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## FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOLARSHIPS

**The St Francis Xavier Award is a new scholarship being awarded for entry to Stonyhurst. These awards are available at 11+ and 13+ for up to 10 students who, in the opinion of the selection panel, are most likely to benefit from, and contribute to, life as full boarders in a Catholic boarding school. Assessments for the awards comprise written examinations and one or more interviews.**

**Applicants for the award are expected to be bright pupils who will fully participate in all aspects of boarding school life here at Stonyhurst. St Francis Xavier Award holders will automatically benefit from a fee remission of 20% and thereafter may also apply for a means-tested bursary, worth up to a further 50% off the full boarding fees.**

**The award is intended to foster the virtues of belief, ambition and hard work which Francis Xavier exemplified in pushing out the boundaries of the Christian faith. We believe that a Stonyhurst education can give young people a chance to emulate St Francis and become tenacious pioneers for the modern world.**

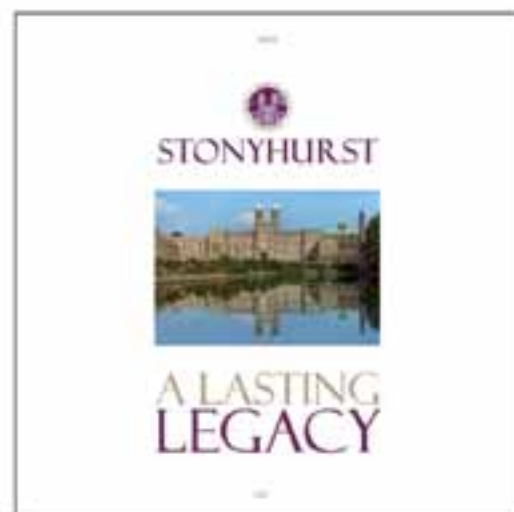
**If you have a child or know of a child who would be a potential St Francis Xavier candidate in 2011 then please do get in touch with our admissions department on 01254 827073/93 or email them at [admissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk).**

## THE THOMAS WELD SOCIETY ANNUAL LUNCH

Membership of the Thomas Weld Society is open to all those who have pledged to remember Stonyhurst in their Will. The giving of a legacy is a truly wonderful way to ensure that Stonyhurst continues to educate and enrich the lives of future generations. Members of the Thomas Weld Society are invited to an annual lunch at Stonyhurst, which provides an opportunity to meet like-minded people and be fully informed of Stonyhurst's development.

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.

We hope many will consider Stonyhurst when making a Will. If you have not already received a copy of our legacy brochure 'A Lasting Legacy' and would like to, or you would like to discuss legacies in more detail, please contact Rachel Hindle, the Development Director on 01254 827147 or email [development@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:development@stonyhurst.ac.uk).



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## TIM HETHERINGTON

THE FRONT COVER shows one of the last photographs taken of Tim Hetherington OS 81 - 89, RIP who was killed in Libya last April as a photojournalist whilst reporting the rebellion against Ghaddafi in the town of Misurata. His funeral at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London was attended by a huge congregation including a number of OS from his year who came from around the world: Dominic Medley, Kieran Cleary, Sarah Knight, Adrian O'Donnell, Raoul Duyzings, Jeremy Fleming-Jones, Andre Armstrong, Kyran McCarthy, Stuart Seymour, Richard Hayhurst, Richard Daly, Anthony Caldwell, Paul Pitchfork.

Fr Nick King SJ, OS and Fr Simon Bishop SJ, OS were concelebrants of the Requiem Mass. Lt-Col Paul Pitchfork MC, OS gave a reading and Tim's friend and colleague, Sebastian Junger read a tribute.

The Hetherington family would like to express their thanks for the tremendous support they have received since Tim's tragic death on 20 April 2011.

Tim supported the following charities: Milton Margai School for the Blind, Sierra Leone, [www.miltonmargaischool.org](http://www.miltonmargaischool.org); Human Rights Watch, [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org); Committee to Protect Journalists, [www.cpj.org](http://www.cpj.org).

*and in a letter from America - a tribute to Tim, from a correspondent introduced to him through the film Restrepo:*

I only knew that it was a documentary on the Afghanistan war. One of the directors, Tim Hetherington was asked to introduce the film to the audience. I was immediately intrigued and drawn to an English accent from my home of 30 years ago and amused that the only thought he seemed to have given to his clothes was that they should be comfortable. So different from West Coast American movie style! He performed alone as Sebastian Junger, his co-director, needed to get some sleep. From the beginning Tim's direct, unpretentious, easy intelligence and thoughtful description of the making of the movie was engaging and demanded our attention. He described a perspective of war that I do not believe any of us had considered before - how were the soldiers living day to day?... Tim was all about the men he filmed. I was very affected by the work and it has rattled around in my head ever since.

...I was driving across Montana when I learned of Tim Hetherington's death on the car radio. I was so shocked that I called my family in England, and only then discovered that he had been to my brother's school, Stonyhurst, near to where I spent my childhood. Somehow I was not completely surprised. There had been something about him... Everyone here knew what had happened in Libya. Every newspaper, TV station and radio station talked of it for weeks afterwards.

Tim's work had been noted for its sensitivity and his concentration on the humanity of those caught up in war. As well as Afghanistan and Libya, he documented conflicts in West Africa charting not only the terror of war, but also the silent suffering of the innocent; victims with landmine injuries, and children blinded by shrapnel. His candour had earned him a death sentence, fortunately in absentia from the then president of Liberia, Charles Taylor, now an indicted war criminal. On one occasion, Tim saved the life of a man who was about to be shot by standing in the line of fire and saying they would have to shoot him first. It defused the situation and the man was allowed to go.

He kept in touch with all the American soldiers he lived with in Afghanistan during the making of his film *Restrepo* and four days after his death Sgt Brendan O'Byrne, one of the characters in the film, was interviewed by Terry Gross on National Public Radio. He told of a recent phone call to Tim to ask for help in giving a speech at his old High School. Tim's advice had been typical of him.

"Just tell the truth", he said.

M-L M, Seattle, USA

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOMED: CONTACT  
THE EDITOR FOR INFORMATION

Back Cover

This shows the playground walls, recently rebuilt and restored by the stonemason, Terry McGough and financed by the Association. There is an article about this and the history of the walls in the 2011 issue of the Stonyhurst Record (Magazine).





# DIARY OF EVENTS

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

## FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> – MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FR JOSEPH DOOLEY SJ

The service arranged by the Beaumont Union at Farm Street at 12.00 noon. OS are welcome to attend. It is intended to have refreshments afterwards, and this will be confirmed on the website once arranged.

## FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> – A CONVIVUM IN CAMBRIDGE

At Fisher House, the Catholic Chaplaincy at Cambridge. Mass in the Chapel at 6.30pm followed by a supper in the Fisher Room. All OS and their families are most welcome to attend. An invitation with further details will be sent out to those known to be living in the area nearer the time. However if you are planning to be in the area, perhaps studying or on holiday then please let us know and we will add you to the guest list.

## APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> – STONYHURST PILGRIMAGE TRUST CONCERT

Nicholas and Annie Mulroy will be giving a concert performance at Heythrop College, University of London, in support of the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust. Further information will be available shortly.

## JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> - STONYHURST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE COLLEGE

## JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> – GREAT ACADEMIES

Champagne Reception at the College.

## JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> – NORTH WEST CONVIVUM

There will be Mass in the College Chapel at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments – the location of which will be weather dependent! All OS and their families are welcome to attend. We will circulate an invitation to those in the area nearer the time, but all are welcome. For catering purposes we ask that you contact the Association Office if you plan to attend.

## JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> – FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS

At the time of going to press we cannot confirm the times and places for Mass. Please do look at the diary of events on the website for confirmation nearer the time.

## AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> – 31<sup>ST</sup> – LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

## NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – STONYHURST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Denis Unsworth OS 1957, will preside at the dinner to be held in the Spirit of Rugby Suite at Twickenham Stadium. The guest speaker will be Edward Chaplin OBE, CMG. A booking form will be available from the Association Office and will be on the website early in the New Year.

APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup>

## SPORTING WEEKEND AT THE COLLEGE

The annual Sporting Weekend will take place at the College. If any OS would like to play in a team, then please contact the Wanderers' representatives whose details are:

**Rugby:** Marco Vaghetti  
[vaghetti586@hotmail.com](mailto:vaghetti586@hotmail.com)

**Soccer:** Rob Eatough  
[robeatough@hotmail.com](mailto:robeatough@hotmail.com)

**Cricket:** Richard Drinkwater  
[richard@richarddrinkwater.co.uk](mailto:richard@richarddrinkwater.co.uk)

**Golf:** James Andrews  
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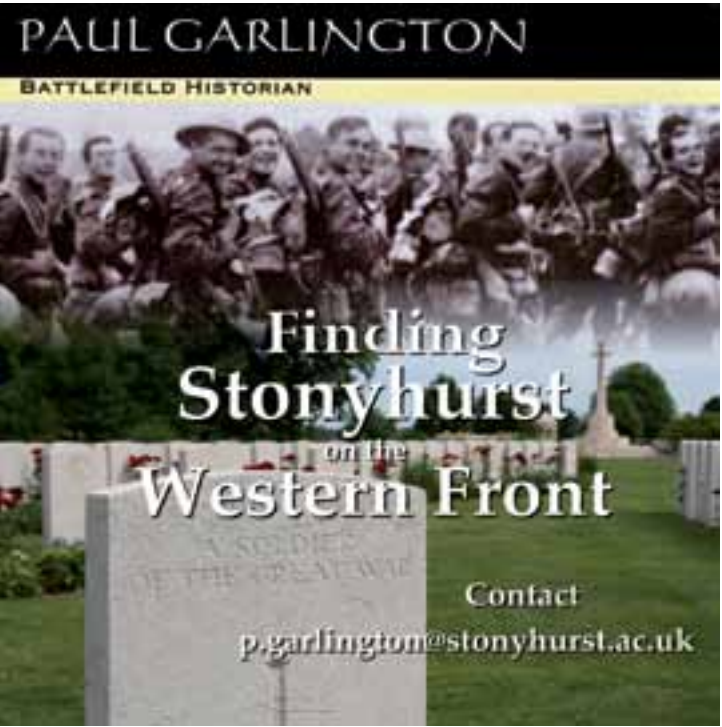
**Hockey & Netball:** Rachel Ward  
[rachellouiseward@yahoo.com](mailto:rachellouiseward@yahoo.com)

Richard Drinkwater will be co-ordinating the event and can be contacted at [richard@richarddrinkwater.co.uk](mailto:richard@richarddrinkwater.co.uk).

## MARATHON DES SABLES

Toby Clements OS 94 - 99 is running the Marathon des Sables (or Marathon of the Sands) in April 2012. The race, regarded as the toughest foot race on earth, entails six marathons in six days across the Sahara Desert. He will be carrying all food rations, kit and equipment through the desert terrain in an average 45° heat, so all in all, it is guaranteed to be pretty miserable... He hopes to raise £10,000 in private pledges for a fantastic charity, Naomi House Children's Hospice, which provides support to children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families. He has worked with it for the last eight years and continues to be amazed by the efforts of its staff and volunteers. The palliative care provided includes respite care, bereavement care, play therapy and sibling support. The charity itself is small and relies heavily on private donations and fundraising. This amount alone will make a significant difference to their ability to care for the children who unfortunately rely on Naomi House, often at the end of their short lives.

If you are interested in supporting Toby in this enterprise, his email address is: [tobyclements@hotmail.com](mailto:tobyclements@hotmail.com)



# CONGRATULATIONS

Please send your contributions to the Editor: [d.mercer@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:d.mercer@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

## BIRTHS

Charlotte Dugdale-Tonks OS 94 - 96 and Richard wish to announce the birth of a baby girl, India Isabella Rose, on 9th July, 2011.

Adam Culley OS 96 - 98 and his wife Sarah, now have a baby son, Isaac William, born 16th January, 2011.

Inigo de Noriega OS 88 - 93 and his wife Cristina are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Guillermo, on 21st March 2011 in Madrid. He joins his brother, Ricardo, who is now two years old.

Marcus Stemmer-Baldwin OS 85 - 90 and his wife, Jennifer are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Sophie Grace Charlotte, on 19th September 2011.

Nicholas Burnet OS 88 - 94 and his wife, Emma became the happy parents of a second daughter Jessica on 25th September, a sister to Poppy born in 2008.

Rickard O'Connell OS 85 - 93 and his wife, Christine, wish to announce the birth of a son, Morgan Peter O'Connell, on 18th March, 2011.

## MARRIAGES



Above: David Eley OS 95 - 00 married Seona Ness in Northamptonshire on 28 May 2011. The Best Man was Marcel Dixon OS 95 - 00 and the Usher, Andrew Van Terheyden OS 95 - 00. Others present included: Michael Slater, Daniel Calvert, Sammy Iwasawa, Daniel Mackenzie, James Martin, Tom Mulberge, all OS 95 - 2000, and Daniel O'Gorman OS 95 - 98.

Right: John Moriarty OS 90 - 98 married Julia Jauch on 12th November, 2010, at St Gregory's Catholic Church, Cheltenham with the reception at Dumbleton Hall, Evesham. Others present included Alastair Douglas OS 90 - 98, Richard Saunders OS 909 - 98 and John's father, Patrick Moriarty OS 61 - 66.



Above: Daniel O'Byrne OS 92 - 2000 married Miss Lulu Cane at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street on 8th January 2011. The Mass was said by Fr James Campbell SJ. Daniel's brother William O'Byrne OS 98 - 09 was Best Man and other OS present were Emily Bidwell OS 98 - 2000, Andrew Brinkley OS 92 - 2000, Mathew Glendon-Doyle OS 95 - 2000 and Andrew Noyons OS 95 - 2000.



