

AMDG

# STONYHURST

## association news



NEWSLETTER 315

VATICAN CRICKET

SUMMER 2018





# EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the summer edition of the Association Newsletter.

I do hope you have all been able to enjoy a splendid summer!

We would be very grateful to receive your news and we are especially interested in marriages, births, other congratulations and any announcements that celebrate the achievements of the Stonyhurst family.

The Association has set up a Twitter and a Facebook Account:

[www.twitter.com/Stonyhurstassoc](http://www.twitter.com/Stonyhurstassoc)

[www.facebook.com/stonyhurstassociation](http://www.facebook.com/stonyhurstassociation)

We are continuing to build up our email database, and so if you, or anyone who has not informed us of a contact email address, would like to receive our forthcoming e-Newsletters please contact me at:  
[m.hargreaves@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:m.hargreaves@stonyhurst.ac.uk)



# STONYHURST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

NEWSLETTER 315

AMDG

SUMMER 2018

## CONTENTS

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Diary of Events                    | 4  |
| News                               | 5  |
| Congratulations                    | 7  |
| In Memoriam                        | 12 |
| The Great Centenaries of 1993-1994 | 12 |
| Flags                              | 16 |
| Stonyhurst Observatory             | 20 |
| College News                       | 21 |
| Reports on Events                  | 24 |
| Vatican Cricket                    | 28 |
| Wanderers' News                    | 32 |
| Shop                               | 34 |

STONYHURST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

27TH OCTOBER 2018

GUEST OF HONOUR, BRENDAN WALSH, EDITOR OF THE TABLET

Dear Friends,

I do hope you will be able to join me at this Association dinner. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with and unite past and present pupils and friends of Stonyhurst and the broader Jesuit community.

By gathering together, we support a range of charitable causes, inspired by an Ignatian ethos, from the advance of education at the College - a sense of awe and wonder at God's goodness made evident in all the features of school life - to engagement with the wider world characterised by concern for those in need and attention to issues of social justice.

As President of the Association 2018 - 2019, I hope to make the evening as convivial as possible. While I look forward to meeting some 'regulars' of Association events, I would very much like to encourage those who have lost touch to consider this as a genuine worthwhile reunion, however many years may have gone by since we last saw each other.

And in gathering, let us celebrate our Jesuit Pope Francis, an inspiring spiritual leader for our times.

The booking form is on the website and can also be obtained from the Association Office.

With best wishes,

Un abrazo, Jimmy Burns OS 71

Published by the  
Stonyhurst Association  
Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe  
Lancashire BB7 9PZ  
Tel: 01254 827043  
Email: [association@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:association@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

[www.stonyhurst.ac.uk](http://www.stonyhurst.ac.uk)

Editor: Michael Hargreaves  
([m.hargreaves@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:m.hargreaves@stonyhurst.ac.uk))

© Stonyhurst Association

STONYHURST

Quant je puis.  
As much as I can.

COLLEGE OPEN DAY  
3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING  
20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

STONYHURST  
ST MARY'S HALL

Open  
the door to  
a brighter  
future.

ST MARY'S HALL OPEN DAY  
13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

A leading co-educational Jesuit boarding and day school  
for 3 - 18 year olds. Weekly boarding from 8 years.

Tel: 01254 827073 Email: [admissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk)  
Stonyhurst • Clitheroe • Lancashire • BB7 9PZ

[www.stonyhurst.ac.uk](http://www.stonyhurst.ac.uk)



# DIARY OF EVENTS

Details will be published on the website [www.stonyhurst.ac.uk](http://www.stonyhurst.ac.uk)  
email: [association@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:association@stonyhurst.ac.uk) with any queries

| DATE                       | EVENT  | NOTES  |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| September 22nd – 23rd 2018 | OS 1998 Reunion  | A reunion for OS 1998 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. The booking form is on the website.  |
| September 26th - 27th 2018 | A gathering in Toledo and Madrid   | Jimmy Burns OS 71 will lead a morning visit to Cigarral de los Menores, in Toledo, followed by lunch in the Venta de Aires Restaurant, Toledo, on 26th September. The cost is €20 and a booking form is available from the Association Office.<br><br>Those who have already expressed an interest in attending the British Spanish Society reception at the British Ambassador's residence in Madrid on 27th September (no charge) will receive a non-transferable invite from the British Spanish Society and will need to reply to them to confirm their attendance.  |
| 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. The booking form is on the website.   |
| October 27th 2018          | Association Annual Dinner  | The dinner will be held at Stonyhurst and will be presided over by Jimmy Burns OBE OS 1971. The guest of honour is Brendan Walsh, Editor of The Tablet. The booking form is on the website. You are advised to book as soon as possible as places are limited.   |
| December 6th 2018          | Stonyhurst Carol Service at Farm Street with the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust | A Carol Service for the benefit of the Lourdes Pilgrimage, with the Stonyhurst choir. Tickets for the Carol Service and refreshments afterwards will be available shortly.   |
| January 19th 2019          | Preston Grasshoppers Match   | George Erdozain OS 61 and Martin Hothersall OS 72 will once again be hosting a lunch at Preston Grasshoppers before the 1st XV match v Otley on Saturday 19 January 2019. This event now regularly attracts over 50 attendees including OS and their families, former and current staff and friends but there is always a welcome for more. The day is totally informal consisting of a three course meal followed by the match and the cost of lunch, entrance and programme is £22.50 per head. Bookings can be made by email to <a href="mailto:martinhothersall@outlook.com">martinhothersall@outlook.com</a> or 01772 613207. |
| April 4th – 10th 2019      | In the Footsteps of St Ignatius, A Stonyhurst Pilgrimage to Spain            | Flying to Barcelona, from Manchester or London, staying two nights at L'Avenc in Tavertet, two nights in Montserrat, with visits including one to Manresa, and ending with two nights in Barcelona. This will be a six night pilgrimage, with guided tours and entrance fees included and with coach travel between the towns. A booking form and brochure is being prepared and will be on the Association website by the end of September. Places will be limited and so you are advised to book early.  |

## Reunions 2019

There will be three reunions held at the College in 2019, for those who left in 1979, 1994 and 2009. We will shortly be able to confirm the dates for these and they will be published along with booking forms on the Association website.

# NEWS



**Director of BJA Eagle Aid, Bernard Thompson, explains the history and past achievements of this Jesuit charity and invites all Association members to learn more and to get involved.**



In 1989, the Jesuit Education Secretariat invited the Presidents/Chairmen of the Alumni Associations of the five active Jesuit Colleges in England and Scotland to meet with the idea of working on Jesuit-related charitable projects together.

Our first project was to assist the Society in setting up the Jesuit College in the city of Kaunas, in south-central Lithuania, by providing a language laboratory using secondhand equipment. In 1994, the British Jesuit Alumni/ae Charitable Trust (BJACT) was registered as a charity with the working title for fundraising of Eagle Aid. Up to 2018, the charity has raised and distributed more than £750,000 for the relief of poverty and famine on a diverse portfolio of projects across several continents.

The British Jesuit Alumna/ae Eagle Aid is not a club and there is no membership or joining fee. There are currently over 800 records on the contacts database. We welcome more. The core objective of the charity is to build and widen the community of Jesuit alumni/ae across all existing alumni associations, primarily in the UK but also across the world. All UK Jesuit alumnae and their families are welcome to be a part of BJACT / Eagle Aid and receive information by newsletter and email, support and attend fundraising events, lunches and overseas trips, and make donations in support of charitable projects. In addition, alumni/ae of former and overseas Jesuit colleges based in the UK are welcome.

The charity currently has five trustees, a separate bank account and guarantees that all funds raised are received directly by the projects it supports. The following selection of projects have benefited from support since 1989: child victims of land mines in Kosovo; roof repairs and new furniture for Makumbi Mission and Makumbi Children's Home for Orphans in Zimbabwe; eastern European refugees in Lisbon; Gurukul School in India; paying the salary for a medical assistant at the Stomacare Clinic in Harare and repairs to Catholic schools in Dominica damaged by hurricanes (2018).

In addition to our presence at the annual 31st July Mass and celebrations on the Feast of St Ignatius at Farm Street, we arrange regular concerts, lunches and trips as follows. Annual fundraising concerts have been held for almost all of the past 20 years with artistes including Victoria de Los Angeles and, in 2018, Jesuit-educated professional soprano, Luno Connolly who performed for us at the Polish Club in Kensington. For May 2019 we are delighted that young Malaysian pianist, Bobby Chen, will perform for us, of whom International Piano Magazine wrote, "an armour-clad player of complete technique, a thinking musician, a natural Romantic - young bloods come no better".

Pilgrimages and trips have been held to varied destinations including Rome, Krakow and Jerusalem and we are planning a trip to Palermo in spring 2019. As Jesuit alumni/ae, we are part of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni who host a congress every four years. Following the 2017 congress in Cleveland, Ohio, the tenth congress will be celebrated at St Ignatius College, Barcelona, in 2021. This year marks the beginning of the celebration of 500 years since the conversion of St Ignatius Loyola at the grotto in Manresa. More information on this congress and invitations will follow when available or visit [www.wuja.org](http://www.wuja.org). There is also a European Confederation of Jesuit Alumni and more information follows when their website is open at [www.jesuit-alumni.eu](http://www.jesuit-alumni.eu).

A common link with our projects is involvement with the Society of Jesus or other Catholic organisations although, in seeking projects to support, the charity looks to need rather than race or religion. As Jesuit Alumni/ae and friends of the Jesuits, this is your charity. We thank past donors for their generous support over the years and hope that you, and new supporters, will continue to take part and to support us in the future.

If you would like to be in contact with your charity and receive our e-newsletter with reports of past activities and news of forthcoming events, please send your details to me at [bjact@btinternet.com](mailto:bjact@btinternet.com).





THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

The Christian Heritage Centre, the independent registered charity that has spearheaded the building of Theodore House in the shell of the old ruined mill, has, this summer, successfully raised a further half a million pounds to enable the completion of the building works. Among other recent gifts has been a specially commissioned stained glass window depicting St Margaret Clitherow and her unborn child, both pressed to death at York, and a stained glass of the Lord's Baptism, made in 1923 for a now decommissioned church in Toxteth, and given by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The total cost of the construction has been £4.3 million - and will enable Theodore House to provide opportunities for retreat, study, Christian leadership formation and visits to Stonyhurst and the Ribble Valley. The appointment of Dr Michael Hurley OS 94, of the University of Cambridge, to the Board of Trustees, brings the number of OS who are Trustees to four, and two other Trustees have had children at the College. The Charity is now raising funds for furnishings and fittings and they have set up a Just Giving page and are appealing for gifts that are eligible for Gift Aid and for legacies. The Trust has also secured funds to enable the appointment, for three years, of a CHC Director and Guest Master.

Frances Ahearne - well known to many OS - has been appointed to the role of Guest Master/Warden and details of the Director's job are now advertised and available from Anton' de Piro, along with details of how to support the CHC at [anton@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:anton@christianheritagecentre.com) with further information available from the website and Facebook page:

[www.christianheritagecentre.com](http://www.christianheritagecentre.com)  
[www.facebook.com/ChristianHeritageCentre/](https://www.facebook.com/ChristianHeritageCentre/)

HAS ANYONE SEEN MY WATCH?

Christopher Riley OS 82 noticed on a recent visit to the College that the water was being drained from the ponds next to the Avenue.

In 1981, while canoeing on the pond during a CCF exercise, the bracelet of his watch snapped after being hit by a paddle, sending his Rolex Datejust spinning into the muddy depths. For years he has entertained the notion of offering a reward to the scuba-diving club to look for the Rolex but perhaps the workmen may now come across it as they sift through the silt?

The watch is stainless steel and has a blue face and will no doubt still be in perfect working order, being robustly Swiss.

Having sold his quality control business in Hong Kong, Chris is now retired and mainly lives in a village in Hampshire. He is chairman of Verisio, an organisation that audits companies for compliance to the Modern Slavery Act on behalf of retailers and other authorities.

