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EDITOR'S NOTE

We are delighted by the overwhelmingly positive response we have received following the introduction of the first e-newsletter that was published in October 2016. Encouraged by your favourable reaction, we are planning to publish further e-newsletters at regular intervals. For some of you, who may be concerned that we are going to do away with the "hard copy", do not fear, as for the foreseeable future, we will continue to publish a printed copy.

However, if you did not receive the e-newsletter and would like to in the future, please do provide us with your current e-mail address. This will allow us to move forward in the future and communicate with as many of you as possible. So, please help us by sending an e-mail to m.hargreaves@stonyhurst.ac.uk.

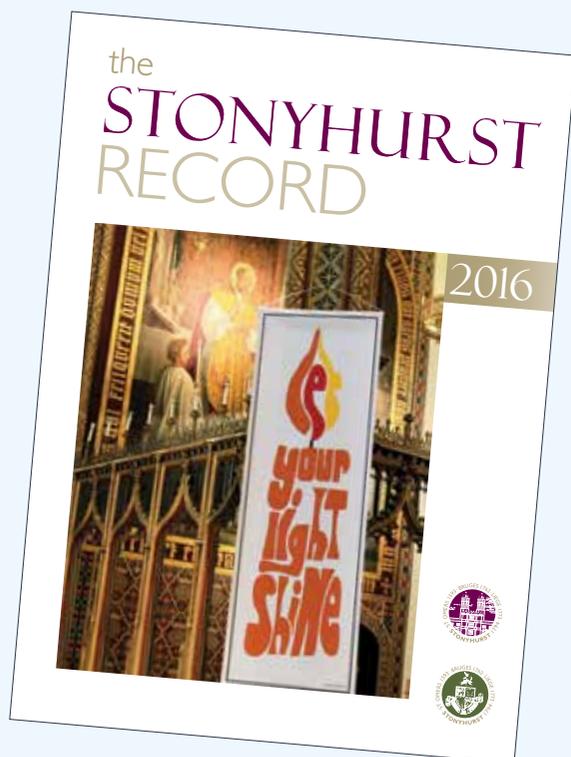


THE STONYHURST RECORD

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.

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FRONT COVER: A VIEW OF CALCUTTA CIRCA 1840 – BIRTHPLACE OF ALEXANDER HILL GRAY
INSET: PORTRAIT OF ALEXANDER HILL GRAY, BORN 1837 OS 1842-1854.

BACK COVER: THE FIRST VOLUME OF TWELVE PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS. A RARE, IF NOT UNIQUE COLLECTION OF SCENES FROM BHUTAN, THE HIMALAYAS, KIMBERLEY, SARAWAK, RUSSIA, POLAND, INDIA, CONSTANTINOPLE AND THE HOLY LAND IN ADDITION TO MORE FAMILIAR VIEWS OF THE CAPITALS OF EUROPE AND SCENERY OF THE BRITISH ISLES FROM THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.



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STONYHURST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Friday 17th November 2017
Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane,
London, EC2V 8HE

President: Robert Brinkley CMG OS 1972
Guest of Honour: Bishop Borys Gudziak

Monsignor Borys Gudziak is Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Volodymyr the Great in Paris for Ukrainian Greek-Catholics in France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Switzerland. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. He is also the President of the Ukrainian Catholic University.



The Mercers' Company is the Premier Livery Company of the City of London

Tickets are priced at £99 for OS and their guests and at £65 for OS aged 25 and under. This includes a drinks reception, three course dinner, wine at the table and a glass of port. The booking form is on the website, and is also included in this edition of the Newsletter mailing.



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

DIARY OF EVENTS

Details will be published on the web site www.stonyhurst.ac.uk
email: association@stonyhurst.ac.uk with any queries

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
February 25th	OS Cross-country Stonyhurst versus Ampleforth at Ampleforth	Following on from last year's very successful 50th anniversary race between Ampleforth and Stonyhurst, this year's race for the Newton-Carter trophy will take place on Saturday 25th February at Ampleforth. It would be great to put out a decent team and hopefully retain the trophy. All OS, families and friends are welcome to race, or support and attend the dinner. The race will start at 2.30pm, and there will be a dinner in the school refectory that evening. The recommendation is to stay at The Feathers in Helmsley, and OS will gather there on Friday evening the night before the race. There will be Mass on Sunday morning in the Abbey Church. Please could you let Hugh Dickinson know if you can attend the race and/or the dinner as soon as possible. His contact details are hughdickinson@hotmail.com or 07989 470 826.
April 29th – 30th	OS 1987 Reunion	A reunion for OS 1987 is being arranged at the College. It is being co-ordinated by Jonathan Smith who can be contacted at jonathansm339@gmail.com . A booking form is available from the Association Office. We are currently gathering as many email addresses as we can and would be glad to hear from any of you who suspect that the email address we hold for you is out of date so that we can update our records. In the meantime, do contact Jonathan if you plan to attend.
May 13th	A Dublin Dinner	John Green OS 76 is arranging a dinner for OS and their families in Dublin, on Saturday 13th May, at 7.00pm at the Killiney Golf Club. Tickets are €35 with a concession for OS aged under 25. There is also a free bespoke tour of Glasnevin Cemetery Museum followed by lunch commencing at 1.00pm on the Saturday. If you are interested in attending please contact John for tickets at: johnctcg@eircom.net The Association President Father Nick King SJ OS 66, and the College Curator Mrs Jan Graffius will be attending.
June 9th	A Convivium in London	We are planning a get together at Farm Street, with Mass at 6.00pm followed by a presentation in the Church Hall by the College Curator, Jan Graffius, 'Fountains and Friday Fish: Sir Nicholas Shireburn's Avenue'. For catering purposes, it would be helpful if you would contact the Association Office if you plan to attend.
June 10th	Wanderers Golf V the College Team	The annual OS golf match against the College will take place on Saturday 10th June. Should you be interested in playing in this match, or in any of the other golf fixtures that the Wanderers play please contact James Andrews OS 00 at: james.andrews@insead.edu .
June TBC	Croquet Match	Simon Whittle OS 13 is arranging a croquet match against pupils. If you are interested in playing please contact Simon at s.whit16@gmail.com , weather permitting it will be held on the front lawns and be followed by refreshments in the Jesuit Gardens.
August 18th – 25th	Lourdes Pilgrimage	Please contact the Association Office for all the details.
October 4th	A Convivium in Edinburgh	It is some years since we arranged a gathering for our OS, parents and families north of the border! We are currently planning this event and will have further details shortly. The Headmaster, John Browne and the College Curator, Jan Graffius will be attending along with the Chairman of the Association Simon Andrews. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible. If you are at university in Scotland and perhaps have not given us your email address do get in touch so that we can send you the details.
October 14th	OS 07 Reunion	A reunion for OS 07 is being arranged at the College. A booking form is available from the Association Office. We are currently gathering as many email addresses as we can and would be glad to hear from any of you who suspect that the email address we hold for you is out of date so that we can update our records.
October 27th - 29th	Ignatian Retreat at Mayfield School	This year's Retreat will take place at Mayfield School. Further details and the booking form will follow shortly.
November 17th	Stonyhurst Association Annual Dinner	This year the dinner will be presided over by Robert Brinkley CMG, OS 72, and will be held at Mercers' Hall, Ironmongers' Lane, London. The guest speaker will be Monsignor Borys Gudziak who is Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Volodymyr the Great in Paris for Ukrainian Greek-Catholics in France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Switzerland. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. He is also the President of the Ukrainian Catholic University. Tickets are priced at £99, and at £65 for OS aged 25 and under and include a drinks reception and wine at the table. The booking form is enclosed with the February Newsletter and is also available on the website or through the Association Office.
December 11th	Association Carol Service	Will take place in St Peter's Church at 7.00pm, and all are welcome to join us and for refreshments afterwards in the Top Refectory.

NEWS

CAMINO QUARTET



Paul Mathieu writes:

Four 1964 OS setting out in May on the last stage of the pilgrim trail, the Camino - to Santiago de Compostela. The four are [L to R] Patrick Eccles, Paul Mathieu, Austen Issard-Davies and Anthony de Freitas.

Accompanied by spouses Annie, Heather, Alison and Elizabeth, they

covered the last 109 kilometres of the Via de la Plata in five days from Orense to Santiago. Though in the interest of accuracy, Mathieu drove the back-up car: the other three collected their pilgrim certificates, as did Heather Mathieu and Elizabeth de Freitas.

Eccles and Issard-Davies are newly retired judges, de Freitas a barrister and Mathieu an author. The talk on the walk was lively, frequently touching on Stonyhurst days and contemporaries.

The foursome's adventure ended with an extraordinary highlight. The pilgrim's mass in the cathedral featured a rare outing for the famous incense burner - the four-foot-tall silver botafumeiro - which eight men hoisted on a parabola from one side of the transept to the other. As the botafumeiro swung above them, belching smoke and flames, the Stonyhurst contingent prayed that it didn't repeat its mishap of three or four previous occasions over the centuries, when it slipped its ropes and flew out of the cathedral through the rose window. It's said the first time was when Catherine of Aragon was in the congregation, on her way to England and marriage. She ought to have recognised a bad omen when she saw it.

MARK THOMPSON OS 75

In an interview recently, Mark said, "going to Stonyhurst certainly gave me a strong perspective on the sheer variety of the landscapes and the very different kind of lives and opportunities in the north of England. That exposure, played a part many years later in my belief that the BBC should relocate a lot of its operations to the north. It was not favouritism, it was just that I knew the north was full of talent and there was a lot we could do there. Cultural life and talent doesn't stop at the M25, the great cities of the north have always produced great writers and composers and great popular musicians". Even across the Atlantic, where Mark is CEO of the New York Times, his passion for our part of the world is clear even if his living in America!



"Where Stonyhurst is, within the trough of Bowland, is one of the most beautiful parts of England."

FRANCIS RAINSFORD OS 71

Writes to tell us about an announcement of the upcoming 2nd Hay Festival in Arequipa with a press conference in the city's Mario Vargas Llosa Library where he was honoured to represent the Ambassador, Anwar Choudhury, for the occasion.



BRITISH PIANIST JONATHAN PLOWRIGHT OS 78 IN FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS FILM

Renowned British virtuoso Jonathan Plowright was seen (and heard!) in the Meryl Streep/Hugh Grant film. He plays Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody in a brief comedic cameo role as an auditioning pianist for Madame Florence and her husband Bayfield, played by Streep and Grant respectively. The clip was also shown during an interview with both stars on British TV's major chat show 'The Graham Norton Show'.

JULIAN FINNIGAN OS 85

On Sunday nights recently many of us may have been watching a TV series entitled Victoria.

The docu-drama traces the early life of Queen Victoria, from her accession to the throne at the tender age of 18 through to her courtship and marriage to Prince Albert.



One of the main characters, Lord Hastings, was played by the actor, Julian Finnigan OS 85.

DAVID KNIGHT'S LECTURE "THE WINSLOW BOY"



David Knight Archivist & Editor of The Stonyhurst Record writes:

The subject of the fully illustrated lecture given to the Senior Essay Society, to which members of P.A.S.T. were also invited, was former Stonyhurst pupil George Archer-Shee OS

1905-1912. He was expelled from the Royal Naval College on the Isle of Wight accused of theft and forgery. His father, a bank employee, decided to fight the decision. This relatively trivial affair mushroomed into a protracted national media sensation and a trial at the Old Bailey - where only the most important cases outside London are heard - with a humble bank employee taking on the Admiralty, and WINNING! Even the sovereign (King Edward VII) was involved, together with a succession of people from Stonyhurst. It became the inspiration for the play The Winslow Boy by Sir Terence Rattigan - hence the title of the lecture - which in turn led to both films and TV adaptations.



WANDERER'S GOLF FIXTURES 2017

W/C 3rd April

Halford Hewitt

Royal Cinque Ports & St. George's Golf Clubs

Sunday 14th May

Grafton Morrish Qualifying

Denham Golf Club

Saturday 10th June

Wanderers vs. Students

Stonyhurst Park Golf Club

W/C 19th June

Cyril Grey

Worplesdon Golf Club

Wednesday 28th June

Lancashire Old Boys

West Lancs Golf Club

Sunday 2nd July

Russell Bowl

Woking Golf Club

Friday 15th September

Wanderers vs. Royal Lytham

Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club

W/C 25th September

Grafton Morrish Finals

Hunstanton & Royal West Norfolk Golf Club

MARY-MAYE LORRIMAN OS 98 RECENTLY EXHIBITED HER PAINTINGS

Mary-Maye Lorriman (née Conner) exhibited her portraits and landscapes in early January this year.

You can contact Mary-Maye at e-mail mrs.lorriman@gmail.com if you are interested in her work.



JAMES HANRATTY OS 64 HAS WRITTEN ABOUT A CHARMING REUNION!

Two months ago I was introduced to the CEO of Jaguar and Ford Europe at The Athenaeum. On a hunch I asked him whether he knew **Yves Cozon OS 62** who was a contemporary of mine at Stonyhurst who had joined Jaguar as an apprentice from school. I had not seen Yves for 50 years. He replied that he knew Yves and would send me his email which he did. The result was a splendid lunch at The Athenaeum with Patrick my brother, present as he is into classic cars including an Aston Martin, where Yves's son works, and Patrick also has a classic Jaguar XK 150. Yves did indeed serve an apprenticeship on the shop floor and did management courses and was then sent to university by Jaguar to do an engineering degree. He worked for Jaguar for many years and then became a consultant on both sides of the Atlantic.



