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Stonyhurst Association, Great War Battlefields Tour 2015

Led by Paul Garlington, Battlefield Historian

Sunday 12th – Thursday 16th April 2015

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The cost of the tour will be £650 per person based on a group of about 30 and staying in twin rooms (£695 for single rooms). This includes: a fully guided battlefield expedition; all travel in a comfortable coach; museum entry fees and full board in the Somme and Ypres hotels.

It is advisable to arrange your own travel and medical insurances and to bring a European Health Card. A 4am departure on the first day will enable us to catch the lunchtime ferry from Dover. On our return a later ferry from Calais at around 6pm will help to avoid rush hour traffic and return to Stonyhurst by about midnight.

Suggested itinerary:

- **Sunday 12th:** 4 am departure from the College with other meeting points at Cobham Services and Ashford Station;

lunchtime ferry from Dover. We will then visit the Carrière Wellington at Arras with dinner at 8 pm in the Somme hotel.

- **Monday 13th:** all day on the Somme including Beaumont Hamel, Mametz, Montauban, Fricourt and Thiepval before returning for dinner in the hotel at 8.30pm.
- **Tuesday 14th:** morning and early afternoon on the Somme then transfer to Ypres arriving about 6.30pm. Dinner will be at 8.30pm in the hotel.
- **Wednesday 15th:** all day at Ypres Salient with visits to include Hooze, Tyne Cot, and Langemarck, ending the day with Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate; dinner will be in the hotel at about 9 pm.
- **Thursday 16th:** free morning in Ypres with the opportunity to visit the 'In Flanders Fields' Museum. We will depart at 1.30pm for visits west of the Salient, seeing Lijssenthoek and Vlamertinghe, en route to Calais for the 6.30pm ferry and Stonyhurst by midnight.

This tour is for up to 30 from the Stonyhurst Association, adults only.

Please phone or email the Association Office to register your interest.

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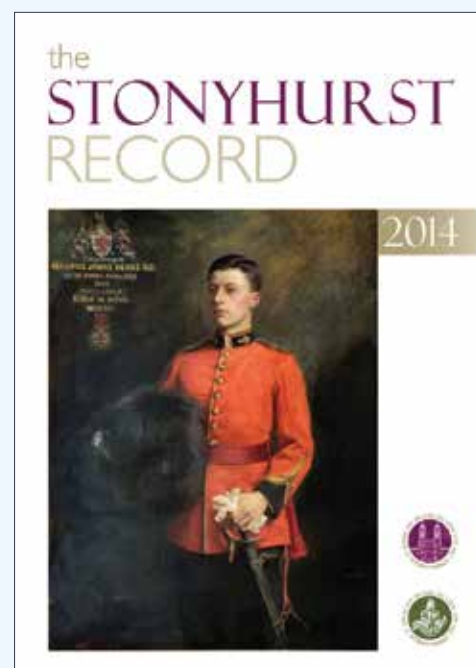
LIEUTENANT MAURICE DEASE VC, ROYAL FUSILIERS, OS 1907

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 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: The Peak Tram Way, Hong Kong
Back Cover: "Poppies"

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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

FEBRUARY 14TH – OS LUNCH AT PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS

Following on from last year's successful lunch enjoyed by over 30 OS and friends, Preston Grasshoppers will be holding a repeat on 14th February 2015 when the Hoppers 1st XV are playing Hull Ionians. George Erdozain (OS1961) and Martin Hothersall (OS1972), respectively Hoppers' Chairman and Treasurer, will be hosting the lunch which is 12:00hrs for 12:30hrs followed by the match which will kick off at 14:30hrs. The format is very informal with no speeches or toasts as it's just an opportunity to meet fellow Northern OS, partners and friends in a very relaxed atmosphere.

The cost is £18 per head and anyone interested should contact Martin Hothersall on martinhothersall@outlook.com or 01772 613207.

MARCH 25TH – A PRESENTATION BY THE CURATOR, TO BE HELD IN THE BRUNSWICK ROOM, THE GUILDHALL, BATH

Jan Graffius, Curator at Stonyhurst will give a presentation about some of the book treasures held at Stonyhurst, including the recently acquired manuscript book of plays, written and performed in penal times when the College was situated in St Omers, which is one of few to survive the period. There will be light refreshments served afterwards and all are welcome to attend. It would be helpful for catering purposes if you would advise the Association Office if you plan to attend.

APRIL 12TH – 16TH – ASSOCIATION GREAT BATTLEFIELD TOUR

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The cost of the tour will be £650 per person

APRIL 25TH-26TH — OS SPORTING WEEKEND

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

Rugby	Marco Vagheti	vagheti586@hotmail.com
Soccer	Rob Eatough	robeatough@hotmail.com
Cricket	Richard Drinkwater	richard@richarddrinkwater.co.uk
Golf	James Andrews	James.Andrews@bain.com
Netball & Hockey	Natalie Crouch	natalie.crouch@hotmail.co.uk
and	Laura Kerrigan	laurakerrigan@hotmail.com

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

based on a group of about 30 and staying in twin rooms (£695 for single rooms). This includes: a fully guided battlefield expedition; all travel in a comfortable coach; museum entry fees and full board in the Somme and Ypres hotels. Please contact the Office for a booking form and to reserve a place.

MAY 2ND – 3RD – OS 1990 REUNION

A reunion for OS1990 is being arranged at the College. It is being co-ordinated by Gregory Tomlin who can be contacted at gctomlin@yahoo.co.uk. A booking form will be emailed to all OS 1990 in the New Year. We are currently gathering as many email addresses as we can and would be glad to hear from any of you who know that the email address we hold for you is out of date so that we can update our records.

MAY 10TH – STONYHURST PILGRIMAGE TRUST, TRUSTEES MEETING AND LOURDES REUNION

MAY 16TH – 17TH – FAMILY WEEKEND

In collaboration with the College, for those with children who might be interested in a Stonyhurst education. A relaxed, informative and enjoyable weekend for all the family, to see the school and meet current parents and staff, with absolutely no obligation. Do contact the Association Office for full details - lunch, dinner and accommodation will be provided.

MAY 22ND – GREAT ACADEMIES CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION FOR PARENTS AND STAFF

AUGUST 21ST – AUGUST 28TH – LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

SEPTEMBER 12TH OS 1995 REUNION

A reunion for OS1995 is being arranged at the College. It is being co-ordinated by Nick Kenyon who can be contacted at nick@dewlay.com. A booking form will be emailed to all OS 1995 in the New Year. If the email address we hold for you is out of date please let us know your current one so that we can update our records.

SEPTEMBER 19TH OS 2005 REUNION

A reunion for OS of 2005 is being arranged at the College. Susie Hanratty is co-ordinating the reunion and can be contacted at suz_hanratty@hotmail.com. A booking form will be emailed to all OS 2005 shortly. We are currently gathering as many email addresses as we can and would be glad to hear from any of you who know that the email address we hold for you is out of date so that we can update our records.

NOVEMBER 7TH – STONYHURST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

This year the dinner will be presided over by Terence Holt OS1972, and will be held at Marylebone Cricket Club, Lord's Cricket Ground at St John's Wood, London, NW8 8QN. The guest speaker will be Father Timothy Radcliffe O.P.

This splendid venue does have a limited capacity, you are advised to book early, and a booking form is enclosed in this mailing.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

ORDINATIONS

Alfred Rebello OS 80-83 was ordained priest at St John the Evangelist Cathedral, Salford, on 18th July, 2014.

Joe Hill OS 95-00 (below) was recently ordained deacon in Boston, Mass. He was vested by **Father Patrick Hough OS 90-92** and **Father Nick King SJ, OS 60-66** and the other Hill brothers were in attendance.



Edmund Page OS 99-04 and Mildred Mugenya were married in Kenya on Saturday 26 July, 2014. The photograph above shows the Page family and some twenty OS and also Adrian Aylward, former headmaster of the College.

Rickard O'Connell OS 85-93 and his wife Christine were married at Farm Street on 24th May, 2014 by **Fr Nick King SJ, OS**. **James Savage OS 85-93** was Best Man and **Simeon Dillon OS 85-91, Charles Gilmore OS 87-93, Inigo de Noriega OS 88-93, Catriona Myers OS 91-93** and **Timothy Harrison OS 86-93** were in attendance.



Above: **Tomasz Mazur OS 01-03** married Hannah Wieniarska on 13th August 2013 at the church of St John the Baptist in Gasiorowo, Poland.

BIRTHS

Gabriel OS 07-09 and **Elizabeth Cohen OS 04-09** are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Xavier Edmund Alphonsus, a brother for Ignatius, on 1st November 2014,

Rickard O'Connell OS 85-93 and his wife Christine wish to announce the birth of their daughter Charlotte Constance O'Connell on 17th September, 2013.

Conor Hill OS 94-99 and his wife Charity wish to announce the birth of twins, Andrew Ignatius Norris Hill and Cecilia Agnes Norris Hill, on 2 May 2014.



Haymon Sinapius OS 02-04 married Vivien Krauss on 9th August, 2014 at St Peter and Paul, Lekow, Poland. **Hagen Sinapius OS 00-02**, (Best Man) and **Martin Sinapius OS 04-06** were in attendance.

To **Jessica** (nee **Macfarlane, OS 2005**) and Derrick Sketchley, a daughter Athena May, born in Canada on the 15th January 2015

ACADEMIC HONOURS

Alasdair Macfarlane OS 03-08 was awarded a distinction in his MA from Durham University and is now doing a Ph.D.

Olivia Carefoot OS 05-10 has completed her Bachelor Degree in Psychology at Manchester and was awarded a first class honours. She has also been invited to study for her Master's degree at Worcester College, Oxford and is reading Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Antony and Richard Joseph OS 88-93 have been awarded the honorary degrees of Doctors of Technology by Loughborough University for success with their kitchen and house wares company JosephJoseph.

James Radford OS 86-91 is to be congratulated on being the winner of The British Arrows Craft Awards 2014 and for Best Use of Recorded Music (Guinness 'Made of Black') and for winning the LIA Awards 2014 for Best Use of Licensed Music.

IN MEMORIAM

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

- Paul James Haley Shevlin OS 66-73
- Kenneth Frederick Charles WarburtonHonorary Member
- Paul Terence O'Brien OS 55-64
- Thomas Richard Michael Keeble OS 41-49
- James Frederick Traverse-Healey OS 38-43
- Peter William Moorhouse OS 48-57
- Bruce Anthony Rhodes OS 44-48
- Thomas Massey-Lynch OS 30-36
- Dr Paul Steward OS 35-43
- Leo Patrick McParland OS 40-45
- Nicholas Edmund Valner OS 67-72
- Paul Steward OS 35-43
- Simon Baird OS 34-43
- Martin John Middlehurst OS 59-66
- Victor de Peyrecave OS 34-37
- Guy Benjamin Francis Wellard OS 42-46
- Edward David Michael Floyd OS 41-50



Above: The Joseph brothers
Right: James Radford



- Brendan Laurence Garry OS 44-52
- Gustave Peter Sapenne Delisle OS 47-53
- Paul Lindsay Allan OS 1959 – 1968
- Paul was the Association Representative for Scotland for many years.

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 Peter Caton, father of Alexander Caton OS and Dr F A Murphy, former parent and Simon Brown, former teacher at SMH, Joyce Ainsworth, former domestic at the College, Mrs Anne Drinkwater, wife of William Drinkwater OS, and mother of Richard OS and Mrs Norah Stanfield Hall Schiele, a cousin of Father Charles Macadam SJ and mother of four OS, Godfrey, Mark, James and Nicholas.

Lina Flint. The last newsletter announced the death of Mrs Lina Flint, mother of Chris Flint but omitted to mention her son, Martin. We apologise for this omission.

May they rest in Peace

**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 on
16-17 May 2015, please email
Simon Andrews:
s.andrews@stonyhurst.ac.uk**

ASSOCIATION NEWS

ANNUAL DINNER 2014



Above: Dawn Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Michael Atkinson, Tony Little, Jenny Little and Simon Andrews at the Dinner.

The Stonyhurst Association Annual Dinner was held 'at home' this year with a turnout of over 200. Dr Michael Atkinson OS 59-67 presided and as a former Eton Housemaster, he invited the current Head Master, Mr Anthony Little, to be his guest speaker. Barbara Church-Taylor and the College catering staff provided an excellent meal, most efficiently served and with the usual complementary wines and port to follow.

The Association chaplain, Father Brendan Callaghan SJ, OS 59-66, said Grace and the Loyal Toast and the toast to the guests was proposed by the president. Mr Anthony Little proposed the toast to 'Stonyhurst' to which the College Headmaster, Mr Andrew Johnson replied. The Heads of the Line, Miss Olivia Haworth and Mr Victor Keunen gave accounts of their time at the College and thanked people for coming and the formal proceedings were closed by the President with the Stonyhurst Chorus.

Mass next day was celebrated in the College Chapel by Father Callaghan SJ, Father Michael Bossy SJ, Father Philip Endean SJ and Father Michael O'Halloran SJ and Mr Greg Mann of the College playing the organ.

The First Reading was by Michael Atkinson and the Second by Simon Andrews, Chairman of the Association. Father Bossy read the Gospel, Father Callaghan gave the Homily and Daisy Chitnis OS 09-14 read the Bidding Prayers. The Retiring Collection after mass was in support of the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust.

In his speech, the President, Michael Atkinson said:

...And thinking of dinners, my first task must be to thank Beverley Sillitoe, for organising this one so efficiently. Most presidents have to find a venue for the dinner, discuss the menu with difficult and precious chefs, and worry about the costing-can we afford Chateau Lafite with the lark's tongue pate? I have had to do none of these things as Beverley has done it all. So, first a heartfelt 'thank you' to Beverley and her team.

...When I was at Stonyhurst in the 60s, the school was a pretty Spartan place, though no doubt little different from other such institutions. There was a lot of corporal punishment...staff-student relationships were formal to say the least. The curriculum was odd. I never did Geography. I



wouldn't have known where the Dominican Republic was, never mind knowing how to get there! I never went to a Physics lesson. I now think this was appalling though boys whom I taught were envious of me. I skipped a whole academic year. We took our O levels (six of them) in Grammar and then went straight on to A level work at 16. Even then I thought this was a mistake. We rarely saw our parents, which made the distinction between home and school more sharply defined than it should have been, or at least than it is today.

However I don't wish to concentrate on the negative aspects or give the impression that Stonyhurst did nothing for me. I got a very good classical education which I continued into my working life. I have never considered Latin and Greek useless or outdated. I must say though, I was shaken when I received a letter at Eton addressed to 'The Dead of the Classics Department'. Incidentally, when I was a housemaster, I lived in a building called Cotton Hall. I was similarly perturbed to receive a letter from a local NHS hospital addressed to 'Coffin Hall'. They must have been having a bad day.

But besides an academic education, Stonyhurst also gave us a framework by which to live our lives. It didn't work for all of us, but I think it did for me and although I haven't been back much over the last forty odd years, I've always been impressed by what I've seen when I have returned. A casual walk down the galleries during term time creates a very positive impression of shared ideals and shared belief. Even after a lifetime spent in a fine Anglican school, I still feel there is a lot to be said for a Catholic education.

When Anthony Little spoke, we soon realised that there was in many ways, little difference between Eton and Stonyhurst and that both schools faced similar problems from creeping secularisation and the superficiality of the 'tick box' culture.

To our one signatory of American Independence, Eton can count three plus the British general who lost the war! Both schools can count martyrs in their alumni, although for Eton, they may be from more than one faith. Michael Atkinson was their first Catholic housemaster since the Reformation, and Eton now has twenty per cent Catholic population and a priest on the teaching staff.

