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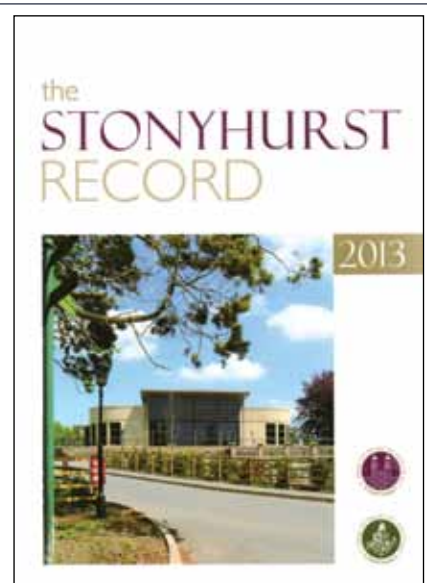
School is out at St John's Beaumont, a feeder school to Stonyhurst

THE STONYHURST RECORD

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

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

To become a subscriber, please apply to Beverley Sillitoe in the Association Office for an application form. To purchase a single copy of the current edition, please send a cheque for £12.50 to Beverley, made payable to 'Stonyhurst College'.



Front Cover: Adrian Flanagan's boat approaching Hawaii during vertical circumnavigation
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DIARY OF EVENTS

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

AUGUST 22ND – 29TH 2014 : LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

SEPTEMBER 20TH 2014 : RHETORIC 2004 REUNION

A reunion at the College for OS 2004 co-ordinated by Michael Fenton. Booking form available from the Association Office or by contacting Michael: Michael.Fenton@KPMG.co.uk

NOVEMBER 1ST 2014 STONYHURST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

President: Dr Michael Atkinson KSG (OS 1967), Guest of Honour: Mr A.R.M. Little, Head Master, Eton College.

At Stonyhurst, tickets £65 (OS 25 and under £45). The booking form can be obtained from the Association Office and the website.

NOVEMBER 14TH – 16TH 2014 : IGNATIAN RETREAT

Our third retreat, again at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre, North

Wales where we have 15 non-smoking single rooms available. The cost is expected to be £130 per person, including all meals from Friday supper to lunch on Sunday. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending.

NOVEMBER 15TH – 16TH 2014 RHETORIC 1989 REUNION

A reunion at the College for OS 1989 co-ordinated by Derek Fanning. Booking form available from the Association Office or by contacting Derek at: deputyeditor@midlandtribune.ie

DECEMBER 11TH 2014 ASSOCIATION CAROL SERVICE IN ST PETER'S CHURCH

Association and the Parish combine for the Stonyhurst Carol Service, which will be held in St Peter's at 7.00pm. This will be followed by light refreshments in the Top Refectory. All are welcome.

BEAUMONT UNION NEWS

Next year marks the 50th Anniversary of the announcement of the closure of Beaumont which occurred so tragically in 1967. The BU has now reached the stage where the last of those who completed five years education at Beaumont College in Old Windsor will this year be 65 and the vast majority of OBs are retired. It was therefore decided last year to hold a lunch rather than the annual dinner. Despite the length of time that has elapsed since Beaumont's closure. This also takes account of the fact that there have been no new members for 48 years, other than honorary members. Nevertheless, the BU is remarkably spirited as has always been the ambition of the Union in keeping with the toast "The Spirit of Beaumont" which has been drunk at every BU dinner since Beaumont's closure.

This is illustrated by the number and variety of BU related events in the next year which will include:

- The annual Beaumont Union lunch at the Caledonian Club in London on Monday, 13th October
- The annual Remembrance Sunday Mass at Beaumont followed by lunch at St John's. This year the Beaumont CCF Colours, originally laid up in the Beaumont Chapel in 1967, which disappeared shortly after the closure of the school, were relocated in a military museum in France and will be laid up for the second time, this time at St John's, fittingly during the 100th anniversary year since the start of the Great War.
- The London Beaumont Region of HCPT will hold its 30th annual Race Night at Wimbledon Greyhound stadium on Friday 21st November.
- The 59th HCPT annual pilgrimage to Lourdes will itself take place in Easter week 2015. The BU has been actively involved with HCPT since Dr Michael Strode founded the Trust in 1957. 17 members of the BU were on this year's pilgrimage, including a group of OBs led by Michael Bedford (63). Others remain active in the groups and one is currently Chair of the Trust. This year Group 24, founded by Patrick Burgess (63) in 1965 celebrated its Golden Jubilee on

the occasion of its 50th annual pilgrimage and the group included Michael Wortley (65) and John Flood (65) who, like Patrick, have been in the children groups since the 60s. Indeed it is felt that the BU's support for HCPT epitomises the Spirit of Beaumont and, happily, will continue to do so through subsequent generations. The longevity of this connection matches that of its founder, now Brother Michael, a Cistercian brother on Caldey Island, who travelled with the pilgrimage last year, just before his 90th birthday, and plans to do so again, at least for the Trust's 60th pilgrimage in 2016.

• In May 2015 Philip Stevens (63) with Robert Wilkinson (62) will lead an exclusive BU Battlefield Tour to Ypres for about 45 members of the BU.

Last year Guy Bailey (58), who had run the BU since the 1980s, retired from that role and has since been appointed life President of the Union. He has been succeeded by Robert Wilkinson who had previously published a fascinating book "The Playing Fields of Runnymede" relating to Beaumont OBs. Since his appointment to the BU committee, as a successor to Guy Bailey's delightful at least biannual Beaumont Union Reviews, Robert has published an outstanding website. He has also published a second book "Once more to Runnymede" again relating stories and historical events relating to OBs, right up to the present day. The website will be found at <http://beaumont-union.co.uk> and has detail of the items available at the BU "shop" at <http://beaumont-union.co.uk/shop.html>, which include Robert's two books and the 2007 recording of "Hymns of our Youth" recorded in memory of Brian Burgess (65) following his untimely death in 1967. at <http://beaumont-union.co.uk/shop.html>, each of these items costing just £15 plus postage.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Please send your contributions to the Editor: d.mercer@stonyhurst.ac.uk

MARRIAGES



Above: **James Thompson OS 95 - 00** was married on 7th December 2013 to Jennifer June Vardy-Meers at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street. The marriage ceremony was conducted by Father Anthony Nye SJ and Reception and Dinner followed at Dartmouth House, Mayfair.

David Lindsay OS 95 - 00, Timothy Armitage OS 95 - 00, James Andrews OS 95 - 00, Ambrose Chiu OS 96 - 00, Christian Cordsmeyer OS 98 - 00 and **Duarte Saldanha OS 97 - 00** were in attendance.

BIRTHS

Edward (OS 85 - 96) and Danielle **Mercer** would like to announce the birth of their second child, Alexandra Elisabeth Cleo born on 27th March, 2014. Their first child, Nicholas 'Nico' James Palladini Mercer was born in March 2011. Nico and Alexandra are the grandchildren of Dr and Mrs R G G Mercer (Headmaster 85 - 96).

HONOURS

Bill Cash MP, OS 50 - 59, Tory MP for Stone in Staffordshire, entered Parliament in 1984 and is one of its longest serving members. He is a well-known Eurosceptic and views his knighthood as a recognition of his long fight to uphold Westminster's parliamentary

sovereignty against the drift of powers towards Brussels. He is a former Stonyhurst Association President.

Dominic Medley OS 79 - 89 has been awarded an OBE for services to the development of independent media in Afghanistan.

Joseph Walker-Cousins OS 89 - 97 has been awarded an MBE for services to British interests in Eastern Libya. He is Head of the British Embassy Office in Benghazi, Libya

IN MEMORIAM

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

Hugh Charles Philip Bidwell OS 48 - 52

Dr Yves de la Bastide OS 39 - 44

James Francis Hanratty OS 35 - 37

Julian Michael St Felix Dare OS 46 - 55

Adrian Michael Hastings OS 67 - 71

Charles Edmund Paul Light OS 52 - 61

John Patrick Ryan OS 75 - 77

Geoffrey Coucke OS 36 - 40

John Robert Michael Samuel OS 00 - 05

Timothy James David OS 58 - 65

John Geoffrey Allsup OS 47 - 54

Albert Conche OS 52 - 58

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)

We also regret to announce the deaths from the wider Stonyhurst family of Lady Vera Brand, widow of Lord Brand OS, and Lina Flint, mother of Chris Flint OS.

May they rest in Peace

STONYHURST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST 2014
AT
STONYHURST COLLEGE

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EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED!

We are very keen to gather as many email addresses as we can for the database. Emails enable us to contact you quickly, to send you invitations and news items. We currently hold email addresses for around two thirds of those we send the Newsletter to. If you have an email address and you don't think you have given it to us please do so now by emailing association@stonyhurst.ac.uk – and help us to stay in touch and save postage!

ASSOCIATION NEWS

LEEDS CONVIVIUM

On a rainy, cold and dark March evening, parking was easy, as we made our way to St Anne's Cathedral in the centre of Leeds. After rather nervously entering the Cathedral, it was a pleasure to see Beverley and Yvonne welcoming the Stonyhurst party and to marvel at their ability to recognize OS and their guests. Father John Twist SJ, the Stonyhurst College Chaplain, neatly arranged the Mass duties and some surprised but willing Eucharistic ministers were duly found.

We gathered near the Altar and the space of the Cathedral seemed to recede as a closely knit Stonyhurst group took shape. Father Twist led us through a celebration of the values of the community which have shaped us. Simon Andrews OS 1968 read the First Reading and Ralph Parish OS 2006 lead the Bidding Prayers. Even after all the time away from the College, it is always surprising how wonderful it is to hear and to sing the Pater Noster in Latin and to feel the emotion of the Latin prayer for The Queen.

Mass concluded we entered the Cathedral's Wheeler Hall where a wonderful buffet was waiting for us and where there was the opportunity to greet old friends and to talk to several generations of OS about shared experiences. The buffet was arranged and served by a Leeds charity, Nurture, which runs a catering business in the centre of Leeds and which trains homeless people to work and run them. They were outstandingly good and wonderfully attentive. A real treat. While it was good to have a group of 34 OS and their guests present, it was also especially nice to see and to meet Patricia Perry, the widow of Anthony Perry OS, Charlotte Dugdale-Tonks and Christina Ryan. My generation tend to think of these events in a male orientated context, but I realized that it requires a lot of courage for a female OS to come to one of these events on her own. It was a pleasure and a privilege to meet them. That they came is a great advertisement for the future and I hope that their example will encourage more female OS to come to these events in future.

A wonderful evening in the community of Stonyhurst was had by all and all too soon it was necessary to face again the dark night of Leeds in March.

Michael Parish OS 1969

LONDON CONVIVIUM



On Wednesday 30th April a large group of OS and parents enjoyed a splendid evening in the Wardroom, London Division Royal Naval Reserve, HMS President. HMS President, a 'stone frigate,' occupies one of the most coveted positions in the heart of London – just downstream from Tower Bridge, overlooking the entrance to St Katharine's Dock. The Association President James Hanratty, who had arranged the evening, welcomed those attending and the Headmaster of Stonyhurst College also greeted those present. An excellent supper was served in the beautiful surroundings of the Wardroom, and the evening was warm enough to enable us to step out on to the platform and enjoy the wonderful view. It was lovely to see different generations of OS, along with parents and former parents, most definitely a fine Stonyhurst family get-together!

Beverley Sillitoe

MISSING PERSONS

The persons below are out of touch. If anyone can give information about them, please contact: s.andrews@stonyhurst.ac.uk or by post to the Association Office.

John A Ferguson	1962	Richard A Green	1963
Leonard P Goodwin	1962	Peter E James	1963
Barry F Hannigan	1962	Edward J Macleish	1963
Kenneth J Hodson	1962	Peter Martin	1963
Michael A Kelly	1962	Raymond E Merrick	1963
John D Kieran	1962	Gerald I O'Beirne	1963
Raymond M Low	1962	John D O'Beirne	1963
Roger F Mason	1962	Christopher S O'Connor Thompson	1963
Edmond T McGovern	1962	Anthony Palmer	1963
John F Reidy	1962	Alan J Platt	1963
Christopher H Roth	1962	David L Rimmer	1963
Julian J Smith	1962	John M Robson	1963
Michael F Somorjay	1962	Desmond P Ryan	1963
John A Tattersall	1962	Mark A Schiele	1963
Michael H Thompson	1962	Anthony V Summers	1963
Ralph J Tindal	1962	Michael H Theodorides	1963
John F Wingfield	1962	John M Ward-Mcquaid	1963
Andrew J Golding	1963	Joseph P Wright	1963
Joseph A Gonsalves	1963		

OS 99 REUNION

The OS of 99 held a 15 year reunion at Stonyhurst in June. Old boys and girls gathered from as far afield as Hong Kong, America, Nigeria, Accrington and Japan.

During a tour of the College there was amazement at new developments and cushy en suite facilities but also reassurance that the Rhetoric showers are still reminiscent of several 20th century horror films (they are soon to be replaced!).

Ten OS stepped up to a challenge of touch rugby against the best that the College could offer (almost). The assembled crowd were impressed that the OS players 'still had it', although what 'it' was, was a source of discussion. At least 2 Rosslyn Park winners from 99 helped lead the OS in a close game which saw the fitness and speed of this year's Stonyhurst 7s winners pip the girth, volume and extra numbers of the ex-pupils.

Dinner was held in the Long Room with guests Simon Charles, Gareth Thomas, David Ridout, Paul Bulmer and Heather Davies joining the OS for a 3 course meal by

Breda Murphy (Head Chef for several years at the Inn at Whitewell). Grace was said by Toby Lees, whom a number of OS thought, had come in fancy dress. Current Poets played superbly at the start of the meal.

