who want to assist particularly, undergraduate and recently graduated OS.
- 2 To use the membership of the Association community to assist, directly and indirectly, enquiries and manageable requests for help.
- 3 To offer both general and specific practical help and advice - and ensure confidentiality.

Some examples of practical assistance might include CV reviews, mentoring, information sign-posting, assisting work placements, business set-up, and just using the Association.

We have already several OS/Parent volunteers but we still need people in the following fields:

*Health – Accountancy/City – Media
Armed Services – Hospitality*

So, we are looking for volunteers for the Steering Group to contact myself, Niall Macfarlane (shireburn.house@zen.co.uk)

THIS SERVICE IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

INTERNSHIPS

The Association is interested in hearing from people with recent experience of temporary placements and undergraduate internships, obtained with a view to their future careers.

In particular, we would like to know how these positions were obtained and the benefits and problems associated with these opportunities.

We would also be very interested to know of OS in a position to offer such internships to recent leavers.

Please contact Niall Macfarlane (shireburn.house@zen.co.uk) as soon as possible.

SIX WEEKS BEHIND BARS

Christian Mercer OS describes his recent Internship

AFTER COMPLETING THE first half of my PGCE, I decided to spend my summer with my sister in Seattle who had arranged for me to work as an intern at Cougar Mountain Zoo, which is in the city's suburbs. Although unpaid, internships are a common way for American students to gain the experience they need for a career and mine involved providing information and giving five minute lectures to visitors on different species.

The work that such an establishment does to educate the public is important for conservation, because it helps people understand how human activity affects animals and also helps to inform the public that the modern role of zoos is about protecting animals from extinction. Many animals live longer in zoos such as the one at Cougar Mountain, due to a better diet and also because of the medical attention they receive. Membership of breeding programmes allows animals to breed with their counterparts in other facilities across the USA. In the wild, animals such as the zoo's Bengal tigers may not have

this opportunity in the wild because urbanisation and use of their habitat for agriculture cuts off individuals from each other, reducing their chances of successfully mating.

The internship taught me about the work of people who work directly with animals and how dedicated they are to



the job. Zoo-keepers have often worked in an unpaid capacity to gain their experience and the ones I worked with contributed long hours as well as being prepared to complete physically hard tasks as part of the day's work.

It is a well established belief that human beings are more intelligent than animals. As a student of education, I was very fortunate to be in a position to learn more about how animals develop. It was very humbling to discover that so many animals have all the skills they need to survive, already within them at birth and therefore require very little instruction or education from their parents. Although human beings are the only species which can fully use language and technology, we are the only species that need to do so in order to survive and being able to raise children, find food and survive without any prior instruction is a feat far cleverer than anything we can do. Having embarked on a teaching career though, I am very glad human beings are not as intelligent as animals, because us teachers would all be out of a job!

BOOKS

PETER HARDWICK

WHILE WE LIVE, we change: change is the sign of life; when we have ceased to change, we are dead, and so it is with buildings, says **Edward Hollis OS '88** in *The Secret Lives of Buildings*, Portobello Books 2009. The Parthenon, emblem of European civilization, was first a Greek temple, then a church, a mosque, an arsenal which was blown up, then it was quarried and finally conserved, whereupon it died. From this point of view Hollis examines a dozen significant buildings, including St Marks, Venice, Hagia Sophia, the Berlin Wall, "The Venetian", Las Vegas (Steve Wynn explains: "Las Vegas is sort of like how God would do it if he had money"), and the Holy House of Loreto (which God managed to do without money). Hollis' book is as fascinating and entertaining as a classic novel, its scope as wide as the history of the West and its premises as radical as those behind a paradigm shift in science. Stonyhurst should be proud of this book, and might even invite the author to write a monograph on the changing functions and form of that restless pile wherein he was educated.