Similarities there may be, but Eton is also a rival institution and neither our president nor Mr Little could resist a touch of schadenfreude in their references to our runaways of last year. No offence was taken of course and his speech was noteworthy for its coverage of matters



Above: Left, Robin Mellows, Nuala Mellows, Terry Holt and Brother Ted Coyle; Centre, I to r: Harry Spencer, Luke Copping, Terry Holt, Henrietta Holt and Frankie Spencer; and far right, Simon Hall with Peter Bloomfield.

educational and his authority and optimism when referring to our young people. 'Carriages at Midnight' finally brought the evening to an end but judging by the numbers at the College Chapel next morning, most of those present at the dinner had made the effort to bring the event to its proper conclusion.

WWI COMMEMORATION MASS

On Sunday 12 October a Mass was celebrated in St Peter's to commemorate the Great War and the Stonyhurst people who had lost their lives in it. Father Roger Dawson SJ was the main celebrant and many OS and parents attended. Afterwards they and the CCF paraded to the War Memorial to lay wreaths and unveil the restored painting by Sir Bernard Partridge of 'La Belgique' originally painted in 1914. Refreshments were then served in the Ambulacrum where Paul Garlington gave a talk on the subject.

CAROL SERVICES

STONYHURST

A joint carol service for parents, North West OS and local parishioners was held in St Peter's on 11th December and hosted by the Association and the College. Despite the wintry weather, there was a very good attendance and the parish priest, Father Peter Griffiths SJ gave a welcome invitation to refreshments afterwards in the Top Refectory. Carols, traditional and popular, were mixed with some rare and ancient arrangements such as 'Adeste Fidelis' from a manuscript at Stonyhurst, which is the oldest existing version. Readings were given by Andrew Johnson, Louise North and Simon Andrews and also by pupils, Tobias Dean(LG), Amelia

Laking (G), Oliver Dean (P), Olivia Laking (RH). Soloists were Olivia Haworth (RH) and Robert Simpson (P). The programme, to be repeated the following day for the students, was organised by Greg Mann, Director of Music, and his wife Mary. Fr Griffiths was assisted by pupils, Rebecca Hayhurst and John-Gerard Turner from St Joseph's Primary School, Hurst Green.

SLOANE SQUARE
Henry Taylor reports from London:
The annual carol singing in aid of the Stonyhurst Children's Holiday Trust was

attended by the best crowd in several years as the carollers managed to prise an impressive £322 from Sloane Square's last minute Christmas shoppers. The OS were in fine voice, with onlookers treated to a twenty-one song festive selection, culminating in a resounding rendition of the Pater Noster. The Antelope pub was packed to the rafters afterwards, as OS from across the years swapped stories into the night, punctuated of course by the odd musical interlude!
For anyone interested or with any suggestions for next year's carols, please feel free to e-mail me at hejt@sky.com



THE 1989 YEAR ENJOYS A GREAT REUNION

DEREK FANNING
29 OS from the 1989 year came together in the College to mark 25 years since leaving Stonyhurst.

The itinerary for the weekend worked very well. We met on Saturday at 12.30 in the Pieta Gallery where old team photos from 1984 and 1985 were on display, bringing back some memories. An excellent buffet was on offer in the Bayley Room and soon the space was animated with our conversation. Drinking our wine and occasionally taking in the fine view of the ornamental lakes and the sweep of green leading up to the Marian statue, we engaged in conversation with old friends that we hadn't seen in 25 years. It was good as well to see a few of our former teachers including Simon Andrews (Chemistry), Larry Crouch (English), Paul Wamilow (Religion) and Paul Garlington (History). It was very interesting to hear what the others had done in their lives during the last quarter century. Sometimes their lives had been quite adventurous, such as working for a charity bringing aid to war-torn Bosnia, or working for the UN in Afghanistan. We remembered as well the three former Rhetoricians who were no longer with us and had gone to their eternal reward, Tim Hetherington (who was killed in a mortar blast in Misrata, Libya), Mondo Chibesakunda (who died in a traffic accident in Zambia), and Rob Lyon (who was killed in a train accident in Spain). The headmaster Andrew Johnson said a few words to us all, pointing out some of the positive things about the college. After an hour, three of the present Rhetoricians offered some of us a tour of the college, a tour

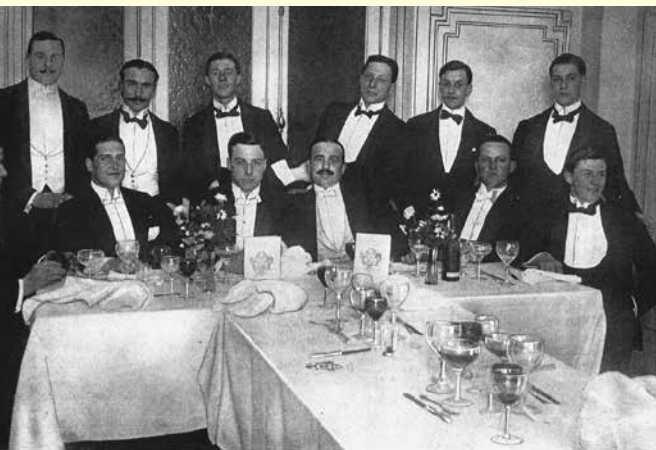
which revealed that there had been a few big changes. These changes included a revamped More Library, which looked very well but most of us agreed that we preferred the old More Library, which had plenty of character. By contrast, most of us preferred the new refectory which we thought was a better space than its predecessor. We were unanimous in disliking what had happened to the old plunge, now completely covered over by dressing rooms. Our cameras were out as we walked along, taking pictures of the beauty of the place as well as pictures of a place which was so redolent with memories. The Boys' Chapel looked magnificent, a gorgeous space with stunning woodwork. Richard Daly went into the organ loft and played a couple of pieces on the organ. Richard used to regularly play the organ at mass and services during our schooldays, ably assisting Anthony John. He still plays the piano but it had been a while since he had touched base with an organ. We were delighted to hear this instrument being played once again by one of our number, and playing pieces which were regulars during our schooldays. As we listened we were transported back to the innumerable masses, services and benedictions that we sat through over the years. After this the tour went to the classrooms which now had new desks and chairs but apart from that were exactly the same. Some had a look at the dormitory areas. 'I had a great time sliding down the banisters from the old LG Dorms,' reminisced Andre Armstrong in an email afterwards, 'sliding along the Lower Gallery to the stairs as I would have done rushing late to lunch. Many aspects of the school have changed particularly around the boarding areas. They have a fantastic new ref. as well-but much remains as we knew it.' After the tour there was still time to take in the First XV rugby game against Ampleforth. During our time Ampleforth won more of these contests than we did, and when we did win it was usually a struggle. However, in this game Stonyhurst was considerably stronger than the old enemy and emerged easy victors, 35-8. As we watched, an OS passed around plastic cups and poured a bottle of port. The ball-handling skills of the First XV were impressive, although the kicking game was a bit off. After the game we walked back up the avenue towards Hurst Green, content that Stonyhurst was playing good rugby and had beaten the old enemy. Into the Bayley Arms we went, which was packed, and pints of Timothy Taylor began to flow. More reminiscing ensued and the atmosphere was very good-humoured and light-hearted. As always in these situations the time flew and a deadline loomed. I walked quickly back to the Shireburn Arms and changed swiftly into my tuxedo and black tie.

A bus ferried us down the avenue once again. 30 of us sat down for the meal in the Top Ref including David Knight (who taught several of us biology). The food was once again excellent and was accompanied by champagne and wine. At the end of the meal Dan Leighton stood up and said a few words. Dan had done a great deal in previous months getting the word out there that the reunion was taking place. He told us a few messages sent him from OS wishing they could have made it, as well as a message from Fr Nick King who would have been present but was lecturing in Boston. When Dan had said his piece David Hargreaves took to the piano in the Top Ref and ran his fingers dexterously up and down the keyboard, playing popular tunes. Soon we joined him and sang the much-loved 'Pater Noster'. David Knight also played the piano for us, and with great skill. At 11 o'clock the coach brought us back to our accommodation in the Bayley Arms and Shireburn Arms. In the Bayley we bumped into our former Politics teacher David Ridout, who was in good form, and a sing-song started. After this some of us still hadn't had enough and adjourned to another hostelry, not winding things up until 4am. The next morning some of our number attended mass in St Peter's Church and I thought the choir's singing was very good. It was also a nice touch that the hymns were old favourites. Afterwards we had coffee in the Do Room where we met our former Physics teacher Patrick Gavin. Ten of us were then given a fascinating, hour-long tour of the college's most precious artefacts, most of them now contained in one large room. These artefacts had previously been housed in the Arundell Library, which is suffering from damp and is undergoing restoration. Some of the objects we were shown dated back to the Tudor era. This was a very successful weekend and it was fabulous meeting up with everyone again. I thought everyone was in good form, looked well, and the general mood was upbeat and pleasant. Several mentioned to me we should hold another reunion in five years' time. Possible venues could be the College or somewhere nice in London, perhaps Nick Grossi's restaurant. 29 attendees was a very respectable number and several OS contacted me afterwards and said they wished they could have been present. A couple of people, Joe Lynch and Roderick Owen-Smith, who were due to attend, unfortunately couldn't, at the last moment, be present. I was particularly sad that Joe didn't make it as he was a very close friend in Stonyhurst. It was also good to see Marc de Mauny again, another very close friend of mine, who came all the way from Perm, Russia. Brian O'Hea travelled from Mexico City, and Chisha Folotiya travelled from Lusaka, Zambia. They

all felt the long journey was worth it. Some people decided at the last moment to attend, including John Eastham, Jamie Crouch, Damien Thompson, and Paul Flood. James Molyneux-Carter afterwards sent flowers in thanks to Layla in the Association office. I thought Layla, and the other ladies who served us drinks and food, were fabulous. It was sad that Beverley wasn't there and she was going through such a difficult time. Beverley has been so helpful down the years. I attended an OS convivium in London and an Irish OS get-together in Dublin and she was very good at organising both. Several of us expressed our positive feelings about the weekend via email. 'Many thanks for organising a fantastic weekend,' wrote one OS to me. 'It was great to be able to catch up with so many OS and hear their news. I trust you both had safe journeys home. I'm very much looking forward to the next one – 2039! Although next time might have to pace myself better-I have just about recovered from the alcohol poisoning I gave myself on Saturday night. Many thanks again for all your hard work.' 'I think I chatted to all of the other members of our year,' wrote another, 'most of whom I hadn't seen for over 20 years. I felt a great sense of good will and friendship from everyone and hope that others felt the same. I'm sorry I couldn't stay for Sunday mass. No doubt that brought back more good memories but thank you again for organising it. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.' Another email said it was great to see everyone. 'I hope you made it home safely, and slept well on Sunday night like I did. Many thanks to Dan and Des for pulling this together. Let's meet up sooner than in another 25 years.' 'What a great weekend, and fantastic to catch up with everyone,' said one. 'I even had misty eyes on a couple of occasions, such as when we sang Pater Noster when I thought back to all the times we sang it as boys in the past with such gusto. Derek's singing in the Bayley was another great memory as was Rich playing the organ in the Boys Chapel. It was great to hear that some who had ghosts from their time at the school came, hopefully they were able to lay them to rest. It was sad to hear others didn't feel they could come. As I look back on my years at Stonyhurst it's with massive enjoyment – the building, the landscape and the people that were in my year mean so much to me even now, so it is always great to see these people whether they were close friends at Stonyhurst or in another group of friends because we all went through the same things in that school-starting with the first punishment run the first weekend we were there.' Please God we will all meet up again in five years' time. In the meantime my wife and I will always be delighted to see any OS travelling through our part of Ireland.



THE CRICKET ELEVEN, 1914.
Back Row—P. B. Flynn, J. G. Kelly, M. C. Nolan, F. J. Garryll, R. Plimmones.
Middle Row—H. C. Morrissey, F. J. Farrelly, D. P. Withall, T. D. Trappes-Lomas, E. B. Brown.
On Ground—J. H. Francis.



STONYHURST ASSOCIATION OF ARGENTINA.
Dinner, Buenos Aires, 1915.
Standing—H. E. Harvey, C. Pinto, J. B. Hughes, P. Macdon, I. Ayer, F. Hughes.
Sitting—E. B. Maudon, J. J. Nelson, Dr. P. M. Harvey, J. D. Sheridan, K. MacDonnell, L. B. Hughes.

100 YEARS AGO

Four British West African protectorates are merged to become Nigeria.

Charlie Chaplin makes his film debut in *Making a Living*.

House of Commons passes Irish Home Rule Bill.

Gun-running by both Irish Nationalists and Unionists (Ulster) and Curragh ‘mutiny’.

Liner *Empress of Ireland* sinks in Gulf of St Lawrence with loss of 1012 lives.

Kiel Canal re-opened by the Kaiser and visited by the British Fleet where the Kaiser inspects the battleship named King George V.

Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria is assassinated by a Serbian national leading to the outbreak of World War 1. Great Britain joins in because of the violation by Germany of Belgian neutrality and the ‘lights go out all over Europe’

Shackleton’s expedition to Antarctica sets sail and the Panama Canal is opened.

Battle of Mons - first major engagement between British and German forces. Maurice Dease OS 03-07, an Irishman, becomes the first Stonyhurst casualty and the first VC of the war.

The Hon. Joseph Maxwell-Scott is president of the Stonyhurst Association and the Stonyhurst Association of Argentina have their first Annual Dinner. The head of the largest school in Austria visits the College as does Fr Cary-Elwes from British Guiana whilst James Crabtree OS 07-10 is capped for England at Soccer.

The College cricket team draw with the MCC and beat Northern Nomads.

Prince Schwarzenburg OS obtains his degree of Dr of Law at Prague University and the stained glass window by Paul Woodroffe, given by HIH Prince Franz Carl of Austria OS and showing his coat of arms, is installed in the Lower Gallery.

Many OS join their armed forces and the October issue of the Stonyhurst Magazine lists 40 who have joined the British Army and are known to be serving at the front.

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

Anthony G Barnes 1964
Charles J Bewlay 1964
Peter G Boswell 1964
David E Bradshaw 1964
Ross Calvert 1964
John R Danly 1964
Simon P Danson 1964
John P Dunt 1964
David Guyon 1964
John A Hassan 1964
Jonathan Heales 1964
David J Kay 1964
David C Laidlow 1964
John D Loden 1964
Charles W Lyons 1964
Malcolm J Moran 1964
Martin Palmer 1964
Christopher J Perry 1964
John D Smith 1964
Robert A Stephens 1964
Anthony P Sykes 1964
Cedric A Taylor 1964
Marcus J Theodorides 1964
Edmund A Thornton-Grimes 1964
Peter G Warder 1964
Michael S Warwick 1964
James Waugh 1964
Leo W Wright 1964
Bernard W Yoxall 1964
Keith K Archer 1965

George G Ball 1965
Brendan F Budd 1965
Patrick N Chance 1965
James S Conway 1965
Philippe Crapart 1965
George C Dawes 1965
John F Durrell-Walsh 1965
Niall A Finegan 1965
Bernard J Friery 1965
Peter A Gelardi 1965
Christopher J Haddock 1965
Michael C Handforth 1965
Lyulph S Hesling 1965
Julian A Hillard 1965
Anthony N Jones 1965
John R Kastner 1965
William A Knight 1965
Jean-Hugues M Le Tarnec 1965
Patrick N Lipson 1965
James A Marshall 1965
Christopher J McCairns 1965
Peter D McCombe 1965
John P McDonnell 1965
Randal C McDonnell 1965
Paul F Murphy 1965
Paul R Nevin 1965
Terence M O'Hara 1965
Anthony R Plant 1965
Brendan D Preston 1965
Alexandre J Rigby Lee 1965

Charles G Rockliff 1965
Michael D Rossage 1965
Michael J Ryan 1965
David Shaw 1965
Ian M Simpson 1965
Paul Staes 1965
Michael A Thomas 1965
Richard R Tozzi-Condivi 1965
Patrick H Wolfe 1965

FAMILY WEEKEND AT STONYHURST 16th-17th May, 2015

The Association is arranging the third annual weekend for OS and other Catholic families who might be interested in a Stonyhurst education for their children. A relaxed, informative and enjoyable weekend, it aims to show what distinguishes Stonyhurst from other schools. There will be absolutely no obligation. The cost of the accommodation and meals will be borne by the College and the Stonyhurst Association.
If you are interested in attending the Family Weekend 2015 please email Simon Andrews at:
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THE STONYHURST MAGAZINE DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR

DOMINIC MEDLEY OBE, OS 79-89

THERE WERE 1,012 Stonyhurst men serving in the Forces during the First World War. 168 of them were killed or died on active service (with another 39 deaths listed). The Stonyhurst War Record also lists those who were wounded and gassed, those taken prisoner, and those who escaped or were repatriated from captivity. Three Victoria Crosses were awarded to OS during the war (Dease, Liddell and Coury). Lieutenant Maurice Dease, who died in action on 23 August 1914 at Mons, was the first VC of the war. Liddell died of wounds in 1915 and Coury died in 1956. Kenna OS, who was awarded a VC in 1898, died of wounds at Gallipoli in 1915 and Costello OS, who was awarded his VC in 1897, died in 1949. Thirty- four Stonyhurst employees also served during the war (including four with the surname of Bolton and six Holdens); eight were killed (two listed as killed in the Ypres Salient but with unidentified graves).