Above: Dr Caroline Ashton OS 98-05 married Dr Guillaume Launay at St Francis Church, Goosnargh, Preston on 4th June 2011. Others in attendance included Gillian Ashton OS 00-07 (maid of honour), Rachel Ward OS 97-05, Lauren Jackson OS 03-05, Sonia Gunther OS 03-04, Alexander Warner OS 00-07, Frances Warner OS 00-08 and Dr Tim Warner from the College.



Above: Richard Jellicoe OS 69 - 72 married Lynne Dobson on July 2nd at St Edmund's Church, Southwold.

Below: The marriage of Captain Henry Jake Russell-Blackburn OS 98 - 03 and Miss Gillian Weeks (Rydal) took place on 5th November at St Michael's Church, Whitewell with reception afterwards at the 'Inn at Whitewell'. The Best Man was Carl Cimpoiias OS 98 - 03, Nicholas Hanson OS 98 - 03 acted as witness and many other OS were also there with Aloysius Connolly OS 98 - 03 of the Royal Gurkha Rifles as a member of the Guard of Honour.



## ORDINATION

Patrick Hough OS 90 – 92 On Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, Fr Patrick Hough SJ celebrated a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving for his ordination to the priesthood in the Boys' Chapel. His priestly ordination took place on June 4<sup>th</sup> in the Jesuit Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, New Orleans, USA along with three other Jesuits. The great



festive Mass that took place at Stonyhurst was truly a sight to behold. There were fourteen concelebrants including five OS priests who were all vested in Stonyhurst's finest vestments for this great occasion. Fr Hough wore a chasuble which has been reserved historically, for such occasions. With many of the relics from the Collections place upon the High Altar, Mr Mann and others providing music for this High Mass, a church brimming with OS, parishioners, family and friends, it was a very moving and prayerful mass. The main intention of this mass was to remember Fr Hough's sister, Lydia Hough, who was tragically killed in a car accident a few years ago and whose birthday would have been that day. After the mass, there was a great banquet in the Top Refectory with music provided in the minstrels' gallery while Fr Hough retired to the Sodality Chapel to bestow his first blessing on those who so desired. This blessing proved an enormously moving part of the celebration as all those who gathered were able to meet the new priest, receive a personal greeting, a blessing and then kiss the new priest's freshly chrismated hands, as the tradition dictates. However no celebration of such magnitude would have been quite complete without the traditional post-Stonyhurst 'pilgrimage' to the Bayley Arms and St Peter's Club where intense and lively discussions between the new priest and those gathered there, were heard late into the night. Fr Hough is currently working in a Jesuit parish in Albuquerque, New Mexico before his next assignment in the Autumn of 2012 to begin teaching in one of the Jesuit Boys' High Schools in the New Orleans Province.



OTHER NEWS

**Malachy O'Sullivan OS 68 - 71** was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to his local community.

**Paddy Page OS 03-08** has been awarded a 1st class Honours degree in Theology at Oxford. In the new year he is going to Jordan to study Arabic.

**Roisin Parish OS 03 - 08** has been awarded a 1st class Honours degree in Economics at Cambridge.

**Elizabeth Rawkins (Classics) OS 02 - 07, Matthew Lambert (Classics)OS 02 - 07 and Rachel Chanter (English)OS 03 - 07** have been awarded 1st class Honours degrees at St Andrews.

**Natalia OS 05 - 07** and **Daniel Losada OS 03 - 05** have both gained first class degrees, Natalia in International Management and French at Bath, Daniel in Law and Economics and Business Administration at ICADE. Natalia will start work at Accenture, London, in January and Daniel is preparing for exams to enter the Spanish Diplomatic Service.

**Professor Gabriel Leung OS 86 - 89** has recently been promoted to be the Director of the Chief Executive's Office in Hong Kong by the Central Chinese Government and **Eric Tsoi OS 99 - 04** was admitted to the Hong Kong Bar in June.

**Gavin Horgan OS84-92** has been appointed Headmaster of Worksoop College. He is currently Deputy Rector of the Glasgow Academy. He has considerable experience at home and overseas and devoted much energy to 'War Child', the Jubilee Action Charity and the Red Cross. He is married to Alison and they have a 13 month old son, Frederick.

**John Wade OS 05 - 10**, a first year civil engineering student at the University of Manchester, has won top prize (£8,000 cash and £2,000 worth of support from Adastra Technology) in the competition 'Venture Further' with his new building system for creating a cavity wall. This technology, which has an international patent pending, will not only cut costs for the building industry but also significantly reduce the carbon impact. The system, **Cav-Form**, is in the final stages of certification by the British Board of Agreement (BBA).

John, the first ever undergraduate to win the award, said: 'Winning Venture Further is a fantastic boost for Cav-Form. The prize money and services now available will provide a real boost in getting the marketing process up and running'. He would be delighted to answer queries about Cav-Form and his email address is: wade611@btinternet.com

**James Cope OS 94 - 99** has recently completed his ACA examinations and has been admitted as an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

IN MEMORIAM
<i>News of the deaths of the following OS has been received since the last issue of the Newsletter</i>
John Clifford Bradbury-Williams Associate Member
Bernard Holt Halsall MC OS 32 - 37
Timothy Alistair Hetherington OS 81 - 89
Thomas Michael Cain OS 64 - 69
James Valentine Connolly OS 51 - 59
Justin Ivor Hall Johnston MBE OS 34 - 43
Wilfrid King MC OS 31 - 40
Leslie Grech OS 36 - 40
John Wotton Associate Member
Robert Paul Sherry OS 45 - 54
Terence John Frederick Gavaghan MBE OS 34 - 40
Maj-Gen John Humphrey Page CB,OBE,MC OS 32 - 41
Antony McCaffry OS 38 - 42
Alban Edward Courtney Wylde OS 28 - 36
Friends or relatives, who wish to write the usual obituary for the Stonyhurst Record, are invited to contact David Knight at the College (d.knight@stonyhurst.ac.uk).
<i>We also regret to announce the deaths from the wider Stonyhurst family of:</i>
Audrey Mary Bond – mother of Simon OS, Michael OS and Damian OS and wife of Peter Bond OS
Fr Joe Dooley SJ
Kate Rous – wife of Anthony Eyre OS and mother of Edmund, Giles, Hewie and Elena Rous-Eyre, all OS.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



**Colonel Warren Fox OS 63 - 71** retired from the United States Marine Corps in which he served as a pilot in Iraq but due to the economic downturn soon found himself back in action, this time in Afghanistan, flying reconnaissance missions as a contract pilot. He writes:

...I have been here in Kandahar over the past four months at the NATO Air Base supporting a collection of international forces including US Marines and Royal Marines. Being a retired Marine, it is especially gratifying to support both US and Royal Marines. Just a month ago we made a discovery that the Royal Marines dealt with, which turned out to be one of the larger Improvised Explosive Device factories to be found in this area. Lately we have added the Zabul province to our target deck, just northeast of Kandahar and have discovered all sorts of bomb making facilities.

If what we have found has saved one life, or prevented one individual from being hurt or maimed and ensured a safe return home...then the time away from my family has been well served.

**He added:**

...with my formative years having been in England and at Stonyhurst, I am happy that we also support British forces in the field. The fact that it was Royal Marines meant a lot because in 1970, I went to the Royal Marines Barracks in Poole, for our two week CCF camp. I still remember, as if it were yesterday, all of us going from Euston Station to Victoria in our heavy woollen uniforms carrying the old bolt action Lee Enfield 303 rifles. It was also when Terry Holt and I got caught by Sergeant Major Slack smoking a cigarette late at night when we were in tents at the rifle range. Lots of funny stories...


Anyway, England and Stonyhurst will always be dear to me. So being able to support any British military unit is special and I thought to share this with OS readers and the friends I made at the College over the years.

CORRESPONDENCE & MISCELLANY



*and that tie...Tim Gillin OS 52 - 56 informs us:*

Prince Charles has been wearing a navy and gold striped tie for many years and, until reading Newsletter 302, I had always assumed that he was Honorary Colonel of the Buffs. The Oxford University Athletics Relay Team wears or wore a tie with a similar design but the Prince was at Cambridge. The possibility of confusion might have



deterred some from wearing their OS tie on certain occasions but I have always worn mine secure in the knowledge that no one could ever mistake me for an athlete or a soldier. Since taking early retirement in 1995, I've scarcely worn a tie at all except for weddings and funerals. I spend two and a half days a week at the Citizens Advice Bureau in my wife's home town of Chichester to which we moved in 1994 once our sons were both at university. In my role as a volunteer adviser, I must have pointed scores of clients enquiring about compensation for personal injury in the direction of the firm of solicitors of which Julian Bobak, also referred to in Issue 302 is senior partner without realising he is a fellow OS. In the same issue, the essay on martyrdom in a modern society reminded me of a Freddie Turner anecdote. The conversation had turned to martyrdom and Freddie confessed that the possibility had crossed his mind of finding a rabid anti-Catholic and antagonising him to the point at which, when Freddie presented him with a loaded pistol, he could be guaranteed martyrdom and an immediate place in Heaven. One of the company suggested that such a calculated act was unlikely to result in a seat in the Dress Circle of the afterlife to which Freddie replied, 'At least it isn't the Pit!'.....

**and from Leo Hermacinski OS 73 - 78:**

I enjoyed Anthony Eyre's history of the Octagon Press in the March 2011 issue of the Association News. There were several items that intersected with my time at Stonyhurst. Firstly, I was the American mentioned in connection with the SWTPC 6800 computer. I had become interested in computers and managed to persuade my grandfather, Theodore Benirski, to donate that machine to the school. It must have been 1976/77 when I was in Upper Syntax as I remember building the memory expansion boards in my room. We were at the very forefront of the personal computer revolution with that very primitive machine. Second, Anthony mentions that John Walsh was the last recorded manager in the 1970s, of the press. John and I spent some hours



teaching ourselves how to set type and print - it was a very painstaking process as the various fonts were incomplete and mixed together. John had more patience than I so after an afternoon or two in that tiny room in Siberia, I left him to manage the press solo. Lastly, there was a mention of Chris Pinnington, Andrew Parker and Rory Herdman in connection with the Photographic Society. I spent many hours in the dark rooms and in the top floor studio under their guidance and still enjoy photography to this day - even though the eventual merger of microprocessors and cameras has taken me out of the darkroom and stopped my fingers forever smelling of fixer solution. And alas, no more freezing cockroaches and other creepy- crawlies with fire extinguishers - but I will let Andrew and Rory expound on that.

*from Jensen So, OS 04 - 08 about a visit to Vietnam*

Vietnam was unveiled to me as a country famous mostly for its communist name,



history of war and probably the Vietnamese coffee. I have never thought of visiting this country, even though it is not far away from where I live (Hong Kong). It was not until one day, the Red Cross offered medical students a chance to go on a service trip to Vietnam, to visit those children who have been affected by Agent Orange. I immediately was reminded of the days in the Children's Holiday Trust in Stonyhurst. Such a thought actually brought me to join the service trip.

Agent Orange is a term that not many people would have heard of. When I first learnt this term, I guessed it was a kind of harmful artificial colour. Having searched for its details, I realised that it is something

a lot more evil than you can imagine. Agent Orange is actually a chemical herbicide, mostly known as dioxin, which was used by the US army during the Vietnamese war. It was used to destroy the farms, to cut the food supply for the communist army, and more importantly, to remove the jungle to cease the ambush jungle warfare. The consequences of using Agent Orange were very permanent. Not only were the soldiers affected, but also the innocent. Such chemicals had greatly polluted the water supply and the soil. People who have ingested the contaminated food and water would also be affected, and the effects of which would be passed on to their offspring. They could be mentally or physically disabled, and the severity of the effect varies.

After about a month's preparation, 21 of my medical colleagues and I set off at the end of May, to a country that none of us knew much about. We were told by the Red Cross that this service trip would mainly focus on the issue of humanity and the problems caused by War and Agent Orange, rather than the medical aspects.

We visited three Agent Orange centres. People at the centre were not only children, some of them were even older than us. They were sent to the centres, not only to be looked after, but also to be trained with different living skills, such as sewing and IT. It was to educate them in survival skills, to enable them to have the ability to feed themselves in the real world. Life there was very simple, and everyone was very friendly. The long term impact of using Agent Orange was very obvious, as many of the children were already the third generation being affected. We expected people there to be severely disabled, like those faces in the pictures on the Internet. However, many of them were actually very normal, and also very intelligent, with only some minor skeletal deformities.

During our stay, we helped to plant trees, paint walls, take care of the children and play with them. We knew that we couldn't do much for them. We just tried our best to give them what we have, and it was love and care. Their ability to strive and adapt to their disability was amazing and heart touching. There was a girl, who could only see with her ONE eye, could play the piano perfectly well with her THREE fingers. There was also a boy, who, due to severe skeletal deformities, had no fingers, and the dorsum of his feet had become the plantar side. Yet, he was the most active child, who cared nothing about his own disability, and could even

flip around! Many other kids also rendered us assistance when we were offering them services. It was so impressive that it totally changed my views. I thought I was there to help them, but actually, they helped me even more. Such an experience valuable for the rest will be exceptionally of my life.

The most memorable experience for myself was actually at a Haematology hospital we visited. That day, we prepared some games, gifts and nutritious milk powder for the children there who were suffering from blood diseases. Owing to the limited number of beds, many of the children had to share a bed with others of the families looking after them. They never moan about it. Instead, they have built up very close relationship, and become close friends, looking after each other. It was something worth noting, and was something that everybody ought to do.