JAMES ANDREWS OS 00

James has developed a smart collar that can track your pet's health and exercise habits. Wearable technology has transformed the way we can monitor our own health, with wristbands and smartphone apps able to keep track of our heart rate, fitness and even our sleep. Now cats and dogs are about to get in on the act after a team of British vets invented a collar that can give pet owners an early warning of animal illness. Dr James Andrews is the vet that developed the concept for this innovative new product.

BEAUMONT COLLEGE

The website www.beaumont-union.co.uk has been updated on 1st December with the Winter Review, and the WW2 Archive. There are also details of the Verdun Battlefield Tour in May 2017.



XAVIER PROJECT

Ed Page OS 04 writes:

In late July 2016 the Tamuka team travelled from Kampala to the Rwamwanja settlement in Southwestern Uganda to continue to build partnerships and do further research for future projects. Home to mostly Congolese and Rwandese refugees, the camp hosts nearly 70,000 people. This visit is part of a new phase of our work in which we will go beyond urban areas and work with refugees in rural settlements. The purpose of the trip was primarily to meet with the community groups that we have been working with so far and secondly, to network with partners and organisations to inform them about Xavier Project's work and our future plans in the settlement. This is just one of a number of initiatives we are working on introducing in Rwamwanja. Please read the full article on our website www.xavierproject.org.



CONGRATULATIONS

Please send your contributions to the Editor: m.hargreaves@stonyhurst.ac.uk

BIRTHS

18/11/2016

Jessica Sketchley (née MacFarlane) OS 05 and her husband Derek Sketchley, from Colwood, Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada are pleased to announce the birth of a second daughter Isla Eleanor born 18th November 2016.



MARRIAGES



Sarah Andrews OS 03 married Tom Buxton-Smith on Saturday 20th August 2016 at Stonyhurst.

OS also present were: Simon Andrews OS 68 - Father of the bride, James Andrews OS 00, Anthony Andrews OS 64, Fr Matthew Power OS 79 – Celebrant, Kathryn Walmesley OS 03, Amy Houtenbos OS 03, Nick Hanson OS 03, Carlo Harvey OS 03.



Cristina Garlington OS 04, married Christophe Dihl on 13th August 2016 at Stonyhurst. Those OS present in the picture are her brothers, Jonathan Garlington OS 06, James Garlington OS 08 and Joseph Garlington OS 09. Her parents, Paul and Maribel Garlington, are both members of staff at St Mary's Hall.

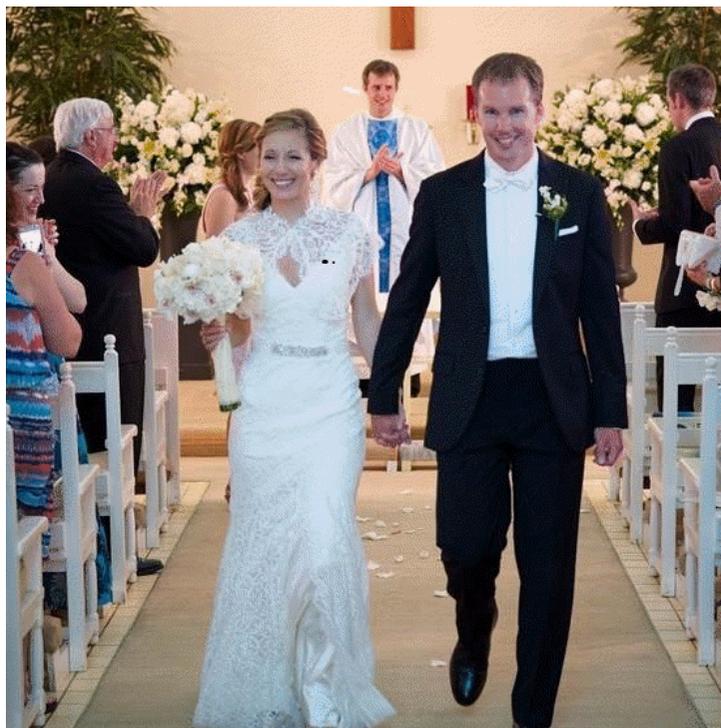
MARRIAGES



Dr Michael Mellows OS 05 married Dr Patricia Car, former Stonyhurst Gap Year student at the Cathedral Church of St Carthage, Lismore, New South Wales, Australia on September 2nd 2016. Alexander Blott SJB 00 was best man and Rory Mellows OS 08 and Ronan Mellows OS 10 were ushers. The bidding prayers were read by Benedict Gogarty OS 05 and Flannan O'Mahoney OS 05. James O'Donnell OS 05 also attended.



Celestino de Freitas OS 94 married Elsa de Freitas at Igreja de São Martinho, Paroquia de São Martinho Funchal, Madeira on August 19th, 2016. In attendance were Elsa's parents, Assis and Natália, her sister, Lucy, and brother, Jimmy with his wife, Dulce, Tino's father John, OS 56, and his mother, Dianne. Among the guests were Tino's brother, Edmund OS 87, with his wife. Tino's sister, Mel, with husband, David. Also present was his sister, Celia.



James Hill, OS 97 married Andrea Giardina in the Bahamas on July 3rd 2015.

His brother Joseph Hill SJ OS 00 presided at the wedding, and his brothers Conor OS 99, Patrick OS 02 and Gavin Cunningham OS 97 were groomsmen. Other OS in attendance were Dipo Alli OS 96 and Philip Hillier OS 95.



Sean Kennedy OS 03 was married at Stonyhurst College to Amanda Eve Martin on 20th August 2016. There were lots of OS present including Sean's brothers Patrick OS 04 and James OS 07, best man Patrick Reilly OS 03, George Russo OS 03, Greg Haynes OS 03, Dominic Copping OS 03, Marco Vaghetti OS 03, Alan Palmer OS 03, Henry Russell-Blackburn OS 03, Conor Kennedy OS 09 and Amelia Sykes OS 10.



Tom O'Donnell OS 05 married **Johanna Ernst OS 08** on July 23rd 2016 by Lake Tegernsee in Bavaria, Germany. Having met in Poetry when Johanna came over to Stonyhurst (under Stas' Guidance!) Tom said, "It was wonderful to be able to celebrate with a number of other OS together with both of our families in Germany." In attendance amongst others: James O'Donnell OS 05, John Richardson OS 08, Chris Fitzgerald OS 08, Fritz Ernst OS 11.

Also attended: Rory Mellows, Jonathan Tomalin-Reeves, Charlie Cruz, Chuba Nwokedi, James Cathcart, all OS 08.



On 17th September 2016 **Brendan Knight OS 06** married Harriet Fearson on her family farm in Lower Radley, just outside Oxford.

OS who attended were: Freddie Gee, Jack Haynes, Ralph Parish, Julian Dineen, all OS 06.

His brother Sean Knight OS 04 was one of the best men and his cousin Joe Knight OS 07 also attended.



Luke Pryor OS 96 married **Willow Bleasdale OS 10** at Stonyhurst on the 16th July 2016. Luke said “We had a delightfully disparate group of OS in attendance, which I’ve attempted to enumerate below.”:

OS 10: Adaobi Anah, Ronan Mellows, Stefano Bragagnini, Kate Farrah, Imogen Wenner (Bridesmaid), Hayley Stokes (Bridesmaid), Olisa Nwokede, Kalada Anga, Freda Agah, Nats Crouch (Bridesmaid), Gill Ashcroft, David Mann, Andy Finn, Maddie McNeil, Sam Hall, Mondo Chibesakunda, Helena Bold-Davies (Bridesmaid).

Jamie Stephenson OS 09, Tash Hopwood and Steven Hughes (Bridesman) both OS 08, Lavinia Eastwood OS 07, Richard Hargreaves and Michael Fenton (Usher) both OS 04, Mike Dennison OS 00, Vic Leung (Best Man) OS 96, Ju Wei Wong (Usher), Jock Busuttil (Usher), Vicente Mataix, Ged Brumby and Adam Farmer, all OS 95, Nick Newton (Usher) and Richard Wotton, both OS 88, Fr Matthew Power OS 79, Fr Nick King OS 66 (Celebrants).



Michael Fenton OS 04 was married on 22nd October 2016 to Holly Farrow at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street.

The Best Man was Alastair Robertson OS 04 and other OS also in attendance were James Hicks, Ailsa Robertson, Matthew Burke, Daniel Smalley, Christopher Moss, Joe Ansbro, Richard Hargreaves, Matthew Small, Timothy Fitzgerald, all OS 04, Nick Newton OS 95, Luke Pryor OS 96, Willow Pryor OS 10 and Daniel O’Byrne OS 95. A special thanks to Nick Newton who despite breaking his arm at the beginning of the wedding reception continued through to the end of the night superbly as Master of Ceremonies – Quant Je Puis indeed!



Pippa Weld-Blundell OS 07 married Maxwell Irving at St Peter’s Church, Stonyhurst on 30th July 2016. The service was followed by a wedding reception at Pippa’s parents’ home in Chipping. 120 attended the wedding breakfast, with a further 130 joining in the evening for dancing, food and fireworks.

OS in attendance were Laura Weld-Blundell OS 02 (Chief Bridesmaid), Joe Weld-Blundell OS 06 (Usher), Annabel Gale OS 02 (Bridesmaid), Felicity Thompson OS 01, Tom Manson OS 96, Freddie Eaves OS 03, James Gale OS 06, Charles Gale OS 04. Stonyhurst pupils, Rose Weld-Blundell and Edward Gale also attended.



Richard Birkhead OS 99 and Niamh McReynolds were married at St Francis of Assisi Church, Ascot on 5th December 2015. Other OS in attendance and pictured were from left to right: Gregory Taylor OS 94, Winton de St John Pryce OS 94, David Doran OS 94, Christopher Ralling OS 94, Simon Fell OS 94 and Toby Lees OS 94.

Other OS in attendance were: Phillip Mitchelmore OS 94, Kevin Leong OS 94, Noel Glendon-Doyle OS 94, Gemma Williams OS 97 and Martin Brodrick OS 49.



Joe Reed OS 11 and **Chloe Wellington OS 11** were married on 17th of December in St Peter's Church, Stonyhurst. Other OS in attendance were Samuel Reed OS 07, Phoebe Robertson OS 09, Hannah Phoenix OS 11, Fabian Twist OS 11, Aileen Rice-Jones OS 11, Marcela Spamer OS 11, Anna-Louisa Lindberg OS 11, Carolina von Lowenstein OS 10, Eva Hintschich OS 10 and Elizabeth Robinson OS 12.



Alexander Pinder OS 02 was married on 10th December 2016 to Samila Hettiarachi at St Bartholomew the Great in the City of London. Also in attendance were (from left to right), Gregory Wood OS 07, Ola Alli OS 07, Hugo McMorran OS 07, Patrick Page OS 07 and Stefano Ghirardi OS 07. Richard Pinder OS 97, his brother, was also in attendance.



James Berry OS 93 married Amy Lee-Jones at St Pancras RC Church in Lewes on Saturday September 10th. His best man was Mark Berry OS 87. The Ushers included Richard Joseph OS 93, Antony Joseph OS 93, (spotted driving his father's vintage Alvis in the photo), George Tye OS 93 and Nicholas Pawson OS 93.

lúnó Connolly OS 05 graduated from the Royal Academy of Music last summer after completing a two year Masters in Vocal Performance. She graduated with a distinction and also a Diploma (DipRAM) for an outstanding result in her final masters recital. Whilst at the Academy, lúnó won the Elena Gehardt Lieder Prize.

She has recently worked with international soprano Sumi Jo in a series of Masterclasses in Greece and also received critical acclaim for her roles in the rarely performed opera "English Eccentrics" at the Peacock Theatre, Sadler's Wells.



Congratulations!

Henry Russell-Blackburn OS 03 who has been awarded a promotion to the rank of Major within his regiment the Duke Of Lancaster's 1st Regiment.



Many congratulations to **Joe Fattorini OS 88** who took part in a Celebrity Mastermind competition which was televised over the Christmas period and won!

OTHER CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Pippa Weld-Bundell OS 04.

After completing a Law degree followed by the LPC at the College of Law in Chester, Pippa started her Training Contract with BSG Solicitors and qualified as a Solicitor in January 2015. This summer BSG were pleased to announce the promotion of Pippa to Partner, recognising her significant contribution to the firm since joining in 2012. Pippa is a highly experienced Solicitor specialising in residential property, wills and probate and based out of the Preston office. Over the last four years she has built up her reputation working with clients throughout Lancashire and beyond, advising on property transactions and private client matters including Lasting Powers of Attorney and estate planning. Her new role will see her now take an active part in shaping the future of the firm and growing the practice.

Pippa says, "I would, of course be willing to talk to any pupils who may wish to go into Law to offer them any hints and suggestions."



Congratulations must go to **James Radford OS 91** as his cover version of 'Streets of London' performed by Beth McCarthy (arranged and produced by James and Ben Robbins) is the official song of the film. As you may or may not know, James has been working as Music Supervisor on the film, '100 Streets', starring Idris Elba and Gemma Arterton which received its red carpet premiere at the British Film Institute.