What must pupils at Stonyhurst during the First World War have thought as they read the issues of the Stonyhurst Magazine published from 1914 to 1918? For boys then it was probably more popularly known as the “Great War”, or the “War to End Wars”, a war that would be “over by Christmas”. No doubt the war would have been a daily topic of conversation. How would the deeds of their predecessors and letters from the front have been read and viewed down the corridors, alongside the everyday reports of school awards, plays and sporting successes?

Thanks to a digitisation project, magazines from 1914 to 1919 are available online and well worth reading.

The first issue to report on the war is October 1914; the issue before that is July 1914 and so contains nothing on events unfolding in Europe after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife in Sarajevo on 28 June 1914.

As the anniversary commemorations of the First World War are upon us for the next four years, I’ve taken a look at the issues of the magazine available online. Here are some interesting articles and stories from the October 1914 issue. Stonyhurst was clearly caught up in the moment with both OS and staff involved an uplifting song at a concert, and with news of the first OS to be killed.

The outbreak of war in August 1914 must have taken Stonyhurst College by surprise, just as it did the whole country. The October 1914 issue of the Stonyhurst Magazine leads with the results of the school’s public examinations. Future editions of the magazine reflect the shock and effect of the conflict and instead start with listings of honours and deaths and those in service.

But in the opening pages of October 1914 under “Current Events”, it is clear that the conflict had an immediate impact at Stonyhurst. The Major and Sergeant-Major of the O.T.C. “proceeded to Preston on the outbreak of the war, and rendered valuable service at the Depot of the East Lancashire Regiment.” The entry notes that recruits “were coming in by hundreds”. The magazine says: “We cordially wish our popular C.O. of the O.T.C all success in his new appointment.” It’s reported later in the magazine under O.T.C Notes that Major S. A. Pearse is second in command of the 9th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment. The magazine also regrets to see the name of Major Trist, the commandant of the Rossall O.T.C. on the casualty list, “whom we encountered in friendly combat in the great field-day of last year.”

The death of Lt Dease of the Royal Fusiliers (OS 1903), killed in action at Mons on 23 August 1914 is announced under “In Memoriam” with a full-page portrait. At this time his VC had not been gazetted; that came in November 1914 (and features in the December 1914 issue), but one letter among several printed from fellow officers says

SOME BRITISH OFFICERS RESTING AND EXAMINING MAPS AT . . . IN NORTHERN FRANCE.



LIEUT.
G. ARCHER SHEE.
LIEUT.
R. R. RILEY.

2ND LIEUT. H. J. BURKE.

From THE TATLER for October 28th.

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Dease “died really gallantly, and we hope to get a special mention of him in dispatches.” The magazine notes the “gallant end of the first alumnus of Stonyhurst to give his life for his country in this present war.” It later says: “And he did not fail when it came to the supreme test of manly duty. May Stonyhurst continue to produce many such. R.I.P.”

Of course a regular feature of the magazine, consists of letters from the front and the section “Stonyhurst and the War” which lists the men in the forces. The first letter from an OS is dated 20 September from “somewhere”. The tone is rather upbeat: “Not a very comfortable war this; lots of marching and never a comfortable night; it generally rains and is very cold... It is a funny show, practically no infantry fighting – just shelling... We are not allowed to say where we are or what is happening in battle.”

Yet later in the same issue and carrying the same date, in contrast, there’s a vivid description of life on the front, perhaps the kind of content that would never make it pass a newspaper censor later in the war. A priest writes: “You can’t imagine the horrors we are living through. The fields covered with scraps of dead bodies, corpses torn open or disembowelled, whole districts on fire, a frenzied population in flight, the unspeakable suffering of troops who have to remain, often three or four days without moving, in trenches full of water, under rain and shot, practically without eating. I’d no idea the human body could achieve such a pitch of endurance.”

The juxtaposition of war and school life is of course evident throughout. Earlier the magazine laments that the “war has affected our football fixtures to a disconcerting degree.” Four clubs had cancelled fixtures.

There then follows “congratulations” to the family of an OS, “whose name had appeared among the “missing” after the Battle of Mons, on the recent discovery that he is alive and well, though a prisoner in Germany.” Another OS reported killed in the same battle was in fact recovering from his wounds in a hospital in Belgium: “Even more unexpected was the pleasure we all felt in hearing the news...”

However the news was less fortunate for this OS, Lt Charles Gibbons. Later magazines (June 1916) report he is missing

and wounded. The Stonyhurst War Record notes that it was only after the war that the War Office was able to say he was killed between 24 August and 1 September 1914. He’s also buried in the St Symphorien cemetery near Mons where Maurice Dease is buried.

Three pages of the magazine list the OS at the front (more than 40) or in the forces; the list becomes more than fifteen pages in the July 1916 issue. Other entries in the Roll of Honour include OS killed (Lt Dease), wounded (two), those mentioned in dispatches (including General Sir Edward Bulfin, who later writes the preface to the War Record) and promotions (including Colonel to Brigadier-General Paul Kenna VC) are recorded.

Happy news from OS is of course also included but later turns to tragedy. Three OS are congratulated for their recent marriages. Two of them, Captain T. C. de Trafford and Wilfried J. Massey later die in the war, according to the War Record: Trafford on 11 November 1914 and Massey on 4 April 1918. Trafford’s elder brother was killed in September 1915 and his second brother died on active service during the earlier South African War. Another de Trafford was with the Canadian Forces, another a prisoner of war since autumn 1914, another a Jesuit with a commission in the Territorial Force and another a holder of the Military Cross.

An interesting OS mentioned must be Lewis Hastings (OS 1892). The magazine reports that he was the editor of the journal at the Unionist Party Club in South Africa. At the outbreak of war he raised a squadron of 100 men for the South African Imperial Light Horse “and hopes to come in command of the squadron on active service.” The 1927 War Record shows a picture of Hastings addressing a crowd of thousands outside the Johannesburg Town Hall during the war. He served in South West Africa and later in France and Flanders where he was gassed and awarded the Military Cross. His campaign produced 7,000 recruits in two weeks.

Another OS, a former journalist, is recorded as having joined the war censor committee. He writes: “My view of the war is that it is the greatest catastrophe since the Deluge – but on this occasion John Bull is in the Ark.”

A special correspondent of the Daily Mail, J. M. N. Jeffries (OS 1891) is noted for his “despatches at once trustworthy and vivid.” The magazine reports that he was arrested near Rheims as he was “within the forbidden battlefield area, outside of which all correspondents not connected with the expeditionary force had to give their word to keep.” This entry is interesting. Jeffries became known as one of the so-called “outlaw” correspondents who travelled direct to France, away from official military channels, to report on the war. He travelled widely during WW1 and worked at the Daily Mail until 1933

The Stonyhurst Union Debating Society seems to have been going strong in 1914. A debate on 20 September “That this House approves the Censorship of the Press as exercised hitherto in the present War” was won by only one vote for the motion. The magazine records two “...remarkable things ...the almost entire absence of reading of speeches, and second for genuine efforts at real debating...”

One of the most interesting entries and something that perhaps gives a real feeling for the atmosphere among the pupils at the time is the mention of a “local version” of “Tipperary”. It was sung at a Stonyhurst concert on 7 October with the names of those OS serving forming part of the song, with the last line: “And of you, dear Maurice, you, who were the first to fall.” The review of the concert reports that this line about the first OS to be killed in the war was “sung with spontaneous feeling” and “raised a lump in many a throat.”

To finish, on an amusing note is a letter dated 29 October in the December 1914 magazine from an OS held prisoner. Lt Riley writes from a P.O.W. camp in Germany: “You will see from the above address what has happened to me. I hope you and Stonyhurst will not think it a disgrace. I was taken doing my duty and obeying orders.” Lt Riley requests that a copy of the magazine is sent to him. The editor notes that a copy was sent “but it was returned to us from Berlin officially stamped with the words NOT ADMISSABLE.”

“ TIPPERARY ” AT STONYHURST.

The following is the local version of “ Tipperary,” alluded to on page 983, as having been sung at the concert of October 7th :—

Chorus :
It’s a long way that leads to Berlin,
It’s a rough way, we know ;
It’s a long way that leads to Berlin,
But the Allies mean to go !
So good-bye, Dick and Billy,
Farewell, Loo and Claire ;
It’s a long, long way that leads to Berlin,
But we’ll get right there !

MAURICE DEASE VICTORIA CROSS COMMEMORATIVE PAVING STONE

JOHN GREEN OS 68 - 76

L T. MAURICE DEASE VC was remembered in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin on August 23rd beside the Irish Republic’s first Cross of Sacrifice. The Republic’s main commemoration of the start of World War 1 was focused around the unveiling of the Cross of Sacrifice by President Higgins and Britain’s Duke of Kent on July 31st. The ceremony hosted by Glasnevin Trust was an “All Island, All Islands” commemoration to emphasise our shared history. It was attended not only by representatives from Belfast and Dublin but also from Scotland, Wales, England, Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey as well as the general public.



In the run up to this ceremony, UK Minister Andrew Murrison, Prime Minister Cameron’s Special Representative for the Centenary Commemorations of the Great War, expressed a desire to mark the awarding of the Victoria Cross to Maurice Dease by presenting a commemorative paving stone to the people of Ireland.

The evolution of the paving stones had been problematic; initially announced for those born in the UK to:

- honour their bravery
 - provide a lasting legacy of local heroes within communities
 - enable residents to gain a greater understanding of how their area fitted into the First World War story
- Concern was raised by the families of recipients whose relatives had been born elsewhere; particularly those who were children of servicemen serving overseas. Of course there was also Ireland.

A total of 628 Victoria Crosses were awarded during the First World War:

- 454 Victoria Crosses were awarded to UK-born recipients
- 173 were awarded to servicemen who fought for Britain but were born overseas
- one person was awarded the Victoria Cross twice during the First World War

361 VCs were awarded to those born in England, 70 to those born in Scotland, 16 to those born in Wales, 8 to those born in Northern Ireland, 26 to those born in the Republic of Ireland and 145 to those born outside these Islands.

The UK government generously agreed to provide paving stones for all recipients wherever they were born. Those born in the Republic are included in the summary as part of those “born overseas”. Technically correct now, it ignores the fact that everyone on these islands was part of the same country when all these recipients were born. It is also a microcosm of the problems faced by those organising commemorations on this Island where we are in the midst of a decade of centenaries. A decade which ended in both independence and retention of the union.

The central idea of the paving stones was to present them to the local authorities but on the island of Ireland this would not always be feasible. In Northern Ireland many of the Nationalist dominated councils declined the offer and in the Republic it was not felt appropriate. The solution appears to be 8 paving stones centrally located in Belfast to honour those born in the six counties and 34 paving stones centrally located in Dublin to honour all those born on the island of Ireland. Additionally any local authority, community or family making an appropriate case will receive a stone.



Above: Peter Finlay, Lord Ahmad, John Green, Heather Humphries, Ian Robertson

So on August 23rd Lord Ahmad, the UK Minister at the Department for Communities and Local Government, presented the paving stone honouring Maurice Dease to Heather Humphreys, Irish Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht. The Glasnevin Trust acted as hosts. Dease’s nephew, Maurice French, was represented by his good friend Peter Finlay SC. Lord Ahmad (of Wimbledon) chose to mention Dease’s sojourn in Wimbledon College. Wearing an OS tie I refrained from over-complicating Dease’s education and stressed the proximity of the Jesuit plot, resting place of G.M. Hopkins amongst others. Lord Ahmad was extremely impressive in his knowledge and understanding of the sensitivities around commemoration on this Island, as well as having a strong desire to use commemoration of World War 1 to promote a sense of community in multi-cultural Britain.

The inclusivity, or is it diversity, of Glasnevin Cemetery was underlined by Lord Ahmad’s arrival having to be delayed whilst a minor fracas at a prior commemoration was sorted out by the Gardai. That commemoration was to the Hunger Strikers, from Thomas Ashe who died in 1917 up to Bobby Sands and the others who died in 1981/2. The sight of the John Brady Memorial Flute band “mixing” with the colour parties of the Royal British Legion, all with bemused looks but not a word of anger, showed how this Island has changed, changed for the better.

No final decision has been made as to the central location in Dublin of the paving stones but it will probably be Glasnevin.

On Remembrance Sunday, Nov 9th, 2014, the Irish ambassador, along with representatives of the British Government, placed a wreath at the Cenotaph in Whitehall commemorating the Irishmen who fell in World War I, fighting for a common cause. (Editor)

HONG KONG AND CHINA - THE HANDOVER

JAMES HANRATTY OS 54-64

ON 30 JUNE 1997, an emotional day, the British Government handed over sovereignty of Hong Kong to the Chinese Government. The rain poured, Nimrod was played and many wept. This process started in the Sino British Joint Declaration of 1984 that responsibility for foreign affairs would pass to China but in return China agreed that Hong Kong would become a Special Administrative Region of China with a “high degree of autonomy”. The existing social, economic and legal systems would remain unchanged. Freedom of speech, of assembly and of the press were all guaranteed. ‘One country, two systems’. would remain in place for 50 years.

Negotiations on this Declaration had been tough as at first China maintained that they “would resume the exercise of sovereignty” in their own good time.

To achieve a smooth transition an enormous amount of work was done on international treaties, disapplying laws made in the London by passing local laws in Hong Kong, dealing with defence lands owned formerly by the British government, currency, postage stamps, contracts straddling the Handover including the new airport, establishing the Court of Final Appeal to replace appeals heard in London and by arranging for Visiting Judges from the UK, Australia and New Zealand to sit occasionally here. Hong Kong continues to participate in many international organisations including the International Maritime Organisation and the World Health Organisation. A network of air service agreements and bilateral agreements on matters such as extradition were negotiated. A new passport was designed. I was privileged to be the Legal Adviser on many of the negotiations. It took me five years to tramp over the border and agree the new land and sea boundary of Hong Kong. The Chinese lawyers I negotiated with were able, friendly and competent.

