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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the summer edition of the Association Newsletter.

Having ventured into the electronic age of the e-newsletter and having found that to be successful we would like to develop this form of communication in the future. In order to do this we need to be sure that the Newsletter is getting to you and is being opened. So, if you did not previously receive the e-newsletter but would like to in the future, please do provide us with your current email address.

Looking to the future there is a plan to print one edition of the Newsletter per year and to send out two editions by email. We are very conscious that there are those who do not have access to email, and so we will send those of you without email addresses a printed copy of the e-newsletter.

Communicating by email does save the Association the considerable cost of printing and postage and any saving we can make is beneficial to the work of the Association.

Thank you for your support and I hope you enjoy this edition.

So, please do help us by sending your email address to m.hargreaves@stonyhurst.ac.uk



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STONYHURST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER

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

President: Robert Brinkley CMG OS 72
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.



STONYHURST ASSOCIATION

IGNATIAN WEEKEND - SILENT RETREAT

Ignatian Spirituality Led by Fr Philip Endean SJ

Friday 27- Sunday 29 October 2017

Mayfield School, Mayfield, East Sussex

For the third, and most probably final year (2018 hopefully being at the new residential Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst) the annual Ignatian Spirituality Retreat for the Association will again be held at Mayfield School, set in the heart of the Sussex countryside 50 miles south of central London. The retreat is intended both for those trying this kind of experience for the first time and for those who have become regulars.

We are delighted that this year's leader will be Fr Philip Endean SJ OS 73 who, after being Tutor of Theology at Campion Hall in Oxford and holding the prestigious Glasson Chair at Boston College, moved in September 2013 to be Professor of Spirituality at Centre Sèvres in Paris from where he will join our retreat.

Located in the village of Mayfield on the site of the pre-Reformation residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the buildings boast some astonishingly beautiful gothic interiors. The school was established in 1872 by Mother Cornelia Connelly, foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus (SHCJ) and still helps students 'to grow strong in faith and lead fully human lives'.

www.mayfieldgirls.org

The cost will be £125 per person for two nights' accommodation and meals. To obtain a booking form, please ring the Association on Tel: **01254 827043** or email: association@stonyhurst.ac.uk

DIARY OF EVENTS

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

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
August 18th – 25th	Lourdes Pilgrimage	
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. 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 2007 Reunion	A reunion for OS 2007 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 2017	Ignatian Retreat at Mayfield School	We are delighted that this year's leader will be Fr Philip Endean SJ OS 73 who, after being Tutor of Theology at Campion Hall in Oxford and holding the prestigious Glasson Chair at Boston College, moved in September 2013 to be Professor of Spirituality at Centre Sèvres in Paris from where he will join our retreat. The cost will be £125 per person for two nights' accommodation and meals. To obtain a booking form, please ring the Association on 01254 827043 or email: association@stonyhurst.ac.uk
November 17th	Stonyhurst Association Annual Dinner	This year the dinner will be presided over by Robert Brinkley CMG, OS 1972, 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 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.
January 20th 2018	Preston Grasshoppers Match and Lunch	George Erdozain OS 61 and Martin Hothersall OS 72 will again be hosting an OS lunch and informal reunion at the Preston Grasshoppers' match against Kendal on Saturday 20th January 2018. This event is for OS, families and friends and in the past few years has grown to over 50 attendees with OS coming from France, Scotland and the South as well as the North of England. Anyone interested in attending should contact Martin Hothersall at martinhothersall@outlook.com or on 01772 613207.
March 29th – 1st April 2018	Easter Retreat	The Easter Retreat takes place at the College from Maundy Thursday until Easter Sunday and all OS and their families are welcome. A booking form will be available in the New Year.
May 10th 2018	Association Dinner at Leinster House, Dublin	A dinner is being arranged at Leinster House at the invitation of Senator Ronan Mullen. A booking form will be available in the Christmas term. Please contact the Association Office if you are interested in attending.
May 12th – 13th 2018	OS 1993 Reunion	A 25th anniversary reunion for OS 1993 is being arranged at the College. A booking form will be available from the Association Office shortly. 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. Rod Maclean is co-ordinating this and can be contacted at: rodcmaclean@aol.com
August 24th – 31st 2018	Lourdes Pilgrimage	The annual pilgrimage will take place in August as usual, please forward all queries to the Association Office.
September 22nd – 23rd 2018	OS 1998 Reunion	Do save the date! A reunion for OS 1998 is being arranged at the College. A booking form will be available from the Association Office in the New Year. We are currently gathering as many email addresses as we can and would be glad to hear from any of you who suspect that the email address we hold for you is out of date so that we can update our records.
October 13th 2018	OS 2008 Reunion	A 10th anniversary reunion for OS 2008 is being arranged at the College. 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.

NEWS



Wing Commander Thorpe, Professor Atkin and Wing Commander Wright in front of a Hawk TMk1 aircraft from 100 Squadron.

CHRIS ATKIN OS 82 and CHRIS THORPE OS 82 The President of the Royal Aeronautical Society visits RAF LEEMING

Professor Chris Atkin OS 82, President of the Royal Aeronautical Society, was hosted on a visit to Royal Air Force Leeming by Wing Commander Chris Thorpe OS 82. After lunch with the Station Commander and other senior officers, Professor Atkin had the opportunity to learn about the flying activities that take place at Leeming. He visited Air Traffic Control and then had the opportunity to see a Tutor aircraft from Northumbria University Air Squadron. The highlight was a visit to 100 Squadron in its centenary year. Professor Atkin was hosted by the squadron commander,

Wing Commander Andy Wright, who gave a fascinating presentation about the history and present role of the squadron which currently flies the Hawk TMk1 in the 'Aggressor' role, acting as targets for other aircraft, and in a training role, providing live training for Forward Air Controllers. Wing Commander Thorpe is currently posted to Royal Air Force Leeming where he leads a team designing and delivering collective training for the Royal Air Force's Expeditionary Air Wings.

NICK KENYON OS 95 AND RICHARD KENYON OS 98 Meet His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales



Nick and his brother Richard Kenyon recently hosted a visit from His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, to Dewlay Cheesemakers in Garstang.

Nick and Richard were especially thrilled as the visit coincided with their 60th year as a third generation family cheesemaking business.

The Prince of Wales is a big cheese fan and especially took to a brie style cheese called Garstang White made with locally sourced Jersey milk.



JOANNA GEORGE OS 10

Joanna is a member of and advises the Constitution Reform Group, a cross-party group made up of former and practising politicians of all the principal UK parties and a number of academics and former officials in Parliament and government. The Group proposes a new Act of Union, replacing the existing Union with a system of fully devolved government in the four nations of the UK.



ORDINATIONS

On Sunday July 30th (the day before the feast of St Ignatius, of course), two OS, Sam Burke OP, OS 04 and Toby Lees OP, OS 99 were ordained as deacons in the Dominican Order, along with another of their brothers and two Franciscans, at Blackfriars in Oxford.



Amongst others with Stonyhurst connections who were glimpsed there were Lord David Alton and his wife, Lizzie, John Cowdall, Chairman of Governors, and his wife, Eileen, Jeremy Nosedo OS 82, David Hurst OS 70 and Fr Nick King SJ OS 66. Frs Sam and Toby both now go to Rome to the Dominican College to continue their studies.

PATRICK BALADI OS 90

Those who have relaxed in front of the TV on Sunday evenings recently may have enjoyed the crime thriller series “Line of Duty” and may have realised that the character Jimmy Lakewell is played by an OS - Patrick Baladi.



Patrick is enjoying an illustrious acting career and amongst his credits have been parts in “Stella”, “Mistresses”, “Bodies” and the highly acclaimed series “The Office”.

OS TO OS HANDOVER AT THE JESUIT NOVICESHIP

This summer sees the care of the Jesuit Novices of North-Western Europe handed from one OS to another. **Fr Simon Bishop SJ OS 86** has been appointed as Novice-Master at Manresa House, Harborne, Birmingham with effect from July 31st, and **Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ OS 66** (well recovered from an episode of cancer) has moved on to be the Superior of the Jesuit Community serving the Holy Name Church and the Universities’ Chaplaincy in Manchester.

UPDATE ON FR MICHAEL O’HALLORAN SJ

Fr Michael O’Halloran SJ had a stroke on Saturday 27th May, and spent seven weeks in St George’s Hospital in Tooting. On Friday 14th July he was transferred to Corpus Christi Jesuit Community in Boscombe, a retirement and infirmary community of the British Jesuit Province to which he had been due to move this summer/autumn anyway. Reports since the move indicate that he is settling in well. While he was seriously debilitated by the stroke, and has some continuing left-side weakness and mobility problems, his speech centres have manifestly not been affected! It is too soon to be able to say when and how easily he will be able to travel, but OS and other gatherings will have to manage without his presence at least for some time to come. (Corpus Christ Jesuit Community, 757 Christchurch Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth BH7 6AN).

SIMON HAWORTH OS 97

Principal and Senior Production Geologist with 15 years’ experience in the oil and gas sector has returned to the UK to begin work at his new start-up company Tewcan Energy Consultants and is looking to hear from OS with similar backgrounds to get in touch. Simon started his career working as a geologist in London in sales and consultancy projects for oil and gas operators in the North Sea, Algeria and Angola. He proceeded to work as a consultant at Gaffney-Cline and Associates working on Reserves determination and expert witness projects. In 2006, Simon joined Nexen working on the Ettrick oil field development project. A four year stint with Shell in Australia where he worked as a Senior Production Geologist was followed by a move to the Netherlands where he worked as an Opportunity Manager moving gas projects through the hydrocarbon maturation funnel from exploration to first gas. He is now based in Exeter enjoying the open countryside with his wife, Natalie, and two young children Esmé and Ben.



SPEAKERS NEEDED FOR THE COLLEGE

From: Miss Zoe Livingstone: Head of Spanish:

If anyone is interested in coming to talk to the Hispanic Society please do get in touch. I am putting together the programme for next year and would be really keen to see if we could get some OS involved. If interested please contact me: z.livingstone@stonyhurst.ac.uk

From: Reuban Strain Syntax Playroom Master, Magis Coordinator, Teacher of Biology

We are looking to host a number of speakers next year and we are particularly interested to hear from Solicitors, Barristers, Judges and Bankers.

If you are interested and can help please contact me:

r.strain@stonyhurst.ac.uk

Thank you!

WAR RECORD

The Association intends to update the Stonyhurst War Record to include details of those killed since World War I and not recorded in the original Stonyhurst War Record: also to include those who died as a result of Terrorist action.

Many of those who died in World War II had obituaries in the Stonyhurst Magazine but not all. If anyone can supply information and /or a photograph of the following, I would be very grateful.