I had a chance to talk to a 15-year-old boy, who was suffering from a chronic blood disease for at least half a year before I visited him. He came from a village in the rural areas. He had his sister looking after him. The disease had created a heavy financial burden for his family. However, he was very optimistic about his future. He claimed that he must keep himself strong in order to defeat the disease. It was very surprising to learn that a boy at this young age could adopt such a positive attitude towards a life-threatening disease. It is something that everybody should learn. For me, whenever I get frustrated in the sea of medical books, I gain a lot of power recalling his courage and persistence. I couldn't do much to help him at that time. All I could do was to give him everything I could find in my bag, like chocolates and a mini-fan. I really felt that I had very limited ability to make a change to their lives, and all I could do was to keep studying hard in the medical field so as to help those needy in the future.

There was also a man, who had an incurable disease. While my colleague and I were trying to know more about his medical history and wanting to give him some support, he sighed and said to us, "You can't really help me much by talking to me, nor can you help the children by playing with them and giving them presents." I was shocked at what he said, though I knew it was a fact. I could do nothing to improve his conditions, and being there for only a short period of time couldn't bring much improvement, either. However, I attempted to continue our conversation, and managed to persuade him that we were actually there to help him and the others, to reassure

him that he was not alone, with our love and care.

The trip has brought me lots of valuable experiences. I have realised the severe consequences of war, and also the improper use of weapons and their long-term effects. This is very much like the issue of environmental pollutions nowadays. This trip, more importantly, has enabled me to understand the meaning of humanity. I have also learnt the way of how to adopt a positive attitude towards life, and how to approach people and patients, which I believe, will have a strong impact on my future career as a doctor. Many thanks to the Association for the support, and also to Stonyhurst, for teaching me something that has always been kept in my mind, "to be men and women for others"...

*and from Carl Cimpoi OS 98 – 03 at the RWC games:*

In June I moved over to New Zealand for a couple of years and have been fortunate enough to go to a lot of the RWC games. **James Small OS 99 - 04** and I met up to watch Scotland against Romania and England against Scotland and see Joe Ansbro play. We met up with Joe after the game in the pub and had a great night, reminiscing about the unbeaten First XV of 2003 of which we were all members!



*(On 6th August, Joe Ansbro OS 99 – 04 made the 'winning try' for Scotland against Ireland in the warm up for the World Championship and did the same again in the Championship match against Romania.)*

*and Charlie Cruz writing from Gibraltar:*

*...please find attached an historic photo taken on Saturday (5<sup>th</sup> November) where 6 Stonyhurst boys represented Gibraltar in the first ever international vs Belgium B in Brussels. Sadly we lost 20-8, but we did come away with the pleasure of having played very well and Charlie scoring Gib's first ever international try. A good one for our local trivial pursuits.*



*Above: Charlie Cruz, Albert Isola, Mark Garcia, Joey Garcia, Nicky Isola and Freddie Cruz*

*Charles Wenner OS 63 - 71 wrote to tell us of an audition he had in Greece to which at heavy cost, he took his bicycle.*

*...I am also cycling hundreds of kms on my Biancchi...to lose weight and have fun, with a guy called Pete Brennan who has cycled from India in three months to raise money for charity - building proper schools and libraries for totally impoverished children in India and other third world countries so they can learn to read and dig their way out of their poverty. (www.indiatoireland.org)...I did do a beautiful 100 kms with him from Athens to Korinthos, much of it along the coast, and I am SORE given that it was my first day in the saddle, but not too bad I suppose. I look forward to seeing the pounds drop off if I keep this up...*

*he continued:*

*After the audition, I took the night bus to view the place where the Olympics began and then cycled with Pete to Patras along the Aegean coast on the next leg of his amazing journey. That was a further 130 kms and it was wonderful: I slept like a log at the end of it on the bus station floor before catching my night bus back to Athens and my flight home to Manchester the next morning. Pete tells me that after two weeks it suddenly gets easier...*

MISCELLANY

Do please spare a thought for **Aidan O'Connor** (St John's Beaumont and Stonyhurst 1973-1981). His family inform us that Aidan, who has resided in Japan for the last 20 years where he is married with two young children, is being treated for acute myeloid leukaemia and requires a bone marrow transplant early in the new year. His contemporaries can access updates on his blog at <http://aidaninhospital.wordpress.com/>

**David Donegan OS 54 - 61**, previously mine host at the Rutland Arms in Bakewell, Derbyshire, and his family, have taken over the Saracen's Head in Southwell, Notts. This ancient and handsome hostelry once entertained King Charles I, on the run after the Battle of Naseby but its fortunes have declined of recent years. Given Donegan's especially quirky talents, however, we expect this soon to change. Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, Southwell, Notts. NG25 0HE Tel 01636 812701

The Road outside Bishop's House and St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, has been re-named Bishop Crispian Way to honour **Bishop Crispian Hollis OS 46 - 54** on his retirement.



**Todd Robinson OS 04 - 09** (above) has just completed his second year at Reading studying BSc and tells us that he has done the Great London Swim Raising £100 for Asthma UK.



Paul O’Hea OS 05 - 06 from Mexico dropped by in August. He has now finished schooling and embarked on a Grand Tour whilst he considers what to do next.



What was once called the Stonyhurst Gospel and previously on loan to the British Library, where it is regularly displayed, has now been sold to them for £9m by the Society of Jesus. It is thought to be the oldest intact book produced in Europe and was recovered from the coffin of St Cuthbert when he was eventually buried at Durham in 1104. The proceeds of the sale will be used for schools in London and Glasgow, the foundation of a new school in Africa and for the restoration of St Peter’s at Stonyhurst.



Jamie Coulston OS 09 - 10 (front in blue and muddy boots) arrived in Brisbane just as the floods hit earlier this year. He had gone for three months to play cricket, which after the first week or so was looking doubtful. The university, where they were to train and play, was flooded, but due to the amazing efforts of all concerned, managed to continue. He and some of his fellow cricketers helped with the cleanup. An official said ‘As a local I was so impressed with the attitude and the effort that the guys displayed...lugging other people’s flooded possessions, heavy, dripping with flood water and awkward to carry. They were marvellous ambassadors for their country...’

Sarah Borg Bonnici OS 97 - 99 has been invited to begin a part time Master of Studies in Interdisciplinary Design in the Built Environment at Cambridge in September.

Colonel Ben Farrell OS 76 - 86 shared the commentary with Huw Edwards of the BBC at the Queen’s Birthday Parade and the Lieutenant of the Escort to the Colour was also OS.

The origin of this shirt shown in the last newsletter under ‘Bogus OS’ has been explained we think. In a letter, Claire Adam (McFarlane OS 01) says:  
*I think the hockey shirt may have been mine. I was at the College for my*



*final two years and left in 2001. We had navy polo shirts made for the hockey team and across the back would have been written ‘Stonyhurst Hockey’ in white. I organised getting them made with Charlie Mann who was the captain at the time - with permission from Simon Charles, Head of Games. I went on a gap year to Tanzania where I worked in a rural community for six months before travelling south to Malawi. I traded some clothes for wooden carvings before coming home and remember swapping this shirt and a waterproof jacket as payment.....*

In a separate letter, her father added that the local water tended to change the colour of clothes washed in it. Since the picture was taken in Malawi, we can only conclude that the shirts are one and the same and they at least are not bogus.

Wing Commander Chris Thorpe OS 82, Major Alfie Torrents OS 81 and Major James ‘Sinjin’ De St John-Pryce OS 96 have been serving at the UK’s Permanent Joint Headquarters ( PJHQ) in London for the last eighteen months. They have had a busy time with on-going operations in Afghanistan and more recently with events in Libya. Chris has now moved to a new posting in Washington DC, Alfie is due to leave the army and go to Zimbabwe and Sinjin should remain until next year.



Ian Balshaw OS 88 - 97 was best man for Mike Tindall at the second royal wedding of the year in Edinburgh. His black eye was not due to hurly-burly at the stag night or rough play on the pitch but a moped accident. What the Queen thought of it is unrecorded.



...and speaking of weddings. Here is Francis Rainsford OS 66 - 71 (left), Honorary Consul in Arequipa, doing his patriotic duty and celebrating the first of this year’s royal weddings in Peru.

Andrew Fendt OS 78 - 86 has been in touch to say that he and his family are now settled in America, not without some difficulties from officialdom, and involved in the controversial process of ‘fracking’ oil wells to make them flow gas at commercial rates. He and his son visited Stonyhurst recently and were very impressed by what they saw. Regrettably however, he thought on balance that it was better his lads stayed home and took the yellow bus to a good American school.

Adam Morgan OS 02 – 07 ‘will graduate to the high profile British Touring Car Championship in 2012 after scooping a fully-funded prize drive in the UK’s most popular motor racing series by claiming the inaugural Michelin Ginetta GT Supercup title at Silverstone, Sunday 16th October.’



Joseph Walker-Cousins OS 89 - 97 in Misurata, Libya, as a Stabilisation Advisor to Sir John Jenkins, the UK Special Stabilisation Envoy and two of the Transitional Council members. They are about to lay flowers at the place where Tim Hetherington OS, and his colleague Chris Hondros, were killed in April.

Phil Leonard OS 03 – 08 was in Uganda recently along with the BBC to do research into the issue of child sacrifice on behalf of Jubilee Campaign. A documentary was produced aired on BBC News and BBC World in the autumn. (*The Witchdoctors’ Children* which can be found online on BBC iPlayer).

He also wrote an article for *The Universe* on the subject published on 23rd October explaining more about child sacrifice and why it happens. (www.jubileecampaign.co.uk)  
At his university, Edinburgh, he has set up an anti slavery society to raise awareness of this problem and help combat modern day slavery and sex trafficking.

THE ARTS

When OS brothers Michael and Daniel McKenzie (OS 98 and OS 00) stepped onto the set of their first feature film together in May 2010, they knew that it was not only the culmination of more than a decade of hard work on behalf of their father, writer/director Peter, but it was also the beginning of a very special journey for an independent movie that is set to cause quite a stir in Hollywood.



Daniel Mackenzie on set

It is about Sam Doonby, a mysterious and handsome drifter, who steps off an interstate bus and quickly becomes the talk of a small Texas town. After finding work at Leroy’s Country Blues bar, his musical talents make him a small-town star, attracting the attention of Laura, the beautiful but spoiled daughter of local doctor Cyrus Reaper. Sam seems to always be in the right place at the right time to prevent disasters from happening in the town before he disappears as quickly as he materialized. Soon, everyone realizes that there was more to Sam than they understood, especially Cyrus and his family as the doctor’s past comes back to haunt him. What makes Doonby so controversial is its Pro-Life stance on the issue of abortion, a subject which is still passionately debated the world over, but especially in America...

‘SHIPS THAT PASS....’ OR IN A HOTEL CORRIDOR IN ATLANTA

He had the wrong room and when he apologised, my daughter realised from his rather distinguished accent that he was not American and on enquiry, was told he hailed from Tanzania. After asking where she came from, he said that he knew Lancashire and had been to school at a place called Stonyhurst. So it was that for a few hours we were only yards away from the only OS in the state of Georgia, USA. The next day we had all dispersed: to the Pacific Rim, New York, England and East Africa.

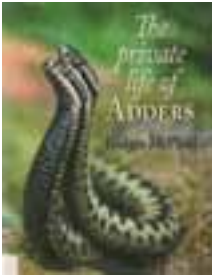
David Bulengo OS 85 - 88 and his son had been visiting his cousin in Atlanta. He himself now lives in Arusha, Tanzania and has a trading company supplying hotels with their requirements. He was, his son, at school in Arusha had become friendly with a schoolmate before finding out that the father, astonished and delighted to meet us and telephoned his father about it. By another strange coincidence Robert Daniels was also OS.....

David wrote later:  
*...It was a great pleasure meeting you and what a coincidence it was. God’s hand always has its place and my belief is our meeting was so. I just got back to Tanzania and left my son at a summer camp in New England for four weeks. He was so excited to hear about Stonyhurst as I have always been talking about it..... I do already know two of the OS’s, the Fortes family but never knew they went to Stonyhurst - now we really have something to talk about.*

Editor



When asked what he thought of the film, and how important it could be in the campaign against abortion across the world, Lord Alton had this to say:  
“Doonby is a thought provoking and clever film which raises profoundly important questions. It takes its audience by surprise, challenges them, and leaves them thinking and considering who and what we have lost: a question faced by so many who have ended the lives of an unborn child. It's surely a debate which.....cannot and should not be suppressed. Brilliant Cinema.”



*The Private Life of Adders* – Rodger McPhail ISBN 978-1906122-29-4  
This book is of local interest to Stonyhurst for the more discerning natural historians. Rodger McPhail, the celebrated wildlife artist, has had a life-long fascination with adders. He has been observing and photographing them in the Forest of Bowland for many years.

*J D BERNAL - the Sage of Science* Andrew Brown OUP 2005 ISBN 0-19-851544-8  
In this fine biography of John Desmond Bernal, Andrew Brown presents us with a thoroughly researched book which not only tells us about the life of Bernal but, because of his wide-ranging interests, it informs us as well about many aspects of science and world affairs in context.  
Desmond and his younger brother Kevin came to Hodder for the autumn term in 1911. He appears to have been happy and top of the class but after moving to the College the following year he complained to his parents that he was unhappy; he left at the end of the Christmas term and then went to Bedford School where his scientific bent was encouraged and he read voraciously. He then went on to Emmanuel College, Cambridge. There he did not get a first but he had pursued the theory of crystal lattices in some detail and with originality and his tutor recommended him to Sir Lawrence Bragg so that his life's work in X-ray diffraction was launched. He acquired the nickname 'Sage' because of his wide and detailed general knowledge. In the 1920s, Physics at Cambridge was dominated by Rutherford's nuclear research group and the intellectual atmosphere at

TIM HETHERINGTON OS 81 - 89, RIP

**Tim Hetherington** and his friend, the author Sebastian Junger, spent over a year 'embedded' with an American Army patrol in the remote Korengal Valley of Afghanistan and where the Taliban were considered to have their greatest support. They shared the hardships, boredom and sometimes extreme danger with the soldiers but without the means to defend themselves or enjoy the satisfaction of hitting back, since as journalists, not soldiers, they could not be armed.