But there were problems some of which remain. The Governor Lord Patten (as he now is) tried to extend democracy to local areas and in the main Legislative Council. There were “Functional Constituencies” including representatives for the banking and legal

and tourism sectors and a new Chief Executive. China wanted to ensure that the majority in democratically elected seats were “Pro Beijing”. It is therefore a fine balance to be struck in passing laws that are in the interests of the people of Hong Kong but do not harm China either. There is still no agreement when the Chief Executive may be directly elected.

The recent demonstrations and violence about the refusal of the Chinese Government to grant universal suffrage for the election of the Chief Executive in 2017 is troubling. China wants to vet the candidates and only those deemed sufficiently patriotic will be allowed to stand. China will not back down. But a compromise may be achievable by China approving a candidate who is also acceptable to most of the demonstrators. In this way face would be saved on both sides and Hong Kong can continue to move on.

There have been problems over the numbers of “Mainlanders” visiting and staying and using the fine hospital service. There has been a creeping appearance of corruption in some senior Government positions which was not the case previously. But the legal system and the economy are thriving. Hong Kong by its own prudence was largely unaffected by the banking crisis of 2008. There is a good mutual respect and cooperation with mainland authorities. The Chinese garrison in Hong Kong has behaved with admirable constraint and professionalism. Everything works in Hong Kong-banking, business, the Law, drains and sewage, a wonderful transport system and fine new airport. It has the largest container port in the world. The buildings are spectacular (some designed by OS). The clubs are well run. The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club keeps the “Royal” title and is one of the most famous in the world. Some of the finest hotels in the world are in Hong Kong. The people are well educated, hard working and thrifty. The Catholic Church led by the Irish Jesuit Province flourishes. It is a great place to holiday!

Having lived there for 10 years, whenever I and my family visit, it feels like coming home. I have a great admiration for the place and its people and remain proud of Britain’s contribution to its history and prosperity.”

Secretary James Lockhart.



In 1887, before the completion of the tramway (see front cover) he built a home on the Peak, now one of the oldest surviving European houses, at No 23 Coombe Road (above). It is known as ‘Carrick’ but when it was built as the private residence of J.J. Francis OS, it was called ‘Stonyhurst’.

COLLEGE MUSIC VISIT



During the first week of the October half term 2013, the Big Band left for Hong Kong and Mainland China on a twelve-day exchange tour with Wah Yan College, a Jesuit school in Hong Kong.

Pupils from the band stayed with ‘buddies’ and their families from Wah Yan College and immersed themselves in the culture, food and life of Hong Kong. Highlights of the tour included a trip to Ngong Ping 360, Ocean Park and The Peak, and concerts at Marymount secondary school, the Ladies Recreational Club, Wah Yan College and Times Square, Causeway Bay.

The band went into Mainland China with their ‘buddies’ and stayed with families of pupils from Tung Wah High School in Dongguan City. Everyone was made to feel very welcome and during our stay we visited Yue Hui Gardens, Dongguan City at night, played a concert for the pupils of Tung Wah High School and took part in a sports event in the afternoon. The following day staff and pupils from Stonyhurst College taught English lessons to classes of sixty in this very friendly school of ten thousand pupils. We are very grateful to the staff and pupils from both schools who made us feel so welcome and looked after us so well. The tour was a great success and both pupils and staff had a most enjoyable time on the other side of the World.

A TRIP TO CHINA

During the summer of 2014, four members of Higher Line travelled to China for two and a half weeks, to teach English, stay with families and learn about the Chinese culture. From the report in the College Newsletter:

Emilia O’Connor said:

“Teaching was such fun and it was great to see their enthusiasm and progress in the lessons. As well as teaching, the school generously organised trips for us, which meant we could experience the culture first hand. From calligraphy to dancing in the park, to learning Tai Chi and climbing mountains, we really were able to discover what an incredible country it is.”

and Will Metcalf:

‘One of the greatest experiences of my life! Lessons were hard work to begin with, but we soon figured out how to go about it, worked brilliantly as a team and it became

great fun. Everything was completely different from England, in particular the food. However we soon got used to it and were looked after like royalty and felt very much at home.’

and Alice Kenyon:

‘I had never taught before so it was great to see how keen the children were to answer questions; they did everything we asked them to with such enthusiasm and it was fantastic that they were so eager to learn and to get everything perfect. Their huge and rapid progress was very rewarding and it was good to know we were obviously doing something right. We got to know the children very well and it was a great start to the day, to come into the school and be greeted by their smiling faces.’

As we go to press, the Headmaster of the College, Andrew Johnson and Rachel

Hindle, Development Director are visiting Hong Kong to meet alumni, parents and prospective parents.

In recent years nearly 200 students, both male and female, have come to Stonyhurst from Hong Kong and since 1997 from mainland China and many Europeans have moved there at least for a time. We have managed to obtain news of only a small sample of these:

Andrew Skinner tells us:

‘I’m a former St John’s Beaumont pupil, 77-79 and OS 79-84. I studied law, after a rather long time travelling, then worked for a City law firm for 4 years before joining a specialist legal recruitment company. I moved to Hong Kong in 1994 to run the office for the company and then set up a recruitment business of my own in 2002 which has offices in HK, Singapore, Beijing and Shanghai employing c 45 people. It’s called ALS International – www.alsinternational.com

I’m married to Sarah and have two children at boarding school – Gabriella Skinner (attends Clayesmore School) and Toby Skinner (Canford School) – we chose South West schools so they are close to their relatives.

Sadly, my fame goes only as far as singing in a rock band to audiences of a few hundred people down to 6 or 7 in our local pub – although we did play at the Hong Kong 7’s this year (the stage was outside the ladies toilets so we had a captive audience!!). I played rugby for the Hong Kong Football Club for many years before retiring to try my hand at triathlons. After a few years of “competing” in triathlons I am now doing my best just trying to keep generally fit.’

And about Christopher Law OS 77-79 RIBA, FHKIA, Hon AIA, JP we have:

After Stonyhurst, Chris Law studied at the Bartlett School of Architecture at University College London. He is the founding director of the architectural practice the Oval Partnership Ltd and director of the sustainability specialist INTEGER, Intelligent and Green Ltd, with offices in London, Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, and Chengdu. Over the years Chris has received numerous accolades including Architect of the Year Award and the Outstanding Young Person Award in Hong Kong. Chris Law’s projects have received awards from institutions around the world including the Royal Academy of Arts, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, the Royal Institute of British Architects, the American Institute of Architects, and the Hong Kong Institute of Planners.

He is the chair of a number of community organizations and member of many committees in Hong Kong including the Energy Advisory Committee and the Development Committee of the West Kowloon Cultural District. Chris is the chairman of The Hong Kong Family Welfare Society- a social service organization with a staff of 800 and 30 social service centres in Hong Kong and he is currently the Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Urban Conservation and Community Participation Blue House Project in Hong Kong.

Chris Law was the chief curator and architect of the Hong Kong Pavilion at the Venice Biennale 2012, and the chief curator and founder of the community led cultural organization-Very Hong Kong Foundation. His Wuli Garden Project was selected for the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition in London in 2012. The Innhouse ecotourism project in Kunming China received the Royal Institute of British Architects Award 2012. Chris Law was made an honorary member of the American Institute of Architects in 2013 for his contribution to Architecture in the region. In 2013 he was elected a fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects. In 2014 The Star Street Revitalisation Project was awarded the highest award of the year -The Grand Award- by the Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design.

He is a Justice of the Peace of the Hong Kong SAR.

David Paterson OS 55-63 left Stonyhurst in 1963 to read medicine at Oriel College, Oxford. However he decided with due consideration for future patients that he should not pursue this career and became articled to Price Waterhouse in London.

Having qualified, he spent 3 years in Corporate Finance at Samuel Montagu in London. In 1976 he joined the house staff at John Swires in Hong Kong and became Finance Director of Swire Properties after having had a number of other responsibilities in the group. In 1988 he founded and was chief executive of what became HSBC Private Equity Management. The company had about \$1.2 billion under management, then being the largest private equity management company in Asia outside Japan. In 1998 he sold his interest to HSBC and retired. David married Jayne Tung in 1983 but they have no children. Since retiring David has had a number of non-executive directorships in stock-broking, IT companies and gold mining. He is an Honorary Professor at The China University for Political Science and Law in

Beijing. David and Jayne take a considerable interest in their educational trust, <http://www.patersoneducationtrust.org> which provides law scholarships at Oxford for students from China.

David and Jayne now have homes in Hong Kong, where they are resident, in London, in the South of Spain, in Beaver Creek in Colorado, and in California.

*and from His Honourable Judge **Harold Leong OS 81-85:***

After I left Stonyhurst, I attended University College Hospital London and qualified as a doctor in 1991.

After a few years working as a doctor in UK, I was wondering why my lawyer friends are organising weekend parties whilst I was slaving away “on-call” in some far away district hospital.

So I attended City University London for a post-graduate Law degree and then College of Law London for a Legal Practice diploma.

I returned to Hong Kong in 1996 and worked in Messrs. Johnson Stokes & Master (now called Mayer Brown JSM) as a solicitor specialising in medical litigation. I became a partner in 2003.

In 2013 I had another change of career and was appointed to the bench as a District Judge. I am currently sitting in the High Court as a Master in Personal Injury.

I am still in the same field of law, but the difference between being a lawyer and being a Judge is that everyone is now ever so nice and courteous, perhaps being aware who is writing the judgments!

As for my hobbies, I was, back in the mist of time, the leader of the Stonyhurst First Orchestra and I am glad to say that I am still playing the violin, mainly to pass the time (playing a few Bach partitas in my Chambers) during those numerous court adjournments!

One of my other hobbies is triathlon and distance-running races. I am comfortably in the “keen but average” category. Although one or two of my colleagues may run a few half-marathons, I can confidently say that I am the only representative of the Judiciary in the Hong Kong Triathlon! This is a rather recent hobby but I have no doubt that the strong sports tradition (and the “character-building” cold showers) of Stonyhurst helped me through all the trainings.

I met my wife, Rita Tsang, in London and we married in 2000. Interestingly, she also underwent similar drastic change of careers: pharmacist, performing “Miss Saigon” in the West End, MTV Asia presenter and media consultant). We have 3 children, Avellina (12), Mattias (8) and Ashton (6).

***Ingram Cheung OS 04-09** informs us:*

After leaving Stonyhurst, I completed the Bachelor of Laws at the London School of Economics and Political Science with first class honours and the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws at the University of Hong Kong with distinction. I am currently working as a second year trainee solicitor at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Hong Kong office) and was admitted to the New York Bar in September 2014.

Outside work, I continue to sing musicals and operas and have expanded my repertoire to include Chinese traditional art songs. I was invited early this year to perform in Lima, Peru for the Chinese Association in Peru.

I will be seconded for work to our Beijing office in December 2014 for three months and to the London headquarters in March 2015 for six months, and would be keen to get in touch with other OS. My email address is; ingramhk@hotmail.com.

*about **James Chen OS 71-74** we have:*

James is Chairman of Wahum Group Holdings, a third generation, family owned manufacturing business. In addition, he has been a pioneer in Asia, he is founder and Managing Director of his family office, Legacy Advisors Ltd, and Co-Chair of his family’s venture philanthropy arm, the Chen Yet-Sen Family Foundation (cysff.org), which has a strategic focus on early childhood literacy, library development and education enhancement. Inaugurated in 2003, the Foundation has supported close to 200 initiatives in Mainland China, Hong Kong and West Africa.

James and his wife, Su Hwei Lee, founded ‘Bring Me a Book Hong Kong’ (bringmeabook.org.hk), an NGO promoting family literacy and the ‘Feng ZiKai Children’s Picture Book Award’ (www.fengzikaiaward.org), the first globally recognised national award for original Chinese language children’s picture books.

Further afield, James is co-founder and non-executive Director of the variable power lens technology company ‘Adlens’ (adlens.com) and is a trustee for ‘Vision for a Nation’ (visionforanation.net), an innovative programme to provide universal access to eyeglasses, starting in Rwanda. He is a longstanding member of the Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong, former chairman of the China Exploration and Research Society and a past president of the Young Entrepreneurs’ Organisation HK.

More recently, James invested in Delta Health (www.deltahealth.com.cn), a cardiovascular specialty hospital set to

revolutionise patient care in China and ‘ammado’, a global online donation and fundraising platform (ammado.com)

He has a degree in Behavioural Science from the University of Chicago and received an Honorary Fellowship from Lingnan University in 2013 in recognition of his career achievements and contributions to the community.

James Mayo OS 82-87 is a qualified lawyer in the UK and Hong Kong. He practised chiefly international finance and corporate law for 7 years in major business capitals including London, Tokyo, HK, Singapore, Shanghai & Beijing.

Institutions where James has worked include international law firms Linklaters & Norton Rose respectively, the latter where James advised clients including EM.TV Germany on Kirch F1 Group’s US\$ 8,000,000,000 investment in the holding companies of F1.

James was born and raised in HK. He was educated in HK; Stonyhurst and China. He is a native Cantonese speaker & fluent in Mandarin.

Having worked throughout Asia as well as in Europe, James built up considerable experience & contacts in this arena, which he utilized as the sports-entertainment business grew. He worked in F1 for Allsport Management SA (Geneva), part of Formula One Management (FOM) in connection with the inaugural Chinese Grand Prix in 2004, as well as assisting F1 teams beyond in sponsorship acquisition & activation.

In 2006 James joined forces with IMG, the world’s leading sports & entertainment and media agency, to assist their business development efforts in the Asia region and beyond in motorsport, golf, tennis and football.

While at IMG James helped generate over US\$ 2,000,000 revenue from events such as the Hong Kong Cricket Sixes; the Federer vs. Sampras Venetian Macau Showdown; & helped establish Mastercard Luxury Week HK as part of expanding IMG Fashion’s & IMG Models’ business.

James then became Head of Business Development at KPMG Corporate Services, Asia’s leading outsourcing corporate & accounting services firm with 14 regional offices & 800 staff, generating over HK\$ 8,000,000 of new business-leads and establishing an internal BD team within the firm.

In 2011 he became a relationship manager and licensed financial advisor at Clariden Leu (Credit Suisse Group), introducing clients & funds, while driving new business initiatives.

More recently James took on new responsibilities with his international bridalwear manufacturing and multi-brand family business, creating additional revenue-streams via setting up a wedding photography studio business in China and In Vogue Photography HK, full-servicing, personal and commercial clients respectively.

James is a graduate of University of London Law School (The London School of Economics & Political Science [LSE] & The School of Oriental & African Studies [SOAS]), having gained an Honours LLB degree. He is also a graduate of Yale University’s, Yale-in-China Chinese Studies programme.

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Joseph Chu OS 81-86 is the Founder and Managing Director of Odysseus Capital Asia. He has over 24 years of experience in the origination and execution of equity capital markets and corporate finance transactions in Asia, in particular Hong Kong and the PRC. He started his career in Morgan Stanley in London and thereafter worked in the corporate finance department of a number of global investment banks, including Morgan Grenfell, SBC Warburg and Rothschild, where he became a member of the board of directors in Hong Kong in 2000 and a board member of Rothschild’s direct investment fund, focusing on PRC investments (which was jointly sponsored by the CITIC group) and its related investment manager KWR Asset Management Ltd. He also served as the Head of Investment Banking for North Asia at Rabobank International and subsequently joined CLSA Limited as Managing Director and Head of Hong Kong Coverage responsible for the bank’s investment banking activities in Hong Kong and the PRC. Prior to establishing Odysseus, he joined Galaxy Asset Management, one of the largest alternative investment companies based in Hong Kong as a Managing Director where he raised and managed an event driven fund and also established an advisory firm which is the predecessor of Odysseus.

Joseph is a Fellow Member of Hong Kong Institute of Directors, a director of Tranxiti China Master Fund (a long-short equity hedge fund) and a director of Yan Oi Tong (one of the six largest charitable organisations in HK) and a member of its investment committee. He graduated with an MBA from Imperial College, London University and a bachelor’s degree in Engineering from University College, London University.

