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## FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOLARSHIPS

The St Francis Xavier Award is a 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 827073/193 or email them at [admissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk).



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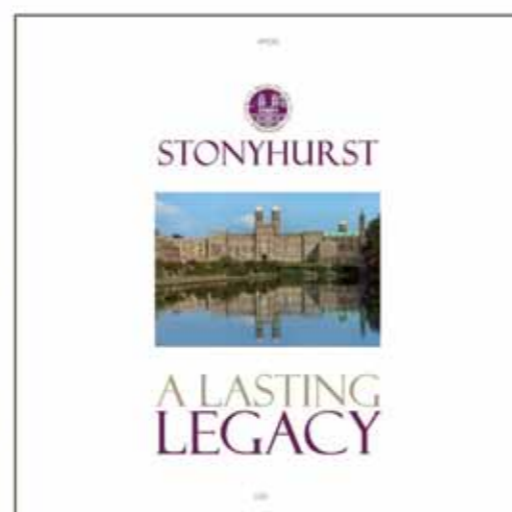
Above: Ingram Cheung OS and Maddie Callinicos OS with their charges at SCHT, 2008. The Stonyhurst Children's Holiday Trust is one of a number of charities which various OS are involved with: see page 21.

## 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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**Front Cover:** Ellen McCormack (Syntax), archer and possible contender in 2016 Olympics.

**Back Cover:** The Schola Cantorum preparing for their Diamond Jubilee performance in St Peter's, at the start of Great Academies 2012. Special prayers were offered for the Queen at the Leavers' Mass the following day.

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

# 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



## JULY 31ST FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS

Tuesday July 31st 2012, at 6pm at Farm Street Church in Mayfair, followed by refreshments. Fr William would be grateful if you could let him know if you are coming by email at [july31st@farmstreetchurch.info](mailto:july31st@farmstreetchurch.info) or at 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. Please also extend this invitation to others you know who are based in London. You can find directions to Farm Street at [www.farmstreet.org.uk](http://www.farmstreet.org.uk).

Tuesday July 31st 2012, at 6.30pm, College Chapel, Stonyhurst College, followed by refreshments. Please would you let the Association Office know if you plan to attend, email at [association@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:association@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

## AUGUST 24TH – 31ST LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Denis Unsworth MBE, 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 is available from the Association Office and also on the website.

## NOVEMBER 9TH – 11TH ASSOCIATION IGNATIUS RETREAT, AT ST BEUNO'S CENTRE, ST ASAPH, N WALES

The first taster retreat will be held. You are invited to the first Stonyhurst Association silent retreat, a 'taster' retreat looking into the life and works of St Ignatius Loyola and learning how we can follow his example.

The retreat will focus on just some of the many things Ignatius has to say to people like us about our relationship with God. Booking form from the Association Office and on the website.

## NOVEMBER 10TH OS 1992 REUNION

A reunion for OS who left in 1992 is being arranged at the College and Leo Fattorini is contacting OS from that year to invite them to attend. A booking form is available from the Association Office or by contacting Leo at: [Leo.Fattorini@fly.virgin.com](mailto:Leo.Fattorini@fly.virgin.com)

## APRIL 20TH – 21ST 2013 SPORTING WEEKEND

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

Rugby: Marco Vagheti  
[vagheti586@hotmail.com](mailto:vagheti586@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  
[James.Andrews@bain.com](mailto:James.Andrews@bain.com)

Richard Drinkwater co-ordinated the event and can be contacted on the email address above.

## MAY 18TH AND 19TH 2013 – OS FAMILIES' WEEKEND

In collaboration with the College, for those with children approaching the right age, who might be interested in Stonyhurst. This will be a relaxed, informative and enjoyable weekend for all to see the school with absolutely no obligation. Ask the Association for full details which will be available shortly.

## NOVEMBER 9TH AND 10TH 2013 REUNION 1975-1977

A reunion for OS who left between 1975 and 1977 is being arranged at the College and Victor Keunen is contacting OS from those years to invite them to attend. A booking form is available from the Association Office or by contacting Victor at: [vkeunen@gmail.com](mailto:vkeunen@gmail.com)

## BEAUMONT UNION DINNER

THIS YEAR'S BU DINNER WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 8TH

As usual, the booking form and final details will be sent before the first week in September.

SADLY THE 2012 DINNER IS TO BE THE LAST BU DINNER

BU members are becoming older and after much discussion and thought the BU committee has decided to hold a BU Lunch in future years. We anticipate that this will be held at a central London location, possibly The East India Club but that is not certain as the club is busy at lunchtime.

We believe that this is the right course of action as many BU's say that it is difficult to return home late at night and staying over is expensive.

Very best regards to you all,

Guy Bailey

## BEAUMONT

*The Playing Fields of Runnymede*

A brief history and social commentary of Beaumont from the mid-Victorian era to the modern day. It is taken from many who were at Beaumont or closely associated with the college.

The book can be obtained from the author:

Robert Wilkinson Tel : 01428 65 35 25  
Email: [robertsnobcob@btinternet.com](mailto:robertsnobcob@btinternet.com)

# CONGRATULATIONS

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

## MARRIAGES



Above: **Donald Hall OS 81 - 86** married Hillary Chase on the 2nd September 2011 at St Johns, Ashfield, Massachusetts. Friends and family enjoyed a New England wedding, luckily unaffected by Hurricane Irene which devastated many local areas the previous weekend.



Above: **Adam Drinkwater OS 88 - 97** (son of **Christopher Drinkwater**, deceased, **OS 54 - 64**) married Anna Maria Berry in the College Chapel, on 4th June 2011 with the reception at the Inn at Whitewell. The Mass was said by Fr Joseph Wareing SJ. **Oliver Drinkwater OS 88 - 92** was Best Man and other OS in attendance included **Michael Goodier OS 58 - 66, Richard Drinkwater OS 84 - 91, Richard Maher OS 67 - 72** and **James Burt OS 87 - 95**.

## BIRTHS

**Andrew Price OS 85 - 89** and his wife Kathryn are delighted to announce the birth of their third son, Morgan Owen, on 25th October 2011, in Melbourne. He joins his brothers, Patrick and Lachlan.

**Victor Fauvelle OS 80 - 85** and his wife Anna, wish to announce the birth of a son, Leopold Henry, on 5th January 2012.

**Daniel O'Byrne OS 92 - 2000** and his wife Lulu are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Hector, on 24th May, 2012



Above: **Dipo Alli OS 91 - 96** married Allyson Da-Anoy on Saturday May 5th in Vermont, USA. **Matthew Ramsden OS 91 - 96** was Best Man.

Other OS in attendance were: **Bayo and Ola Alli (brothers), Nicholas Howard, Iain Duke-Richardet, Paul Howard, Rupert Seldon, Joey Garcia, Gavin Cunningham** and **Paul Kelly**.

## IN MEMORIAM

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

Charles Henry Finch OS 57 - 66	Anthony McDonnell OS 39 - 47
Nicholas Chen OS 09 - 11	John Paul Hurst OS 49 - 58
Charles Harry Locan OS 36 - 40	David William Blewitt OS 46 - 53
Gillian Richmond OS 97 - 99	Frederick Anthony Crowley OS 43 - 49
Manus Monaghan Associate Member	Michael Pelham Elphick OS 45 - 49
Charles Dermot Calnan OS 27 - 35	Peter Raymakers OS 39 - 47
Herbert Joseph Knevitt OS 30 - 34	Henry Alexander Kingham OS 45 - 47
Paul Anthony Kearns OS 77 - 79	William Raymakers OS 39 - 47
James Michael Turton OS 41 - 49	Geoffrey Russell Coope OS 41 - 49
Miles Hartley Kennedy OS 44 - 48	Anthony Joseph Payne OS 32 - 39
James Rodney O'Meara OS 1957 - 1963	Eileen Clews Associate Member

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](mailto:d.knight@stonyhurst.ac.uk)).

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



# CORRESPONDENCE & MISCELLANY



## CATHOLICISM WITHOUT COMPROMISE

As anyone who has heard of Thomas More knows, Westminster and Catholicism do not always sit well together. And one might infer from Alastair Campbell's famous retort "We don't do God" that not much has changed as far as the Labour Party is concerned. But as we all know appearances can be deceptive and assumptions are there to be tested. The appointment in January of **Tim Livesey OS 1977** as Ed Miliband's Chief of Staff suggests that things have indeed changed and all is not as predictable as we might think in the corridors of power.

Nor would it be right to assume that a man who, according to a former colleague, "wouldn't have lasted ten minutes if he hadn't been able to get along with Alastair Campbell" must have cast aside his core Catholic principles in order to work at the heart of the Labour Party. He spent a year as a novice Benedictine monk at Worth Abbey after University and returned there for a few days retreat immediately before beginning work with Ed Miliband. So he clearly has no intention of leaving his faith at the door.

Which is no surprise if you glance at his highly unusual career. He spent nine months as an Army Officer after leaving school and before starting at Oxford where he studied history. For nearly twenty years he worked in the Foreign Office with postings in Nigeria, Morocco and Paris where he was the first to hear that Princess Diana had been involved in a car crash and later had to break the news of her death to the Palace. He spent time as an Assistant Press Secretary in Downing Street when Tony Blair was Prime Minister (leaving well before the decision to go to war with Iraq), then as a senior adviser to Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster; and finally he advised the Archbishop of Canterbury for six years before his latest appointment.

So if he doesn't know a bit about how politics and the church might engage with each other you wonder who does? Like Thomas More who had (one hopes) a rather more challenging time of walking that tightrope Livesey will surely be wise to the need for compromise as well as clear principles. He mixes experience of how the secular and political world operates with a knowledge of the often inaccessible world of faith - Catholic and non-Catholic. Perhaps the question is not so much how Livesey's star rose to ascendancy but whether or how long it will stay there; or will the conflict between his morals and political necessity be his downfall like Thomas More? The coming months will certainly be a challenge that demands much of Livesey's faith, but given his career as a careful balancing act, this will be nothing new.

**Hidemi Takahashi OS 78-83** is now Professor of Ancient Languages at Tokyo University and writing to Dr Gavin he says: '...I was in Mardin in southeastern Turkey last week for a conference on Syriac and Syriac Christians, in the very area where Syriac Christians were massacred along with Armenians by the Turks (and Kurds) during the First World War. The very fact that the conference was taking place there with the financial backing of the Turkish government was very interesting, as this marks a change in the attitude towards Christian minorities on the part of the Turkish government.

Hidemi is a Ph.D of Frankfurt University and a copy of his thesis on the medieval Syrian Church is in the More Library.

**Peter Hanratty OS 1975** gave a talk at the College in May last year on a project he has established in Madagascar with his brother Patrick (OS 1970). It was the subject of a recent film documentary, produced by the former Head of the BBC's Natural History Unit in Bristol, and involves taking eroded land and converting it through organic compost treatment and natural irrigation into a fertile soil producing both food and biofuel for the national fishing industry. As a result over 1000 jobs have been created and a million trees planted to replenish the soil for food production in the future.

The company founded by the Hanratty brothers is called Fuelstock and is set to become the leading provider of alternative



Above: Peter Hanratty

fuel in Madagascar – a country which is itself a quarter of the size of Western Europe. Fuelstock has built two schools and a field hospital and by producing clean water and paying for medical support has eradicated bilharzia – a water borne disease which had affected 80% of the regional population. Fuelstock's approach is to demonstrate that it is possible to make a good return on investment while transforming the lives of people who have for generations lived in abject poverty. Furthermore, not only is this approach environmentally beneficial through re-forestation, it is also providing an alternative to fossil fuel and helping Madagascar become more self sufficient in producing its own energy.

Finally Fuelstock is also encouraging rural farmers to develop their own land instead of becoming urban migrants and as a result is perhaps an alternative to conventional aid. The project has recently attracted international attention and has received a substantial bank guarantee and subsidy from the French Government Development Agency.

Peter is inviting one OS each year – on leaving the college – to come out to Madagascar to get work experience and to see a completely different way of life. He also mentioned that any OS coming to Madagascar are welcome to drop in for a drink at Hanratty's Irish Bar – now the place to meet – in Mahajanga on the North West coast of Madagascar.

Peter has also just been elected President of the British-Madagascar Chamber of Commerce.

[www.fuelstock.co.uk](http://www.fuelstock.co.uk)  
[peter.hanratty@fuelstock.co.uk](mailto:peter.hanratty@fuelstock.co.uk)

**Tim Hetherington** was remembered at the Oscars ceremony in LA, 24 February, by Esperanza Spalding singing 'What a Wonderful World' in front of screen images of Tim, Liz Taylor, Whitney Houston, Steve Jobs. His friend and colleague, Martin Bell OBE, MP wrote the following poem about him:

We spend our lives in trivial pursuits  
And little kingdoms much like King Canute's  
Even our causes are so close to home  
They frankly don't amount to all that much:  
The right to demonstrate, the right to strike,  
The right to privacy, the right to roam,  
Flight paths, foot paths, wind farms and the like:  
These are the so-and-so, the such-and- such.