Once Winton de St John-Pryce and Connor Hill had given two excellent speeches, the party moved inevitably to the Bayley where England's loss to Italy was sweetened by whisky, cigars and picking up where 1999 left off.

OS 99 led the readings and bidding prayers at Mass next morning. Mr Mann (Head of Music) brought out all the classics and any voices that hadn't already been ruined, were by coffee time after Mass. All left with great intentions of meeting more regularly and digging out any non-attendees!

Rob Youtlen

FIRST WORLD WAR



The Stonyhurst War Record (World War I) has been digitised and is now available online at:

<http://www.worldwar1schoolarchives.org/stonyhurst-college/>

The Stonyhurst Magazines for the same period are also available at:

<http://www.worldwar1schoolarchives.org/stonyhurst-magazine/>

The cost for the War Record was met by the OS leavers of 1988 that for the magazines by the Stonyhurst Association

Above: Lt Maurice Dease, VC, from The Stonyhurst War Record

STONYHURST ASSOCIATION FAMILY WEEKEND



The second Family Weekend took place at the College and SMH over 17th and 18th May and was attended by the Da Gama Rose, Cleary and Lane-Spollen families. The idea is to allow OS and other parents to visit Stonyhurst with their children to see and hear what a modern Stonyhurst education has to offer. There is absolutely no obligation and it is made clear that financial assistance is often available to families to make Stonyhurst a manageable option. We hope to run another Family Weekend in May 2015. If you and your family would like to attend the weekend, please send an e-mail to s.andrews@stonyhurst.ac.uk

Our new Association President, Michael Atkinson (OS 59-67) was introduced by the chairman during the Great Academies champagne reception. Michael was the first Catholic housemaster at Eton since the Reformation and as the *Evening Standard* put it with trepidation 'Nation waits as Rome comes to Eton'. Addressing the gathering from the minstrels' gallery, after Simon Andrews' introduction, he remarked that this felt like an 'Urbi et Orbi' and was the nearest he was likely to get to becoming Pope! Michael Joseph (OS 55 - 59) has been Association chairman for two separate terms until January of this year. To thank him for his sterling dedication to the Association over many years he was presented with a decanter engraved with "Quant Je Puis" and some claret to pour from it.

Stonyhurst Association FAMILY WEEKEND



A chance for your young family to find out more about the College today, in the context of an informal family weekend.

For more details of the next Family Weekend in May 2015, please email Simon Andrews: s.andrews@stonyhurst.ac.uk

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JAMES HANRATTY RD, OS 1954-1964 PRESIDENT OF THE STONYHURST ASSOCIATION 2013-2014

I HAVE BEEN VERY honoured to serve as your President over the last year. Denis Unsworth was a hard act to follow. Many have helped me especially Beverley Sillitoe, the Association Office Manager, assisted by Layla Heaton and by David Mercer, editor of the Newsletter. I set out determined to help the Association raise its profile and make its services and activities more widely known so that more would be able to benefit and participate. It was vital to work alongside the Headmaster, Andrew Johnson and the two Chairmen in my year Michael Joseph and Simon Andrews. I am grateful to them all for their advice.

So, after Great Academies in 2013 I attended the Thames River Cruise in June with about 80 others on a glorious summer evening. Sadly I was unable to attend the Lourdes Pilgrimage. The highlight of the year was the Annual Dinner at the Hurlingham Club in September, attended by 240 where the principal guest was Professor Lord Hennessy. The Head of the Line, Harriet Shepherd, spoke very well there too. We were honoured to receive good wishes from The Queen. The dinner was announced in *The Times* and *Daily Telegraph*. Beverley and I spent over three months planning this event. She was a tower of strength. In October I supported the well attended Thomas Weld Lunch in the Top Ref. At the kind invitation of The Headmaster I delivered a lecture in November on my experiences as an Immigration Judge to the Senior Essay Society consisting of senior pupils, staff and local Great and Good in The Academy Room. That lecture is summarised in Google!

Again, at the request of the Headmaster, I arranged a lunch at The Athenaeum as part of the Stonyhurst Development programme. This was followed by a Reception at The Savile Club hosted by Michael Joseph for similar purposes. It was then back to Stonyhurst in March for a brilliant lecture to the Politics Society on the Role of Prime Ministers, given by Professor Lord Hennessy.

In April I was privileged to take part in The WW1 Battlefield Tour guided by Paul Garlington with deep historical expertise and carefully organised by David Hurst. Thanks to the impressive work of Emma Wotton, who had digitised the *Stonyhurst War Record*, we had photos and obituaries of OS Fallen alongside their graves as we honoured them. The privilege for me included laying a wreath on behalf of the Association at The Menin Gate at Ypres.

At Easter the spiritually uplifting and physically relaxing Retreat at Stonyhurst took place. Over 250 attended. Fr John Twist was the



Spiritual Leader and the choir was the best ever. Whilst at the Retreat Fr Nicholas King who has translated the Bible from the Greek and other languages, an awe inspiring achievement, kindly blessed my copy. We stayed in Weld House, an impressive facility for Higher Line, built with the help of generous OS.

Finally, there was a Convivium at *HMS President*, the HQ of the Royal Naval Reserve and my old Wardroom in the City of London, which was great fun and attended by about 90 people.

In these activities I was most wisely supported and advised by Pam, my wife, to whom as ever I am grateful. At the Great Academies AGM I handed over to Dr Michael Atkinson a former Housemaster at Eton and distinguished classicist. I wish him and all the team well for another successful year.

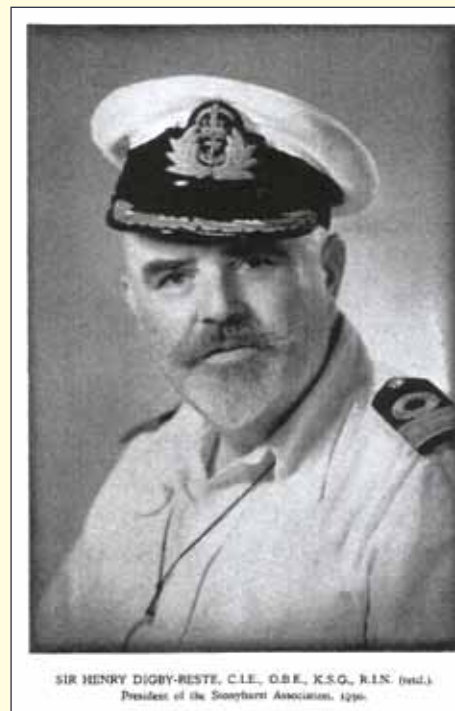
Bicentenary of the Restoration of the Society of Jesus, 1814 – 2014

The British Jesuit Alumni Charitable Trust (Eagle Aid) is holding a dinner to celebrate the Bicentenary of the Restoration of the Society of Jesus, 1814 – 2014. The dinner will be held at the Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London, W1J 7PY on Saturday 6th September. Grace before dinner will be said by the British Jesuit Provincial the Very Reverend Fr Dermot Preston SJ.

The event is open to all alumni and friends of Jesuit schools and colleges. Further details are available by emailing association@stonyhurst.ac.uk



50 YEARS AGO



SIR HENRY DIGBY-RESTE, C.I.E., O.B.E., K.S.G., R.N. (1964)
President of the Stonyhurst Association, 1964.

- The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland was dissolved.
- Zanzibar was taken over by Africans and joined with Tanganyika to become Tanzania.
- Racial segregation was abolished by law in America but three civil rights workers were murdered in Mississippi and Martin Luther King won the Nobel Peace Prize.
- More 'advisers' were sent to S. Vietnam and North Vietnam was bombed. The first demonstrations against the war took place but Johnson beat Goldwater to be returned as president.
- Kruschev was deposed and Harold Wilson became Britain's premier whilst Malta became an independent country.
- Tokyo hosted the 1964 Olympics.
- Lima, Peru saw the world's worst stadium disaster.
- Dr G. B. Malone-Lee became president of the Stonyhurst Association and J. D. Loden was Head of the Line.
- The Shrovetide Play on Laetare Sunday was Henry IV Part I.
- Father Hoy was installed as Rector, Father Higham left for Beaumont and the deaths occurred of Father Anthony Firth SJ and Captain Sir Henry Digby-Beste, former warden of the Stonyhurst Boys Club.
- The first official Stonyhurst Pilgrimage to Lourdes took place and was reported in the Magazine.
- Help was supplied to Brockhall Hospital by some of the boys.
- Basil Hume gave a panegyric on St Aloysius' Day and Cardinal Heenan gave the prizes at Great Academies when Lower Line staged *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on the bowling-green.



THE ATHLETICS TEAM, 1964
C. Marshall, T. Bennett, J. Whitton, K. Cohen, A. de Freitas, S. McCarthy, D. Walsby-Collins, C. Pringle, S. Dwyer, M. O'Hara, J. Brumby, A. Ebdon, J. Loden, T. Miles, R. Somerville



THE FIRST FIFTEEN, 1964
A. Evans, J. Whitton, P. Roche, M. S. Ryan, A. de Freitas, F. Encher, P. Douglas, S. Dwyer, F. Weller, H. Loman, A. Scarsell, A. Ebdon, J. Brumby, M. Frost, T. Miles



THE STONYHURST PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 1964
A few pilgrims — while the others worked

ST JOHN'S BEAUMONT

BEFORE 1967, ST JOHN'S mainly supplied new entrants for the nearby Beaumont College. It had been purpose built for this in 1888 and was meant to house 60 boys as boarders, sharing almost the same grounds and facilities as the senior school making for an easy and simple transition at the age of 13.

Then came the shock of Beaumont's closure. Many of the boys and staff were transferred to Stonyhurst and what was Beaumont's loss was to be the College's gain, giving a considerable boost to its numbers and viability and providing a welcome influx of new blood.

After the closure of Beaumont College, the future of St John's, the preparatory school was in some doubt. It became adopted to some extent as a feeder preparatory school for Stonyhurst. The Stonyhurst Magazine of those years carried a report of St John's along with one for SMH and since 1967 about 660 boys have come to the College from St John's. Judging by their Valette records, they settled in well, took part fully in the life of the College and several became Heads of the Line.

From what we know of their doings since, the pattern has continued and they have had little cause to regret a move to the more bracing climate of Stonyhurst. Perhaps there is something character-forming after all in the influences of our harsher environment rather than the lush water-meadows of Runnymede.

Here are some OS, formerly of St John's:

Charles Paul William Isola OS 90 - 94 was born on 25th February 1977 in the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar. He is the youngest of six children born to parents Charles Ernest Isola and Rosemary Therese Savignon. Charles comes from a long line of Isola men and indeed Gibraltarian men who have schooled at Stonyhurst College.

Charles first attended The Loreto Convent School in Gibraltar. In September 1985 aged 8½ years, Charles left his home in Gibraltar and travelled to England to become a boarding pupil at St. John's Beaumont Preparatory School, Berkshire. Charles didn't take long to settle into prep school and went on to become Vice-Captain of both the cricket and rugby teams. In 1990 after completing five years at St. John's, Charles moved on to Stonyhurst College following in the footsteps of his grandfather,



father, many uncles and elder brother John. Charles continued to excel at sports and enjoyed his time at Stonyhurst. Although the academic side of school life was not in the forefront of Charles's ambitions he nevertheless benefitted from the ethos and environment that Stonyhurst had to offer. After leaving Stonyhurst, Charles gained work experience at Hine Cognac and subsequently Gallagher Tobacco Company, in order to prepare the foundations for his return to Gibraltar and the Isola family business of wine merchants and wholesalers.

The 'Anglo Hispano Bodega Company' was founded in 1892. The company's winery was based in Huelva, in the heart of Spain's sherry region where most of its business was conducted. Anglo Hispano rapidly developed a large client base wholesaling wines in Spain and Gibraltar and to ships stopping at the nearby Puerto de Huelva. The Company grew and in the late 1940s Bass PLC, the British brewers purchased a substantial holding in Anglo Hispano. In the mid 1950s the Isola Family were entrusted with the management of the business and subsequently acquired a small holding. Anglo Hispano continued to prosper up until 1969 when the frontier between Gibraltar and Spain was closed; this led Bass to put its holding up for sale. The Isolas took the opportunity to acquire a controlling interest in the Company while maintaining the exclusive distribution of Bass Ale in Gibraltar, a relationship which continues to this day. Due to extremely tough trading conditions following the border closure, Anglo Hispano decided to diversify into other product groups such as spirits, tobacco, coffee, foods and confectionary. This evolutionary spirit continues today and the Company now operates a number of retail outlets and restaurants in both

Gibraltar and Spain including franchised restaurants such as Pizza Hut and Burger King. In tandem with the wholesale & restaurant trade, Anglo-Hispano along with other investors are branching out into property development. Their main aim is to renovate older properties for mixed use: part residential, part commercial, with a view to urban renewal in areas that need redeveloping.

The Isola family remain an integral part of the day to day management of Anglo Hispano, with both Charles and his brother John, carrying on the family trades and traditions. Despite the pressures of the family firm, Charles likes to play golf, skiing and boating. In 2005 Charles married Hannah Pilcher and they have three children: Sophie 7, Ruby 6 and Freddie 2.

Mark Thompson OS 70 - 75, former Director General of the BBC and now the President and Chief Executive of the New York Times has written to keep us up to date with a note entitled:

Letter From America

I met my wife in the 1980s when both of us were working for the BBC in New York. Each week the late Alastair Cooke would come into the office with a *Letter From America* written in long hand on yellow legal paper. After recording it in a single take, he would light a cigarette and take a long, slow drag – a perfect picture of mid-century Anglo-American poise. Thirty years later we find ourselves back in New York again and it seems appropriate, if rather cheeky, to borrow Alastair's title for this brief personal report.