Tim and Sebastian were there only as photo-journalists, to record events as they happened and survive if possible. The result was a film called *Restrepo*, the name of a popular soldier killed early on and his name was then given to their outpost in the hills. There were also two books.



Tim Hetherington (right) with Sebastian Junger

One called *War* was written by Sebastian and is the story of their experiences and of the soldiers, who if lucky enough to return, still became casualties of a kind, hooked on the frisson of danger and the weaponry of war. A bizarre meeting with the enemy is described where the great material benefits which the Americans can provide, is explained to the local villagers if they will only stop shooting. They are unimpressed and when they can afford it, return to the attack. Sebastian's book dwells on the immense cost, human and material and when the Army finally abandon the valley, the futility speaks for itself.

The other book is a collection of the photographs taken by Tim of their surroundings and living conditions, of the soldiers' antics when boredom took its toll, and their pain and grief when they suffered casualties. Some of the pictures are disturbing and even shocking but it is a soldiers' tale and that is not always a pleasant story. The title of the book is *Infidel* because that is what they were called by the Taliban.

Both books could well be read together. The film *Restrepo* was nominated for an Oscar and won the Grand Jury Prize at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival.

WAR: Sebastian Junger ISBN 9780007337712

INFIDEL: Tim Hetherington ISBN 9781905712182

Below: a still from *Restrepo* by Tim Hetherington



least among scientists was predominantly left-wing or communist in politics and in society, free love or 'social varietism' prevailed. Bernal became a communist and thenceforth, crystallography and communism were his life's causes.  
Bernal married in his early years at Cambridge and they had two sons. He had a son by a long-term mistress and quite late in life, a daughter by another. He never seems to have considered that his way of life was wrong or unfair to women. In his final illness, his wife and mistress and secretary looked after him together. He clearly attracted loyal affection.

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Published to commemorate the state visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United Kingdom, this book brings together all of the words spoken by the Holy Father at each of the official functions between the 16th and the 19th of September 2010. A simple image of Benedict's coat of arms on the cover invites us to study this collection of homilies and addresses to the Queen, young people, teachers, politicians and those of other faiths during the visit which culminated in the beatification of Blessed John Henry Newman at Cofton Park.

A year on, it is easy to forget just how controversial this visit was. It was preceded by weeks of negative imagery in the media. Accusations flew regarding abuse 'cover-ups'. Celebrities jostled for news space with complaints about how much the visit was costing the taxpayer. Extremists threatened to 'arrest' the Pope. Obtaining tickets to attend any of the events was extremely difficult. And yet, by the end of these few packed days, the success of the visit was clear. With unimpeachable humility, a gentle octogenarian had spoken grace-filled words of wisdom and truth. He had spoken from his heart to our hearts.

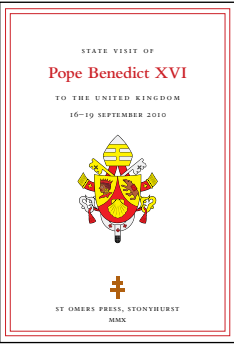
The passages contained in this book speak clearly of the challenge before us, the challenge to witness to the Gospel by becoming saints. In straightforward but perfectly nuanced prose, Benedict used the life of Blessed Cardinal Newman as a model for our sanctity in a world so desperately in need of the consolation of the light of Christ. At the Prayer Vigil in Hyde Park on the eve of the beatification, he taught us that, 'Without the life of prayer, without the interior transformation which takes place through the grace of the sacraments, we cannot, in Newman's words, 'radiate Christ'; we become just another 'clashing symbol' in a world filled with growing noise and confusion, filled with false paths leading only to heartbreak and illusion.'  
Few people would ever have predicted that the Pope would deliver a speech in Westminster Hall or take part in an Anglican service at Westminster Abbey. That he did so at a time when religion is becoming increasingly marginalized makes this collection even more vital. This elegant, tastefully set and beautifully printed volume will appeal to anyone seeking to understand the mission of the Catholic Church in Britain in the Twenty-First Century.

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*The Saving of an Empire* - Kenneth Light OS 48 - 54 ISBN 978 1 906561 79 6

The book describes the adventures of the Portuguese Court and others escaping from Napoleon by sailing to Brazil, accompanied and protected by the British Navy. Much research



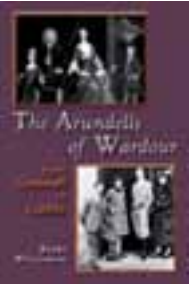
has provided a very detailed account of a major undertaking and given an insight into the uncertainties of life at sea in Nelson's time and the all-importance of wind and weather.  
It is of interest not only to those concerned with Portuguese history, but also to anyone interested in nautical matters during the closing years of sailing ships.



*St Omer and the British Connection*, Richard Cumpston Jones. Large (A4) size, paperback, 220pp, ISBN 978-1-4478-7482-9  
€22.98, plus P&P (€3.53 to UK addresses)  
Can be purchased directly from the author, a citizen of St Omer, at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com)

Stonyhurst archivist, David Knight, writes: 'A fair proportion of the contents have direct relevance to Stonyhurst and the book will be of considerable interest to readers of the Newsletter. It is well illustrated and packed with well-organised information, clearly presented and written (in English) in an easily readable style.'

*The Arundells of Wardour*, Barry Williamson, 242pp, illustrated paperback. ISBN 978-1-906978-12-9, £12.95. The book can be ordered post free (UK only) from the publishers: Hobnob Press, PO Box 1838, East Knoyle, Salisbury SP3 6FA ([www.hobnobpress.co.uk](http://www.hobnobpress.co.uk)).



James Everard, the 10th Lord Arundell, was a contemporary of Charles Waterton at Stonyhurst and his private collection constitutes the bulk of the contents of the Arundell Library, which has been appropriately named after him. A chapter in the book is devoted to him and also featured prominently is the 16th Lord Arundell, also a former Stonyhurst pupil, whose tragic death during World War II brought the title to an abrupt end. For these two reasons alone this book can be recommended to anyone with a genuine interest in the history of the College and the Collections, and it also provides an extremely readable account of the dramatically changing fortunes of this very important family.

DNK

and from the Daily Telegraph, a new CD by **Jonathan Plowright OS 73 - 78** (Hyperion, CDA67903, £13.99), reviewed by Geoffrey Norris:





# 100 YEARS AGO

Sir Henry Bedingfield Bart., OS 1870 - 78, is President of the Stonyhurst Association.



It was the year of the coronation of George V and the event was duly celebrated with dinners for servants and pupils and poems were written in nine languages. Above: OTC Review, Windsor: The Stonyhurst Company marching past the King; and below: The Ambulacrum on Coronation Day.



Fr Cortie SJ was leader of the British Eclipse Expedition to Tonga and wrote many letters to the College about his journeys.

An article appears in the Stonyhurst Magazine about the Book of Hours which belonged to Mary, Queen of Scots, and Queen Mary. There is an update on this in the 'Record' this year.

A noted local naturalist, Thomas Altham died in November. Fr John Gerard used his help in his books, Birds of the Stonyhurst District and Flora of the Stonyhurst District

and said this of him in the Magazine:

*Nor was it to birds alone that he confined himself. His interest in insects was no less keen and there was in fact no department of natural history of which he had not something to say. He could tell where cray-fish, freshwater mussels, lizards or possibly an adder might be found. Though not a professed botanist, he knew the habitat of the more interesting or remarkable plants and would undertake a ten or twelve miles' walk to make sure if the cloudberry or trientalis was really to be found where it was said.*



The summer of 1911 was the hottest, sunniest and driest ever experienced at Stonyhurst with temperatures frequently in the eighties. At Greenwich, the Magazine reported that the temperature had exceeded 100 degrees F although the Daily Telegraph more modestly claimed only 99 degrees.

Below: the Association Annual Dinner, 1911



# REUNIONS & CONVIVIA

## SINGAPORE REUNION

It takes a long time for news to travel this distance and this small but select gathering took place in January 2010. They met in the bar of the Four Seasons Hotel, had dinner at Jumbo Seafood. The next day, they enjoyed a champagne brunch at the Hyatt and chilled out at the Tanglin Club.

Right: the Singapore reunion

Those attending were:

Yoji Takano OS 81 - 86, Dilhan Fernando OS 79 - 86, Jeremy Cheam OS 81 - 86, Raphael Young OS 81 - 86, Dave Fung OS 82 - 86, Vincent Wong OS 79 - 84, Tom Bidwell OS 83 - 90, Hiroshi Ishida OS 80 - 82.



## RHETORIC 1980 REUNION

This event took place at Stonyhurst on the weekend 8th/9th October, 2011. Those attending were: Michael Bond, Christopher Bosonnet, Jonathan Bracey-Gibbon, Giles Brand, Jay Chitnis, Christopher Clews, Roger da Cunha, Mark Dalton, John Daly, Julian Flanagan, Albert Isola, Niall Kenny, Andrew Kirkpatrick, Donal Landers, Sean Maddox, Michael Murphy, Rory O'Connor, Simon O'Hea, Simon O'Sullivan, Andrew Perkins, Andrew Scurr, Peter Stevenson, Antony Taylor, Martin Thorpe. Simon Andrews, David Knight and Fintan O'Reilly were invited as guests to the dinner in the evening.

After a buffet lunch in the Bayley Room, they were able to enjoy watching rugby against Rossall or a tour of the Collections before going to their hotel to change for dinner.



## ASSOCIATION GRANTS

The Association has certain funds available to students in higher education. These funds can be used for medical electives, for travel or to provide assistance in the case of financial hardship. In any one year only a certain amount is available, depending on the prevailing financial situation and there is a limit to the amount that can be awarded for a particular purpose. Applications for grants should be made to the Association Office, outlining the reason for the application, and giving details of income and expenditure.

## LONDON CONVIVIA



This again took the form of a cruise down the Thames and with the calm seas and blue skies was much enjoyed by all the 85 people who came. Prayers were said by **Fr Brendan O'Callaghan SJ**, OS our current president, and the party were also treated to a hot buffet supper.





# WANDERERS

## SPORTING WEEKEND

### RUGBY SEVENS (FROM MARCO VAGHETTI)



Each year the weather and standard of rugby seems to get better for the Stonyhurst Association Sevens! A healthy gathering of OS, friends and family contributed to a very sunny and enjoyable weekend visiting the College.

This year there were eight very competitive rugby teams, with the six OS sides ranging from 2003 through to the 2010 leavers, alongside two guest sides. Teams were split into two groups of four, with the top two sides in each group progressing through to the Cup. All the teams competing displayed a high standard of rugby and many of the group matches were decided in the dying moments.

The final was between RH03 and RH05: both sides had impressed throughout the day and deserved their places in the final. The match was a repeat of the 2008 semi-final, which RH03 won (and had not stopped reminding RH05 of ever since!).

A very physical match unfolded and both defenses worked hard to prevent any decent sevens being played. RH03 found it hard to break through the younger defence and RH05 eventually scored two well worked tries to be crowned the 2011 winners.

'Player of the Tournament' was awarded to Joe Notter (RH05), with Harrison Collins (RH10) picking up 'Try of the Tournament.'

It would be great to see a few of the 'older' OS years assembling teams, perhaps the Rosslyn Park 7s winning sides of 1996 and 1999 would like to enter? This would certainly spice up the rugby!

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

See you all next year!

### CRICKET (FROM RICHARD DRINKWATER)

With sore heads, the Wanderers took the field after the skipper, on winning the toss, had put the College in to bat. Kirk Stokes opened the bowling from the far end of the Oval, with the wind and got the ball to fly through to keeper, Jonny Richardson; though not often enough to stop Hopkins and Gale from settling quickly into a comfortable rhythm. Drinkwater toiling away into the strong wind at the other end, did little to trouble the batsmen and they began amassing a decent total. Lunch came and went and still the College opening pair stood firm, until at last John Smalley struck with the first wicket, claiming Hopkins LBW for 79. This brought Teague to the wicket to be dropped by Richardson (!) on 0 off Smalley, who then went on to pummel 73, chancing his luck a few times and helped by some dropped catches.

Gale fell to Dan Smalley, stumped smartly by Richardson redeeming himself! Then the Smalley brothers, Stodge and Titch, combined to get Dewani out for 2, with Nelson bowled by John Smalley to take his tally to 3 for 93 off 14 overs. The College finally declared at Tea (!) having scored 285 for 4 off 44 overs - it was slow going in that wind! Special mention must go to John Wareing who bowled beautifully for no reward and John Smalley for his efforts. Well done, Stodge!

The Wanderers ought to have had about 40 overs to get the runs but in scenes reminiscent of Test Matches, the over rate never got above 11 an hour and hence we realised part way through the innings that we were going to struggle to get the runs. That didn't stop some brilliant contributions with the bat from Charlie Gale(76) and Jonny Richardson (46). Clive Burrows looked comfortable opening, but fell in the 9th over to Fogden. Though it took him some time to get his eye in, Matt Wilde started blasting sixes aided by Richard Drinkwater and both saw out the overs to secure a draw with the Wanderers reaching 230 for 3 off 35 overs, with Wilde 39 and Drinkwater 42, not out.

Many thanks to the whole team who all managed to arrive on time and for the first time since I can remember. Many thanks too, to all the OS who came to support for the afternoon.

TEAM - Charlie Gale, Clive Burrows, Jonny Richardson, Matt Wilde, Richard Drinkwater, Kirk Stokes, John Smalley, Dan Smalley, John Wareing, Jonny Garlington, Duncan Ballatyne.

### Golf contd

Congratulations to the College team on the way they played – they showed real etiquette and true Stonyhurst spirit throughout the match. Thanks as always to Tim Strain for his enthusiastic attitude. It makes it great fun. Well done chaps!