But there's another harder, darker side  
About which we know the square root of damn all,  
A world of forced migrations, genocide,  
The suicide of Mladic's own daughter,  
Of wars for scarce resources, oil and water,  
Of jihadists with children in their thrall,  
And continental and industrial slaughter.

This was the world, extreme and actual,  
In which he lived as witness and reporter  
Bearing the torch of truth, only to fall  
The victim of a random Libyan mortar.



**Harrison Collins OS 05-10** (above) played a key part in a squad of undergraduates from two English universities making their way to the final in the Heineken Kinsale Sevens in Ireland. He was one of five students from Durham and ten from Bath playing under the banner of 'Pride, Passion, Party' who delighted a large crowd with some sizzling rugby over a two day period. They were youngest group at Kinsale with an average age of 20.

In the semi-finals, the PPP students beat Soho Sevens 31-15 to go through to the decider against Susie's Exiles from Amsterdam who had won the event three times in the past five years. Despite a brave fight they lost to the Dutch side whose experience proved to be the telling factor.

The British consul in Arequipa, Peru, **Francis Rainsford OS 66-71**, writes the following letter about the celebrations there of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee:

The Mass for Peace, 'The Armed Man' (by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins) concert was organised by me and the Monteverdi Choral Society and sponsored by the Asociacion Cultural Peruano Britanico. It was performed for two nights in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the British Community in Arequipa.



Francis Rainsford with Dr Manuel Castro

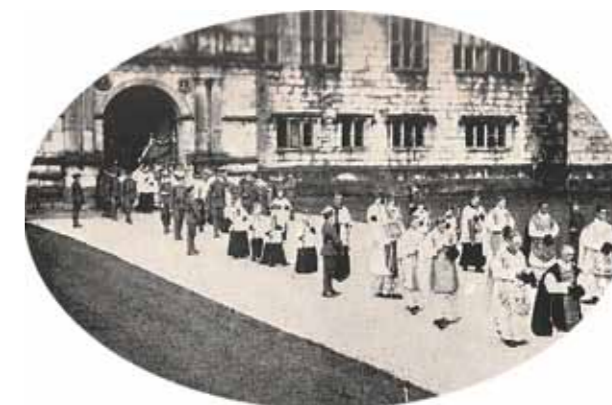
The performances took place in the Church of the Franciscan Third Order and as per last year's performance of Stabat Mater by Karl Jenkins, it was the first time that this work was performed anywhere in South America.

Dr Manuel Castro, Director of the Monteverdi Choral Society and Orchestra conducted from the podium and on behalf of our community in Arequipa, the British Honorary Consul presented him with a small Union Jack banner at the close.'

## DESERT ISLAND DISCS

After a tip-off, I was lucky enough to catch **Paul Johnson OS 41-46**, art critic, political commentator and adviser, man-about-town and much else besides, giving views and observations on his life and times and a selection of his tastes in music.

He began with Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus* composed to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi and described how he sang it in the choir at Stonyhurst. Afterwards, the school cadet force which he commanded in his final year, would perform a Sovereign's Escort with fixed bayonets and present arms at the moment of consecration.



He included Tchaikovsky's agonising *None but the Lonely Heart* which his mother used to sing and in contrast Shirley Temple's rendition of *Animal Crackers in My Soup*. He was to meet her later when she

was a US Ambassador and she had been greatly admired by his mother: but then came a song from George Formby who definitely was not. Other choices were Leslie Hutchinson's *These Foolish Things*, the Theme from *Maigret* and Patsy Cline's *Crazy* and finally *Look for the Silver Lining*, not surprisingly a favourite of Churchill's and an item which Paul himself once managed to sing on the air. He commented that he really liked the songs whose lyrics gently reflect the thoughts and emotions of the age.

Given only one selection, he would choose *Look for the Silver Lining*, but he would also like an atlas to give his imagination freedom to travel and of course his watercolours with an unlimited supply of paper.

Between choices, Paul entertained with stories of La Thatcher and her talent for turning his ideas into her own; Picasso whom he regarded as a trickster and considered mean; Jean Paul Sartre who was generous; de Gaulle whom he once interrupted at a press conference when declaiming about the cultural nature of the Common Market '... Goethe, Neitzche, Chateaubriand and...' 'Shakespeare, mon General?' queried Paul. De Gaulle was furious but then conceded 'Eh Bien, Shakespeare aussi'.



**Jimmy Burns OS 66-71** appeared on Rick Stein's show about Spanish cuisine (during Xmas holidays). He described the food he enjoyed as a child in Spain. His latest book is entitled *La Roja: A Journey through Spanish Football* (above).

**Michael Hurley OS 89-94** is a tutor at Robinson College, Cambridge and has written a new book: *G K Chesterton (Writers and their Work)*

**Tom Morris OS 74-82** was on the Culture Show defending his direction of the opera *Death of Klinghoffer* early in the year. Some critics thought his actors in *Swallows and Amazons* more deserving of the Olivier Awards than the *Matildas*.



Not many people may know that **Conan Doyle** had claims to fame other than as the creator of Sherlock Holmes. He was in fact quite a sportsman and accustomed to taking family holidays in the Swiss Alps for the sake of his wife's health. In the winter of 1895, inspired by the exploits of the Norwegian explorer and skier,

Left: Conan Doyle demonstrates basic turning techniques

Fridtjof Nansen, he acquired a pair of skis from Norway and enthralled and amused the Swiss whilst he learnt the technique. Launching himself down a mountain, 'You let yourself go', he said, 'gliding delightfully over the gentle slopes, flying down the steeper ones, taking an occasional cropper...' and becoming the first Briton to document the thrill of skiing. Then with two friends, he carried his skis to the top of the pass between Davos and Arosa becoming the first to make the journey other than by a long roundabout route and in doing so creating a new sport in Switzerland and the rest of the world and for the later Olympics. When signing into the hotel he was delighted to be described as 'sportsmann'.



I never thought that anyone took notice of what is printed on T shirts but I was sitting at a tapas bar in Tenerife recently when I was approached by a tall Welshman who commented that I was a long way from home. I was wearing a St Mary's Hall shirt and he had been much involved with rugby at Stonyhurst at one time.

...and finally:

ambo volutemur in miro limbo - or, if your Latin is a little rusty, let us wallow in glorious mud.

'My name will be mud' is not a reference to the sticky stuff beloved of hippopotomi but to the name of one, Dr Samuel Mudd (right). The expression originated when he had the

misfortune to treat the assassin of Abraham Lincoln for a fractured leg during his escape. He was implicated in the conspiracy and narrowly escaped being hanged but after several years in prison, he was pardoned and released. His conviction was never quashed however, despite continued efforts by his family although President Reagan finally said that he believed him to be innocent. His life was the subject of two films, *The Prisoner of Shark Island* by John Ford in 1936 and *The Ordeal of Dr Mudd* in 1980.

Dr Mudd was a Catholic and went to Georgetown University and attended St Mary's Catholic Church in Bryanstown. He was descended from Thomas Mudd who came indentured in 1655 to Maryland but soon prospered, acquired land, made judicious marriages and the family became wealthy and influential. Two became nuns, one a Jesuit priest and one at least attended the College at St Omers. The next time you hear the expression, spare a thought for the American St Omer's family and the unfortunate doctor whose name really was Mudd.

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# REUNIONS & CONVIVIA

## AUCKLAND NZ

Saturday 31st March 2012, saw a small but select gathering of OS, **John O'Ferrall, Simon Fea, Kieran Cleary, Richard Thorpe, and Michael McEntegart** (below). Frances O'Ferrall, Marama Thorpe, and Jean McEntegart were also there. Kieran came up from Nelson especially for the meeting. His sister is married to Richard's twin brother; Wing Commander Chris Thorpe currently resident in Washington DC.



Below: Also in New Zealand and about the same time were Peter and Maureen Roca from Cheshire, who dined with the Thorpes and the O'Ferralls who had to leave before the photo to catch a ferry.



## WANDERERS



The Annual Sporting Weekend organised by the Wanderers for OS goes from strength to strength, and this year's event, which took place at the end of April, was a very well attended success. Events included golf, rugby, soccer and netball (right), and a highpoint of the weekend was the popular hog roast (left).

These photos were taken by **David Mann OS 2010** ([www.davidmannphotography.co.uk](http://www.davidmannphotography.co.uk)). You can find the the full collection of photos he took on his Facebook page, David Mann Photography.

## PILGRIM PATHFINDERS



It was the 25th June and the weather was not kind. In fact we got soaked but then that is what pilgrimage is about, even if this was in miniature. The group was much diminished but with the addition of two rather young and new pilgrims, Joseph and Alex Wotton. Because they had to be carried or pushed in a pram and because of the weather, our route was road or track up on to Longridge Fell. For lunch we simply covered under a tarpaulin in the trees. Still there were no navigational difficulties despite the mist and some logging notices written in Welsh and the conversation and company made up for other shortcomings until we could be suitably revived on reaching the Shireburn Arms.

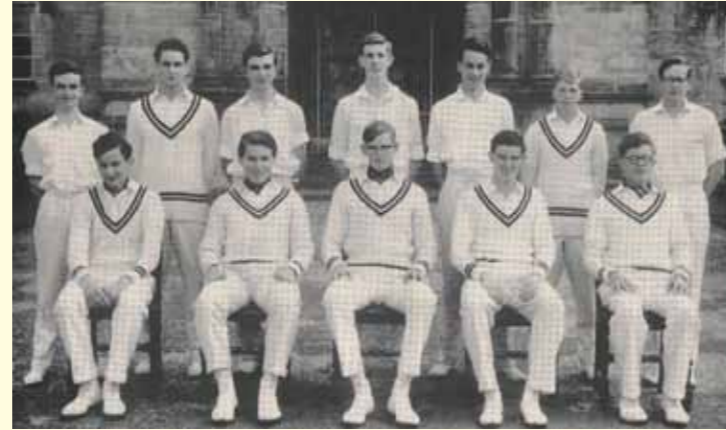


# FIFTY YEARS AGO



THE FIRST FIFTEEN, 1961-1962

S COLTMAN, J WINGFIELD, K FEENY, M BRENNAN, R MASON, JR AUSTIN, S LEACH  
M HOLLINRAKE, P HORGAN, D WATTS, J KIERAN, JR O'MEARA, P PRENDERGAST, D DA CUNHA  
M FRASER J BRENNINKMEYER



THE FIRST ELEVEN, 1962

A RICKARDS, P PRENDERGAST, D PATERSON, R SOMERVILLE, R LOW, A DAVIES, JR AUSTIN  
A DE FREITAS, J MACADAM, C MAGUIRE, JR O'MEARA, S COLTMAN

Brigadier H R Firth OS 1908, was president of the Stonyhurst Association and A Milling was Head of the Line with D Donegan Second Head.

Count de la Bedoyere OS leaves the Catholic Herald after 28 years of service.

The Annual Dinner is held in the Top Refectory with Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templar the Guest of Honour.

A proposal is made to organise, with the support of the Stonyhurst Association, a pilgrimage to Lourdes for Old Boys, boys at the College and their families and friends.

The present Association tie is approved as an alternative for OS.

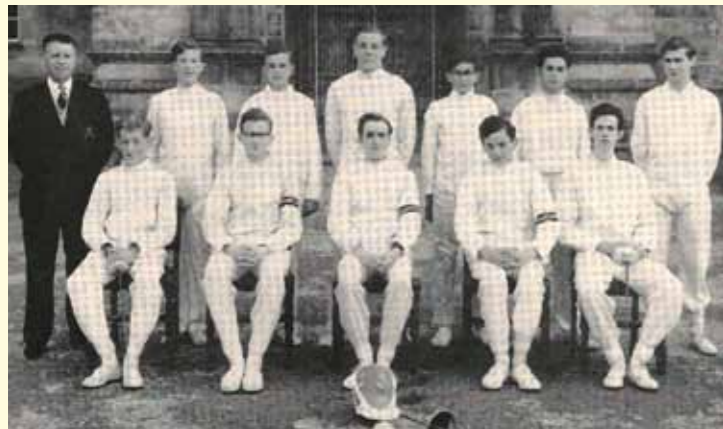
After 112 years the railway line from Blackburn to Hellifield is closed to passenger traffic.

His Honour Judge Ingress Bell was elected President of the Stonyhurst Wanderers and Colonel C J Reidy was elected Vice-Chairman.

About forty brace were shot at the annual duck shoot and the Bleasdale Beagles met at the Lions in December but although several hares were found only one was killed. The prize for field sports must go to C V Schaller-Kelly who bagged a moose in Canada - with his car!

1962 seems to have been a fairly quiet year at the College but in the world outside, the first black student was admitted to the University of Mississippi, Uganda and Tanzania became independent, there was the Cuban Missile Crisis before Kennedy and Kruschev made a deal and we had the second Vatican Council.