Jane and I have set up shop on the Upper West Side which, for those who aren't familiar with the geography of the city, is the long thin stretch of Manhattan which

lies between the western edge of Central Park and the Hudson. For decades a dicey, even dangerous area (thus *West Side Story*), nowadays it's somewhere between Islington and Hampstead in feel and suits us fine. The Lincoln Center with opera, dance, classical music and theatre is a twenty minute walk away, with The Metropolitan and many of the other museums just across the park. My job at The New York Times is two stops away on the express subway line.

As a family, we're pretty invested in the 'special relationship' ourselves. Jane is American and we have a son and daughter at college in the US (the elder of the two graduating this summer) as well as a younger son still at school in England. I've always loved America not in preference to the UK, which I still regard as home, but as an endlessly intriguing counterpart to it – and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to live here for a while.

I haven't escaped the long arm of the Jesuits however. I usually go to church at Holy Trinity on 82nd Street where mass is often celebrated by a member of the Society. So – in addition to *The Times*, Carnegie Hall and the many other delights of New York – something I'm used to from Stonyhurst and the old country: sermons that really make you think.

Mark Thompson

Carl Cimpoiu OS 98 - 03 writes to say:

On leaving the College in 2003, I went straight into further education doing Business and management at Oxford Brooke's with quite a large group of OS all in Oxford then and we had some great times. Upon graduating and having captained and coached the university side to its most successful era to date, which included current England flanker Tom Johnson of Exeter (also a friend of Kevin Barrett OS I believe), I turned to my grandfather's roots and moved to Romania to play rugby professionally (as can be done in Romania) which didn't last long due to injury but was certainly a unique experience and I certainly don't regret trying. I did however manage to go on from that injury and represent Romania again on the National 7s circuit, notably the World Cup Qualifiers in 2008 which was a highlight for me playing in front of 25,000 people.

From then on, I spent 4 years working in construction procurement in Ascot, whilst living in London and playing very competitive rugby for Bracknell RFC, making life-long friends there and keeping up appearances with all the OS based in the city. Through my rugby club's Kiwi contingent, I moved to Auckland, New

Zealand with my partner before the World Cup in 2011, spent 9 months living the dream, travelling to places like Queenstown, Dunedin, Fiordland and Wellington to name just a few and following the RWC as well. I have remained here since, playing some club rugby although feeling older and working in sales as an account manager for Fuji Xerox which is great. New Zealand is a special place and I love it here. I would recommend travelling here to anyone. It's so diverse there is something for everyone. There is a huge passion for food, wine sport and outdoor life, the people are friendly and the scenery simply stunning! Just watch Lord of the Rings.

The quality of life is fantastic and of course helped by the warmer Southern Hemisphere climate which is a far cry from the cold, wet and windy shire I experienced for 5 long years as a southern boarder from St John's. I'm certain that if I had not taken the advice from Mr Gogarty to head north, I would not have been as lucky to have experienced all the things I have done and made all the friendships along the way, for which I am truly grateful. For the moment, I intend to stay here, having applied for residency recently, so if anyone would like any information or tips on travelling or living in New Zealand, or would like to come and play some rigger for my club, then please feel free to get in touch. Quant je puis.

Carl Cimpoiu (carlcimpoiu@yahoo.co.uk)

And from **Adrian Flanagan OS 74 - 79** we have:

After completing the Alpha Global Expedition, a single-handed sailing circumnavigation, I found myself caught between apathy and energy, ideas and indecisiveness – a kind of limbo. I suppose this had much to do with a history where, psychologically I had been a compulsive thinker – regrets from the past, worries about the future – against the immediacy of the 'now' enforced by the constant demands of the boat, mitigating against perpetual dangers and the mental detachment from my children if I was to survive, physically and emotionally.

With the book of my voyage, *Over the Top* completed and published, an idea surfaced that it would benefit my children to learn a second language and so my former wife, Louise and I talked about the possibilities. As a fluent French-speaker herself, we decided on France and the area around Bordeaux in the Gironde.

My publishers offered me another book contract, but I did not feel sufficiently enthusiastic about the subject, so I declined.

Settling in France presented its challenges, for me ironically it was the language – my French was and is appalling. So, what to do? Over the years, I had traded on the Forex markets. I set about training myself thoroughly and embarked on a more rigorous application. This self-employed status abrogated the need to learn French (inherent laziness) to a level of fluency required to work in France, employ people, get a (proper) job and, more significantly, allowed me to spend time with the boys. It also provided the space to develop other writing projects, one of which is now under contract with Bloomsbury publishing.

Louise rented a converted barn on a wine estate in the Entre deux Mers, a fertile region between the Gironde and Dordogne rivers. The boys attended the local school in the village of Créon – the only foreigners there and something of a baptism by fire after an altogether different educational experience to date at an English prep school. But, learn the language they did with an ease and fluency that to my mind justified our decision absolutely. Being close to the west coast, we discovered Cap Ferret, a narrow peninsula enclosing on its eastward side the Bassin d'Arcachon. It's a lovely place with peaceful protected swimming on the basin side and the long, wild Atlantic beaches on the other. In between, nestling among the sand dunes and the pine forests you can find classic French life – relaxed, chic, laissez faire – and an abundance of restaurants many specialising in oysters for which the basin is famous.

I lived ten miles from Louise's barn, in an ancient, crumbling chateau near the town of Castillon la Bataille – an oasis of tranquillity where three cars passing in a morning was almost noteworthy. Benefitting from a pool in the courtyard, the place was a wonderful summer refuge, but with ill-fitting doors and windows, huge rooms and high ceilings, the winters proved harsh – water freezing in the bottles in the kitchen, mini gales howling through the gaps and cracks and any attempt at heating more than a couple of rooms, an exercise in futility.

After four years and with mission accomplished in terms of the boys' language skills, we decided on a return to the UK, primarily to further the children's education. Settling near Winchester, Benjamin who is now fifteen is doing well at Milton Abbey. Our younger son, Gabriel attends a local prep school and will be heading for Bryanston next year.

As to the future, various writing projects beckon, but I am once again experiencing the invasive tendrils of wanderlust. Australia

has always appealed though I have never been there. 60,000 kilometres of coastline is beginning to exert an almost irresistible pull. From the air, it would be magnificent – a kaleidoscopic panorama of change – tropic to temperate, green to barren brown, smooth and flat to jagged epiphanies. I am thinking microlight, as close to bird flight as possible. Of course, this means more training and acquiring a new skill as a pilot, and the project, competing with myriad others for sponsorship dollars would only emerge as a contender with television interest. So, no certainty but plenty to think about.

I do look upon the successful careers of many of my Stonyhurst contemporaries with admiration. A structured pathway never suited me, however. Before Alpha Global I co-founded a business in London, which grew to employ over 100 people. It was eventually sold but by then I had left amid acrimony and the uncomfortable realization that people can behave in ways which trade friendship for greed. It was a regrettable and damaging experience. The lessons were many and varied. Taken together with other experiences, the principal has emerged more strongly that it is the journey and not the destination which carries the greater import.

I am often asked about – and often reflect upon – my time at school. I unhesitatingly reply that I thoroughly enjoyed my time at both St John's and Stonyhurst though whether I fully grasped the opportunities available is a moot point. The education imbued me with a sense of possibility by developing a certain self-reliance, perhaps even confidence. The downside is that these may have been forged with the sacrifice of a greater perception and practice of humility. The balance, for me at least was difficult to strike. The legacy of St John's and Stonyhurst has been to come to understand this balance more fully, enact it more capably and respect it more deeply and for that, I am eternally grateful.

Adrian Flanagan
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Rupert Bell OS 81 - 86 says:

I started at St John's in 1976 and left Stonyhurst in 1986. My family links with both schools run deep with brother Ted making the same journey, as well as both parents serving as governors of St Johns and father Julian (OS) also for several stretches at the college. Other extended family OS include multiple Loftuses, Eastwoods and Yaultons; we understand some 7 consecutive generations have been through Stonyhurst one way or another.

After Stonyhurst, I spent a year in the US on an English Speaking Union Scholarship to St Andrews, Delaware (where the film *Dead Poets Society* was made), before reading Modern Languages at Exeter. I qualified as a chartered accountant in corporate recovery with Arthur Andersen, before joining the P&O group where I worked for Lord Sterling and Sir Bruce MacPhail as a corporate finance and strategy specialist. From here I moved into the world of private equity, helping to establish a specialist investment team with the multi family office Sand Aire, and later as an investor with both 3i and Octopus.

Along the way, I took the chance for an unusual sabbatical, studying theology at Oxford, where I slipped back under the OS influence of Nick King in particular, as well as Nick Fordham, and among other things enjoyed a brief return to playing cricket. More recently, I moved to Munich in 2010, having fallen for the charms of a local girl on a skiing trip, and am now married to Insa, with a young family comprising stepdaughter Stella (10), Franziska (2 1/2 and Oscar (4 months). My career remains linked to private equity – I run a small niche headhunting office, finding people for investment teams and their portfolio companies across the German speaking region and beyond. It seems a long time since Charlie Foulds was teaching me German vocab and irregular verbs, but they have come in rather useful in the end!

My links to the College remain active, both through my own social network and Association's events, in particular the Lourdes Pilgrimage, which I have been involved with for around 20 years, as well as occasional attendance at the Easter retreat, OS dinners and other functions.

My family still live just at the bottom of the hill from St John's and for many years long after our school days ended we remained regular visitors, whether to the swimming pool, for the Kids Week, or hosting what was an annual family cricket match on the Beaumont Flats. We have been staggered by the expansion of the facilities at St John's and the sheer scale of the school these days.

If anyone is tempted to visit Munich I would be delighted to meet up and show them the town.

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Edmund de Freitas OS 82 - 87 writes to say:

I am a proud old boy of St John's, Beaumont, with fond memories of the school and the surrounding area.

After leaving Stonyhurst, I went to the London School of Economics where I

completed a first degree in Economics and joined Price Waterhouse as a management consultant, first in Lisbon, Portugal and later in London. I then moved into banking with West LB Panmure in London and Rio de Janeiro. In 1999, I returned to Portugal where I got married to Mariana (née Portas) in 2000 and continued working in the financial sector. We have five children: Xavier, Diana, Flor, Bento (Benedict) and Vitoria. The eldest four are pupils at Sao Joao de Brito, a Jesuit college in Lisbon. I now work for Banco Santander Totta, a subsidiary of the Spanish Bank Santander, in Foreign Exchange Sales and Trading. Mariana works for the well-known Gulbenkian Foundation, also in Lisbon.

I completed a second degree in Economics at the Lisbon University and am a Chartered Management Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Victor Fauvelle OS 80 - 85 informs us that when he left St John's, he went to Stonyhurst mainly because his father Michael had been there (1933 – 1937) and thought it was a good idea – although he felt it had gone a bit soft since his time! Victor says:

Since leaving Stonyhurst, I have spent 25 years in the Fine Art auctioneering business, after completing a degree in History of Art at Leicester University. I worked for Phillips Auctioneers from 1989-1995, Sotheby's 1995-2005 and since 2007 I have been working in Salisbury for Woolley and Wallis Auctioneers as the Head of the Paintings Department. I am married and live in Hampshire with my wife Anna and children, Alexander 5, Madeleine 4 and Leo 2, and we are expecting another baby in September.

Michael McGrath OS 79 - 82

In 1984 at the age of 18, Michael was diagnosed with the muscle wasting disease Muscular Dystrophy (MD). He describes that diagnosis as his 'Castaway moment'.

But in 2004, Michael made history when he became the first disabled person to successfully organise expeditions to both the North and South Poles – a journey which inspired a whole new path in life. At the age of 12 Michael wanted to be a professional golfer. At 15 he dreamt of becoming the General Manager of the Savoy Hotel in London. Whilst at St John's Beaumont and then subsequently Stonyhurst, he enjoyed playing rugby, squash and tennis although cross-country running was in his own words 'not his thing'!

Some 30 years on, Michael is in demand as a sought after inspirational business speaker, provoking, stimulating and



Michael McGrath

inspiring change – leadership, courage and trust combined with resolute self-belief, confidence, teamwork and he admits, 'a singularly focused obsession' towards achieving desired outcomes were critical success factors in his polar achievements.

He draws on these experiences, giving wider business and life lessons – his wife is a co-director of a speaking and consulting business that's been going over 10yrs. Clients have included the NHS, Roche, Barclays, Goldman Sachs, Shell, The King's Fund, DHL, the Cabinet Office, PwC and Hilton Hotels for whom he was exclusively appointed the disABILITY Champion (a figurehead role in the UK & Ireland business) for which he was engaged for 4 years after he had planted their flag at the South Pole! He has also been invited to speak at various places of learning from Ashridge Business School (one of the world's leading business management colleges) to junior, secondary and special education needs (SEN) schools.

Michael received global support and endorsements from the likes of Sir Richard Branson, actors, media presenters and adventurers such as Kenneth Branagh (now a Patron for Michael's charity), Michael Palin, Chris Bonington and Jon Snow of C4 News as well as leading figureheads from the world of disability including the Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs at the European Commission in Brussels.

Michael was included in The Queen's 2004 Christmas Day television broadcast to the nation. In 2005, he received the prestigious Business Traveller of the Year Award presented to him by Kate Adie in Dubai. In December 2011, Michael was invited by Her Majesty The Queen to attend a Royal Reception at Buckingham Palace (timed to mark the 100th anniversary of

Captain Robert Scott's final expedition to the South Pole) for those involved in Adventure and Exploration.