### SHIREBURN 100

#### Recent Winners are:

**April: Malcolm J Thorpe OS 78 - 83,**  
**July: Hugh Gerald Simonds OS 57-63,**  
**October: Niall Macfarlane OS 66 - 75**

**The Draw was made by Sarah Young, Lay Chaplain**



### RUGBY SEVENS

Marco Vagheti reports that the squad winning the Lancashire Club and Colts 7s Bowl included the following OS: Harrison Collins, Rick Maudsley, James Small, Luke Langford, Tom Wood, Dom McCarthy, Phil Leonard, Steve McGinnis (teacher).

### FOOTBALL (FROM ROSS MCLEAN)

Despite riding into town on the back of an unbeaten four match run in this fixture, the Wanderers were mindful of the threat posed this time around, particularly with a list of unavailable players which included; Chris Newton, Barney Vines, Matt Holden, Matt Porter, Chris Jackson and Jamie Heaton.

It would transpire to be quite a day for Matt Singleton, who took on the responsibility of keeping goal in the absence of Porter. The defence had an unfamiliar feel to it also with Ben Smith the only player to remain in the backline from October's friendly between the two sides. Marc O'Neill, having impressed in midfield during that game, filled in at left back with city slickers Sam Eddy and Andy Holden forming a makeshift centre-half pairing. Skipper Rob Eatough was given a licence to roam, providing added protection to the backline whilst also supporting the attack. Charlie Lever and Declan Walsh provided width to a midfield anchored by Ross McLean, with goal-machine Sam Williams partnering Tom Lever up front.

Following a frenetic start, the Wanderers managed a sustained period of pressure which culminated in McLean finishing off the first move of real quality. However, the ten minutes preceding half-time saw the complexion of the match change completely. An equaliser for Stonyhurst against the run of play rocked the visitors who then conceded three goals in quick succession to go in 3-1 down at the break. Half-time afforded the Wanderers a much needed opportunity to regroup.

With Eatough's call to arms still ringing in their ears, the visitors got the second half underway and set about their task of overturning the deficit. The Wanderers started to get a foothold in the game and Tom Lever pulled a goal back on the hour mark. Momentum was now very much with them and moments later Walsh angled a firm drive into the corner of the net to make it 3-3. The Wanderers sensed victory and went in search of glory only for this topsy-turvy game to take a further twist. An innocuous ball into the box somehow arrived at the feet of a Stonyhurst striker who required no second invitation to restore the lead. This Wanderers team though possesses many a quality, not least a fighting spirit

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Yet again the College hosted an enjoyable and well contested OS Sports Weekend, making all the OS feel particularly welcome.

Thanks are due to all the match managers for organising their respective OS teams, and special mention must go to Beverley in the Association Office, for pulling things together and to the catering team, who again filled us to the brim, before we embarked on our now mandatory Saturday night trip to the Bayley and Rio's, and gave a splendid lunch on Sunday to the cricketers

I hope to see you all again next year.

Richard Drinkwater  
Wanderers Chairman

### GOLF (FROM RICHARD DRINKWATER) - THE OS '6' MAKE IT 5 ON THE TROT!!!

Team: Danny Church-Taylor – won 4 and 3 Ciaran Sharpe – won 1 up Richard Drinkwater - won 1 up John Nuttall – lost 3 and 2  
Chris Brennan - halved Will Marsden – won 1 up

After a few cursory aperitifs in the Bayley, on a very sunny, yet windy afternoon, the OS golf team took on the College VI in a Singles Scratch Matchplay competition, to the sounds of the Sevens blowing across from Smithfield. The OS all got off to good starts with Richard & Ciaran both 3 up at the turn in their matches. Danny Church-Taylor and Will Marsden both led and chased in their matches all the way through to the final few holes where both closed out their games with memorable and outstanding golf. John Nuttall had the toughest afternoon against the College's leading player, who played Par golf for most of the back 9. Next year, John, next year! Chris Brennan also had close match resulting in a deserved half point. Ciaran Sharpe and Richard Drinkwater lost their way from the 10th to the 17th with the College players overturning 3 hole deficits to be leading 1 up with 2 to play. However each OS player managed to get back on track winning the 17th and going on to win the last hole in a great climax to a superb afternoon of golf.

I can't speak too highly of the quality of the course. Barry Bolton and his team have done a truly amazing job of turning this course from the sheep-strewn wild landscape of the 80's into a thing of beauty; testing holes, manicured fairways, and gloriously tough greens – an absolute credit to them!



# ANNUAL DINNER

The Top Refectory at Stonyhurst provided the splendid setting for the Annual Dinner of the Stonyhurst Association under the presidency of Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ OS 59 - 66, Master of Campion Hall, Oxford.

Michael Joseph made a presentation of a small silver tray embedded with an 1810 Stonyhurst medal, to Christopher Page, retiring chairman, thanking him for his services.

The Guest of Honour, Baroness Hollins, an emeritus professor of psychiatry of disability and president-elect of the BMA, spoke about women and their changing roles and expectations in society.

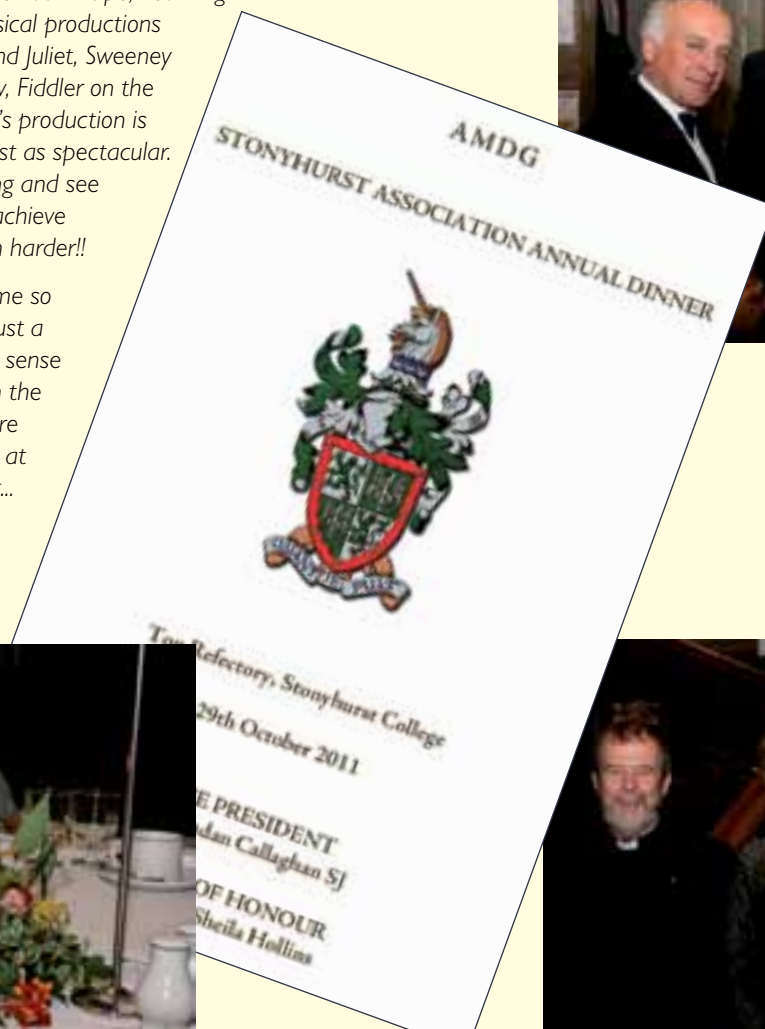
Replying to the toasts were the Headmaster, Andrew Johnson and the Head of the Line, Bradley Goss, who also had this to say about his time here:

*...The College continues to go from strength to strength and I would struggle to find any element of my education and life here, lacking. There has never been a time here when I have felt I was alone or couldn't reach out for help. Stonyhurst is a family committed to caring for each and every student. The bonds made here are stronger than you would expect. Being together as a year group for a long time every day makes for very close friendships that will last a lifetime. The defining character of Stonyhurst, more than anything else, is the people here whom you encounter every single day, whether they be your team mates, your Playroom Master, the kitchen staff, your tutor, or your best friend. These are the people who have made everyday special and memorable during my time at Stonyhurst and I can honestly say that I consider a number of teachers and staff as my friends.*

*We have a wonderful international community which adds to the rich tapestry that is Stonyhurst. We are a tight-knit and happy lot; we care deeply for and look after one another.*

*Life here is never dull there is always so much to do whether it be Rugby, Football, Hockey, Netball, Swimming, Badminton, Cricket, Golf, The Politics Society, the Industrial Society, the Senior Essay Society, Charitable programmes run by the pupils such as Arrupe, Learning to Care, and Chirwirangwe or our many musical productions and plays such as Les Miserables, Romeo and Juliet, Sweeney Todd and last year's very well- received show, Fiddler on the Roof..... to name but a few!!!! This year's production is The Sound of Music which promises to be just as spectacular. I hope you get the opportunity to come along and see At Stonyhurst we work very hard indeed to achieve results, but many would argue, we play even harder!!*

*The school has offered my classmates and me so more than just lessons. We are more than just a arriving at the College will quickly notice the sense students feel. When walking or driving down the arriving back from a hard fought rugby fixture school every day, when I see the two towers at overwhelmed by a strong sense of belonging...*



# THE FRESCOES OF ST PETER'S

JAN GRAFFIUS

THE TWO FRESCOES OF ST Francis Xavier and St Ignatius in the side chapels in St Peter's are familiar to generations of Stonyhurst pupils and OS. They are important and beautiful, but the passage of time has not been kind to them, and the generosity of the Association in offering to fund their conservation is greatly welcomed.

Visitors to St Peter's are often struck by the beauty of the stencilled pillars and the ceilings. The present appearance of the Church, newly restored and resplendent as it is, gives little indication of its original decoration, with frescoed angels and saints over the altar and sanctuary, and every square inch of wall patterned with Gothic flourishes, floral motifs and borders. A few square metres have recently been uncovered so we can now have glimpses of the richness of the earlier decorative schemes- notably behind the high altar with its glorious gilded wall and ribbon-twirling angels.

When the Church was completed in 1835, the interior was left very plain; the walls covered with stone coloured distemper and the ceiling grained in dark oak. Scoles, the architect, was content to leave a blank canvas for future designs. In 1853, Fr Clough, the Rector, authorised the first phase of the interior decoration and the contract was given to Frederick Settle Barff, a former Anglican curate from London, who in 1852 had converted to Catholicism and set up in Preston as an ecclesiastical decorator.

At first, perhaps because of cost, only the area around the altar and sanctuary was painted. The ceiling was coloured a deep forest green, with gilded texts, angels and carved bosses, all of which can still be seen. Similarly, the pillars and arches around the sanctuary were stencilled with the patterns they still carry today, while those in the nave were left completely plain.



Carved Gothic panelling was installed on the wall behind the high altar, painted in green, gold and vermillion, and the wall itself was painted with floral and geometric patterns and Latin texts. Hovering over the altar were two frescoed angels on a gilded background. Covered up for the last forty years, these can now be seen again, carefully restored as part of the recently completed work on St Peter's.

The two side chapels were painted with frescoes in 1854. The south wall shows Ignatius Loyola making his first Profession in Rome, and receiving the vows of the new Jesuits, Laynez, Salmeron, Le Jay, Broet and Codure in 1541. The north wall illustrates a scene from Francis Xavier's missionary work in Goa, where his preaching converted many to Christianity.

The choice of two German artists, Fischer and Wurms, for these frescoes was an unusual one, not to say avant-garde, and requires a little background explanation. In April 1837, the Stonyhurst Minister's Journal records a three day visit from 'the celebrated artist, Mr Pugin' to inspect the newly completed Church and College. It is very likely that Pugin gave advice, trenchantly worded no doubt, on the decoration of St Peter's, in the Gothic style, and although there is no evidence of his direct involvement in the design of the interior, his involvement with St Peter's continued into the 1850s with the design of three stained glass windows.

Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin was, in 1837, at the start of his short, brilliant career. He was outspoken, passionate and tactless in his promotion of what he regarded as 'true' Gothic style. His relationship with three OS was crucial to the development of his career. Undoubtedly the most important of these was John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, OS 1808, who was introduced to Pugin in 1836. Shrewsbury, recognising his genius, worked tirelessly to promote the architect, despite frequent bouts of exasperation at Pugin's lack of fiscal control and his unpredictable temper and behaviour. He commissioned work from Pugin for St Peter's, such as a magnificent crucifix for the high altar in 1845.

Shrewsbury and Pugin were the enthusiastic patrons in England of a small group of German artists who deprecated the fashionable classical art of the day,

calling themselves the Brotherhood of St Luke. The artistic establishment gave them the derogatory nickname of Nazarenes, mocking the idealistic young artists' taste for loose robes, long hair and beards, and they proved to be a profound influence on their English counterparts, the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. Their work was overtly Catholic, medieval in style and marked by a fervent, and unfashionable, spirituality. The choice by the Rector of Stonyhurst of two Nazarene artists, Fischer and Wurms, pupils of the renowned group founder, Peter von Cornelius, for the two angels and the Xavier and Ignatius frescoes in St Peter's was almost certainly at the suggestion of Shrewsbury, (Pugin having died a few years earlier.)

Recently I found, rolled up in a cupboard, a damaged oil painting of the Sacred Heart, which is clearly Nazarene in style, and is based on the painting of the same subject in the Gesu, the main Jesuit church in Rome [below left]. The image of Christ, painted on a square canvas, has been crudely stuck into a painted oval, made from striped canvas bed ticking, of all things. The decorative oval looks very similar in design to the Gothic stencils in St Peter's. It is possible that it was originally framed over an altar







Left: St Peter’s interior drawn by Buckler in 1855, and above: the high altar angels, now restored, photographed in 1908.

dedicated to the Sacred Heart in the College church, but removed and hidden away later, perhaps when the inevitable damp affected it. It raises the intriguing question- were there other works created for St Peter’s by this enigmatic group of visionary artists, which have since been lost? The canvas awaits further conservation treatment before a permanent home is found for it, hopefully somewhere in the church.