Meanwhile in *Phoenix* (Weidenfeld, 2008), his younger brother, **Leo Hollis OS '91**, takes one building, St Paul's, as the focal (unavoidable) emblem of the new rationality which informed late 17th century society. The Great Fire of 1666 cleared the ground not only for a new St Paul's but also for something new in town-planning, local government, science, medicine, philosophy, economics and finance; and Hollis first separates and then weaves together these various threads by following the careers of three men of genius, one man of talent, and one smart operator. The operator was Nick Barbon (christened "If-Christ-had-not-died-for-thee-thou-wouldst-have-been-damned Barebones") to whom is due much of the familiar form of the West-End. The man of talent was the diarist John Evelyn, and the geniuses Robert Hooke, a leading member of the Royal Society, John Locke and Christopher Wren. This is a fine work of historical integration.

Leo's second book, *The Stones of*

London, is due to be published in April 2011.

David O'Kelly Gardner OS '71 is Chief Leader Writer and Associate Editor of *The Financial Times*. His recent book, *Last Chance*, is an important and urgent survey of the effects of Western policy in the Middle East. The sands of Araby may seem to stretch endless and eternal, but Gardner shows us that they are in fact falling faster and faster through the aperture of present possibility to swell the accumulation of disasters past. His general thesis is (i) that the Middle East is of critical importance for the peace and prosperity of the world; (ii) that the ME policies of the West, pursued in contented ignorance of the peoples of the region and their aspirations has long been ineffectual and counter-productive and is now potentially catastrophic; (iii) that such policies have led to extreme Islamists battling against both repressive ruling cliques and the Western powers perceived as their supporters; (iv) that the only way forward is for the West, at some risk, to foster the deeper Western values of democracy, freedom of expression, the rule of law and the liberation of women.

I took up **Jimmy Burns' OS '71 Papa Spy** anticipating a dutiful family memoir and found a conspectus of the history of England and of Europe during the Second world War as seen from the point of view of a man of great vitality, high intelligence, strong feelings, and Catholic convictions. Such was Tom Burns OS, Jimmy's father, energetic and fearless journalist, hard-thinking Catholic, social dynamo, diplomat, and slightly reluctant spy.

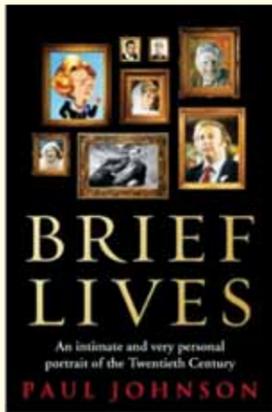
Tom did his spying in Madrid during the war. Spain was vital to the Allies: if Germany seized it, she could close the Mediterranean. Hitler met Franco, the Germans mounted a full scale diplomatic offensive and the Spaniards did not like the British ambassador. But they loved Tom Burns. One might be tempted to add, "everybody did" were it for the fact that as secret agent Burns was reporting to Guy Burgess and Kim Philby! It all makes a very good story which is told with insight and affection.

The End of Sleep (Weidenfeld 2008) by **Rowan Somerville OS '86** is a remarkable first novel, remarkable in its sustained energy, variety of incident, opulence of language and in its realisation of an alien culture. This day in the life of an Irishman in Cairo, in the summer of what may well have been June 16th 2004, invites comparison with that day in the life of another Irishman who had a hundred years earlier walked the streets of Dublin. In Somerville's novel, as in Joyce's, one man threads his way through a great city and in following him we learn much about that particular city, about all cities, and about mankind. In both novels the scene is at least as important as the protagonist. Both are rich in character and rich in comedy. Bloom's day, however, ends with the disintegration of thought with sleep, while Somerville's hero, Fin, wakes to see the rising sun catch the tip of the Great Pyramid as he rides out into the desert and "urges his horse on towards the new day."

Rowan Somerville has now published a second novel, *The Shape of Her*, (Weidenfeld 2010), of which I have read only the first two chapters, enough to note the presence of a young man and a girl on a Greek island, which may or may not be Ithaca) and the promise of passion and surprise to come. The reviewer for *The Economist* (who presumably had read to the end) said it was "Deceptively simple in plot and singularly musical in its voice, it is a study of the place where our past has become our present. A summer read to be kept - and visited in the dark days of winter."