- Lieutenant (Medical) A J Antaki, Iraqui Levees, DAS, OS 1930
- Flying Officer S B de Mier, RAF missing presumed killed May 1942, OS 1923
- Major G Dunn war correspondent, killed Burma, March 1944, OS 1923
- Flying Officer B P Ecker, RAF, KAS, December 1940, OS 1926
- Lieutenant P A S Frost RN missing presumed killed December 1943, OS 1933
- Lance Corporal T H J Gallagher, R. Irish Fusiliers, KIA March 1942, OS 1928
- Flying Officer G L Hicks, RAFVR, KIA 1943, OS 1920
- Sergeant Pilot J N Russell, RAFVR, DAS September 1940, OS 1926
- Gunner H F Spayne, Royal Artillery, lost at sea 1942, OS 1923
- 2nd Lieutenant D R Ward, Lancashire Fusiliers, KIA Dunkirk, May 27th 1940, OS 1926

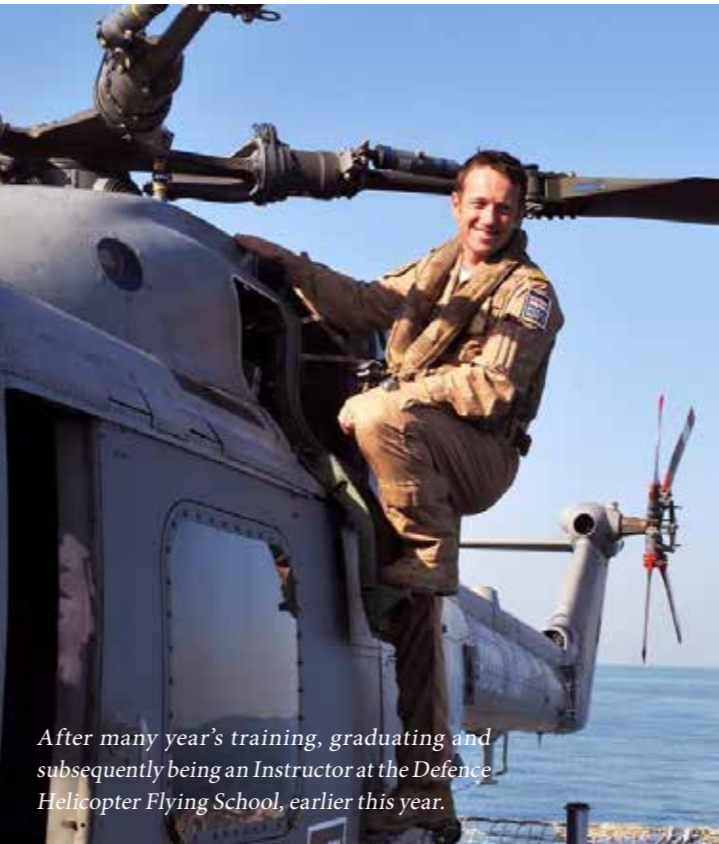
From David Mercer



LT. COMMANDER JOSEPH SHARPLES R.N. OS 98 LANDS HIS HELICOPTER AT STONYHURST

Joseph Sharples, as a member of the CCF, was on ceremonial duty. Suddenly, in the sky, a small dot appeared in the distance, getting ever closer, increasing in size, until one could hear the deep throb of the rotor blades of a helicopter. Closer and closer it came, descending towards the H landing mark between the two walls near the gardens.

By now the initial dot in the sky was a distinguishable Army helicopter. The helicopter steadily descended throbbing noisily and beginning to create an enormous downdraft.



After many year’s training, graduating and subsequently being an Instructor at the Defence Helicopter Flying School, earlier this year.

There is no doubt that this event left an indelible impression on Joseph. On that day, a seed was sown in his mind that was to germinate a few years later after leaving Stonyhurst and having been employed in a desk job. He remembered the spark of an idea and the thrill of experiencing the landing of a helicopter at Stonyhurst. So he decided it was time to grasp the nettle and apply to the Royal Fleet Air Arm, part of the Royal Navy, to become a helicopter pilot.



Joseph Sharples achieved his ambition and had the thrill of landing a Squirrel helicopter in the middle of the Avenue!”

CONGRATULATIONS

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

BIRTHS

Julian Hohendroff OS 02 and his wife, Katrin, are pleased to announce the birth of Jonas Frederic on the 3rd April 2017. A brother to Leah and Ben.



Pippa Irving OS 08 (née Weld-Blundell) and her husband, Maxwell, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Archibald Peter Irving on the 18th May 2017.



MARRIAGES



Amelia Carroll OS 12 and Adam Barton were married on the 3rd June 2017, at St Peter's Church, followed by a wedding breakfast and evening reception at Broughton Hall. The OS In attendance were: Georgie Kelly OS 12, Simone Masterson OS 12, Siobahn Helsby OS 11, Francis Carroll OS 09, Ethan Carroll OS 06, Emma Dean OS 12, Gregory Forbes OS 09, Bob Townsend OS 05, Camille Knowles OS 09, James Barrett OS 09 and Jack Wood OS 09.



Zachary Demajo OS 07 married Petra Axisa at St Patrick's Church, Sliema, Malta on Saturday 6th May 2017.

Amongst the many friends present, the duty of best man was carried out by Kasha Grech OS 07. The ushers included Matthew Alex Xuereb OS 07 and Anthea Demajo OS 09 attending the bride as maid of honour. The service was followed by a reception at Villa Arrigo where 400 people attended.



Edward Burke OS 88 and Georgia Law were married in St Mary's Church, Abbotts Ann on 6th May 2017. The service was concelebrated by Fr Nick King OS 66 who gave an excellent address and was attended by a number of OS and staff, both current and retired. The best man was James Whitehead OS 87, and the ushers were Dominic Carrington OS 88 and Richard Wotton OS 88.

Rory O'Brien OS 61, Fr Nick King SJ OS 66, David Bruton OS 71, Col. Alistair Rogers OS 85, Damian Clarkson OS 87, John Da Gama-Rose OS 87, Michael O'Maoileoin, OS 87, Andrew Warneken OS 88. The past and present Stonyhurst staff who attended were: David and Judith Rawkins, Ian McDonnell, Major John Cobb and Emma Wotton.



Susie Hanratty OS 05 was married to Mark Watson on Saturday 24th September 2016 at St Simon's Stock Catholic Church in Putney, followed by a reception at The Hurlingham Club in London.

Numerous Stonyhurst families and friends were present including James Hanratty OS 65, John Hanratty OS 66, Patrick Hanratty OS 70, Peter Hanratty OS 75, Richard Hanratty OS 96, Andrew Hanratty OS 05, Michael Hanratty OS 07, Terry Holt OS 72, Fr Matthew Power OS 79, Fr Nick King OS 66, Hamish Reid OS 04, and Isobel Pickering, David Wager, John Ashworth, James Clark, Francesca Millar, Ben Gogarty, Ryan Stokes, Iuno Connolly, Joe Notter and Iain Lindsay who are all OS 05.



James Small OS 04 and Sarah McGlory were married in St Peter's Church on the 27th May 2017. The Celebrant was Father Matthew Power SJ OS 79 and Dr Kevin Morgan played the organ. There was a strong Scottish contingent and many OS were also wearing kilts.

OS 04 in attendance were: James Small, Alastair Robertson, Joe Ansbro, Daniel Smalley, Ben Ashworth, Jonty Ashworth, Matthew Burke, Matthew Hicks, Michael Fenton, Chris Moss, Graham McEwan, and Peter Small OS 08.



Jonty Ashworth OS 05, married Elizabeth Beswick on Saturday 10th June 2017 in Yarnton Church, Oxfordshire.

A large number of OS attended with 34 in total including Dino Radice OS 92. Other attendees are listed in leaving year groups: OS 04 : Benjamin Ashworth, Alastair Robertson, Ailsa Robertson, Matthew Hicks, Daniel Smalley, Christopher Moss, Matthew Burke, Graham McKewan, Joe Ansbro, Nicholas Maudsley, OS 05: Ryan Stokes, James Clark, Joe Notter, Isobel Holt, Susie Hanratty, James Ryan, Iain Lindsay, Benedict Gogarty, Tom Hunt, Danny Bovingdon, Charlotte Tasker, Henry Hall, Luke Langford, Aaron Mcloughlin, Tom Wood, Tim Fitzgerald. OS 06: India Chitnis, Danny Dwyer. OS 07: Tara Chitnis, OS 11: Emily Ashworth, Serena Barnett, Gabby Notter.



Daniel Smalley OS 04 married Laura Tyson on 3rd February 2017 in St Peter's Church, Stonyhurst. The celebrants were Fr Peter Griffiths SJ and Fr Nick King SJ OS 66.

In attendance: OS 04 : Matthew Burke (Best Man), Alastair Robertson, Ailsa Robertson, James Small, Chris Moss, Matt Hicks, Graham McEwan, Nick Maudsley, Michael Fenton, Joe Ansbro, Ben Ashworth, Jonty Ashworth OS 05, Kirk Stokes OS 03, Richard Maudsley OS 03, Marc O'Neil OS 01, John Smalley OS 98, Dino Radice OS 92 and Nic Barnes OS 99.



Lydia Jansen OS 09 married Archie Scarborough in Sotogrande in Spain on the 3rd June 2017. The OS, in attendance were: Harriet Clark OS 09, Jordan Riley OS 11. The following are all OS 13: Ella Isola, Klara Holmes, Charlie McDermott, Amelia Jansen, and Gregory Jansen.



Charlotte Tasker OS 05, and **Danny Bovingdon OS 05**, were married in Barbados. The Maid of Honour was Sophie Derbyshire née Ackers OS 06, and the Best Man was Miles Pollard OS 01. Other OS attending were Claudia Bovingdon OS 12 and Faye Bovingdon OS 04 and James Tasker OS 02.

The married couple then had a celebration party with all of their friends and family at Charlotte's parents' home in Grindleton,

Clitheroe on Saturday 27th May. Attending were those above and also Rob Woolley OS 07, Miles Sharples OS 06, Chris Brennan OS 02, the following were all OS 05: Tom Wood, Iain Lindsay, Joe Notter, James Clarke, Augustus Francis and Ryan Stokes and John Ashworth.

WEDDINGS AT STONYHURST

This summer sees the launch of the first Stonyhurst Weddings Brochure. Available exclusively to former pupils and staff, Stonyhurst will be available to book for your dream wedding from July 2018

Considered to be the 'jewel in the crown of the Ribble Valley', Stonyhurst provides the perfect setting in which to exchange your vows and host a fabulous reception for your guests, with a wealth of impressive photo opportunities. Our exclusivity ensures a wedding at Stonyhurst is truly unique.

Wedding services at Stonyhurst can be held in either St Peter's Church or the College Chapel. Once the vows have been exchanged, we have a variety of different but equally magnificent rooms to choose for the reception. A wedding breakfast in the Top Refectory is a grand affair, perfect for wedding parties numbering up to 130 guests. Alternatively, for a larger party of more than 150 guests, a marquee in the Ambulacrum offers a spectacular backdrop and blank canvas on which to create your dream setting.

We also appreciate that some couples simply want to return to Stonyhurst to be married in St Peter's Church or the College Chapel, before holding their wedding reception at an alternative venue. On these occasions, the College is very happy to host a drinks and canapés, reception for your guests after the wedding service, whilst the wedding party is making the most of the beautiful grounds and magnificent interior for photographs.