*Omnia de Mores*



THE FENCING TEAM 1961-1962

QMSI J LENNOX (Fencing Instructor), PT GREENLAND, MJ KELLY, T MILES, CW WATSON, J GONSALVES,  
J TATTERSALL  
JD FRANK, A CARRINGTON, M SOMORJAY, A DE FREITAS, S ROBINSON



THE ATHLETICS TEAM 1962

A GOODFELLOW, J LODEN, T MILES, R MASON, C MAGUIRE, P PRENDERGAST, D EDMONDS, N WEEKS  
B WILLIAMS-RIGBY, P HORGAN, D WATTS, JR O'MEARA, D PATERSON, J COZON, C ROTH

# COUBERTIN

DAVID MERCER

IN THE LATE 19th century, a Baron de Coubertin, French historian, educationist and aristocrat from an influential family, became disillusioned with what he saw of the rigid and arid curriculum in French schools in which sport played no part. This, he believed, led to physical deficiencies and was in part responsible for France's defeat in 1870 by Germany. He became greatly interested in the English system and influenced by people like Thomas Arnold of Rugby, subscribing to the idea of 'mens sana in corpore sano'. The successful rise of the British Empire may not have been entirely due to the playing fields of Eton or Runnymede, but they had certainly helped, he thought. Coubertin decided that organised sport could create moral and social strength, keeping the mind and body in equilibrium.

He himself had been educated by Jesuits and when he went to visit friends at Beaumont, he made the rounds of other public schools in England and Scotland, including Stonyhurst. He was impressed by what he saw of the organisation of athletics and sporting competitions and returned to France with the intention of encouraging such activities there. It was an approach to education first developed by the Ancient Greeks but long forgotten by the rest of the world and to its renewal he was to dedicate the rest of his life.

His efforts to incorporate more physical education in French schools failed but he formed a new idea:- the revival of the ancient Olympic Games as a festival of international athleticism.

This was not just his idea. Such competitions already existed within Greece and within other countries but his work led to the formation of the International Olympic Committee and the first modern Olympic Games. In his philosophy he shared ideals with the Ancients - competition should be between amateurs rather than

professionals; hostilities between warring states should be suspended and possibly lead to peace; it was the taking part which mattered rather than the winning. Of course there had been some erosion of these ideals even in Coubertin's time. He is said to have been greatly impressed by the Berlin Olympics in 1936 and possibly failed to see their darker side. He died before the second World War broke out.



The origins of the Games are shrouded in myth and legend, as they should be, but they began about 776 BC in Olympia, between the city-states of Ancient Greece and were held in honour of Zeus. The Games featured religious celebrations and artistic displays and attracted sculptors and poets and of course politics crept in. Only free men who spoke Greek and who had been in training could compete and victorious athletes were feted, honoured and praised so the future generations could appreciate their achievements. The glamour of the occasion as in the modern Games was an important part but its nature also as a religious festival, eventually caused its downfall during the Roman Emperor's campaign to impose Christianity as the state religion in about 400 AD.

The ancient Games were always held at Olympia in Greece where a fire was kept burning for their duration, commemorating the theft of fire from Zeus by Prometheus. A similar fire was reintroduced at the Olympics in Amsterdam in 1928. The torch relay organised to transport the flame from Greece to its designated site was begun for the Berlin games in 1936.

In 2012, some people are said to be disappointed that the torch relay did not

pass by Stonyhurst as it covered so much of the country but someone had a better idea.

To prepare for the London 2012 Olympic Games, children in the Diocese of Salford joined together in a Relay of Prayer. It travelled over 300 miles and visited 210 different schools. Each school was twinned with one of the 200 countries competing in the Games.

The relay began at the centre of the kingdom in Dunsop Bridge and the Prayer Relay Baton was carried from one school to the next by 'ambassadors' who researched their adopted countries to remember them in their prayers and assemblies.

St Joseph's, Hurst Green adopted Botswana and found out so much about the country that when they carried the baton to St Mary's Hall, they took their African drums and were able to give a rendering of a traditional 'miners' dance, besides continuing the Relay of Prayer.

One in the eye for Zeus!



Above: St Joseph's pupils taking the baton to SMH

# STONYHURST AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

*Diligent research has so far failed to discover any OS Olympians but some are connected with the Games in other ways.*

**D**R GARY O'DRISCOLL, OS 86 - 88 normally the Medical Director for Arsenal FC has been on the Olympic Committee for three years helping to organise the medical provisions and is the team leader for the main stadium in London in 2012. In the event of an accident, it will be his job to help the competitor's team doctor (if any), giving first aid, and if the splendid facilities at the stadium are insufficient, arrange appropriate hospitalisation and treatment.

One of the perks of his job has been an invitation to see the incredible anatomical drawings of Leonardo da Vinci at Buckingham Palace.

**Mark Thompson OS 70 - 75**, Director General of the BBC has written to say:

The Olympic Games in London this summer are by far the largest set-piece broadcasting event in the BBC's history. We have been covering the Olympics since the days of John Reith, but 2012 is on a different scale from anything we've seen before. For the first time, we will broadcast every second of every sport - more than 2,500 hours of sport crammed into little more than a fortnight. BBC One and BBC Three will be supplemented by an additional twenty-four television channels for the duration of the games. The same content, and much more, will be available on both web and mobile.

Although the Olympics are taking place in the UK and the BBC has exclusive rights to broadcast them, the BBC is not the 'host broadcaster'. Several Games ago, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) set up its own broadcasting infrastructure which provides a feed of the Olympics to TV and radio companies around the world. The BBC will cover a number of key sports on behalf of the IOC with colleagues from many other countries sharing the burden: it's a team from Finland, for instance, who will be responsible for capturing the all-important opening ceremony.

The fact that core coverage is pooled means that the BBC can concentrate on making the coverage for our audiences here in Britain as good as possible. It also means that we can focus on innovation of every kind: we'll be offering some 3D coverage, test broadcasting of the extraordinary Super High Vision (roughly the equivalent

of Imax cinema coverage for TV) as well as a whole series of breakthroughs in digital. Our website will compile a biography and fact-sheet on request for any athlete taking part in the Games. The Olympics will also see a breakthrough in what's called IPTV - essentially technologies which blend the power and breadth of the internet with conventional TV to offer very rich interactive experiences and a chance to use services like the BBC i-Player on your main television set.

But for us the 2012 Olympiad means much more than sport. We have turned the torch relay into a two month long rolling outside broadcast across the UK. We are taking the Cultural Olympiad more seriously than any previous broadcaster. We have partnered with the RSC, the Globe, the British Museum and others to deliver a major season devoted to William Shakespeare; the history and diversity of London itself is the subject of a second series of programmes across radio and TV; we are the lead agency organising musical events for the cultural festival that accompanies the Games, including a special Olympic Proms season and a two day rock and pop festival in Hackney; and we've even commissioned a new comedy, 2012, to mark the occasion.

Stonyhurst has many Olympic connections from Baron de Coubertin's visit to the school as he was conceiving the revival of the Games to the Olympians on the staff today. Like Stonyhurst, the BBC is very proud of its Olympic heritage. Our White City complex in West London stands on the site of the finishing line for the marathon in the 1908 Games - the very first marathon in the modern Games -

If we have not so far produced any OS Olympians, we are still pleased and privileged to have two Olympians on the College Staff:

**Yvette Luker**, physical education and games mistress at the College competed in the Moscow Olympics in 1980 with a very creditable performance. She would also have been a probable contender in 1984 but had to withdraw due to injury.

She gave these answers to questions about her career:

*When and how did you first compete and obviously gain success?*



Above: Yvette Luker

School Sports Day aged five!

*How did you progress and in what competitions?*

School, County, Regional, National, GB Junior International, GB Senior International while still at school.

I represented Great Britain in 60m, 100m and 400m hurdles, pentathlon, 400m, 4 by 400m relay and 4 by 100m relay and was National champion in 3 of these on a few occasions.

As well as the Olympics, I competed in 3 Commonwealth Games (gaining two bronze medals), 3 European championships and 2 World University Games (gaining two silver medals).

I still hold the 50m hurdles best time after competing at the European Indoor Championships in Grenoble!

*When and how did you develop ambitions for the Olympics?*

I always had a childhood ambition to take part having watched the Games and numerous athletic matches on TV - I suppose in the same way most boys wanted to become professional footballers.

*What were your feelings when you were selected?*

Over the moon - a dream come true.

*Could you describe the training methods and regimen and how you coped with the pressures.*

I trained 6 days a week, sometimes twice a day, combining track work with circuit training and weight training.

*Did the boycott of the Moscow games by some countries affect you at all?*

As far as the competition was concerned - No, because most of the top athletes in my event and other women's events were dominated by Eastern Bloc athletes who did not boycott.

*How did you actually perform in the contest and what were your feelings afterwards?*

I finished 14th in the pentathlon (hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot, and 800m). I was disappointed with some events but finished on a high by winning the 800m at the end of a very long day in front of a capacity crowd. I was slightly disillusioned also knowing that I was competing against a number of drugs cheats. I decided to concentrate on hurdling after that and the following season I was ranked 13th in the world.

*Is everything after that an anti-climax?*

No - I was very young in Moscow and I could look forward to being in the team at the next Olympics and also definitely improve my position and possibly win a medal. Unfortunately I had to withdraw shortly beforehand due to injury.

*Was it worth it? Has it helped your career?*

Yes most definitely. I have met many people and been to so many places. It was an experience which can never be taken away from you. It has also helped my athletics career in as much as I became GB team manager for the U/23s, U/20s, and the World University Games teams and I have worked with a number of athletes who will be medal contenders at this year's Olympic Games.

**Andrew Gordon-Brown**, a deputy headmaster at the College, was in the rowing team for his native South Africa in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. Describing his sporting career he said:

I was a reasonable sportsman at school, gaining modest success in swimming, water polo and middle distance athletics, although I never really shone in inter-school competitions. Rowing was not a sport offered at my school so my talent in this arena lay dormant. Oh, and for the Stonyhurst record, I was captain of the 3rd XV rugby team!

I was first persuaded to take up rowing aged 19 in my second year at University of Cape Town. At that stage, I did not know one end of a boat from the other, but I was assured that at 6'4" and with long limbs for levers, I would be good raw material. Sadly, my advantageous physiology could not make up for my dreadful technique and I failed in my bid for selection to the UCT Men's novice VIII. Being a reliable spareman (one of life's valuable lessons) gave me the chance to sub in from time to time and I eventually won a seat in the boat. We won our first race in 1986 at the Knysna regatta. I had made some great friends in the boat club and had well and truly caught the rowing bug. This was the start of a decade-long love affair with the greatest strength endurance team sport on the planet.

In 1987, after an amazing tour to the UK, rowing under the banner of a London club on account of the sports boycott of South Africa, I was the last man selected for the UCT 1st VIII. The benefit of being the last man selected is that I was constantly rowing with people who were better than I was. I had to learn fast. In 1988, having broken the South African record in the National Championships the year before, I was awarded national colours and selected to race against a visiting French crew. I was now part of the South African rowing scene although, like the rest of the country's sport, we did not have much exposure to international competition.

The release of Nelson Mandela from prison in 1990 was a sign to the rest of the world that South Africa was embarking on the road towards democracy and freedom, and was a catalyst in opening doors to the international community. We discovered some time in 1991 that there was a chance that we might be readmitted to Olympic competition in 1992, having last competed as a nation in 1960. The South African Amateur Rowing Union set to the task of selecting a



Above: Andrew Gordon-Brown, fourth from right

men's VIII for the Barcelona Olympics. Having been in the winning crew at the South African National Championships in 1991, I was not going to give up on this opportunity without a fight.

The selection process was, as expected, unbelievably tough. I was delighted to make the boat, but there were still lingering doubts that we would ever get to the Games. The political machinations to secure our re-entry were an Olympic event in themselves. I guess the truth finally dawned when we were invited to Johannesburg International Airport (Jan Smuts Airport in those days) to collect our Olympic kit. We were like kids in a candy store!

The timing for me was quite fortuitous. At the end of 1991, I completed my articles, qualifying as a chartered accountant, gave up my job, and moved back home with my parents to prepare for the Games as a full time athlete. We trained two or three times a day for the next six months, including tours to Germany, Belgium and the UK in search of some international racing experience.

It was with much fanfare that we were bidden farewell as we boarded our flight from Johannesburg to Barcelona. The opening ceremony was an emotional experience as we were welcomed back into the global sporting community. And then came the real reason we were there, the regatta itself.

We smashed the South African record in our heat but we had a poor row in the semi-final which cost us a place in the A final. So, we were out of the medal hunt. We had a terrific race in the B final, finishing second and securing eighth place overall in the Men's VIII event. In fairness, I think that eighth place was a true reflection of our relative boat speed. We had come so far since our crew was formed a matter of months before, but our lack of experience showed against crews for whom it had been the culmination of a four year cycle since the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

After the Olympics life just got better. I arrived home after the Olympics to find out that I had been offered a place at Oxford University to further my studies. So, while one truly amazing rowing chapter was coming to a close, another was beginning.

I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that, aside from the confidence and sense of self-worth that accrues from growing up in a loving home, rowing has been the single most important factor in shaping my career. I could probably write a separate essay on this topic alone, but so many opportunities have come to me because I followed my rowing dream as far as I did. It involved a lot of blood, sweat and tears, and countless hours sacrificed to the rowing god but stumbling upon a God-given talent and trying to make the most of it, has been a priceless experience.

# PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN

*Domine, Salvam Fac, Reginam nostrum, Elizabeth, et exaudi nos in die qua invocaverimus te.  
Lord, save our Queen, Elizabeth, and hear us in the daytime when we call upon thee.*

JAN GRAFFIUS

NO SIGNIFICANT MASS at Stonyhurst, or wherever OS gather to celebrate a feast day, is complete without the *Domine Salvam Fac*, and it is widely regarded as a tradition peculiar to Stonyhurst. However, the truth is that it is considerably more widespread than perhaps we are aware.

The wording is based on verse 9 of Psalm 20, and has been recited in England as a prayer for the monarchy at least since the days of Elizabeth I and almost certainly was used in masses before the Reformation. It is, however, not exclusive to the Catholic liturgy. At Anglican services, the following response is used at Matins and Evensong:



Priest. O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Nor is the custom necessarily English – the response *Domine salvum fac regem* (Lord, save the King) was in use in French churches since the 17th century at least, and served as a sort of all-purpose religious national anthem. The practice of singing it disappeared, unsurprisingly, at the French Revolution, but was revived by Napoleon, with text altered to *Domine salvum fac Imperatorem*. When the monarchy returned in 1814, the word *regem* was put back, only to revert to *Imperatorum* once more in 1852 when Napoleon III was crowned Emperor. With the advent of the 3rd Republic in 1870, the hymn underwent yet another transformation, and *Domine salvum fac rempublicam*, was sung in French churches well into the 20th century. It has even been adopted at Harvard graduation ceremonies, where it is addressed to the University President.

At Stonyhurst we use the Charles Gounod setting, written by the French composer in 1853 as part of the Mass for St Cecilia, which was dedicated to the Emperor Napoleon III. Gounod composed the prayer in three parts – the first for the Emperor, then for the Army

and finally for the Nation. It is not known why the College chose the Gounod version, from among the various plainchant settings (there is even a William Byrd variation), or why it chose to perform the first prayer only, and not that for the Army or the Nation. It is perhaps because the simple, robust tune written by Gounod is better suited to the enthusiastic voices of a full congregation in St Peter's, than the more ethereal and complicated Byrd.

The earliest reference to it being sung at Stonyhurst dates from July 1897, on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The College Magazine records the tenants in the village being regaled at a Jubilee Dinner and comments 'We were glad to hear Gounod's



*Domine salvam fac revived.* In the Ambulacrum the entire College community sat down to a festive dinner under banners painted with the words *God Save the Queen* and *Domine salvam fac Reginam nostram Victoriam*. The Magazine goes on to note that the anthem was sung at the full solemn Jubilee Mass, and the following explanation was offered, 'It was sometimes said that Catholics were disloyal. The history of our country gave that the lie. Catholics were never wanting in loyalty. They had ever obeyed their monarch save when a monarch commanded them to do what their religion forbade. This unhappy conflict had occurred, a fact which brought more into contrast the behaviour of Queen Victoria to our religion. Its strides have been great in the last sixty years. Might God keep her!'

The implication in 1897 was that it had long been the practice at the College to sing the prayer but that it had fallen out of use for reasons unknown. Since then, however, it has been sung at Royal Jubilees and other national celebrations as well as at Church and College Feast days – on Champion Day and on the Feast of the St Omers Martyrs in particular.

It has particular resonance on Champion Day, as the prayer reminds us of Champion's last words on the scaffold that he would pray for Elizabeth, 'your Queen and my Queen.'

# THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

An article from *Thinking Faith*, the online journal of the British Jesuits

ANTHONY SYMONDSON SJ

ATTITUDES TO THE English monarchy wax and wane. Queen Victoria bestrode the course of youthful popularity, extreme dislike during her widowhood, to universal adulation on her Diamond Jubilee in 1897. Queen Elizabeth II has had to endure prying into her and her family's private lives on a scale previously unknown in history. The media tries to manipulate public attitudes at times of crisis, notably in the immediate aftermath of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, on order to misrepresent her. Yet the real feeling of the nation invariably recurs at times of celebration or mourning associated with landmarks in her reign. Her Golden Jubilee in 2002 was a triumph that is said to have surprised her. The death of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, earlier that year brought pageantry and sorrow unknown since the death of King George VI in 1952; television cameras picked out people of all generations prying in the street. The wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge last year brought crowds in jubilant mood on the ceremonial route and gave the nation a lift at a time of economic hardship.

In contemporary history monarchy is, with the exception of Spain, a diminished, largely residual, northern European phenomenon. When Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 critics were quick to observe, with the fall of thrones after the Great War, how anachronistic it was, despite biblical and patristic authority. The loss of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1918, with its associations with the Holy Roman Emperor, was seen by many in cataclysmic terms. The rise of twentieth-century European despots with destructive policies soon became an indigestible substitute.

With the exception of the parenthesis of Cromwell's Commonwealth, modern England has been a stable nation as far as monarchy is concerned. Republicanism is confined to a small, embittered minority with little influence beyond prejudice. The English monarchs have been popular since the death of Queen Victoria in 1901 in a way that transcends their individual characters. But had England become a republic, it is unlikely that any of the occupants of the British throne would have been elected President. The only exception might have been King Edward VIII whose populist character outshone the dour dependability of King George V, his father. Golden boys rarely make good kings while it is a truism to say that in normal life few realise their youthful promise.

What distinguishes the English, and formerly the French, Russian and Scottish, monarchs is that they are consecrated with chrism at their coronations. At the heart of the coronation rite, preceding the crowning, lies the anointing. The Dean of Westminster pours consecrated oil from the eagle-shaped ampulla into a spoon. The

ampulla, reputed to be made of solid gold, was first used at the coronation of King Henry IV in 1399 and, with the spoon, is thought to be the only survival of the regalia from the despoliation of the Commonwealth; the filigreed spoon is thirteenth-century. The Archbishop of Canterbury anoints the Sovereign on the hands, head and heart. The monarch is then vested in priestly robes; then follows the actual coronation and the conferral of the regalia - the sword, sceptres and orb.

The anointing goes back to the reigns of the Anglo-Saxon kings when Ecgrith, the son of King Offa of Mercia, was publically anointed in 787. The mystery of anointing and crowning creates a special person dedicated to God's service, a person not untouchable or infallible, nor all-powerful or absolute, but sacred, consecrated and set apart from others and above the waves of politics. A legend tells that the oil used for the royal anointing was given by Our Lady in a vision seen by St Thomas of Canterbury. More prosaically these days it comes from the Holy Land. Shakespeare referred to English popular culture in understanding the indelible character of anointing when he wrote in Richard II:

Not all the water in the rough  
rude sea  
Can wash the balm off an  
anointed king.

The English Coronation rite maintains sacral kingship more profoundly than any other. Cynics are quick to observe that the modern service was re-invented for the coronation of King Edward VII in 1902 and is little better than Edwardian pageantry. But the structure remains within the setting of the Eucharist, as it did in the Middle Ages and has done in all coronations since, and the key points summed up in the anointing and coronation have remained unchanged through the vicissitudes of English history. No other national religious rite shares this uniqueness. One change of interest to Catholics is that previously the rite was performed before the Blessed Sacrament exposed and, ironically, the last king to be so crowned was King Edward VI, the most Protestant monarch to have occupied the English throne.

The sacral nature of the English monarchy has bearing on the character of Queen Elizabeth II and her reign. For her the anointing was no mere formality to be got through in a long and arduous ceremony beamed to the world through the then novelty of television. Somebody once asked the Queen what was the most moving part of the Coronation: was it when the Archbishop put the crown on her head? She replied that it was not, it was the anointing that took her by surprise by taking her out of herself. Peace flooded her soul. She sees her life not as an accident of destiny but as a vocation given by God and this is manifested above all in her sense of duty and her clear-cut,





if modestly expressed, faith. The anointing was a source of sacramental grace which separated and strengthened the Queen for her holy task. Her consecration manifested indelible results which, in a religious context that overflows in her work and life, are obvious to all who think in these terms.

Contemporary Britain is becoming an isolating place for practising Christians of all denominations. The concept of sacral kingship is not part of the mental furniture of many and to most would not only come as a surprise but would be incredible. Royal scandals, broken marriages, the occasional tactless remark by individual members of her family (but never from the Queen), eccentricity and the presumed extravagance of maintaining the monarchy fight for space and time in the press and on the air. Quirks are of greater interest than dedication. In her long reign Queen Elizabeth has been criticised for her voice, her hats and clothes, her dogs and horses, her children, the supposedly indifferent food served at Buckingham Palace banquets, the cold formality and reserve of her public manner. Monarchy, some believe, is emblematic of wealth, materialism, class distinction, privilege and snobbery; it has no place in a democratic society. But monarchy in general has proved a realistic framework for liberal-democratic regimes and remains useful. Trivia and resentment sell newspapers, guarantee viewing figures and create the false impression that the nation is on familiar terms with the royal family; they have the interest of unusual neighbours as a source of gossip. Yet few beyond the Queen's immediate family and friends know what she is really like and thinks. Nobody outside can get close to her, however frequently they associate with her. Her life embodies good manners and the order they bring.

The religious dimension of the monarchy is seldom considered until it makes itself apparent with unhesitating, but natural frankness in the Queen's annual Christmas broadcast. While bishops and churchmen are ignored and public figures excoriated for supporting the faith, not a word of criticism is heard when the Queen asserts simply the central fact of the Christmas message. 'God sent into the world a unique person - neither a philosopher nor a general, important though they are, but a Saviour with the power to forgive' (2011). She urged the nation 'to find room in our lives for the message of the angels and for the love of God through Christ Our Lord'. For her Christianity is as natural as breathing expressed in undemonstrative fidelity.

For 500 years Catholics have had an ambiguous relationship with the Crown.



The years of recusancy imposed a severe strain on loyalty that varied from one monarch to another. Queen Elizabeth I was determined to destroy Catholicism root and branch, yet one of the final acts of St Edmund Campion was to pray for her on the scaffold. Guy Fawkes and his accomplices tried to assassinate King James I following one broken promise after another but the reign of King Charles I restored a conditional sense of loyalty. Thereafter, despite the grotesque lies of Titus Oates, and the fiction of the Popish Plot in 1678-81 and the anti-Catholic hysteria it encouraged, English Catholics have been tenacious in their faithfulness. For centuries the office of the Earl Marshal, responsible for organising State funerals and the Coronation in Westminster Abbey, has been a Catholic in the person of the Duke of Norfolk and other members of his family. For a long time Catholics have occupied positions at Court and in State life, both before and after Catholic Emancipation in 1829. Today any opposition to the Crown by Catholics occupies an individual basis and has no corporate manifestation. The receptions of

Pope John Paul II at Buckingham Palace in 1982 and Pope Benedict XVI at Holyrood in 2010, were occasions of profound pride for Catholics in these islands.

The Queen is loved as an ambassador for the United Kingdom, unfailing in duty, the guardian of the Commonwealth, and a radiant figurehead who has not put a foot wrong during her entire reign. As a titular head nobody has given so much stability to Britain during one of the most rapid periods of social, political, technological and economic change. Her life is governed by the principles of selfless duty and service; she commands international loyalty. Given the present standards of British political life - the source in republics of presidential candidates - the nation is spared competitive presidential elections and the mediocrity and opportunism of those who participate in them. The cost? The Queen costs the British taxpayer 60p a head per annum, half the price of a loaf of bread, but what she gives in return is inestimable. And the oils? Palpably they have stuck and their grace is evident in everything she says and does, heart, head and hands.

## IRELAND 2011

Some time ago, I described a little of the Easter Rising of 1916 when Irish nationalists tried to overthrow the rule of Britain, to achieve independence and maintain an Irish identity. At least two OS were involved and one paid with his life after the rebellion's failure - a failure soon to be redeemed at least in part with the establishment of an Irish Free State and later the Irish Republic.

More OS gave their lives however in support of the British Empire and these men were until recently without honour in their own land and lay in shamefully neglected graves. John Green OS 68 - 76 described last year how this situation was changing and was a witness to the reconciliation, achieved and formalised in Queen Elizabeth II's visit to Ireland in spring 2011, referring to it as 'absolutely brilliant and beyond expectations'. The press made much of the stamina, good cheer and warmth shown by the Queen and the Duke despite the Royal Family having suffered directly from the Troubles when the IRA killed Lord Mountbatten. They were not alone. The family of the Irish President, Mary McAleese were burned out of their home in Belfast by loyalists. As the Queen said 'we can all see things which we would wish had been done differently or not at all'.

Wreaths were laid at the restored War Memorial to the 50,000 Irishmen who died serving in the British forces in the First World War but when the Queen bowed her head as she laid a wreath at the memorial to the Irish rebels, including those of the Easter Rising, 'the significance moved even the cynics'.

The visit was referred to again in the Queen's Speech and the Review at Christmas and by the Duke of Cambridge speaking at the Diamond Jubilee.

Editor

# COLLEGE NEWS

FROM THE HEADMASTER, MR. ANDREW JOHNSON

I HOPE YOU ARE enjoying reading this Association newsletter, and will also enjoy *Stonyhurst News*, which is sent out alongside it and gives a picture of our lively and thriving Catholic boarding and day school. Proud of our traditions and heritage, we are keen to continue to welcome as many children of established Stonyhurst families as we can. I will shortly be writing to OS with children to encourage you to come and visit Stonyhurst and see the College and St Mary's Hall as they are today. Our Open Days for September 2013 entry to St Mary's Hall and to the College will be held on Saturday 6th October 2012 and Saturday 13th October 2012 respectively. We would be delighted to see you there.