IN MEMORIAM

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

Michael John Carlos Carette	OS 1964 - 1974	Benedict Campbell - Johnston	OS 1984 - 1986
Anthony Dickinson	Former Parent	David Gerald John Metcalf	OS 1945 - 1951
John Rupert Anselm Fox	OS 1945 - 1952	Lord Talbot of Malahide, Reginald John Arundell	OS 1945 - 1949
Raymond Kevin Martin Fenelon	OS 1947 - 1951		

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).

May they rest in Peace.

ALEXANDER HILL GRAY OS 1842-54

JOE REED, ASSISTANT CURATOR

In around 1840, soon after embarking on a six-month voyage from Calcutta to England, Mrs Pittar hurriedly warned a good friend, and fellow passenger, about some grave news she had heard. They and their fellow passengers were now trapped on board their ship with a certain Portuguese Catholic family, the Pereiras, whom, she had heard, would waste no time in trying to convert all those on board not of the Catholic faith. Unfazed, her friend replied: 'I shall have them all Protestants, long before they reach England!'

Mrs Pittar's friend was of good Presbyterian stock – especially with four Presbyterian ministers amongst her husband's relatives – and thus knew exactly what she must do in such circumstances: beat these Catholics at their own game. However, having tried so earnestly to impress her fervently-held beliefs on the other passengers, Mrs Pittar's friend found only that she began to question those beliefs more as the voyage progressed. On arriving in Edinburgh, the conclusion of her journey, she was received into the Catholic Church by Bishop Gillies.

Mrs Pittar's friend was, in fact, the mother of the four-year-old Alexander Hill Gray, who had witnessed the entire episode of his mother's complete conversion on the voyage to England.

Despite opposition from her husband's family, Mrs Gray did not waste a moment in organising a Catholic education for her children. Hill Gray's sisters were sent to New Hall Convent school in Essex, and with great reluctance, the Jesuit Provincial permitted Hill Gray and his brother, at the ages of five and four, to attend Hodder Place, Stonyhurst's preparatory school.

Such an unusually early start at Stonyhurst might explain why, for Hill Gray more than most, the school seemed to impact upon his entire life, and became a part of who he was. Not only do references to, and recollections of the school feature at different moments throughout his published memoirs, but the subtitle of the book states it plainly: 'Wanderings of a Stonyhurst Boy in Many Lands'. Wherever he was, and at whatever age, he remained 'a Stonyhurst Boy'.

However, Hill Gray's time at Stonyhurst was not without its difficulties, and the Provincial's initial hesitation did not turn out to be entirely unwarranted. As a pupil, by Hill Gray's own admission, second only to his love of football was his 'love of mischief'. On one occasion, he recalled, he began 'to play with a chance pail of lime and paint lying in a passage', and having caused a wall to look 'uncommon odd', was called to Brother Goodge's room to receive due punishment with the birch-rod. Rather than receive the beating, as a forlorn hope he decided to dive under the bed 'where my enemy could not reach me', and repeatedly declared to Brother Goodge 'that he would suffer at the day of judgement for hurting me'!

Later, after his progression up to Stonyhurst at the age of nine, Hill Gray found the school to be considerably chaotic, especially for

he and the other 'small brats' at the hands of the older boys, recalling one day:

Under the threat of a good kicking, every 'brat' was forced to come to the third lower line playroom (allotted to the youngest boys) after supper with his pockets filled with waste paper. An iron post in the middle of the room supported the roof, and round this was quickly heaped the contents of our pockets; at the same time a wedge was driven below the door to prevent the untoward entrance of Mr. Brooker, the third Prefect... A light was set to the huge heap of paper, and as it roared and crackled it revealed the faces of a swarm of small boys yelling, howling, and stamping round the room like some company of imps and devils. Great as was the uproar, we soon heard a determined assault being made upon the door outside, and by the time it was burst open we were sitting like quiet and grave-eyed cherubs round the remnants of the miniature hell.

On leaving Stonyhurst, Hill Gray considered joining the priesthood, much to his Presbyterian father's displeasure: 'You want to belong to a lazy profession; consequently you must be a very lazy fellow.' His continuing love of his family's native country, Scotland, led him next to ask his father to permit him to join the army, in one of the Highland Regiments. His father replied, dryly: 'I thought when you wished to become a priest, you were a very lazy fellow; now that you wish to enter the army I am certain of it.'

Following a few years living in the somewhat anti-Catholic atmosphere of St Andrews, Hill Gray travelled to India in 1857, into the already-raging Indian Mutiny. Thus his life of travel and adventure began.

After being employed as an interpreter for the British troops in the Sikh Cavalry during the Mutiny, Hill Gray travelled thousands of miles in India, over the Himalayas, and into Tibet. He journeyed further, through Kashmir, Afghanistan, Turkestan (modern-day Turkmenistan) and into Russia.

Having returned to Europe to visit every major country, Hill Gray decided to go to South Africa, where he met the noted missionary, Robert Moffat father-in-law of David Livingstone. He purchased a diamond claim there for £25, and on later learning



Dyak head-hunter warrior



Brooke - Kuching - Sarawak.

of the awful conditions for the workers, sold it on for £1000.

On the invitation of James Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak, Hill Gray went to Borneo, where he met the Dayak people - natives of the island - and their famous headhunters. From there, he progressed through Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, then known as Java, Malaya and Siam.

Following the death of his wife in 1877, Hill Gray's later life became quieter. He finally decided to settle in the south of England for the ideal rose-growing climate, purchasing the fine Georgian house of Beaulieu, near Bath, for £3,000 in 1885.

Away from Stonyhurst and his collection of objects and photographs, Hill Gray is best known for his cultivation of roses, especially tea roses. Such was his passion and skill for growing roses, he won the cup for tea roses at the Show of the National Rose Society for fourteen years in succession, and at Beaulieu he bred a new kind of tea rose, which is named after him to this day. It is said that on his specially-constructed garden terraces, Hill Gray had grown over 10,000 roses.

In 1925, at the age of 88, Hill Gray published his memoirs of his travels: *Sixty Years Ago; Wanderings of a Stonyhurst Boy in Many Lands*. Only two years later, Hill Gray died at Beaulieu, the house surrounded by his beloved roses.

On his death, Hill Gray bequeathed to his alma mater his collection of various objects, 179 hunting trophies, and thousands of photographs from his travels, some of which have been used to illustrate this article. The photographic collection, in twelve specially-bound volumes, is held in a cabinet designed for the purpose, now standing in the Arundell Library. It covers all aspects of his travels, including landscapes, architecture, people he met along his journeys, and works of art, from all of the countless countries visited by him, many of them mentioned earlier.

A project is currently underway to individually list and photograph each image in the collection, with the aim of making such a significant collection of early photographs more accessible for those wishing to use and study it.

Alexander Hill Gray in Egyptian dress.



SHARING MY THOUGHTS

RICHARD FEE OS 86

My year group left Stonyhurst in 1986 and came back to Stonyhurst in May 2016 for a thirty-year reunion. Many of us also attended a similar event ten years before and the comments this time around were very positive indeed. It was widely agreed that Stonyhurst is in rude health and that a number of projects have successfully added to and improved the built environment. These include the New Refectory and Weld House. We met a number of students, who generously gave up their Saturday afternoon to show an eclectic bunch of middle aged men around their old school, and again we were very impressed with their insight, humour and approach, not only to us but to their school. The feedback from the OS was less flattering in 2006.

As a group we were the last Poetry Leavers because the year after we left the "Oxbridge seventh term" was scrapped and Upper Syntax was no more. We were also the first Poets or senior year to have a Lay Headmaster. We arrived at Stonyhurst in 1981. It was Thatcher's Britain and like the rest of the country the College was in the throes of a period of change.

I had been at Saint Mary's Hall (SMH) for the three years prior to arriving at Stonyhurst and moved across with some 40 other boys. At the time we were all boarders. We also had to navigate our way past the dreaded Common Entrance at the end of Rudiments, something which doesn't happen today. Our year group in the College was 95 strong, with 25 from St John's Beaumont and 30 others from a variety of UK prep schools. We were mainly British with some UK expatriates and the usual contingent from Hong Kong, Spain and north Africa. The diversity in our group was hugely important and definitely broadened our horizons beyond Hurst Green.

What defines Stonyhurst? Some have said it's "shabby chic", others "laissez-faire" but the three most important words to Stonyhurst pupils, staff and OS are "Quant Je Puis". The buildings are very impressive and first impressions are breath-taking. The setting and landscape is wonderful, being in the heart of the Ribble Valley and the College has a wide estate as its legacy. But it's not about the built environment or the wider estate, as there is much more to it than that.

As a pupil at Stonyhurst you think it's all about you. Not because of an arrogant viewpoint but because you don't fully understand time or history. You believe that your tenure as a pupil is defining, but when you return many years later, you realise that your name on a board is simply a footnote in the history of the place. How wrong is your initial perception; put simply, you are just passing through, and the history, tradition, current culture and future are far more important. History and tradition are protected, not by pupils fulfilling Rhetoric dares or by rugby teams jogging up the Avenue to Smithfield for important matches, but by long-serving dedicated members of staff. Some notable examples being David Ridout, David Knight, David Rawkins, Simon Andrews, Paul Garlington and Larry Crouch who all care deeply about the past, but perhaps more importantly about the future. They are the glue that holds together the threads of history, reminding newcomers that it is "First Rec" and not "First Break" and that it is a "Line" not a "House". The influence of such long-serving members of staff should not be underestimated and it could be argued that this small handful of staff (with others of course Hopkins, Cobb, Johnson, et al) has influenced and shaped the direction of Stonyhurst more than most. Historically the Jesuits (up to 1985) protected the history and tradition by resisting change.

Albeit, when change finally came it was very significant and saw the Jesuits take a very significant step back. Change, however, started in the early 1980s in Thatcher's Britain. The economics of North v South, the emergence of London as a global city after Big Bang and the de-industrialisation of the North changed the geography of Britain significantly between the 1980s and the present day. The economics of education also changed significantly, as did sexual equality and in the late 1990s Stonyhurst admitted girls. This change alone has transformed Stonyhurst into a modern dynamic and softer place and all involved in that decision should be thanked, as it undoubtedly secured Stonyhurst's future.

Educating children in the Jesuit tradition is an admirable goal but it isn't quite the same as actually being educated by the Jesuits "back in the day". The Jesuits had a "light touch" approach to education. Put simply, you were pretty much left

to get on with it, within a loose framework, being constantly challenged, occasionally corrected, and ultimately being brought back into line with the Ferula. The Ferula was much preferred by the pupils than having to write the school rules on pink lined paper. Queuing up outside the infamous "Number 10" office of Fr Styles wasn't much fun and you were often left to fret for hours before the Ferula was exacted. I am not sure which was worse, the punishment or the long wait!

On the one hand, there wasn't much to do, but yet there was a massive estate which we used as a playground. Mud runs at Sandrock, golf with electric fences keeping sheep off the greens, failed attempts to get to local pubs, five a side football in the Ambulacrum, Art, Drama and Sport all kept us busy. The over-riding qualities for Stonyhurst pupils in this era were resilience and humour. There were fewer safety nets than today and humour helped you through the cold, dark and hungry days of the 1980s. Those with a resilient and positive mind-set threw themselves in and sadly many others never really took to it. I think it is just the way it was and the high attrition rate was simply accepted as being about the individual not the place. Humour, I note is still important and the pupils today have an unofficial "King of Banter", which I think says it all.

Pastoral Care in those days was minimal and you just had to get your chin up and crack on. Today there are so many safety nets for those who are struggling or who find nothing to focus on. Historically, those individuals would have formed an underclass of naughtiness. Today, the pastoral care and broad range of extra-curricular activities is both far reaching and extensive and the wide variety of specialists on the staff means that students are not short of professional support and care. The introduction of family accommodation in the boarding areas softens the offer further and helps to remove the austere feeling of the past. The current staff body is probably twice the size it was in 1986 but nonetheless the professionalism today is every bit as strong as it was, if not better.

Stonyhurst is one of only a few schools in the North of England which is thriving, albeit the education market is challenging and changing. Stonyhurst has a unique opportunity to become the best



school in the North of England. It has a superb legacy of assets transferred very generously by the Jesuits to the Stonyhurst Trust and a professional approach to its management will see the school's finances transformed.

Stonyhurst produces "Men and Women" for others, people who are willing to stand up and say their mind, unafraid of consequence but in search of truth, openness and fair play. This approach is engendered by most staff who understand the "long goal" and who are able to let the little things go. The College and SMH still does this very well. Both schools are very happy places, with students who enjoy attending and who enjoy a great sense of humour and fun. The vast majority of OS are very proud of their old school and we need to ensure that this continues.

We need to invest in our current and future pupils and to keep an open-door policy which allows the school to help those who are talented or those who are struggling to afford the high levels of fees. The current economic climate is likely to remain volatile for some time and that is likely to influence school selection for parents. Those schools with abundant bursary and scholarship funds will flourish as they will be able to assist marginal families with financial help and sway their selection criteria. Stonyhurst has reasonably good Bursary funds, however they need to be expanded urgently as the future will be much more challenging. I think

a priority of the school should be to raise money from within its wide community of old boys and current patrons. The income at fund level and consequent disbursements (awards) is currently low because of low interest rates, meaning that the value of a scholarship has diminished from say 50% to 25% of published fees, so as not to eat away at the capital value of the fund. This puts Stonyhurst out of reach to many, even with a Bursary or scholarship having been awarded, and

thus awards need to be increased not reduced. It is clear therefore that Stonyhurst needs to actively seek increased Bursary endowments and funds to allow the school to attract talented pupils from all backgrounds. Stonyhurst is nothing without its diversity. We should not forget the talented inner-city child, the gifted child from the third world or the family whose financial circumstances have changed.



THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

HUGH DICKINSON OS 97

I have been asked to write how going to Stonyhurst made a difference to my life, helped me to get where I am today and enhanced my future prospects – I will do my best!

I sometimes wonder whether sending me and my six siblings through boarding schools was worth the sacrifice and stress to my long-suffering parents or whether we would have turned out the same if we had just been sent to a local day school! Whilst it is impossible to pinpoint the exact differences if I had been schooled in my native West Sussex instead of Lancashire, it is clear I would not have a fondness for singing plain chant in Latin after a couple of drinks or be such an avid rugby fan! There may also have been less hand me downs and more holidays abroad rather than in Scotland or Wales! My other interests of literature, cricket, field sports and Irish music have influences other than my schooling. In some ways Stonyhurst provided a typical public school education: excellent facilities, a broad syllabus, good teaching, eccentric masters, beautiful buildings and grounds whilst not forgetting atrocious food and cold showers!

“To Stonyhurst, for the award of the Bursary and everything it has given me, thank you.”

However, it is the atypical that stand out: playrooms, benediction, Shirk, Stonyhurst Football, writing sets (school rules) on pink paper sold for 2p, boys from a bewildering array of nationalities and backgrounds, the Arundell Library, reading rooms, New York, Alaska, Jesuits fossilised by old age and frozen lakes mid-winter – one could go on.

I have happy memories of hot summer days by the Hodder, building fires in the woods and tobogganing on trays borrowed from the refectory...



More important than academia, pilgrimages to Lourdes, voluntary service at Calderstones and the handicapped children’s week taught us to look after the vulnerable and less fortunate.

It would be difficult to remain untouched by the religiosity of a Stonyhurst education enhanced by surroundings steeped in Catholic history. There is some truth in the old Jesuit saying “give us the boy until he is seven and I will give you the man”. I will always remain a Catholic (even if not always staunch) and much of this is down to Stonyhurst. A long way from home Stonyhurst could also be tough physically and mentally: early morning runs up the avenue mid-winter and limited contact with family stand out although this did teach self-sufficiency and independence - useful attributes in my later life as a soldier when posted to foreign climes. I read Classics at Bristol after school and this I owe to the opportunity to study Latin and Greek at Stonyhurst. A less than solid grounding in the cadet corps (my application to continue after the compulsory year in Grammar was turned down!) and a less than enthusiastic search



for serious employment meant that following my elder brother into the Irish Guards after university was the natural progression. A more conventional career in law and finance has followed, Stonyhurst certainly helped me get where I am today and enhanced my future prospects although a more local education may have led to a similar outcome.

More important are the other ways Stonyhurst has influenced my life including great friends and happy memories.

“Stonyhurst certainly helped me get where I am today and enhanced my future prospects.”

So, to my late father and my mother who passed most of their earthly assets to Stonyhurst (or other private schools), I say a big ‘thank you’ and, yes, it was worth the sacrifice!



THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

MARY FLANAGAN OS 09

I have the Bursary scheme to thank, for allowing me to take the opportunity of a place at Stonyhurst, the school that has shaped the way I value my education, and the way I value myself.

I spent seven years studying at Stonyhurst, from joining St Mary's Hall in figures, to leaving after Rhetoric, and I don't exaggerate when I say I loved every minute. I attended a local primary school in Oswaldtwistle, and only ended up sitting the entrance exam after being prompted by a chance conversation with a family friend who worked at the school.

Despite the 11+ scholarship I was awarded, without a Bursary I would not have been able to take the place I was offered. The Bursary wasn't just helpful financial support for me and my family; it would spell out the next seven years of my life, which owing to it, I spent very happily at Stonyhurst. The Bursary was significant to me in more than just the financial sense, however vital it was; it led me, I believe, to begin my secondary education there the same way I began each piece of work, with AMDG, for the greater glory of God.

Having been given this opportunity, I wanted to prove myself worthy of it, therefore during my years at the school, I gained an education much richer than just my academic one; I tried out any and every kind of activity, from drama, which I'd loved since childhood, to sport, which I definitely hadn't. The ethos of the school constantly encouraged us to grow to be men and women for others, and is one I



find has remained with me ever since; now an OS, this last year I rejoined current and other former Stonyhurst pupils on SCHAT's holiday week, which we spent caring for children with disabilities, and I took part in the Catholic Association's Lourdes Pilgrimage for the fourth time. Having a Bursary encouraged me to value all aspects of my time in education, a mentality which I still hold onto now as I study for my undergraduate degree in English at Trinity Hall, Cambridge; here I am actively involved with my college community, given that I loved the sense of the Stonyhurst community, which I still experience as a former student. Now, I am a member of both Trinity Hall's girls' and mixed netball teams, something I still can't quite believe I do and enjoy, and am a member of our college's feminist society committee, which is currently very busy at the milestone that marks 40 years of women at Trinity Hall. While I'm here I want to do as much as I can. I want to do good for others. I have Stonyhurst to thank for that. More explicitly I have the Bursary scheme to thank, for allowing me to take the opportunity of a place at Stonyhurst, the school that has shaped the way I value my education, and the way I value myself.



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Mary Flanagan, currently age 20 and in her second year at Cambridge University reading English.



DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

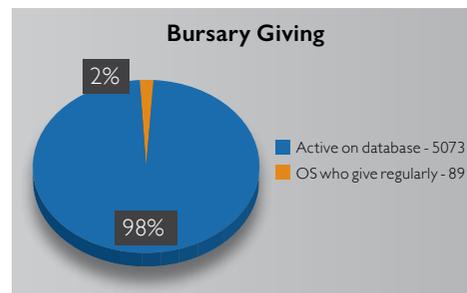
St Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits, wanted to make Jesuit education as widely available as possible.

We are proud to have remained true to this objective since the school's foundation. Stonyhurst has a solid heritage of providing Bursaries and we continue to be in a strong position in the increasingly demanding requirements for independent schools to be seen to be contributing to the wider community and providing an outstanding education to deserving pupils.

However, the making of such awards constitutes an increasingly heavy financial demand on finances and additional support is always needed.

Some of this support comes from our Alumni who seek to ensure that future generations of Stonyhurst pupils receive the same educational opportunities as they themselves and to preserve the ethos of inclusivity and friendship which has been ever present at Stonyhurst but we need to increase our collective giving.

"We should not forget that Stonyhurst is nothing without a mix. We should not forget the talented inner city child, the talented child from the third world, the third child in a family whose siblings have been educated but whose parents have had a change in financial circumstances, children of single parents, and other talent which cannot afford the luxury of a private education." (An OS 86 Donor)



OS giving to the Bursary Campaign over the past 4 years.

Gifts to the Bursary Fund can be made through the Development Office. Please contact Yvonne Herrick, Head of Development, on 01254 827246 or y.herrick@stonyhurst.ac.uk to discuss Bursary Giving or supporting a Year Group Bursary Scheme.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

JOHN BROWNE

Thank you to all the members of the Stonyhurst Association who responded so positively to the *Quo vadimus?* (Where are we going?) listening exercise last term. There was a terrific response to the questionnaires and the meetings both in Stonyhurst and London. I am also most grateful to those members who took the time to contact me individually. One of the great pleasures of my role has been the opportunity to meet so many people which such a deep commitment to Stonyhurst.

A full strategic plan for the College will be published at Great Academies, but I did want to take this opportunity to share with you the three themes which emerged from the process which articulate how we form the young people at Stonyhurst in the words of St Ignatius – 'our way of proceeding'. These themes are in effect strategic aims under which there can be many developments and projects over the coming years, whilst remaining true to the identity and mission of Stonyhurst and responsive to the needs of young people in an ever changing world.

Educational excellence – our aspiration is to promote educational excellence and human

competence. This is wonderfully captured in the school motto 'Quant Je Puis' (All that I can).

Faith that does justice – we seek to nourish the spirit and form 'men and women for others'.

Perspectives and horizons – St Ignatius asks us to stand at the margins and look to the horizon. To take a worldview and to 'set the world on fire'.

Under each of these themes a number of ambitious plans are already developing and some of these will invite the participation of members of the Stonyhurst Association to offer their skills and experience as well as resources to enhance the educational experience of our young people and also in our networking and partnership work.

You may be aware that in the early summer building work may start to convert the Old Mill into Theodore House as part of the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. An essential part of this project will be to restore the canals (Jan Graffius assures me they should be known as the 'canals!') to prevent flood risk. However, as a further stage of this project we have decided to restore the different elements of the historic park



including the Jesuit Gardens and the Lady Statue. I am so grateful to the Stonyhurst Association for kindly agreeing to help the College with these ambitious plans.

Thank you for all that you do for the College as a member of the Stonyhurst family.

FROM THE BURSAR

SIMON MARSDEN



"...people who have made me feel very welcome, are very committed to ensuring all of their colleagues and our students receive the very best level of support"

Quid Agit?

I feel honoured to be in the role of Bursar, and also for being asked to write an article for the Association News. On 29th November I attended the OS annual dinner, which was an extremely enjoyable and relaxing evening. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you and to be made to feel so welcomed. The title

of 'Bursar' can be confusing to some and rather misleading, and not many people outside of education know what the purpose of the role is. The Latin translation is the purse, and is defined as someone who coordinates the financial affairs of an educational establishment. Whilst this is accurate however, I can assure you that the job description I was given by the Governing Body captures a significant array of other responsibilities. At Stonyhurst that list is rather unique, due to the many treasures we look after, the fine and historic buildings we preserve and use on a daily basis, the portfolio of investments, land and residential assets we hold, alongside the College's own identity and mission, to name a few. To illustrate this with a flavour of our finances in the previous academic year, the charity's total income was almost £16M, we employ 340 full time equivalent members

of staff, provide 400 beds for full and weekly boarders and spend annually £2.5K per pupil on the provision of maintenance and occupancy costs, such as insurance, heat, light and water. In addition to this, an annual revenue of £600K is generated from a range of appropriate third party users from the utilisation of what we have, when they are not being used for teaching and learning. My aim in the future, from next year, and every year thereafter, is that the College will publish an annual report that will illustrate a range of images and commentary on our academic, sporting, music and achievements, alongside performance data on what we hold and receive, and how we invest it in the short, medium and long term.

As the name of the role refers, a large part of my work is the administration of our bursaries and scholarship scheme. It is very encouraging to see that year-on-year the value of these awards continues to increase at a faster speed than the rate of any fee increase, alongside the quantity of the recipients and what they achieve when they leave. This continual improvement is in the main reflective of the generosity of the alumni, the parent body and shrewd investment planning. In the previous academic year, 240 students received some form of financial support towards their tuition fees, and I will pick up the analytical cudgel of my predecessor, with how we understand and assess parents' ability to meet our fees and charges, to enable as many able children as possible to experience Stonyhurst.

In the short period I have been in post, and looking ahead to the future, as we change adapt and progress into the middle of the 21st century, I can briefly outline what facility developments are occurring, to ensure we do adapt to the changes in education, with the immediate focus being sport and boarding accommodation. By the end of this calendar year, a new tennis dome, consisting of two Lawn Tennis Association sized courts, will be available



Tennis Dome under construction

adjacent to the all-weather pitches adjacent to Harry's Meadow, and we will have created twelve additional bedrooms in Caecus. In 2017, work will commence on refurbishing the second floor of the Shireburn quadrangle to provide a further eleven bedrooms, with ensuite facilities (this will increase the number of bedrooms with these private arrangements to in excess of 50). Following this, the floor-by-floor renovation of New Wing shall commence, which will take a number of years to complete, costing multi-millions. Early feasibility studies are underway for a Sports Hall and a masterplan is being drawn up in how we use the internal space we have, and how it may be used in a more efficient and effective manner. A regime of planned maintenance continues and investment in certain important parts of the College has either been decided or is actively under consideration, including the Observatory.

Finally, the position captures all of the non-academic services provided by the organisation and in order to comply with sector and statutory legislation and deliver a professional support service, the College has a number of dedicated, professional and long serving specialists. These disciplines cover gardens and grounds, cleaning, school shop, laundry, sewing room, catering, buildings maintenance, health and safety, committee clerking, computer technology, personnel, legal, investments, compliance, land and residential assets, events and lettings and the running of the sports club... All of these people, who have made me feel very welcome, are very committed to ensuring all of their colleagues and our students receive the very best level of support, so the young people leaving here will go out and make a difference...for the Greater Glory of God.



The newly opened Tennis Dome

EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

DR. ROBIN MELLOWS

Over the next two issues, the Association has invited me to write three articles on El Camino de Santiago de Compostela Pilgrimage, sometimes known in English as “The Way of St. James”.

So, the first article, in this issue of the Newsletter is “The History of the Camino” based on the legend of St. James. The second article is my personal view of taking part in the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. The third and final article will be an explanation of what a pilgrimage could entail and an invitation for anyone wishing to take part in a future pilgrimage to El Camino de Santiago de Compostela.