He is always keen to hear from people who are interested in making the world a better place. [chris.riley@verisio.global](mailto:chris.riley@verisio.global)



GODWIN BUSUTTIL OS 88

Godwin is a leading junior specialising in all areas of media and communications law. He acts for claimants and defendants. Recent cases include *Sir Cliff Richard v BBC & Chief Constable of the South Yorkshire Police*. Godwin is a visiting Senior Fellow in Law of the University of Melbourne, Australia. He is a panel member of the Bar Disciplinary Tribunal. He was a member of the Law Commission's working group on contempt of court. He is also an accredited mediator. His father was Professor Tony Busuttill, Scotland's leading forensic pathologist.



JIMMY BURNS OBE OS 71 MEETS THE POPE

Jimmy Burns OS 71 who is the current Association President is pictured with his wife and Pope Francis when they visited Rome to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.



THE ROSARY GARDEN - TEN YEARS ON

Shortly after the western half of the Old Infirmary building had become a newly-refurbished Jesuit House it was suggested that a Rosary Garden should be created out of the sunken part of the front lawn close to the building. After the decision was made to proceed, donations flooded in from a number of generous members of the Pilgrimage Trust. This happened to coincide with a newly-formed Gardening Club under the direction of staff member and Adrian Bidwell OS 74. And so, in September 2007, a team of Lower Grammar gardeners set to work. A plan was drawn and beds were carefully marked out in which roses were to be planted. The turf was stripped off and the beds were dug, with manure and fertiliser being added to ensure healthy growth of the new plants. Planting of the roses then took place, with a little box hedge around the edge of each bed.

When Adrian Bidwell left, the Gardening Club was disbanded and David Mercer, the previous editor of the Association Newsletter, stepped nobly into the breach and took over the maintenance until the Stonyhurst ground staff took over responsibility this year.

The centre piece was to be a statue of Our Lady that had once been at Hodder Place. It had been found in the Old Mill and was suffering from decades of neglect and an arm was missing. The restoration work was expertly carried out by the Stonyhurst stonemason, Terry McGough. Once this was completed the statue was carefully fitted into place. After eight months of work all was now ready for the Grand Opening, which was scheduled for Sunday 18th May 2008. The weather proved



to be extremely favourable and the ceremony was very well attended by present pupils, parents and a large number of former pupils, many of them having donated towards the garden. Hymns to Our Lady were sung by members of the College Choir and a short service was conducted by Fr John Twist SJ. The blessing included the beautiful poem by former Stonyhurst pupil, Joseph Plunkett, which most appropriately begins: 'I see His blood upon the rose and in the stars the glory of His eyes'.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

**Dr Bernard P Bewlay OS 79** is the recipient of the 2018 Coolidge Award, which is the highest honour awarded to a scientist within General Electric. Bernard was recognised for his contributions to aircraft engine technology and the impact of his work on turbine engine performance and durability. Bernard is a world recognised technical expert in these areas. He has been awarded more than 110 patents and he has published more than 120 articles in technical journals.



Congratulations to **Jimmy Burns OS 71**, the current President of the Association, on the award of the OBE in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office list in the Birthday Honours, for fostering Anglo-Spanish relations.



**Faith Aylward OS 14** has been awarded a 1st Class Degree in Politics and English at Aston and has been nominated as an Aston Testimonial Student.



**Laurence Finch OS 13** has just finished his Masters degree in Chemical Engineering with Management at Loughborough University, where he was awarded a 1st Class Honours Degree.







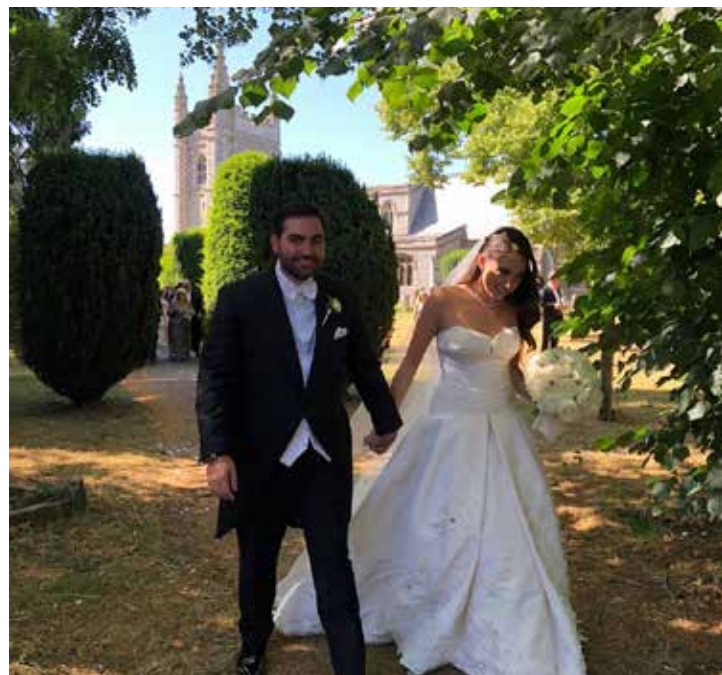
**Dr Thomas Leonard OS 06** married Clare Brotherson on 8th April 2017. Phillip Leonard OS 08, Fergal Marlborough OS 06, Benjamin Allan OS 06 and current student Patrick Lee also attended.



**Gregory Haynes OS 03** married Haley Lightburn on 1st September 2017. In attendance: Jack Haynes (Best Man) OS 06, Sean Kennedy, Marco Vaghetti, Dom Copping, Paddy Reilly, Kirk Stokes and Richard Maudsley, all OS 03.



**Stefano Ghirardi OS 07** and Giulia Pieroni married on 16th August 2017. The best man was Collin Fortes OS 07. Other OS guests included Claudio Ghirardi OS 96, Alexander Pinder, Patrick Page, Min Sung Kim all OS 07 and Claudio's children: Charlotte, Tommaso and Nicolo Ghirardi, current pupils at St Mary's Hall.



**James McLean OS 04** married Daryl Rae D'Anna on 30th June 2018. OS in attendance were Hampus Burnitz, Richard Hargreaves, Nick Cassin, Hamish Reid, Edmund Page, Lucy Williams, Sean Knight, Sam Burke, Alistair Coates, all OS 04, Brendan Knight OS 06 and Patrick Reilly OS 03.



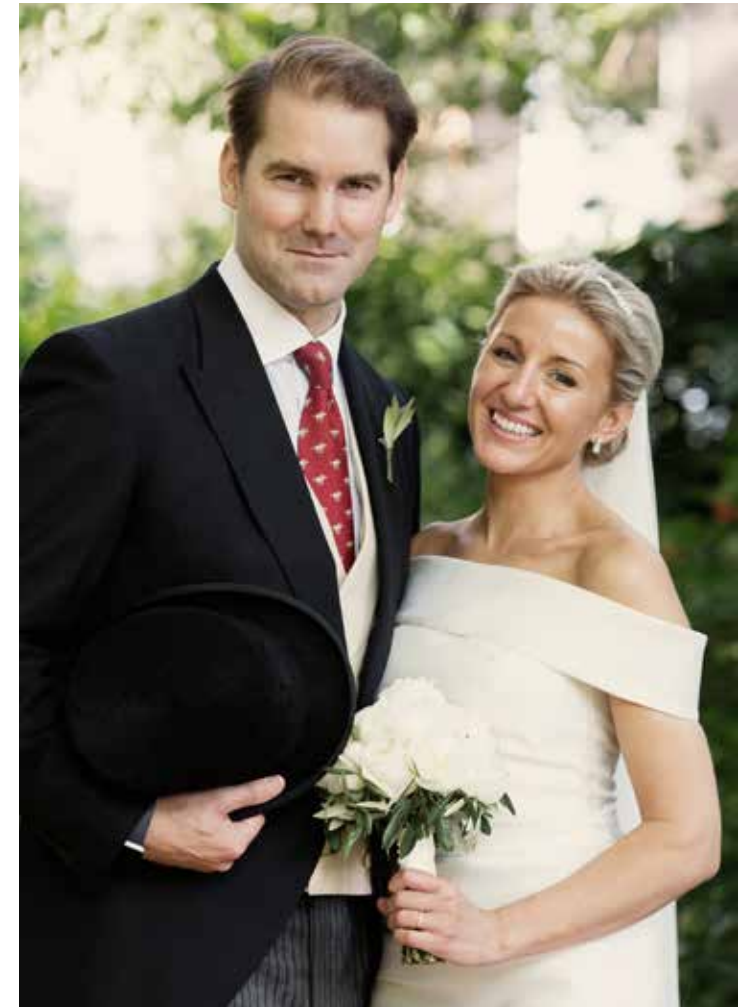
**Rory Mellows OS 08** and Sarah Watson were married on 5th August 2017. The best men were Michael Mellows OS 05 and Ronan Mellows OS 10. Other OS present were Fr Nick King OS 66, Richard Hargreaves OS 04, Cecily and Henrietta Holt OS 07, John Richardson, Tom O'Donnell, James Cathcart, Jonty Tomalin-Reeves and Chris Fitzgerald, all OS 08 and Hugh Holt OS 09.



Surgeon Lieutenant Commander **Nick Newton OS 95** and Gemma Freemantle were married on 30th September 2017. There were OS, Old Beaumont and Old St John's in attendance: Father Nick King SJ OS 66, Tony Jarratt OS 92, Luke Pryor OS 96, Willow Pryor OS 10, John Flood OS 89, Michael Newton, Phillip Ribet, Mike Fenton, all OS 04, Julian Ribet OS 92, Oliver Newton OS 98, Matt Coutts, Ged Brumby and Ben Pryor OS 95, Richard Saunders and Dominic Ribet, both OS 98.



**Richard Hargreaves OS 04** and Katarina Hrabovská were married on 7th October 2017. OS in attendance were: Ronan Mellows OS 09, James McClean, Sam Burke, Alistair Coates, Michael Fenton, Hamish Reid and Ed Page who are all OS 04.



**Charles Metcalf OS 02** married Thyone Alexia Pana on 5th August 2017. OS in attendance were Finnian O'Mahoney, Julien Hohendorff, Dr Richard Pinder, Mwai Kumwenda, Naguib Yusufu, Lorenz Kemper and David Ryan, all OS 02.



**Stephen McDermott OS 02** and Elizabeth Flynn were married on 26th August 2017. The OS in attendance were: Nicky McDermott OS 15, Harry McDermott OS 07, Charlie McDermott OS 11, Robbie McDermott OS 16, Jordan Riley OS 11, Greg Wood OS 75, John Smalley OS 98, Iain Lindsay OS 05, Tim Fitzgerald OS 05, Luke Copping OS 07, Dom Copping OS 03, David Ryan OS 02, David Lindsey OS 00, Danny Dwyer OS 06, James Clark OS 05, Stefan Cordesmeier OS 02 and Terry Molloy OS 02.





**Joe Notter OS 05 and Tara Chitnis OS 08** were married on Saturday 22nd July 2017. The Maid of Honour was India Chitnis OS 06, the Best Man was James Clark OS 05 and the Bridesmaid was Gabriella Notter OS 11. The ushers were Iain Lindsay, Benedict Gogarty, Ross Munro, Tom Wood, Jonty Ashworth, all OS 05 and Jay Chitnis OS 15. OS in attendance were: Fr Simon Bishop SJ OS 86, Jay Chitnis OS 80, Dr Jay Chitnis OS 50, Dr Anand Chitnis OS 60, Paul Chitnis OS 79, Dr Anand Chitnis OS 81, Anthony Chitnis OS 83, Mike Murphy OS 80, Asmita Chitnis OS 12, Daisy Chitnis OS 14, Arthur Chitnis OS 16, Rochelle Knowles OS 08, Emily Ashworth OS 11, Serena Barnett OS 11, Henry Taylor OS 11, Luke Langford OS 05, Carl Cimpoiias OS 03, Dane Cimpoiias OS 07, Scarlett Thompson OS 07, Dave Lindsay OS 00, Dom Copping OS 03, Nicky McDermott OS 05, Harry McDermott OS 07, Tim Fitzgerald OS 05, Ryan Stokes OS 05, Henry Hall OS 05, William Dear OS 07, Amelia Tilney OS 06, Jack McGovern OS 07, Danny Dwyer OS 06, Danny Bovingdon OS 05 and Charlotte Bovingdon OS 05.