Thanks to the generosity of the Stonyhurst family over generations, we have funding available for means-tested bursaries to allow gifted young people whose parents could not otherwise afford the full fees to attend the College. We distribute about £1.3 million in bursary funding each year. In particular, we are able to offer each year up to ten *St Francis Xavier Awards*. These awards, which are strictly means-tested, can be worth up to 70% off the boarding fees. Candidates attend exams and interview held in January when they are aged 10 for 11+ entry to Figures at St Mary's Hall or when they are

aged 11 or 12 for 13+ entry to Lower Grammar at the College. If you would like to know more about Admission to Stonyhurst, or about the fee support available, please contact [admissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk).

We continue to owe a debt of gratitude to all the OS and friends of Stonyhurst who, through their generosity, make it possible for a wide range of young people to benefit from the distinctive Jesuit education we provide. If you are able to help us with further funds to make a Stonyhurst education more widely accessible, the Development Director, Rachel Hindle, would be pleased to hear from you: [development@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:development@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

You are of course always most welcome to come and visit Stonyhurst. You may like to see recent developments and improvements, such as the stunningly refurbished St Peter's church or the new refectory, which is nearing completion. If you let us know of your visit in advance, we can arrange a tour for you. If you would like to meet with me, please let me know: [headmaster@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:headmaster@stonyhurst.ac.uk), and I will be delighted to discuss with you the College's plans for the future.

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS — RACHEL HINDLE, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

### Mass of Celebration - St Peter's Church

The reopening of St Peter's Church, on Sunday 22nd January with a Mass of Celebration was one of the high points at the start of the year. The Mass was well attended with a congregation of 900 OS, parents and pupils and was a truly wonderful and indeed very moving occasion, especially when the *Domine Salvam Fac* was sung. We hope you have had an opportunity to see the restored St Peter's. If not, we would be delighted to welcome you back.

Our thanks go to the Society of Jesus whose generosity has funded this work.

### Overseas

To strengthen our links abroad the Headmaster has been trying wherever possible to meet up with former pupils and parents when he is travelling overseas.

In January, he had an opportunity to meet with former pupils and parents in Hong Kong and when the Schola Cantorum visited Paris in March the Headmaster and Rachel Hindle, Development Director, met with parents and former pupils from France and Belgium.

In the calendar there are planned trips to Gibraltar, Malta, Hong Kong and America.



We will send out details nearer the time, but if you or anyone you know would like to join us please do get in touch.

### UK Gatherings

Hosted jointly with the Stonyhurst Association, a convivium was held in Cambridge in February. It was wonderful to see so many younger OS in attendance. The next convivium is due to take place at the College on 27th June 2012. Do come along if you can.

### Rugby

Joe Ansbro (above), Scottish international and London Irish rugby player returned to open the new changing rooms at Stonyhurst





by Catholics after his execution, it probably made its way to St Omers quite soon afterwards.

This exhibition highlights some of the magnificent objects that we are privileged to be custodians of. We hope that many of you will have the opportunity to see this major exhibition which runs from 19th July to 25th November 2012.

The Collections which are housed in the libraries at the College are a magnificent teaching and learning resource for our pupils. A long-term programme of care, restoration and conservation is continuing under the guidance of Jan Graffius, the College Curator. Due to a very generous legacy essential improvements to the libraries are now at the planning stage with works due to start in January 2013.

#### Legacies



This year's lunch will take place on Saturday 15th September 2012. 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 way to ensure that Stonyhurst continues to educate and enrich the lives of future generations. The annual lunch at Stonyhurst is a wonderful opportunity to meet like-minded people and be fully informed of Stonyhurst's developments.

Due to changes in inheritance tax which



came into force on 6 April 2012, new legislation is now in force which means that the rate of inheritance tax payable on an estate is reduced by four per cent in cases where 10 per cent of the taxable estate has been left to a registered charity.

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 if 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)

#### Thank You

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### ARUNDELL SERIES

The St Omers Press is producing a series of illustrated essays covering subjects relating to the College Collections, Libraries and Archives, the history of Stonyhurst and the Society of Jesus and Jesuit spirituality. Academics and experts will be invited to contribute essays, to be published individually at periodic intervals. The essays will have a soft cover and can be bound together.

The first essay (Summer 2012) examines the beautiful 15th century Lucca Chasuble, linked with the Bonvisi merchant bank in London and St Thomas More. It depicts the Volto Santo, the famous miraculous crucifix still to be seen in Lucca, and the essay highlights the way in which the image of the Volto Santo spread throughout medieval Europe, with some startling results. The essay has been written by Rachel Chanter OS, this year's Association Persons Fellow, and a graduate of St Andrews University. Rachel's research on the vestments and has led to a related webpage which may be accessed through the College website.

The second essay (Autumn 2012) and is an overview of the Royal Stuart connections with both St Omers and the Shireburn family, with a detailed examination of the Jacobite Relics held at the College. It has been written by Jan Graffius, the College Curator.

The cost of each publication is £15, and they may be purchased on an individual basis. Alternately a subscription for six Arundell Series essays may be taken out at the reduced rate of £12. For full details, please see the St Omers Press website [www.stomerspress.co.uk](http://www.stomerspress.co.uk) or contact the Association Office.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011-2012

BRENDAN CALLAGHAN SJ

PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION 2011-2012

ONE OF MY discoveries as President of the Association has been the range and number of activities in which the Association is engaged. A second has been the impossibility of keeping in contact with more than a small number of these while having the responsibilities incumbent on a Jesuit local superior. A third has been the realisation that the work of the Association is greatly enhanced, (let me blunt and say 'made possible in its present form'), by the work of Beverley Sillitoe and those who work with her in the Association Office at the College. To an incoming President faced with a very steep learning curve, Beverley has been a source of information, advice, and most importantly, security: I knew from very early on that despite my most egregious errors or oversights, matters would be brought to a successful resolution. The thanks of the Association are particularly due this year when she has developed and maintained the work of the Association Office while coping with ill-health.

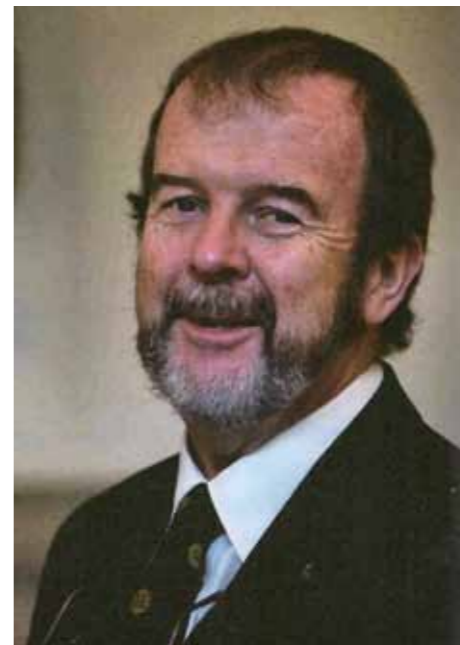
To set against the limitations on time and availability imposed by having the care of Champion Hall I must note the advantages – in terms of my Presidency of the Association – of living in community with stalwart Jesuit OS such as Peter Edmonds, Billy Hewett, Philip Endean and Nick King. The concentration of "OS SJs" at Champion Hall provokes occasional wry comment, but it has provided me with channels of information and contact. So without being able to be there, I know that both the Stonyhurst Lourdes Pilgrimage in summer 2011 and the Easter Retreat in 2012 went well – as usual, thanks to the hard work of so many participants.

To be present and concelebrating at the Mass to celebrate the re-opening of St Peter's Church was a great privilege. As those who were there know, the restoration of the Church has brought it back to life in spectacular form, and the Association made its own very particular contribution in funding the restoration of rediscovered frescoes, hidden long before the time of even the most senior OS this side of the Resurrection. There is a certain sense of appropriateness in observing that the very generous Jesuit funding for the restoration of the Church was made possible by the sale of the "Cuthbert Gospel", which came to England with the College's return from exile, and which was held at Stonyhurst for so many years before finding its way into the care of the British Library.

The continuing work of restoration and care of the College's collections, under the guidance of Jan Graffius, was reflected in the exhibition "Treasures from Heaven" and the television programme that spotlighted the College's contribution to that exhibition. Jan

was seen speaking not just about the Holy Thorn itself, but also about the contemporary relic in the College's care, that of Archbishop Romero.

The Association Dinner this past year was held at the College, with Baroness Sheila Hollins as the guest speaker. It was a privilege to welcome her and her husband to the dinner, held in what I can think of only as "The Refectory". My current role as Master of Champion Hall Oxford takes me to High tables across the University. I confess to sitting at the "High Table" at the Association Dinner and thinking that this was at least as good a setting for a formal dinner as many Oxford Colleges could provide, and decidedly better than some. Baroness Hollins both entertained and challenged in her speech after the dinner, and the hospitality of the College was at its usual high standard. Mass in the College Chapel the following day rounded off the formalities: presiding at both Dinner and Mass was a delightful combination.



My term of office will be noted not my being President but for the retirement of Christopher Page as Chairman of the Association. Those who know the workings of the Association will know just how much

of the vitality and energy manifest in its varied activities is directly dependent on the vitality and energy Christopher has poured into it over the years he has been Chairman. I am struck in particular by what an enormous proportion of the resources of the Association – both material and personal – go into the service of others. Christopher has contributed greatly to this renewed orientation of the Association, as well as to its renewed structures and functioning, and we owe him a great debt of gratitude.

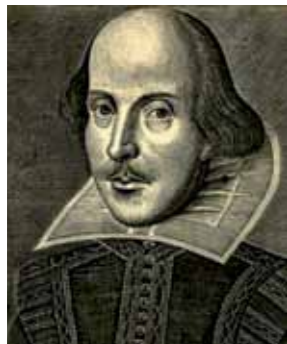
The Association organises a variety of social activities, from the Annual Dinner via the Champagne Reception at Great Academies to local convivial in many places. The President's fund has been able to support OS in need of urgent financial assistance, and it is right that it should. But it strikes me as I come to the end of my term of office that the focus of the Association reflects that insight of the great Jesuit General Pedro Arrupe when he spoke of the former students of Jesuit schools as "men [and women] for others". For a Jesuit President of the Association, that is a very happy recognition to make.

St Mary's Hall. Joe was Captain of the St Mary's Hall 1st XV in 1999 and left the College in 2003.

There was strong support on the pitch this year for the Stonyhurst Rugby 7s Tournament with many parents and OS supporting our teams. As part of the day, lunch was provided for them in the Top Refectory to fortify them for the afternoon matches. It was a brilliant day and we hope that many more will join us next year.

#### Collections

Stonyhurst College and the British Jesuit Province are lending three important artefacts to the British Museum for this summer's major exhibition, 'Shakespeare - Staging the World'.



Stonyhurst is lending its First Folio, a rare copy of the very first edition of Shakespeare's plays, printed in 1623. The College copy was bought by Lord Arundell in the 17th century, and is part of the Arundell Library collection. The College is also lending the Pedlar's Trunk. The trunk is similar to those used by travelling salesmen of the time, but instead of containing ribbons, threads and silks for sale, it contains vestments, an altar stone and chalice, for celebrating mass.

One of the most powerful relics lent to the exhibition by the British Province is the right eye of the Blessed Edward Oldcorne sj, who was martyred in 1606. Collected

# WORK WITH THE COLLECTIONS

Rachel Chanter OS 03 - 07 has been the latest holder of the Persons Scholarship, assisting the curator in her work with the Collections

RACHEL CHANTER

AS WORKPLACES GO, I consider myself lucky in that I probably have one of the most inspiring views in England from my desk. The huge double window overlooking the Avenue has provided panoramic views of the changing seasons; rain, hail, snow, more rain and, eventually, some spring sunshine. Seated at the large table in the Square Library, I am not only surrounded by books – the ideal situation for an English graduate – but also by an ever-changing selection of objects, ranging from the merely interesting to the downright eccentric. From the other side of the library, a classical lead bust – the venerable likeness of Aristotle – surveys me as I work, while to my left sits a heavy Minton chamber pot, standard issue for pupils at the College in the late 1800s.

The work I have been doing has been as changeable as the surroundings. While the chief purpose of my position – to create a digital catalogue of the College's historical collections – has continued where it was left off by Edward Thomson, my work has included lending a hand with whatever



has been going on in the libraries. This might include dusting armadillos from the Charles Waterton collection, researching the history of the scandalous Yellow Book for a display on historic bookbinding, or choosing vestments for a Feast Day mass. The vestments have been my main responsibility and, with the indispensable help and excellent company of volunteers Judith Adams and Lynne Gabutt, we have photographed, catalogued, carefully packed and labelled the College's collection of over forty sets of vestments. Researching their

histories has been a particularly rewarding process; some have astonishing stories to tell, and a selection of these will be published on the College website as a resource for the academic or the merely interested.