Finally, **Michael Hurley** (OS 1994), a popular Tutor in English at Robinson College, Cambridge, has just completed for publication an interpretative analysis of the writings of **G.K. Chesterton**, Under the headings Fiction, Poetry, Essays, Biography, and History, Hurley elucidates Chesterton's leading themes, cast of thought, familiar voice and final message. He writes, as befits the subject, with wide sympathies, originality and humour. The book is also remarkable for its attempt to bridge the gap between popular literary biography and academic analysis.

Other recent publications of interest...

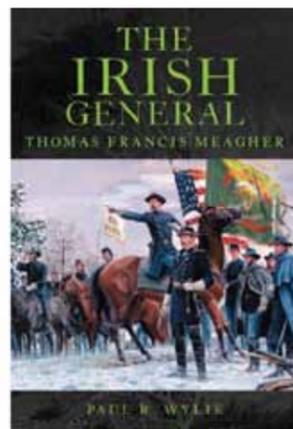


"Where would the popes, presidents and princesses of the world be without Paul Johnson, the former editor of the *New Statesman* and much loved columnist in this and other periodicals? As his latest book shows, he is an all but indispensable asset, a social equivalent of the Admirable Crichton." AN Wilson, *The Spectator*

"Anybody who relishes a good gossip - and this is high class and occasionally salacious - will thoroughly enjoy Paul Johnson's 250 brieflives . . . Johnson has splendid anecdotes about the men and women he has met - prime ministers and presidents, royals, archbishops and popes - and about the bitchiness of Oxford dons and the raffish hacks of Fleet Street." *Daily Telegraph*

Brief Lives
by Paul Johnson OS 41-46
304 pages
Hutchinson (2010), ISBN: 978-0091936792

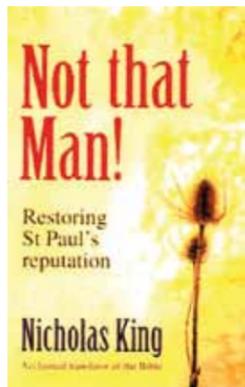
This would clearly sit well beneath many a Christmas tree this year.



The Irish General: Thomas Francis Meagher by P.R. Wylie

416 pages, University of Oklahoma Press (2007) ISBN: 978-0806138473

The story of Thomas Francis Meagher, OS 1839-43.

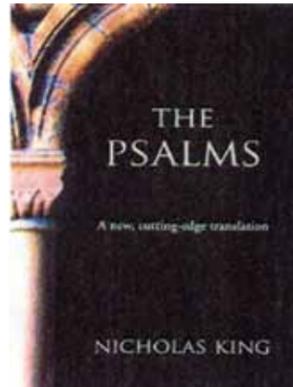


Two books by Nicholas King SJ, OS 60-66:

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THE RUBENS ENGRAVINGS
OF
The Life of St Ignatius
EDITED BY
JAN GRAFFIUS
2005
ST OMERS PRESS
Stonyhurst

The Rubens Engravings of the Life of St Ignatius
Edited by Jan Graffius. St Omers Press, 2005.

The Rubens Engravings project centred around a limited edition printing of copperplates illustrating the life of St Ignatius. The plates, originally published in Rome in 1609, probably came into the possession of the College after the suppression of the Society of Jesus in the 18th century, and were used again for the printing of this edition.



PLATE 2
Having retired on a sudden, Ignatius is struck down during the defence of the castle of St Ignace, he is thrown by a cannonball and he himself fell only half-conscious, as this engraving from the worldly world in the divine.
Ref. *St Ignace's Life* (1609) p. 105, l. 10, 11
Engraving 15 x 8
The Latin text accompanying the engraving describes the life-changing incident well, although it does imply that the conversion 'from worldly soldier to the divine' was something of a *Dissonance* experience. In addition to the physical shattering of the life, Ignatius also suffered the shattering of his dreams and ambitions in a great country. To adjust to such a change needed much time. Ignatius could not find clarity over many months of recuperation. The process involved more than a simple reconstruction of the world and his former dreams. Perhaps the harder battle for Ignatius was the deeper, and far more challenging, creation of a personal relationship with Christ, as well through all relationships - 'all things'.
Lord, help us to be open to you in the changing circumstances of our lives, help us to be seeking and finding you in all our decisions and actions day by day.