When not speaking or consulting, he's raising funds and awareness to support The Muscle Help Foundation (Reg Charity No. 1096716) that delivers transformational, highly personalised experiences in the UK (called Muscle Dreams) for young people afflicted by Muscular Dystrophy. He is a Founder and the CEO, and is affectionately known as the Chief Muscle Warrior.

"We've got our unique Muscle Dreams, singular highly-personalised experiences for one beneficiary and then we have our Muscle Dream programmes where several recipients along with their families come together," says Michael. "Thanks to the support of companies like Standard Life, our flagship programme in August 2012 saw 75 families from around the UK enriched and inspired by the power of sport at the Paralympics. It's extremely powerful when beneficiaries and families come together over a shared experience; our work has real impact – fundamentally, we are changing lives and giving hope."

In August 2012, Michael was a Paralympic Torchbearer proudly carrying the flame on one of its final legs to the Olympic Stadium. He sits on two boards and is also a committed BRIT Mentor – the British Inspiration Trust (BRIT) is engaging with leading figureheads from across the country and from all sectors to pledge time to provide inspiration and mentorship to transform the lives of Young People Facing Adversity.

Family is at the core of everything Michael does. "It's not just about the experience, but it's about those connections with the mums and dads," he says. While there are improved support services available, some families have better coping strategies than others. What we try to do, in our own small way, is to deliver as rich an experience as possible."

Of course, there's one thing which Michael – or, more accurately, Michael's wife and daughter – has to think about throughout all of this: his own health and well-being. As well as running the charity, Michael's business keeps him on his toes – in 2013, the NHS engaged him and his wife to lead a public facing campaign called Stop the Pressure. Between travelling for work commitments to working tirelessly to realise Muscle Dreams, Michael is a busy man. "I'll be honest, where I am today is a different place to where I was just a couple of years ago in terms of the deteriorative nature of a disease that is slowly destroying my life," he admits reluctantly. "While the mind is

strong, the body is becoming weaker. But ultimately, when you're driving something forward which you absolutely believe in, the journey of life seems to get faster and faster; I derive great fulfilment from my work.

With such ambitions and dedication to his work and family, Michael's adopted life credo 'Quant Je Puis' resonates at the heart of a man that in the words of Alexandra Shackleton (one of his South Pole Expedition Patrons), continually demonstrates, like her grandfather Sir Ernest Shackleton, the qualities of optimism, courage, imagination and strong leadership – his polar achievements are extraordinary triumphs of physical and mental endurance, and should serve as a reminder to us all that, in Michael's own words ... "our limits are often far beyond where we may assume them to be".

Michael McGrath

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Christopher Page OS 67 - 76, for a variety of reasons, enjoys the distinction of having been to Hodder and St John's but there was never any doubt about him going anywhere other than the College. His father had been here and there were family ties from generations before that. He says:

After Stonyhurst, I spent a year as a shepherd in the Wicklow mountains, Eire. Then I went to Exeter College, Oxford for Modern History also rugby and rowing and other less academic or sporting activities. With my excellent degree, I became an abattoir butcher, dairyman, clotted cream maker and top class cloakroom attendant to pay off my overdraft. Then it was the College of Law and I have since been for thirty years a Private Client solicitor specialising in issues affecting farms and landed estates and acting for families, trusts and charities. I am now the Senior Partner of Charles Russell (650 staff and lawyers - HQ in the City plus five other offices world-wide; the third OS to be senior partner in the last 70 years.) I have been happily married for 30 years with five children (all OS). I walk (including to Rome!), paint (badly), fish (always dreaming of the Hodder), garden (vegetables only), sail (own a traditional Irish boat) and (with the door shut) play the Irish pipes. I am a trustee of a number of charities as well as of the Stonyhurst Association, Lourdes Pilgrimage Trust and Eagle Aid.

(He is a former Chairman of the Stonyhurst Association - Editor)

Once again the Wanderers convened at the College to take on the school at rugby, cricket, football and golf, but unfortunately in the days leading up to the weekend, we lost a number of rugby 7's teams, and decided to call off their normal tournament. Instead a number of players went over to Blackburn rugby club to play in an invitational side, and then returned to the College for supper.

The golf was well played, and ably organised by James Andrews, who himself was unable to attend; many thanks to all of the team, who came out on top again. The football also went very well, a good game by all accounts which the College won for a change!

On to the cricket; many thanks to all of the players who tried hard to overcome the College's score of 256 in a limited amount of time. The team included John Wareing, Christophe Williams, Tony Latham, Kirk Stokes, Graham McEwen, Freddie Timmins, Dan and John Smalley, Joe Hopkins and myself. We did have a good go at it, but alas the First XI bowled really well and we ran out of batsmen, falling well short on 159 all out.

It had looked an achievable target whilst Joe Hopkins and myself were batting, but when Joe fell for 58 and I holed out at extra cover for 43, we had to battle hard just to play for the draw. Despite some resistance from Dan Smalley & Kirk Stokes, the college gradually knocked us over and we capitulated, possibly due to the glorious wafting smell of the hog roast being prepared beside the pavilion.

There was a really pleasing turnout of OS and pupils alike, and the food was demolished rather quickly. Many thanks to Beverley Sillitoe as ever for organising things so well, and to Simon Charles and his staff for providing the OS with more than a test of sporting prowess! Well done to all of the Wanderers secretaries who managed to pull together OS from all over the country. It is a difficult task, and in truth, it's becoming harder as we all age disgracefully.

It would be very helpful if we could have a Wanderers' representative in each year school year, who could act as a liaison/organiser for their own OS year. It would be greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in stepping forward for their year should email me - Richard@richarddrinkwater.co.uk

Richard Drinkwater



Going for the catch

from **Eric Craven OS 81 - 83:**

I am delighted to report Stonyhurst Wanderers won the Lancashire Old Boys Golf Association Lord John Morley Trophy at St Annes Old Links for the first time ever last Thursday 12th June. The event has been running since 1946.

The Winning Team comprised Eric Craven (Capt), Chris Brennan OS, Dominic Rigby OS 82 - 91, David Parker OS and Mark Belderbos OS 56 - 61.

With four scores to count out of five, the Wanderers amassed 144 points to win and Dominic Rigby provided the icing on the cake by taking the individual winner's prize with a score of 42 points; this on a championship course which has hosted both Open Championship final qualifying and the Amateur Championship in recent years.

I would like to encourage more OS golfers to participate in a varied golf calendar both locally and nationally, via the Wanderers golf secretary James Andrews. There will be a Wanderers match at Royal Lytham & St Annes against a Royal Lytham team on 12th September with a dinner afterwards. This match was first staged last year and was a great success. Please register interest/availability with James Andrews at: James.Andrews@bain.com

Eric Craven



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The draw for April was won by J A Cotton OS 39 - 44 who lives in Harrogate. The draw was made by Louise North, Deputy Head (Higher Line) at the College.

We do not have contact details for many OS of this vintage and perhaps others are no longer with us but here we have news of some of those still in touch.

John Coverdale writes:

My arrival at Stonyhurst followed that of my father (OS 1923) and a number of ancestors and cousins. In my first year, I recall a new lay master on his first day awarding me four ferulas. At the lower end of the punishment spectrum, centuries' old tradition was of course either three, or six of the best. I entered Number 10 asking if four was permitted. 'I'll bend the rules for you', came the reply. So I contributed just one small piece to our college's history!

Despite the above, Stonyhurst has been my bedrock in an ever changing world. In the 1949 annual three day retreat the intoned words 'Do your best, leave the rest, angels can't do better' continue to reverberate; as does Air Vice Marshall Sir Basil Embry's speech at Great Academies in 1951 warning "If you want to get where you want in life, ignore the motto 'Safety First'. Just head out and make it happen!"

Helped with the fortitude that emanates from Stonyhurst, I set up in business at an unusually early age, moving into marketing through the major retail and mail order outlets countrywide. After selling this company in the early '70s, my wife Nicky and I made a conscious decision to bring up the family in the country, settling for Worcestershire.

I built up a medium sized independent financial, tax and investment management firm in the centre of Worcester, which allowed me to develop and pass on my own financial and investment philosophy to others. After acquiring and consolidating a firm of similar size to mine, I sold out to a plc in London in the mid '90s. Amongst other activities, I became an Underwriting member of Lloyd's in 1977 and planted a forest in Scotland in 1984 which will soon be reaching maturity.

Back to the mid '50s, I was among a number of London OS whose week centred on the 11 o'clock Mass at Farm Street (followed by a cappuccino in one of the Park Lane coffee houses) and we merrily sang Christmas carols in Leicester Square for three years running.

Nicky and I met in 1962 and we married at St. Etheldreda's, Ely Place the following

year. We have four children and ten grandchildren, two boys of whom belong to our younger son Philip (OS 1997), married to Clare in 2004. Nicky is one of five and I one of four, so between us we are also truly blessed with cousins, nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces and we all celebrated a very happy Golden Wedding at our home just last month.

Our parish is St. George's in Worcester and for many years I have planned the music for the 9.30 family Mass. I myself lead the music on the organ about once a month and once again I have Micky Po to thank for his inspiration.

We are within minutes of Junction 6 off the M5 and if any of my contemporaries are passing through, do break your journey (01905 451192). We would love to see you and provide some refreshment at the very least!

Wilfrid Weld writes to say that he went on to Sandhurst after the College, where he lined the Coronation route in Parliament Square. More recently, he attended the Jubilee Service in Westminster Abbey. He was commissioned into The Queen's Bays, serving in Germany, Jordan, Libya and UK. Leaving the army in 1959, he became a Chartered Surveyor and managed the family estates at Lulworth and Southport. He is still involved with farming with the local ecology much in mind, and leisure, owning the castle and cove at Lulworth.

He was appointed Deputy Lieutenant in 1984 and High Sheriff of Dorset in 1996 and has been a magistrate for twenty years. His sporting interests include cricket with Hampshire County Cricket Club as member, President and Patron and he has played rugby for Dorchester. He is also President of Dorset Gardens Trust, the Blind Association and the Master Thatchers' Association. He travels a lot, enjoys game shooting, gardening, photography and studying family history. He has seven children, seventeen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

In 1954 with a fellow junior officer, he drove from Lulworth to Amman in a Triumph TR2, the first he says to do it since 1939.

Mike Ward tells us that he was sent to the College to continue an interrupted Jesuit education but had never played rugby before and was not much good at it. Fortunately

he was happier at other sports and in the classrooms and laboratories and enjoyed being in the CCF where time spent on the firing range proved very useful during National Service.

In 1961, he married his wife Catherine when they were both on the staff of Lloyds Bank who moved them to Nottingham where they started their family of four children and twelve grandchildren. Eventually he was transferred to the City and now lives in Dorking

He retired as manager of the City branch, Cheapside and was then asked to help the Catholic order of The Servite Sisters with a charity they were starting. This ran for fourteen years and gave some £3,000,000 supporting marginalised women and refugees. He says: 'It was a great privilege to be able to participate in this work which was immensely rewarding. I learned a great deal and met many wonderful people.'

In a brief letter, **Gerard Eaton** informs us that he and his wife Imelda celebrated their Golden Wedding in 2011 and complains that he has eight grandchildren who keep him exhausted and broke and that his golf is in serious decline although he manages some participation with the Wanderers. He is able to serve Mass during the week and is president of a charity for homeless young people. He hopes to visit the College in the near future and asks for prayers for his brother **Ernest (OS)** who is seriously ill with muscular dystrophy.

Michael Lavery writes to say:

When I left Stonyhurst in 1951, National Service was a reality for most of us and I chose to go into the Army before going up to Oxford. As it turned out, this decision had a major influence on my future career as I was sent to Malaya with the King's African Rifles and spent months in the jungle fighting Communist Terrorists. Towards the middle of my tour of duty, I contracted polio quite seriously and was eventually invalided home and left with a weakened right leg and a noticeable limp.

I then went to university to read Law and at the end of my third year I was offered two jobs. One was with Shell International Petroleum and the other was the Overseas Civil Service in Nyasaland. My interest in Nyasaland originated in my serving with Nyasa troops in Malaya. Not surprisingly,

I opted for Africa and spent a three year tour in the country which was beginning to experience the rise of nationalism and heading for independence.

Towards the end of my first tour, I met my wife-to-be in a remote district on the shores of Lake Nyasa. The town was called Nkhotakota and it had been the centre for the Arab slave trade until it was wiped out by the efforts of David Livingstone and others, 80-90 years before. We married on my first UK leave and returned for a further three year tour during which we produced three children (including twins) and I eventually took over the post of District Commissioner, Zomba-Zomba being the Government capital at the time. By now, independence was imminent and we reluctantly decided to leave and return to the UK in search of a new career. In hindsight, the seven years in Malawi were the most satisfying of my working career.

On return to the UK I eventually obtained a second offer from Shell which I was only too pleased to accept with a wife and two small children in tow. I joined the Personnel side of the business (now known as Human Resources) and spent my first six years doing mainly industrial relations work at a refinery – a tough assignment at any time.

From there, I was transferred to Nigeria with the family (now four children) where life was exciting and fascinating as the country was recovering from the dreadful legacy of the Biafran War. We had another overseas assignment a few years later in Brunei. This gave us a wonderful insight into many nearby countries in the Far East and my final post was that of Personnel Director of Shell's North Sea operations.

I retired at the early age of fifty-five (not unusual in the oil industry) and have remained at our home in Hampshire ever since. We still manage to play tennis on our grass court and until ten years ago we used to run a small flock of sheep. Frequent visits by our nine grandchildren keep us alert and active and we are planning a return to Malawi next year to revive memories and see how the country has developed in the last fifty years.