As such, instead of offering a standard wedding package, every wedding is bespoke and specifically designed to fulfil each couple's individual requirements. This also extends to our menus and wine list, which make full use of the fantastic produce the Ribble Valley has to offer. Our tailor-made wedding breakfast and evening supper menus offer a wide range of items which we believe are successful when catering for larger parties. All our ingredients are

fresh and locally sourced, and the wine list has been compiled specifically to complement the wedding breakfast menu.

A range of accommodation at the College is also available to your guests, at particular times of the year.

Rebecca and Katie, our dedicated Events Team, will be on hand throughout the process to provide you with as much choice and assistance as possible, ensuring your special day will be everything you dreamed of. We have plenty of experience helping couples with all aspects of their wedding, from flowers and centrepieces to photographers, entertainment and catering.

Please be aware that availability for weddings at the College is limited and only possible during the school holidays. However, if you are considering Stonyhurst College as the venue for your wedding, please do not hesitate to email the Events Team for a copy of our brochure, and to arrange an appointment to discuss available dates and see what we have to offer.

"We had a fantastic day and we really appreciate how much effort you made to ensure the day ran smoothly. All our guests commented on what a beautiful venue Stonyhurst was."

For more information or to request a brochure, please email enterprises@stonyhurst.ac.uk.



Congratulations to **Edwin Beltrami OS 81**, Chief Crown Prosecutor London North was awarded the CBE in the latest Queen's Birthday Honours List.



Congratulations to **Richard Greenwood** who has been awarded the OBE for his services to national and international rugby. Richard was a founder member of the Stonyhurst Park Golf Club, while a teacher at the college.



Congratulations to **Michael de Giorgio OS 75** on receiving the OBE in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to charity, sport and social justice.



Hilary Harrison OS 09 has been awarded a 1st class degree in Building Surveying at Liverpool John Moores University. During her time at university she undertook an industrial placement year where she worked for a building surveying firm in Lancaster in order to gain practical skills before heading back to her final year at university. She is now working in London as a Project Manager and is studying to gain her professional accreditation with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).



IN MEMORIAM

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

Paul Vavasour OS 1943 – 1946	James Lusekera OS 2001 – 2006	Roderick Macadam OS 1947 – 1950
Barclay Lamont OS 1966 – 1971	Patrick Garbutt OS 1957 – 1962	John Wilkinson OS 1944 – 1950
David John Cox OS 1973 – 1978	Roland Raymakers OS 1942 – 1951	Jing Pan OS 2006 – 2011
Philip Raywood OS 1939 – 1948	James Penny OS 1955 – 1964	Alistair Lorimer OS 1974 – 1979
Eugene Byrne OS 1939 – 1944	James Corbally OS 1951 – 1960	Mark Roberts OS 1957 – 1966
Peter De Marffy-Mantuano OS 1956 – 1963	Roger Coker OS 1943 – 1947	Patrick Stewart OS 1957 - 1967
Ronald Witter OS 1955 – 1960	Stephen Butcher OS 1965 – 1970	William O'Regan OS 1937 - 1947

We also regret to announce the death from the wider Stonyhurst Family:

Angela Page, widow of General John Page OS 41, mother of Christopher OS 76, Matthew OS 79, Peter OS 81, and Grandmother of 5 OS.
Jean Fenton, mother of Michael Fenton OS 04.
Jean Keenan, widow of John Keenan OS 44 and mother of Edmund Keenan OS 76.
Michael Weld, former Bursar of Stonyhurst and father of Christopher Weld OS 88.
Susan Bell, wife of Julian Bell OS 53, and mother of Rupert Bell OS 86 and Edward Bell OS 90.
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

RESTORATION OF FARM STREET'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross at Farm Street Church in central London are in the process of being restored to their original polychrome glory. The 14 plaques, which portray the Passion and Death of Christ, were originally brightly coloured; however, they were painted over with lead paint in the 1920s. These masterpieces were the work of renowned carver and artist Johann Petz, who was active in Bavaria and Austria from 1850 - 1870. Polychrome stations by the same artist and of the same design are currently displayed in the parish church of Vilsbiburg, near Munich. "According to the church's guide book from the 1930s there was much decay and deterioration caused by the smoky London air," says parish priest, Fr Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ, "so I suppose it was decided to cover them all with paint to look like undecorated stone." The first of the restored Stations, the 12th, showing the death of Christ on the Cross was repositioned in Farm Street Church, as a further two were removed for similar treatment. "The restoration of these two

pieces was finished by 1st March. It is believed that the Stations of the Cross at the Jesuit church were originally framed but the frames were removed in the 1960s. The restoration work is being undertaken by IFACS (International Fine Art Conservation Studios), headed by Richard Pelter and Ed Towers, who also recently restored the colour and gold of the Pugin High Altar in the church. The complex work of restoring the Stations involves carefully removing the hard lead-based paint, making conservative repairs to the wood beneath, and repainting in colours that match the original in shade and quality. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates the events of Good Friday. They are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage, with individuals or a group of people moving from station to station (stopping places), recalling and meditating on a specific event from Christ's last day as they do so. The Stations of the Cross also known as the Way of the Cross is most

commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred. "The Stations of the Cross is a very old devotion," says scripture scholar, Fr Nick King SJ OS66. "It may well originate in the desire of Christians to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and be in the place where Jesus went to his death. Over the centuries, the number and format of this devotion have changed a good deal, but it has had its present form since the 15th Century." Fr King has written more about the Stations of the Cross elsewhere on the Jesuits in Britain website. There are also audio reflections on the Stations on Pray As You Go. Because of the close ties and invaluable assistance that Farm Street has graciously given over many years to the Stonyhurst Association and the College. It was agreed by the Association Committee to give a donation to help towards the completion of the project. The parish is delighted to announce that funding has been achieved to complete the whole set.



The 12th Station is restored in the IFACS workshop

THE STONYHURST RECORD - THE FIRST SIX ISSUES

WRITTEN BY THE ARCHIVIST AND EDITOR OF THE STONYHURST RECORD- DAVID KNIGHT



The last issue of the Magazine and the first issue of the Record

In 2010, I was advised by the College headmaster Mr Andrew Johnson that he would like a modification to the front cover of 'The Stonyhurst Magazine'. There was nothing new about this, numerous cover changes having already been made over the past 130 years. This time the change was needed to incorporate the logos of both of the campus schools - the College and St Mary's Hall - to reflect their strengthening connections, and also to change the colour of the title in accord with the recent corporate changes including the Stonyhurst stationery. The opportunity was also taken to introduce a more contemporary font. The result is shown above.

In recent years, the word 'magazine' has come to be increasingly associated with lightweight reading matter, aptly summed up in an informal definition to be found in the Cambridge English Dictionary: 'A type of thin book with large pages and a paper cover that contains articles and photographs and is published every week or month'. Throughout the long history of The Stonyhurst Magazine there had been variations in its content - and its quality - but with the archival status of the publication now at least as strong as it has ever been, I felt that what was needed was a title that reflected this. It also happened to be a very appropriate time for such a change as a scan of the whole issue of the Magazine had



The cover photos used for the first six issues

just been completed, paid for by the Association. By changing the title at this point the scan will forever remain for the complete run. And so, with the headmaster's gracious permission, The Stonyhurst Record came into being, although the contents and format remained completely intact and unaltered. Apart from the cover design and title the change is completely imperceptible. Six editions have now been published, averaging well over 300 pages. Naturally, around three-fifths of each issue is devoted to the happenings and achievements of the latest school year but there have been 274 pages of obituaries, 156 in all, each accompanied by a photograph. In addition, a generous amount of space is always devoted to fully illustrated articles on important aspects of Stonyhurst history, either topics that have never previously been covered or, if they have, they are being presented in considerably greater detail. Here are some of them:

The Prayer Book of Mary Queen of Scots; Stonyhurst Handball; The Stations of the Cross in St Peter's; The History of the Stonyhurst/Hurst

Green Parish; Reginald Horsley, school doctor (and renowned fiction writer); Eton Fives at Stonyhurst; The Venerable English College at St Mary's Hall; Polish OS during WW2; Stonyhurst on the Somme; Sir Nicholas Shireburn's Pipe Series (in the Front Quad); Christopher Hollis, Catholic Writer at Stonyhurst; Arthur Conan Doyle, Cricketer; Bathing Cots on the River Hodder.

Since I took over the editorship of the Magazine in 1997 my aim has always been to try to produce a school publication that provides an eminently readable and accurate account of this school's incredible and unique history and its continuing achievements, and I am greatly encouraged by the following recent comment from former Stonyhurst headmaster, Dr Giles Mercer: 'I know of no such publication from any other educational establishment that equals it or even comes close'. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members of the Association who subscribe to the publication for your loyal support and for the encouragement it gives me to carry on with the job.



Above are just some of the personalities, all with strong connections to Stonyhurst, that have been featured in biographical articles:

1. Andrew Henderson (artist & teacher); 2. General Edward Stanislaus Bulfin KCB CVO ; 3. George Archer-Shee (the 'Winslow Boy'); 4. Henry Michael Ferris DFC (Battle of Britain pilot); 5. Joseph Higginson (pioneer motorist & inventor); 6. Joseph Mary Plunkett; 7. Lt Col Irvine-Andrews VC; 8. Lt Gabriel Coury VC; 9. Maj Francis Suttill DSO; 10. Peter Hardwick (inspirational schoolmaster); 11. Raymond Binns (artist & war hero); 12. Rt Rev Crispian Hollis, 7th Bishop of Portsmouth.

THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO - A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

DR. ROBIN MELLOWS

We walked the Camino de Santiago in stages over six years starting in Le Puy en Velay in France. Each year I used to produce a book of pictures of the journey with a few thoughts interspersed. After the last stage I sat down to finish my pictorial chronicle, and when I got to the end, I did not know how to sum it up in pictures. So this is what I wrote.

The last page in the last book of pictures of the Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela should be the most amazing picture that sums up the whole journey. So why is it writing instead?

The Camino does not just involve what you can see. All five senses are involved. You feel the warmth of the sun on your back, and the cool breeze. At times the rain stings your face but you do not mind – you are on a journey with a purpose. You smell the scent of honeysuckle, roses, mock orange and eucalyptus, and wood smoke from open fires. You hear the wind rustling the leaves and the song of a million small birds. You taste lentils, aligot, tortillas and pulpo, and glasses of vino tinto when your day’s walking is done.



But more importantly there is the inner journey. Fleming the Dane (we never met him but he was on the Camino one year when we were – many other people seemed to know him) said, “You start the Camino with your feet and you finish it with your heart.” At the start of the journey there is the uncertainty of going to a new place every day, the worry of finding somewhere to stay, and of whether

you will manage walking all those miles. These things become routine and you begin not to be concerned by them. You notice the welcoming smiles and kindness of the hospitaliers in the gites and albergues. You begin to get to know your fellow Pilgrims, and you begin to wonder what has brought them to the Way. And then you begin to wonder what brought you to the Way. And at that moment your journey begins the transition from the feet to the heart.