St James the Great, Son of Zebedee and brother of John, was one of the first four disciples chosen by Jesus. He was one of only three Apostles chosen by Jesus to witness his transfiguration, and is the only Apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament.

There is no contemporaneous account of his journey to Iberia, but in the 12th Century *Historia Compostelana*, commissioned by Bishop Diego Gelmírez, gives a summary of the legend of St James as it was believed at Compostella. He is said to have preached the gospel in Iberia as well as in the Holy Land, and to have been taken back to Spain after his martyrdom.

It is thought that he sailed to Finisterre and preached there as it was an important pagan

druidic site, and it was common practice for the early Christian Church to seek out sites that already had religious significance and graft on their own message.

According to local tradition, while James was preaching the Gospel in Iberia in AD40, he saw a vision of the Virgin Mary on the banks of the Ebro River at Caesaraugusta.

She appeared on a pillar, which is known as Nuestra Señora del Pilar and is conserved in the present Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, in Zaragoza. James returned to Judea and was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I in AD44. The place of his martyrdom is remembered by the Orthodox Armenians in Jerusalem, in a chapel dedicated to him in their church. He would have been beheaded outside the Holy City, and his body left to the elements.

There are two versions of how he was returned to Iberia, and each explains in its own way how the scallop shell became the symbol of the Way of St James.

In the first version his disciples shipped his body to Iberia to be buried there. A storm hit the ship and his body was lost. It was eventually washed ashore intact and covered in scallop shells.

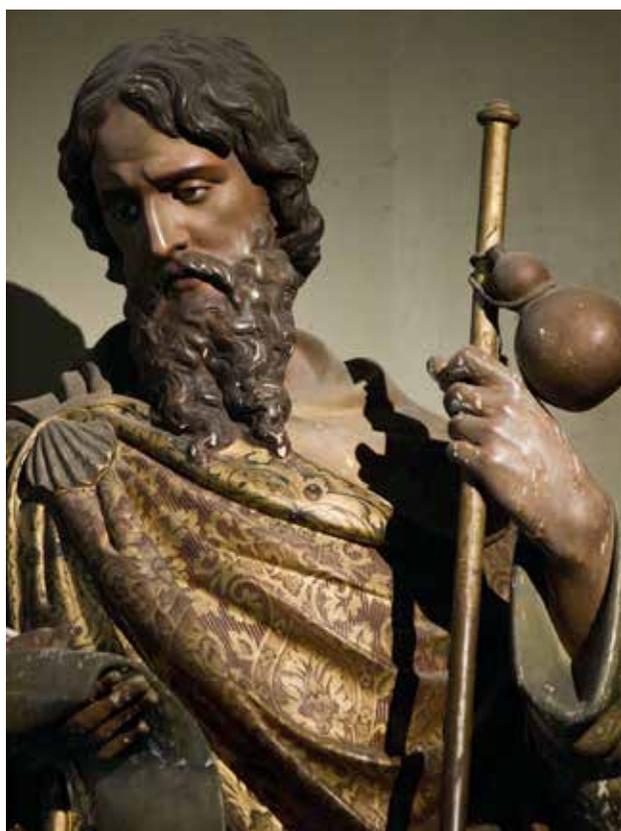
In the second version, his body was transported in a rudderless ship piloted by an angel. As it approached land in Iberia, there was a wedding taking place on the shore. The groom was on horseback, and on seeing the ship approaching the horse got spooked, and plunged into the sea. The horse



and rider emerged from the sea alive and covered in scallop shells.

The scallop has become the ubiquitous symbol both of St James and of the Camino de Santiago. If you look in churches dedicated to St James, for example St James’ Spanish, Place in London, it is to be seen in pictures, in stained glass windows and in stonework. It is used to mark the way on the Camino, its shape with lines converging on a single point representing the diverse routes that all lead to Santiago, and also illustrating the multitude of reasons which may lead a pilgrim to make the pilgrimage. Pilgrims carry scallops on their backs, the lines radiating out from a single point being seen to represent the hand of God on them.

It is said that when St James’ disciples were taking his body inland to Libredon (present day Santiago) to bury it, a local Queen, Lupa, conspired with the Roman Legate, based in Dugium (the present





day Duyo in Finisterre) to destroy his body. His disciples managed to escape over the River Tambre and the bridge collapsed behind them as the river flooded in a story rather reminiscent of the escape of the Jews from the Egyptians in the Red Sea.

St James and two of his disciples were buried, and then the site was forgotten.

With the decline of the Roman Empire in Spain, it was overtaken first by barbarian invasions by the Franks and Suevi tribes, and then by the Visigoths from Gaul. In the ensuing squabbles, one faction invited support from the Muslim community in Morocco, who arrived in larger than anticipated numbers, resulting in the Moorish conquest of the

southern Iberian Peninsula. Moorish rule was quite benign and Christianity was freely practised, but there was resistance to Muslim domination, and when they advanced northwards, Charlemagne crossed the Pyrenees to halt them at Zaragoza.

The story of St James re-emerges in 813 when a shepherd called Pelayo saw a bright light or star over a field in Libredon. The remains of James and his disciples were discovered there, and a church was built at the site. Thus was born Compostella – the Field of the Star.

The discovery of James' tomb was confirmed by the bishop of Iria Flavia (Padron), named Theodorimus, and was used to spearhead the

reconquest of Spain for Christianity. It started with the battle of Clavijo in 844 and culminated in the victory at Las Navas de Tolosa in 1212. In each battle St James returned at the crucial moment as a knight in shining armour riding a white horse, decapitating Moors.

This created the image of St James the Moor-slayer, Santiago Matamoros, frequently to be seen in churches across Northern Spain. He became the patron Saint of Spain.

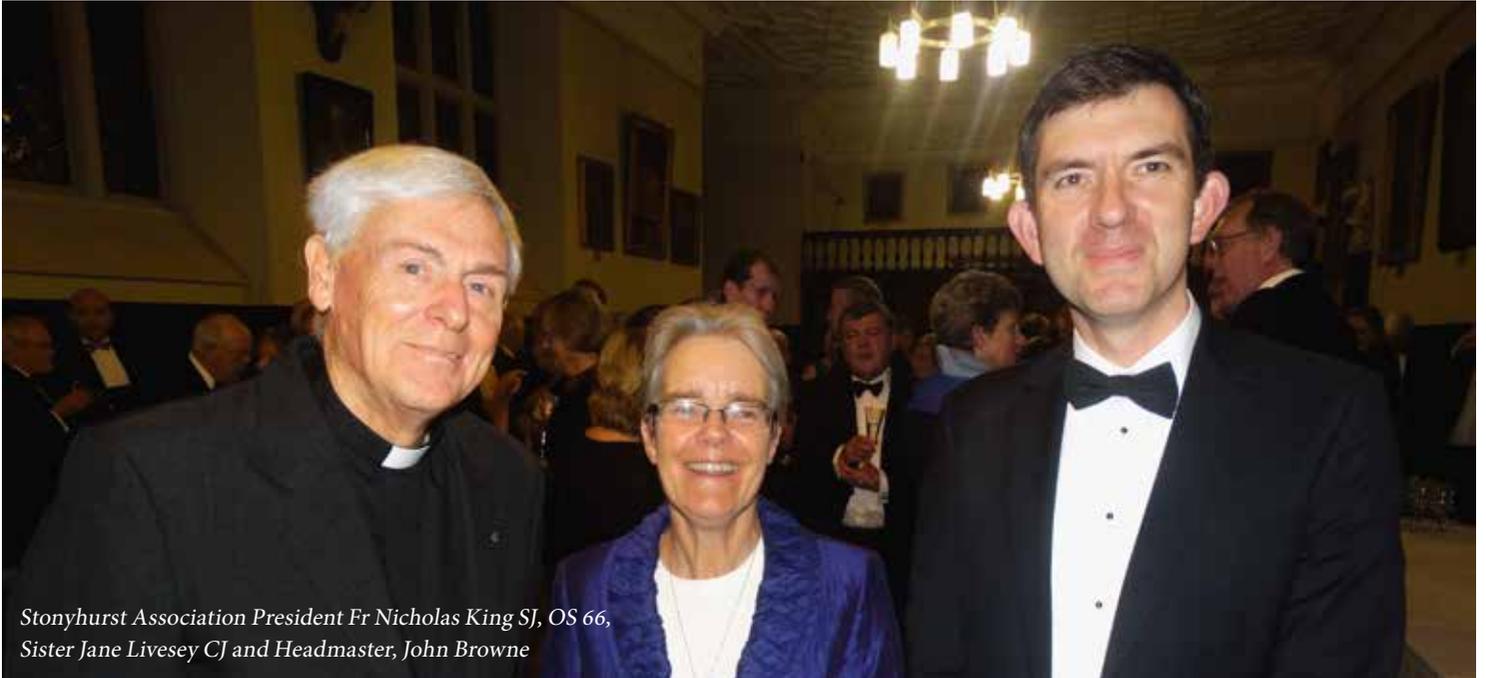
Successive churches built at the site have contained St James relics, the current cathedral having been built in the nineteenth century.

As Christianity returned to Spain, pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella became more important.

It eclipsed even pilgrim routes to Rome, and took over from the pilgrim routes to Jerusalem as the Crusades had failed and the Holy Land was not accessible. The gentler image of St James the Pilgrim, Santiago Peregrino, became portrayed all along this pilgrimage route, with his staff and gourd, and a wide brimmed hat adorned with a scallop shell to keep off the rain.



REPORTS ON EVENTS



*Stonyhurst Association President Fr Nicholas King SJ, OS 66,
Sister Jane Livesey CJ and Headmaster, John Browne*

STONYHURST ASSOCIATION DINNER 29TH OCTOBER 2016

The dinner was held at Stonyhurst this year, the Ambulacrum transformed into a palace, thanks to a wonderful team and the generous efficiency of Beverley Sillitoe. It was a great occasion, an excellent meal, with perhaps the highlight being the speech by Sr Jane Livesey (she claimed that it was the first time that she had given an after-dinner discourse, but it was as to the manner born, as many people commented). She is of course sister of two OS, former Head at Shaftesbury, then Provincial of the English Province, and now Mother General of the Congregation of Jesus, once known as the IBVM, who had graciously surrendered a

weekend for the purpose of addressing the Stonyhurst family. Her talk dwelt on Truth and Trust, as they apply to Stonyhurst; she started with some of the lessons of her recent visit to Cuba. It was a remarkable speech, and for many observers it made the evening.

And there was, of course, John Browne, the new headmaster and his wife Marie. He made an excellent speech and then followed it up, winning much admiration, by playing the organ at Mass the next morning. There were other speeches, too; one was from the President, Fr Nicholas King SJ, who had taken on the office



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and Caroline Shorthouse OS 10*

precisely half a century after his father had held it. He spoke of the role of tradition in a place like Stonyhurst, enabling the living institution to look forward and back, and doing it in a different way in every generation, meeting the needs of the time.

There was a good turnout, and some very valued guests, including Mary Bailey, whose family represents such a solid bulwark of our tradition, Brian Ashton, a former coach to the Under-15 cricket team (and, as it happens, the England Rugby side), the Chairman of Governors and his wife, Charles Foulds and Wilf Usher, former stalwarts of the Stonyhurst tradition; and the Jesuits who graciously turned up to the dinner.

And there was an outstanding speech by Madeleine Coulston, the Head of the Line; many experienced judges commented that they will watch her future career with great interest.



*Lesley Marshall, Dinah Davis,
Derek Marshall OS 65 and Michael King OS 67*



*Terry Holt OS 72, Frank O'Leary OS 71, David Hurst OS 70
and Richard King OS 71*



Ted Bell OS 90, Claire Hartley and James Brotherton OS 87



John and Eileen Cowdall

STONYHURST ASSOCIATION RETREAT
AT MAYFIELD 2016

INTREPID SOULS "GET THE IGNATIAN MEANING"



Richard Brumby reports on his experience of the Ignatian Spirituality retreat held at Mayfield School last October.

On 21st October 2016 fourteen intrepid souls gathered at Mayfield School in Sussex to be led in an Ignatian Retreat by Father Simon Bishop SJ OS 86. Ten retreatants were from the Stonyhurst Association and four were Old Cornelians Old Mayfield Alumnae (named after the foundress Sr Cornelia Connelly) including one with a foot in both camps, Gay Brumby.

We were fortunate to be guided by the Co-ordinator of the Spirituality, Life and Work of the Jesuits in Britain, Father Simon Bishop SJ. His discernment of spirits led us to examine where God has been in each of our lives and to ask, 'what do I desire now?' Each of us was privileged to see Father Simon individually.

Throughout the weekend we enjoyed the excellent hospitality of Mayfield and its beautiful surroundings and we were joined for lunch on the final day by Sister Jean Sinclair HCT, former headmistress, and by Sister Teresa Joseph, former head of the sixth form.

Unlike T.S. Eliot who wrote, "we had the experience but missed the meaning". We were fortunate to have enough of both to benefit from this retreat - and ask for more.

The 2017 retreat will once again be held at Mayfield School (www.mayfieldgirls.org) from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th October and will be led by Fr Simon Bishop SJ. The cost will again be £120 per person for two nights' accommodation and meals.

Please contact the Association Office for a booking form on 01254 827043, by email to association@stonyhurst.ac.uk or see the web site to download the booking form.