Raymond Fenelon read Law at St Catherine's College, Oxford and then joined Gray's Inn with the intention of reading for the Bar. At the same time however, he joined the staff of the British Mechanical Engineering Federation becoming Secretary and dropping the idea of becoming a barrister.

While in London, he served on the committees of the Wanderers and then the Stonyhurst Association. He was frequently

to be seen at Farm Street, at OS gatherings and even on the sports field despite, he says, a lack of talent.

In 1964, he moved to Paris to join the International Chamber of Commerce, becoming Director of Economic and Financial Policy with responsibility for International Trade Policy, International Investment, Monetary Policy, Multinational Corporations, Taxation, Insurance and the Environment.

He was seconded to establish the International Centre for Industry and the Environment in Nairobi enabling a group of major business organisations to relate to the United Nations Environment Programme and he was its chief executive for eighteen months.

In 1977 he became Secretary General of the International Hotel Association, in Paris but representing the industry world-wide and was elected Chairman of the European Tourism Action Group.

He lives in retirement in Montargis, south of Paris but says he is active with the museum, church restoration and in local politics. He has three children by his first wife, Henriette, and one son by his second wife, Donna Anne Reitano of New Jersey.

Reminiscing about his time at the College, **Roeland Raymakers** says:

My love for my old school has never wavered. Memories start with the gentle and kindly Father Weld at Hodder. I soon moved up to the College where my two brothers **Peter** and **William** had gone ahead of me. Academically I was no more than average, as is shown in my school reports. I was probably a late developer because a term report signed by Father Rooney and Father Tranmar says 'he has worked hard and has successfully overcome a languid nature.' At sports I was awarded my full Rugby colours and I was about second team standard at other games, though I did win the high jump! I escaped any troublesome injuries, but Matron Baines was always willing to dispense Syrup of Figs and Malt for bruises and all ailments.

I can remember one or two boys who were clearly a bad influence on me, but I paid only a occasional visit to Number 10. (e.g. caught in possession of five Woodbines at Bolton's Post Office)

1950 was Holy Year and my father, my eldest brother and I joined the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage to Rome. On arrival there, my father was very disappointed that no special private audience with Pope Pius 12th had been arranged for the Stonyhurst contingent. He set about at once to correct that. After much effort and many phone

calls and being somewhat economical with the truth, the Dutch Embassy said that indeed there was an invitation for a Mr Raymakers. Being Dutch himself, he was able to convince the Dutch officials that the invitation must be for him.

On the appointed day, the three of us went to Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer residence, with the invitation that we knew was not really for us. We passed rather nervously through several controls of Swiss Guards and were led into a large room where about four small groups awaited the Pope.

We spoke to His Holiness for about five minutes and I was too nervous to say much coherently. My mother was very ill at the time and major surgery was being considered. My father asked the Pope to remember my mother in his prayers and the Pope said he would do so. We were given medals which the Pope blessed and we went on our way.

At the conclusion of our audience, I noticed that a few paces from us, awaiting their turn, were **Prince Maximilian von Habsburg-Lothringen (OS 1951)** suitably attired in top hat and tails, medals and sashes, with his sister.

It was an experience of a lifetime and more importantly my mother made a full recovery. Pius 12th has been considered a candidate for beatification but I doubt if my mother's recovery could be considered miraculous. My father said little about it all, particularly as we had usurped someone else's invitation.

I was encouraged to study medicine by Mr Garmon (Biology) and was accepted at the Westminster Hospital Medical School where there were several OS including Frank d'Abreu and Philip King and I think my modest ability at rugby may have acted in my favour.

In 1960 at St Ethelreda's in Holborn, I married Joan Creasey, a nurse from the Westminster Hospital. We have four children and eight grandchildren and at my retirement, I was Head of Orthopaedic Services at the Leicester Royal Infirmary. We collect antique furniture, paintings and maps, Russian icons, Georgian flatware and drinking glasses. Being of Dutch origin, I love Delftware. I also collect chamber pots and I still hope that one day I will find a potty where 'Quant je Puis', on the base instructs the user.

Prince Maximilian von Habsburg-Lothringen mentioned above, informs us that:

"I was born in Vienna in 1932 and I was taken to Mondsee to my father's house where I lived until 1947. In 1938 the German

CARITAS

THE STONYHURST CLUB FOR WORKING BOYS

The early years of the 20th century saw an awakening social conscience among the more privileged and Stonyhurst was moved to found a Social and Sports Club in Liverpool for working class children. Many public schools sponsored such projects and in 1938, the idea was revived and a committee of Stonyhurst men and friends, with the keen support of the clergy, was formed to raise funds and find a suitable home for such a club in a poor district of London. It was hoped that all Stonyhurst people would contribute, with donations and subscriptions to maintain the club, including the pupils at Stonyhurst and Hodder.

Over £3,600 was quickly raised with some extremely generous donations and promises to provide an income of £150 pa had been made, although it was pointed out in the Stonyhurst Magazine that to provide the same facilities as other public schools, an income of £600 pa was needed. Also, although seventeen hundred copies of the appeal were sent out, less than two hundred replies were received.

The Magazine reported: 'On December 1st, the club was opened. All through the preceding week crowds of boys, noisy, ruly and unruly, were ringing the bell asking if the club, their Club, was open. Some came

invasion came and Nazi propaganda, German money, rations. The correct greeting was 'Heil Hitler' with a raised right hand. That was down in the market village, Mondsee. Higher up the slopes where Catholic farmers lived, the dialect form of a Christian greeting was 'May God greet you'. You had better not make a mistake! No parents, friends, ever told me what to think, say or talk about family, religion, politics, history. All young boys or girls had to join the Hitler Youth – meetings, propaganda, singing, marching, fitness.... Those who did not attend were warned their parents would face a fine or imprisonment. I attended two schools in Mondsee and one Higher School in Salzburg. Later Allied bombing started, Boeings in the day and Lancasters at night, mostly in Salzburg. The Americans preferred carpet bombing (less effort). From the roof window at home, I could read about Red Indians and see German fighter planes shooting down American bombers.

The collapse of Germany was a great event; chaos, refugees, hardship – no order. Eventually the Americans came and occupied the place in 1945 – silence, no more shouting and stamping. Suddenly nobody had ever been a Nazi. We had more food. As we had a British governess in the house (Allied personnel!), we were not occupied. Schools started again and reconstruction began and a new Austrian Republic was born. We had new identity cards in German and English, French and Russian for the Allied Powers.



Above: **Dani Gaughan OS 09 - 11** and her brother **Jamie** ran in the London Marathon for Jesuit Missions raising in the region of £1500 so far.

direct from the neighbouring Catholic Schools, others a little older, very little, from attending a barrow in Portobello Road!

Captain H Digby-Beste OS 1894 (see '50 years ago') and formerly of the Indian Navy was appointed Warden and had quarters on the top floor. Below that were premises used by the Barat Club for girls which shared the building. Younger OS

As we were told that we were on the Black List of the Russians and the frontier line was quite near, my mother, sister and I travelled to London to stay with friends and later to Ireland and in 1948 I was sent to Stonyhurst – strict discipline, lots of sports, no fear of bad marks-sports seemed more important: finally Life! New books all about the war from the Allied side. The British were kind and helpful with no questions asked. I am grateful for all the help and assistance I received: I preferred walking the hills alone with no supervision, and liked the military exercises. At Stonyhurst, education was well suited to British public life, behaviour, politeness, speaking up, standing by your principles. Admirable!"

Leaving Stonyhurst with many happy memories, Prince Max went to Lincoln College, Oxford to read Philology, French and German and enjoying the discussion type of tuition and the teamship spirit of the 3rd Rowing Eight.

Returning to Austria in 1954, he obtained a job with the Foreign Trade Department of the Vienna Federal Economic Chamber and after training, his first posting was to Rome, which he describes as very civilised and relaxing. His next was in London where he was able to enjoy the hospitality of the Oxford and Cambridge Club and the still lingering 'British Empire feeling'. Further appointments in Teheran, Morocco, Spain and back to Austria, followed and he retired in 1997. He is married with one daughter.



2002 Michael de Giorgio (above) and Justin Byam-Shaw organised the very first multisports programme at St Paul's School, West London, with the help of PC Dave Simms from the Metropolitan Police. After an article in *The Times*, three more private schools offered their facilities and the idea of transporting disadvantaged young people to use such top facilities, was born.

2 weekend programmes

2003 The Greenhouse Schools Project (GSP) continued to run weekend and holiday programmes at St Paul's and St Paul's Girls' School and KCS Wimbledon.

2 weekend programmes

2004 The programmes continued but it was realised that the most cost-effective way to use sport to change lives was to bring it to young people in their own neighbourhoods so the current model of full-time schools sports programmes was started reaching 1275 young people in 8 locations

12 weekend programmes plus summer holiday sessions.

2005 GSP merged with Bethwin Football Club, situated near Europe's most notorious housing estates. Help was received from St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College and brought a sister charity, TTK under the Greenhouse umbrella and a branch for table tennis - extended into Wales!

34 programmes plus holiday sessions

2006 Basketball was introduced and a first dance programme and with the help of teachers from Westminster School, even GCSE Revision classes! This was the first year of an independent evaluation of Greenhouse.

29 programmes plus holiday sessions

2009 GSP changed to Greenhouse Charity to reflect the work done in the community, not just schools. Judo and Volleyball were introduced.

37 programmes



2010 Greenhouse was chosen to deliver 'Playing to Win' supported by the Mayor's Fund for three years. 36 programmes

2011 Goldman Sachs pledged £1.6m funding which saw the launch of 10 new Olympic sport programmes and dedicated volunteers gave 11,000 hours of their time. The 'Give back, Go forward' volunteering

scheme for older participants was started. 41 programmes

2012 Tennis and athletics were introduced in East London, reaching about 10,000 young people. They joined the Royal Foundation of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry to launch Coach Core. 42 programmes

Speaking at the VIII World Union Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) Congress 2013, according to the theme 'How to practice social responsibility for the benefit of the most needy in our societies', Swati Gautam from India raised the question 'Who are the needy?'

The common folly that we suffer from is that it is the poor who are needy; that by giving of our financial resources we are helping the economically underprivileged; further, that this charity can absolve us of our non-virtuous dealings including the guilt of selfishness that we may sometimes try to suppress. We couldn't be more wrong. Whilst in absolutely no way am I attempting to even remotely take away from the wonderful generosity of those who pledge their hard earned resources to the poor, I'd also like to draw our attention to the possibility that the very same donors could well be overlooking the basic needs of people in their own vicinity. Charity, after all said the old adage, begins at home; but, in our fast paced world long-sightedness is swamping us, making us unable to clearly focus on subjects close us, whilst letting us very clearly view everything from afar! I'd like to clarify that all of us are and wish to be responsible for those loved ones whose lives we are involved with (such as our children and partners); however I'm speaking about extending the same kind of empathy towards those who are near us and yet may have nothing to offer to us: they too should constitute a layer in our circle of concern and responsibility.

To me personally, the greatest need is of those who need our time. For time is precious and a moment passed is a moment past; it is not reimbursable by any power whatsoever. The ones who need our time are those who need that special human touch of love, caring and warmth. Lao Tzu, the ancient Chinese philosopher stands vindicated in today's contemporary context of our fast lives, for he'd believed that 'Time is a created thing. To say I don't have time is like saying I don't want to'.

Gentlemen and Ladies, it is when we give of our time that we give the most, the best possible and in the most genuine manner. As my resident saint of Calcutta, Mother Teresa often used to say, "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." In short, I needed you and you did not turn me away.

Swati Gautam

Since the Catholic Association Pilgrimage in 2012, Lourdes had been hit by serious flooding not just once, but twice. Flood damage was still evident by the time that we arrived – some of the hotels were still closed and there were uprooted trees and damaged walls and buildings along the banks of the river. But having seen pictures of what the Sanctuaries and Grotto (not to mention the underground Basilica) looked like during the floods – especially in June last year, it was incredible that Lourdes had been restored to nearly its former self by August. It was as much as

anything else a matter of French national pride to clear the mud and repair the damage, and to continue to welcome the millions of visitors to one of France's best known and most recognised treasures.

Stonyhurst Pilgrims were once again present in great number. Many more College pupils applied to join the Pilgrimage than the Pilgrimage could realistically manage, there having to be a maximum for a variety of reasons. The Pilgrimage Trustees did all that they could to accommodate the demand, and there were more young helpers than ever before. It is a far cry from the days in the first years of the millennium, recalled by two longstanding members of the group as they reminisced, when the average age of the Pilgrims seemed to increase by a year with each succeeding year of the Pilgrimage. The College pupils last year worked hard with infectious enthusiasm, and provoked comment, both on the Pilgrimage and in letters written to the Trustees afterwards, on their friendliness, kindness and hard work.



For those who return year after year, Lourdes still has the same impact as it does on those who arrive there for their first visit. There is an atmosphere of celebration mixed with solemn adoration, and an all-pervasive desire to assist those who need assistance. The Pilgrimage may only be one week of the year, but it is a very important week for many people, most especially for the many Assisted Pilgrims who are too dependent on other people to contemplate any form of travel without the amount and kind of help available on the Pilgrimage.

The Pilgrimage is important to these people who deserve the chance to travel to Lourdes in a way that would otherwise just not be possible. But it is also important to the young helpers and others who travel to assist. Lourdes may offer the first chance for them to learn how rewarding it is to look after people who depend on them, and that lesson can be life-changing. At the very least it imparts a willingness to help, and for some it totally changes the path that their life will take.