For Peter von Cornelius, the technique of fresco which fixed images into the very walls of a church, from which they could not be moved while the church stood, had strong spiritual, as well as artistic, significance,

*‘it centres as a focal point all the life rays radiating from God in a blazing fire that benevolently lights and warms the world. From a spiritual and physical viewpoint, these works belong actually to that spot on earth where they were created; they are in most beautiful unison with God, nature, time and surrounding life.’*

The Nazarenes were great advocates of medieval techniques, and revived the art of fresco vero which had fallen into disuse in the 18th century. The technique is simple in principle, but extremely difficult to achieve in practice. A section of wall, of sufficient size to be worked on and completed in a single day, is plastered with lime mortar, and then painted, while still wet, with pigments dissolved in water. As the plaster dries it sucks in the water and the pigment with it, thus fixing the colour as an indelible part of the plastered wall, rather than as a layer simply painted on top of it. The practice of plastering only that section of wall which could be painted in a working day, was well known to medieval practioners, and the divisions between each days’ work, known as giornata, are etched into the plaster and still visible today. The execution of genuine fresco vero in St Peter’s aroused a good deal of interest, and Fr Richard Vaughan sj, the architect responsible for the completion of the Front Quad at Stonyhurst, amongst other projects, was particularly intrigued, spending hours every day on the scaffold watching Wurms and Fischer at work. He described the process,

*‘Herr Worms painted only while his plaster had suction, that is, was in a*

*state to suck in the colour laid on. On a damp day he would often sit idle by the hour waiting for his ground to absorb; on a rapidly drying day, on the contrary, he would work as fast as he could to get his work finished before the ground ceased to absorb. Sometimes he would cut away all his day’s work because he could not finish it before the plaster got too dry.’*

Fr Vaughan recorded that Fischer was responsible for the fresco of Ignatius, while Wurms painted that of Francis Xavier, as well as the angels on either side of the altar and two Doctors of the Church next to the second clerestory window, now sadly lost completely. The designs were executed in the Barff studio in Preston, where soldiers from the nearby Fulwood Barracks sat as models. The stencilled patterns around the frescoes were also designed by Wurms but carried out by Barff’s men. The frescoes were originally intended to act as altarpieces for the side altars of SS Ignatius and Francis Xavier, which have now been moved from their original positions. The frescoes replaced the oil paintings which used to hang above the altars (the painting of St Ignatius is now in the Angels’ Chapel and that of St Francis is in the Pieta.)

The interior of St Peter’s has been plagued with damp for much of its existence, and the church’s interior has been patched and touched up, freshened and repainted several times in its history. Damp affected the frescoes profoundly, indeed the wisdom of creating artworks suited to the hot dry climate of Italy, rather than the cool humidity of Lancashire, was, perhaps questionable. In 1953, almost in an aside in the Stonyhurst Magazine, the following was recorded,

*‘It remains only to note that already (as we write) the two large frescoes and those of the two angels on either side of the east window are no longer frescoes in any true sense. Instead they have been very cleverly painted over in oils by a skilled Lithuanian artist, Mr Karl Thorwirth, who has taken care to reproduce every detail of the originals.’*

Without wishing to cast any aspersions on the skill, or otherwise, of Mr Karl Thorwirth, his actions in painting oil onto

fresco caused more damage than those defects he was trying to remedy. In addition, Thorwirth’s work was crude and clumsy, masking some of the very fine details painted by the Nazarenes, such as filigree lace on the acolyte’s robes; he even covered over the signature of Fischer. By adding an impermeable layer of oil onto plastered walls, he restricted the frescoes’ ability to ‘breathe’, thus accentuating the damage caused by damp, which had two sources- water incursion from the roof above and penetrating damp coming through the back of the wall from the two tower chapels immediately behind the frescoes. Unable to expel this moisture naturally, the oil paint began to flake and blister, pulling away areas of frescoed wall underneath it. This sad situation has continued until the present day, when it was decided to consult a specialist firm of wall painting conservators to treat the damage caused by both damp and the inappropriate layer of oil paint, and seek to recover some of the sophisticated work of the original Nazarene artists.

The conservators who will be working on the frescoes are Paine and Stewart, who have long experience of such projects. Their remit is to fix flaking areas of paint, remove surface dirt and debris, reduce the blanched sections where damp has caused salts to ‘bloom’ on the paint surface, remove as much of the oil paint as can be done safely, then painstakingly retouch areas where paint has been lost. They will use traditional materials and pigments, identical to those originally used by the Nazarenes, and it is hoped that the slow, careful work will begin in February 2012.

A final afterthought; maybe it would be appropriate to celebrate the successful completion of the conservation on the feast of St Luke on October 18th next year? He was patron not only of artists but particularly of the Nazarenes themselves. The first reading, from Ecclesiastes, for the feast day mass seems fitting given that frescoes take their colour and permanence from the pigments and minerals of the soil,

*The Lord created medicines out of the earth, and the sensible will not despise them. And he gave skill to human beings that he might be glorified in his marvellous works.*

# ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME

*Paddy Alton OS 04 – 09 and Stefano Ghirardi OS 05 – 07 went to Rome recently, not without some difficulty, to complement their undergraduate studies. Paddy seized an opportunity to spend time at the Vatican Observatory and Stefano, who is doing a Politics degree at Durham, fulfilled his third, foreign university year, in Rome.*

## LIFE IN THE VATICAN OBSERVATORY PADDY ALTON

In the closing weeks of the 2010-’11 academic year I was presented with a wonderful opportunity.

Two years ago, I left Stonyhurst as part of the Rhetoric ’09 contingent, bound for Cambridge, where I have since been studying Natural Sciences. This course is cobbled together out of bits of maths, physics, chemistry and biology, but by the third year a specialisation is chosen; in my case, astrophysics - the study of stars, black holes, the big bang and more. It’s something I particularly enjoyed learning about at Stonyhurst, which is lucky enough to have its own observatory.

A particularly vivid memory is of our class being taken there in 2004 to watch the transit of Venus, in which Venus passes across the face of the sun; a small dark dot against a bright circle, which is really a planet nearly the size of Earth. The next transit (the last for about a hundred years) will be next year.

During my penultimate year at Stonyhurst, I went to a talk by Brother Guy Consolmagno, S.J. – who happens to be the curator of meteorites at the Vatican observatory. He gave a talk on reconciling science and faith, a subject which, as a Catholic science student, is particularly important to me. So it was this Stonyhurst connection that led me to get in touch with Br. Guy. I had been at a loss for something, related to my degree, to do over the summer but suddenly, I found myself with an invitation to go over to Italy for three weeks to study meteorites!

And so, three days after leaving Cambridge for Lancashire, I headed off to Manchester airport for a flight to Rome. It didn’t go off without a hitch. After an eight hour delay, the plane finally took off, and it was early evening rather than the planned mid-morning when I eventually arrived. But Br. Guy took it all in his stride and came out to drive me from the airport to the observatory, which is by Castel Gandolfo, the Pope’s summer residence, in the hills outside Rome.

Why does the Vatican have an observatory? It’s certainly a question worth asking. The reason it’s maintained is probably best summed up by the words of Pope Leo XIII, who explained that the existence of the observatory shows that

“The Church and her Pastors are not opposed to true and solid science, whether human or divine, but that they embrace it, encourage it, and promote it with the fullest possible dedication.”

The observatory is proof that science and religion can be reconciled and complement each other, as affirmed by Albert Einstein, who famously said

“Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind.”

However, there are other, more mundane reasons for the founding of the observatory. It turns out that at the time the observatory, or Specola, was founded, the Holy See was seeking to be recognised as a state in its own right. At the same time, the sky was being systematically mapped for the first time, and this great survey was being undertaken as a joint operation which only national observatories were allowed to contribute to. By founding an observatory and volunteering to take part in this survey, an

important step was taken towards this aim. Another reason is that the Church had a long-standing interest in astronomy due to the way that Easter and other holy days are determined by the astronomical basis of the calendar.

The Jesuits who staff the observatory are studying the universe because they believe in a creator and want to understand His work. They were all very friendly: on my first day I was invited to lunch with the community, and my favourite quirk of the job was the fact that every day at 10 am everyone would stop what they were doing and have coffee together (something of a life-saver in my case). A weekly movie night was another highlight!

In fact, the Italian site is not the main location for research. Most observations are taken at a dependent site in Tucson, Arizona, where the skies are much clearer, and the work done in Italy is mostly theoretical: for the same reason the observatory was moved from urban Rome to the less built up Alban hills. However, in my case, because I was working with meteorites the work was all practical. It came down to three big projects in the end – a comparison between how much various meteorites weighed sixty years ago and now (to see if they were corroding in the drawers they are kept in), some curatorial work (photographing and cataloguing certain meteorites that hadn’t been recorded properly in earlier years) and a more complicated experiment in which I measured the densities of some iron meteorites of different types (meteorites are classified based on the elements they are made of: there are a lot of categories!). This allowed Br. Guy to show that there may be an interesting correlation between density and the tiny amounts of certain elements found in some meteorites; work to be expanded on later, perhaps.

Although it wasn’t really part of the work I was doing, on a number of occasions several of us were able to use a large portable telescope to take a quick tour of the night sky; although no serious observations are made from the Italian site, the community there never forget they are astronomers.

Of course, I was also able to enjoy being in Italy at the weekends. A day-trip to Rome was a must, but the area in which I was staying was also amazing, and I went on two very long cycle rides with some of the Jesuits around Lake Albano, near which the observatory is built. This allowed me to get some great views of the area, not to mention a decent tan! All-in-all, I had a fantastic time, and was sorry when it was finally time to fly home; with no delayed flight this time, take-off felt like it came all too soon.

## A YEAR OUT - STEFANO GHIRARDI

“LUISS is a very prestigious institution, so don’t go out with any girl unless she’s at least a contessa.”

This was the only advice to me from an English friend when I was accepted at LUISS Guido Carli for the Erasmus year of my Politics degree. Now here I was one late evening in September 2010 at Termini, surrounded by a year’s luggage, wondering where I was going to sleep. The landlord who had arranged to meet me at the station on my arrival, had not turned up and was not answering his mobile. Others of Rome’s homeless, who use Termini as the roof over their heads were now beginning to join me. A Canadian



# DEVELOPMENT NEWS

RACHEL HINDLE, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

## ANNUAL FUND

We are most grateful to everyone who supported the Annual Fund 2010/11 campaign: we raised over £66,000, which exceeded our expectations in spite of the current economic climate. We will be publishing a Stewardship Report of the Annual Fund 2010/11 thanking our donors and illustrating where these funds have assisted.

We have now launched our Annual Fund 2011/12, which we hope many more will support.

## BURSARIES

We are pleased to announce a new award that has become available at Stonyhurst due to a generous donation. The Ryder Systems Stonyhurst Award has been made possible by a 50% donation which has been matched by the College to create a fully funded place for a local day pupil in perpetuity. This is a fabulous opportunity for a child to experience a Stonyhurst education and we would like to express our thanks to the donor for creating this opportunity.

The funding of our bursaries is primarily by donations and partly by a return on investments from our endowments. This is an area where we need to continue our fund raising efforts.



## MADRID RECEPTION

The Madrid Reception was held on Friday 30th September. It was a wonderful evening hosted by Larry Crouch, Peter Anwyl (former Headmaster of SMH) and Rachel Hindle, the Development Director.

In attendance were over 80 OS, current parents, former parents and their families. It was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new connections. Mark Hurst, Committee member, gave an address about the activities of the Stonyhurst Association.

Above: Begona Lacalle Puig (OS 06-08), Peter Anwyl and Santiago Lacalle Puig (OS 02-04)

## THOMAS WELD SOCIETY ANNUAL LUNCH

The annual Thomas Weld Society Lunch was held in the Top Refectory and was attended by OS, parents, staff and Committee members. Following on from the lunch, our Curator, Jan Graffius, gave a talk on the Treasures of Heaven exhibition at the British Museum and invited the members to a private viewing of the exhibition.

This year we received a very generous legacy of £300,000 which will go towards our bursary funds and essential improvements in the Jesuit libraries where some of the College Collections are housed.

Membership of the Thomas Weld Society is open to all those who have pledged to remember Stonyhurst in their Will. If you would like to join us next year or if you would like to receive a copy of our legacy brochure please contact us.



*All Roads Lead to Rome, contd.*

woman in her 60s sat beside me: 'I feel safer sitting next to you,' she said. 'At least you look normal...'

I phoned my parents in Leeds. They gave me the number of an acquaintance, living outside Rome, and he, gentile signore that he is, invited me to stay until I was sorted. The following day was spent on the back of an estate agent's scooter. He did not feel it necessary to watch the other traffic - instead talking over his shoulder, giving me the history of the British Royal family - but I survived and we found me a room.

Things could only get better, and they did.

The Italian university system is very different to the British. The professor gives the students the names of text books, which have to be learned by heart and regurgitated at exams. Little analytical thought is involved.

Exams are usually oral. The daunting experience 'starts' at 9.30am; everyone sits in the actual examination room until their name is called, perhaps waiting six or more hours. While a candidate is being examined, the others may be listening to the questions given, or talking loudly as Italians like to do. During the exam the professor's mobile may ring, he/she will excuse him/herself and disappear. The candidate is given a mark out of thirty, which does not have to be accepted; if contested, more questions are asked until either the candidate is satis-

fied with the mark or decides to come back to the next sitting. Theoretically this process could go on for the whole three years of an Italian's undergraduate course.