Kenneth Wai-Chi Chan OS 84-88 tells us:

I left Stonyhurst College in September, 1984. I did my O-Levels and A-Levels at Stonyhurst (from 1984 to 1988) was baptized in our College Chapel, sang in the School Choir and served the Stonyhurst I was born in Hong Kong. I left Wah Yan College of Hong Kong, and joined Grammar at Fencing Club as the Fencing Captain for the Year 1986/87.

I entered Oriel College, the University of Oxford in 1998, and graduated with a BA in Jurisprudence (Law) in 1991. After my Solicitor’s Final Examination, I started my legal career in Hong Kong. I practiced as a solicitor with Deacons, Graham & James, Solicitors in Hong Kong (Banking Department) before joining Oriental Technology Limited in March, 1998.

Oriental Technology Limited (“OTL”) is principally engaged in an integrated range of activities relating to the import, sales, distribution and servicing of motor vehicles; as well as the provision of spare parts in China. Our Corporate Group has expanded the scope of its business tremendously since its incorporation in 1990. OTL’s core businesses now include operating a network of Automotive 3S- Dealerships, strategically located in 10 different cities of China, the trading of motor vehicle parts under our own brand “OTL Parts”, operating a network of OTL Quick-Fix Centres in China, providing quality after-sales service to car users; and the manufacturing of warehousing storage products, under the brand “OTL Systems”, for various industries including the automotive industry.

My first position in OTL was Corporate Development Manager. In 2001, I became the General Manager of Group Vehicle Sales and Marketing Division, responsible for sales and marketing operations for OTL Automotive Dealerships. In 2006, I became the Chief Executive of OTL Group.

Laurence Denvir OS 88-94 writes:

Having spent five years working for Goldman Sachs in London, I moved to the Hong Kong office with my long term partner, Julia. From a professional perspective it was a great move, joining an established (Prime Brokerage) business, supporting Asian indigenous and global hedge fund managers. On the personal front we were very fortunate indeed, managing to find accommodation in the beautiful Repulse Bay on the South Side of Hong Kong Island. Given my passion for rugby I joined the Hong Kong Football Club, with their famous “fluffy white towels” and superior sports facilities and soon became a regular member of the 1st XV. Touring is at the heart of Asian rugby and I was fortunate

to join tours to Singapore, Japan and the Philippines in the early years. After the required three year residency period I was honoured to be called up for international duty with the Hong Kong national squad, securing two friendly caps against Tunisia (home and away!) and then four caps in the inaugural, and now well established, Asia 5 Nations tournament with the winner every four years qualifying for the Rugby World Cup (alas no such luck for Hong Kong yet!). I played against the UAE in Al Ain and Japan in Niigata, then played against both South Korea and Kazakhstan at home. Unfortunately I in turn had a very serious swimming pool accident at the end of that particular season which effectively brought an end to my rugby career. That has not stopped me and many friends from overseas together with some OS such as Jeremy Walker and Richard Drinkwater enjoying the Hong Kong 7s rugby tournament every March each year. It's difficult to describe the experience; all I can say is that it is the best weekend of the year and is one very big party weekend.

Back to the professional side of things, Hong Kong is a fantastic place to do business and build deep relationships with clients. It is a city of over 7 million people yet the business environment is a tight community

with close proximity to everything anyone might need. Working lunches are de rigueur for keeping in touch with clients and industry peers, but one does need to watch the waist-line as the “easy access” also applies to bars that operate 24 hours a day 7/7! In 2011 I left Goldman Sachs after 12 years and joined HSBC's fledgling Prime brokerage business and now after three years of working with a fantastic team, am proud of everything we have managed to achieve in such a short period of time; it has been enjoyable working with new and existing clients in the Greater China region.

Perhaps more importantly, Julia and I married in St. Peter's Church at the College in 2007. Our daughter, Scarlett, was born at the Matilda Hospital on the Peak in Hong Kong in 2008, closely followed by Oscar in the same location in 2010! We now live in Sai Kung which is a small sea-side town in the quiet, rural New Territories district. We will celebrate our ten years here this month.

Hong Kong has been so good to us and we look forward to enjoying many more years with our good friends and family here in years to come.

and **Thomas Stavonhagen OS 80-88:**
I left Stonyhurst in 1988 and went to Royal Holloway, along with a number of other

OS. After too good a time and graduating in 1992, I went to study Chinese in Beijing- first at the Beijing Language Institute and then Peking University. Beijing was a pretty intense experience in those days, and after a couple of years I returned to London with the strangely specific goal of working at Music and Television, which somehow I managed to achieve.

As fun as working at MTV in London was, I decided to come back to China in 1997 and moved to Shanghai to open the MTV offices here in early 1998. In 2000 I left the comfort zone that was MTV and started my own production company. We are now in our 15th year of operations and have grown to 36 staff producing television commercials, corporate films, digital content and event documentation videos. You can have a look at some of our stuff at www.idcreations.com.cn

In 1997 I met Caroline, my wonderful French wife, who had been studying Chinese in China for many years already. Together we have two sons, Louis who is 15 and Felix who is 11. My younger brother David, also OS, came out to Shanghai in 2008 and is a partner in our production company. Our parents spend their time between Beijing and Berlin.

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We do not have contact details for all the leavers of 1952 and perhaps others are no longer with us but here is news of some of those still in touch.

Brian Huthwaite writes briefly:

I left Stonyhurst in 1952 and started my working life in my grandfather's hosiery factory in Nottingham. This lasted for a year until I was called up into the RAF. After an uneventful two years I started back at the factory.

However after only a couple of weeks I decided that this was not the life for me. I looked through the local paper and noticed that Peat Marwick Mitchell, now known as KPMG, were looking for an articled clerk. I applied and managed to qualify as a Chartered Accountant. After qualification I tried my hand at commerce but this was also not for me and I therefore returned to the profession.

I married Barbara in 1962 and we had two children. I joined a small local firm of Chartered Accountants in 1963 and was admitted as a partner in 1967. We then took over two local firms and in 1979 were approached by a national firm, Kidsons, to join their group. This group then became Kidsons Impey (now Baker Tilly) and I retired in 1995. I became a Life Member of the Institute in 2012.

I now have 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. I enjoy travelling and gardening and am a life member of the National Trust

David Waters has written to say:

In 1955 I started as the first visiting teacher on a new program between University College, Oxford and St. Paul's School, New

Hampshire, USA. It was a one year position but I stayed for the limit of my 4 year exchange visa. I had discovered work that I really enjoyed, and I returned to Oxford for English studies, worked in Cyprus for two years with an American mining company, until I obtained my immigration visa.

Two fortuitous opportunities have added to my life in American independent schools and universities.

In 1964 an American headmaster hired me to teach and in 1968 to direct and plan his seven week summer cultural and educational program at the University of Reading in England with as many as 100 students, and eventually including adults. This program ran for almost 20 years. For these early years I brought my wife, Anne, and three children to England to see our families, and those regular summers became an important part of our children's upbringing by staying with their grandparents, visiting theatres, and coming to know about many aspects of England. We have all remained British citizens.

I have learned so much as an English teacher from the second opportunity. In 1966 I began to work with the Advanced Placement program of the College Board of New York, a national organization that sets multiple choice and writing examinations for the nation. I worked on the test committee for A.P. English Literature, eventually chairing this committee for both English Literature and English

Language and Composition, developing their May exams, which now encompass half a million students in English alone. My work for the College Board and Educational Testing Services broadened in 1973 when I and other consultants began teaching graduate courses in Summer Institutes and one day workshops for hundreds of English teachers working A.P. English secondary school courses. I retired in 2000 from my regular teaching in New England, Wisconsin, and New Orleans, but I am still teaching Summer Institutes and shorter workshops across the country as an outdated, think-on-your feet, 80 year old!

At my age, in excellent health through running and non-fanatical gym work, I feel really fortunate or blessed. My second wife, Anne and I have returned to walk in the Lake District for over 15 years where I recently ran into a friendly Stonyhurst group in Keswick. My first wife, also Anne, died recently, but we were proud of and close to, our three children: Mark Rylance (Waters) the first director of the Shakespeare Globe Theatre in London; Jonathan Waters, in Berkeley, California; and Susannah Waters, who lives and works in Lewes.

Much respect to all survivors of 1952! I remember with gratitude A.C. Everitt and Paul Scherer, and am still in contact with Michael Lavery, John Thornton, John Denvir (1951) and Peter Delisle (1953). I live in Monterey, California, and love to read, drive, and travel. I have kept my absurd record of 142 commercial airports that I have flown into at least once. This July I added Oslo, Copenhagen, and Kirkenes, near the northern tip of Norway and Europe. I hope to make 150 before I go!

Francis Floyd reminds us that as well as being a monitor, he was captain of the 3rd XV with mascot Flook, and also a keen Fives player, a JUO and trained as a parachutist.

He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery, serving three years in Germany and then an officer in the TA. After the army, he tried his vocation as a Jesuit but this was short-lived and he joined ICI Paints Division in Export Sales which involved travelling (first class) to the Middle East on several occasions. He then moved to Burns Oates Retail as PA to the Managing Director.

Then came a change of career path into education and St Mary's, Strawberry Hill, as a mature student. The next year he married and they had three children, Adrian (headmaster), Madeleine (artist) and Dominic (teacher). They now have seven grandchildren.

He taught in Windsor and then the

Dragon School, Oxford becoming a housemaster and in 1983, he was appointed headmaster of Farleigh School, succeeding Frank Macadam OS. He has worked at Downside and became First Secretary of the Catholic Independent Schools Conference.

His hobbies include: bridge, skiing, travel, throwing pots, genealogy, golf, walking and gardening.

He can be found at : Middle Farm, Dinder, Wells, BA5 3PL, 01749672737 or dinderfloyd@talktalk.net, and would be happy to hear from contemporaries.

Harold James Bradley has written to tell us:

In 1944 I started at Hodder. Liverpool was being bombed and my parents thought it might be safer to be at the college than in an air-raid shelter!

The day before I left home my family asked round a local OS who was a captain in the Guards to give me some tips. He looked down on me from a great height telling me how sorry he felt for me and the discipline he had experienced at Stonyhurst was far harsher than in any Guards regiment he had been in during war!

In 1954 I joined Liverpool University Medical School qualifying M.B.,Ch.B.in 1960

Then in 1962 came marriage and I joined a small rural G.P. practice of 400 sq.miles which was hard work and long hours but very rewarding as the Cumbrians are a tough breed which matches the climate. An example of this (one of very many) was a farmer coming to the surgery having nearly cut his foot off with a chain saw most indignant because I sent him to hospital and all he wanted was a bandage so he could milk his cows!

My wife was a ward sister in a Liverpool teaching hospital before marriage and we were blessed with Jane, Richard and Catherine

Anne unfortunately developed generalised arthritis due to the Cumbrian climate and with great sadness we moved to Worthing in Sussex which is the warmest and driest part of England and I joined a small practice in the Costa Geriatrica. Victoria Station has a sign NEWHAVEN FOR THE CONTINENT and some wag has written WORTHING FOR THE INCONTINENT.

I retired in 1990 with a cholesterol of 11.5! and we live in the beautiful Sussex village of Steyning, now with our grandchildren living locally.

General Practice used to leave little time for hobbies but I joined the Catenian Association in Carlisle and in Worthing and I reached my 50 years in 2015. I have been circle president on three occasions.

It has been a marvellous organization for middle class Catholic men.

My views on a Stonyhurst education: academically not quite as good as some schools, the reason being that there was no entrance exam but I have never come across any insuperable problems because of the self reliance we were taught. It has opened more doors for me than my medical degrees
Thank you Stonyhurst.

Jerome O'Hea informs us:

I left Stonyhurst at Easter 1952 having received an offer of a place at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, to read Mechanical Sciences (Engineering). I started my National Service in June and joined the Royal Tank Regiment. I was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in January 1953 and was posted to the 2 RTR which was at that time based in Germany. The main strategic threat came from Russia and our tank manoeuvres over the large expanses of heathland in West Germany were exercises against an enemy which was expected to attack from that direction. Later on I returned to the training regiment at Catterick Camp and completed my two years service there. The main task of the Training Regiments was to process a fresh intake of young National Service recruits every two weeks.

After demobilisation in June 1954, I attended the University of Grenoble for three months in order to gain a working grasp of the French language.

The Cambridge Engineering course started in October and lasted three years. Having been awarded my degree, I joined the family engineering business of Colt Group Ltd which was based at that time in Surbiton, Surrey. Colt was started by my father Jack O'Hea (1897 – 1984) in 1931. Three of Jack's elder brothers are OS and two, Fr Leo O'Hea and Fr Jerome O'Hea, were ordained into the Society of Jesus. My elder brother Alan who is an OS and an Oxford engineer was already working for the business.

Colt underwent a period of expansion both at home and abroad in the 1960's and 1970's which required us to set up a larger factory in Havant, near Portsmouth, and to build factories and offices in Holland, Germany and other European countries. Further expansion overseas followed and continues to this day.

In 1978, our family started a medical charity with gifts of 22% of the shares of Colt. The income of this charity, called the Colt Foundation, is derived from the dividends from Colt. The Foundation makes grants though selected universities and colleges

to enable research to be carried out into occupational and environmental health. It also supports students to enable them to take higher degrees in subjects related to occupational health.

My wife Elizabeth and I married in 1959. We have four children, (one of whom, Simon, is an OS) and eight grandchildren.

I received an OBE for services to research and innovation and honorary doctorates from Napier University and from the University of Portsmouth.

John Fox's wife, Isabel, has written for him:

John left Stonyhurst in 1952 and was articled as a solicitor. He did well but after a year he got leave to do his National Service. He became a Captain and after the end of his National Service, he continued with the Territorial Army as a member of the Cheshire Yeomanry.

“John returned to complete his Articles, first in London and then finally back in Liverpool. He then worked as an assistant solicitor in the South West before finally joining Whatley Weston and Fox Solicitors of Worcester. John became the senior partner in the Worcester office but in 1976, we emigrated to Canada with our family of five children, one dog and a container of furniture. This was in part to enable our eldest son, Oliver, to attend a school for the Blind in Ontario, Canada. We returned to the UK in 1978 and John started his own firm which continued until 1986 when he was invited to become an adjudicator in the Immigration Appeal Tribunal. He eventually became the senior Vice President of the Immigration Appeals Tribunal and was also a member of the Special Immigration Appeals Service until he retired at the age of 68. John has been a member of the Order of Malta since 1974 and was a founder trustee of the Knights of Malta Housing Trust, now known as the St. John's Trust. John and I have been married for just under 49 years and have many happy memories of our time together. We had 7 children but sadly three of them died, Oliver at 19, baby Isabel in 1974 and Anthony, our adopted son in 1991. We now have 11 grandchildren, all of whom are beloved. He is now not in good health but he is able to remain at home with me. His brother Stephen also attended Stonyhurst as did his grandfather and father.”

With best wishes, Isabel Fox

*And from **John Fulford** we hear:*

After leaving Stonyhurst I had a place at Clare College Cambridge but that required doing National Service first. Believing (wrongly!) that National Service would soon be over I went to the University of Wales,

Bangor and obtained degrees in Zoology and Agriculture. Then, National Service still being obligatory, joined the RAF on a Short Service Commission for 3 years. I failed my aircrew medical on eyesight and spent most of my time in training and as a wing adjutant.

My first job was as an Information Scientist in Animal Health with Smith Kline & French (now Glaxo Smith Kline). Then I was posted as Marketing Manager, Southern Africa in Johannesburg for 3 years. After that I was General Manager, Animal Health UK for three years and then I spent 4 years as Managing Director India, a significant posting for me and the family. I was Vice-Commodore of the Royal Bombay Yacht Club and for many years a chairman of the Indo-British Partnership.