If you would be interested in joining the Pilgrimage, either as a helper or as an Assisted Pilgrim, please contact Beverley in the Association office. There is no maximum age for helpers (there are helpers in their 80s!) or minimum age for Assisted Pilgrims (there is a group for children – also run by OSI!). And if you feel able to contribute financially to the cost of subsidising either Assisted Pilgrims or young helpers, your help would be most welcome.

Robin Mellows



Will Greenwood's name is usually associated with rugby, as a former English International, analyst and columnist for the *Daily Telegraph*, but recently he and his family were in the news for other reasons. Will and his wife Caro had the great misfortune to lose their son who was born premature and lived for only 45 minutes. Caro had a rare condition which meant that pregnancies would always be touch-and-go but later with the help and expert guidance of Mark Johnson, professor of obstetrics at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, they have now three healthy children which previously they had thought impossible.

In August, Will and Caro will be leading a team of 20 supporters climbing to the summit of Kilimanjaro to raise money for Borne, a charity founded last year by Professor Johnson to research pregnancy complications.

www.borne.org.uk



XAVIER PROJECT

In his winter newsletter, Edmund Page informs us that 'This year we have taken on a record fifteen new students into secondary school in Kenya. The selection process is six months long and ensures we really get to know the children before we agree to support them.'

After summer camps, in which we assess aptitude and dedication, and once their primary results are in, we selected the students who performed the best, as well as those who showed outstanding character during the camps.

The third week of January was spent rushing round Nairobi doing our best to haggle down the prices of metal boxes, mattresses, blankets, bed sheets, bed covers, padlocks, buckets, uniform, books, plates, cups and spoons to name but a few. We escorted all the students to their new schools and made sure they settled at school with good security.'

www.xavierproject.org — see p. 27 'Stop Press' to support current fund raising.

RACHEL HINDLE, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

It has been a busy year with new initiatives and visits to many OS across the country and further afield. The Development Office continues to actively seek support for our fundraising needs. If you would like to discuss this in more detail or you would like to become a member of our Legacy Society please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Hindle, Development Director on 01254 827147 or r.hindle@stonyhurst.ac.uk .



An Evening with our Curator

The Development Office held the first in a series of evenings which aim to share our Collections with our parents. The event, in the Tolkien Library at St. Mary's Hall, started with a warm welcome to our guests from the College Headmaster, Andrew Johnson, followed by an informative and highly entertaining look at some of the items from our wonderful collections by Jan Graffius, Stonyhurst Curator. Jan's knowledge and enthusiasm kept everyone riveted while she spoke on various pieces from the Collections.

It was hosted by the Association President, Judge James Hanratty, who gave an interesting and informative talk about the Club and the wonderful portraits in the Picture Room. This was followed by an update of the College by the Headmaster and then a tour of the Athenaeum Club by Judge Hanratty.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Stonyhurst Commemoration of World War I – Sunday 12th October

The commemoration will start with High Mass in St. Peter's Church followed by a commemoration parade and drinks and canapés in the Ambulacrum. Invitations will be sent to you very soon.

An Evening with our Curator Thursday November 6th at Stonyhurst

The second event in a series of talks about the Stonyhurst Collections by Jan Graffius.

Bursary Gatherings with Michael Joseph

A number of small gatherings have been taking place around the country headed by Michael Joseph (OS, former parent & former Chairman of the Association), the Headmaster and Rachel Hindle the Development Director. The purpose of these meetings is to talk to our Alumni about our great need for Bursary support with the main aim being to discuss fundraising initiatives for our Bursary Programme. This has so far resulted in some donations and a pledge to fund a full Bursary for 5 years.

Headmaster's Overseas Trips

The Headmaster has had three extremely successful overseas trips to Hong Kong, Mexico and Malta this year in our continued effort to strengthen our links and to meet with new prospective parents, current parents and Alumni.

Thomas Weld Society Lunch

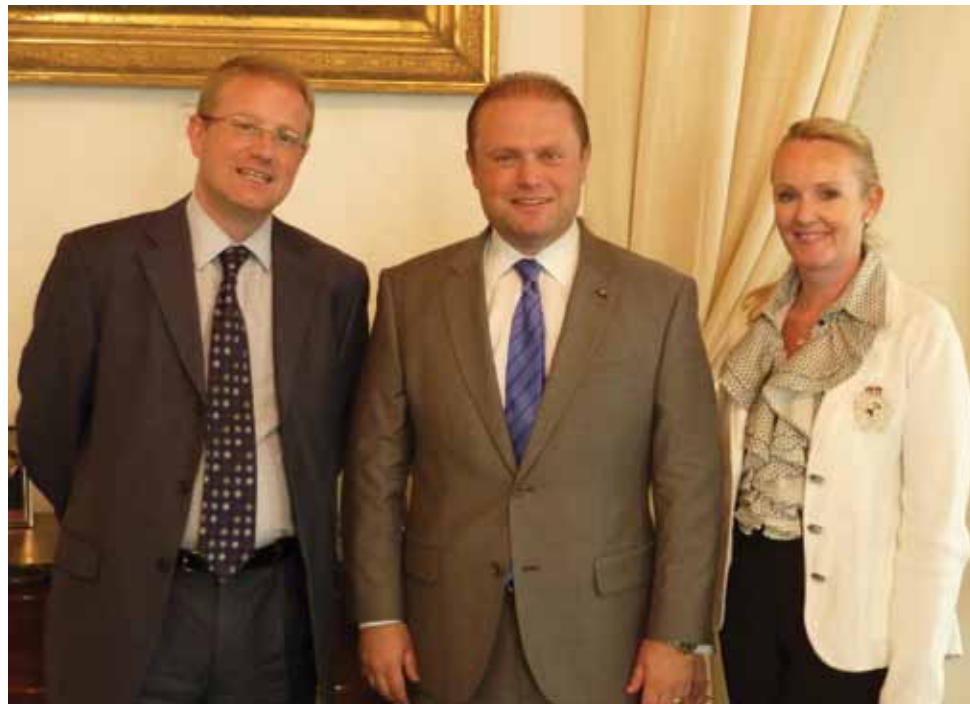
Our Thomas Weld Society Legacy Lunch took place on Wednesday 5th February in London at the Athenaeum Club. This was the first time we had held a legacy lunch away from Stonyhurst and was by request from the members who could not make such a long trip back to Lancashire for the annual gathering.

Giving Report

You will have recently received a copy of our Giving Report from the Development Office which highlights our fundraising achievements and gives thanks to our generous donors. Please do call Rachel Hindle on the number above if you wish to discuss any aspect of the report in more detail.

May Plaque

We are delighted to have been able to commission a new memorial plaque in recognition of the support shown by the May family. The May family generously left the majority of their estate to the school. As per their wishes, this has been used to help fund the refurbishment of the historic libraries and towards supporting our Bursary Programme. The plaque was unveiled earlier this month in The Silence Gallery.



Below: the Headmaster, left, and Development Director Rachel Hindle, right, with Dr Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister of Malta.

FROM THE HEADMASTER, MR. ANDREW JOHNSON

ONE OF THE DISTINCTIVE features of Stonyhurst has always been its international dimension. After all, in the first two centuries of the College's history, it was located in what is now France and Belgium, and funds for the College's foundation were provided by the Spanish monarchy. Some of the local continentals became students and a considerable number came from America. Then, during much of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, a significant minority of pupils came from Catholic aristocratic families in Europe and beyond, with a handful being the children of European royal families.

It is not surprising, therefore, that Stonyhurst continues to be a British Jesuit school with an international flavour and a global outlook. Currently, just over one third of our pupils are foreign nationals and come to us from over thirty different countries. Moreover, an increasing number of current and prospective parents tell me that the openness to and understanding of other cultures which this engenders is an attractive feature of the education which we offer.

Students at Stonyhurst have the benefit of links with other Jesuit institutions throughout the world. We have a strong association with Wah Yan College, Hong Kong, from where we recruit students and with which we enjoyed a very successful musical exchange in 2013. We also recruit from Loyola Jesuit College, Nigeria, and have a well-established partnership with St Peter's Kubatana, Zimbabwe through the Jesuit Missions companions programme. Indeed, we are hoping to be able to welcome a small group from Zimbabwe to Lancashire in September 2014. We enjoy foreign language exchanges with Colleg St Blasien, Germany and San José Jesuitak, Durango, Spain. For the last few years now there have also been volunteering opportunities for Higher Line pupils in Peru and China.

You may well be aware that Georgetown University, Washington DC, was founded by Bishop John Carroll, an old boy of St Omers. There has been a recent visit from Georgetown to Stonyhurst to promote US universities in general and Georgetown in particular, and we have this year had a recent graduate of Georgetown on the staff, who has helped to guide those pupils planning to apply to US higher education institutions.

This international mindedness fits well, of course, with the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma programme, which we introduced to the College alongside A levels in September 2013. In the current Poetry, we have 17 IB students, and we expect this to rise to about 30 students in next year's Poetry. The introduction of IB at Stonyhurst has also sparked interest in the College from other parts of the Jesuit world. We have discussed our experiences with Boston College High School, USA, and with the Jesuit school in Oviedo, Spain. There has also been significant interest in Stonyhurst from the Italian Jesuit province, with a visit by teachers from Istituto Massimo in Rome and a plan for a dozen or so students from schools in the Italian province to start the IB with us in Higher Line in September 2014.

I firmly believe that, in a world where mutual understanding across national boundaries and cultures has never been more important, the global network of Jesuit schools in general, and Stonyhurst in particular, have a privileged place and special responsibilities to make a significant contribution for the common good.



A YEAR WITH THE COLLECTIONS

GABRIEL COHEN OS 07 - 09, PERSON'S FELLOWSHIP 2013-14

STONYHURST HAS GIVEN me so much: a wonderful education, my faith (after having left as a pupil I was welcomed into the Church in 2010 at the Stonyhurst Easter Retreat), my wife (I married Elizabeth, an OS, in the Boys' Chapel in 2012), and inspiration for our son's name – Ignatius! This last year Stonyhurst has given me yet more, with the experiences and opportunities provided under the auspices of the Association-sponsored Persons' Fellowship.

Having read History at Oxford I have been delighted to undertake research into two of the most important and interesting library Collections held at the college: firstly, a recusant collection initially compiled by the 18th century priest Fr Cuthbert Haydock, with books dating from the mid-16th century; and secondly, a collection which seems to have come from the 18th century Jesuit mission in Bristol. My research took me on trips to libraries in Preston, London and Dorset, and to the extremely helpful Professor Maurice Whitehead in Swansea. It is clear that these books provide a marvellous insight into the subjects read by English secular and Jesuit priests in the 18th and 19th centuries.

I have been heavily involved in the day-to-day affairs of the Collections. Needless to say, there is no 'typical' day working here, so that experiences have been varied and I have been kept on my toes. From assisting BBC and French film crews to giving talks on the Collections at SJB, and from guiding a pupil enterprise group tasked with creating SCHAT Christmas cards to chasing up queries from academics, and from polishing silver to setting-up exhibitions I can say that I have learnt an awful lot and have had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

I have been fortunate enough to participate in a number of areas of the Stonyhurst community and college life through teaching History to LG and Grammar, tutoring Rhetoricians applying to university to read law, tutoring Grammarians and Syntaxians



struggling with their classwork in English and Maths, and helping-out with the Arrupe programme by driving Poet volunteers to their placements.

In true Ignatian style the Persons' Fellowship may also be seen as offering a period of discernment to young people trying to make sense of the direction in which their lives are going. In my case this has resulted in a career decision to continue along the path to becoming a solicitor.

May I express my gratitude to Stonyhurst, and the Association in particular, for the opportunities afforded me over the past year. My thanks also to Jan Graffius, Michael Turner and Phoebe Robertson for their kindness, their wit, and the expertise they have shared with me.

Gabriel Cohen

Introduction from Fr Roger Dawson SJ, new Director of St Beuno's ...

... to all of you thinking of taking part in the third Stonyhurst Association Weekend Retreat, Jesuit spirituality is about 'finding God in all things' and this retreat will focus on some of the ways in which St Ignatius in the Spiritual Exercises helps us to do just that – to discern and notice how God is at work in the whole of our life and world.

My hope is that through the prayer and other activities and the silence and beauty of St Beuno's you will encounter Christ in your life and deepen your relationship with God. Group meetings provide the opportunity for me to suggest topics and approaches for prayer, and for us all to share our experiences and reflections to the extent that we wish.

There will be opportunities for one-on-one meetings with me as the retreat guide. Otherwise, the retreat will be in silence, 'so that we can hear our own lives whispering to us and, in that sound, hear the voice of God'.

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'THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE'

DAVID HURST



Left: Their Name Liveth For Evermore

This powerful commemoration is carved into the central Stone of Remembrance of all military cemeteries established and immaculately maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in Picardy and Flanders along the line of the Western Front of World War I. Photographs by Dominic Medley OBE, OS '89

FROM 10-14 APRIL this year, Paul Garlington, battlefield historian from St Mary's Hall, led our group of 25 from the Association to visit battlefield sites and military cemeteries, but mainly to learn about and to pay our respects to the Stonyhurst men who fought and fell in this region during the Great War. With the aid of a tablet containing the recently digitised Stonyhurst War Record, we were instantly able to read about OS men as we stood by their graves.

We were accompanied by Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ as chaplain who said moving prayers at the gravesides of OS and also of family members of the group for whom we made special detours.

Starting our trip in the area of the Somme, Paul illuminated for us ordinary fields, ditches, open spaces and woods which one hundred years ago would have echoed to the noise of gunfire and death.

