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OS at the Rugby World Cup in Japan

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the Association Newsletter January 2020.

I hope you had a blessed and enjoyable Christmas and on behalf of the Editorial Team may I wish you a very happy and successful 2020!

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

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DIARY OF EVENTS

Details will be published on the website www.stonyhurst.ac.uk
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DATE	EVENT	NOTES
18th January 2020	Preston Grasshoppers	Once again, George Erdozain OS 61 and Martin Hothersall OS 72 will be hosting a lunch at Preston Grasshoppers when Hoppers will be playing Wharfedale. The format will be as in previous years with a 12.00hrs for 12.30hrs meet for pre-prandial drinks, followed by a three-course meal and then the match. The cost will be £22.50 per head and all OS, family and friends are welcome to what is a very relaxed and informal event. Please contact Martin at martinhothersall@outlook.com if you would like to attend.
8th February 2020	St John's Rugby Match at Beaumont	St John's rugby event with OS/SMH V OS/OSJB teams at St John's Beaumont. The match will take place on the St John's first team pitch, Priest Hill, Old Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 2JN. Kick-off will be at 14.00hrs. Supporters welcome!
8th February 2020	OS Cross Country	OS V Old Ampleforth Cross Country Race at the College. Please contact Hugh Dickinson OS 97 at hughdickinson@hotmail.com if you would like to take part. A booking form is available on the website.
28th March - 5th April 2020	Santiago de Compostela Pilgrimage	Santiago de Compostela Pilgrimage - the Portuguese route. A booking form and an itinerary are available on the website. However, please contact the office before booking as there is limited availability.
23rd April 2020	Farm Street Talk	'Towards a Better Politics' - a talk to be held at Farm Street, London, hosted by Association President Tim Livesey OS 77 and representatives from the British Jesuit Province. Speakers to be confirmed. Further information will be published on the website.
22nd - 23rd May 2020	Great Academies	Great Academies at the College
4th June 2020	Farm Street Talk 2	'Towards a Better Politics' - a talk to be held at Farm Street, London, hosted by Association President Tim Livesey OS 77 and representatives from the British Jesuit Province. Speakers to be confirmed. Further information will be published on the website.
5th - 7th June 2020	Ignatian Retreat at Theodore House	Ignatian Retreat at Theodore House. This will be led by Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ OS 66 . A programme is being planned and will be available shortly.
20th - 21st June 2020	OS 2010 Reunion	OS 2010 Reunion. A booking form will be available shortly from the office and on the website.
21st - 28th August 2020	Lourdes Pilgrimage	Application forms will be available by the end of February and will all be on the website. Assisted pilgrims and helpers are all welcome! In the meantime do contact the office if you have any questions. See the website for the 2019 Lourdes article.
17th October 2020	Association Annual Dinner at Stonyhurst	The Association Annual Dinner is to be held at Stonyhurst. The President will be Dominic Hartley OS 86 . The booking form will be available on the website by the end of February.

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ASSOCIATION EVENTS AND NEWS

THE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER AT BEAUMONT FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT TIM LIVESEY OS 77



(L to R): John Browne, Headmaster of Stonyhurst and his wife, Marie Gascoigne, Fr Tom Shufflebotham SJ, Katie Livesey, Tim Livesey OS 77

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the Annual Dinner in November such a success. There was something very special about OS and OBs combining in large numbers to reclaim for the evening the space that was once Beaumont College, and is now the De Vere Beaumont hotel. The following morning around sixty of us attended Mass, celebrated by **Fr Nick King SJ OS 66**, in the old school chapel with its magnificent painted ceiling with the Jesuit mottos IHS, AMDG and LDS prominently displayed. Later on, OBs and their families gathered for a Mass at the garden War Memorial in beautiful sunshine - in marked contrast to the persistent rain the night before - and then for lunch as the guests of St John's Beaumont: a fine OB tradition honoured annually on Armistice Sunday.

The previous evening two hundred and twenty-three of us had been wined, dined and treated to inspiring and, at times, challenging accounts of both historical and contemporary takes on that unique offering



(L to R): Fabian Twist OS 11, Sebastian Dean OS 17, Colm Fahy OS 16, Diego Ordenez Herrera OS 13, James Scott OS 13, Edward Belderbos OS 16, Rory Wylie Carrick OS 19

to the world which is a Jesuit education. Tom Shufflebotham SJ, our Guest of Honour, spoke with wit and wisdom of what a Latter-day Visitor dispatched by the 31st successor to St Ignatius, as Superior General of the Society of Jesus, might consider proper to report when describing the character of the education being provided at Stonyhurst and its contribution to wider society.

He highlighted three key attributes: integrity, compassion and a profound respect for the created order. The said Visitor was pleased to add alumni of the school appeared to be avid multipliers of the same values.



(L to R): Fr Toby Lees OS 99, Fenella Lamle, Headmaster John Browne and Clint Grohmann

Cue the joint Heads of Line, Fenella Lamle and Clint Grohmann, who took the floor and spoke with no apparent nerves and no less wit, delivering moving accounts of their experience of life at the school. The room rose in standing ovation. The current Headmaster, John Browne, could not have hoped for a better illustration of the vision he and his colleagues are seeking to put into practice.