Then I joined G.D Searle, another pharmaceutical company as Area Director South and South East Asia then UK, Southern Europe, Africa and Middle East.

Next I joined Becton Dickinson, a medical service corporation as Managing Director UK and Director Northern Europe, Africa and Middle East.

I was headhunted to a job as Managing Director in a large British Agricultural/Food Group but left after one year, aged 39 and set up my own consultancy Grosvenor Stewart which was eventually sold to Michael Page. After two years, I founded Euromedica which became Europe's largest executive search consultancy specialising in the healthcare industries with 23 consultants throughout Europe.

I continued in part time consultancy under the banner of one of my own companies, 'People in Health' until aged 78, with a lot of serious sailing from Portugal.

I live very happily in a delightful village on the Suffolk Coast with my wife Doris. I have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Michael Taylor was commissioned into the army serving in Malaya for National Service. He still sometimes wears a sarong. He studied medieval art history at London and became curator of Early Christian, Byzantine and Medieval Art at the British Museum but left after a few years to do the soup run for the St Mungo Community whose founder had a cottage on Skye and sent Michael there for a holiday. Immediately he knew he would spend the rest of his life there and lives in a tiny cottage on the edge of the sea, milking cows and with no telephone or television. He describes it as paradise.

When he arrived there were about ten Catholics and only visiting priests but the congregation has been growing and he helps the busy priest and instructs converts.

His interests are theology, salmon fishing, books and nearly everything except football. Stonyhurst looms largely in his life and he says, 'I owe it and the good Jesuits more than I can possibly realise. The High Masses at school are amongst the greatest experiences of my life.'

*and **John Rigby** sounding very cheerful:*

I had an idyllic childhood in Bombay with school only in the mornings and afternoons at Breach Candy, a vast swimming lido. I was destined for Hodder aged seven but the war held me in India until 1945. I then entered Stonyhurst aged eleven - not SMH as that had been requisitioned by the English College evacuated from Rome. Several of us colonials arrived at the same, all wild and feral and thus ideal converts to the major Stonyhurst religion. No, not Catholicism but rugby football. I loved rugby and I loved Stonyhurst. There were no half-terms or exeats, but that is what we expected.

I played for the first XV for three seasons with full colours for two, and for England Public Schools.

I returned to Bombay in 1951 after my A levels but in those days Oxbridge aspirants had to return to school to take scholarship exams. I accepted a place at Lincoln College but decided to do my two years National Service first, largely because I aspired to a rugger Blue and I knew that as a prop I needed to mature.

I joined the Royal Artillery and I enjoyed it. Gunners have an emotional attachment to the guns and, after I was commissioned and Duty Officer I would walk alone by moonlight to visit the guns.

Army life is one of stark contrasts. A home posting can be like a holiday while war can be Hell. The Korean War was on then with OS dying while the Malay Insurgency and the Mau Mau in Kenya were provoking nervous breakdowns in other OS. Yet I by chance was posted to a training regiment whose CO was a sports fanatic. I won an RA cap for rugger and had a few games for the army. At the weekends I would play for my civilian club. In the summer I had to get into the athletics team which was packed with top athletes. I have never been fast on the track but the CO hired an Olympic coach to teach me to throw the hammer and the discus. We won the army championships. I was demobbed in May 1954 and not due at Oxford until October, so I spent the summer on the staff of a Butlin's holiday camp. Once at Oxford I was straight into the University team as the established props were injured, but it was not until 1955 that I got my Blue and again in 1956.

After Oxford what to do? I had to make

a living so I did the least imaginative thing; I followed my father into Unilever as a graduate management trainee based at Port Sunlight. I was bored from the start, but at least I had the diversion of life away from the office. I played rugby for Lancashire and for Birkenhead Park as Captain. Then disaster struck in the shape of a broken leg.

In 1960 I married Thomasina (Toma) Elston, sister of Adrian Elston OS. We have two daughters both of whom followed me to Oxford. By 1966 it was clear that I was never going to follow my father up the greasy pole of commerce. I hated it. If I had had the means I would have become a playboy and taken a lifelong holiday. It would not have suited most people but I would have enjoyed it. So I did the next best thing. Masters at Public schools in those days enjoyed much autonomy and long holidays. St. Peter's School, York was looking for an old Blue to take over the first XV from an older Blue. I loved the life. It was almost like being back at Oxford: a few hours in the morning with the books before the serious business with the oval ball in the afternoon. I taught English and History to O level and Economics to A level (I read PPE at Oxford) But Politics was becoming a popular subject so I specialised in that. A number of my pupils got to Oxford and two are current MPs.

My greatest joy was in taking all the post Advanced level Oxbridge candidates in all subjects all together for General Studies; to match wit and wisdom with the best. My broad cultural education at Stonyhurst served me well. To be a Jesuit-educated Catholic at St Peter's was no handicap. Guy Fawkes was a Peterite and the school banned bonfires on 5 November. I'm proud of my forebear the martyr Blessed Miles Gerard whose skull was preserved as a relic at the Holden farm and then, mistakenly believed to be a fictional Philip Holden, displayed in the sacristy of the Stonyhurst church.

When I was 54 in 1988 the government announced a generous early-retirement package. I thought Why Not? Teaching was changing; becoming bureaucratic. We were threatened with Course Work and Assessment and Planned Lessons; not for me, thanks. I would revert to the spirit of my boyhood when the sun was always shining on the thrice-fortunate children of the Raj; not many of us are left today! I have always swum. Aged ten I came second in the under 12 freestyle championship of Western India and it was frustrating that Stonyhurst had no swimming team in my day though the old plunge was as viable as most school pools were at the time. Twelve years ago we moved to Eastbourne to a penthouse with a sea view and we have a beach-hut for sea

swimming. I still swim regularly in the sea or a pool, but, after many operations I'm slow - and eighty years old. I enjoy diving and until recently I was diving off the high board while my grandchildren were having diving lessons from an instructor. Unfortunately because of the metal in my back, my wife has banned it. One daughter lives in Covent Garden so we have a base for the theatres. The other daughter is currently based in Dar-es-Salaam. We visit and the life is not unlike mine was in Bombay many years ago.

Retire early if you can: while you are still fit and active and able to cope with the hassle at airports. As our daughters moved here and there overseas we visited: to the USA, Canada, E and S Africa and twice to India. Only a cynic sneers at nostalgia. I am a child of the Raj and Kipling is my poet. But he was never just gung-ho and Gunga-din. Read “Recessional”:

Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!

***Patrick Fagan** has written to say:*

After leaving Stonyhurst I applied, unenthusiastically, for a regular commission (conscription was compulsory) in the Royal Engineers (Sappers) in the hope of having the army pay me through an engineering degree. It partially worked in that I was sent to a local 'tech.' in Chatham, but not the hoped for Cambridge. But I was now committed for a further 5 years in the army.

At Sandhurst I had bumped into Chris Bonnington of my intake, and through him I discovered the joy of climbing in Wales, the Lakes and Scotland, and this has remained important to me through the rest of my life.

A little later I was posted to Gibraltar for a very happy two years, leading small expeditions climbing in Spain and Morocco as well as on the Rock itself. I applied to train as a surveyor, a Sapper specialisation, hoping to land some expeditionary work as a result. I was selected as a surveyor for an expedition to the Karakoram Himalaya, but this ended early through some maladministration and I was posted to Germany for a few summer months, much of it spent playing cricket.

After further training I was posted to Aden, working in remote parts along the Yemen border, before being tasked with surveying the borders between Oman, Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia. I had a team of 24 very happy soldiers, away from higher authority, working in a remote part of the Empty Quarter. Bliss.

Next came a Combined Services expedition to South Georgia (from frying pan to fridge), spending four months

discovering and retracing Shackleton's route across the island in 1916, climbing the highest mountains, and surveying an unmapped area. The highest mountain in this area was later named Mt Fagan, and I was honoured with the MBE on my return.

But by now committed to a military career, it was time to become a more conventional soldier, and the next three years were spent in the UK. But it did enable me to find a wife, Veronica, widow of a good (Downside educated) Sapper friend of mine, and settle in Hampshire where our 2 sons were born. She very sadly died in 2003.

After a year's study at UCL I acquired an MSc, and was sent to the Ordnance Survey to lead their air survey branch. This was another very happy time, before various technical and staff appointments in the MOD. It was the mid 1970s and the work involved exploiting US satellite photography for mapping and targeting, then highly classified but now can be admitted. Thrilling technology, but unknown to all but a very few.

Next to NATO, first the Netherlands and then Belgium, working internationally over the next six deeply rewarding years. Back after that to MOD, and two years later to my last job as Director General of Military Survey (as a Major -General) and a CB on retirement.

I have done a variety of things since retiring, but the most interesting have stemmed from my love of mountains and the resulting friendships. I have returned to the wider Himalayas a total of nine times, continued to make many ski mountaineering trips to Africa, the Rockies and all over Europe including Svalbard in the far north. I have served as President of the Alpine Ski and Eagle Ski Clubs, Vice President of The Alpine Club and Royal Geographical Society, and Chairman of the Mount Everest Foundation and of the James Caird Society, as well as similar positions in various military and professional bodies.

I have indeed been extremely fortunate, and it has all been great fun.

*and finally ... **Paul Charles Joseph Metcalf***

At 79, it is a long life to look back on, interesting, varied, challenging and rewarding. After leaving Stonyhurst, I went to Peterhouse, Cambridge, and read Engineering. It was not my love or choice. Family influenced career in those days, but I ended up, after due time, with the normal MA Cantab. Luckily, I took up rowing at Peterhouse with a great crew. In my third year, we won several races including the Ladies Plate at Henley Royal Regatta. We enjoy celebrating this event every five years back at Peterhouse.

National Service was in fashion in those days, so I was able to secure a privileged entry into the navy due to my engineering degree. I sailed around the world as a Temporary Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RNVR. What an experience to see the vastness of the British Empire, and enjoy the beauties of so many foreign lands and enjoy the most hospitable entertainment that greeted us. I was the unworthy benefactor of UK taxes, as I was quite useless as an engineering officer, and no one wanted me to be responsible for the engines and boilers on board. The best job they found for me was as wine officer.

It was in Gibraltar, I met the beautiful Joan Holyer, Gibraltar's radio announcer, and fell in love. After the world tour and during a passing visit to Gibraltar, we became engaged, and the month after I was discharged from the service, we were married in Gibraltar Cathedral. Then real life began.

I apprenticed at Richardsons Westgarth, Hartlepool, Ltd, and finally designed turbines. There we had our first child, Gabrielle. How the medical world has changed. When I delivered Joan to the hospital, I was told by the nurse to go home and that she would call me when the child had been born, and then there was only two hours visiting per day. We bought our first car for Gabrielle's birth. Up to then, we were bicyclists for the first 4 years of our marriage.

I had a short time in the family business, Metcalf Motor Coasters Ltd, as an Assistant Marine Superintendent in Hull. As I said, Engineering was not my choice. A computer soon determined that I should be in the new computer industry. So, I started my career of love with International Computers Ltd in London, with the first intake of computer programmers who did not have to start on tabulators. I immediately loved computer programming, where I think that my mathematical incline helped me. Late nights were the order of the day – that program had to run tomorrow. Then, my main exercising efforts were squash, tennis and jogging while we lived in Surbiton. I later worked for Mobil Oil in their data processing company, MDSL, in London and then in Sevenoaks.

Joan had our second child in Wimbledon. What a difference! I was there at the birth of David, the most emotional experience that I have ever had. But after a difficult time we unfortunately decided to divorce, amicably. That was the second most emotional time I have ever had.

Such a sad interruption in my life saw me going to South Africa, a land of beautiful hills and mountains, beautiful people, peacefulness and low cost of living. Philip

Frame, the largest blanket manufacturer in the west, took me on to run the computer systems department in Durban. Playing bridge at the Norwegian Club found me playing against my present lovely wife, Sara Coke. She won me over and then the question of marriage and the Church came into conflict. The local clergy of several religions persuaded me to get an annulment. That was the start of our having several wedding ceremonies. A Presbyterian minister first married us in our garden, then the Catholic Church blessed our marriage later with the full wedding ceremony and nuptial Mass. We tried to adopt children but the South African government would not allow foreigners to do so. We fostered children for a short while. Sara and I started an accounting business in our home, Natal Accounts, which was very successful as we would have business discussions having afternoon tea around the pool at weekends. All the accounts were hand-written and balanced to the cent. I wish we had had computers then.

In the days of apartheid, we lived in a colonial sort of way, living-in servants were the norm, entertainment was easier, and life was very comfortable – for a time. Besides duplicate bridge, I took up surfing at 38 and ended up in hospital on the first day. I took up horse riding and the horse threw me so that I landed on my coccyx. I learnt to fly a Cessna 150 but Sara did not like the way I landed, I taught mathematics to adult blacks who had not had all their education, taught Catechism, and tried to make Mr. Frame a richer man, but when we looked at the possible future of South Africa, we decided that it was not the place in which to retire.

America, here we come. We wanted a place that was sunny, spoke English, had a higher level of earning power than South Africa and which produced wine. We settled in Houston, Texas. I started my own computer business, which seemed to be going very well until the oil crash of 1981/2. By then my son, David from England, had come to stay permanently with us. The day he arrived at Houston Intercontinental Airport he wilted, the temperature was 105°F. Without a return plane ticket or a visa, they were going to send him back to England. After a little discussion, he was granted thirty days in the US. Going through all the procedures quickly, we finally slept out on the pavement for the night to be third in line for the Immigration Office the next morning. David is now, three decades later, applying to become an American citizen. I am still very British.

We had started to try to adopt again, looking for a 5 year old, or two. When my

company went bankrupt, we were offered a family of three children: 10, 12 and 13. We said yes to God, and James, Susan and Dale joined us. That was an eye-opener for us and for them. These American children had to learn English manners and accents. I worked for the City of Houston for a while and then the electricity company, Houston Lighting and Power. As economies change, so do my fortunes. Twenty-five percent of the company was laid off, with my department disappearing.

The world seems to be my oyster as a job in the United Arab Emirates was offered to me. Sara and I spent three and a half years there. What an opportunity to visit exotic places for holidays. I was temporarily running the University's computer department until a more academic person could be found. After thirty days there, I was informed that Sara would have to leave the country or prove her marriage to me. We went to Abu Dhabi, stood before a Muslim judge and were 're-married'. I cannot tell you the things we had to promise. Living in the UAE was the most interesting, educational and challenging job I have had, and there I got my ulcer. The Arabian hospitality customs are legendary, but that is a story for another day. In the UAE you retire at 60. Hence, on returning from a holiday after only three years, I was told that my time had come to an end. However, my contract said that I had to be given six months notice, and so I stayed for three and a half years. I would not have missed my experiences of dealing with Arabs for anything, getting lost or stuck in the sand in the desert and being helped out by every passing Arab, seeing the sands of the desert flooded (with flowing water) after a storm, getting lost in the desert when our footmarks had been blown away by the sand, bargaining in the souks, enjoying the pleasures of taking Arabic coffee before any discussions, enjoying long Ramadan afternoons off work and eating the Ifta evening meal. It was their hospitality that astounded me most. On our part, we had to learn the Arab customs and obey them, and I had to insist that my department of mainly Americans did the same. We sang with the Al Ain Choral Society, played bridge, and I taught catechism. The Catholic Church in Al Ain was in a compound, so that it could not be seen from the street by Muslims. As the working week was from Saturday to Wednesday, so our Sunday Mass, celebrated by an Indian priest, was on Friday, the Muslim holy day.