We visited Contalmaison and heard how Lieutenant Raymond Binns (OS 1897-1902), a talented artist famed for designing the Stonyhurst crest, was killed in action. His colonel wrote that Binns was 'a fine soldier who died while assaulting the enemy position which the battalion eventually captured.' We laid a wreath on his grave at Bécourt Military Cemetery, with his design of the crest upon it.

At Guillemont we saw where Second Lieutenant (later Captain) George Gabriel Coury (OS 1907-1912) won the Victoria Cross on 8th August 1916 for "...most conspicuous bravery" in rescuing his

wounded commanding officer "... in broad daylight and in full view of the enemy.'

We were profoundly moved both by Thiepval, the vast Lutyens-designed 1932 war memorial to over 72,000 missing British and South African men who died in the Battles of the Somme who have no known graves, and also by the deeply impressive South African Memorial at Delville Wood - known to those who fought there as "Devil's Wood".

Travelling into Belgium to Mons, the site where the first major battle of the war broke out on 23 August 1916, we saw the very position where Lieutenant Maurice James Dease, Royal Fusiliers (OS 1905-1907) held the bridge across the Mons-Condé Canal with his machine gun section against overwhelming German forces and was awarded the first Victoria Cross of the Great War.

Maurice Dease is buried in the military cemetery of St Symphorien, one of very



Above: Paul Garlington at the grave of Maurice Dease VC



Right: Thiepval Memorial

MISCELLANY AND CORRESPONDENCE



few where Commonwealth and German soldiers lie side by side and soon to be the focus of Her Majesty the Queen's visit on 4 August to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of war.

A Mons City Hall placard reads, 'After fifty months of German occupation Mons was recaptured by the Canadian Corps on 11 November 1918. Here was fired the last shot of the Great War.'

We then moved further west and visited Tyne Cot, the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in the world, whose land was assigned to the UK in perpetuity by King Albert I of Belgium as a sign of his nation's gratitude.

Finally, in the Belgian town of Ypres, Association President Judge James Hanratty laid a Stonyhurst wreath after the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, memorial to over 54,000 named soldiers of Commonwealth nations missing in

the area during the Great War. Although surrounded on three sides, Ypres remained the last major Belgian town not under German occupation.

All of the cemeteries we visited are looked after by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and, without exception, the graves and surrounding gardens we saw were immaculately kept.

The weather was kind to us throughout our trip whereas on the Somme we pondered silently that, almost one hundred years previously, the battle had raged from the heat of July to the bitter cold of November.

For many of us this trip was an ambition fulfilled and we all left feeling more connected to those who fought and the many thousands who did not return home all those years ago.

"Stonyhurst sent to the Great War 1,012 of us, of whom 167 gave their lives for King and Country. In addition to the two Victoria

Crosses held before the war by Stonyhurst men, three more were gained during the war, making five in all. These figures show the spirit animating the school, and prove the high sense of duty and disregard of self inculcated by Stonyhurst." Taken from General Sir Edward Bulfin's 1925 preface to the Stonyhurst War Record.

Above: the Tour group; and below: the wreath laid at the Menin Gate



Robert Sherry OS 45 - 54, RIP, (right) graduated from Oxford and decided to settle in America but was drafted into the army and kept a diary of the experience. His brother, **Professor P.J. Sherry OS 48 - 56**, sent us some excerpts and here is one of them describing his training and what it was like to be English:

I'd thought at first that this would have been a distinct disadvantage - mockery, etc. It was probably fortunate that I'd been in the States 18 months and had become used to US argot and ways. Mimicking an English accent of course there was, but I used to parrot it back. Fat old Sgt. Watkins: 'I say old chap do have a spot of tea' (where he got the phrase 'spot of tea' I don't know); Sgt. Johnson (Big John - a great guy, incredibly magnanimous, a good handler of people) - 'Hello, meine Cherie', followed by a huge chuckle of laughter shaking his big frame. But in fact I think on the whole that my Englishness was a help. Here one had a distinct identity and character; also, thank Heaven, one not associated with class (no-one in fact guessed that I'd been to university, nor did I ever have any reason to display knowledge), and in the army this was a distinct help. People to whom otherwise I had never spoken, were often coming up to me and asking about England, all sorts of interested and curious questions generally reflecting the prejudices and notions that one race entertains of another: is it always raining or foggy, do they drink anything but tea, and so on.



The sergeants of course thought that the whole thing was a joke - which was really a help. I was not picked on, although becoming more than a name and a number (which is usually a distinct disadvantage in the army). And one was given more leeway: after all he's foreign, he won't understand - which I often didn't, giving the negro sergeants apoplexy with my 'pardon,' 'what's that?' etc. as in fact sometimes their brilliant sallies were so much gibberish to me. But it was good to have this kind of reputation. I remember once in Basic Training after a problem that had hopelessly misfired (a retreat under fire in excessive heat), I and a few other stragglers arrived back late for chow, only to find out that we were going to rerun the problem all over again. However by dilly-dallying over the meal, I managed to be left behind with a couple of others while the rest of the platoon marched off. I suggested that we picked up our gear and made ourselves scarce. We were doing this when Sgt. Bell espied us and immediately ordered the other two - one of them Totsche (an extraordinarily stupid and bungling bloke - to run off and rejoin the platoon. These two in fact were already making for the woods, so their guilt was more obvious. I was just casually picking up my gear and old Bell told me to stay there and guard the equipment and one of the fellows lying ill on the grass, suffering from heat fatigue, with a lump of ice on his forehead. I can't really believe that he didn't suspect me of goofing off. It was just the traditional leniency to these 'crazy limeys'.

KNIGHTHOOD

Sir Bill Cash MP, OS 50-59 surprised many people, including the Prime Minister, with his championship of a Private Members' Bill in Parliament proposing gender equality as a criterion for development aid. Recently it passed into law.

As Mariella Frostrup, columnist in The Times put it: *suggesting that the nations at the receiving end of our aid budget respect the basic human rights of the female half of the population would seem uncontroversial yet with this bill, we become the first nation in the world to make that criterion a legal condition. It puts Britain firmly in the lead in the struggle to end what the former US President, Jimmy Carter has described as 'the most widespread human rights violation on Earth.'* She went on to say, *In my wildest fancies I'd never imagined a septuagenarian Eurosceptic*

riding to the rescue of the millions of deprived women across the globe but, unlike in fairy tales, in the real world, heroes aren't always the obvious candidates. Thanks to the Conservative Member of Parliament for Stone, on this year's International Women's Day, the UK has a monumental achievement to celebrate.

Paul Pitchfork MC, OS 84 - 90

has been touring South America for some time now, by motorbike, and we hope to have an article about his adventures in the next newsletter. In the meantime, his progress can be followed on:

<http://horcamoto.com>

LIVERY COMPANIES

Two OS are Masters of their respective City of London Livery Companies this year. **Jonathan E. N. Bates OS 57-66** is Master of the Haberdashers' and **Simon J Bartley OS 65-75** is Master of the Feltmakers' Company. The Feltmakers broke away from the Haberdashers in 1604 after a disagreement but fortunately today relations between the two Livery Companies are much more friendly.

Simon is also Chairman of the Providence Row Charity established in 1860 to help Homeless and Vulnerable people in London. They were visited recently for a tree-planting ceremony by Cardinal Nichols and held a Carol Service at Farm Street where the Duke of Norfolk read a Lesson.

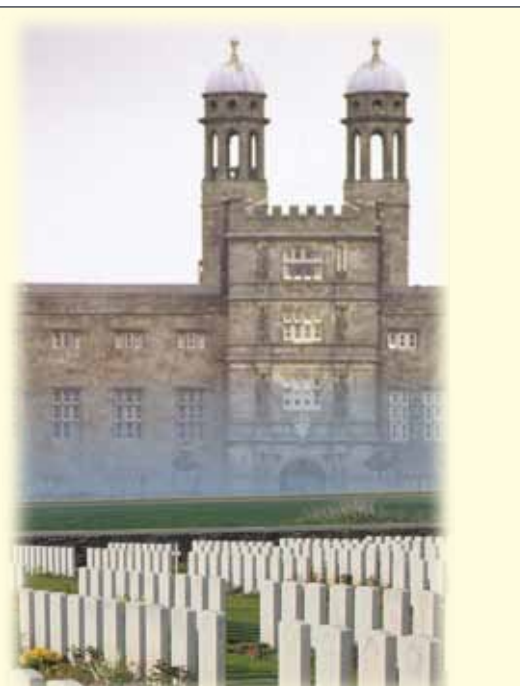
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GREAT WAR BATTLEFIELD TOUR

Led by battlefield historian, Paul Garlington

The tour will be £650 per person (tbc) and for adults only. Please contact the Association Office by **11th November 2014** if you would like to join us.



GREAT ACADEMIES EXHIBITION 2014

Tim Hetherington's photographs and the restoration of the Arundell Library

The aims of the Great Academies exhibition this year were two-fold. Primarily to make available the photographs of Tim Hetherington to the pupils, parents and guests of Stonyhurst College and secondly to raise awareness of the restoration project currently underway in the three historic libraries. Uniting these two goals presented a unique opportunity to provide both a quiet space to view and consider the photographs and to allow unhindered access into the Arundell Library for the first time.

The photographs were donated earlier this year by the Hetherington Trust, to raise money for the Stonyhurst Children's Holiday Trust, a charity with which Tim was closely associated during his time at Stonyhurst. The 28 photographs were last displayed during the exhibition, 'You Never See Them Like This' at the Open Eye Gallery in Liverpool. They focus on the soldiers at rest and recreation, highlighting the humanity behind the conflict. The piece below, written for the Stonyhurst exhibition by Professor Peter Davidson, places the photographs in a realm far removed from the 21st century battleground and thus emphasises the timeless nature of humanity despite circumstances. It is this element which Tim not only saw but also captured.

"In a simple sense, the photographs in the sequences *Sleeping Soldiers* and *You Never See Them Like This* are sacred art. As well as bearing absorbing, sometimes unbearable, witness to the daily lives of frontline troops, they reflect inevitably on the absolute integrity of the human individual. Therefore every image is mindful of the complexity and worth of every single soldier. This mindfulness is partly conveyed simply by the classical beauty of many of the images, particularly in the fall of diffused artificial light on the human body, with clear echoes of baroque art from Caravaggio to de la Tour. That this remote beauty has been drawn out of the tense and improvised utilitarianism of a military frontier camp is an extraordinary example of the photographer's ability to find the lasting in the transient, an atemporal calm in the tension and pressure of the front line.



"Tim Hetherington's titles offer a literal and illuminating truth – rarely does official photography, or news reportage, consider the aimless human days of the soldiers waiting to go into action. Here he shows them as they are never seen: resting, playing, messing about, in a world engaged in normal human activity.

"The sequences of images of sleeping soldiers are not only poignant but rich with layers of meaning. Inevitably, a kind of innocence attends the very trust expressed by the action of falling asleep in a room where there is someone else awake. This is true here, and the relaxation of sleep also makes each individual seem younger than they are, more vulnerable. These images lead the viewer to reflect on sleep as offering the only privacy in an intensely communal life. This serves to stress the deeply humane awareness of each person as an individual, which thus informs all these works.

"Further, the associations with European art of the past are all with sacred or commemorative art. The soldiers sleeping at the tomb of Christ are as much present as the sleeping mythological figures of high renaissance painting. Sleep has removed these figures from time and placed them for contemplation in a realm of stillness, acutely

discontinuous with the actual circumstances of these young men. It must also be considered that these images, particularly in their more neo-classical aspect, carry uncomfortable reminders of funereal sculpture, of the idealised memorial figures of men dead in the wars – it is part of the profound humanity of the photographer that sleep and death co-exist with such calm, such serenity, such mindfulness."

The exhibition was open to all throughout the weekend and was visited by many pupils, staff and guests alike. It is our hope that the photographs will be purchased for the College Collections so that future generations will continue be inspired by Tim's work.

Phoebe Robertson

Tim Hetherington RIP.

Sebastian Junger, Tim's former colleague and friend, wrote recently to tell us that he had completed the film they had planned before Tim's death, and it would come out in New York in May. As a sequel to *Restrepo*, intended to show civilians what combat was like, *Korengal* is meant to help soldiers understand the experience of war. How does fear work? What is courage? Why do so many soldiers miss the war and why is it so hard to come home?

ACADEMIC HONOURS

Katie Harrison OS 09 was awarded a 1st Class Honours degree in French Studies with Spanish at Oxford Brookes in June 2013 and is now studying for the Graduate Diploma of Law in London. She and her sister **Hilary OS 11** both worked with the Xavier Project in Kenya last summer.

David Barnes OS 88 - 96 has recently been awarded an International Emmy for a BBC documentary he directed, shot, edited and co-produced called 'Same but Different'. The series of eight short portraits features children from across the UK with a range of disabilities, medical conditions and learning differences who in their own words, explain, 'what it's like to me'. David, along with his partner and co-producer Louise Lynch, won the Best Kids Factual Programme category at a ceremony in New York in February 2014. The series has been praised for its non-patronising approach and has gained nominations for several other major creative industry awards including a BAFTA and a Royal Television Society Award. One of the films, 'Theo's Story', has also gone viral having received a Vimeo Staff Pick.



He says: 'I'm really honoured that my first foray into documentary filmmaking has gone on to receive such recognition and also inspire a wider audience online with its message of acceptance and inclusion. It's rewarding to be able to produce work that is meaningful.' Besides documentaries, David has recently directed music videos for indie legends Johnny Marr and Suede and New York based hip hop group, Soul Inspired, as well as a series of short comedy animations. He is currently producing and developing drama, animation and documentary projects in the UK and USA and is seeking investment for a feature length documentary about living life without regret. To view 'Same but Different' and David's other work, visit his website www.davidbarnes.com



Not content with rugby and ice dancing, **Kyran Bracken OS 85 - 90** (above) has taken up motor sport. He was one of three rugby stars competing against three female Olympian medallists driving to Le Mans from Bolton (twinned with Le Mans) in an event called the Road to Le Mans. The competition can be seen on telegraph.co.uk/roadtolemons

Also involved in motor racing is **Adam Morgan OS** of his family-run team, Ciceley Motorsport who according to the Clitheroe Advertiser made a very good start to the British Touring Car season at Brands Hatch in April.