KNEELERS FOR THE SODALITY CHAPEL

"It had all begun eight years ago in 2009 when the Stonyhurst Association agreed to commission new kneelers"

Michael Joseph OS 59 writes: "...that on Thursday 13th October, 45 people gathered in the Sodality Chapel for a blessing, by Fr John Twist SJ, for the newly embroidered kneelers.

You may remember that the Association had funded the restoration of the chapel a few years earlier and this could be seen as the final embellishment.

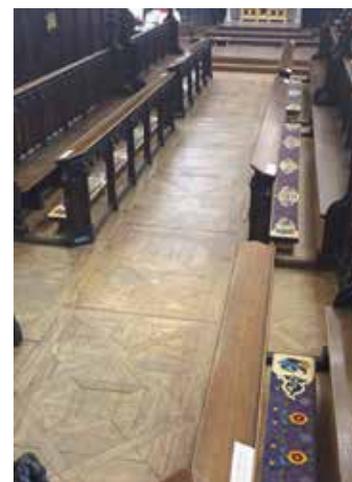
The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts, Birmingham volunteer sewers, led by Mary Price, found a designer from the Royal School of Needlework, Helen McCook. Helen and Mary visited the College where Jan Graffius introduced them to the Sodality Chapel, a collection of vestments and books of hours, which formed the basis for Helen's designs. (Helen also worked on the Duchess of Cambridge's wedding dress!)



Michael Joseph and Mary Price

Helen painted the designs for the twelve long kneelers to fit the choir style pews. She taught the Birmingham sewers five types of stitch to be used and in 2010 three more Lancashire groups joined; Ribble and Craven, South Lakes and Fylde.

The designs are painted on to canvas that is stretched on a long cradle. This enables sewers to work on both sides of the canvas at the same time and the sewing has been under way for seven years! All the volunteers give of their time freely and eight kneelers are complete as can be seen from the photo of them loaded into a van for delivery. The new bases and the upholstery were made in Birmingham. There still remain four, each 10 feet long, and we expect completion within the next couple of years.



In place in the Sodality Chapel

There were many votes of thanks to the sewers, including one from the Headmaster, John Browne who joined us for this wonderful occasion.



THE WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

ALEX PIZZONI OS 10

“I very much appreciated attending World Youth Day and this has enabled me to deepen my faith and rejoice in the Lord”

The one-week trip to Krakow has been remarkable. We left from London Euston, in the one coach available on Sunday 24th July 2016. The 24-hour journey was long and arduous – frequent stops for petrol and various speed bumps along the motorway – but we got to Krakow in good time. The accommodation we stayed in was called the Dom Studencki “Oaka” in the University of Agriculture (student halls) with 10 floors. When we arrived, a welcome Polish meal was waiting for us.

Our morning routine would be the following: 6.45 – wake up (sometimes woken up earlier), 6.55 – morning prayers, 7.20 – breakfast, 7.45 – leave for day’s work. This got us in the spirit for the journey ahead. We would meet with our small group every day after breakfast and do a roll call (5-6 per group).

We waved a Westminster Youth Ministry and Great Britain flag whilst walking so that anyone who lagged behind could see where we were located. In terms of travelling around Krakow, there were 3 main forms of transport: bus journeys (bus 129 if I remember correctly, S3 to Polytenica), trams and walking. A taxi on occasion (£1.20 a head).

We visited the Shrine of Divine Mercy – where St John Paul II’s sanctuary is based, Bionia Park (various events held – Opening Mass, Way of the Cross, Pope Francis’ speech) and the Catechesis event (10 minutes on the bus.) Specifically, joining in with the carnival on the Main Square in Krakow (Chemin Neuf), shouting “Papa Francesco” in Bionia Park, dancing to songs in the Catechesis,



queuing for hours to get KFC in the evening, joining in with other pilgrims internationally in the shopping mall and hearing English translation of the final mass in Campus Misericordia on 105.4 Polish radio channel in Krakow. I had the pleasure of playing the djembe drum for the separate church we had mass in.

World Youth Day was a spectacular occasion to witness the Holy Father and celebrate the faith with other Catholics around the world. We would gather in groups and sometimes in a big circle, occasionally doing the conga. As Pope Francis stated in his speech “The world may be changing, but the message in this stays the same, we are all friends in Christ and celebrating together”. I had the opportunity to meet like-minded people and strike up conversations about the Catholic faith/

which parishes they attend. I got to know the priests and seminarians in the diocese. Moreover, I met a priest that I knew in the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) coincidentally.

We had the opportunity to distribute Westminster Youth Ministry bands which were given prior to the trip. This allowed us to meet other Catholics internationally from Italy, France, Brazil, U.S.A and other countries. There were memorable songs from the week which I particular enjoyed including 10,000 reasons, WYD theme song 2016 (Błogosławieni miłosierni), Let the People Say Amen, Jesus Christ (You are my Life). These became known to some as “Catchy Tunes” as the week progressed and especially the Catechesis song which sounded like the Crazy Frog.

I listened closely to the Catechesis and the Pope and found a few promising quotes:

“Do not throw in the towel before the game has started (Pope Francis).”

“Young Catholics at 23/24 years of age should not give up on prayer”

“7 days without prayer makes one weak.”

“Gospills”

“Life is Short, Death is Certain, Eternity is Long.”

“We Christians are gliders, not flappers.”

The trip allowed me to experience being a pilgrim in all aspects and endure pain and suffering, just as Jesus Christ did. Bring on Panama 2019!

“There were many memorable highlights that I can take away from the World Youth Day.”



LOURDES

DR. ROBIN MELLOWS

Once again the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage joined the Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes in August. And once again there were over 130 pilgrims. What is it that attracts people to the pilgrimage? For the Assisted Pilgrims there is a week of freedom! No need to worry about any aspect of care or mobility – and the opportunity to attend all the events of the week. Assisted Pilgrims in the hotel may not need any help looking after themselves, but there can be a lot of walking while on the pilgrimage. So trips to the big churches for Mass and the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing, or outings to the shops and tours of the town - not to mention processions in the day and by torchlight in the evening – are all made possible by the willing helpers who can push them in wheelchairs. Assisted Pilgrims in the Accueil (Hospital) may need any amount of care – from assistance with dressing and going to bed, to needing to be helped with meals. Many are housebound or in 24-hour care at home. A week of activity such as they experience in Lourdes would not be possible anywhere else.

The helpers are of all ages. Many families have three generations on the pilgrimage - or even four generations! There are young helpers from Poetry and Rhetoric, and recent OS. There are older OS with young children, and parents of current and recent pupils. And some of the parents are of not quite so recent OS. It is not just a “Holy Holiday” for these families – they all do their turn as helpers. The young helpers have fun in Lourdes – but that is not what brings them back time and time again. It is the feeling of being needed and appreciated by those needing assistance. Learning about the ways in which we can

be of practical help to other people – and the reward of satisfaction that it brings – can change peoples’ lives. If the seed of learning to serve others has been sown at Stonyhurst, it germinates in Lourdes, and gets the chance to grow into other areas of the young helpers’ lives as they go on to higher education and careers. They join in all the other activities as well.

Never forget the Assisted Pilgrims in all this, though. Some make



their first trip to Lourdes in the ninth decade of life and discover they can do things they really would not have thought possible! Young helpers soon find out that even when people are old and needing assistance, they still have fascinating stories to tell about when they were young.

The Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust is still making new efforts to raise money to support its work. Funds are needed to subsidise needy Assisted Pilgrims and young helpers alike. This year the raffle was a great success. Please buy tickets again next year – and if anyone has the means to donate prizes they would be greatly appreciated.



OS REUNION 91

RICHARD DRINKWATER OS 91

Twenty eight ageing OS 91 returned to the College on weekend of the 12th and 13th November, which was meant to coincide with the Ampleforth rugby match. Sadly the biblical rain in the few days before the weekend meant that the pitches were unplayable on the Saturday and the game was called off. Not that that meant some hardy OS didn't mind having a cheeky but muddy game of touch rugby beside the Hurst Green training pitch.

After much hilarity and moments of brilliance interspersed with distinctly average play, the weekend officially got under way in the Bayley Room at 12.30pm with a light buffet lunch.

Since the rugby had been called off, many OS decided to take advantage of the extra time by taking a tour of the school and marvelled at the many changes and huge improvements made in the years since their departure.

The Music Rooms and the Theatre were mentioned as highlights, especially as they launched the professional music careers of a number of our year.

Once the tours had been completed, and the England rugby match watched in the Hurst Green Catholic Club, the OS were treated to a marvellous supper in the Top Ref, and we were delighted to be joined by a number of our former Masters and their wives to celebrate our 25 year Anniversary; Charlie & Liz Foulds, David & Judith Rawkins, John



Messrs Poole, Kirby, Drinkwater, Ko, Malone, Crean & Wojciechowski, all rather sodden



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Beverley and Layla for their sterling efforts in organising the reunion at the College end – without them, none of us would have such good memories from the evening to cherish.

We adjourned to the Bayley around 10.30pm, (I think!?), and the laughter continued long into the night, with an

adventurous few heading off to Whalley to sample the alleged delights of Rio's!

The weekend came to an all-too-soon end after the Remembrance Sunday Parade in Hurst Green and the OS dispersed gradually with promises of further, and sooner, get-togethers.

Reports of a motorhome weaving down the road were greatly exaggerated!

Many thanks to all those who attended and enjoyed themselves, overcoming their understandable apprehension at what and whom they might encounter. It truly was marvellous to see so many faces, some of whom haven't changed at all, whilst there are those of us, two in particular, who have lost a lot of hair and changed considerably in the intervening 25 years!

I hope that we can celebrate 30 years in 2021, perhaps down in London, and laugh some more.

Hopkins and Simon Charles (though not as couple, surprisingly!). Sadly Fr Nick King, the current Association President, and our ex-Latin teacher & cricket coach, was unable to attend, though he passed on his best wishes to all.

The food was superb, and the wine flowed, and the conversations got louder! We were very pleased to raise some money for Learning to Care by having an amusing game of Heads & Tails, which was won by one of our far-flung OS, Alvaro Lopez-Quesada who had made the trip from Madrid especially.

On that note, huge thanks must go to the hardy few who had made significant and generally spectacular efforts to attend – Manus Nunan from LA, Andrew O'Neill from New York, Chris Malone from Vietnam, and Maurice Tollenaar from Holland.



OS REUNION 06

JULIAN DINEEN OS 06



The Rhetoricians of 2006 met at the College for their 10 year reunion in October. The weekend began at 2.30pm on the Saturday in the Pieta Gallery, although I think for many it unofficially began the night before in the Bayley! Upon arrival we were greeted by Beverley Sillitoe, Layla Heaton and the new headmaster John Browne who chatted to many of us individually, finding out what we were up to 10 years on and us in turn finding out how he was settling into his new role and surroundings, having only started a few weeks ago.

After time spent in animated conversation with one another, catching up with friends many of whom hadn't seen each other since leaving and reminiscing over old sports photographs as well as some of our old valet entries which had been laid out on view, John Browne addressed us all, welcoming us back to the College and outlined some of the changes that had taken place since we had left, such as Weld House and the New Refectory, as well as some of the changes scheduled to take place in the near future, including the refurbishment of New Wing.

Subsequently three current Rhetoricians took us off for a tour. It was wonderful to be wandering down the galleries again with the friends who were there with you and it was easy to slip back into imagining you were still there, until you saw a current student that is and you realised you've aged a little since then. Many of us remembered seeing 10 year reunions when we were students and thinking how old they looked, now it was our turn!

I can't speak for the girls as they were taken off on their own for part of the tour to see the girls' house but many of us boys couldn't quite get over the disappearance of New York although we were all very impressed by the New Ref that has taken its place. We were also rather flabbergasted at finding out that Weld House had ensuite bathrooms and lifts! Quite different to when we ran down the stairs of New Wing in our towels to the communal showers in the basement that were always either scolding hot or freezing cold! We were also all impressed at the refurbishment of St Peter's and after some time searching, Jack Haynes and Kamran Mayer were able to locate the trap door in the floor once ventured down by several members of our year, no doubt when we were meant to be somewhere else! Later on, we met back in the Bayley Room where refreshments had been laid on before most of us made our way up the Avenue for a pre-dinner drink.

Dinner in the Top Ref began with a champagne reception at 7pm where we had the chance to catch up with a few of our former teachers, including John Hopkins, Stas Callinicos, Fr Matthew Power and Fr John Twist before they joined us in sitting down to what was a delicious meal. There was a wonderful atmosphere at dinner with conversation in full flow.

Dinner was followed by speeches where it was highlighted how well attended this reunion was (one of the best turnouts I'm told) and how far many people had travelled to be there, some from as far afield as Columbia, Malaysia and Japan to name just three! We then also took a moment to remember our fellow

Rhetoricians, Ellen Charleuf (née Riley) and Mani Emerhor who are sadly no longer with us. After the speeches, the drinks continued to flow before we made our way to the Bayley where the reunion continued into the early hours of the morning.

The following day there was a healthy attendance at Mass in St Peter's, all with sore heads, bringing back memories of 10 years earlier, with all of us heartily joining in in a rousing rendition of the Pater Noster. Refreshments in the Do Room followed and then a fascinating tour of the newly refurbished Arundell, Bay and Square Libraries by Stas Callinicos, although I think the thing we most marvelled at was the new entrance, off the Arundell Library, into what had been our old Higher Line playroom. Many of us struggled to get our heads around its proximity to the libraries and it also appeared rather smaller than we remembered. Working out where the bar had been helped us reimagine it in its former state!