The year was about more than studying though. I visited Sicily, Tuscany, Umbria and the Campania region. I am disappointed that I failed to see everything I wanted of Rome (a visiting cousin claimed to have seen all of Rome in four days - such naivety!). I made good friends, had many visitors, ate delicious food and met interesting people, including Francis Campbell, then British ambassador to the Vatican, and OS Roderick Strange, rector of the Beda College, who chose not to become a Jesuit as he did not want to end up back at Stonyhurst...

I never did meet a contessa though.

## RHETORIC LEAVERS GIFT

The Rhetoric Leavers Gift was set up in 2005 and since then it has been the custom for the Rhetoric leavers to make a lasting mark of their time at the College. Recent gifts have allowed the restoration of the Madonna of the Edelweiss in the Long Room and the commission of a new portrait of the College's founder, Father Robert Persons to mark his 400th anniversary.

We would like to thank this year's Rhetoric leavers and their parents for their generosity, which has meant we have been able to continue this tradition. With the funds raised we have commissioned a triptych by a Salvadoran artist with quotations from the readings and sermons of the last Mass of Archbishop Oscar Romero, along with a relic of the alb, which will be housed in a reliquary and attached to the triptych.



As this appeal has been so successful Mrs Graffius has now also been able to arrange for the restoration of a French silk banner of the Madonna and Child which was rescued from a bombed church in WW1 and given to the College in 1919.



## MASS OF CELEBRATION

St Peter's Church has undergone extensive restoration work over the last year, which has been kindly funded by the Society of Jesus. To commemorate the restoration of St Peter's Church we will be holding a Mass of Celebration on Sunday 22nd January 2012. We would be delighted if you would be able to join us. For further information please contact the Development Office.

## OTHER NEWS

A current parent and her son, who is a pupil at the College, have very kindly donated a beautiful full size antique Victorian snooker table which has been housed in the Grammar Playroom and will be used by our pupils. This is a wonderful gift and will bring a lot of enjoyment to snooker fans.



## ACADEMY ROOM

We would like to thank the Peter Glenville Foundation for their very generous donation which has enabled the restoration of the theatre back to its former glory. The donation is in memory of Peter Glenville (OS 1922-32) who performed frequently in the Academy Room which helped to prepare him for his career as an Actor and Director. The restoration was completed in time for the Sound of Music production this autumn and the pupils enjoyed their splendid restored theatrical surroundings



## PLAYGROUND WALLS

The restoration of the Playground/handball walls by the South Front is now complete. We would like to thank the Stonyhurst Association for their donation which enabled this vital work to be carried out. The work was carried out by our own stonemason, Terry McGough, and I am sure you will agree looks resplendent by the Jesuit Gardens.



# STONYHURST PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

ROBIN MELLOWS



THE NEXT STONYHURST PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes will be from 24th to 31st August 2012. This year saw the biggest Stonyhurst group yet in the Catholic Association Pilgrimage - a mixture of Assisted Pilgrims, College pupils, young OS, older OS with their families and others associated with the Stonyhurst family. For people who have never been to Lourdes before, the Catholic Association Pilgrimage provides an opportunity to visit Lourdes in the company of people who are familiar with all that goes on there - and just cannot stay away! Whether you are a young helper on the Pilgrimage, or an Assisted Pilgrim visiting Lourdes for the first time at the age of 85, the experience can change your life! For people with long term illness or with mobility problems, the Catholic Association Pilgrimage provides an ideal opportunity to visit Lourdes. With round the clock nursing and medical care and no shortage of willing helpers to provide every kind of assistance, it is possible for people who cannot usually travel to be fully cared for. On the journeys and while in Lourdes, whether staying in hotels or in the Accueil - the Assisted Pilgrims' Hospital - there is always enough help available that even people who are normally housebound and needing frequent visits from carers to look after them, can be catered for. The success of the Pilgrimage depends heavily on having Assisted Pilgrims and we are actively seeking new people to take. If you would like to find out more about the Pilgrimage, - for yourself or on behalf of someone who would normally think that they are too ill or immobile to consider travelling, please contact Beverley in the Association Office in the first instance.

On Saturday 4th June 2011 the first Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Ball was held, and was hosted by Dr Robin and Dr Nuala Mellows. The ball was attended by 130 guests who, following a delicious meal, danced the night away. There was an auction and a raffle and we are immensely grateful to all those who donated prizes. The evening raised over £10,000 through ticket sales, auction and raffle income and donations. This is much needed income for the Pilgrimage Trust, which gives subsidies each year to enable people to come to Lourdes who might otherwise not be able to do so. Particular thanks are given to Robin and Nuala who gave generously of their time organising and preparing for the Ball and made their home and garden available for the occasion. It was a splendid evening and we now look forward to the concert that is being planned for 2012. - EDITOR



Two faces of Lourdes: above, one of the many group photos, and below, high jinks at the variety show on the last night of the pilgrimage.



## ADVANCE NOTICE Concert in London

Pilgrims on the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage to Lourdes over the last three or four years have been privileged to hear Nick and Annie Mulroy singing at the last night parties. They have been on the Pilgrimage as helpers - Annie having been a pupil at St Aloysius in Glasgow.



Annie Gill (OA 96) and Nick Mulroy are equally at home on the concert platform as the operatic stage. They sing regularly with all the major national companies; most recently Annie has performed with Opera North, Glyndebourne, and made notable role and company debuts at Scottish Opera. She has made regular European appearances since her French debut in 2005.



One of the UK's most respected baroque specialists, Nicholas, enjoys a varied career throughout Europe. Highlights of the 2010/11 season include Monteverdi at Glyndebourne, Messiah with confirmed OAE and extensive touring with the Gabrieli consort performing the St Matthew Passion.

During the early part of 2012, Nick and Annie are going to put on a concert in London to help raise money for the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust. The date and venue are yet to be confirmed- but be assured that the entertainment will be second to none. The evening promises a selection of operatic favourites, treasures from the song repertoire and the opportunity to discover new gems. The company is bound to be lively - the Lourdes crowd will not be able to stay away when they hear that they have an excuse to get together again! Watch this space - details will be sent out by email as soon as the plans firm up.

## COLLEGE NEWS

FROM THE HEADMASTER, MR. ANDREW JOHNSON

THOUGH THE LONG SUMMER holidays are now but a distant memory, it is right I should begin a review of the school year so far with what happened in July and August, even before the Christmas term got underway. July saw a girls' hockey tour to Portugal (A team: Won 3, Drew 1, Lost 1), the CCF summer camp and the children's holiday week. In August a small group took part in an 'endurance' expedition to Cornwall, and the Lourdes pilgrimage was this year attended by some 22 pupils of the College. Examination results have once again been strong, with 69% of papers grades A\*-B at A level and 43% grades either A\* or A at GCSE. All three Oxbridge candidates with conditional offers have secured their places and, in this most difficult of years, the vast majority of Rhetoricians have secured the grades to attend a university of their choice (which is now no longer a foregone conclusion for all university applicants).

Also this summer Stonyhurst featured in the *Treasures of Heaven* exhibition at the British Museum, with three artefacts from the Collections on display in London including the holy thorn which once belonged to Mary Queen of Scots; now cared for by the College on behalf of the Province. A programme about the exhibition appeared on BBC4 in June and featured an interview with the College Curator, Jan Graffius.

There have been some notable changes among OS staff at the College: Mr Robert Youtlen OS 1999 has taken over as Lower Grammar Playroom Master, Mr Jonathan Smith OS 1986 is now acting Head of English, Dr Paul Ellis (who attended SMH though not the College) has become our

Director of the International Baccalaureate and Mr David Norris OS 2000 is offering preparation for acting exams as a visiting teacher.

Our pupils now have the opportunity to learn Mandarin, and our plans to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma as an alternative alongside A levels from September 2013 are shaping up nicely. While a school such as Stonyhurst offers so much more than just an academic education, it is so important in a competitive world that the academic provision should be first rate.

Thanks to the generosity of the Society of Jesus, St Peter's church has been undergoing major renovation. I visited the building at the end of August, and again recently, and so have seen the restoration work as it takes place. It is clear the church will look very fine indeed once it is completed (by mid-November). There will be an official reopening Mass in St Peter's on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to which all OS are warmly invited.

The next major development at the College is to be the construction of a new pupil refectory and kitchens, to replace the 1960s buildings currently used (*below*). This project is being funded by a bank loan. The new 'ref' will be a fine and fitting addition to the collection of grade 1 listed buildings at the College, and is to be sited behind the New (Rhetoric) Wing and adjacent to Weld House. We expect construction to commence in January 2012, and for the building to be finished and open a year later.

We are most grateful to the Stonyhurst Association for its funding of the restoration of the playground walls, the first having been completed in May, the second was just finished in time for guests of the Association dinner to see it. Also underway



and all but completed (at the end of October) is a renovation of the stage and floor of the Academy Room and a reordering of the adjoining Green Room. This work has been generously funded by the Peter Glenville Foundation, and by donations to the Annual Fund.

I would like to pay tribute here to the work of Rachel Hindle, our Development Director, who has placed our essential fundraising on a new and firmer footing. We introduced our first Annual Fund in recent years during the last academic year, which has raised over £60,000 for projects at the College and St Mary's Hall. We will shortly be issuing a stewardship report showing donations made, and the progress made on the projects we identified in last year's Annual Fund. This year's Annual Fund brochure, setting out a new range of projects, will have been issued by the time you read this article. I thank all OS donors for your generosity in supporting the College in this way.

We are delighted to welcome OS to the College, and very much enjoyed hosting the OS 1980 reunion a few weeks' ago, and then the annual Association Dinner at the end of October. It goes without saying that you are invited to come back to the College at any time. If you would like a tour of recent developments here, or would like to meet with me, simply contact us in advance: [development@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:development@stonyhurst.ac.uk) and we will be delighted to make appropriate arrangements for you.





# ASSOCIATION NEWS



Above: AGM in the Stuart Parlour

**Michael Joseph OS 55 - 59**, last year's president, is now the Chairman of the Association following the retirement of Christopher Page.

## CHRISTOPHER PAGE

On behalf of the whole Stonyhurst Association I want to thank Christopher Page for his six years as our Chairman. He has achieved an enormous amount during his Chairmanship, and as a parent of children in the College he has had a wonderful understanding of both Stonyhurst and your Association.

His time began with the pilgrimage to Rome, a very ambitious and successful undertaking. Christopher and Celia walked with 90 pilgrims from Orvieto to Rome over five days and they were responsible for the very detailed preparation that was involved. Those less energetic of us met the walkers on their arrival in Rome at St Peter's Square. A truly remarkable few days with the highlight of Mass in St Peter's celebrated by the Holy Father who even mentioned Stonyhurst in his homily!

Christopher has clarified and focussed us firmly on our objectives, bringing so many members into contact with each other and the College, through Reunions at the College, conviviums around the country, the Annual Dinners and the new

initiative of the Persons Lecture. He has fostered our service to the church through encouragement of the Lourdes Pilgrimage and the Easter Retreat which are so popular with young people and Stonyhurst families. Often baffling some with the depth of his ideas he always speaks with great eloquence and inspiration.

He has initiated many projects for the College, seeing the completion of the Sodality Chapel restoration, the rebuilding of the Playground Walls, the underwriting the restoration of the Frescoes in St Peter's and the provision of scholarships to support the work of the Curator in the Collections. He has overseen the successful redesign of our Newsletter along with the editor and printer.

Your committee has new members, as Christopher has constantly striven to ensure that it is representative of the Stonyhurst Family, and the introduction of Committee telephone meetings has helped to overcome the difficulties of getting people together. He is noted for his promptitude and despatch at meetings, especially at the AGM!

Christopher's deep belief and enthusiasm for the Association, and his careful, thoughtful stewardship of it, are his hallmarks and there can be no better way to thank him than to be witness to the ever widening membership that is taking part in all that the Association does.

*Michael Joseph*

**Father Brendan Callaghan SJ, OS 59 - 66**, Master of Campion Hall, Oxford, is now the President of the Association

**Rachel Chanter OS 03 - 07** has been awarded the Association fellowship this year, and is helping the curator with the Collections.

The playground walls have now been rebuilt. The cost has been borne by the Association.

**Anastasis Callinicos**, Classics master at the College, has been appointed the Stonyhurst Association Secretary.

Stas Callinicos was born in Salisbury, Rhodesia, and educated by Presentation Nuns (who specialised in inventive and immediate chastisement) and the Jesuits at St George's College (who were irritated by the experience). After National Service in the Rhodesian Army, he read Medieval Studies at Exeter University, and spent eighteen months editing medieval King's Bench Writs at the Public Records Office which was then still in Chancery Lane.

At Independence in 1980, he returned to Zimbabwe, where he worked in Hotels and Catering with his parents until, soon after marrying Alice Robertson, he decided to follow his love of Latin and Greek back to University; he received in rapid succession a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Classics at the University of Zimbabwe. Here he lectured in Classics for twelve years, three as Chairman of the Department of Religious Studies, Classics and Philosophy; this meant, inter alia, administering the Affiliate Colleges which awarded Theology and Philosophy Diplomas and Degrees, including both the Jesuit Seminary at Chishawasha, their foundation Mission, and the Jesuit Arrupe College in Harare, thereby maintaining his acquaintance and friendship with the Jesuits, most notably two fellow Old Georgians, Steve Buckland SJ and the late and sorely missed Tony Berridge SJ.

Like most of the middle class confronted by the instability of Zimbabwe in 1990s, Stas and Alice decided in 2002 that their children needed a more stable environment with a wider range of possibilities, and moved to the UK, where Stas found employment, by a sneaky twist of fate, at the Jesuit mother-ship - Stonyhurst. For the last seven years he was Poetry Playroom Master, and now hopes that he can maintain his close relationship with the OS men and women who were in his Playroom and keep their association with the College a lively and fertile one which will bring only good to all concerned.