STOP PRESS

News just in is that three OS 04, **Patrick Kennedy, James Mclean and Nicholas Cassin**, are climbing Kilimanjaro and fund raising for Xavier Project. Their fundraising page is <https://www.justgiving.com/PaddyNickJames/>. A film of the adventure will be uploaded on youtube: more in the next Newsletter.

BOOKS

English Jesuit Education (Expulsion, Suppression, Survival and Restoration, 1762 - 1803) by Maurice Whitehead, Professor of History and Classics at Swansea University.

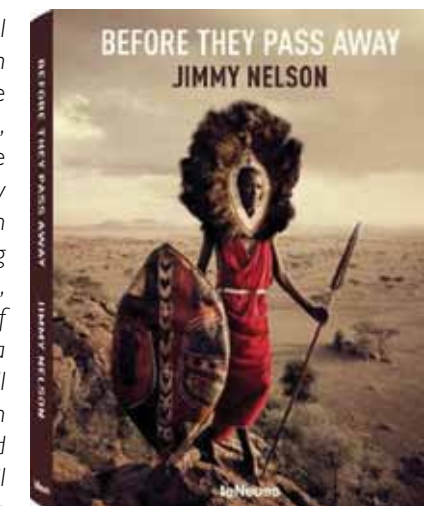
The book is the result of painstaking research, a fair bit of it (involving many hours and many visits) spent in the Stonyhurst archives, and going right back to the days of Fr Turner. Although principally about the time when the school (or Academy, as it was then known) was at Liège there are long sections on both St Omers and Bruges and, as you can see from the subtitle, it spills over into the early years of Stonyhurst and so it highly relevant to anyone with a genuine interest in the history of our school, and thus well worth broadcasting the news to our alumni (and alumnae!).

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9781409448822 (hbk)
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9781472400451 (ePub)

The publisher is Ashgate and the book is priced c.£75

Before they Pass Away by Jimmy Nelson OS 76 - 86

'This historic volume showcases tribal cultures around the world. With globalization, these societies are to be prized for their distinctive lifestyles, art and traditions. They live in close harmony with nature, now a rarity in our modern era. Jimmy Nelson not only presents us with stunning images of customs and artefacts, but also offers insightful portraits of people who are the guardians of a culture that they - and we - hope will be passed on to future generations in all its glory. Nelson's large-plate field camera captures every intricate detail and fine nuance for posterity. What's more, this splendid pageantry is set against a vivid backdrop of some of the world's most pristine landscapes.'



c. £65 from Amazon

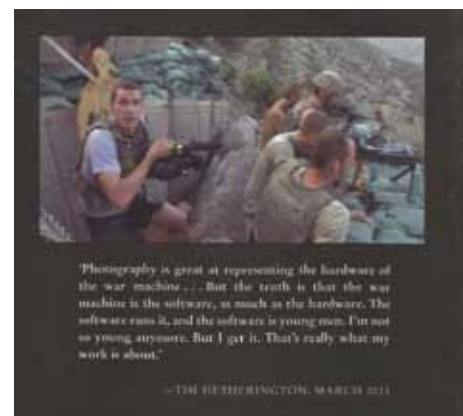
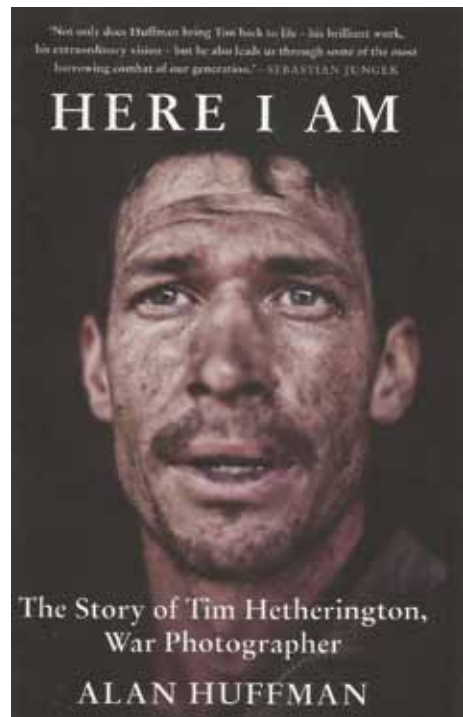
Here I Am: the story of Tim Hetherington, War Photographer by Alan Huffman

Published by Grove Press c.£13

Tim Hetherington (1970-2011) was one of the world's most distinguished and dedicated photojournalists, whose career was tragically cut short when he died in a mortar blast while covering the Libyan Civil War. Someone far less interested in professional glory than revealing to the world the realities of people living in extremely difficult circumstances, Tim nonetheless won many awards for his war reporting, and was nominated for an Academy Award for his critically acclaimed documentary, Restrepo.

Hetherington's dedication to his career led him time after time into war zones, and unlike some other journalists, he did not pack up after the story had broken. After the civil war ended in Liberia, West Africa, Tim stayed on for three years, helping the United Nations track down human rights criminals. His commitment to getting the story out and





Emerald Passage by Christopher Murphy
OS 51 - 61, author of 6 novels

RRP c £15. Amazon approx £8

'Recently released from a South African prison, Rollo Runyan - a diamond smuggler and something of an educated rake - finds his latest contraband confiscated by a rascally Russian dealer. And now, to further a far more grandiose

scheme, he has to get it back. Runyan's mission to secure a parcel of emeralds takes him gallivanting all over the world. He meets an array of people but doesn't know if they are friends or enemies. In London, he stashes secret papers exposing a plot to sabotage Persian Gulf oil fields. On his way to Rio, he connects with three very different women who each play a significant role in his struggle to collect the emeralds. While flying over the Caribbean Sea, he must foil a midair hijacking, and in Tel Aviv, Runyan has to face a deadly showdown with Arab leaders terrified that their reign of wealth is at an end. As he evolves from scoundrel to philanthropist, Runyan retains his reckless courage and wry humour. If only he could find a definitive answer to his one, burning question: just how much can be achieved with benevolent deceit? A thrilling ride through some of the world's most exotic locales, Emerald Passage explores the gray area between right and wrong through the eyes of a new kind of hero: Rollo Runyan.'

his compassion for those affected by war was unrivalled.


In 'Here I Am', Alan Huffman tells Hetherington's life story, and through it analyses what it means to be a war reporter in the twenty-first century. Huffman recounts Hetherington's life from his first interest in photography and war reporting, through his critical role in reporting the Liberian Civil War, to his tragic death in Libya. Huffman also traces Hetherington's photographic milestones, from his iconic and prize-winning photographs of Liberian children, to the celebrated portraits of sleeping US soldiers in Afghanistan.


'Here I Am' explores the risks, challenges, and thrills of war reporting, and is a testament to the unique work of people like Hetherington, who travel into the most dangerous parts of the world, risking their lives to give a voice to those devastated by conflict. (see *Miscellany and Correspondence*)

Beyond the Legend - Bill Speakman VC
by Derek Hunt and John Mulholland OS 63-68

'Beyond the Legend' covers the whole of Speakman's life, documenting his early years in Cheshire, his service in Korea, Malaya (SAS), Borneo, Radfan, and Aden and also includes his later life in South Africa. This authorised biography reveals the extraordinary life of Bill Speakman, perhaps the most charismatic, controversial and courageous private soldier to be awarded the VC in the 20th century.

Published by The History Press
ISBN 9780752497778 priced c. £15





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Derek Hunt & John Mulholland

£14.99

Paperback Original, ISBN 9780752497778

The authorised biography of Bill Speakman VC. One of only two surviving VCs of the British Army, this is the story of a truly remarkable man and an extraordinary soldier.

Bill Speakman VC, 86, is one of two surviving VCs of the British Army. His military career of 23 years spanned various conflicts and continents including active service in the Korean War (1950-53). He was awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery defending United Hill against the overwhelming attacks of the Chinese Army. After being wounded whilst leading grenade attacks, he fought on allowing his comrades to make their escape.

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- An exploration and re-evaluation of his life, dispelling a number of myths
- An in-depth look at his time serving in Korea
- Insights from in-depth interviews with Bill Speakman and those who knew him
- Description of how he was awarded the VC. He was the first person to receive an award of any kind from HM The Queen at her first investiture
- Details of Speakman's later life in South Africa and up to the present

Derek Hunt and John Mulholland have collaborated on several histories of VC recipients. Additionally they have written pieces for the Victoria Cross Journal and are considered experts in this field of military biographical history. Bill Speakman asked specifically for John Mulholland and Derek Hunt to produce a history of his life. John lives in Sheffield and Derek lives in Windsor

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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.

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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 2013 we awarded £5250 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:
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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

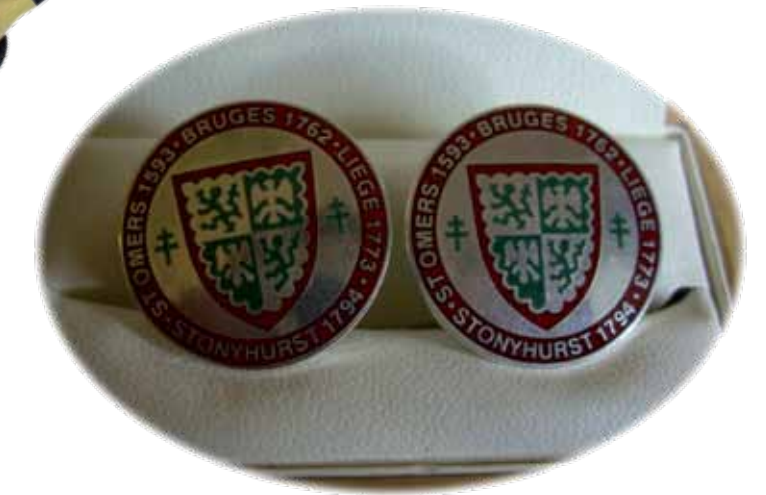
Members to be married can have their wedding ceremony in St Peter's Church, subject to the date being available and with arrangement with the Parish Priest, Fr Peter Griffiths SJ. We are also able to offer a champagne and canapés package following the ceremony, and the College grounds of course provide 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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 Girl's OS silk scarf, £18
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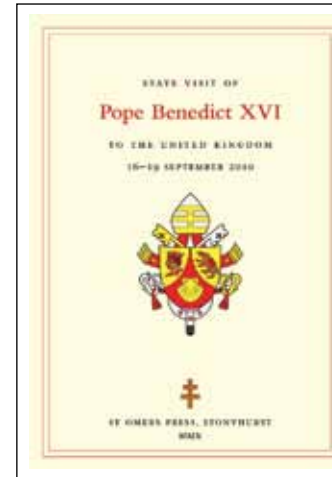


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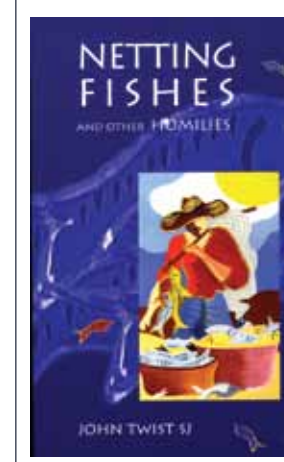
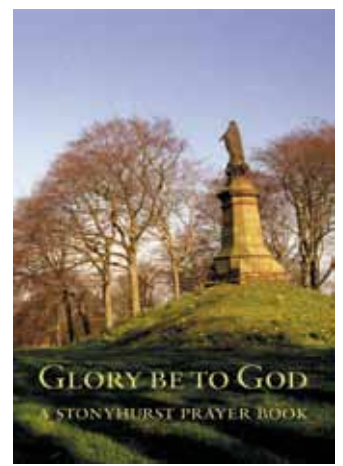
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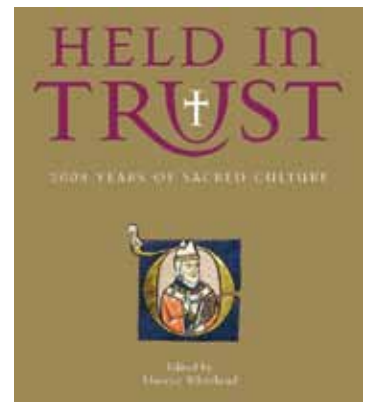
From St Omers Press:
STATE VISIT OF POPE BENEDICT XVI TO THE UNITED KINGDOM
 Published in partnership with the Society of Our Lady at Winton, Winchester College, and introduced by Richard Bassett, this contains all the speeches and public addresses made by His Holiness the Pope during his state visit in September 2010.
 64 pages, paperback. £4.50

Right: Glory be to God, a Stonyhurst Prayer Book, St Omers Press. Second edition, with minor corrections.
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 128 pages, hardback, £9.95.



Fr John Twist SJ is the Chaplain at Stonyhurst, and regulars at St Peter's will be familiar with his laconic, intelligent and quietly humorous style. Each homily is a bite-sized piece of wisdom, relating a biblical passage to everyday life... each would be quick enough to read on the train or bus, or before bed time. Filled with realism and laced with humour, these 'thoughts for the day' provide much to ponder on.
 £8.50
 St Pauls Publishing, 2009
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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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And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.