BIRTHS



**Andrew Brinkley OS 00** and his wife, Saskia, announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Elizabeth Brinkley, born on 30th May 2018.



**Gustavo Gomez-Lechon Martinez OS 97** and his wife, Emma, announce the birth their daughter Ines Birgitta Gomez-Lechon Laurin, born on 26th July 2017.



**Luke Pryor OS 96 and Willow Pryor OS 10** announce the birth of their son, Alaric Edmund Pryor, born on 15th January 2018.



**Ailsa and Alastair Robertson, both OS 04** announce the birth of their daughter, Alice Flora Loyola, born on 27th August 2017.



**Rickard O'Connell OS 93** and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Emily O'Connell, born on Tuesday 20th March 2018. Picture: Rickard (left), her godparents **Charles Gilmore OS 93** (middle) and Lorna Roughneen (right).



**Michael Mellows OS 05** and his wife, Patricia, announce the birth of their daughter, Matilda Lucy Mellows, born on 31st October 2017.



**Susie Watson (née Hanratty) OS 05** and her husband Mark announce the birth of their daughter, Daisy Alexandra Robin, on 16th May 2018.



**James Thompson OS 00** and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their son, Frederick (Freddie) Michael, born on 18th May 2017.



**Edward Burke OS 88** and his wife, Georgia announce the birth of their son, Otto Henry Duncan, born on 24th March 2018.



## IN MEMORIAM

News of the deaths of the following OS have been received since the Summer 2017 (no.314) edition of the Newsletter.

Ernest John Haig Eaton OS 1945 - 1950  
Cecil Alfred Isola OS 1938 - 1945  
Charles Gilbertson Former Parent  
Brian Charles Hartigan OS 1944 - 1947  
Charles William Shorman OS 1936 - 1945  
George Cadigan OS 1961 - 1966  
John Basil Richard Thomas Archer OS 1940 - 1949  
Jesus De Ramon Laca Former Parent  
Peter John Prescott OS 1942 - 1950  
John Lendon Barrow OS 1945 - 1952  
Rupert Paul Carrington OS 1951 - 1956

Simon Malcolm Maxwell-Scott OS 1952 - 1957  
Bernard Frederick Crank OS 1938 - 1943  
Mario Mifsud OS 1968 - 1972  
James Bernard Hamlet G. Norton OS 1957 - 1960  
George Guy Medlicott Goodwin OS 1971 - 1981  
Richard Tadeuz Jolly OS 1958 - 1963  
Peter Gerald Charnock OS 1943 - 1951  
William Williams OS 1945 - 1950  
Paul Levick Coulthurst OS 1974 - 1975  
Capel Anthony Pritchard OS 1967 - 1972  
Antony Gilbert Hull OS 1947 - 1957

Basil Williams-Rigby OS 1953 - 1962  
Dominic Carrington OS 1981 - 1988  
Harold Ian Joyce OS 1972 - 1975  
John Philip Coverdale OS 1948 - 1951  
Philip John Taylor OS 1956 - 1966  
Thomas Fenoughty OS 1942 - 1947  
Robert MacAdam OS 1955 - 1956  
Sosthene De Vilmorin OS 1943 - 1946  
Desmond Keig-Shevin OS 1933 - 1944  
John Anthony Whelan OS 1961 - 1966  
Peter James Unsworth OS 1957 - 1966  
Thomas Francis Costigan OS 1945 - 1951

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

Marina Colebrook-Robjent, the sister of Chris Flint OS 62 and Martin Flint OS 61  
Effa Okupa, former parent, mother of Kwesi Amihyia OS 81  
Mary O'Neill, former parent, mother of Matthew O'Neill OS 93 and Andrew O'Neill OS 91  
Brendan McGrath, former parent, father of Cormac McGrath OS 95  
Richard Raymond Walsh, author of the Stonyhurst War Record and The Seven VCs

Friends or relatives who wish to write an obituary for the Stonyhurst Record are invited to contact David Knight at the College (d.knight@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

May they rest in Peace

## THE GREAT CENTENARIES OF 1993-1994

*Twenty-five years have elapsed since the commemoration of the quatercentenary of the foundation of the school at St Omer and the bicentenary of the opening of Stonyhurst College. This article recalls the events of those years, as remembered by three of the leading Stonyhurst figures of that time, beginning with Headmaster, Dr Giles Mercer, followed by the Appeal Director, Peter Anwyl, and finally the Bursar, Donald Harrison. Inevitably, this approach has led to a certain amount of repetition in what has been written, but the contrast between the three different perspectives is nevertheless of interest.*



**Dr Mercer** writes: The various Centenaries' celebrations emphasised three themes: first, to reflect on the College's long journey and bring out its unchanging essential mission; second, to launch a major appeal to strengthen the College for the present and future; third, to ensure that school life should continue normally, although wherever possible enhanced by a Centenaries' dimension. All members of Stonyhurst – pupils, staff, parents, the Association, governors, the local community, the Society of Jesus nationally and globally, and the Salford Diocese – were to be involved as much as possible.

This Centenaries' planning committee met regularly from 1990, with superb contributions from two rectors, Fr Michael O'Halloran and Fr Michael Bossy, from two bursars, Laurie Muskett and Donald Harrison, from Peter Anwyl, Director of the Centenaries' Appeal and from 1993, Director of Admissions and marketing, from Rory O'Brien, Headmaster of St Mary's Hall, and from Wilfrid Usher, Deputy Headmaster of the College. How the Centenaries' events could best enhance the pupils' education fell largely to the Assistant Headmaster, Charles Foulds, the Director of Studies, Mark MacDermot, the Playroom Masters and Heads of Department. Much depended too on the enormous

dedication and efficiency of the Domestic Bursar, Frances Ahearne, and her team, the catering department, and the gardens and grounds staff. David Knight planned the transformation of science and other teaching areas. Anthony John, Director of Music, and Dermot Gogarty, Headmaster of St John's Beaumont, were involved.

Celebrations began with the launch in London of T E Muir's marvellous Stonyhurst College: 1593-1993 and were formally inaugurated with High Mass in St Peter's with Bishop Patrick Kelly of Salford presiding. The Bishop conveyed the apostolic blessing of Pope John Paul II. Fr Frederick Turner SJ preached unforgettably. We heard the première of a fanfare Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam specially composed by William Mathias CBE and performed in the presence of his widow and daughter. The combined choirs of the College and St Mary's Hall and the Chamber Orchestra surpassed themselves.

Afterwards Fr Maurice Nassan, the oldest Jesuit OS, blessed the new stained glass windows of the St Omers' martyrs around the War Memorial. The windows had been designed by Mr Pat Feeny OS. There was a splendid Centenaries' exhibition and a luncheon for over a thousand members of the College, St Mary's Hall, and invited guests in the Ambulacrum.



Every member of the College was presented with a Centenaries' Medal. Peter Fattorini OS designed all the attractive Centenaries' memorabilia. At Great Academies, Fr Jack O'Callaghan SJ brought a congratulatory letter from Fr Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, Jesuit Superior General.

In July, a Centenaries' Banquet for the Stonyhurst Association was held in the College. In November a huge Centenaries' 400th Birthday Party was held in the Ambulacrum, at which the sword of Colonel Irvine-Andrews VC was used to cut a splendid cake. Congratulatory faxes came from across the world.

In 1994, a large Association group visited St Omer and Bruges. St Omer city presented Stonyhurst with a commemorative plaque. The Maltese OS presented a beautiful silver ship and the Gibraltar OS, an exquisite print. I spoke at an OS reunion in Mexico. There was a most happy reunion day for former members of staff, Jesuit and lay. Over Great Academies 1994 the new theatre at St Mary's Hall was packed for *A Journey to Celebrate*, a beautifully crafted play, with musical accompaniment, about the College's history specially written by the Jesuit OS, Fr William Hewett. Jesuits from four overseas provinces stayed for each of the four terms of the Centenaries. Pupil exchanges took place with Jesuit colleges in France and Spain.

In June 1994, the College hosted a large party

for Hurst Green residents, accompanied by the Concert Band, with College tours and children's games. It celebrated two hundred years of great support of Stonyhurst from our neighbours.

For the appeal, Peter Anwyl galvanised large numbers of generous Stonyhurst families. The target of £2.3 million was reached (in a recession!). Bursary funds were increased, the Ambulacrum was re-roofed and re-floored, a new theatre built at St Mary's Hall, and a swimming pool at St John's. Under David Knight's direction appeal funds enabled the 1960s classroom block to be transformed into a state-of-the-art science centre, and various rooms around the Shireburn Quadrangle to be converted into attractive classrooms for five departments.

Major school activities were made special: two London concerts with the pianist Jonathan Plowright OS and other OS musicians, and outstandingly good concerts at Stonyhurst; productions of *Androcles and the Lion* and *Amadeus* (both directed by Neil Henshaw) and *Hamlet* (directed by Peter Hardwick); special cricket matches (one to mark the renovation of the 1894 cricket pavilion); for rugby, a dinner with Ampleforth, a tour to Ireland, and a sevens tournament; tournaments for cross-country, golf, and soccer; and a Stonyhurst Sports Festival (badminton, basketball, squash, and swimming) for all UK Jesuit schools. The Centenaries years closed with a splendid Ball.

Such a spirit of careful planning and wonderful teamwork, centred on the ideals and practice of Ignatian education, will ensure that Stonyhurst will flourish, God willing, for at least another four hundred years.



**Peter Anwyl** writes: The Stonyhurst Centenaries celebrations were ambitious, starting on January 1st 1993 and not finishing until the closing Mass in July 1994. This was not because of an unedifying desire to hold parties and indulge ourselves but to ensure appropriate celebration of both our foundation and our relocation. Almost every

event during the period was prefaced by the word Centenaries, whether sporting, cerebral, spiritual or artistic. It was not easy to escape the fact that something special was happening. We tried our best to mark the event(s) with dignity and a shared pride. On reflection I think we were very successful. I found the widely-differing occasions exhilarating and encouraging for the future; as events have transpired my optimism was well-founded: Stonyhurst continues to offer an outstanding all-round education as it faces up to the challenges of the day whilst remaining faithful to the Jesuit charism initially developed in Europe.

My own Centenaries journey started much earlier, as I was appointed to lead the Appeal in 1990; a challenge for an ex-Head in no way versed in the arcane rituals of fund-raising – but old dogs can be taught new tricks as was proven when, under the outstanding chairmanship of Gen John Hopkinson OS, we raised £2.3 million in the period 1990-93.

At the conclusion of the Appeal I might have been forgiven for seeking some respite in a spell of gentle school mastering, but no such luck. With the encouragement of the Headmaster Dr Mercer, Donald Harrison, the Bursar, and Fr O'Halloran, Rector, along with others too numerous to mention, I did 'on the job' training as an event organiser, setting out to produce a celebratory programme of events worthy of our past whilst looking forward with confidence to the future. Of course the many contacts made and friendships formed during the Appeal were an enormous help to me and it is no exaggeration that the fund-raising/friend-raising helped considerably towards the generously supportive response from the worldwide Stonyhurst family. I learnt many things in this period, not least that asking for donations and friendship can happily co-exist.

It is only when I look back at the official Centenaries programme that I fully appreciate the ambitious and far-reaching events that were held. Remember that our worldwide contacts were made in a blessedly digital-free age when communication meant opening one's mouth and talking, using the phone, or even putting pen to paper! Fax machines were regarded as quite useful if one was in a hurry. The pleasures of face-to-face communication was part of the enjoyment.

Inevitably some events stand out for me more than others. The celebrations were punctuated by some memorable Masses whether at St Peter's, Stonyhurst, Farm Street or St Omer. These Liturgies were powerful reminders of our journey, and inspired us to renew our commitment to the education of our pupils. Before I left St Mary's Hall, I was able to persuade the Governors (the staff were fully convinced) that a modern theatre was a much-needed facility and thus the Centenaries Theatre was decided on.