What do the other Pilgrims say about their inner journey? The young man from Brazil said, “It is the conversations you have. The people make the Way.” The girl from Germany said, “I am walking on my own but I meet up with other pilgrims.

I used to arrange to meet up to stay at the same place for the night. But then I found we did not always walk at the same speed. I decided you don’t have to do what others are doing – you don’t have to compare yourself with them.”

The girl from Germany was quite right. We all walk at different speeds. There are many different kinds of pilgrims on the Camino. Some are Catholic and want to do a Catholic pilgrimage. Many are not religious at all – but they are still on the Camino for a spiritual reason. We do not all have to be the same. We do not all have to walk the Camino at the same speed. We do not all have to walk the Camino for the same reason. Once we are on the Camino we only have to follow where it leads us.

We did our Pilgrimage over six years – ten days or so at a time. Each year we had the anticipation of another journey on the Camino. Each year we met new Pilgrims. The evening before we arrived in Santiago I found myself sitting on my bunk in Pedrouzo wondering if I really wanted to arrive after all. Did I want the journey to end? Would I cope with not having the Camino to look forward to each year? When we arrived in Santiago we felt no regret – no sadness that the journey was over. All we felt was peace and equanimity – we had made our Pilgrimage and there was neither a great climax nor a great anti-climax at the end. Our Pilgrimage had changed our lives and we could take all we had learned on to wherever we journeyed next. The priest who guided our Pilgrim evening prayers on the day of our arrival in Santiago reminded us that in times gone by the cockle shell was not carried by pilgrims on their way to Santiago, but when they were returning home. It was a sign that their lives had been changed by their pilgrimage. The cockle shell could be seen as a representation of God’s



hand on their back – and they were taking it back home with them. The hand of God had touched them and changed their lives, and now they were going back home as God’s hands on earth. It is like the Chi-Rho over the door into the cathedral – alpha and omega are transposed – omega and alpha – the end of one chapter gives way to the start of the next one.

We met a friend from the Stonyhurst Lourdes pilgrimage on the Camino quite by chance. Tim Bowman asked us what we had learned from the Camino. At that time I told him that I had learned that things may not turn out as you anticipated or planned – but that does not matter. It could be called patience. It could be called “not having to worry” - inner peace.

The Camino involves walking through some spectacular landscapes and some beautiful towns.

At times it also involves walking through the industrial suburbs of cities, through urban landscapes that you would not choose to visit. But as you go through the ugliest of man-made desecrations of the natural beauty that makes up the Camino, your fellow pilgrims are still there, and the welcomes are still there when you stop for a rest or seek a bed for the night. If you look for the beauty of the Camino you will find it wherever you are. If you close your eyes to the beauty of

the Camino and only look at your unattractive surroundings you will only see ugliness. That is like life – if you look for the love of God in everything you will find it, and if you ignore it you will not appreciate it. Beauty and happiness in life are what you yourself choose to make them.

This year I learned a new kind of inner peace. We have walked through beautiful landscapes and seen amazing views from the tops of mountains. We have walked along ancient paths and over ancient bridges – and we have followed in the footsteps of generations of pilgrims.

We have seen the cathedrals built for them and slept in some of the buildings where they stayed. We have experienced all the sensations of the Camino. I wanted to capture it and take it home. I took pictures and put them in books. But even as I took photographs I knew that they could only hope to convey a small sense of the Camino to people who had not been there – and I knew that I would not be able to feel the Camino all round me when I looked back at the pictures. It all worried me – I wanted to keep it fresh in my mind so that I could live it all again.

This year I appreciated that I could not collect up our Pilgrimage and put it in a book – or indeed in a box or a bottle - or indeed in anything. I learned that there was no need to worry that I could not do that. All I needed to do was to enjoy every moment and every step of it as we walked, to drink in every beautiful view and appreciate the well-worn paths, and the fields, flowers, hedgerows and vineyards all around us. I did not need to do anything other than love every minute of the Pilgrimage. I did not have to try to take it home with me. Wherever I go next will be another real time journey. I could relax and enjoy the moment.

John Brierley (who has written the definitive guides to walking the Camino) advises making your Pilgrimage alone. I can see his point – it is a personal thing – you may need solitude – but there is plenty of company if you want it. My experience was that



it is a privilege to share someone else’s Pilgrimage if they want to walk with you some of the Way. And if you do have someone close with whom you can share the whole journey, it is a great privilege.

Nuala and I shared a lot of our Pilgrimage with our friends Pat and Kathy. We shared a lot of thoughts and feelings. It was a privilege.

We also walked our whole Pilgrimage together. It was good all the way – but it was not until we arrived in Santiago that the enormity of what we had shared became obvious. It was not a great feat of endurance or even a remarkable achievement. A thousand miles sounds like a long walk - but if you give yourself time ... anyone can set off and walk to Santiago. What we had shared was the transition of the journey from the physical world (“the feet”) to the spiritual (“the heart”).

In answer to Tim Bowman’s question – what had we learned?

Things don’t always work out how you planned them or intended them to. That does not mean they have gone wrong.



Follow your own path – you do not have to conform to what other people are doing.

If you look for beauty you will find it – life is as beautiful as you choose to make it. Contentment comes from how you choose to look at what is around you.

Enjoy every moment as it happens - don’t try to store it up. There are more good moments ahead.

We had arrived in Santiago a day before we had planned, so we had a day to enjoy wandering through the old city, to go to the Pilgrim Mass and prayers, and watch the constant stream of Pilgrims arriving. We met a French couple who had started in Le Puy a day or two before us six years previously, and there was an instant bond. We met an English couple who were visiting Santiago and thinking of making a Pilgrimage there. I hope that we radiated the joy of arrival so that they go back and do it. We even saw the botafumeiro in the Cathedral. As the priest said – raising our prayer to God.

To make the Pilgrimage and share it all with another person all the Way is a great privilege.

STONYHURST ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

The Stonyhurst Association is proposing a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela from 7th - 14th April 2018.

We shall walk from Sarrià to Santiago along the traditional route - the Camino Francés. Accommodation will be booked in advance, and optional baggage transfers will be included to reassure those who are not sure about carrying backpacks! On average we shall walk 18.5 km (11.5 miles) per day. The longest day will actually be 28km (17.5 miles) – but for those who find this daunting there are plenty of opportunities to take taxis for some of the distance.

We shall cover 112 km over 6 days walking. As we shall have walked more than 100km, Pilgrims will be able to obtain a Compostela - a certificate to

confirm that they have completed the Pilgrimage to Santiago. We shall arrive in time for the Pilgrim Mass in the cathedral at Santiago on Saturday 14th.

The cost will be around €700 for people sharing a room, or €849 for a single room, bed, breakfast and evening meal (or €544 for bed and breakfast only, sharing). This does not include the cost of flights. The company with whom we are booking will be able to advise on appropriate flights and will be able to arrange transfers from the airport to our starting point.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Beverley Sillitoe in the Association Office (association@stonyhurst.ac.uk) by **Friday September 15th**.



THE ROBERT PERSONS FELLOWSHIP 2016-2017

ELIZABETH ROBINSON OS 12

THE ROBERT PERSONS FELLOWSHIP is a grant awarded by the Stonyhurst Association for an OS to work with Jan Graffius (The Stonyhurst Curator). The purpose of the grant is to support an OS wanting to have a career as a Curator.

Elizabeth writes about her time as a Robert Persons fellow:

The Persons Fellowship is a wonderful opportunity for a graduate like me to experience working in the Heritage and Education sectors. With the support of the Stonyhurst Association, I have been able to spend this academic year learning about the Stonyhurst Collections and getting involved in a variety of projects. For example, this year I have been able to participate in taking down an exhibition at Samlesbury Hall and assisting with the Time Tunnel Project, a series of lessons taught to Upper Elements centred on the Collections. It has been an exciting time in the Collection this past year, for example, the team received a grant to buy new camera equipment and new cases have arrived for the museum. My main priority this year has been to write the new Stonyhurst College Catalogue of Paintings and Drawings. A catalogue documenting the art collection has not been produced since 1932 when Fr. O'Carroll SJ, compiled a list of paintings including any information about the works that had been discovered at that point. Since 1932, there has

been more research into the Collection and the Collection itself has changed and grown. As part of this project, I have conducted research at the Jesuit Archives in London and discovered new information on the provenance of some of the paintings. It will also be beneficial for further research and publications to have photographs of each piece of art and it has been a great experience learning how to use the new camera equipment. It is hoped that with the publication of this catalogue more interest will be generated in the artwork here at Stonyhurst College.

The reinstatement of the historic Bay Library has also been a major achievement for the team this year. All of the books from the Bay Library have been returned to their shelves after a leak caused great damage and a need for the refurbishment of the Arundel, Square and Bay Libraries. The project involved the whole team working closely with the maintenance staff. The opening of the Library at Great Academies was a success and it was wonderful to see such an interest from the Stonyhurst community in the project.

I have loved being a part of the Collections Department this year. I wish the team every success especially in the opening of the new museum in December and I would like to thank Jan Graffius and the Association for their support.



WHAT IS IN A NAME?

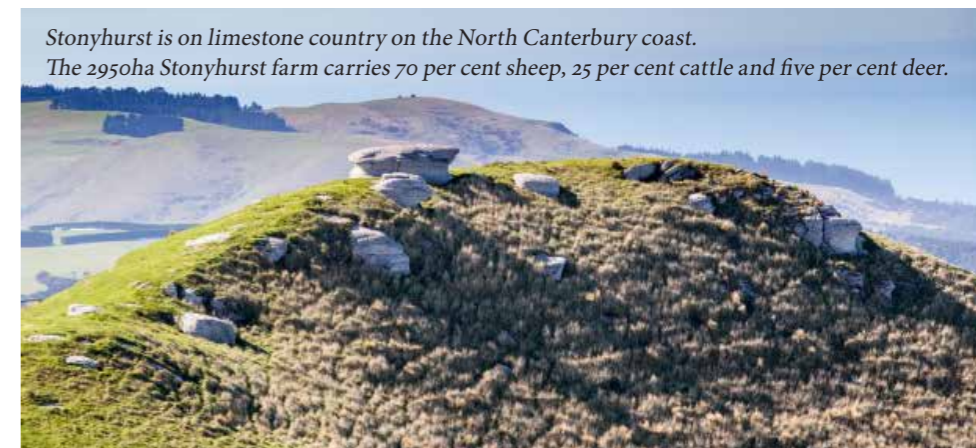
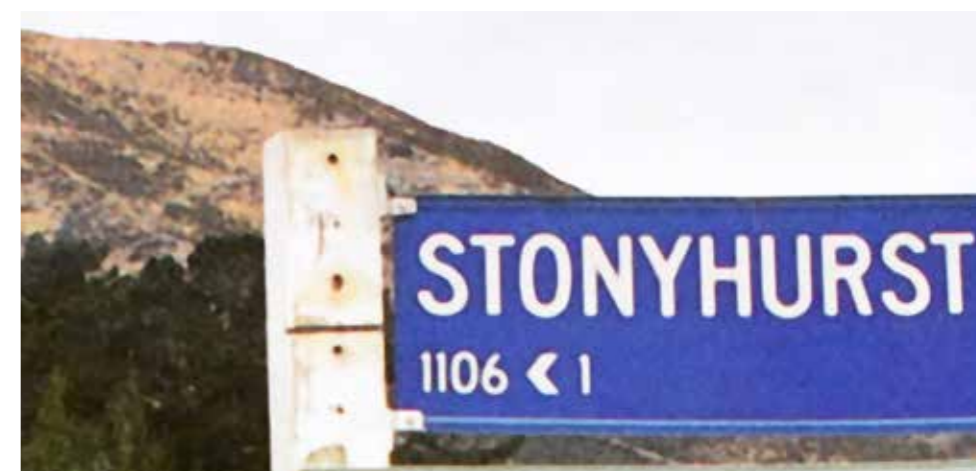
I would like you to imagine that in front of you in the foreground are plains populated with sheep. In the middle distance the terrain begins gently to rise, gaining height gradually to reach an undulating long ridge to take in the peak at the far end of the ridge. The shape of the ridge may be described as similar to the long back of a whale, the summit, as the snout and head and ridge, as the body, partially above the water line, there is even a point that looks like a the blow hole a quarter of the way along the back.