This year has been enormously valuable, enjoyable and as educational as any of my four university years; it has been a pleasure to be able to contribute to the conservation of the Collections. I would like particularly to thank Jan Graffius for her inexhaustible patience, knowledge and humour, which have made this such a happy and fruitful year for me. I would also like to thank Lynne Gabutt and Judith Adams for their company and guidance, and David Knight for the opportunities he has given me to try my hand at some archival research. Lastly, I would like to thank the Association for creating the fantastic opportunity of the Persons Fellowship, for myself and for others who will come after me. The experiences I have had and skills I have learned this year will be invaluable to me in my continuing career, one which I hope will be spent in environments as beautiful and friendly as Stonyhurst.

## THE PERSONS FELLOWSHIP

Some years ago, the Association created a Scholarship/Fellowship in honour of our Founder, Robert Persons SJ, by which a grant of £5,000 would be given to an OS graduate, in order to spend an academic year at Stonyhurst working in the Collections as an assistant to the Curator, Jan Graffius. The College in turn pledged itself to provide modest board and lodging to the Persons Fellow for the duration of the year. The first Fellow was **Edward Thomson OS 05**, whose account of his year can be found in Newsletter 302. This year's recipient has been **Rachel Chanter OS 07**, (above). Next year, the Fellowship has been awarded to **Phoebe Robertson OS 09**, who is about to graduate from the Courtauld Institute with a Degree in Art History.

We have been fortunate in being able to offer this Fellowship to three OS in a row, but there is no guarantee of this good luck continuing, and the Association Committee agreed that this would be a signal opportunity to open the rich and multi-faceted world of the Stonyhurst Collections to the graduate alumni of Jesuit Institutions, both Schools and Universities, from around the world. With this in mind, we are planning to advertise the Fellowship in the international Jesuit Press, and create an opening from September 2013 to June 2014 for alumnae and graduates of Jesuit education who would welcome the chance to work with the College's unique and very important Collections, Libraries and Archives. The work will include cataloguing, research, displays and exhibitions, in addition to administrative work for the Curator. There is scope for individual interests to be followed, as can be seen from Rachel's report, outlining the important work she has done with the vestments, and an essay to be published in due course. Full training will be provided, and the post will be supervised by the Curator. A good standard of spoken and written English is essential, and although it is not necessary to have any previous museum or archive experience, it would be expected that the postholder would have an interest in English Catholic history. The College uses the software package AdLib for cataloguing, and training will be provided on this system, but proficiency in computing skills is also highly necessary. The Persons Fellowship is an excellent route to gain museum, archive and research experience and is ideally suited to graduates with an interest in working in those fields. The Collections and Archives have benefited a great deal from the hard work and enthusiasm of those Fellows who have worked in the Collections in the past, and the Curator is very grateful indeed to the Association for their continuing generous support.

Enquiries may be sent to Jan Graffius at : [curator@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:curator@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

# CARITAS

...and the greatest of these is CHARITY - St Paul to the Corinthians

MANY PEOPLE ARE happy and even eager to give money to good causes and some expend time and effort in raising funds and that is where it usually stops. 'Learning to Care' at the College and other special projects do this but perhaps because of their experience with SCHAT, quite a number of OS have a 'hands on' involvement in charitable work, sometimes even making a full-time commitment.

As Fr Arrupe SJ said of Jesuit education, 'it was more than teaching children: it was helping pupils to strive for the ideal of helping other people'. The Arrupe Voluntary Service programme for Poets tries to help the local community actively in primary schools and hospitals, helping in charity shops, visiting the elderly and so on.

'I slept and dreamed that life was happiness, then I awoke and found that life was service. I served and I found that in service, happiness is found.' Rabindranath Tagore

## THE STONYHURST CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY TRUST (SCHAT)

The Trust, the inspiration of Mr Raymond Turner, was founded in 1972, to finance and run a residential holiday week for disabled children, by an Executive of adult trustees and Higher Line pupils. The main funding (£7000 to £10,000) is provided by the Poetry Banquet and Dance held in the Ambulacrum. The sale of Christmas cards depicting items from the Collections raises between £1000 and £1500 and there are various other events on occasion. Generous donations and legacies have also supported the Trust. If there is a surplus of money for the holiday week, it is given away to similar organisations or used for buying essential specialised equipment like wheelchairs.

The Holiday Week is the main activity of the Trust and is usually held at SMH. From six children at the start it now caters for about forty. A reunion for them and their families takes place in November.

The Stonyhurst Trust has set the example for the same kind of organisations to be



founded by alumni: the St John's Trust founded by old boys of St John's, Beaumont, the Newman Trust begun by members of the Chitnis family, the St Giles Trust founded by OS such as Ronan Treacy, Henry Lubienski, Simon and Matthew Power, Finbar O'Callaghan and Paul Byrne. There was also the St Omers Trust founded by Nick and Mike Diss, Charlie Gillott and Martin Kirkpatrick. Something similar recently took place at St Ignatius, Riverview, Australia.

## NEWS FROM ST JOHN'S HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S TRUST

This has been an exciting couple of years for SJHCT. At the end of 2010, thanks to the support of many OS we ran a very successful fundraising ball in Hammersmith for over 300 people.

By doing so, we placed ourselves in a strong financial position so that we continue to be able to provide residential holidays at Easter and in the Summer, for around 50 children per year with physical and learning difficulties who live within the Thames Valley and West London areas.

Volunteer helpers give individual care to each child, developing a relationship that ensures that they gain the most out of their holiday. Parents get a well-earned break, whilst we give the children a fantastic holiday, full of fun and laughter - a memory that lasts forever! Many volunteers still come from Stonyhurst and many are also veterans of the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Most helpers are personally introduced and therefore many of the SJHCT family are part of the Stonyhurst family, mainly due to the ethos of service that is part of their education.

Although our Summer holiday remains at Alton Castle, we were

absolutely thrilled to be invited by the Headmaster, Giles Delaney, back to St John's for the last two Easter holidays. Not only were the facilities and the catering excellent but the welcome was very warm and gave staff, parents and boys a chance to see the work of the Trust first hand and get involved, hopefully sowing a seed for some to return as helpers in the future.

Much of our funding is raised by the Social Committee at St John's Beaumont with huge support from the Headmaster, through a number of events including a Christmas Fair, a cricket match and their own ball at nearby Wentworth Golf Club. The team work incredibly hard and we are very grateful to them.

So the Trust is thriving and we look forward to a bright future: hopefully with generations of OS continuing to be involved as helpers, Trustees and supporters. Our next ball in London is to be held on 17th November 2012 and you can follow our work on [www.sjhct.org](http://www.sjhct.org).

Trevor Fernandes, Chairman of Trustees

*The St Giles Trust was founded at Oxford in the 1980s and Brendan Roche OS 78 - 82, one of the trustees, has written to say:*

We continue to run one holiday each year, which takes place in July at Ampleforth. We welcome 15-20 children and the same number of helpers. Children are taken from three special schools in Redcar, Middlesborough and Stockton. Not so long ago, we received a letter from the staff at one of the schools, Kiltonthorpe which described the holiday as 'legendary' among the children – apparently the older kids hold court telling the younger ones all about it.

The children we take are usually those whose families also need a break – hyperactive, learning or physically disabled or with emotional or behavioural difficulties. They are kept on a strict diet of manic activity, healthy food (or chips when salad is unavailable), swimming, football, discos and two trips to local theme parks where the girls get to go on some serious rollercoasters and the boys suddenly develop an interest in discussing Middlesboro' FC over a quiet coke. One benefit is that the children, typically aged 12-13, form good relationships with young adults who are neither their teachers nor their parents.

In order to run this holiday, we have to raise £5-6,000 each year. All the money we raise, is spent on the holiday, our administrative overheads are negligible. We are constantly on the lookout for new helpers and funds!

*For further information, contact: bkroche@me.com*

ST OMERS TRUST

*Andrew Kirkpatrick OS 78 - 80, a former trustee, has written to tell us:*

From 1980 to 1984, I assisted on each annual holiday of the St John's Handicapped Children Trust (as it was then called) held at St John's, Beaumont before transferring to St Omer's in 1985. As a holiday leader, I organised a number of the holidays run out of the West Wing at Stonyhurst and even took a group of disabled children, referred through Blackburn Social Services, to Austin Friars here in Carlisle. All three of my brothers and my sister assisted on holidays for either St Omers or one of the sister trusts at various places.

The Trust was well run for its time, surviving without any paid workers, fundraising around £40,000 each year and spending more or less the same amount on its holidays. It managed to recruit

many eager volunteers from the university chaplaincies and was able to offer a large number of holidays and greater range of activities. It has moved on. It is now more ecumenically based and geared more towards disadvantaged children and young people.

In today's world, St Omer's faces many new challenges; CRB checks are mandatory. The standards set now for care and financial compliance are high and the workload of any trustee has correspondingly increased.

St Omer's, whilst founded by OS is not an OS organisation any longer. It has quite properly developed in its own way and the founders should be proud that it continues to serve and provide holidays for the disadvantaged. It continues to operate caravan holidays for the disabled and has received a financial boost recently as a result of a huge bequest which should in itself generate £5,000 of income each year.



*Andrew is now involved with another charity and says:*

I do some volunteer work with 'Headway' assisting adults with Acquired Brain Injury and indeed serve as the current chairperson of Headway North Cumbria. I helped on an Outward Bound activity holiday for Headway members earlier this year at the Calvert Trust at Kielder. It is an amazing experience to enable a disabled person to achieve something new, to take a wheelchair bound person up a climbing wall or show a brain injured man who has lost one arm in the accident that he can be absolutely brilliant at, say, laser clay pigeon shooting despite his disability.

On Friday of next week, I am taking a group of some 44 Headway members to the Calvert Trust at Bassenthwaite near Keswick for a weekend of activities such as sailing, canoeing, horse riding, archery and the like. We received some limited funding from Keswick Lions and from a Christmas dinner held by C shift at Sellafield and had anticipated raising the remainder through our normal fundraising activities (sale of cards, plants, raffles, coffee morning etc). Sadly, in the current financial climate, it seems unlikely that the full cost of the holiday will be raised.

If the current College students are ever looking for a worthy cause for which to hold a fundraising dinner, could I commend to them the work of Headway North Cumbria (further details and information can easily be provided)

THE NEWMAN HOLIDAY TRUST



Anand Chitnis OS 76 - 81, Chairman of The Newman Holiday Trust, received a letter from a grateful parent. Here are some extracts:

*I am writing to you to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and your most wonderful staff for making my son's first holiday an absolute dream.*

*...I was also contacted by Jane and Tom who visited us and chatted to Niall...I was really impressed and grateful about the way they asked me how to look after Niall best..*

*On the day that Tom and Adam arrived, I was still pottering about getting the last few bits. This did not deter them and they very kindly and patiently waited until I finished all my things and until Niall finished his lunch. They even played with Niall's younger brother, also autistic who was desperate to come on holiday with them as well. Both of them were so nice to poor Haris who was being left behind and they even told him that he could come next year when he 'is a little bit bigger and stronger'. That made his day.*

*...When Niall returned home, all he could talk about was the fun he had had on his 'big boy holiday'. I also got a recorded diary of each day Niall was away. It was absolutely amazing to read what Niall did every day and how he played and interacted with other children and adults...Best of all he got a certificate for being the most friendly child. This made him so incredibly happy.*

*I am so keen to inform you of the 'best summer' Niall and our family have ever had...I never thought it possible for all of us to enjoy the summer holidays given our boys' disabilities but your Trust has revitalised the whole family...*

*The Newman Holiday Trust  
www.newmantrust.org*

Conservation Corridors, a British-Belize Charity, was founded by Richard Wotton, OS 78 - 88. His wife Emma, a recently appointed Trustee, works with him to develop the Charity.

In 2012 Conservation Corridors is raising money for Marla's House of Hope, a children's home in Belize's capital Belmopan (www.marlashouseofhope.org). Each year a different project will be chosen in liaison with the Belize Charity, Help for Progress. The money is raised by taking part in Belize and UK based challenges.

In March Richard along with Ben OS 90 - 95 and Luke Pryor OS 91 - 96 travelled to Belize to take part in the Belize Spring Challenge (described in Miscellany and Correspondence). This consists of a three day jungle trip "the Indian Creek Trail" and a four day canoe race "La Ruta Maya". Ben and Luke raised £6,000.

Emma raised more money towards the £10,000 target by taking part in the great North Swim, as a team of two across Windermere.

Anyone wishing to take part in the Belize Spring Challenge or the Great North Swim 2013 for Conservation Corridors should get in touch with Emma or Richard on Richard.wotton@conservationcorridors.org.uk or emma.wotton@btinternet.com

GREENHOUSE CHARITY

This deserves a special mention. It is run by Michael de Giorgio OS 67 - 75 to tackle the problems of inner-city youths who have potential but feel they lack the power to realise it. It does this through sport. The games themselves do nothing for social outcomes but the time and dedication involved, does. School attendance and behaviour, effort and achievement are all improved and so is happiness. 'But', he says 'I also see the great disparity in sport provision facing these young people. A young person starting at an independent secondary school can expect to receive twice as much sport per week compared to a state school. This disparity will grow following the school sports cuts. The inequality is further compounded if you live in a disadvantaged community, where there are fewer opportunities beyond the school gates.'