We were deeply honoured by the visit of Cardinal Hume to bless it and the other projects. His participation had a particular pleasure for me as he had offered me my first



teaching post at Ampleforth before he was Abbot, and well before I came to Stonyhurst. Who could ever forget the Ambulacrum lunch for over 900 pupils, staff, OS and other friends with the powerful symbolism of the birthday cake being cut by Col John Cardwell, President of the Association (arguably the oldest guest), assisted by the youngest pupil on the campus, Anthony Kinglake, using the sword belonging to Col Ervine-Andrews VC.



*Blowing out the candles on the Centenaries' cake*

The launch of Tom Muir's exceptional Stonyhurst History at the English Speaking Union was another glittering and convivial event attended by OS, parents, and leading Catholic writers after a beautifully-sung Mass at Farm Street. Our celebrations certainly raised the Stonyhurst profile throughout the country.

Our visit to St Omer was, without doubt, a powerful experience, as we walked in the footsteps of our indomitable predecessors. The Stonyhurst party was offered memorable

hospitality, and the excitement of visiting our foundation site along with so many who had made such an effort to attend from Europe and beyond emphasised the importance of the events we were marking, and gave a great boost to our efforts to ensure that the future of Stonyhurst lived up to our distinguished past.

The closing Mass and Ball were held over the weekend of 16/17 July 1994, sending us off on our widely differing journeys with a spring in our step and hope in our hearts.

Thus ended an extremely busy yet stimulating period in the lives of those who hold Stonyhurst dear. I thoroughly enjoyed myself especially as I made so many new and lasting friends. Events one has organised tend to lose their savour at the time – I was too busy worrying whether everything would fall into place – but on reflection it was a wonderful period and I felt privileged being part of the team that brought everything to fruition.



**Donald Harrison** writes: The events of the Centenaries in 1993 and 1994 are very fresh in my mind. My overriding memories are of a time of tremendous teamwork from all in the College and St Mary's Hall under the leadership of the Headmasters, Dr Giles Mercer and Mr Rory O'Brien. Everyone employed in the two schools, whether in teaching, administration or in the ancillary departments, played their part in making the Centenaries a success.

The activities of the Centenaries were in two main parts: the celebrations and the expenditure of the monies raised by the Centenaries Appeal led by Mr Peter Anwyl. Noteworthy among the many celebratory events were the High Mass of Thanksgiving and the lunch that followed for the College, St Mary's Hall and guests. The High Mass

was celebrated by the Bishop of Salford and the luncheon was attended by all pupils and teaching and non-teaching staff of the two schools and guests - some nearly one thousand people in the Ambulacrum. This included all the catering staff - as was acknowledged by Dr Mercer in his Centenaries Luncheon Speech when he invited catering managers Mr and Mrs Sims to join him at the high table in recognition of the immense work they did for the College. For the remainder of 1993 other events took place, some cultural, many sporting and the 400th Birthday Party in the Ambulacrum that nearly ended in disaster when the candles on the cake caused a firestorm!

For the bicentenary in 1994 the celebrations continued with still more sporting activities, a concert in St John's Smith Square featuring Jonathan Plowright OS 78 and other OS musicians, a Stonyhurst Association Reunion in St Omer and Bruges, a Centenaries Ball and a final Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the end of the Centenaries. At this point mention must be made again of the teamwork involved. Behind all these events, be they religious, cultural, sporting or of general entertainment, was an army of people supporting them in many ways. One of the main contributors was Domestic Bursar, Miss Frances Ahearne and her staff, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. One other was Mr Mark Leyland, head of the garden and ground staff, who had to prepare sporting venues of the highest standard and floral decorations for the College.

The second part of the Centenaries were the projects financed by the proceeds of the Centenaries Appeal which caused different problems. The two major new-build projects - the swimming pool at St John's Beaumont and the Centenaries Theatre at St Mary's Hall - were overseen by architects together with Mr Dermot Gogarty and Mr Rory O'Brien respectively. By contrast, the re-development of the Science facilities at the College was directed by Mr David Knight, after his thorough investigation of the latest ideas for the teaching of science and drawing up the necessary plans.

Work was able to proceed on the above projects without interfering with school programmes.

But this was not the case with several of the projects to update and modernise other parts of the College so that much of the work needed to be done in the school holidays by the College maintenance staff led by Clerk of Works, Mr Joe Smalley, and contractors hired for the projects.

*Before*



*After*



Most College teaching departments were affected. Having invited each Department Head to identify their most urgent spatial needs - including the Modern Languages, English, Geography, Classics and Mathematics departments - David Knight set about devising the necessary plans. Teamwork once again played its part, with close liaison between Headmaster, Bursar and Clerk of works being essential. Attention was also paid to the Ambulacrum, which involved the Clerk of Works, the Domestic Bursar and myself visiting centres with different types of flooring to find the most suitable. The flooring had to withstand CCF parades, Great Academy Balls, concerts and, most importantly, various sporting activities. On the completion of the Centenaries programme at the end of the Summer Term 1994 with a Mass of Thanksgiving, everyone involved breathed a sigh of relief that all the work had been finished, largely on time and within the Appeal Budget, but more importantly none of it had impacted to the detriment of the College teaching and pastoral care.

## AN INTERVIEW WITH CHARLES WHITEHEAD OS 87, AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION



Charles was asked about his memories of his schooldays at Stonyhurst:

"Well, it was just after the war, the Second World War, and I went to St Mary's Hall when I was nine years old, almost ten and I have happy memories of my years at St Mary's Hall. We slept in small dormitories, there were four of us in a room. Everything that we did at school was very much timetabled you know, there wasn't an awful lot of free time, but that was fine and things were organised well and I was very comfortable and very happy. One of the things that I often remember was that when we went we had to take our ration books with us, the War had finished but we were still subject to rationing, so we gave them in and the school's catering authorities used our books to obtain supplies of things that

they needed. I also remember writing letters home, we had to do this on a Sunday morning and it was a structured and slightly regimented thing we did in the morning. We had to write a reasonable length of letter because they were glanced at to see if they were alright, so we did that every week. I was very happy there and to the best of my knowledge I cannot remember any negative things of any significance during the three full years I spent at St Mary's Hall. At the end of that time I took my entrance exam for the College and passed it I am glad to say. I went up to the College, I was in fourth Playroom where I was at the bottom end of the College. I went right through the College, ending up in Rhetoric where I passed A Levels, etc. Then went on to university from College. I enjoyed my time at the College, there were a lot of things I got involved in, I played snooker a lot. I became a very good snooker player to such an extent that when I went up to Durham I played snooker for the university and some said it was sign of a misspent youth! But I just thought it was great! I was very involved in sport, I was a member of the school tennis team, I played golf, the College was redeveloping the course after the War and I used to play quite a lot. I played rugby, usually full back or centre and I captained the 3rd XV and used to occasionally play for the 2nd XV when somebody was off or sick. I was a member of the College Committee in

my final year and I enjoyed that very much. In fact we had quite a lot of authority when I look back now, I do not think we realised it so much at the time, we just took it for granted. During my years at Stonyhurst, the Cadet Force was very important, probably because it wasn't long after the Second World War. Everybody joined the Cadet Force and stayed in it for most of their College career. I stayed all the way through and ended up an Under Officer. We had to go to camp in the summer, a military camp somewhere and that was always enjoyable. Stonyhurst was a very happy experience for me. We had quite a strong spiritual life, we had early morning prayer, Mass and everything else and that was very good for me, I was happy with that. So, for me both St Mary's Hall and Stonyhurst were very positive times and I made some good friends in my schooldays and that is something that is very important. As you can imagine there were one or two teachers who I thought of during the course of my career, particularly a Jesuit father, Father Corbishly. At the end of my time at Stonyhurst, he recognised something in me and tried to encourage me to do things that gave opportunities and helped me to come out of myself and become the person I was born to be."

*The full interview with video clips will shortly be available on the Stonyhurst Association website.*



# STONYHURST COLLEGE'S LONGCASE CLOCK C.1715-1740

WRITTEN AND RESEARCHED BY JAN GRAFFIUS AND JOE REED OS II



The Stuart Parlour is one of the finest rooms at Stonyhurst, and is one of our busiest meeting rooms. It is known to many staff, pupils, OS, parents, prospective parents and guests of the College. However, visitors often pass speedily through the lobby outside the Parlour, without the chance to have a look at what is there. The lobby was recently redecorated, and Collections took the opportunity to review the paintings and furniture in that space.

Among the pieces, there is this clock. It immediately attempts to deceive the viewer, displaying a date for 1625 on the main front panel of the case, along with previous owners' initials. This cannot be a date for the clock, as longcase clocks were not invented until much later in the 17th century; this indicates that the case was made up of old Dutch or English furniture to house a new clock.

The clock itself can be dated with some certainty by its size and design, and the clock face bears an inscription for 'Henry and Mary Hayes [of] Kirbylonsdale'. These may be the names of the clockmakers – Hayes of Kirkby Lonsdale was a known firm in the 18th century – however, naming a woman on a maker's mark would be very unusual at this period.

Sadly, very little at all is known of the clock's history at Stonyhurst, including when or by whom it was given to the school. One thing is certain: the clock has neither worked nor chimed within living memory, and was expected never to work again. It is possible that in all its time at Stonyhurst, with many generations of pupils having hurried past it, it has never kept time. Until this summer term.

The College carpenters and joiners, Tony Gill and Dave Fitzmaurice, have cleaned both the clock and case diligently and (with much care and perseverance) have returned the clock to working order. After many decades of silence, the hourly chimes were heard once again.

*If anybody has any knowledge of the clock's history we would interested to hear from you.*

*Please contact either [m.hargreaves@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:m.hargreaves@stonyhurst.ac.uk) or [j.reed@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:j.reed@stonyhurst.ac.uk).*

## FLAGS AT STONYHURST

BY EDWARD ALLANSON



A wise old school master once warned me that boarding schools can produce the strangest of roles and to steer clear of these at all cost. I ignored his advice! Once summer term examinations have been taken by Syntax and Rhetoric and a number of classes are suspended, staff at Stonyhurst turn their minds towards planning for next year in some of the time freed up. Staff can also occasionally be spotted on the tennis courts or croquet lawns in the balmy Lancashire sunshine. A few years ago it was noted that we rarely used the flagpole between the Eagle Towers. This led to an afternoon of drawing up the Stonyhurst Flag Protocols, a light-hearted document meant to add a few more days on which various flags could be seen flying. Little did I know the can of worms I had opened. Many people were consulted, including the College of Arms, The Queen's Flagman, Governors, OS, Bishops, and most importantly, the Domestic Bursar.



Twenty-six Flag Days were set including notable College events, feast days of saints connected to the College, and major national occasions. Rumours spread that my birthday was also added and I assured the Headmaster this was not the case, despite my best efforts to make a tenuous link as an excuse to fly it (I'm still searching!).

The Domestic Bursar made contact with Flag Makers of Chesham to produce a new College flag. The old flag had been handmade by Mrs Molly Marsden, a Domestic Assistant at the time, over 25 years ago, however it had become rather worn and a new one was needed.

The flagpoles also needed to be replaced and the services of Harrisons Flagpoles – whose projects include the Victoria Monument, the Mall and Horse Guards Parade – were sought. With the resources in place, it fell to Stonyhurst Flagman, Mike O'Malley, to climb the tower come rain or come shine to realise my faddish summer project.

The College flag uses the four quarters of the Stonyhurst escutcheon which was adapted from that of the Shireburns, probably of Sir Nicolas Shireburn whose Arms hang above the portal (the Arms of Richard Shireburn were slightly different). The Shireburn shield is placed with an 'engrailed' red boarder containing eight St Omers crosses.

*A Blazon may read:*

*Quarterly argents and vert, in first and fourth quarters, a lion rampant, guardant, armed and langued gules, in the second and third quarters an eagle displayed with wings inverted. Countercharged all within a bordure engrailed gules charged with semy Patriarchal crosses argent.*

As well as the College flag, the College, from time to time, flies the national flag of a visitor to the College; indeed, guests from Collegio Seminario in Montevideo gifted to us a Uruguayan flag. It was left to me to decide when the flag should be flown and it was agreed that 8th September, the day on which Pius XI declared Our Lady of Lujan Patroness of Uruguay would be most fitting. The College flag has also made a visit to the East India Club for an Association dinner.