Does this description jog OS memories? Could it remind you of a hill near your alma mater?

The name of the hill is Pendle, however the location is 26,000 miles away from the Pendle Hill that you knew as you looked from Stonyhurst across the cricket flats, listening to the sound of leather on willow on an usually glorious summer's day.

So, why is there a hill named Pendle in New Zealand on the other side of the world?

To find the answer we will have to travel back in time to the year 1844. The young Frederick Weld and grandson of the Thomas Weld who donated his Lancashire property to his old school sailed to New Zealand. He joined a sheep farming enterprise in partnership with three other OS of the college. Charles Clifford, William Vavasour and Henry Petre. They farmed 30,000 acres in North Island and later gained concessions on a further 200,000 acres in South Island. The vast area was divided into smaller estates or ranches, one of which they named 'Stonyhurst'. The enterprise was extremely successful. "Stonyhurst Farm" is located on the North Canterbury, overlooking the Pacific coast.



Stonyhurst is on limestone country on the North Canterbury coast. The 2950ha Stonyhurst farm carries 70 per cent sheep, 25 per cent cattle and five per cent deer.

If you were to go to Stonyhurst Farm today, you would meet the Douglas-Clifford family and they would take you to view their 2,950 hectares, over 10,000 half breed sheep, that make up 70% of the stock on the farm, 25% cattle and 5% deer. Probably the most memorable part of your tour as member of the OS community, would be to climb Pendle Hill.

Brothers John and Peter Douglas-Clifford have been farming Stonyhurst's, nearly 3000 hectare station on the Canterbury coast, about an hour and a half north of Christchurch, for the best part of 40 years and today share the management with John's son Charles.

THE STONYHURST GARDENS, CANALS, VISTAS AND FISH PONDS

BY STONYHURST CURATOR JAN GRAFFIUS

The spectacular grounds around Stonyhurst have been managed as places of beauty and leisure for as long as there has been a mansion on the site, dating back to at least 1200.

The archaeological and heritage significance of all of these sites is consistently assessed as high or exceptional and they have long been regarded as important as rare and significant survivals of a high quality 17th century managed landscape.

There is more to the gardens than meets the eye.

It is less well known that they were an important source of food, providing essential sustenance for a Catholic community's fasting days, breeding and fattening fish through an ingenious combination of ponds, canals, channels, sluices and waterways.

This fish farming dates back to the medieval origins of Stonyhurst, and continued well into the 20th century. Indeed, the canals in front of the College are still stocked with trout, although they are no longer dragged to provide fish for Fridays and Lent.





Sir Nicholas Shireburn is rightly credited with the creation of a sensational Baroque garden, which stood as one of the wonders of North-West England in its day.

By clever use of industrial waterway management, he combined beauty with utility, feeding his community in accordance with the feasts and fasts of the Catholic calendar, and providing artistic uplift for the soul through the prospect of avenues, fountains, parterres, wildflower meadows and statuary.

Little is known, and less remains, of the house and gardens that stood for some three hundred years before Sir Richard started to build in the 1590s the great prodigy house that we recognise today as Stonyhurst. A group of medieval buildings which once stood at the far end of the truncated Great Hall, described in John Gerard's Centenary Record of 1893 as 'sundry, quaint and ancient', were swept away in the 1850s completion of the Front Quad. A further group of black and white timbered buildings was buried in the building of the playground front in 1811, which in turn was dismantled to make way for the present South Front in the 1870s. There is conjectural evidence that a great moated house once stood near Brothers' Walk, stretching into the scrubby copse and over to the tennis courts of the modern day playground. This medieval moat was half filled in at some point, and appears on a number of 18th century estate maps as a u-shaped pond, known variously as Back Pond and, later, Seminary Pond.

One of the finest features of the gardens is the Dark Walk (pictured below left), inspiration for Arthur Conan Doyle's Baskerville Hall, which started life as a clipped formal hedge in 1698. Sir Nicholas's



accounts note the payment to Henry Wyse at 'Brampton Park for 1000 yew plants for a hedge, total cost was £16 and 13 shillings.' Baroque gardens need extremely high maintenance, requiring constant attendance by teams of gardeners who subjugate the natural growth of the plants in their care, training them into unnatural geometric shape.

Manuscript evidence shows that Back Ponds, Greenfield Pond and Fox Fall Pond were used since the medieval era, in conjunction with the canals in the early 18th century, to raise a variety of freshwater fish, including tench, perch, gudgeon, pike, carp and trout, for the table at Stonyhurst, for both the family and later the College communities. Fish were hatched in the ponds, and then moved to the Canals to fatten. The water level in the Canals was managed by a sophisticated system of pipes

running from the Upper Canal below the causeway, to the Lower Canal, and then out via a sluice into Fox Fall Pond in what we now call the Mill Woods. The sluice and channels are still present, and the system is still used to maintain the water level in the Canals.

The Canals (one pictured below right) were regularly drained and silt removed, and were dragged several times a year for a variety of fish, which were sent to the kitchens to be salted, smoked and pickled, providing food all year round.

The ponds and Canals, in conjunction with the decorative Deer Park, and the ancient Rabbit Warren in Hurst Green, the gardens and landscape around Stonyhurst were shaped, worked and managed for centuries to feed its inhabitants, and to provide beautiful spaces for family recreation.



FROM THE HEADMASTER

JOHN BROWNE

I can hardly believe that my first academic year has already passed at Stonyhurst. Whilst our IB students are celebrating their success, our GCSE and A level students are anxiously awaiting their results, which will dictate the next step of their academic journeys. We wish them well.

I am constantly impressed by the young people whom I encounter at Stonyhurst every day. At Great Academies this year, some 246 prizes were awarded by The Most Reverend George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff. The Great Academies weekend is a marvellous event, showcasing the plethora of subjects and co-curricular activities enjoyed by our students, but more than that: it is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated staff and the students who apply themselves so diligently throughout the year. We constantly seek to help our students achieve all that they can, whilst growing into their young adult roles of being 'men and women for

others'. In time, we hope our alumni will be able to 'set the world on fire', and I know that many of our OS do exactly that!

Of course, the school year is punctuated by drama and music productions, school trips, hosting visitors as well as the constant need for maintenance of the College buildings. Work has now begun on the refurbishment of New Wing so that Rhetoric and Poetry students will return to refreshed accommodation. Our other refurbishment plans for Theodore House and the restoration of the canals are well underway and we hope to launch the appeal to help restore the Jesuit Gardens before the end of the year.

OS are a huge part of the Stonyhurst story: we value your support and enjoy seeing you at various events throughout the year. Thank you for all you do to promote and support Stonyhurst College as

ambassadors. Our OS are a force for good around the globe, and I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months.



DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

YVONNE HERRICK

Stonyhurst College is a registered charity in its own right but as you can see from this newsletter we all work to support the needs of other charities in many ways and continue to be men and women for others.

Development Office parent events work to provide support for the small achievable projects for Stonyhurst as well as helping our local community



Opening of the Glassbrook Tennis Dome supporting the Tim Henman Foundation

The Stonyhurst family as a whole fundraised for over 30 different good causes in the last year alongside the Development Office fundraising for the specific needs of the school.

The new academic year will bring along with it a very exciting Development Office fundraising appeal that is unique to Stonyhurst. It will enable us to continue to enrich and enhance our surroundings for the benefit of our current and future students and also for our returning Alumni.



Stanley House Hotel Parent Ladies Lunch supporting Child Action North West

As I continue to build my relationships with OS I realise how many good memories were made in the beautiful grounds of Stonyhurst during their time here and this appeal will ensure that continues to be the case for a long time to come.

I look forward to sharing details of this with you all very soon!

Yvonne Herrick
Director of Development



Northcote Parent Ladies Lunch supporting the Ribble Valley Food Bank

Editor's comment:

There was never any intention of having a set theme, yet a theme for this Newsletter seemed to develop of its own accord: charities that OS have founded or been involved with. It was exciting to find such a plethora of OS who give their time and spend their lives working for charities. It exemplifies the wonderful Jesuit ethos of men and women for others. Because so many OS are involved in charity work, I will continue the theme in our next newsletter.

STONYHURST CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY TRUST

Stonyhurst Children's Holiday Trust was established in November 1972 by 5 members of staff – Raymond Eaves, Raleigh St. Lawrence, Rory O'Brien, David Clews & Raymond Turner – for the primary purpose of providing a holiday at Stonyhurst College or St Mary's Hall for children with disabilities. The holiday continues to this day.

Strong relationships have been developed and maintained with a range of local specialist schools in Lancashire, and it is from these schools that the majority of children come. Many of the children who attend now are more active than those in earlier years, reflecting the changes in the profile of children in the schools from which we draw: for the Stonyhurst pupils, a child who requires help with personal care often at first seems to offer a more daunting challenge, but in fact a mobile child with limited communication and very little sense of danger requires just as much support.

In the earlier years, girls from the local area were looked after by pupils from neighbouring schools, particularly Westholme in Blackburn, but the move to full co-education made this an all Stonyhurst affair. The holiday has continued to evolve, and the most notable change is in the support structures. A small group of Stonyhurst

staff continues to run and take responsibility for the week, although in order to ensure the most rigorous adherence to modern requirements the holiday now runs as a school activity rather than under the auspices of a separate small charity. Recent Stonyhurst parents volunteer as nurses for the holiday, providing professional support and reassurance and further extending the involvement of the Stonyhurst family.

The day-to-day overseeing of the holiday is in the hands of an extremely experienced team of OS, each of whom participated in the Holiday as a pupil, often as Week leader. This provides a huge amount of support to the Rhetoricians who act as Week Leaders and to all the pupil carers, and it is now impossible to imagine the holiday without them!

This is almost entirely due to Matthew Porter OS 01, who followed an outstanding holiday as Week Leader by asking to return after leaving Stonyhurst: he has now attended every subsequent holiday, even while working full time. There is always a core group of regular returners, and recent OS fit seamlessly into the group: the experience creates bonds across the years between current and past pupils and this is a welcome consequence of the primary purpose.