YMCA

*In the 1980s Robert Purcell OS 73 - 81 left a City career for volunteer and development work in Southern Africa. Returning to the UK in 2000 he describes his experiences working in the charity sector:*

The first of these charities was L'Arche which focussed on enabling men and women with physical and mental disabilities to engage in community life. The fulfilment I experienced in being instrumental alongside my colleagues to affect significant change gave me a real sense of living out my Christian faith.

In my latest role at East Herts YMCA I am part of an inclusive Christian Movement that is helping to transform local communities so that young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive. Our housing support staff work alongside the young people who stay with us for up to a maximum of two years – and by having challenging support plans we assist them to move from dependence to independence.

While salaries are not high (!), this is compensated by the fulfilment of knowing you are doing something useful. The greatest reward is that of having shared something of yourself and applied the skills you have gained in order to make a difference to the lives of others. It's about finding the right niche and realising that any contribution – no matter how small – is important.



It is only a few weeks until the Stonyhurst group joins the Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes, and once again it looks as if there will be at least as many of us travelling as there have ever been before.

For Assisted Pilgrims the trip to Lourdes is an opportunity to travel without the need to worry about any limitation in mobility or self care, and with nursing and medical help available all the time. However heavily dependent on other people an Assisted Pilgrim may be at home, there are willing helpers who will ensure that even the frailest, house-bound people can enjoy all that Lourdes has to offer.

But there is something about Lourdes that attracts the helpers back time after time. It is the discovery that giving of oneself to other people who need assistance, is fulfilling and rewarding. Fr Nick King put the position of the young helpers in Lourdes into perspective when he visited Stonyhurst last Autumn to attend a meeting of the Pilgrimage Trustees. When he preached at Mass he told the assembled Stonyhurst pupils that, important as they may be, good A level results or beating Ampleforth at rugby were not the main reasons why they were at the College. They were actually there to learn to be "men and women for others".

For those pupils who join the group going to Lourdes, the Pilgrimage is a practical way of applying this idea of service – and of learning that it is fulfilling and rewarding. Lessons learned looking after the needs of dependent people in Lourdes will be carried forward into working life or wherever the young helpers end up.

The Stonyhurst Association and the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust continue to offer financial assistance to present pupils and young OS who travel to Lourdes. If you have benefitted in the past from a contribution towards the cost of your Pilgrimage to Lourdes, you may consider contributing now, so that new young people can continue to be encouraged to make the Pilgrimage too.

*Robin Mellows*

Dail Maudsley OS 98-00 has recently been appointed Catholic Association Hospitalite Secretary. She succeeds other OS such as Matt Betts, Chris Thorpe, Gerard Eaton and Louis King. Dr Adam Farmer OS 95 is currently the chief medical officer and will shortly be succeeded by Dr Nuala Mellows (OS parent). Matt Betts OS 98 is now the Chief Brancardier. In fact three quarters of the management positions at the moment are occupied by OS.

The Catholic Association Hospitalite of Our Lady of Lourdes is the organisation responsible for coordinating the welcome and care of pilgrims, especially sick pilgrims, who come to Lourdes.

[www.catholicassociation.co.uk/hospitalite/hospitalite.shtml](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/hospitalite/hospitalite.shtml)

*You make a living from what you get but you make a life by what you give - Winston S Churchill*

DAVID MERCER

Since 2008, 45,000 Congolese refugees have escaped the civil war raging in their home district to Uganda and when they arrive in Kampala, they often have no money and, almost worse, are unable to speak the local language so there is little possibility of finding employment. In November 2008 we organised a fundraising ball at St Andrews University to pay the fees of some of the Congolese children I had met. From that point the Xavier Project took off. In 2009, we visited Kenya so that we could expand the project to the Congolese refugees who have fled in the same way to Nairobi and through other fundraising events, we have been able to expand the project to incorporate three interconnected programmes. The Xavier Project does not simply seek to give these refugees an education so that they can be secure and prosperous. In the long term we hope to empower men and women for others and who can make their own world a better place.

It works in three ways: education, microfinance (providing employment opportunities for the parents of the refugees) and media. The new 'Tamuka' media programme enables refugees to send a free and anonymous SMS to a short-code which is then uploaded on the Xavier Project website ([www.xavierproject.co.uk](http://www.xavierproject.co.uk) -have a look). A new resource Hub in Kampala funded by SPICMA has recently been opened to give urban refugees better internet access. Underlying all our work is a commitment to see the bigger picture in everything we do, to treat the causes rather than the symptoms so that using the energy of our beneficiaries themselves we can help secure for them a brighter future. Education and economic stimulus are vital to development, and our media programme was formulated at their request because they wanted an opportunity to speak out against poor governance.

Extracts from the Xavier Project newsletter shows other recent highlights: Social Media Course for refugees

'The workshops were timetabled to run for three days but lasted five due to the insatiable demand.' As part of the Tamuka media programme the Xavier Project trained approximately seventy refugees on how to use social media and other digital tools such as Google, Wikipedia, Facebook, blogs, Twitter and YouTube.

Mama Kizza's Restaurant. Not exactly Michelin starred but it is a start. 'This small microfinance enterprise started in early December and has proven to be a great success. It sells an assortment of small dishes, including beef, rice and matoke (savoury bananas). Celia and Christopher Page were lucky enough to experience Mumma Kizza's cooking, and especially enjoyed the much talked about Matoke.'

The Xavier Project team has also been working closely with UNHCR researchers to get a fuller picture of the situation for refugees in Nairobi and Kampala in terms of education. The results show that there is a great need for the work of the Xavier Project, and they hope to expand their sponsorship programme to cover the school fees of 80 children by January 2013.

Xavier Project: [www.xavierproject.co.uk](http://www.xavierproject.co.uk)



IT WAS TWO DAYS BEFORE Great Academies and the weather had improved a little. The heavy rains had put the rivers up but now the Hodder had dropped although it still had some colour and in the short breaks of sunshine, the day was pleasantly warm.

It was my first day out this year and I made my way to a favourite spot, in a very quiet place, almost guaranteed to produce something. Reliable as ever, after a few casts, I had a small grayling - out of season but it wasn't to know that and after releasing it, I very soon had another but no trout so far showed any interest. I decided on lunch and sat on a log to watch the world, or at least the river go by.

A stoat appeared on the other bank and in the way of stoats, ignored me completely as it flowed over the boulders and hummocks and went about its business, peering quickly into every hole and cranny and missing nothing. A few days later I saw a whole family of stoats playing on the road and apparently oblivious to any traffic.

There was a jewelled streak as a kingfisher went by before almost vanishing as it settled on a branch and lost its brightness.

It reminded me of a couple of years ago at the end of the Easter term and waiting for the afternoon Service, I had gone out to the Lions for some air and had seen a kingfisher 'catch fire' as it flew towards the sun. I had never seen one there before and I have not seen one since but I thought it had to be a good omen for Easter as I turned to go into church and join the others.

Presently I became aware that the river was becoming alive and a hatch of mayflies was in progress so I waited for the expected rise and tied on the appropriate fly. Sadly it was not to be and the hatch died without any action on the part of trout. Perhaps they were sulking after the long drought and needed time to adjust.

The track up Kemple End to the place where Mass is sometimes said at midsummer, is popular with many people. It gives the opportunity for a good stiff walk without getting one's feet wet after rain. It is also visible from 30,000 feet as I have noticed for just a few seconds on several occasions returning from America. A couple of years ago, I was dismayed to find the track had been graded and widened, as a prelude to logging operations, and the verges had been severely savaged. The track could probably now be seen from space! However this treatment seems to have been beneficial. The verges have recovered and re-grown and there are now orchids which I am sure were not there before. Perhaps the disturbance to the soil encouraged the germination of long-dormant seeds.

When taking a walk through the woods, a round of golf or simply approaching the College it is not unusual to see roe deer about. I have seen them sitting quietly in Harry Meadow and one morning as I drove to the main gate, a line of them passed in front of me, without any hurry and spaced out like infantrymen on patrol. They don't make a noise or create a rumpus and are discreet and self-effacing but they are larger than rabbits and cannot expect to escape notice completely. It seems nowadays, every reasonably sized wood has a resident population, picturesque perhaps but not always welcome to gardeners who tend to suffer from their depredations.

The golf club is officially known as the Stonyhurst Park Golf Club because it was once the deer park for the Shireburns in times when the local wild deer had been mainly hunted or poached to near extinction. The park consisted of a large outer field in the shape of a crescent round a deer-park proper and in the centre on a slightly raised position are the supposed remains of a 'Roman Camp' which in



Stonyhurst parlance has always been thus referred to. It was enclosed by a stone wall on one side and a thick hedge on the other.

The herd of deer kept in this area were a type of fallow deer but 'smaller, darker and wilder'. A buck was killed annually for Great Academies and one or two does at Christmas time. In the old days they used to be hunted and there is a well-known ballad called the Stonyhurst Buck Hunt describing a chase in the Shireburn's time, honoured by the presence of the Duke of Norfolk among others and the practice it seems persisted into the 19th century but eventually it brought about their extinction. An article in the Magazine by Father Irwin tells how:

They ceased to exist about 1854 when the then Rector, Father Clough had them all killed. Old Harry Keeper knew the reason and when asked had a merry twinkle in his eye but gave no proper answer.

'Were they a nuisance?'  
'Noah, it warn't quite that neither,' answered Harry slowly, still looking very knowing.

'Were they of no use then? Did they cost too much to keep?'

'Noah, it warn't quite that neither' Then after a moment's pause, he continued, 'You see it was through some of those young gentlemen oop th' College. They used to steal out and have a kind of steeplechasing 'cross country after the deer, and we used to be always having complaints about the animals, so Father Clough had them killed. It was a pity though, a great pity,' he added, half thoughtfully, half sorrowfully. 'Eh! mony's the time I've had sport with them deer.'



## 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.

## OLD STONYHURST LAWYERS LINKEDIN

Julian Ribet has set up an OS Lawyers Group on LinkedIn.

Membership of the Group is open to all Judges, Barristers, Pupil Barristers, Solicitors, Trainee Solicitors, Legal Executives, Licensed Conveyancers and Law Students whether they are at University or studying the Legal Practice course, the Graduate Diploma in Law or the Bar Professional Training Course.

For those OS who may want a career in the Law, membership of the group will enable them to easily identify and approach current OS working in the various areas of the Law in which they are interested, with a view to obtaining advice about their career development in that particular area of the Law.

For those OS working in different areas of the Law, membership of the group will facilitate inter-disciplinary referrals and will enable them to seek advice and assistance from other OS about issues which they have come across and may not be covered by their specific area of expertise.

## OUR MAN IN GUYANA

PETER SHORHOUSE (OS 06—11) has sent back reports from his gap-year work in Guyana, the land of Conan Doyle's *Lost World*, between his busy time teaching English, science and sports at a secondary school. He has journeyed through the savannah which surrounds his remote area and become acquainted with the locals, the parrots living in the surrounding savannah, and a piranha that bit his big toe!

More human encounters he has had, involved Amerindians in full tribal regalia for a festival and a real-life cowboy who has taught him how to slaughter cattle, thatch chicken hut roofs and round up cattle on horseback.

Due to the absence of light pollution (unfortunately this is a result of the village only having electricity for certain times of the day and night) Peter and a colleague were inspired to set up a school astronomy club as an extra-curricular activity. During his more mainstream teaching activities, Peter has been shocked by the lack of resources, levels of red-tape faced by the teachers and Guyana's educational system, which seems to consist of children simply copying information from a board without being given a chance to understand or apply what they are learning. Peter was also quite frustrated by the Ministry of Education's decision to change the science projects half-way through his pupils' work on them because this meant that the harder-working students were less successful.

Although jumping through this educational system's bureaucratic hoops has clearly been very involving, Peter has also found time to visit a remote settlement which involved several days'

journey. He writes:

*Our journey got off to a slow start as we sat up all night waiting for our transport, in the form of a tractor, to arrive and once it did, the ten hour ride into the jungle in the trailer certainly wasn't the comfiest part of the trip. Nevertheless, we survived the first leg of the journey and spent a cosy night in our hammocks in Parabara. The following day we woke early and loaded our boat for the next phase. Edd and I spent five unforgettable days on the boat trip. We slept in our hammocks in the jungle every night and lived off freshly caught fish. It wasn't an easy ride as the boat often got stuck on the river bed which meant we all had to get out and push-hauling a boat up a series of fast-flowing river rapids will undoubtedly be a long-standing memory.*



This was the same river, Essequibo, in which Charles Waterton OS famously caught and rode his cayman, although much further downstream, as is shown

in the painting in the 'Do' Room. He had travelled in the area in 1812 and endured great hardship. Another traveller who would have approved was Evelyn Waugh who passed this way in the 1930s. He said: 'It is by crawling on the face of it that one learns a country; by the problems of transport that its geography becomes a reality and its inhabitants real people.'

Whilst Peter's teaching has allowed him to reflect on his own schooling at Stonhurst and appreciate it as a tremendous privilege he did find that this journey mercilessly exposed two areas where it was lacking - shooting arrows and tribal dancing (Director of Studies: please take note!).