Unfortunately we have had occasion this year to fly the flag at half-mast, but this too allows the College to signal solidarity with national tragedy, a symbol of our prayers for those who suffered in the London and Manchester attacks. However, more



often than not the original role of flags is maintained. Flags originate in the need to identify oneself, and seeing the College flag flying between the towers helps to enhance the sense of welcome to visitors, gives cheer to the community, welcomes OS home, and marks College celebrations. Long may this new 'tradition' continue!





# PLACES OF INTEREST TO OS THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE

BY DAVID KNIGHT



A 'spiral staircase' is actually a helix i.e. a three-dimensional spiral which winds around an axis like ivy growing up a tree. If the curve is tight the axis is usually a post, often referred to as a newel. In the case of a spiral staircase made entirely of stone each step forms part of the newel rather than its being a separate structure. The one existing spiral staircase at Stonyhurst is of this type. It is sited within the southernmost (left-hand) of the two staircase turrets on the inside of the Gatehouse of the old Shireburn mansion. The northernmost turret also contained a spiral staircase of identical design but it was almost completely removed long ago as it didn't lead anywhere, since the construction of the wing it would have served being delayed until well after the building had become a school.

The stone steps of the Stonyhurst staircase have been covered over by wood, presumably shortly after the building became a school, the stone having already become badly worn. Spiral stone staircases of this type were extensively used in the towers of castles throughout the Middle Ages. They had military significance. Their narrowness meant that invaders were restricted to an arm-to-arm single-combat attack, which was much easier to repel than a concerted advance up a broad staircase. Their effectiveness was further enhanced with a clockwise ascent as it forced the invaders to use their left arms in a swordfight, putting the majority of them at a disadvantage, while the defenders were able to attack using their right arms.

As can be seen, the surviving staircase in the Gatehouse winds upwards in an anti-clockwise direction, but it was not built until the 1590s, long after castle-building had ceased and so was not installed with any military intent. Staircase turrets or towers continued to be installed in many of the grandest houses in order to create the impression of a building being the seat of an ancient family of considerable status. They were thus fashionable within mansion-building for long after the military purpose had become defunct. Even so, those at Stonyhurst were extremely late, especially as an ancient plan indicates that there were originally two further spiral staircases dating from the same period. No trace of either of these exists today.

# AN INTERVIEW WITH STEPHEN WITHNELL OS 95

*An interview took place, at the end of last term, between Michael Hargreaves, the Editor of the Association Newsletter and Stephen Withnell, Director of Strategic Development for Stonyhurst.*



*My father, Rod Withnell, and myself being dropped off on the first day of Michaelmas Term, 1995.*

Michael welcomed Stephen back to the College and asked him what Stonyhurst was like when he arrived here in 1995.

Stephen reflected:

"It was very happy, I had a wonderful time here. Dr Mercer was the Headmaster and Mr Trappes-Lomax was my Syntax Playroom Master. Different school from today – it was almost all boys. It was the dawn of co-education, with only a handful of girls in the Sixth Form and none in Syntax.

It was a very happy and healthy place. Perhaps, it was a more inward-looking place in those days? Certainly, it is a more modern and dynamic place now, but one of my abiding memories is of fun and a happy community."

Michael asked Stephen where he went when he left the College:

"Well, back to where I came from! I was here for a very short time, only during Syntax. I came from St Ignatius College, Riverview, in Sydney and went back there after Syntax to do the Australian equivalent of A Levels. My family had intended to potentially move back here but it wasn't to be and boarding at Stonyhurst from Australia was not a sensible long-term option! I returned to Riverview, where I thrived and was extremely happy. It is a very different school from Stonyhurst, 1,200 boys, the majority day, much more urban in its setting and profile but I enjoyed it immensely. It is similar in many respects – the same Playroom system, for example, and there has always been a close relationship between the two Jesuits schools with lots of exchange between pupils and staff. For example, a number of OS will remember Mel Morrow from the 70s as an inspirational master of English and Drama at Stonyhurst. He taught me English at Riverview in the 1990s. Larry Crouch also taught at Riverview, before becoming Head of St Mary's Hall and a number of boys came over and have been back and forth over time. In my final year at Riverview, the Stonyhurst Gap Students, Charlie Lamb and Shane McLoughlin, had been good friends when I was in Syntax, so our home became their home too.

After having finished the equivalent of A Levels at Riverview, I then had a very happy nine months between the end of the Australian academic year and the beginning of the Michaelmas Term over here for university. I spent my abridged Gap Year travelling around Europe, mostly Italy. Then I came back to the UK, cut my hair and went to Durham to go to university. At Durham, I read 'Ancient, Medieval and Modern History' which was a glorious way to spend those three years. I worked hard and was awarded a First.

I was extremely lucky to go up to University College which is in the castle in Durham,

which, like Stonyhurst, was an utterly breathtaking place to live and work. It was a very happy three years. I was in the University Officer Training Corps, played Rugby for my College (with and against several OS) and in my final year was elected President of the College JCR. It was at Durham that I met my future wife, who was elected Vice President of the JCR (and did all the work). We had a very happy time and enjoyed it immensely."

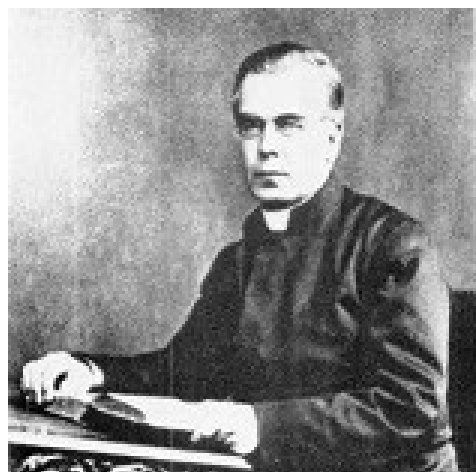
*The full interview with video clips will shortly be available on the Stonyhurst Association website.*





# THE STONYHURST OBSERVATORY

BY DANIELLE STRAIN



Astronomical studies have been part of Stonyhurst life since 1838. The Jesuit priests of the nineteenth century mainly studied solar astronomy, meteorology and the Earth's magnetic field. The most notable astronomer to teach at the College was Fr Stephen Perry SJ who took part in expeditions across the world to view solar eclipses and transits of Venus. Unfortunately, he died in 1889 whilst on an expedition and in his memory, the Perry Memorial Telescope was built and presented to the College in 1893. The twentieth century saw mixed fortunes for the Observatory. It was closed in 1947 and the Perry Memorial

Telescope sold in 1966. Fortunately, amateur astronomers from the local area took an interest in the dilapidated building and the telescope was found and brought back to Stonyhurst in the 1990s.

Once the Observatory reopened and the Perry Memorial Telescope was reinstated, Mr Fintan O'Reilly, Classics teacher, started running the Astronomy Society and tutoring pupils from Higher Line in GCSE Astronomy. He managed to reignite the interest in observational astronomy in students and local groups and without his dedication it is likely the Observatory would still be unused.

After Fintan O'Reilly retired in 2015, Danielle Strain took over the running of the Observatory, having studied Mathematics and Astronomy at Sheffield University. The Astronomy Society has continued once a week with a focus on using the three more modern Dobsonian telescopes and the Perry Memorial Telescope as much as possible to view the night sky. Depending on the weather, (not easily forgotten by anyone who has lived in Lancashire) students observe the Moon, Orion's nebula, Jupiter and its moons, Mars and the Andromeda galaxy. As we do not have a computer-guided telescope these all take a few minutes (and in some cases weeks of attempts) to find, with Mrs Strain usually keeping her cool. During the evening, discussions are had about the object being viewed and the latest astronomical news from NASA and the ESA.

Danielle Strain has also begun an astronomy club at St Mary's Hall, to allow pupils in Figures and Rudiments to have the chance of using the Observatory. This club is well attended and by the time they enter Lower Grammar, some students' astronomical knowledge is better than those in Higher Line.

The younger children at St Mary's Hall (Hodder House to Elements) now have sessions in the Observatory, enhancing the International Primary Curriculum's space topic. When the sun is shining they are able to use the telescopes to look at the sun through a solar filter to see sun spots, which always impresses.

Evening sessions are also run for Cubs and Beaver groups and the Hurst Green Women's Institute had a spectacularly clear, but freezing night looking at the moon in 2017. The last



year has seen the roof refelted and the interior of the Observatory painted. We also have WIFI now which enables sessions to be more flexible and up-to-date. Discussions around exoplanets are very popular at the moment, and it's great to be able to show pupils the latest images of the exoplanet findings.

Over the last few years we have welcomed local primary schools, College guests and as many students as possible into the Observatory. It is such a unique asset that can be used not only to impress and educate but to hopefully inspire more students into the world of space science and exploration.

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

JOHN BROWNE



**courses in the UK, USA and Europe. Yet again, the IB Diploma results were also excellent.**

There were dazzling productions of The Wizard of Oz and The Tempest; girls' sport had their best ever season in both netball and hockey; the rugby 1st XV won the Lancashire Cup for the sixth year running; a newly reinvigorated music department wowed audiences at numerous concerts. The CCF is more popular than ever and has won numerous prestigious competitions in shooting. Campion Day was a magnificent celebration, and a fun run in the afternoon raised money for the Xavier Project directed by Edmund Page OS 04; a group of Rhetoricians will be volunteering with the Xavier Project in Uganda this summer; the Lourdes Pilgrimage is underway as I write. The Hummingbird Project (to provide a home in Hurst Green for a refugee family) has been a great success and a close relationship is growing with St Vincent's School for the Blind in Liverpool. In January we welcomed pupils, staff and the Rector of the Jesuit Colegio Seminario in Uruguay for a two and a half week visit, and will welcome them again next year; the Old Chapel Museum was opened in December; the Christian Heritage Centre, Theodore House, will open in the autumn; 40 pupils

were confirmed in May; the St Omers Martyrs' Mass and the Passion Service were poignant moments in the Easter Term. A stunning Poetry Banquet raised record-breaking funds to support the SCHAT children's holiday week which has just finished; in June we were visited by 50 students and staff from the Lycée Ribot in Saint-Omer and the new Provincial, Fr Damian Green SJ, was our guest of honour at a gloriously sun-soaked Great Academies, and the year ended with a memorable Mass in the Jesuit Gardens celebrated by our new Jesuit Chaplain, Fr Tim Curtis SJ.

We look forward to next year with excitement. Stonyhurst is in good shape and good spirits, thanks to our wonderful young people and our caring and dedicated staff. The values of Quant Je Puis and Men and Women for Others are alive and well and visible in abundance.

And at the heart of all that we do is the Stonyhurst Association. Your support, your friendship, your loyalty and your good wishes are a powerful force for good, and the example it sets to our current pupils is very valuable. We are deeply grateful for all that it does, and I very much look forward to seeing many of you in the year ahead.







**Edmund Page OS 04** and the founder of Xavier Project was asked how the Jesuit ethos shaped his career path, how it is still relevant in his day to day working life, and how it helps guide his leadership style.

"I am a teacher by profession working with refugees in East Africa in the area of education, with the organisation Xavier Project which I founded in 2008. Those familiar with the Jesuits will already see that my work was influenced by my time at Stonyhurst – St Francis Xavier SJ, a founding member of the Jesuits in the 16th century was an ever-present character at Stonyhurst. His life of sacrifice following his faith to distant regions of the world has been an inspiration to many over the years.

To say that I would not be doing what I am doing today without Stonyhurst would be a massive understatement. Straight after leaving the school I volunteered as a Jesuit Missions Volunteer in India, in a Jesuit parish in Karnataka. It was a transformative experience and prompted me to pursue other volunteering opportunities with the Jesuits in later years. It was through this sequence of events that I found



myself living in Xavier House in Uganda (he had a global impact) in 2008 working with refugees who had recently fled the war in DR Congo. Most of the children were of primary school age but not in formal education and I knew that with support from friends and family in the UK I could make some small interventions to change that. I also decided that I should qualify as a teacher and sure enough it was Stonyhurst that enabled me to complete my first year of teacher training while studying at a nearby teacher training college. This launched my career in education. Now we have a team of 28 full-time staff working on multiple programmes to improve education for refugees across East Africa and the Stonyhurst community has continued to directly support the work we do on a consistent basis.