All those involved in the holiday find it one of the most rewarding times of their Stonyhurst career.

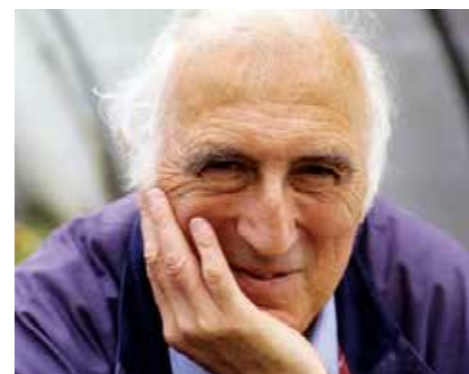
The children themselves are given support, attention and fun; their families receive some respite and in many cases time to spend with other siblings; the benefits for Stonyhurst pupils, however, are often even greater. It is a truly humbling experience, and it is no surprise that the Stonyhurst Children's Holiday was the first of several other such holidays throughout the UK and beyond: OS who valued their role in their own holiday week have sought to offer similar opportunities in other areas, and the impact of the experience here at Stonyhurst is clearly evident in a wide range of voluntary and charitable work undertaken by OS.



Jim Cargin OS 77

Director of Communications, Editor, Copy writer and long-term member of L'Arche International writes:

L'Arche was founded by philosopher Jean Vanier (pictured below), the son of a former Governor General of Canada. Now aged 84, he served during World War II with the Royal Navy and then with the Royal Canadian Navy.



He resigned in 1950 to study philosophy and theology and went on to teach, encouraged by his friend Pere Thomas Phillippe, a Dominican priest. In 1964, he became aware of the plight of thousands of people institutionalised with learning disabilities and, in that year, took the radical step of inviting Raphael Simi and Philippe Seux to leave the institution where they lived to share their lives with him. Together they began L'Arche in a small house in Trosly-Breuil, France.

At L'Arche, the people with a disability are very much in the driving seat. The role of L'Arche is to equip each with the skills and self-belief needed to face the world with confidence.

How? For L'Arche, the essential tool is community life: in a community where life is shared with

others with and without a disability, the first step is to welcome each person just as they are. Then, each is encouraged to discover their own unique contribution to community life, and how to participate in society around them. Today, L'Arche supports about 5000 women and men with learning disabilities, in 37 countries world-wide through more than 140 communities, including twelve in the UK.



John Sargent

National Leader, L'Arche in the UK

"At heart, L'Arche is about giving a person with a disability a chance to develop their gifts and really shine," says John Sargent, the leader of L'Arche UK and founder member of the community in Moor Park, Preston. Of course, professional skills play a vital part helping a people to grow, but they are not enough: each of us as human beings need people around us who love us, believe in us and want to see us flourish in life."



Emma Aldridge

The daughter of Karen Aldridge, Stonyhurst College Counsellor.

The reason for L'Arche through Karen Aldridge's eyes:

I will remember seeing our second child for the very first time; her hands were so tiny, and yet even then her fingers were long and slender; 'could she be our concert pianist?' we wondered. High hopes and dreams for the future, but other expectations seem almost to be taken for granted – our right even. That she would learn to crawl, walk, talk like her brother, then two years old and talkative. That she would grow from totally dependent babyhood through the stages of toddler, childhood, adolescent, following our chosen path of education to become – who knows? And that my role as mother would pass through phases too, from carer in the early years to, I hoped confidante and friend, as she became a woman in her own right.

When shortly after her birth we learned that Emma's brain had been damaged we were shattered. We no longer dared to look into the future, there were no certainties any more. We learned to live from day to day, week by week. We belonged to a whole new world now, one that includes many doctors, psychologists, specialist teachers, and also other parents and families with a disabled child. One of the many gifts Emma has brought to our lives is the people we have met because of her.

However, parents of disabled children also share a fear, often unspoken, but almost always there: 'who will care for our daughter or son when we are no longer here, or no longer able to?' As Emma reached the end of her school years, when she had blossomed and developed her own confident and infectious personality, we felt we needed to face this fear. As we thought and searched we realised that it was not about 'how?' or 'where?' but 'with whom?' Not facilities and programmes but with people and relationships. We were looking for and, more importantly, a way forward for Emma.

Letting go is probably the hardest and ultimately the most unselfish thing that we as parents can do for our children. Emma's move to L'Arche was made bearable only by our conviction that life within L'Arche offered opportunities that we could not provide, and that we would be able to share in those experiences.

Emma has a life of her own now and is most definitely a woman in her own right. With love and support she is able to live as independently as she can. As I am freed of my role as personal carer, begun almost 20 years ago, I am able to enjoy a mother-daughter relationship that I never dreamed would be possible; to call in and share a meal, or just a cup of tea and chat. Only very recently did Emma turn round and admonish me by saying, "You know I am over thirty, I am not a child, I am a woman". It is extraordinary in its ordinariness – normal even.

Caroline Muldoon is a prospective parent of L'Arche, whose eldest son, James, is currently going through a transitionary period, so that he can take up his place at the L'Arche community in Preston, Lancashire. Below are some of Caroline's thoughts and reflections on why she believes L'Arche is the best choice for James.

"When first I heard about the community at L'Arche in Preston it was a profoundly emotional moment. My response could not have been more immediate - nor heartfelt and joy-filled. I knew instinctively that the loving community of care and values that James had been blessed with, growing up within his family would be sustained.

Over time, I researched, read, and talked to people

regarding Jean Vanier and the L'Arche community. This validated what I intuitively felt would be the perfect living environment for James – that they would value him as a human being, recognising his inner beauty, grace and gifts.

L'Arche provides a community where James would not be “done to” but rather would enter into reciprocal relationships with all the people in the community. To a young man who has difficulty making sense of the world and living with the socially limiting constraints of autism , this has to been seen as a gift from God.

I feel this is best summed up by Jean Vanier himself: “The belief is that the inner beauty of each and

every human being is at the heart of L'Arche, at the heart of all true education and at the heart of being human.””



GREENHOUSE, MICHAEL DE GIORGIO OBE, OS 75

Michael de Giorgio OS 75, is chief executive of the **Greenhouse charity**, and sport working group chairman for the Centre for Social Justice Sport has always played a very important role in my life. It provided me with opportunities, and helped me integrate when I moved to Stonyhurst from Malta as a boy.

During the summer of 2002, my son was mugged by a gang of young people from our local area in London during his walk home from school. When I spoke to the police, it became clear that many young people engaged in this behaviour because they were lacking in productive ways to spend their time.

This is how the idea for my charity, Greenhouse Sports, was born. We use sport to engage young people, and then we build a strong community around them.

That summer, we ran a multisport programme that gave young people something positive to do during the school holidays. Since then, Greenhouse Sports has grown into more than I could have ever imagined. Our coaches have now worked with

over 40,000 young people, and our programmes are based full-time in schools in some of London's most disadvantaged communities. This means that our inspirational coaches can work with young people before, during, and after school, as well as during the school holidays. Through the consistent, intensive delivery of our programmes, we find our participants are improving their health, developing valuable life skills like goal-setting, leadership, and communication, and are in school more often than their non-Greenhouse peers.

Because our coaches are in the school environment day in and day out, they build strong relationships with our participants and act as advisors, mentors, and motivators. Many of our coaches grew up or attended a school within three miles of the programmes they run. Because of this, they are credible role models for our young people, and help them to find a path in life.

The story of Nathan, a boy who lived in a rough area of London, captures the essence of Greenhouse Sports. Nathan's brothers were part of a local gang and, growing up, he witnessed them drop out of

school and get into trouble. At risk of following the same path as his brothers, Nathan was introduced to the Greenhouse Sports basketball coach at his school.

Nathan says, “Greenhouse Sports didn't just make me a better player; it made me a better student. If I wasn't performing in class the teachers would tell my coach and he would stop me from playing basketball until I improved.”

Now Nathan is finishing off a degree at a university in the US in computing science and economics. He is an Alden Scholar and in the top 10% of his class and recently was back in London looking at post-school work placements in the city.

Above all else, Nathan's story demonstrates that our sport programmes can help open doors to opportunities these young people may otherwise never have had.

This is what Greenhouse Sports is all about – ensuring all young people have the chance to raise their aspirations and strive for something more.



JESUIT MISSIONS, PAUL CHITNIS OS 79

Paul Chitnis OS 79 who is the Director, Jesuit Missions writes: One of my earliest memories is of my mother taking me into a high rise block of flats in Birmingham to deliver meals on wheels to frail and lonely people. I recall putting a plate of the most unappealing meat and two veg into an oven for an elderly woman trying to stay warm next to a small electric fire, and my overwhelming sense of gratitude for being able to live in a warm home, with a family which ate meals together.

Whilst at Stonyhurst, I was asked by Simon Andrews to accompany his HCPT group to Lourdes. The experience of being with thousands of disabled children on pilgrimage was as spiritually fulfilling as it was physically demanding. It changed my life. Little did I know that my first job in the voluntary sector would be with HCPT.

In 1979, a Jesuit missionary who had been caught up in the violence of the Pinochet regime in Chile and had known Dr Sheila Cassidy, a British doctor who had been arrested and tortured by the junta, visited Stonyhurst. I can still recall the shiver of fear – or was it excitement? - as he shared his courageous testimony.

These three experiences, amongst many, played their part in guiding me into the voluntary sector and to where I work today at Jesuit Missions.

Over four decades, I have worked for many different charities and also helped to set up one of the OS Holiday Trusts, the Newman Holiday Trust, which organises holidays for 120 disabled children today.

The voluntary sector wasn't part of my neatly designed career plan at Stonyhurst. I “knew” that I wanted to be a doctor. But, as the saying goes, we make plans and God laughs. I am grateful for God's sense of humour because my career – I prefer vocation – has taken me to many parts of the world riven with violence, and devastated by famine and unimaginable poverty. But like the tower block in Birmingham, the visit to Lourdes and the account of life in Chile, all have filled me with gratitude and hope. Perverse, I reflect, that such dark places should evoke memories of consolation.

I find the same working with Jesuits in the many countries across the world with which Jesuit Missions has contact. I am struck by their passion, courage and willingness to serve the poor and marginalised.

Pope Francis, a Jesuit to his fingertips, has called for “a Church which is poor and for the poor.” He reminds us that the poor have much to teach us because “in their difficulties they know the suffering Christ.”

As I reflect now on why I work at Jesuit Missions after my education at Stonyhurst, the example of my parents and the experience of forty years in charities, it is the desire to “embrace the mysterious wisdom” of the poor which inspires and sustains me.




THE MUSCLE HELP FOUNDATION, MICHAEL MCGRATH OS 82

“I was 18 years old, fit, strong and ambitious. I played rugby and squash, and wanted to be a professional golfer. I was really competitive; I still am. One day on the squash court, I fell down for no apparent reason. I jumped up and got on with the game, but soon after I noticed a deterioration in my health. I saw multiple specialists and eventually, after two years, I was diagnosed with limb girdle muscular dystrophy (MD)”. A huge fan of the Tom Hanks film Castaway, McGrath describes the part of the film where Tom has just delivered a FedEx package and drives his truck to a crossroad: he looks at a map and realises he has no idea where he is going to go. “For me, that was like my diagnosis,” says McGrath, “I had no idea how life was going to unfold. That was my castaway moment.”