When you return home in America at 60 years old, without a job, and being a foreigner, it is difficult to get employment. Back in Texas, Sara and I started an Internet

LOURDES 2014

The 50th Stonyhurst Pilgrimage to Lourdes

ROBIN MELLOWS

THIS YEAR THE Stonyhurst Group once again joined the Catholic Association Pilgrimage. It was celebrated as the fiftieth Pilgrimage although it has become apparent that it was actually the fifty first! And Father Twist tells us (discretion stopping him from revealing to whom he refers) that there were some on the Pilgrimage this year who were present on the first one. Over one hundred Assisted Pilgrims, current Stonyhurst pupils, young OS and older OS, and their families, extended families and friends travelled to answer Our Lady's call to go to Lourdes.

Father Nick King wrote a piece in the Pilgrimage Booklet celebrating the history of the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage in which he reminds us that "we who are privileged to serve as brancardiers and handmaids in fact receive far more than we can possibly give to the 'Assisted Pilgrims'." It is the joy and satisfaction of looking after people who depend on us that brings people back as helpers time and time again.

This was the second year that we were lucky enough to have among our Assisted Pilgrims a man of fifty severely disabled by motor neurone disease. He came again with his wife and two sons – his need for physical care being so great that there would be no possibility of him travelling without the amount of help available on the Catholic Association Pilgrimage. Although the only movement that he has left in any of his muscles is the ability to talk quietly and swallow small amounts of food and drink (he even has a machine to do more than 90% of his breathing), he was determined to come back this year, to attend the Stonyhurst Mass, and to be immersed in the water of the baths. His wife could remember the look on his face when he emerged from the baths last year – she described it as "twinkling". The journey to Lourdes was made as easy and comfortable as it possibly could be for him – but it was still gruelling and he did not look well for the first two days in Lourdes. He was unable to leave the Accueil to begin with, but joy was palpable in the air when the door opened at the back of the chapel just after the Stonyhurst Mass started and he was wheeled in. And as for the baths – when he came out his face was a permanent grin for hours. He and his family benefitted immeasurably from their Pilgrimage, but as Father Nick says, those of us privileged to look after him gained far more.

Ubi Sunt? contd.

company to sell cross stitch, Salt & Pepper. No sales for the first month to a million hits on our web site per year was exciting. After ten years, we sold the business, which is still going strong in Minnesota as one of the oldest private computer businesses on the Internet, and so we are now retired. If you think that you have more time in retirement, think again. I have been singing in a four-part choir at church, arranging English translations of some Latin choral works, introducing some Stonyhurst hymns, teaching catechism, teaching 'English as a Second Language' to adults mainly from

south of the border, helping in the many efforts of the Knights of Columbus, writing spoofs for the KC Christmas parties, helping with an AIDS ministry, and now I am into community activism. That means attending all the board meetings of the Fire Department, the subdivision's residents' association, the political entity that supplies water and sewage services here, getting road signs changed, and being a bee in the parish priest's ear at parish council meetings, and doing all the other usual church ministries. They love my English accent when I read the lessons.

It's been a wonderful life for which I thank God; two lovely wives, five children, five grandchildren to date, worked on four continents, seen the world, enjoyed life even when broke, have three of our children near us, hopeful of the changes that will happen in the Catholic Church, which have led to divergent opinions with my parish priest, good health for me, and the US retirees' medical insurance, Medicare, taking care of most of Sara's medical bills, sunshine most days, swimming nine or ten months of the year and our nineteen-year-old car is still going strong, as are we.



The Pilgrimage continues to provide the opportunity for people severely limited in their mobility or with complex medical and nursing needs to go to Lourdes. It continues to teach the young helpers joining it for their first Pilgrimage that there is great joy and satisfaction to be gained from looking after the people that depend on them.

If you know anyone who would not normally be able to travel or even leave their home, but who may like to join the Pilgrimage, or if you wish to join it as a helper, get in touch with Beverley in the Association Office.

The Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust is looking for an accountant to look after the Trust's Accounts. It is a job that would possibly suit someone who in the past (recent or distant!) went to Lourdes as a young or even an older helper. The amount of work involved is not great, but the Trust is registered as a charity and has to keep proper accounts.

If you feel you could volunteer, please contact Beverley Sillitoe in the Association Office.

VISITORS

Over the past year, a number of people have come to the College to give talks to the Senior Essay Society, PAST or Careers or for other reasons. Many of these have been OS or had other connections with the College.

Richard Joseph OS of the company he owns and runs jointly with his twin brother, **Antony** and now known as JosephJoseph, came to address some of the students and inspire them with their success. Their father, **Michael Joseph OS**, started them off with £10,000 in 2003 and the company is now worth many millions, employs about 80 people making highly functional kitchenware which is sold in over 100 countries. (see *Congratulations*)

The Persons Lecture

In honour of the founder, Robert Persons SJ, the Stonyhurst Association organised a talk in the Centenaries Theatre delivered by Jan Graffius, the curator and Professor Peter Davidson of Aberdeen University. The lecture was entitled 'Helena's Falcon, Champion's Phoenix: Jesuits and the Wintour vestments' and the symbolism of these items. Amongst other things, we learnt that there was a medieval myth that bear cubs were born shapeless and had to be licked into shape by the mother's rough tongue. This idea became an emblem for Jesuit education.

PAST and the Senior Essay Society arranged a talk by Professor Stephen Alford from Leeds University whose principal research interests lie in the history of politics, political thought and monarchy in sixteenth-century Britain.

Judge James Hanratty OS gave a talk on matters affecting immigration control, benefits and risks and the constraints such as European and Human Rights law and politics. After qualifying as a solicitor he worked in the Lord Chancellor's Department before becoming Senior Legal Adviser on the handover of the Hong Kong to China. He then returned to the UK as an Immigration Judge and became president of the Stonyhurst Association in 2013/14.

Lord Hennessy of Nympsfield was guest speaker at the Association Annual Dinner and was invited to give a talk by the headmaster. Through the good offices of James Hanratty, he came to speak about his experiences as a journalist and historian, political observer and writer and the characters he had known.

Paul Garlington has been Head of History at St Mary's Hall for many years and has built up a wonderful knowledge and understanding

of the First World War. His guided trips to the Somme battlefields have enthralled many pupils and OS.

His talk focussed on the lives and deaths of the many Stonyhurst pupils who served in the Great War, a fitting way to begin the memorial commemorations at the College.

Professor Anne Curry gave a talk about the battles of Agincourt and Bosworth entitled 'Knowing too much, knowing too little.' The recent discovery of the remains of Richard III and the numerous serials on TV have stimulated interest in this late medieval period and her lecture gave an interesting perspective on the significance of these two legendary events.

Fergus O'Connor qualified in Medicine at Manchester University and became ENT consultant to Bury and Rochdale in 1975. He became interested in nineteenth century Irish doctors' contribution to the European medical renaissance during researches into the life and times of Sir William Wilde, whom he spoke on. Wilde was the father of Oscar Wilde and as such, grandfather to an OS.

Michael Millward read art history at Cambridge and worked for 20 years at Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery which has one of the largest collections of icons in the country. Icons are typical of the Orthodox approach to religious imagery and his talk discussed the origins, meaning and production of these sacred images.

Professor Russell Deacon of the University of Wales came to speak on the subject of, 'Lloyd George: Hero or Villain?' on which the jury is still out.

Professor Loebinger is leader of the Manchester University team working on the ATLAS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN. His talk was about the part played by Manchester scientists in the development of the subject and the strange sub-nuclear world of *quarks*, *gluons* and *leptons*. The latest discoveries including that of the Higgs Boson were also reviewed.

Dr Richard Fairhurst came to talk on the subject of malaria and its treatment with quinine, developed and controlled by the Jesuits and obtained from the bark of a South American tree.

Robert Eddleston, RN rtd, lectured in May on the two Battles of Copenhagen, the first

a questionable victory for Nelson in 1801 and the second a follow-up by Wellington, landing with troops in 1807.

Dominic Medley OBE, OS appropriately began the SES/PAST programme in September having been the founder of the Past History Society and first editor of Past magazine when he was at the College. His talk was about Afghanistan where he has worked for a number of years for the government and NATO and helping to develop media coverage in the country for which he received his OBE.



Young OS, **Eleanor Lamb OS 10, Robert Church-Taylor OS 05, Rolлие Attard OS 06, Tom Leonard OS 06, Steven Hughes OS 08, Claire Lomax OS 06, Maximilian Attard OS 08, Danny Church-Taylor OS 09, and Michael Mousedale OS 10** have attended a Careers Evening giving advice to students.

Roger Riddell OS came to speak to the Industrial Society about Foreign Aid and Development.

Toby Lees OS and **Sam Burke OS** were both in Law but have become novices in the Dominican Order. They came to address Theology General.

HRH the Princess Royal came, at the invitation of the CCF and the Woodland Trust to plant an oak tree in Harry Meadow, one of 301 commemorating war dead from the College and the locality. Her interest and forthright friendliness was highly appreciated.

The **'Stars and Stripes'** flew over the gatehouse on 3rd December – not for the long promised visit of George Bush (senior) but that of the Archbishop of Baltimore, whose predecessor, the first of that title was an Old Boy (St Omers).

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

RACHEL HINDLE, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

An Evening with our Curator

On Thursday, 6th November, 30 visitors arrived at 7pm to drinks and canapés and a warm welcome from the Headmaster. Jan Graffius, Stonyhurst Curator, spoke about the family portraits in the Bayley Room bringing each character to life with stories of their lives, loves and family connections. The evening turned into a very special 'magical mystery tour' when Jan led the group over the front quad to the Stuart Parlour where her enthralling story of the Stonyhurst families continued. The next part of the tour, which was unexpected and very special, led us to the Arundel Libraries which were in near darkness, to see the newly completed renovation. The next stage of our tour took us into the store rooms where the Collections are currently being kept. From amongst the rows of carefully stored items, Jan took some out for the guests to see.

Bursary Gatherings with Michael Joseph

We continue to hold small gatherings around the country headed by Michael Joseph (OS, former parent and 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. If you would like to come along to one of our meetings or would like further information please contact the Development Office.

Annual Giving Report

You will soon be receiving your copy of our Annual Giving Report from the Development Office which highlights our fundraising achievements over the past year and gives thanks to our generous donors. Please do call Rachel Hindle on the number below if you wish to discuss any aspect of the report in more detail.

Thomas Weld Society Lunch

Our Thomas Weld Society Legacy Lunch took place on Saturday 29th November. The Headmaster welcomed guests and read a letter from the new President, Mr Henry Weld Stewart (OS 1957-62), explaining the importance of the gift from Thomas Weld of Stonyhurst to the Jesuits to accommodate the School. This has had a tremendous impact



MADRID VISIT

We were delighted to be joined by OS, parents and prospective parents at a Reception in Madrid on Saturday 22nd November 2014 at Club Real Gran Peña. It was wonderful to re-engage with Alumni and there was a tremendous sense of warmth from the Stonyhurst community who were present. Everyone enjoyed hearing about the latest developments at SMH and the College as well as our future fundraising projects within our Annual Fund. Our thanks go to all those who generously supported us by attending the Reception and by donation contributions received during the visit. In particular we would like to thank Gonzalo de Lacalle for his help in the organisation of the Reception.



January to meet with Alumni, parents and prospective parents at a Reception to be held on Monday 12th January 2015, 6.00pm - Taishan Room, Hong Kong Island Shangri-La, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road – please contact the Development Office if you would like to join them.

An Evening with our Curator

Thursday 5th February at Stonyhurst
The third event in a series of talks about the Stonyhurst Collections by Jan Graffius.

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.

APOLOGY

We would like to express our sincere apologies to **Edward Fattorini OS 1952-1962** for including his name in the 'In Memoriam' section of our last Annual Giving Report which was sent out earlier this year. We are extremely pleased to say that Edward continues to be a great supporter of Stonyhurst and we are extremely sorry for the misprint.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Headmaster's Reception in Hong Kong

The Headmaster, Mr Andrew Johnson, along with the Development Director, Mrs Rachel Hindle will be visiting Hong Kong in

COLLEGE NEWS

ANDREW JOHNSON, HEADMASTER

AS WE HEAD towards the general election next May, it seems that education and schools will once again play a key part in the national political debate: the shadow education secretary, Tristram Hunt, himself independently educated at University College School, London, is sabre-rattling about the charitable status of independent schools, urging them to do more to partner with the maintained sector, to justify their status as charities.

You may be interested to know of the range of ways in which the College seeks to make a valuable contribution to education nationally, as well as offering opportunities and support to the local community in the Ribble Valley. Such activities include our link with Faith Primary School in Everton, where Grammar pupils take the lead acting as mentors for the year 5 and 6 pupils. There is also a huge volunteering programme at the College, called *Arrupe*, involving the majority of the Poets each year, and we offer themed days for visiting primary schools, such as a Physics fair, as well. Many of the evening talks held at the College are open to the public, and we give free or subsidised access to local schools and local sports clubs to our sporting facilities.

You may well be aware of the ongoing development of the historic libraries and the return of the 'old' Rhetoric playroom to its original function as a museum. It is my hope that, within a year or so, we will be able to open up the Stonyhurst Collections to visits from local and regional schools, so that those attending Catholic and other Christian schools can be helped to understand a little more of their Christian heritage. We see offering such support locally and regionally as a part of our mission as a Jesuit school and, in the spirit of Quant Je Puis, are very happy to offer as much as we can.

Of course, the most significant way we can support education

nationally is by widening access to Stonyhurst so that as many pupils as possible who would benefit from the excellent boarding education the College offers, but whose families do not have the means to pay the full fees, are enabled to attend the College. We already offer some form of fee support with a bursary or a scholarship to 35% of the pupils attending Stonyhurst. This includes some students who are in receipt of very substantial fee remission, including some 100% awards. Our endowment covers much, but not all, of these costs. If you have attended one of the *Subscription for Stonyhurst* events, or you were at the Association Annual Dinner held at the College this term, you will be aware of our bursary campaign. The aim is to add significantly to the ranks of bursary holders at the College, so that the College does not simply become the preserve of the very rich, and so that as many OS as possible can contemplate sending their children and grandchildren to be educated at Stonyhurst. I do hope we will be able to welcome many of you over the coming year or so to the *Subscription* events we will be holding in various different locations. I urge OS, who are in a position to do so, to consider donating to the *Subscription* campaign so that as many deserving young people as possible might have the benefit of what the College offers.

If you would like to discuss giving a donation to Stonyhurst for bursaries, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Hindle, the Development Director, who will be pleased to explain the process to you in detail.

As always, if you would like to visit the College you would be more than welcome to do so. By letting Rachel Hindle know in advance, we can organise a tour for you of specific places which may be of interest to you, as well as a chance to see the many new developments which have taken place in recent years. I shall look forward to seeing you here!

THE COLLECTIONS

Joseph Reed OS 06-11, this year's holder of the Persons Fellowship, describes a newly acquired item which only recently came to light and has been bought jointly by the Association and the College.

ST OMERS PLAYS

Though at first glance, the eighteenth century binding looks like many others in the Stonyhurst Collections, this recent acquisition, generously paid for by the school and the Stonyhurst Association with a donation also from Judge J R A Hanratty RD, President of the Association 2013-2014, is very different in being a manuscript book of plays written and performed in penal times when the College was situated at St Omers.

Whilst this in itself may sound remarkable, there are already a number of books in the Stonyhurst archives containing a considerable quantity of drama written and performed at St Omers, with many much older than this newly-discovered

manuscript. These can tell us a great deal about these plays and how they were written. Though many are known to have been composed by individuals, such as the most prominent Jesuit playwright Joseph Simons, some books held at Stonyhurst show that boys in Poetry and Rhetoric at St Omers also contributed. One particular play *Joannes et Paulus*, about the early Christian martyr saints John and Paul, lists in the margin the priest or boy who wrote each scene. Comparing the names listed with the St Omers register allows us not only to date it towards the end of 1651, but also shows that it was predominantly those boys who had won prizes who were allowed to contribute towards a play.