Looking back, my first experiences in leadership, and arguably both the most rewarding and challenging experiences to date, were while I was a student at Stonyhurst. The school sets the perfect environment for leadership through service. Through voluntary and charity work, sport, cadets, and time as a prefect we were taught – the hard way but the enduring way - to lead by example, trust our team-mates, take responsibility, mutually support each other, communicate effectively, and most importantly put others before ourselves. It is this value above all that you cannot fail to learn at a Jesuit school, where "Men and Women for Others" is ingrained into every thread of school life.

Xavier Project is an NGO like any other on the surface, but we try to define ourselves not by the size of the contracts we get, the numbers of beneficiaries we help, or the individuals present in the top tiers of management. Instead our daily work is informed by the values and cultures that make us one team with a shared vision. At the centre of this is our core value, solidarity, which most clearly manifests itself in the open partnership Xavier Project has with the refugees and the communities we work with. We have reached this point as a team but I would like to think that the ethos of a Jesuit education has filtered through and now forms a key aspect in the identity of our organisation."



I first learned about the Emmaus movement when on holiday from a period of working in Malawi and actively investigating the opportunity of assisting people who had been marginalised in the UK. The idea of an organisation that promoted community living, work and solidarity with individuals who had experienced homelessness was attractive, but of the 28 (Emmaus) communities operating in the UK there were currently none in my home area of the North East and moving to a new area did not appeal. I began working for the charity Mary's Meals in Liberia and after a number of exciting years that coincided with the Ebola Virus outbreak I decided to take a break from International Development and see what opportunities were available back in the UK. After some research I discovered that plans were underway to establish an Emmaus community in the North East of England and a vacancy was being advertised for a manager to lead the creation of a community in the coastal town of South Shields.

After interviews and some doubt on my part about entering a sector (homelessness) in which I had no experience, my appointment was confirmed in August 2016 and in September I moved into a partially constructed building with no facilities and an uncertain future. The following months saw frenetic building work and I was able to visit a number of Emmaus communities around the country (Leeds, Salford, Mossley, Bolton, Preston, South Wales) and spend time with the resident companions and staff. In Emmaus the individuals who enter a community are referred to as companions and initially I was sceptical of this term but as I visited more communities, each time being made to feel welcome and sensing the family atmosphere, it dawned on me that many individuals who have experienced homelessness lose a sense of identity from a period on the streets and need to rediscover a sense of self. Giving

people a title can assist in this process. No longer a drug addict, rough sleeper, alcoholic or any other negative categorisation but a companion of Emmaus.

In March of 2017 we were approved to open our new community from the Emmaus Federation and welcomed experienced (core) companions from four (Brighton, Village Carlton, Bristol and Salford) other communities to help us get set up and become a fully functioning community. We also recruited a number of support staff and with an open mind and trying to stay true to the ethos and values of Emmaus we set off on our journey. Trying always to be true to the founder of Emmaus, Abbe Pierre's, one fundamental rule; you are judged on your actions in the present moment and never on the past.

At present (December 2017), we have eleven companions and will soon reach our capacity of fifteen, with the community operating two shops, workshop and plan to open a charity superstore in 2018. I lived and worked with the companions until October and they have taught me a great deal about homelessness and the challenges many people face in the UK on a daily basis; addiction, relationship breakdown, mental illness - to name a few. What has led people to the streets is often circumstance with addiction, etc. a secondary issue. It has also been emotionally challenging when people struggle to comply with the discipline of community life and work but we offer support and only ever expect people to work to the best of their ability.

Solidarity is central to our ethos and one of the first tasks that new companions want to undertake when joining us is to help others in need and follow the Emmaus mantra of "serve those first who need it most". They are perfectly suited to engaging people who struggle having been in the same position



themselves. The founder of Emmaus, Abbe Pierre, was a Catholic priest in post-war France, the movement beginning when a convicted murderer (George), who had tried to kill himself, arrived at his door saying unless he gave him something useful to do he would still commit suicide. This is when Abbe Pierre made him the offer to help him help others and this solidarity remains true today.

In September, we had our official opening by Emmaus President Terry Waite, challenges are on the horizon with welfare reforms but I believe that a place still exists for Emmaus communities in which formerly homeless people can live, work and help others, rediscovering their intrinsic worth and becoming true men and women for others.

John Harrison OS 1996  
[www.emmaus-northeast.org.uk](http://www.emmaus-northeast.org.uk)  
[john.harrison@emmaus-northeast.org.uk](mailto:john.harrison@emmaus-northeast.org.uk)





# REPORTS ON EVENTS

THE STONYHURST ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA  
BY DR ROBIN MELLOWS

On the first Sunday after Easter a group of 34 Pilgrims associated with Stonyhurst arrived in Sarria in North West Spain wondering quite what to expect of their next week. It was a journey into the unknown for almost everyone, and was going to involve a lot more walking than most were used to. On the first evening we met for supper and then had a brief introduction to the Camino, followed by night prayers from Steve McCarthy OS 65, our spiritual director.



later in the week talking about aspects of Ignatian spirituality – particularly prayer.

By the end of the second day, in Palais de Rei, there were some sore feet and tired legs, and some worry about the long day's walking the next day. But we had begun to appreciate the difference between simply being a walking tourist and being a Pilgrim. The truest thing ever said about the Camino is that you start it with your feet, and you end it with your heart. We had begun to realise that the practical worries about being able to manage all the miles of walking, and finding our way, were fading. We began to get to know our fellow Pilgrims, and to wonder what had brought them to the Camino. The transition for each individual from walking tourist to Pilgrim starts when they begin to wonder what brought them themselves to the Camino. We all discover that we have a lot of baggage with us that we can unburden in a variety of ways. It may be at times through walking alone in quiet contemplation, or it may be through



The next morning we met after breakfast and all set off together. Having stayed as a group until we joined the Camino, we all began to follow the way markers at our own pace. The first day's walking was not too arduous and we arrived in one piece in Portomarin, relieved to find that the Camino was not difficult to follow, and we could find our way to our accommodation in a new town.

Steve gave us night prayers after we had met for supper each evening. The theme started with talking about the relevance of Christ's revelation on the road to Emmaus, and then

talking about it. Or it may be through finding out about the burden that another Pilgrim is carrying.

There are different ways of finding accommodation on the Camino. There are plenty of auberges on the route where you can turn up on the day and stay in a bunk bed in a dormitory for a few euros. For us it was easier to have booked in advance as we were so many. Most stayed in accommodation with twin rooms – a few of us did stay in a room altogether – a quick way of finding out about who you are walking with!

As we got to know each other we were pleased to see everyone arriving to meet up in the evenings, and to share our experiences - both our experiences on our physical journey, and our discovery of the inner journey.

After the third, longest, day of walking in Arzua, there was tangible relief that we were all going to manage it. We had also begun to recognise other Pilgrims we came across at times. David Eachus pointed out the way that people on the Camino might greet each other. Being in Spain there is "Öla" or "Buenas dias". But the natural thing to say becomes "Buen Camino" as you change from a walking tourist to a Pilgrim. If you come across someone you do not know but who is obviously walking to Santiago, the Pilgrims' greeting is an acknowledgement that you are both on the same inner journey as well as walking to the same place.

The Pilgrimage route that we were following (the Camino Frances) has been walked by Pilgrims for over 1000 years, and all along the route there are reminders of this. There



are many churches with images of St James. Most of these are the meek Pilgrim in a cape and broad-brimmed hat adorned with a cockle shell, and carrying a staff and a gourd: Santiago Peregrino. But being in Spain there are also images of St James on a white horse brandishing a sword fighting the Moors: Santiago Matamoros. There are also several ancient stone crosses with two images of Christ back to back. One is Christ Crucified, broken, abandoned and alone. And on the other side of the cross there is Christ Triumphant, the King of Heaven. They are there to remind us that whatever we come across in our personal journey, all those things that appear to be defeat can actually turn to victory.



Our last day of walking from Pedrouzo was not long. We passed through Lavacolla, where in days gone by the Pilgrims washed to prepare for their arrival, and past Mount Gozo, a hill from where you can get your first glimpse of the Cathedral in the distance. We arrived in Santiago in good spirits. There was much laughter and many hugs. We met that evening for the last organised meal together

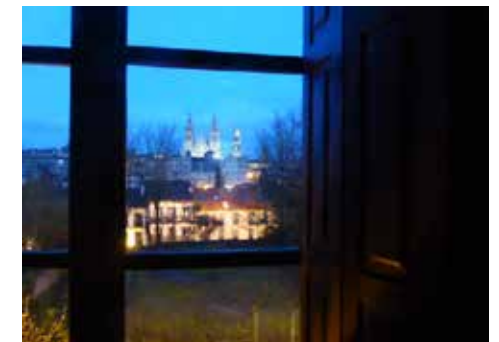


of the Pilgrimage. By then we all knew each other well enough that Brendan and Joanna Roche were able to present the "Jimmies". These are awards akin to the Oscars (or the Marias for those who have been on the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage to Lourdes), with nominations and winners in categories chosen by the judges. We arranged to meet the next day for the Pilgrim Mass at midday in the Cathedral. We were due to spend the next night in Santiago and fly out the day after. So we found ourselves able to choose how to spend our last day and evening. By then we were indeed a happy band of Pilgrims and agreed to meet up for one last meal.

We met in good time to go into the Pilgrim Mass as it gets very crowded. Sitting in the nave of the Cathedral looking at the Sanctuary brightly lit and shining with silver images makes one wonder how it must have looked to ordinary Pilgrims hundreds of years ago – not used to such magnificence. At the end of the Mass the Botofumeiro is swung from the roof. It is a thurible about 5 feet high, propelled by eight men pulling on the rope that goes all the way from the floor of the nave in front of the Sanctuary to the apex of the arches under the central tower of the Cathedral. With each swing back



and forth across the transepts it rises higher until it nearly reaches the roof at either end. It is a sight that has filled Pilgrims with an inexpressible feeling of wonder for centuries. We met for supper that evening. And people who wished to felt able to stand up and say



their thanks to everyone. The Pilgrim who encapsulated how we all felt was Rudolf, a German orthopaedic surgeon. He had had children at the College and decided to come over from Germany to join the Pilgrimage. He said that before he started he wondered what it would be like spending a week with a load of English people. And he said that from the start he felt part of the Family.

Everyone on the Stonyhurst Association Pilgrimage to Santiago had a good week, and it was with some sadness that the Pilgrimage ended. Arrival at the end of a Pilgrimage is really only a beginning however. There is a Chi-Rho over the door into the Cathedral in Santiago with the Greek letters alpha (usually on the left) and omega (usually on the right) are transposed. Omega (the end) simply precedes alpha, the new beginning. The lessons that you learn on the Camino go home with you. The scallop shell on your back changes from a symbol showing the diversity of routes to Santiago to the representation of God's hand on your back. It goes home with you on the next stage of your personal journey. We had passed a graffiti written on a signboard put up along the way with information for Pilgrims.

It simply said "Life is a Camino". How true.



Richard Raymond Walsh (known as Ray), a member of the wider Stonyhurst family and a former East Lancashire Regiment soldier, who documented the burial places of all those who served in the regiment, has died aged 92.

Ray was born in Blackburn in 1925 and even played football for Blackburn Rovers Reserves in the school holidays. He was proud to be a Bootham Old Scholar, from the school in York.

During the war he worked on midget submarines known as XCraft at Vickers Armstrong in Barrow, and was in the Civil Defence Corps there. Mr Walsh then enlisted in the East Lancashire Regiment in Carlisle. His training and service was in Northern Ireland, where he passed out as champion recruit. From there, he went to battle school in the Lake District as weapons instructor. He then returned to Carlisle as Company Orderly Sergeant in charge of drafts.