The limited edition prints are now sold out; all that remains is the book, which contains reproductions of the plates with commentary, Ignatius' *Autobiography*, and learned articles on the history of the plates and the printing process. Beautifully designed and bound in leather and linen, 350 numbered copies were printed.

Remaining copies are now available at £18, including p&p.
Please email enquiries@stomerspress.co.uk to order.

WATERTON RETURNS

Well not exactly, but the exhibits and specimens collected by Charles Waterton OS 1796 - 1801, most of which have been at Wakefield Museum for some years, are coming home. Some have already arrived and are re-installed in the Long Room, many in their original cases, which are curiosities in themselves.

To mark the occasion, Helena Callinicos OS 03 - 04 has repainted Waterton's portrait which also hangs in the Long Room with a tribute from David Attenborough saying he 'was one of the first people anywhere to recognise not only that the natural world was of great importance but that it needed protection as humanity made more and more demands on it.'

Right : the new Waterton portrait by Helena Callinicos OS; below: Higher Line pupils with the exhibits.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AS I APPROACH THE END OF my Presidency, I look back and appreciate how much I have enjoyed and have benefitted from my year of office. I have seen or witnessed at close hand the determination and industry of so many Association members dedicated to promoting the Jesuit and Stonyhurst principles.

This vibrancy has been evidenced by the Easter Retreat and by the Lourdes Pilgrimage which was as well organised and supported as ever, and by the Convivia which were held in various regions including Edinburgh, where Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Keith O'Brien. We also had several year group reunions, including my own which was held at the College.

Throughout the year, there have been the contributions to charitable causes and the succour and material aid to the extended Stonyhurst families and beyond. Christopher Page and the diligent Association Committee have ensured the continuation and success of

our functions and of our *raison d'être*.

As I write, we look forward to the Wanderers' Sporting Weekend at the end of April at the College. This will cover six different sports and will involve Association members, staff and pupils.

The Annual Dinner was held at Stonyhurst and I thank the Headmaster and the school for their permission for this and for all their support throughout the year. The number was restricted to 260 otherwise many more would have attended. Sean Fitzpatrick, a graduate of the Marist College, Auckland, and the New Zealand All Blacks' most capped captain, was my guest speaker. Old Boys and Girls from every generation were present and it was the most sparkling and stimulating of evenings.

Of particular relevance and poignancy to myself, was the revival of the Irish Branch dinner; John and Michael Green organised a quite splendid night at the University & Kildare Club in Dublin and we are indebted to their commitment and contribution. I was delighted to

welcome Ray Murphy, the President of the Clongowes Association, our sister Jesuit College in Ireland, as a guest that evening.

Over the year, everything has been underpinned by the Association Office. Beverley's organisational ability and her guidance, always with such warmth, has been of inestimable value to myself. Her new assistant Layla Williams is following in her footsteps.

I am especially pleased and excited that my successor is to be Michael Joseph. Michael is a long time friend and was a class mate of mine... also a member of the unbeaten XV of 1959! He and his family have contributed so much for so many years to the College and to the Association. Michael will be an outstanding President and I wish him a happy and successful year.

Barry O'Driscoll
April 2010

For a free advertisement or announcement here, please email association@stonyhurst.ac.uk

AIMS & ACTIVITIES

FOR THE MEMBERS

To maintain contact with and support members of the Association, other friends of Stonyhurst and Jesuit schools worldwide, through:

Contact database; newsletter and web site; students' grants; reunions; annual dinners; sport; other annual events.