## FRESCOES APPEAL

*(from the Chairman of the Stonyhurst Association)*

The Stonyhurst Association has agreed to underwrite the cost of £25,000 for the restoration of the frescoes in St Peter's Church, which the College Curator, Jan Graffius is most anxious to preserve. The College has many pressures on its resources and this year is to devote scarce funds to the renovation of the Arundel, Square and Bay libraries which house the Collections. This work is urgently needed to stop further deterioration of these rooms.

The British Province of the Society of Jesus has most generously funded the restoration and repairs of St Peter's itself, for the Parish and the whole Stonyhurst Campus. As the Association understands the pressures on Stonyhurst funds, it wants to support the College and has the opportunity to say thank you to the Province for the work on the church of which we are all so fond.

We are devoting some of our capital so that this inspiring project can be accomplished. **Should any of you reading this, feel you can assist us in replenishing our capital, as you did with the Sodality Chapel, the Association would be most grateful.**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2010/2011

My year as President has been a reflection of the activity of the Association and must start with a thank you to Beverley and Layla, her assistant, for all the wonderful work of the Association Office.

On 31<sup>st</sup> July I was able to attend the Feast of St Ignatius' Mass at Farm Street along with Jesuit Alumni from many schools here and abroad and gather in Mount Street Gardens for a drink afterwards, meeting several OS. However I was sorry to miss the Persons Lecture at Balliol, marking the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founder's death, which was so well supported.

The Dinner at the RIBA in November has been reported in the Association News, and it was a particular pleasure for me to be able to invite Fr Guy Nicholls from my own parish, The Birmingham Oratory, to hear about Blessed John Henry Newman. We were able to exhibit the Stonyhurst congratulatory address, which hangs in the Oratory House, signed by all priests, staff, Philosophers and Higher Line at the College, sent when Newman became Cardinal in 1879. The keynote speaker this year was Andrew Gordon Brown. The year concluded with Carols and Benediction in the College Chapel, conducted by Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ.

We had a Bristol Convivium in February 2011 with Mass celebrated by Frs. Billy Hewitt SJ and Nick King SJ and all enjoyed the evening at the Clifton Club. The Easter Retreat was described to me by one of the Jesuit Novices "as somewhere between a holiday and a retreat." It is a wonderful way to follow the Easter Services and families and friends of Stonyhurst come -Brown, the College Deputy Head. His talk "Jesus the Humble Leader" was echoed by the Association's invitation to deepen our spirituality and lay leadership in an Ignatian Retreat probably in 2012.

The Association does a lot for the College and seeks to work in close cooperation. To this end members of the committee met some Governors last September and I am representing the Association on the Heritage and Development committee of the Governors. Stonyhurst is just completing its second year as an independent Trust, and so as the College plans its future development it also has to ensure the funding for it and for the continuing help which it strives to give pupils and their families. This is typified by the gift of Henry Weld-Stewart (OS 62) towards Weld House which opened last September. It is a thrill to see that we are paying for the restoration of the

playground walls and for the digitisation of the Magazine, bringing our invaluable record and archive to a format that can be used for generations to come.

I was pleased to gather fourteen of our eighteen Past Presidents together with our Chairman Christopher Page for two lunches, one in the north, hosted by the Headmaster and the College and one in London hosted by the Association. Both gave us opportunities to hear about the school and contribute ideas and feedback.

Lastly I would like to pay tribute to three people. Fr Richard Rotter (OS 59), monk of Buckfast Abbey, whom at his funeral service, I found I shared exactly the same birthday! Christine Crouch, wife of Larry, Headmaster of Saint Mary's Hall, whose funeral was on her birthday 8<sup>th</sup> February. She was a wonderful support to him, even in the last difficult years. We remembered Tim Hetherington (OS 89) at the Easter Retreat. As a photographic journalist, he died on the front line in Libya. All of them lived as "Men and Women for others".

I am delighted that Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ, Master of Campion Hall, is to follow me as President. It is 30 years since we last had a Jesuit as President, Fr Charles Macadam!

*Michael Joseph, President 2010-2011*



# THE STONYHURST MAGAZINE

DAVID KNIGHT

WHEN ‘THE STONYHURST MAGAZINE’ WAS first published in 1881 its primary purpose seems to have been to amuse and entertain. Over time - and never more so than in recent years - the publication has become an accurate record of the principal events and achievements of each school year, together with obituaries of former pupils and featured articles on every conceivable aspect of the school’s fascinating past. In short; each edition presents another chapter in ‘the Stonyhurst record’. This is the reason for the choice of the new title. And as the Stonyhurst Association is generously paying for all of the past copies of ‘The Stonyhurst Magazine’ to be professionally scanned, this will now become a record of that publication in its entirety.

Apart from the change in name the only conspicuous change is the new front cover design in accord with the latest Stonyhurst corporate image. Internally, there has been a serious attempt to achieve an improved balance, involving a modest trimming of certain areas which had been perceived as having been allowed undue prominence, together with a slight reduction in the overall length. The aim continues to be to present the material in an attractive and entertaining way for current readers and to provide an important archival resource for future generations.

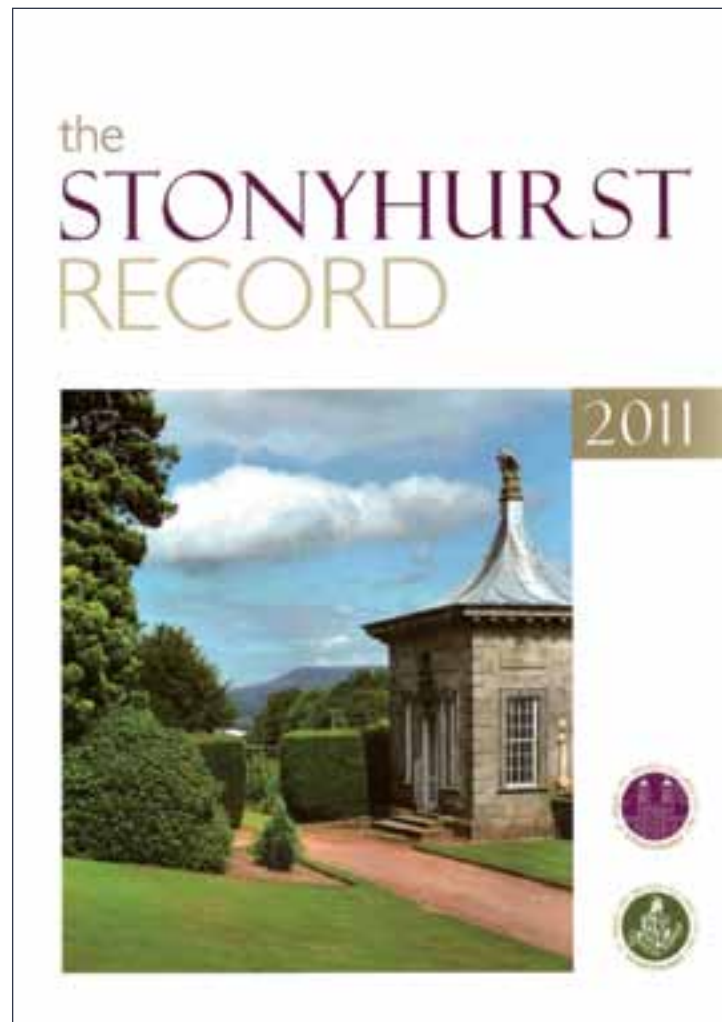
Fully-illustrated articles in this first edition of The Stonyhurst Record include:

- ✦ The incredible story of **George Archer-Shee OS** (the inspiration for ‘The Winslow Boy’ by Terence Rattigan), including many images never previously published.
- ✦ The prayer book of Mary Queen of Scots in the Arundell Library.
- ✦ The complete history of Handball at Stonyhurst (inspired by the recent restoration of the two Playground walls paid for by the Association).
- ✦ The Stations of the Cross in St Peter’s and the artist responsible for their creation.
- ✦ The life and exploits of former Stonyhurst pupil **Lieutenant-Colonel Leslie Humphreys OBE** – who will be remembered by many OS during his time as a master at SMH from 1965 to 1973.

A limited number of copies will be available to non-subscribers by writing to:

The Editor,  
The Stonyhurst Record,  
Stonyhurst College,  
Clitheroe,  
Lancashire, BB7 9PZ

together with a cheque for £10.00 (for those living in the UK) or £12.50 (for those with addresses overseas) made payable to ‘Stonyhurst College’.



# THE STONYHURST ASSOCIATION

## 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 2010 we awarded £4550 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.

## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ OS 56-66

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Larry Crouch OS 69-74

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Sarah Knight OS 87-89

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*Hockey* Rachel Ward OS 00-05

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*Rugby* Marco Vaghetti OS 98-03

*Soccer* Robert Eatough OS 96-01

## 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 St Peter’s Church, subject to the date being available and with arrangement with the Parish Priest, Fr Peter Willcocks 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.



# SHOP!



## GOODS AVAILABLE FROM THE ASSOCIATION

Left top: Association tie, £22

Middle: OS tie, Knitted silk: £21

Bottom: OS tie, printed silk: £18

Below: OS bow tie, knitted silk: £20

**Clockwise from above right:**

Shields, £28

Pre-tied OS bow tie £18

OS silk cravat £30

Link Cufflinks £17

Chain Cufflinks, £18

Left: Wanderers tie, £20

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Left: Salve Regina, the Rosary and other Prayers, £12.95

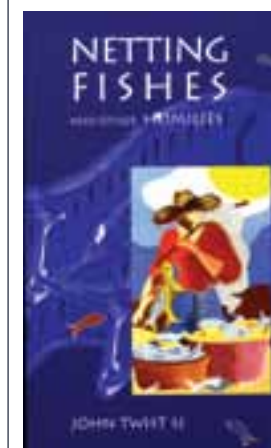
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Cheques should be made payable to the Stonyhurst Association, please note that we do not have credit/debit card facilities. Please mark your order for the attention of: Mrs B Sillitoe, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 9PZ



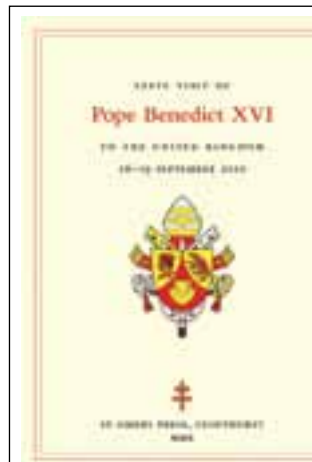
Left: HJA Sire's (OS 58–68) well-researched and readable account of Stonyhurst's role providing Catholic university education. For over 50 years students followed courses developed by the Jesuit community for degrees awarded by London University. The "Philosophers" were drawn from an elite of the Catholic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



New from St Omers Press:

**STATE VISIT OF  
POPE BENEDICT XVI TO  
THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Published in partnership with the Society of Our Lady at Winton, Winchester College, and introduced by Richard Bassett, this contains all the speeches and public addresses made by His Holiness the Pope during his state visit in September 2010.

64 pages, paperback.  
£4.50



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.

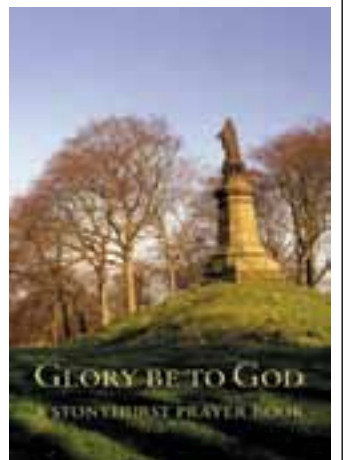
Pika-Don, by George Bishop, 160 pages, paperback. £10.00.

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".

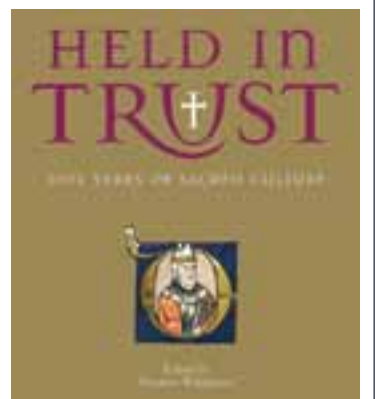
These words of Pedro Arrupe SJ's summarise the theme of this book: prayer as the right and normal expression of our being

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.

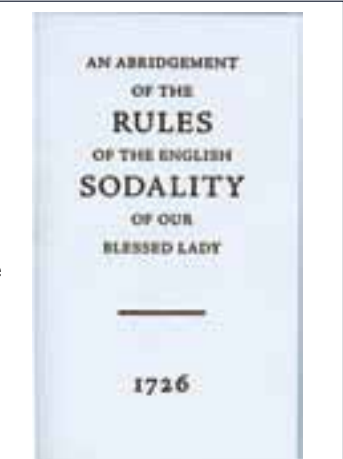
St Omers Press, 208 pages, paperback. £9.50



An Abridgement of the Rules of the English Sodality of Our Blessed Lady. S. Omers, 1726

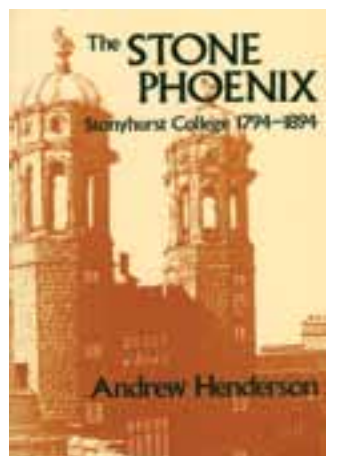
A facsimile printed by hand by the new St Omers Press on the Albion printing press at the College. It was produced as a keepsake to celebrate the re-opening of the Sodality Chapel in 2007.

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.







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