He is also a motivational speaker, business consultant, and adventurer – having made history as the first, and currently the only, disabled person in the world to have successfully led expeditions to both the North and South Poles. Following his polar expeditions, he co-founded the Muscle Help Foundation(MHF). He says having MD puts his organisation in a unique position to help others with the condition. “I think what it does is provide us with an in-depth understanding and knowledge of muscular dystrophy – how it affects and impacts young people and their families,” he says. “It makes a huge difference.

Young people want to talk to me, they want to chat because we all wear the same T-shirt. There's a common thread and a shared spirit. It's a huge advantage.” MHF works with families, delivering transformational experiences to children and young people with MD and similar neuromuscular conditions. These experiences, which the company has named Muscle Dreams, have included meeting Formula 1 drivers Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg, interviewing movie legend Al Pacino, driving on the Silverstone Grand Prix circuit, and meeting footballers Wayne Rooney and Ryan Giggs.



McGrath admits that dealing with an ever-changing disability is no mean feat. “I used to be upright, and for two and a half years I battled with a frame – a Zimmer frame if you like – which allowed me to move from bathroom to bedroom. I knew there would come a time when I would have to make the transition to remain in the seated position, but my instinct was to push on. My wife would say it's about mental toughness.” It also helps that McGrath has a ton of energy. “I feel I'm blessed with a particular type of Duracell battery that enables me to live a very full life,” he says.

He also has a good support network. “I'm blessed with two wonderful women in my world – my wife and my daughter – which means I can just get on with the business of living,” he says. “Most of the stuff I do is enormously fulfilling, and it's that fulfilment that provides me with the fuel to keep focus.” Of course even those who run on the most powerful Duracell batteries need recharging, and McGrath says he relaxes by having dinner dates with his wife and recently married daughter. He also loves his baths. “I have my Molton Brown moments. I drizzle a bit of Molton Brown bubble bath into the bath before I'm hoisted in. I can be soaking on a Sunday evening for a couple of hours. I'm my most relaxed in the bath and I have my best ideas in the bath,” he laughs.

REPORTS ON EVENTS

OS REUNION 87



Thirty years is a long time. When I set up the Facebook Group “Old Stonyhurst 1987 Reunion”, after Christmas last year, I was unsure what response I would get. I’d been in touch with the Association, which had been super-organised in holding a date for us and in reserving hotel rooms, but how many of us would be able to attend a reunion, at the College, after thirty years, with only a few months’ notice? Also, how many of us would want to attend? I needn’t have worried. Within days the group had nearly thirty members and soon plans were being made and old photographs posted and the memories were flooding back. It was clear that the event would definitely be going ahead, especially since we had OS travelling for the reunion from all over the world, including Hong Kong and Australia. Hats off to you, James Mayo and Bruce Samuels!

The weekend itself was fabulous. Momentum gradually built for a “pre-event event” on the Friday evening, which was duly held in the bar at the Dunkenhall Hotel. As a consequence, many of us were feeling a little jaded by the



time we met with the Headmaster, Layla and Beverley from the Association, and the rest of our year group, in the Pietà Gallery. From there, we enjoyed lunch in the Top Ref and catching up with so many old friends, many of whom had not seen each other in thirty years. After lunch, we were taken on a tour of the College and some of the more energetic members of the group were taken to the marvellous new tennis dome, in a final attempt to shake off some cobwebs.

The evening saw us all back in the Top Ref for a black tie dinner, with superb food and wine, provided by Breda Murphy Catering, and all managed by the watchful eye of Layla Heaton. It was wonderful to see so many staff guests there including, Paul Warrilow, David Rawkins, David Ridout, and Nick King, who proposed a toast which was responded to by our old Head Boy, Richard Chessells. Simon Andrews and Larry Crouch also made

appearances during the weekend; it was fabulous to be able to catch up with them all in such a relaxed setting.

The revelry continued back at the hotel, but such is the discipline instilled by a Jesuit education that we were all (well, most) breezily singing at Mass by 10.30 the following morning.

After coffee in the Do-Room, Stas Callinicos very kindly conducted a tour of the newly refurbished Arundel Library and the Collections – a fascinating first, for most of us.

All in all, it turned out to be a joyful and happy occasion which has reconnected many of us. There is such shared experience and history in the group that getting back together proved surprisingly easy. Plans are afoot for an informal meeting in London this summer and I, for one, sincerely hope that these rekindled friendships grow and continue for a long time to come.

From Jonathan Smith OS 87



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE AT STONYHURST



On Monday 1st May, feast of St Joseph the Worker, the site of Theodore House - the Retreat, Study and Leadership Centre of the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst [CHC] – was blessed, ahead of building work that commenced the following day, Tuesday 2nd May.

The site, which was originally a nineteenth century mill providing wheat for Stonyhurst College fell into disrepair, and has now been taken on by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst to forward its aims of creating accessibility to the Stonyhurst Collections and providing Christian leadership formation, education, and retreats in the tradition of Stonyhurst College – the world’s oldest Jesuit school. The mill building kennels once housed the hunting dogs that inspired the young Arthur Conan Doyle – then a pupil – to write “The Hounds of the Baskervilles” – and the writers J.R.R.Tolkien and Gerard Manley Hopkins found inspiration here.



After a 7.00 a.m. procession from the statue of Our Lady at the entrance of the Stonyhurst estate to the site a pupil read a short biography of St Theodore, after whom the building has been named. A pupil from St Mary’s Hall presented a time capsule which will be buried in the foundations of Theodore House. It included a school blazer and a number of artefacts which will provide a future archaeologist with insights into life in a twentieth century Catholic environment.

Lord Alton, the chairman of the CHC Trustees, which is an independent registered charity, thanked the many contributors to the project thus far, particularly: The Theodore Trust, The Bowland Trust, the Catholic Association Foundation (USA), the E.L. Wiegand Foundation (USA), The Knights of Columbus, The Stanhill Foundation, and the numerous significant individual benefactors.

St Theodore was a Syrian Christian who had to flee his homeland due to religious persecution.



Having studied in Antioch, Constantinople and Rome, where he was ordained, he was eventually sent by Pope St Vitalian to be Archbishop of Canterbury and consecrated in 668 A.D. St Theodore is venerated as a saint by Catholics, Greek Orthodox, and Anglicans.

The ground was blessed by Fr John Twist SJ, the College Chaplain. Present were Trustees of the Centre, Headmaster and Governors of the Stonyhurst College, supporters and friends. The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is privileged to have Lord and Lady Nicholas Windsor as its Royal Patrons, as well as numerous ecclesiastical, parliamentary, and academic patrons, including Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Field Marshall the Lord Guthrie, Ann Widdecombe and Baroness (Caroline) Cox.

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst continues its fundraising efforts to be able to complete the internal work of the building, and ensure it is fit for purpose. The building work, which will cost £4 million, is Phase Three of the project, and is scheduled to be completed in 12 months.

THE DUBLIN CONVIVIUM

Our Chairman Simon Andrews OS 68 writes:

John Green OS 76 organised a Convivium that took place over the weekend of 13th and 14th May 2017 in Dublin in honour of our President, Fr Nick King SJ OS 66. On the Saturday we met for a bespoke tour of Glasnevin Cemetery, the place where nearly all the memorable Irish people are buried. It was quite remarkable to remember significant points in Irish history while standing in front of memorials to Daniel O'Connell, Eamon de Valera, Brendan Behan, Michael Collins and many others.

In the evening at Killiney Golf Club, Dr Ciaran O'Neill spoke to us about the history of Irish boys being educated in English schools through the 19th and 20th centuries. Jan Graffius gave an illustrated talk on the Stonyhurst Collections' links with Ireland and how these are used in the education of today's pupils. Dinner in the Golf Club restaurant followed by brief speeches from Fr Nick, President at the time, and Simon Andrews, Chairman. The Convivium Mass, celebrated by Fr Nick, was at Francis Xavier Church, Gardiner Street, where he was introduced as the great, great, great grandson of the great liberator, Daniel O'Connell!



Credit: Failte Ireland - Derek Cullen

The beatification of Fr John Sullivan SJ had taken place the day before. This was the first beatification service to take place in Ireland and John Sullivan is said to have spent some time in his training at St Mary's Hall.

Our thanks to John Green who had an extremely busy few days. He is the Chairman of the Glasnevin Trust that manages three Dublin cemeteries.

On the Friday before the Convivium, John welcomed two special visitors to the cemetery: the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. On the same day John was presented with the Legion d'Honneur by the French Ambassador in the French Embassy.



LONDON CONVIVIUM

On Friday 9th June we held an evening event for OS, parents and families at Farm Street, London. We joined the Parish Mass at 6.00pm, where we were warmly welcomed by the celebrant, Father Charlie Gagan SJ, who was visiting from California. Following Mass, our Curator, Mrs Jan Graffius gave a fascinating and humorous presentation entitled "Fountains and Friday Fish, Sir Nicholas Shireburn's Avenue", the story of the development of the gardens, ponds and Canals at Stonyhurst. The Headmaster John Browne and the Association President Robert Brinkley OS 72, both attended and spoke at the gathering. We served refreshments in the Church Hall, and the evening was a lovely opportunity to both catch up with old Stonyhurst friends and meet new ones.



MUNICH GET TOGETHER

Yvonne Herrick writes, 'Our first Stonyhurst reception in Munich was held in the evening of Thursday 18th May. Around 30 guests were invited to Cafe Reitschule in the city, a very interesting and popular venue where guests could watch the horses in large paddocks (both inside and out) being ridden and trained while having their drinks. It was a lovely evening in the company of OS, current, former and prospective parents, grandparents and some summer school parents. Thank you to Matthias Beestermoeller OS o8 who helped with the organisation and thanks also must go to the guests for their warm welcome'.



Matthias Beestermoeller OS o8, Constantin Hintschich o8, Jensen So OS o8

GIBRALTAR RUGBY INTERNATIONAL

Gibraltar came from behind in the latter minutes of the match to clinch a 22-17 victory against 92nd ranked Finland at the Victoria Stadium on Saturday 8th April 2017.

Having started in front, Gibraltar lost the lead in the second half and had to play catch up. Over a 1,000 strong crowd watched an exciting encounter as Gibraltar clawed back the points to win.

Mr and Mrs Cruz watched three of their boys create history as the first three brothers to take part in international rugby together in over 50 years. Elder brother, **Charlie OS o8**, was flanked by his brothers, **Freddie OS 11** and **Alexander OS 15**, in the Gibraltar back line.



STONYHURST COMES TO GIBRALTAR

During the Easter holiday, Yvonne Herrick, Ruth Hughes and Beverley Sillitoe greeted over 60 guests at the Rock Hotel, Gibraltar for a reception for OS, Stonyhurst families and prospective parents.