His daughter, Christine Hunt, of Mellor Brook, said: “Dad co-wrote and published 95 titles including the official World War Two Record for Stonyhurst College, the Seven Victoria Cross of Stonyhurst and the four VCs of Blackburn. He also wrote a comprehensive record of the burial places of all those from the East Lancashire Regiment who were killed in both the First and Second World Wars.”

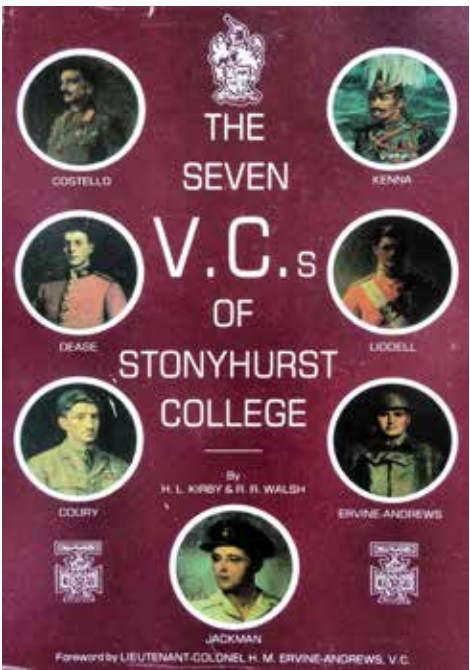
Mr Walsh was a benefactor of many charities, especially the East Lancashire Regiment, now the Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment, of which he



was the chairman for the Blackburn branch. Before his death, he received the Outstanding Service Regimental medal from his regiment.

He married Jean in 1949 and worked in the family business before retiring to enjoy cruising with his wife. The family firm was The Hatchwell Company, Apex Mills, Randal Street, Blackburn, which was a well-known pet trade and pet medicines wholesalers. Mr Walsh leaves daughter Christine and son-in-law Paul, son Jonathan and daughter-in-law Celine, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

His funeral took place at Pleasington Cemetery, attended by representatives from the British Legion and the Duke of Lancaster’s regimental bugler who played The Last Post.



REUNION 1988 BY FRANCIS O’FRIEL OS 88



*“It was a truly great weekend spent at Stonyhurst on a scorching early July weekend.”*

Journeys back to the reunion started from far and wide including Singapore, Amsterdam, Devon, Kent and Longridge. As we were gathering, the Facebook and WhatsApp groups were starting to hot up with an OS 1988 crossword being shared and various tales of delayed flights, broken down hire cars and pick ups along the way. The picture from Tim Smith of the Bloody Mary at Schipol Airport was probably the highlight, and Eddie Mould had the joy of collecting him from Liverpool Airport! Eddie Burke managed to spend his time wisely waiting for his hire car putting together a mobile bar including gin, lager, ice, cucumber and fresh mint!

We were staying in the Stonyhurst Bunkhouse at Avenue Farm just behind the Lady Statue. The Bunkhouse was exactly that, although there were two single rooms bagged by Charlie Wilson pleading jet lag and Chris Stenhouse who arrived first.

Most of us landed in the Pieta Gallery for registration where the Association had created a display including leavers’ photos, our leavers’ valet and various other memorabilia. Lunch was had in the Bayley Room and we all quickly settled into that easy conversation only possible by the five years or more we spent living in close proximity at the College. David Ridout also appeared at lunch with one of our under 16 rugby XV team sheets, as one of two teachers were still teaching at the College 30 years on, it was great to catch up. Possibly the Phil Wilson beard was the transformation of the decade, but it’s amazing how faces remain the same despite changing body shapes! After a few wines we were then treated to a tour of the Stonyhurst collections by Charles Graffius. This included seeing the Egyptian mummy. A few of the OS had been in there before but most had not. We were slightly preoccupied with ensuring we were in front of a television by 3pm to watch the football World Cup England v Sweden quarter-final so we departed the College for the Bayley Arms. Ben Lorimer who could not be there had put £150 behind the bar which helped the afternoon kick off well.

Joe Fattorini turned up with an envelope of memorabilia from his mother. This included a St Mary’s Hall debit card and various pictures of school plays. England had defeated Sweden and after Neil Jones and Rory Petre re-joined us for a drink being in the non-English contingent, we negotiated for us to return later with guitars for a lock in.

Eddie Burke then appeared with his hire vehicle which turned out to be a Toyota pick up. Transport duly organised for a return to the College we were ferried up the Avenue in the back of the truck. Prosecco was then served in the Top Ref and Rory Petre tuned up his bagpipes for later.

Ahead of sitting down for dinner Fr Nick King SJ OS 66 said grace and we tucked into a delicious three course meal. Wilf Usher then regaled us with some tales of our final years at the College before Rory Petre piped us on our way back to the Bayley Arms.

The walk down the Avenue with the sun going down helped clear the head and guitars and whistles were collected from the Bunkhouse to help earn our lock in at The Bayley Arms.

More drinks were poured, stories continued to flow and we all discovered Andy Warneken’s skills on the bass guitar, the fact that Phil

Wilson had picked up how to play the guitar while growing his unfeasibly large beard (Mr Holdsworth would have been jealous of it) and Frank O’Friel did his best to knock out a few Irish songs. People then drifted back to the Bunkhouse gradually between midnight and 1.30am.

Back at the Bunkhouse, Eddie Burke opened up his mobile bar in the back of the pickup truck including 80s pop songs. Much gin was drunk and Chris Stenhouse was the last man staggering to bed as the sun came up at 4am. Some of us managed some sleep in the Bunkhouse although the snoring from both bunkrooms was an interesting mix of orchestral and farmyard.

Breakfast was had by a surprisingly large number of the group considering the late night. The new refectory block, which I think blew most of the party away, is adjacent to the old kitchen yard and is a magnificent addition to the College. Eddie Burke managed to appear just before breakfast finished and we all enjoyed a quality cooked breakfast.

Final preparations for Dominic Carrington’s Memorial Mass were then completed as bidding prayers came in via email and social media from Justin Li and Martin Torrents dels Prats. The Memorial Mass was held in the Chapel of the Angels and was attended by five members of Dominic’s family including his father Roger and sister Fiona. Fr Nick King SJ celebrated the Mass and provided us with food for thought about the Stonyhurst family and what it meant to be part of this. Mark Barton and Rich Wotton provided us with the readings, and bidding prayers which included prayers for Pete Record as well as Dom were

read by Eddie Burke, Charlie Wilson and Frank O’Friel. The Pater Noster was sung with some gusto and after communion John Koo spoke very eloquently and poignantly about Dom and what he meant to all of us, as well as reminding us of some of his exploits. The Domine Salvam Fac was then sung followed by At the Name of Jesus as a rousing final hymn.

Coffee in the Do Room followed by a tour of the College rounded off a fabulous weekend. We dispersed from the Lions vowing to meet more frequently over the next decade.





# THE VATICAN XI VS THE STONYHURST GENTLEMEN'S XI



A prestigious cricket match, held on 4th July 2018 at Stonyhurst College between the Stonyhurst Gentlemen's XI and the Vatican (St Peter's) Cricket Team, known as the Vatican XI, ended in a spectacular victory for the visiting side.

Staff and OS formed a special Stonyhurst Gentlemen's XI for the occasion. The match at Stonyhurst College was the first fixture of the Vatican XI's fourth Light of Faith Tour of England. The Vatican XI comprises priests and seminarians from across the Commonwealth who study and work in Rome and the Vatican.

A substantial crowd gathered at the Oval Stonyhurst to watch the match which was evenly balanced throughout, both sides reaching 90 runs for the loss of only one wicket. The Vatican XI batted first, posting

a total of 139 runs for 3 wickets lost. A masterclass of disciplined, and at times heroic fielding contained a spirited Stonyhurst run chase, with Stonyhurst reaching 122 runs with 3 wickets lost at the end of their twenty overs. John Browne, Headmaster, said: "We were honoured that the Vatican Cricket Team chose Stonyhurst for the first fixture on their tour. It was a perfect day for a cricket match, set against the stunning backdrop of the Ribble Valley and with not a cloud in the sky. Sport plays an important role in the learning experience here at Stonyhurst; it builds confidence and it encourages our students to strive for their best. It was a closely contested match and we offer our heartfelt congratulations to the Vatican XI on their victory. We also wish them well on the remainder of their visit to the UK."

Father Sameer Advani LC, of the St Peter's Cricket Team, said: "Our visit to Stonyhurst College was a fantastic way to begin our fourth Light of Faith Tour of England. We were extremely impressed by the strength of character and ability on display at Stonyhurst. We were also astonished and humbled by the richness of the history on display in the Stonyhurst Museums and Collections, surely one of the most wonderful teaching



and learning resources of any school in the world. We will always remember the light of Stonyhurst and hope to, one day, welcome the team to Rome for a rematch. Cricket is the perfect way to bring different communities together, and we're excited to continue promoting what Pope Francis has called 'the culture of encounter and dialogue' as we continue on our tour of the UK."

The Vatican Cricket Team was officially founded in 2014. The team is under the official patronage of the Pontifical Council for Culture. It was established to raise awareness of the importance of religion for society and to promote inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue through cricket, bringing different religious and ethnic-cultural communities together.

The Vatican XI team spent two days at

Stonyhurst. They were given a tour of the Stonyhurst Collections and were guests at a formal dinner held in their honour. Jan Graffius, Stonyhurst Curator, prepared an exhibition and an after-dinner talk on the history of Stonyhurst Cricket for the occasion. It was the Vatican XI's only visit to the North West of England as part of the tour. The team also visited the College's recently renovated Old Chapel Museum. Opened in 2017, it houses one of the oldest collections in the world, containing artefacts including a First Folio of Shakespeare, prayer books belonging to Mary, Queen of Scots, and manuscripts written by poet and Jesuit priest, Gerard Manley Hopkins. The Vatican XI will also take on a Houses of Parliament XI, a Commonwealth XI and the Royal Household Cricket Club during their visit to the UK.



## *The OS and staff who took part were:*

Mr Simon Charles (Manager)  
Lt Col James Ashworth OS 98  
Mr Richard Drinkwater OS 91  
Mr Joe Hopkins OS 11  
Mr Rhys Morgan OS 16  
Mr Damian Morley  
Mr Sam Owen  
Mr Kirk Stokes OS 03  
Mr James Watson OS 00  
Mr Tom Wells  
Mr Matthew Wild OS 08  
Mr Stephen Withnell OS 95

## *The Umpires were :*

Mr Adrian Bidwell OS 74  
Mr Charlie Foulds





# THE VATICAN CRICKET CELEBRATORY DINNER AT STONYHURST



*The Celebratory Dinner*



*Layla Heaton and Laura Hutchings*



*David Mercer, Jose Matthew and Frances Mercer*



*James Ashworth and Damien Morley*



*Carmel Crouch, Larry Crouch and Alice Callinicos*



*Laurence Wood and Simon Andrews*



*Guests Mingle*



*Stas Callinicos and Dr Myszka Guzkowska*



*Matt Wild and Anthony Chitnis*



*Tom Wells, Marie Gascoigne, John Browne, Sam Owen and William Gascoigne-Browne*



*Jayne and Andrew Croft*



*David Finn, Jane Chitnis and Richard Brumby*



*Terry Holt and Kerran Coffey*



WANDERERS’ NEWS

FOOTBALL

BY BENEDICT O’CONNOR

A warm, clear afternoon saw a number of spectators, parents and pupils alike, enjoy a fast-paced though slightly unfit match between the OS under the captaincy of Jonathan Hallam OS 12 and the College. The Cemetery pitch was well prepared, but clearly the sheep had not been informed so were first removed before the match could begin. An early corner in the first few minutes saw current pupil, Hugo Villasenor, unmarked and able to guide the ball into the net. With increased confidence, the XI team pushed forward and created a number of chances, which either due to poor finishing or the rather erratic surface, they were not able to put away. In the second half, the OS started to get their own game flowing and soon it was one each due to a good goal by Dominic Knowles OS 12. Hard work from Joe Topping OS 15 and Sam Williams OS 06 saw gaps created in midfield from which Bradley Sugden OS 16 was able to capitalise with a 25 yard strike. The match ended 2-1 to the OS and was much enjoyed by players and spectators alike. Thank you to all the OS for coming and making it such a memorable afternoon.