FOR THE CHURCH

To encourage members to develop their faith and support of the Church, through:

The Association Prayer Book; the College Easter Retreats; the Lourdes and other Pilgrimages; the Sodality; the Association's Chaplains.

FOR THE COLLEGE

To work closely with the College and to provide, where possible, support for the College in the achievement of its objectives, through:

Association Office giving support to the Development and Admissions office; scholarships, prizes and bursaries; publications through the Association's St Omers Press; careers advice.

FOR THE DISADVANTAGED

To provide comfort and support for the disadvantaged, particularly those suffering from bereavement, poverty, sickness, mental or physical disability, through:

The Annual Stonyhurst Lourdes pilgrimage; supporting holidays for children with special needs; Eagle Aid; promoting the Xavier Volunteer Programme and other Jesuit projects; benevolent funds.

The Stonyhurst Association is run by its officers, committee and full time Office Manager, through its office at the College, and is funded through subscriptions and investment income arising from gifts made over the years by members.

GRANTS

The Stonyhurst Association has some funding available for student grants in the following categories:

OS students at university undergoing financial hardship; Medical Electives; and Travel Electives.

In 2009 we awarded £4850 to OS students who made successful applications.

The Association will consider grant applications at the end of each summer term before the next academic year. All grants are subject to the availability of funds. In the case of financial hardship grants then the applicant needs to demonstrate that there is a real financial need. The application should include a letter of support from the applicant's University Tutor or Head of Department, and in the case of medical and travel electives it should confirm that the arrangements being made will be beneficial to the student's degree.

All applications should be sent to: Mrs B Sillitoe, Stonyhurst Association, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 9PZ.

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MEMBERSHIP

Full membership of the Association is available to all pupils leaving the College and its prep schools, to their spouses and parents, to all past and present members of staff, and to those relatives and friends who wish to support the objectives of the Association.

Associate membership is available to parents or guardians of current pupils, and to current staff members.

Applications for membership should be made to Mrs Beverley Sillitoe at the Association Office, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 9PZ.

Benefits of Membership

Golf

The Stonyhurst Golf Club allows members to play golf when visiting the College for a fee of £10, which is payable at the Bayley Arms. It would be advisable to check to ensure that the green is not closed for competition purposes. Their telephone number is 01254 826478

Fishing

Any member who might be interested in fishing on the Hodder or Ribble can contact Mrs Beverley Sillitoe at the Association Office (association@stonyhurst.ac.uk). Permits can be obtained for the day, but alas this is for members only and not friends. Good trout fishing can be had from mid March to September and the sea trout fishing is at its best in June, July and August. Salmon start to run the rivers from mid summer until late autumn. Fly fishing is the preferred method but in certain conditions spinning is allowed.

Weddings

Members to be married can have their wedding ceremony in the College [Boys'] Chapel (whilst St Peter's is being renovated), subject to the date being available and with arrangement with the Parish Priest, Fr Adrian Howell SJ. We are also able to offer a champagne and canapés package following the ceremony, and the College grounds of course provide a perfect setting for the wedding photographs. For further details please contact Mrs Claire Eddleston at DevCo@stonyhurst.ac.uk, or telephone 01254 827014.

THE THOMAS WELD SOCIETY

What is the Thomas Weld Society?

Legacies play a vital role in helping Stonyhurst maintain its position at the forefront of independent Catholic co-education. Leaving Stonyhurst a gift in your Will is possibly the greatest gift you can offer during your lifetime. Whether a mark of affection or an act of gratitude, a personal memorial or a desire to play a part in the continuing success of the oldest Jesuit school in the world, it is an act of generosity that will live on after you and help secure the future of Stonyhurst for the generations to come.

Once a year we host a special lunch called 'The Thomas Weld Society Lunch', which has been named after our original benefactor. This will provide an opportunity to meet and keep in touch with like-minded friends and remain closely involved with the development of the school. A decision to include a gift in your Will is a private and personal one which will be treated in the strictest confidence. The wishes and intentions of individuals will be followed explicitly at all times. If you would like any information or if you would like to discuss this in more detail, please call the Development Office on 01254 827147.