### BELIZE 2 — BEN PRYOR OS95

A letter from Ben Pryor describing his activities in the Belize Spring Challenge (see Conservation Corridors in CARITAS)

WHEN WE ARRIVED in San Ignacio for the annual Ruta Maya canoe race, our road less travelled had led us through three days of secondary rain forest as the first foreigners to hike the Indian Creek Trail since Hurricane Richard deposited several new obstacles on it in 2010. The Belizean dry season was no match for three OS bringing the Stonhurst weather with them, but at least the resultant boot room odour permeating our hotel room evoked a nostalgic readiness for physical hardship with 170 miles of river ahead of us.

Sitting on the start line with the other 90 three-man canoes, I didn't know exactly what to expect; by the end of the first day my thoughts turned to the Jesuit plummeting over the Iguazu falls in the first scene from 'The Mission', thinking that he may just have ill-advisedly signed up for the Ruta Maya and opted for the easy way out. Happily, that evening represents the bottom of the waterfall, 49 miles in with 120 plus 1 still to go; if you're on the start line the next morning, chances are you'll survive. Three examinations of our mental fortitude on the river, and three examinations of our intestinal fortitude served up from the sponsor's truck later, we arrived in Belize City under the Belikin Bridge. Our slower canvas

collapsible managed to hold off a local crew in a racing canoe, leaving us just enough energy for magnanimity. We then had to dismantle our contraption without losing vital parts to the souvenir-hunting Belizean children surrounding us; fortunately all they made off with was some Kendall Mint Cake.

Making it to the water taxi with all the time to spare of a member of Higher Line ghosting into breakfast at 7.59, we were rewarded with an hour's high-speed spinal re-arrangement, a small price to pay to find ourselves in a mosquito and tick-free paradise, with some of the best dive sites in the world on our doorstep. I can understand why tourists would head straight there, but doing so bypasses the real essence of Belize, its heritage, culture and indeed its many problems. Seeing the deforestation and illegal logging first hand reveals a different side to this former colony. That it's set against so prevalent a backdrop of poverty in a country with such a young demographic makes it hard not to be sympathetic to their motives, even while strongly disagreeing with their actions. Conservation Corridors' initiatives, both social and environmental, aim to effect change at the ground level. Breaking the cycle isn't easy; it's an arduous but rewarding adventure, much like the trip itself.

## THE STONYHURST EASTER RETREAT

LIKE MANY PRACTICES in modern life, Eastertide has been changing its character over the years. A lot of schools and universities no longer adjust the spring holiday to the dates of Easter, so that some people find their Easter takes places during working days; again, there is an increasing tendency for families to go away for an Easter Holiday to see off the winter with a good break.

One of the results of these changes in modern culture is increasing difficulty in attending Holy Week Services. A family who have gone, say, to Spain, may know little of times of Masses, may struggle to find the church, and may well find that going to a Good Friday Service at 3.00pm on a sunny day is not popular with the children. Those who do get to church in different locations often have a very positive experience, and come back somewhat inspired by the catholicity of the Church universal. Nevertheless, many families unwittingly find themselves playing down the Religious nature of Easter in their understandable desire to get a break from work. It is an interesting observation on the increasingly secularised nature of modern life, that Christmas still seems to flourish, with endless Nativity Plays, Carol Concerts etc., whilst Easter is slipping from popular attention.

A development that has become increasingly popular in the context of the modern Easter, is the Holy Week Triduum retreat. Arrangements are made for families to have a holiday plus retreat in a location where the Services of Holy Week are provided: Maunday Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Vigil, with Easter Sunday Mass; thus participants can attend without breaking their holiday pattern. Over the years a number of places have developed these retreats, Ampleforth and Stonhurst being two of the chief examples.

The Stonhurst system is to provide full accommodation from Maunday Thursday afternoon until Easter Sunday morning, with careful arrangements to accommodate families. Thus it becomes possible for entire families, including babies less than 12 months old, to participate in the retreat, with an excellent opportunity for uncles, aunts, grandparents etc. to meet up with their various relatives. The programme is then arranged on a loose division between children and adults. The children have specific sessions for their groups, assembled according to age; meantime adults are given a number of 'workshops' they can opt for according to choice. Examples of these would be: outdoor Stations of the Cross; Holy Week in art; Why did Jesus die? There is also a keynote speaker on one morning, and a Reconciliation Service. All participants join in the main Holy Week Services, although for some of the younger children this will be in modified form. It should be stressed that there is also plenty of time for tennis, swimming, walks and other recreation.

For many people, therefore, this kind of retreat provides both a holiday and a very valuable Holy Week experience. There is a sense of doing something very spiritual, whilst also enjoying a relaxing few days. As a result this kind of retreat is growing in popularity: 270 people came to the Stonhurst Retreat in 2012. Those who seek more information, or who would like to book a place for 2013, where Easter Sunday occurs on 31st March, are asked to write to:

"Easter Retreat, Devco, Stonhurst College, Clitheroe, BB7 9PZ" or email devco@stonyhurst.ac.uk

Fr. John Twist SJ, May, 2012



Now where do we go from here?

### AMDG

Stonyhurst Association Ignatian 'Taster' Retreat  
9-11 November 2012, St Beuno's Centre, St Asaph, N Wales



Are you interested in Ignatian Spirituality?  
Would you like to know more?  
Would you like to share this experience with like-minded friends?

You are invited to the first Stonhurst Association silent retreat, a 'taster' retreat looking into the life and works of St Ignatius Loyola and learning how we can follow in his example. The retreat will focus on just some of the many things Ignatius has to say to people like us about our relationship with God.

Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ will be our spiritual leader and the cost will be £120 per head to include single, en suite room and all meals.

For further details contact Beverley Sillitoe at the Association Office  
Tel 01254 827043 email: association@stonyhurst.ac.uk  
a booking form can also be downloaded from the website

# THE STONYHURST RECORD

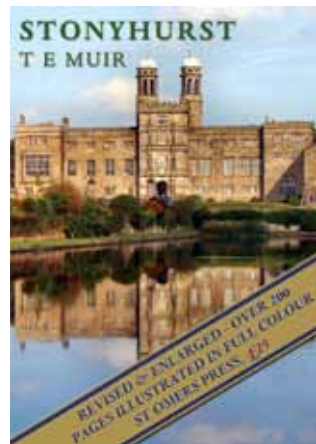
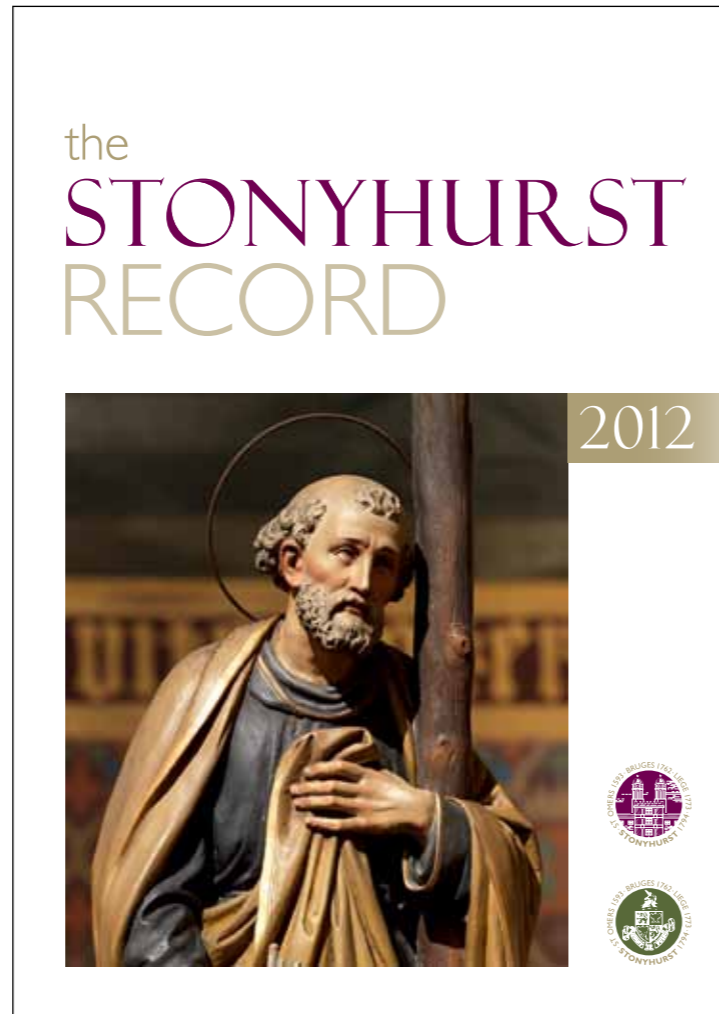
Within the pages of this annual publication you will find:

A record of the recent activities and achievements of the pupils and staff at the College and Mary's Hall, many obituaries of former pupils and featured aspects of the history of the school.

The statue of St Peter adorns the front cover this year to draw attention to the story of the recent restoration of St Peter's church and its Re-opening Mass and the long history of the Stonyhurst parish.

Other topics include the mysterious fire on the school train from one-hundred years ago and, from a century before that, a detailed examination of the school rules, providing a fascinating contrast with life at the present day.

The Stonyhurst Record is on sale only to current parents and to former pupils. The support of OS subscribers is greatly appreciated and without which the publication would cease to exist.



STONYHURST  
Tom Muir

This is the second edition of former teacher, Tom Muir's history of Stonyhurst College. This beautifully illustrated book brings the history of this remarkable institution vividly to life in a thoroughly human and engaging manner. This is an important and highly readable work of considerable appeal not only to Stonyhurst's immediate constituency but also to the Catholic community, and anyone with an interest in Catholic history and education.

208 pages, 280 x 216mm Hardback

Illustrated in colour throughout

£25.00 reduced to £15.00; orders to Stonyhurst Association (see page 30 for details).



# 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.

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## MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

## Benefits of Membership

### Golf

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

### Fishing

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

### Weddings

Members to be married can have their wedding ceremony in 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 Miss Rebecca Grigg at DevCo@stonyhurst.ac.uk, or telephone 01254 827014.

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Left top: Association tie, £22  
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**Clockwise from above right:**  
 Shields, £28  
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 OS silk cravat £30  
 Link Cufflinks £17  
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**Above:**  
 Girl's OS silk scarf, £17  
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 Cufflinks, £75

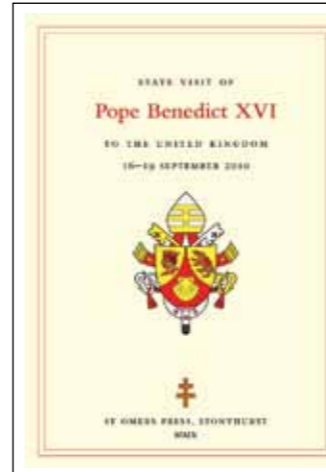


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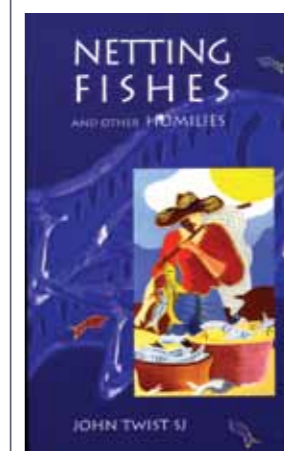
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From St Omers Press:  
**STATE VISIT OF POPE BENEDICT XVI TO THE UNITED KINGDOM**  
 Published in partnership with the Society of Our Lady at Winton, Winchester College, and introduced by Richard Bassett, this contains all the speeches and public addresses 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.

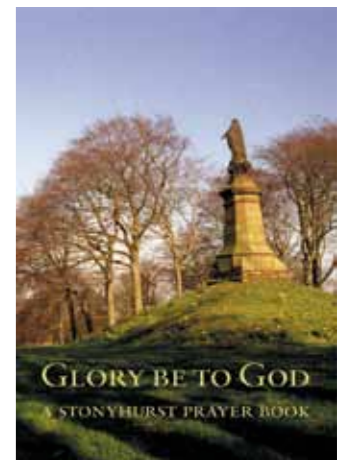


Fr John Twist SJ is the Chaplain at Stonyhurst, and regulars at St Peter's will be familiar with his laconic, intelligent and quietly humorous style. Each homily is a bite-sized piece of wisdom, relating a biblical passage to everyday life... each would be quick enough to read on the train or bus, or 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

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

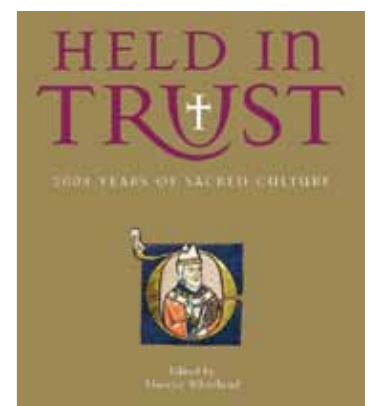
"Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute final way".  
 These words of Pedro Arrupe SJ's summarise the theme of this book: prayer as the right and normal expression of our being

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







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