The Headmaster sent a personal welcome video which starred four of our Gibraltarian students speaking of their time at Stonyhurst. The trip also included visits to Loretto Convent Junior School and the University of Gibraltar where our staff met the Chief Minister and the Minister for Education.



OS VS. OA ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

HUGH DICKINSON OS 97

The OS cross-country team travelled to Ampleforth on 25th February in order to compete against the OA for the Newton-Carter Trophy. This is the trophy in memory of Chris Newton-Carter, an old boy of Beaumont and Stonyhurst, who ran in the inaugural Stonyhurst/Ampleforth cross-country fixture and who tragically died in the September 11th 2001 World Trade Center attack in New York.

The OS team was eight strong buoyed by the welcome late addition of younger OS Matthew O'Connor and his friend Jonathan Kuplack from across the pond whilst the OAs fielded a much larger team of 20 or so runners. The current teams of both schools also competed.

The race started at 2pm from the Ampleforth cricket pavilion on a fine Yorkshire afternoon with the course flat for the first mile before heading steeply up the valley, and then along for the next couple of miles before the final decent towards the finish.

The OA team started strongly with Robert Rigby and Alex Brazier (fresh from an expedition to the North Pole) leading the way. However, Kuplack, the US "ringer" astounded all present by moving up rapidly through the field and eventually leading Rigby by quite a considerable distance to take 1st place in his first ever cross-country race! Matthew O'Connor finished in a commendable fifth place and Harry Dickinson also impressed.

Indeed, it was being passed by my elder brother half way through the race that



caused me to over exert myself and pull my hamstring, therefore having to finish the race on a marshal's bicycle much to the amusement of those present!

Christian Mercer, Hideo Takano and Chris Thorpe also ran well and scored for the team with Simon Hill in his first appearance for the OS team putting in a good performance.

Despite the best efforts of all, we were well defeated by the OA but with the small consolation of beating the current Stonyhurst team into fourth place!

Many thanks to all the supporters and especially to Gilbert Conner who again acted as unofficial photographer - some of his photos are featured. We were also delighted that the Stonyhurst headmaster and his wife supported and attended the dinner although they were the object of some gentle ribbing when it was discovered that their son is currently a pupil at Ampleforth.

Runners and supporters from both teams retired to the Feathers in Helmsley following the match tea to watch the Six Nations before reporting promptly for dinner back at Ampleforth where we were hosted in fine Benedictine style by Father Hugh Lewis-Vivas and Father Wulstan Peterburs (Ampleforth headmaster) and the OA team.



THE WANDERERS' GOLF DAY AT STONYHURST JUNE 2017

OLIVER DRINKWATER OS 92



This year, the match between the OS and the College took place on a particularly wet 10th June that saw the course closed on the morning of the event. However, it is a testament to the course design and the green-keeping staff that this fantastic school facility was made playable for the afternoon and set us up for a very enjoyable event, in spite of the weather.

Eleven OS of many different ages pitched up from around the UK for coffee and bacon butties in the Bayley Arms from 9am, and the rain gave us an excuse to watch the British & Irish Lions vs. Crusaders match in the College Games Office. We were given a tour of the College by Simon Charles; a highlight of which included the impressive new indoor tennis academy that will surely produce some high quality players in the future. A good lunch in the new Refectory, during which the OS were strangely encouraged to drink plenty of wine, set us up nicely for the afternoon match.

The OS team, ably led by Lt Colonel Colin Riddell OS 83, played against a College team slightly depleted by exam commitments, and it was agreed to play the match over 9 holes (4-ball better ball) to cause the pupils as little disruption to their exam season routine as

possible, with the OS playing a further 9 hole team event amongst themselves, once the boys had returned to their studies. The OS narrowly won 3-2, but the College put up a good fight and had 2 or 3 players who will surely become low single figure players in the near future, which bodes well for the



Wanderers representative teams, that are in need of an injection of youth to keep the production line flowing!

After the golf and a quick pitstop at the Bayley Arms, the OS retreated to nearby Waddington, where we enjoyed a superb meal in the Waddington Arms and increasingly embellished stories that lasted long into the night.

Thanks must go to Simon Charles for organising, Barry Bolton and his green keeping team and the College catering staff for looking after us so well and allowing us to indulge in reminding them how much older they look since we were at school!

The aim of the Stonyhurst Wanderers Golf Society is to build on this very enjoyable golfing reunion (as well as the other regional OS golfing events around the country) so if you would like to be included in this, or any other event, please contact the Wanderers Golf Secretary **James Andrews** on 07747 062363 (james.andrews@insead.edu) or myself on 07738 562832 (oliver@ep-hydraulics.co.uk).

WANDERERS' CROQUET

SIMON WHITTLE OS 13



On a mild Lancashire summer's day OS, pupils, and staff met for a reunion croquet match. Three sets were duly assembled on the freshly mown front lawns and over the course of the afternoon 15 players (split into seven teams) were able to play three or four matches each. The two best teams then played in the final. Alas for the OS and pupils, the finalists were two staff teams. This resulted in a victory for the unstoppable Staff B team comprised of Edward Allanson and Benedict O'Connor. It was noted by spectators that whilst the OS and pupils were full of enthusiasm, Staff B had experience on its side and so the result was not

entirely unexpected. Players and spectators were able to catch up, share croquet tips, and hear Stonyhurst news over an excellent match-tea, kindly provided by the Association.

The evening brought with it a very convivial candlelit dinner in the Cricket Pavilion for all the OS players.

Being the third year that we have organised this match, we now hope it will be considered an annual affair and would be delighted for interested OS to be in touch. For the coming year we are even planning a few 'wanderers' type matches with other schools/clubs. The

photograph includes among others, the following: Mr Edward Allanson, Magnus Whittle OS 13, Matthew O'Connor OS 13, Joe Hopkins OS 11, Colm Fahy OS 16, Ed Belderbos OS 16, Calum Shaw OS 13, Tom Wroblewski OS 17 (Pupil Captain), Simon Whittle OS 16 (OS Captain), Mr Benedict O'Connor (Staff Captain), Lachlan Mason-Cox (on a Gap year), Luke Heine (visiting from Harvard), William Lamb OS 16

Also present:

The Bursar, Mr. Simon Marsden, Joe Mann OS 17, Joe Weld Blundell OS 11.

Wanderers' Representatives

If you are interested in playing for any of the Wanderers teams do please get in touch with the representatives who will be delighted to hear from you.

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BOOKS – OF INTEREST TO OS

THE CAPE HORNER'S CLUB

Adrian Flanagan OS 79 was the first solo yachtsman to sail vertically round the world (via Cape Horn and the Russian Arctic), and he has written for *The Times*, *the Daily Telegraph*, *the Guardian*.

Cape Horn's fearsome reputation and the price it has extracted from those who venture there derives from a lethal contrivance of geography that unleashes the most powerful natural dynamic forces on the earth's surface. Reaching deep into the Southern Ocean, the Cape intrudes into the flow of the water and weather patterns at the bottom of the world and funnels them into a maritime superhighway a mere 500 miles wide, building massive seas and accelerating wind speeds to hurricane strength. Currents rip at rates that defeat powerful engines.

These legendarily treacherous conditions were enough to secure Cape Horn's reputation as the ultimate in ocean violence; the supreme test of sailors and ships. It is the oceanic equivalent of the climbers' Everest, and the challenge to some became irresistible. The roll call of sailors who have managed to round the Horn east-about (and more rarely, head to wind and west-about) glitters with the names of sailing legends: Vito Dumas, Marcel Bardiaux, Francis Chichester, Robin Knox-Johnston, Bernard Moitessier and Chay Blyth.

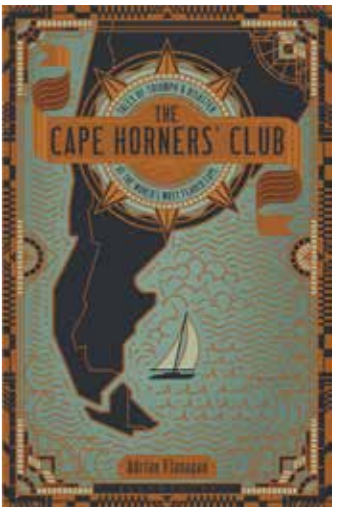
This book recounts the history of the Cape through the stories of the people who have taken it on and made it round the Cape Horners' Club. From the first recorded single-hander in 1934 (Al Hansen, who was lost shortly afterwards and his body never found), we follow these very different protagonists as they pursue the ultimate goal while battling almost overwhelming odds. Woven through their stories is a history of the Cape, from its discovery to its use as a trading corridor until the opening of the Panama Canal, to its more recent role as a pure challenge for the best yachtsmen and yachswomen in the world. Changes in weather prediction and navigation have had a huge impact, but the pressure for ever-faster times has never been greater.

THE LION AND THE LILY

Peter Tallon OS 67 has ventured into the world of publishing his first novel.

The Editor writes, "Well worth a read!"

This book is a story of murder, love, and revenge set in the early 1400s when the Lollard heresy, which believed the Bible should be read in English so that all could hear the Word of God without reinterpretation from the clergy, were being persecuted and innocent victims were burned at the stake. All this is recounted against the background of the Hundred Years War between England and France and the climactic Battle of Agincourt.



NEW WEBSITE AND MERCHANDISE

The Association is currently redesigning the website, and it is hoped that we will go live by the end of August.

The new website will enable OS to update their contact details online, to complete online booking forms for events such as dinners and reunions and to make purchases from the Shop section.

There will also be a searchable archive of previous newsletters. We are keen to include

OS news so please do send us your news items for inclusion.

The new merchandise has proved to be very popular, and having listened to your requests for other items we are expanding the range to include umbrellas, china cups and a gift boxed quality ballpen.

It is hoped that these items will be available in time for Christmas shopping! Do check out the new website to see the complete range.

SHOP

GOODS AVAILABLE FROM THE ASSOCIATION

Left top: Association tie, £23
Middle: OS tie, knitted silk: £22
Bottom: OS tie, printed silk: £20
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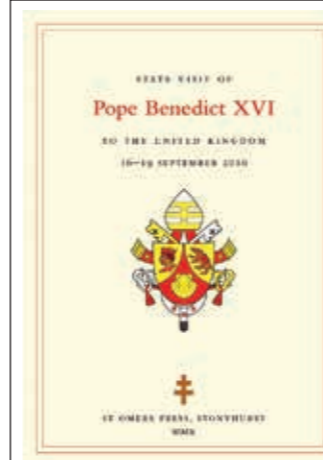
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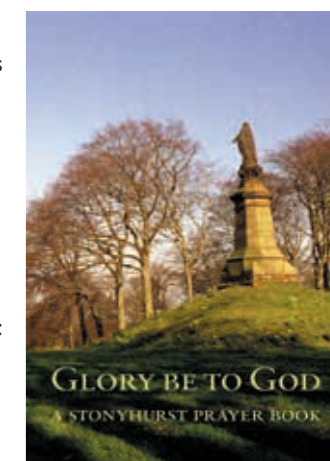
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