The whole weekend was an enormous success and a great time was had by all with many messages been posted to the Rhetoric 06 Reunion Facebook group expressing how much they had enjoyed it. The fact so many had travelled from all across the world to be there truly showed just how much Stonyhurst meant and still means to so many and we all left agreeing that we must all try and meet up more frequently. Huge thanks must go to Beverley Sillitoe and Layla Heaton in the Association Office who did so much to make this reunion the great success it was.

OS BBQ LUNCH

RAYMOND LOW OS 62

On 17th July 2016, Raymond Low OS 62, and his wife Trish, hosted a BBQ lunch for a group of OS friends at his home in London.

Present were Peter Horgan, Chris Ryan, Roger and Ana Austin and Chris and Susy Flint.

Photo L to R; Trish Low, Anna Austin, Raymond Low OS 62, Roger Austin OS 62, Susy Flint, Peter Horgan OS 62, Chris Flint OS 62, and Chris Ryan OS 63.



UBI SUNT – VINTAGE 1955 (CONTINUED)

WE DO NOT HAVE CONTACT DETAILS FOR ALL THE LEAVERS OF 1955 AND PERHAPS OTHERS ARE NO LONGER WITH US BUT HERE IS NEWS OF SOME OF THOSE STILL IN TOUCH.

Barry Gough



I went to SMH in September 1949 from Donhead in Wimbledon – a Jesuit prep school. The Headmaster was Fr Farwell, SJ and OS.

I left in August 1955 after CCF Camp. I failed the medical for National Service on eyesight and a dodgy right knee. My father was a shipbroker on the Baltic Exchange in London and this was to be my career too.

Initially I spent three and a half weeks at sea – Rotterdam to Port Churchill to load grain thence back to Antwerp. I was on iceberg watch on open wings on either side of the ship's bridge which certainly brought tears to your eyes!

I then learnt 'tanker chartering' where, as a junior broker I answered the telephone for my seniors – I spoke with Paul Getty on several occasions. Next 'dry cargo' broking and I lived in Glasgow for seven months – Lithgows, Kingston yard in Port Glasgow then five and a half months with a ship management company in Glasgow. For eighteen months I tried other City of London jobs; foreign exchange dealer, commodity broker and stock broker however the shipping industry won in the end and for twenty-six years I was a broker on the Baltic Exchange. Travel was a necessity and my employers, the Anglo Yugoslav Company in London had owner clients in Tito's Yugoslavia. I was the tanker broker to the National Oil Company and the tanker owners.

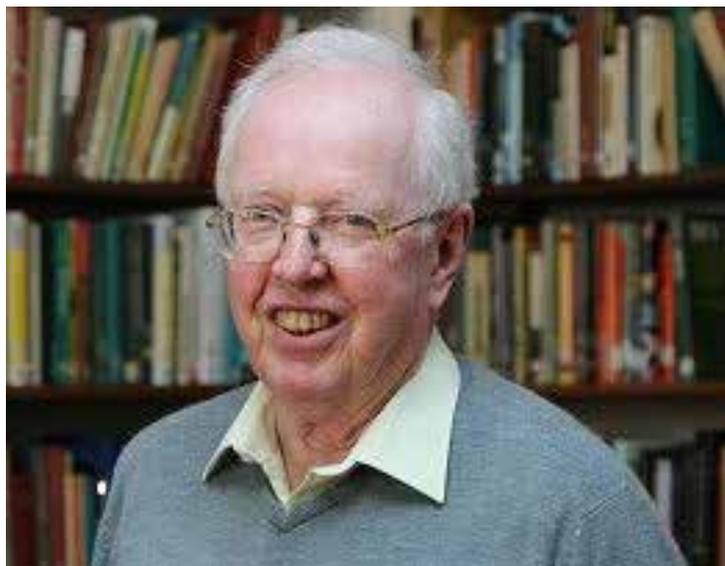
In other later jobs I acted for the East German government. Rostock, East Berlin and East Germany could be very interesting experiences. Other clients in my career were Hungary, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, etc.

In 1982 I gave up ship broking as to sit in a room of computers was not to my taste. Thereafter, for the next thirty-two years I worked for a marketing ship's agency. Finally in 1992 I had my own business in marketing these services for South African, French, American, Scottish and Spanish clients. In 1982 I was honoured by being made an Honorary Pilot of the Panama Canal – ironic actually, as I did more business in the Suez Canal!

I retired in 2014 – the day before my 76th birthday.

No fame, no fortune – but a happy life having been married for nearly 51 years to Anne and we have two daughters and four grand-daughters. I enjoy shooting in Norfolk and Suffolk and trout and salmon fishing in Scotland and Wales.

Peter Edmonds SJ



On leaving Stonyhurst in 1955, I studied for a degree at Manchester University. In some ways, it was a continuation of Rhetoric at Stonyhurst. Certainly Fr Freddy Turner and his colleagues had provided me with an excellent foundation for the Classics degree with which I graduated three years later.

I then proceeded to the Jesuit Noviceship at Roehampton in south west London. The newly appointed Novice Master was Fr Frank Roberts, familiar from school days as First Prefect. He worked hard to prepare up to fifty of us at a time, for life in the Society. The regime was very traditional. Those familiar with the novitiate described as it was in Edwardian times by Denis Meadows in his book, *Obedient Men*, would find little change. Jesuit novices these days are offered a much broader and relevant formation.

Three years of Philosophy studies at the rural Heythrop College in Oxfordshire followed, where much of the teaching was in Latin and where we had scant opportunity for writing and debate. A break came with two years' teaching at Mount St Mary's, Sheffield. Return to Heythrop for four years of Theology followed, but because these were the years when Vatican II was in session, change was on the way. It was at this time that the Dean of Studies of the Regional Seminary in the then Rhodesia came looking for teaching staff because in those days this Seminary was entrusted to the English Province of the Jesuits. I declared my willingness, pleading meanwhile for the opportunity for proper preparation which meant that I went to Rome and acquired the Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute. This was my first immersion in the international Society of Jesus and it was my good fortune to live and study in a community which included Jesuit scholars of international reputation.

Equipped with my Licence to teach Scripture, I moved to southern Africa. Pictures of Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister who had recently declared unilateral independence from Great Britain, adorned every official office which, on my departure twenty years later, had been replaced by similar portraits of Robert Mugabe. I enjoyed my teaching and the company of dedicated student seminarians who included present day members of the Zimbabwean episcopal hierarchy. It must be admitted that the tensions of the war of independence then raging, at times spoilt the hoped for academic and spiritual atmosphere of a seminary.

In my days at Stonyhurst, there was a community of twenty or so Jesuits which is now reduced to less than a handful, but in Africa,

for years there has been a steady flow of candidates for the Society and much has been done to provide a formation program situated in Africa. In 1984, Hekima College, the Jesuit School of Theology for Africa, opened in Nairobi, Kenya. I gave the first lecture there. At that time, I was only on loan from Zimbabwe. In 1992, I moved to Nairobi as Dean of Studies and to teach the New Testament. A three-year appointment as Dean stretched to nine years and I spent two more years as a lecturer. Looking down the list of present day Jesuit Provincials in Africa, I find that I taught seven out of the nine. The majority of our students were Jesuit scholastics who came from over twenty African countries, mostly Francophone.

I returned to Britain in 2003. In 2004, I joined the Jesuit community at Campion Hall in Oxford where I taught Biblical Greek in the Faculty of Theology. Through writing and various forms of lecturing, I continue to cultivate my joy and interest in the New Testament. I contribute articles to the online periodical of the Jesuits in Britain website, *Thinking Faith*, and delight in offering Retreats and Study and Prayer days on biblical material. I have produced a Companion to the Sunday Missal which offers a single page on the readings for every Sunday of the three-year cycle. Originally published in Nairobi, a British edition is published by Way Books, Oxford. I edit the in-house periodical of the British Jesuits, *Letters and Notices* and live in the Jesuit community at Stamford Hill in north London, a busy parish house which is also a house of study for young Jesuits from a variety of continents.

I thank God for my Jesuit education and the privilege of a Jesuit vocation which has brought me joy and enriched my life on an international scale.

Tony Tomalin-Reeves



I was born in January 1938, the eldest of three children. My father was a GP serving a mining community in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Our family enjoyed a comfortable and privileged position within the community. This idyll however changed forever on the outbreak of the World War Two.

Father was called up to serve as a Medical Officer in the Army. Mother was suddenly alone caring for the young family with added responsibility of keeping everything together. To ease the burden, my brother Christopher and I were dispatched for two years as boarders

into the care of the Sisters of Mercy Convent at Clifford. Surviving there, life at Stonyhurst was like a holiday camp.

I started at Hodder in September 1946, joined a year later by Christopher. My plodding progress through the Stonyhurst system was unremarkable, heading towards what was euphemistically called 'Higher Line Grammar'. Meanwhile my younger brother excelled, ending up with a State Scholarship to Oxford. I survived the unusual situation of a younger brother in a higher class. I genuinely took pleasure in his achievements. I remain grateful to Stonyhurst for many things, including my strong and enduring faith.

I left Stonyhurst in September 1955, joining British Railways in York as a Student Civil Engineer. What happy days, enabling me to indulge my lifelong passion for trains! National Service had been deferred during my student indenture and when finally presenting myself for call-up, I was told that I was not required. Four years of the Stonyhurst CCF and summer camps was quite enough. I had already met Jenny Watson, the love of my life, and we married in 1961, moving to Leeds.

I had left the railways and embarked on a career in the construction industry. For seven years I worked for the United Steel Companies selling speciality construction products. In 1967 we moved to Norwich, joining Boulton and Paul, to market and sell a specialist steel bridging system. This involved extensive travel in the UK and abroad. I had great support from Jenny, and by now we had five young children.

In Norwich I joined the Catenian Association and our family enjoyed its support, and friendship. I have remained an active Catenian for forty eight years.

In 1971, we moved to Darlington where I joined the Conder Steel Construction Group. For seven years we lived in the Lewis Carroll village of Croft Spa. Our sixth child Tim was born there in 1973. Jenny with four boys and two girls coped well with regular moves and the upheaval.

In 1977 I was appointed to run the Conder operation in Wales and we moved to Porthcawl for the next twenty years. The family soon settled into our new life enjoying the Welsh culture and I regularly played golf at Royal Porthcawl. Jenny was appointed as a Magistrate serving in Bridgend for twelve years, and later on the North Yorkshire Bench at Northallerton until retirement in 2008.

Since leaving school, I had not maintained close contact with Stonyhurst but in 1989 I read the Great Academies Speech by the then Headmaster Dr Giles Mercer. The views and vision expressed struck me as meaningful. Jenny and I later met Dr Mercer at an Association Dinner in Birmingham and subsequently our son Tim spent two happy years at Stonyhurst. He was later followed by a grandson Jonathan. Hopefully, grandson Alfie, currently at the American School in Warsaw, will follow in due course.

For the past twenty years Jenny and I have lived in North Yorkshire where I have worked freelance with people and organisations already known to me.

Our six children and their families have thrived and prospered. At the present time we have twenty grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Our family is spread worldwide and we maintain regular contact. We arrange an annual family get together at different venues.

Two years ago, thirty seven of the family went to Northern France visiting areas of conflict where family members had served in the Great War.

We went to the grave of Hugh Watson, Jenny's paternal grandfather, at Lebuquiere. Fifteen of Hugh's direct descendants gathered there for

prayers, poems and reading of final letters and as a gesture to a true Scot, a wee dram poured on his grave. Then to Havrincourt, where on 12 September 1918 my late uncle, 2nd Lt Harry Tomalin won a Bar to his Military Cross. The trip made a lasting impression, particularly on younger family members.

Now approaching eighty, remaining fit and active we thank God for all His blessings.

Stephen Fox



I was sent to Stonyhurst in 1946 following my brother John, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Life at Hodder, St Mary's Hall and Stonyhurst just after the war was austere. This was perhaps reflected in the then Morning Offering when we offered up "the prayers, works and sufferings of this day". It is interesting to note that the new Stonyhurst Prayer Book now has an addition "and the joys of this day"! In an age where emotions were suppressed, "joys" were not part of the curriculum.

Within two months of leaving in 1955, I was called up for National Service. Our generation was well prepared by the Stonyhurst CCF. Army food was a definite improvement and even discipline seemed more relaxed. I was commissioned into the King's Own Royal Regiment (4th of Foot) and at 19 was a platoon commander responsible for thirty soldiers and on the "order of battle" for the Suez Invasion. We never got there. Following an extended National Service, I continued on the Army Reserve with the Parachute Regiment and in 1960 led an expedition called "Pegasus Overland". With seven other Parachute Regiment soldiers we were officially testing two of the new long wheel base Land Rovers. This took us on an overland drive to Singapore and then around Australia and back through East and North Africa. We were away for a year and the subject of a television series as we went through some thirty-six countries travelling as civilians but reporting on route for training with regular British Army units and various Commonwealth and colonial forces.

After this excursion, I had little interest in taking up a place at Oxford to study history and instead joined the Metal Box Company as a management trainee. This led to a very varied career spread over 36 years. It initially included managing a Flexible Packaging factory in Liverpool followed by being General Manager of a Plastic Films business in Portsmouth.