More remarkably, because in one volume most of the poems and plays include the

names of the author, some cropping up a number of times, it is possible to get a real sense of each individual pupil, how they thought and wrote, in the same way that we can compare different poets' and writers' styles. However, the most striking thing when reading the work is the boys' ability to write fluent poetry and prose in both Greek and Latin. Undoubtedly, many OS would look on in awe at the astonishing show of erudition by Poets and Rhetoricians some 350 years ago.

However, the recently discovered manuscript adds a great deal to our understanding of Jesuit drama written and performed at St Omers.

Following two fires at St Omers in 1684 and again in 1725, many of the items relating to the theatre, including musical

CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANY



Feltnakers unite Sir Thomas More's Hat and his Chain of Office

(From Edward Macey-Dare OS 79-84)
At their Summer Banquet on 6 June 2014, the Worshipful Company of Feltnakers united Sir Thomas More's Hat and his Chain of Office for the first time in over 480 years. It has recently come to light that Stonyhurst College in Lancashire had a felt hat, which belonged to Sir Thomas More. That it has survived in such good condition owes much to the fact that Thomas More 'lost' this hat when he left it behind during a visit to friends in Holland as a young lawyer. After his execution in 1535, his friend, Godfrey Gillekens kept the hat carefully and wore it each year as Chancellor of the Supreme Court of Guelderland, on the anniversary of the Saint's death.



He gave the hat to the Jesuit College of Roermond and after passing through various hands it came to Stonyhurst College in 1835, where it has remained ever since as the property of the Jesuit Province in Britain. Coincidentally the current Master of the Feltnakers, Simon Bartley OS 65 - 75, is an alumnus of Stonyhurst, as is Jonathan Bates OS 57 - 66, the Master of the Haberdashers, from whom the Feltnakers grew in 1604.

(Above left: Simon Bartley with More's hat and the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Fiona Woolf CBE wearing More's chain of office which he wore as Lord Chancellor.)

City of London

(from Edward Macey-Dare)
In what is likely to be a first for Stonyhurst,

instruments, stage sets and presumably the archive of plays, were lost. As a result, much of our knowledge of dramatic productions at the College post 1684 is greatly limited. Fortunately, our recent acquisition can be dated exactly to 1716 by one of the plays within the book – *Hannibal* – dedicated to the then Jesuit provincial (and former Rector of St Omers) Fr Charles Plowden, placing it exactly within the period from which we have little surviving material.

Indeed, because this book is one of few to survive from that time, nearly all of the nine plays recorded within were lost until now. More significantly *Gallicanus*, one of the plays within the book, is the only play from St Omers to have survived the fires with its complete, accompanying score of music. Thus, this is the first time that it would be possible to recreate an entire play from that time with its full musical score, and this is, on its own one of the largest complete works of music to survive from St Omers.



this year the College boasts 2 Livery Company Masters, (Joff Bates, Master Haberdasher OS 57-66) and Simon Bartley, Master Feltnaker (OS 65-74) together with the Learned Clerk of the Distillers, Edward Macey-Dare (OS 79-84).

These three with non-aldermanic Sheriff, Adrian Waddingham CBE (ex Mount St Mary's) decided to capitalise on the situation by holding an inaugural Jesuit alumni dinner for senior liverymen which took place on 22nd July 2014 at Haberdashers' Hall. The event was attended by some 14 Jesuit alumni of the livery (the Sheriff, 3 Masters, 3 Past Masters, 3 Wardens. 1 Liveryman (William Bates, OS 63-72, brother of the Master Haberdasher) and 3 Clerks with representatives from Stonyhurst, Mount St Mary's, Wimbledon (to include Anthony Woellwarth, Past Master Mason, whose three sons, William, Richard and Nicholas, are OS), St Ignatius Stamford Hill, St George's, Harare and St Peter's School, Southbourne. There were also three 'honorary Jays' present (Alderman Vincent Keaveny, Master Solicitor; Nick Gale, Master Plumber and proud Stonyhurst parent and Tom Barton, Past Master Pavior, who was educated at Downside but has strong Stonyhurst links on his mother's side). The guest of honour was Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ, the former rector of both Stonyhurst and St George's Harare and himself an Old Boy of St Ignatius Stamford Hill (see photo above).

The plan is to continue this initiative in future years, widening the net to include all liverymen and freemen of the City of London who were either educated by the Jesuits or have a close Jesuit connection. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Edward Macey-Dare at: emacedare@lbmw.com or Simon Bartley at: simon@simonjbartley.com

Congratulations to **Andrew Gordon-Saker OS 70-77**. He has been appointed by HM the Queen to be the Senior Costs Judge (Chief Taxing Master) on the advice of the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice.

Also to **Sir Colin Treacy OS 62-66** who has been promoted to the Court of Appeal. As Lord Justice Treacy, he has been appointed Chairman of the Sentencing Council, which develops guidelines for criminal courts in England and Wales.
OS Lawyers

Julian Ribet OS 87-92 reports that OS Lawyers-Linkedin is a group that is growing and now has over 100 members. It is also benefiting recent OS who have gained work experience from him and others. Membership of the Group is open to all Judges, Barristers, Pupil Barristers, Solicitors, Trainee Solicitors, Legal Executives, Licensed Conveyancers, and Law students whether they are at university or studying the Legal Practice course, the Graduate Diploma in Law or the Bar Professional Training Course.
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Jonathan Plowright OS 73-78 features in the Music section of the *Daily Telegraph Review* with a description of his latest CD: 'The E flat minor Scherzo Op 4, the work that set the seal on Brahms as a composer of individuality, is given a performance of terrific brio by Jonathan Plowright as a coda to this all-Brahms recital. At the opposite extreme, in both time and temperament are the Three Intermezzi OP 117, composed four decades later and capturing Brahms in reflective mood. The contrast between and to one of poetic sensibility is well made by Plowright, the more so since the Scherzo and Intermezzi are adjacent on this disc. Plowright has the fiery technique, liquid lyricism and finely mixed palette of tonal colouring to reveal the range of Brahms's music...'

Watchers of the TV documentary series 'Britain's Poshest Nannies' featuring Norland College in Bath may not have realised that it featured **Georgina Gabbutt OS 09-12** and her mother Lynne. If the series is repeated, it is highly recommended viewing.

Roland McMorran OS 98-03 wrote to tell us of his debut solo with 'Zoon Politicon', at the Edinburgh Fringe this August.

Charlotte Leach OS 04-09 has been elected to Preston City Council as its youngest member.

and from **Hidemi Takahashi OS 78-83**, Professor of Ancient Languages at Tokyo University, recently attending a conference in St Petersburg we have: 'We had a very good conference in Saint Petersburg. The city is beautiful. The conference was held in the Hermitage Museum itself, so that we had free access to the exhibits, although we had to behave ourselves and resist the temptation to be away from the conference for too much of the time. We were also given a chance to see some of the Christian gravestones from Central Asia with inscriptions in Syriac and Syro-Turkic, which are now hidden away in the attic of the Hermitage, as well as some of the Syriac manuscripts at the Institute of Oriental Manuscripts (Institut Vostochnyx Rukopisej). We are very busy here at the moment with the preparations for a symposium at the beginning of October, which is not so exciting academically, but which involves the presence of people with initials H.I.H. and H.H. before their names, which in turn involves lots of meetings with the police and the Imperial Household Agency, who



want to plan every movement of everyone at every moment during H.I.H.'s stay at the venue ... and the director of the centre which is hosting the symposium, and of which I am in effect the second in command, has just had a stroke and gone into hospital ...



STONYHURST ASSOCIATION RETREAT

This year's third annual Association retreat saw a 'Full House' of 15 enjoying the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of St Beuno's in north Wales. The two day retreat runs from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon and provides an introduction to Ignatian spirituality, this year led by the new director of the Spirituality Centre, Fr Roger Dawson SJ. Through group sessions, 'one to ones', and periods of contemplative silence, the group were guided to learn that Jesuit spirituality is about 'finding God in all things'. The retreat focused 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. If you are interested in attending the next retreat in November 2015 (dates yet to be confirmed), please do contact the Association office.

THE DAKAR

PAUL PITCHFORK

The Dakar Rally used to be from Paris to Dakar, but is now staged in South America for security reasons. Paul Pitchfork MC, OS 84-89 decided to follow the event as rather more than an ordinary spectator.

Somewhere in S. America
Following the Dakar on a motorbike is a truly unique spectator experience. No other sport I have watched allows you get so close to the event, to get inside it and really 'feel' it. On a motorbike, you don't watch the Dakar - you live it. With its heritage in Africa, you would think that the entire rally takes place in uninhabited wilderness, but that is not feasible in South America. There are tracts of deserts and mountains through which to race, but there are also towns, roads, mines, farmland and private land. The timed race sections, known as 'specials', are connected by 'liaisons' using public roads. It is this format that makes it feasible to follow the race, allowing a vehicle-borne Dakar fan using public roads to leap-frog the racers as they battle through the specials. Three days before a stage, the detailed route is published on the Rally's phone app. Spectator zones are set up along the route and the locations published at the same time. After only five years on this continent, the Dakar has become part of the culture of the host countries. I have been riding my 'Tenere' through Chile, Argentina, Peru and Bolivia for over a year now and I see the iconic Dakar emblem

everywhere - on cars, motorbikes, clothing, even mobile phone cases. They love the rally. A few days before the race reached the small Argentine village of Guandacol, I caught my first whiff of this passion. Whilst reconnoitring the route, I inadvertently pulled into someone's front yard. Within a minute I was surrounded by an entire, and very excited, family wanting to pose for photos with me and the bike. The Dakar caravan - comprising the racers (472 bikes, quads, cars and trucks at the start), support vehicles, officials and sponsors in their 4x4s, and of course the helicopters – is a big and impressive beast. When it comes to town, things get a bit crazy. The liaisons are lined with flag-waving and cheering locals. Petrol stations, which are used as official refuelling points, are inundated with camera-wielding fans and curious bystanders. Whole families set up camp outside their houses, barbecues alight, to watch this amazing spectacle pass by. Riding amongst the Dakar vehicles, a moto-spectator is immersed in this carnival atmosphere. But here is the twist, the key that really unlocks this event for a rider on a KTM 990, Tenere or BMW. To a local, anyone on an 'off-road' bike is a racer. So you don't just watch their enthusiasm and delight, you experience it first hand as they cheer and wave you on, thinking you are the real deal. A wily moto-spectator can take advantage of this mistaken identity, which the police are also guilty of. One day I was riding hard along



one particular liaison, thinking I was falling behind the racers and thus trying to make up time. As I approached the start of the special, I was waved into the refuelling point by the police controlling the traffic, where the likes of Marc Coma and Chaleco Lopez were relaxing. On another occasion in Bolivia, when I arrived in Uyuni where the bikes were bivouacing overnight, I was confronted by a depressingly long queue for the town's only petrol station. However, after the obligatory photo shoots, I was ushered to the front of the queue, being told that 'las motos' took priority. Whilst the Dakar pilots may not be racing on the liaisons, riding amongst them nevertheless affords you a taste of the rally. One morning I awoke at 4am, drove to the bivouac and slipped into the stream of bikes. Riding through dark empty roads, invisible to the outside world, occasionally being overtaken by a KTM or Yamaha 450, you cannot help but feel that you are in the heart of a race. As well as riding the liaisons, I watched a lot of racing. Every spectator zone was different. Some fairly tightly controlled, others more relaxed; on occasions I was able to get right to the edge of the race route. In Bolivia, they seemed determined to keep a tight rein on things, it being the first time the race had crossed their borders. However, armed with some local knowledge I got round this. After following a little-used track fording a river, I found myself at the most spectacular setting from which to watch the race – a beautiful sandstone gorge, raucous locals atop every rocky outcrop, with the throaty sounds of the 450s' exhausts echoing off the cliffs. Without a single policeman present, we wandered up and down the race route at will. By the time I bade farewell to the Dakar in northern Chile after seven days, I had covered nearly 3000km, visited three countries, ridden roads that bikers dream of, and all against a stunning backdrop of the Andes, the Bolivian Altiplano and the Atacama Desert. Each day I had met and ridden with Dakar enthusiasts from all over South America and beyond, making new friends. I had been warmly welcomed and helped by the locals at every turn. I had watched the world's best racers in action, been swept up by the energy of the rally and afforded a glimpse of this extraordinary event from within. The week felt more like a month. The Dakar is so much more than the racing. To be part of it, even as a spectator, is an adventure, a challenge, an experience like no other. And there is only one way to do it - on two wheels. So clear your diaries for January 2015. I'll see you in Peru.

Paul's further adventures can be followed at www.horcamoto.com

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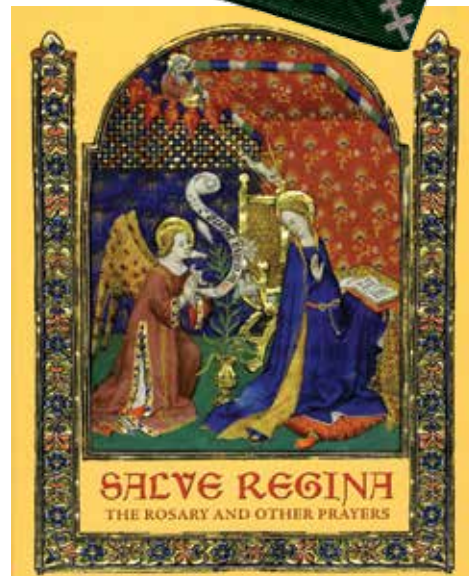


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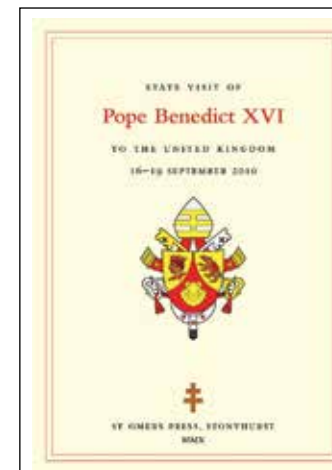


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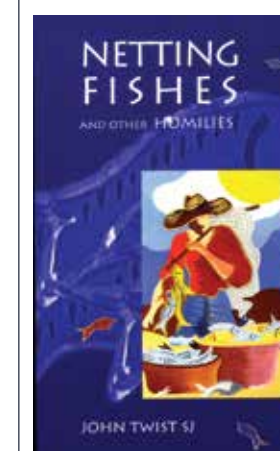
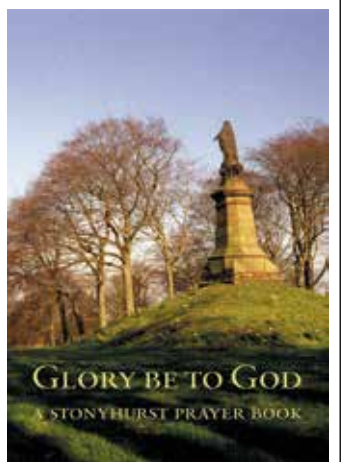
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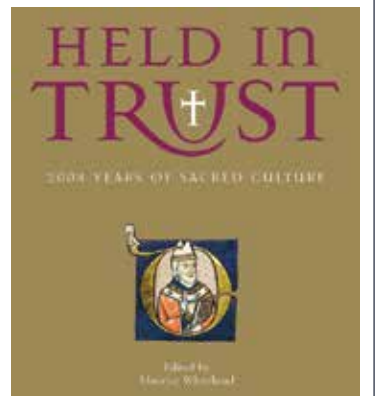


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In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
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We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.