BEAUMONT DINNER

The Annual Dinner will take place at the East India Club, St James's Square, on Monday 11th October at 6.30pm. £65 per person including wine (+£3 Credit card fee if applicable).

Please book through Mike Bedford's office, Duty Driver Ltd, by post including payment drawn on a UK Bank or by Mastercard/VISA:

Duty Driver Ltd, 7/8 Monks Mead House,
Bath Road, Hare Hatch, RG10 9SA

Tel: +44 (0)1189 401880;
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Guy Bailey, Chairman Beaumont Union

Monday 4th October, at 7 for 7.45pm

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at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley St, London W1K 2PA

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Left top: Association tie, £20
 Middle: OS tie, Knitted silk: £20
 Bottom: OS tie, printed silk: £18
 Below: OS bow tie, knitted silk: £20



Clockwise from above:
 Shields, £28.00
 Pre-tied OS bow tie £15
 OS silk cravat £30
 Link Cufflinks £16.00
 Chain Cufflinks, £17.00



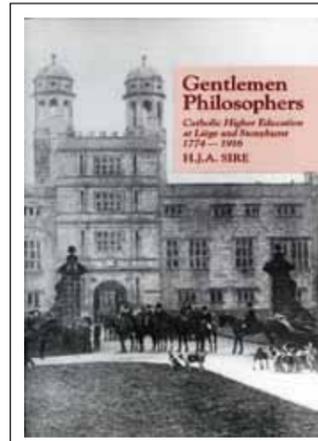
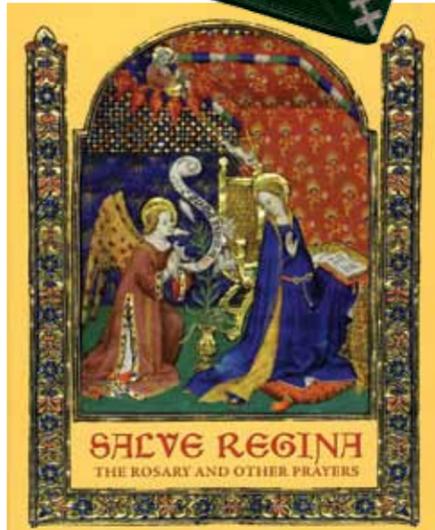
Left: Wanderers tie, £19



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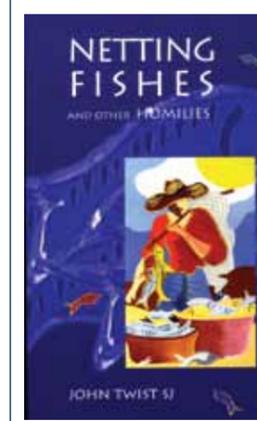
Please add £1 for postage and packing. Cheques should be made payable to the Stonyhurst Association, please note that we do not have credit/debit card facilities.

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Left: HJA Sire's (OS 58-68) well-researched and readable account of Stonyhurst's role providing Catholic university education. For over 50 years students followed courses developed by the Jesuit community for degrees awarded by London University. The "Philosophers" were drawn from an elite of the Catholic gentry. Their life outside studies – hunting, shooting and elegant entertainment – is vividly drawn.

196 pages, paperback. £8.95.



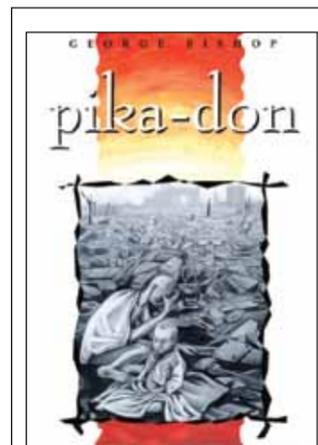
Fr John Twist SJ is the Chaplain at Stonyhurst, and regulars at St Peter's will be familiar with his laconic, intelligent and quietly humorous style. Each homily is a bite-sized piece of wisdom, relating a biblical passage to everyday life... each would be quick enough to read on the train or bus, or before bed time. Filled with realism and laced with humour, these 'thoughts for the day' provide much to ponder on.