CROQUET



In what has now become an annual tradition, the OS v the College croquet match took place on 30th June. The match was played in brilliant sunshine on the newly marked out Front Lawns.

GOLF



It proved to be an extremely competitive and close match with both teams on two points with just one game left out on the course. It probably was fitting that this final match ended up all square and the overall match tied. This was an opportunity for the College pupils to play against some very experienced, low handicap players, an important experience in their golfing education and one they appeared to enjoy very much.

BOOKS – OF INTEREST TO OS

CRISTIANO & LEO By Jimmy Burns OBE OS 71 - Association President 2018-2019

Who’s better: Ronaldo or Messi? Ask any football fan and they’ll have an opinion. For the best part of the last decade, football has seen a personal rivalry unlike any before: Cristiano and Leo. This is their definitive story, from children kicking a ball halfway around the world from each other, to their era-defining battle to be number one.

One the preening Adonis, a precision physical machine who blows teams away with his pace and power. The other a shuffling genius, able to do things with a football that seem other-worldly. Their differences seem to tap into something fundamental about football and indeed life.

Between them they have scored over a thousand goals, won the Ballon d’Or nine times and redefined modern football. For the past eight seasons they have shared the accolade of best footballer in the world and arguments rage over which one deserves the title of greatest player of all time. *Cristiano & Leo* by Spanish and South American football expert and journalist Jimmy Burns is the essential book to understand the defining players of a generation.



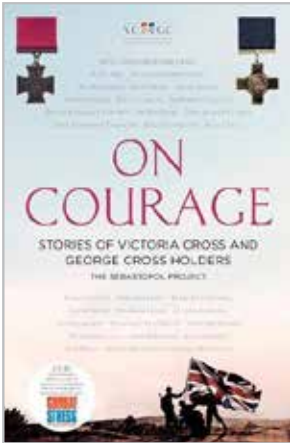
ON COURAGE

*On Courage* is a collection of twenty-eight moving and inspirational stories of valour displayed by recipients of the Victoria Cross and the George Cross.

From RAF flight engineer Norman Jackson, who climbed out onto the wing of a Lancaster Bomber in flight to put out a fire using a twisted parachute as a rope, on the night his first child was born; children’s writer turned Assistant Section Officer Noor Inayat-Khan, who was the first female operator to infiltrate occupied France and refused to abandon what had become the most dangerous post in the country; to Irish seaman and Antarctic explorer Tom Crean, who struck out alone for a supply depot during Captain Scott’s expedition to the South Pole to save the life of his ailing companion, these courageous men and women are an inspiration to us all.

Written by leading historians and authors Tom Bromley, Saul David, **Paul Garlington (Head of History at St Mary’s Hall)**, James Holland and Dr Spencer Jones, these incredible accounts tell of the recipients’ determination and selfless actions in times of war. Each story is introduced by a public figure, including Mary Berry, Bear Grylls, Sir Bobby Charlton, Joanna Lumley, Eddie Redmayne and the late Sir Ken Dodd.

\*£2.70 of the publisher’s RRP of all copies of this book sold in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland will be donated to Combat Stress.\*



MISSING PERSONS

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

|                    |      |                       |      |                         |      |                           |      |
|--------------------|------|-----------------------|------|-------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
| Anthony Atkinson   | 1968 | Charles Philo         | 1968 | Philip Byrne            | 1969 | Philip Lomax              | 1969 |
| Philip Beausire    | 1968 | John Piercy           | 1968 | Michael Cafferty        | 1969 | Michael MacCarthy-Morragh | 1969 |
| Erwin Bernitt      | 1968 | Henry Plant           | 1968 | James Chrimes           | 1969 | Peter Margetts            | 1969 |
| John Butt          | 1968 | Richard Pyplacz       | 1968 | Anthony Corcoran        | 1969 | Dominic McCreadie         | 1969 |
| Joseph Callaghan   | 1968 | Hercules Robinson     | 1968 | George Cowe             | 1969 | Alexander McEwan          | 1969 |
| Laurence Catlow    | 1968 | Christopher Rowbotham | 1968 | Bruno D’Almada E Castro | 1969 | Douglas McWilliams        | 1969 |
| Michael Chance     | 1968 | Kevin Ruane           | 1968 | Anthony D’Alton         | 1969 | Mark Miceli-Farrugia      | 1969 |
| Michael Collins    | 1968 | John Ryan             | 1968 | Michael Davies          | 1969 | Michael Middlehurst       | 1969 |
| Peter Darbyshire   | 1968 | Kevin Scanlan         | 1968 | Antony Diab             | 1969 | Stuart Morrice            | 1969 |
| Bernard Davies     | 1968 | Vincent Scanlan       | 1968 | John Eades              | 1969 | Nigel Morton-Clarke       | 1969 |
| Nigel Dawson       | 1968 | Anthony Sheridan      | 1968 | Denis Falconer          | 1969 | Andrew Muir               | 1969 |
| Giles De Bertodano | 1968 | Benjamin Shirlaw      | 1968 | William Feeny           | 1969 | Paul Norman               | 1969 |
| Kevin De Cock      | 1968 | Walter Shirley        | 1968 | Richard Fettes          | 1969 | Nigel O’Farrell           | 1969 |
| Gary Farrant       | 1968 | Richard Solomon       | 1968 | Jerome Fielder          | 1969 | Christopher Parker        | 1969 |
| Peter Flory        | 1968 | Charles Sturridge     | 1968 | David George            | 1969 | Anthony Paul              | 1969 |
| Guy Gantley        | 1968 | Paul Sutton           | 1968 | Simon Greig             | 1969 | Philippe Perreau          | 1969 |
| Michael Gilbride   | 1968 | Peter Tynan           | 1968 | David Grey              | 1969 | Michael Reid              | 1969 |
| Alban Green        | 1968 | Peter Vyrnwy-Jones    | 1968 | Robert Gryspeerd        | 1969 | Christopher Reynier       | 1969 |
| Adrian Hall-Patch  | 1968 | Charles Watts         | 1968 | Stephen Guyon           | 1969 | Patrick Rock              | 1969 |
| Timothy Hayward    | 1968 | Bernard Way           | 1968 | Philip Harrington       | 1969 | Peter Romain              | 1969 |
| Sean Holt          | 1968 | Duncan Wills          | 1968 | Nicholas Harrison       | 1969 | Peter Sire                | 1969 |
| Michael Jamieson   | 1968 | Christopher Wood      | 1968 | Thomas Haynes           | 1969 | Roger Spano               | 1969 |
| Michael Kattan     | 1968 | John Wyse             | 1968 | Robin Hemming           | 1969 | Sebastian Syder           | 1969 |
| Terence Macmanus   | 1968 | Winfried Banzer       | 1969 | David Hickman           | 1969 | John Taunton              | 1969 |
| Stephen McGrath    | 1968 | Gregoire Barrowcliff  | 1969 | Brian Holt              | 1969 | Peter Twist               | 1969 |
| Arthur Merrick     | 1968 | Alan Bergl            | 1969 | Jan Kafel               | 1969 | Mark Unsworth             | 1969 |
| Robert Muir        | 1968 | Hugh Biggie           | 1969 | Laurie Kelleher         | 1969 | Michael Vaughan-Fowler    | 1969 |
| John Nicholson     | 1968 | Peter Bloxham         | 1969 | John Land               | 1969 | Patrick Warren            | 1969 |
| Mark Noble         | 1968 | Timothy Boswell       | 1969 | Michel Leuba            | 1969 | Michael Wolfe             | 1969 |
| Roger Paffard      | 1968 | David Brand           | 1969 | Nicholas Lloyd          | 1969 | John Wynell-Mayow         | 1969 |



# SHOP

## GOODS AVAILABLE FROM THE ASSOCIATION

Left top: Association tie, £25  
Middle: OS tie, knitted silk, £23  
Bottom: OS tie, printed silk, £22  
Below: OS bow tie, knitted silk, £23



**Clockwise from above right:**  
Shields, £35.00  
Link Cufflinks, £25  
Chain Cufflinks, £25



Left: Wanderers tie, £23



**Above:**  
Girl's OS silk scarf, £20

**Please contact the office for postage rates on all items.**  
Cheques should be made payable to the Stonyhurst Association. If you wish to pay by credit or debit card please telephone the office, 01254 827043, and have your card available. If you are posting your order please mark it for the attention of Mrs B Sillitoe, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 9PZ

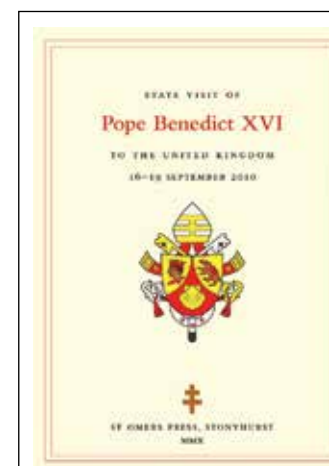


Dartington Crystal Glassware, engraved with Stonyhurst roundel - champagne flutes, wine glasses, whiskey tumblers, boxed in pairs £45.00 per pair

Dartington Crystal Claret Jug, engraved Quant Je Puis, boxed £70.00



Stonyhurst Hand Stamped Silver Charm, 20mm diameter, gift boxed £49.95



From St Omers Press:

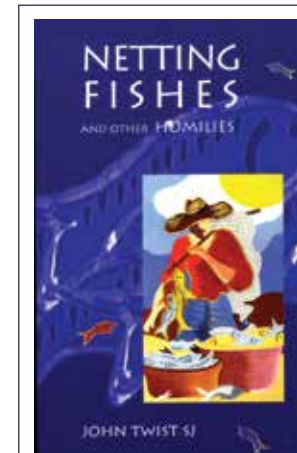
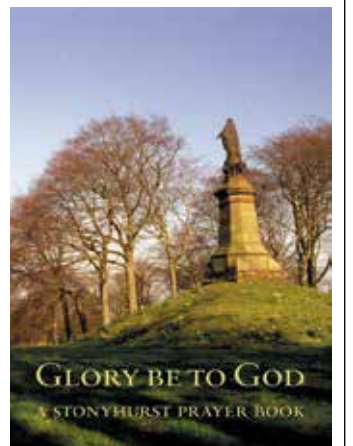
### STATE VISIT OF POPE BENEDICT XVI TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Published in partnership with the Society of Our Lady at Winton, Winchester College, and introduced by Richard Bassett, this contains all the speeches and public addresses made by His Holiness the Pope during his state visit in September 2010.  
64 pages, paperback, £4.50

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

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

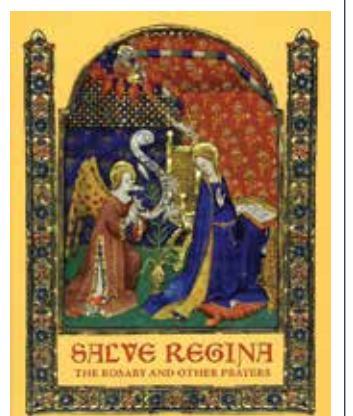
128 pages, hardback, £9.95



Fr John Twist SJ is the Chaplain at Stonyhurst, and regulars at St Peter's will be familiar with his laconic, intelligent and quietly humorous style. Each homily is a bite-sized piece of wisdom, relating a biblical passage to everyday life... each would be quick enough to read on the train or bus, or before bedtime. Filled with realism and laced with humour, these 'thoughts for the day' provide much to ponder on.

£8.50  
St Paul's Publishing, 2009  
ISBN 978-085439-7570

Salve Regina, the Rosary and other Prayers, £12.95







# STONYHURST ASSOCIATION

Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 9PZ Tel: 01254 827043  
email: [association@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:association@stonyhurst.ac.uk) [www.stonyhurst.ac.uk](http://www.stonyhurst.ac.uk)



STONYHURST REMEMBERS  
1918 - 2018



LDS