In 1970, I married Judy Gardner who, early that year, had joined me on a Sahara crossing, part of which was accomplished riding on camels. This proved a suitable qualification for the 46 years we have shared together much of it spent living and travelling abroad.

The first overseas assignment in 1978 was as Managing Director of Metal Box Toyo Glass Nigeria. It had the largest glass bottle factory in Africa, built on a thirty-six acre site, forty miles from Lagos, employed 1000 Nigerians, 26 Japanese (our technical partners) and 3 British. It was a challenging management task enormously helped by lack of communications which minimised Head Office interference.

Subsequent postings were to run the Malaysian Company, a dream after Nigeria, followed by responsibility for fifteen factories, mainly making cans, in South East Asia. We lived in Kuala Lumpur for some 7 years and I eventually became Regional Director, Asia Pacific with the task of developing business both in China and Australia. We expanded too fast into China with some six factories being built in the 1990s. Making a profit was a challenge as the Chinese were more concerned in acquiring technical expertise rather than making money. In the final two years before retirement, we moved from Hong Kong to mainland China to run one of these joint ventures and were the first Europeans since the Cultural Revolution to live in Wuxi north of Shanghai.

A train journey from Hong Kong to London through Siberia in mid-winter was the prelude to our retirement which is being spent devoting time to family, travel, the Chiltern Society and the Church. Our four children are married and have provided so far eleven grandchildren and are managing to live in places abroad that keep up our travels.

Our greatest disappointment on returning to life in the UK was to find a declining Church. This contrasted with the vibrancy and growth of the Church which we had experienced in Africa and Asia. The new Movements of the Church are trying to challenge this decline. My own faith had been revitalised by one of these, a "Cursillo" in Hong Kong and back in the UK, I became for eight years the National Secretary of "Cursillos in Christianity". Cursillo after a three day course, challenges participants to live a more active Christian life. In more recent years our main concern has been to support our local parish.

We thank God for all our blessings and "our joys".

John Alletson

We managed to track down John, with some difficulty however and believe he is lurking somewhere in the Australian bush. He reminisces to say:

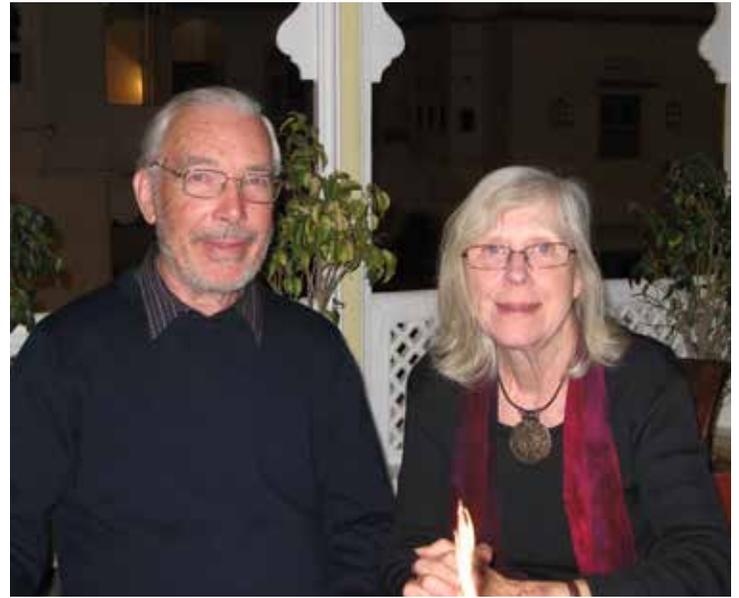
Thank you for your search for me, it was very good of you. I have tried hard to condense my rather long havers into a coherent form. I tore them all up this morning! Malaya, London, Australia, France; they all have so many people attached to them....

No account of Stonyhurst would be complete without (mentioning) the marvellous Fr Clarke, reading the cricket news to us during Latin Class. Long before I knew of Caesar, Shakespeare and Chaucer, there was Bradman, Hassett, Miller and Lindwall. Climbing with Fr Smith in the Lake District, talking to Fr Corrigan, watching Michael Tweddell hitting golf balls on the Colts' Field, he was so good, I learned to play golf as if by osmosis, London and South Kensington in the 1960s, a city of 'serial romance'.

I was working for Slazengers – Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, Bobby Locke. I really loved it. Ken Rosewall convinced me in the end, and of course an Australian.... It has been a very eventful fifty years – good

things, bad things but mostly, mostly good. Through the influence of Pope Francis, I am back in the Church.

Ian Milroy



I was the first boy from St. Martin's School in Yorkshire to come to Stonyhurst, and also the first of my many male cousins.

Very soon after I left the College, my uncle, Tom Burns OS 54 approached me to find out what I thought of the place; so did the St. Martin's headmaster. I must have given Stonyhurst a good 'wrap' because Tom then sent his sons young Tom OS 66, David OS 67 and Jimmy OS 71 to follow in my footsteps. It was a good choice; we have all been happy and successful ever since.

My next step was to join the Royal Navy, and I spent a year as a cadet at the Royal Naval College (Dartmouth), which included a summer term at sea. Dartmouth followed up my A and S levels in Maths and Physics by coaching a few of us for the Cambridge University entrance exams, where as a Midshipman at Christ's College I obtained an honours degree in Engineering (which the university in its snooty way insisted on calling Mechanical Sciences).

Throughout my career thereafter, I specialised in research, development and teaching in the field of automatic control systems (automation) and was lucky enough to play a leadership role at increasing levels of responsibility in three pioneering projects. My first posting after Cambridge was to the Navy's Guided Weapons Trial Ship, based in Grand Harbour at Valetta in Malta. A highlight was a three week break from technical work for a 'show the flag' cruise to Naples, Rome, Istanbul and the peaceful Greek Island of Milos. There we anchored at the very spot where the Venus de Milo had been dredged up.

After further specialist training and a spell seconded to an industrial company, I was posted to lead the engineering work for a Fleet Air Arm squadron.

I left the navy early in 1963 and was appointed as a Group Leader in the aviation division of Smiths Industries Ltd., where in collaboration with de Havilland and BEA we developed and commissioned the world's first fully Automatic Landing System, on Trident aircraft.

Now married to Ann, I was drawn to academic life, and late in 1965 we emigrated to Victoria, Australia, where I was appointed head of a small electrical engineering department. In 1969, now with two

children, we moved to Adelaide, South Australia, where I joined the South Australian Institute of Technology (now the University of South Australia).

In 1976/77 I spent a year's sabbatical leave partly at Loughborough University and partly at the British Rail Research Labs in Derby, and in 1980 was awarded a PhD for mainly theoretical research into how a manual or automatic train should be driven, so as to arrive at scheduled points on time with the minimum consumption of energy. Early trials on Adelaide's suburban trains showed energy savings between 15% and 20%, together with greatly improved timekeeping. Later, my research group transferred this technology to the German company Siemens. With Siemens, we won the prestigious Australian Technology Award for this work.

Before I retired in 2003 as Professor of Control Systems Engineering, I received the Australian Government Award for outstanding individual achievement in Energy Research. In accepting this award, I acknowledged the crucial contribution of many other people to this work, by echoing the words of my former Head of Department when he received an OBE; he insisted that these initials stood for Other B.....s' Efforts!

Ann sadly died in 1987, and in 1990 I married Barbara. We now have five children and seven grandchildren. We live very near the Parklands that completely surround the City of Adelaide, which in 2015 was named in the international list of the top ten World's Most Liveable Cities. We both enjoy bushwalking (hiking) and cycling, and play a part in a number of volunteer organisations. And, most importantly, we thoroughly enjoy our friends, children and grandchildren.

BOOKS – OF INTEREST TO OS

"Enough Said: What's Gone Wrong with the Language of Politics" - Mark Thompson (Bodley Head: 2016)



Down the ages people have lamented the demise of the language of politics and forewarned its ruinous consequences. Joining company with such critics as Thucydides, Socrates, Aristotle, Hobbes, et al. Mark Thompson proffers his own cerebral diagnosis of the present “crisis of political language”. His

incisive commentary was prescient enough when first aired as part of a series of lectures on the “art of public persuasion” at Oxford University, in 2012; the subsequent book was yet more timely when published six months ago, in September, in the wake of Brexit; now, in the aftermath of Donald Trump's election victory and taking of office, “Enough Said” has become urgent reading for anyone seeking to understand what has gone wrong, why it is happening, and how we might bring about a better political discourse on both sides of the Atlantic.

Language is not the window dressing of politics, language is politics, Thompson argues. Speeches by politicians are political acts; presentation is everything. This realisation takes Thompson into a forensic analysis of the words politicians use, a study of what the ancients called “rhetoric”. In recent times, we have moved from what Thompson calls the “rhetorical rationalism” of patrician figures as Roosevelt and Macmillan to the “authenticism” of Trump and Farage. The grandiloquence that characterised former statesmen has given way to punchy soundbites of the celebrity politician, often expressed on Twitter in 140 characters or less. Authenticist language in all its shrill glory, is characterised by an appeal to emotion. It holds in contempt the grey conclusions reached by the scientific-bureaucratic-governing classes. If what you hear feels true, it is true; trust your gut! This new style of politics, Thompson argues, has no time for the painstaking and sometimes boring process of debunking wild yet pithy truth-claims for a more subtle, complex, account supported by facts.

On the impact of technology, especially Twitter, the subtle differences between political debate in the UK and US, and the rhetorical styles of recent politicians, Thompson's treatment is magisterial. Reading such an elegant work on the subject of

language is reminiscent of George Orwell's 1946 essay “Politics and the English Language”, which Thompson discusses over the course of a chapter. Whilst broadly appreciative, he asks whether adhering to Orwell's prescription of six rules — which included avoiding dying metaphors and prolixity — leaves us “unexpectedly close to the authenticist agenda of Donald Trump and the other anti-politicians”.

But whatever one makes of Trump, he was surely right when he said “Believe me, there is great anger”. Popular anger hasn't come from nowhere. The insouciance of the political class to engage with the challenges facing ordinary people. Remember Hillary Clinton's “basket of deplorables” or Emily Thornberry's “white van man”? When vast swathes of the population are ignored and demeaned by an apparent cabal of sneering liberal, well-heeled, entitled elites, out of touch with the concerns of those whom they purport to represent, change is inevitable. Thompson's prescient analysis would be improved, I think, by a closer look at such causes of disaffection.

In the final chapter of the book “Afterthoughts and Acknowledgements” Thompson recalls his own education at Stonyhurst. The Ratio Studiorum, for which the Jesuits are famed, he writes, “still influenced teaching at the school” not least in the names given to Playrooms! He fondly recalls: “the interwovenness with which all the arts were taught - classical and modern languages, literature, history, philosophy, theology - meant that I began to feel a connectedness between all of them, and between the deep past and the present.” He singles out two teachers taught him English literature “but much else besides”. One was an Oxford Don, the other was Peter Hardwick. Four years ago Thompson wrote an excellent, personal obituary of Peter in The Guardian.

Thompson concludes his book, “Sooner or later a new language of reasonable persuasion should emerge. We just don't know when. So what can you do in this long uncertain interim? Open your ears. Use your own good judgment. Think, speak, laugh. Cut through the noise.” Sage advice, I think, from arguably the most influential OS of recent times, and every inch the proud product of a Stonyhurst education.



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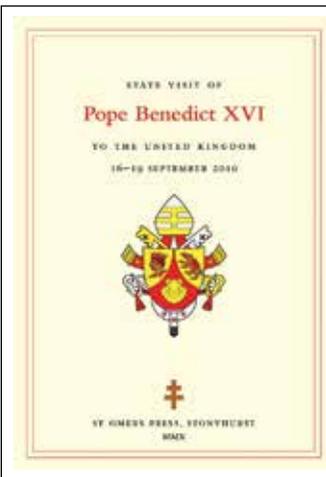


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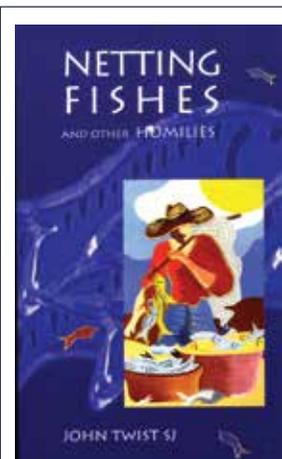
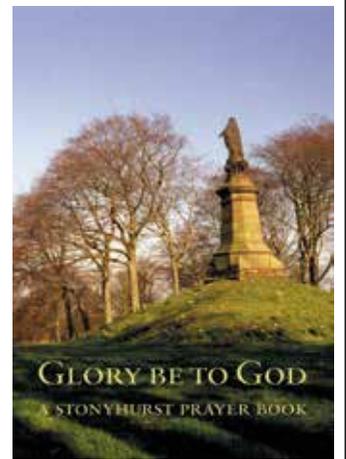
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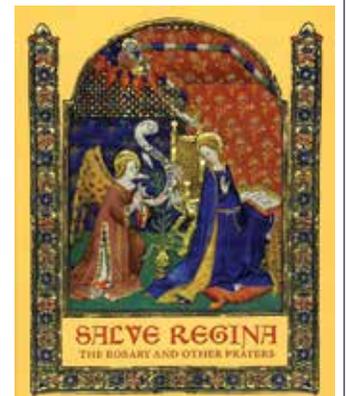
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