£8.50
 St Pauls Publishing, 2009
 ISBN 978-085439-7570

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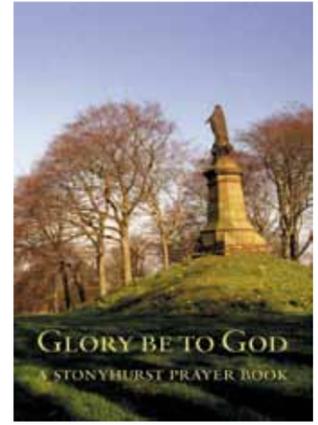
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Left: Hiroshima: hundreds of thousands annihilated in a split second, in the 'flash-bang' – 'Pika-Don' in Japanese. This is an account of the experiences of Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ and the small Jesuit community in the aftermath. A true story, but as gripping as any novel; read it and you will walk through the ruins of Hiroshima with Pedro Arrupe and his colleagues, and witness the horrors they saw.

Pika-Don, by George Bishop, 160 pages, paperback. £10.00.

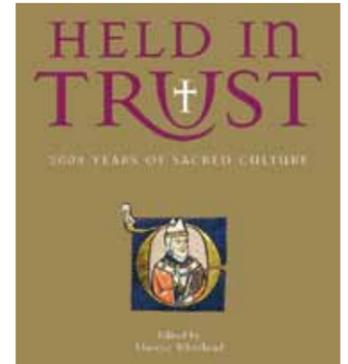
Right: Glory be to God, a Stonyhurst Prayer Book, St Omers Press. Second edition, with minor corrections.



"Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute final way". These words of Pedro Arrupe SJ's summarise the theme of this book: prayer as the right and normal expression of our being

128 pages, hardback, £9.95.

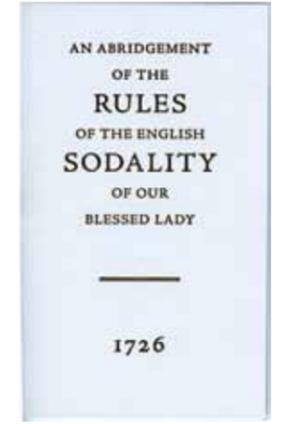
Held in Trust: 2008 Years of Sacred Culture Edited by Maurice Whitehead, this is the beautifully illustrated catalogue of the exhibition of the Stonyhurst Collections held at St Francis Xaviers Church, Liverpool, during that city's year as Capital of Culture in 2008. Many learned articles, and extensive captions by Jan Graffius, Stonyhurst Curator.



St Omers Press, 208 pages, paperback. £9.50

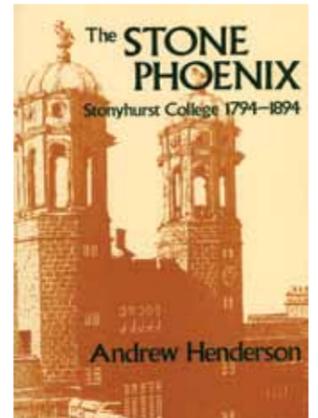
An Abridgement of the Rules of the English Sodality of Our Blessed Lady. S. Omers, 1726 A facsimile printed by hand by the new St Omers Press on the Albion printing press at the College. It was produced as a keepsake to celebrate the re-opening of the Sodality Chapel in 2007.

24 pages + cover, 80mm x 133mm £5.00



Right: Many OS will remember Andrew Henderson, who taught art at the College for 18 years. This is an exciting story, drawn from eyewitness sources, of the 100 years which saw the college go from a small group of refugees to the leading, trend-setting centre of excellence in Catholic education of its time.

The Stone Phoenix, by Andrew Henderson, published by Churchman Publishing. 180 pages, paperback. £9.95.



*I see his blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of his eyes.
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.*

Joseph Mary Plunkett OS

LDS