The absence of any generational divide at the dinner was gratifying, with a healthy number of thirty-six OS under 30. The average age of those still going strong



(L to R): James Hanratty OS 64, Michelle Fattorini, Hans Brenninkmeyer OS 64, Edward Fattorini OS 62



(L to R): Helen Finn, Charlotte Duckworth and Harriet Shepherd, all OS 14

at gone one in the morning was, it must be said, a little lower than the average of the night as a whole. A special word of commendation for the very youthful (rumour has it nonagenarian) former Headmaster, Michael Bossy SJ, for maintaining a respectable average age in the environs of the bar till gone 2am! I think Fr Tom might have overlooked stamina in his list of highlights.

We hope to maintain the focus on bringing younger and older OS together with two evening events next spring. These will be on Thursday 23rd April and Thursday 4th June, jointly hosted at Farm Street by the Association and the Mount Street Jesuit Centre, for looking at contemporary politics and how it might be nudged to a better place. Please note the dates in your diary and, if you can, come along. If successful, this might be the start of more frequent gatherings of this kind.

Quote from the Guest of Honour, Tom Shufflebotham SJ

"First, a bit of history - for old time's sake.

When I joined the Stonyhurst staff the Headmaster wanted to give me a gentle, easy landing...understandable, because he didn't know whether the Provincial had sent him a silk purse or a sow's ear. So he kindly made me Form Master of Grammar 2, and Assistant Chaplain. After a week or so he was clearly dissatisfied: I wasn't applying enough pressure to Grammar 2.

"Michael, my difficulty is that they're such gentlemen."

"I don't think producing gentlemen is our immediate priority!"

So, the Gentlemen of Grammar 2, 1973. We have a visual aid here in the person of Tim Livesey, but they were a rather exceptional form. To the wives and girlfriends of OS generally, I would say, if you find your man a bit uncouth, believe me, if he'd not been marinated in Stonyhurst for five years...he'd be a lot worse."

OS 1979 REUNION FROM GERRY LAGERBERG



Pictured L to R:

Top row: Paul Desmet, Matthew Page, Paul Chitnis, Dan Webster, Mark Lichtenberg, Peter Conroy, Peter Fitzpatrick, John De Giorgio, Paul Brennan, Kiran Hingorani, Andrew Barrett, Bernard Bewlay, James von Claer, Rick Simmonds, Paul Chumas

Middle row: Teodoro Maldonado, Christopher Belton, George MacGinnis, Jonathan Taaffe, Martin Gee, Dom Emmett, Andrew McParland, Roger Baer, Dermot Skinner

Bottom row: Joe Everatt, David Atkin, Gerry Lagerberg, James Daniel, Tony Hitchen, John Bishop, Matthew Power, Bill Park, Charles Ryan, Stephen Roca

Not in the photo: Paul Byrne, Stephen Harrington and Stephen Tomlinson

Over the weekend of 27th-29th September 2019, nearly forty middle-aged OS descended on Stonyhurst for a reunion of the cohort who left Poetry in 1979. For some, this was their first visit in forty years. Some came from afar: Australia, the US, Ecuador and from various places on the continent, while others made the shorter trek from Wigan. Our last reunion was ten years ago in London and there was a strong preference to return to Lancashire this time. The weather did not disappoint and torrential rain and gales duly embraced us, especially those who arrived early for a hike in the Forest of Bowland.

The logistics were superbly administered by Beverley Sillitoe and Layla Heaton in the Association Office, who laid on a splendid mix of tours, meals and accommodation. Most of us stayed in bedrooms at Theodore House, the new Christian Heritage Centre built on the site of the Old Mill and squash courts, with overflow accommodation and rooms on the Friday night in a nearby hotel.

After a dinner on Friday at The Shireburn Arms, Saturday's events included a buffet lunch at the College, where we were joined by the Headmaster, followed by an escorted tour of things familiar and new at the College. Stonyhurst's safeguarding regime meant we were not able to venture around on our own.

Then a return to the delights of Hurst Green. The Bayley Arms did a roaring trade in "pre-pre-pre" dinner drinks before the conversation and companionship moved back to Theodore House for "pre-pre" drinks, suitably attired this time. Then it was off to the Top Ref for the final "pre" and our formal reunion dinner.

After prayers by our own **Fr Matthew Power OS 79** and remembering contemporaries who have died, we sat down to a delicious dinner, cooked and served by the College's staff; school food was never like that in our day! The conversation carried on for hours over dinner and then back at Theodore House.

The only glitch arrived on Sunday morning in trying to get the large screen to show the Australia V Wales World Cup rugby match but that hurdle was eventually overcome. A jolly crowd crossed the road to St Peter's for Mass and sat well behaved as Fr Matthew delivered his Homily.

Then coffee, lunch and a tour of the Collections and the newly opened Old Chapel Museum. This was the first time that most of us had seen some of the stunning exhibits, impressively curated.

Time passed quickly but the smiles and enjoyment did not ebb.



We shared an experience that ended forty years ago and then went our various ways. Yet that time apart was nothing as we enjoyed each other's company in sharing memories and nostalgia, but also looked forward, with the Aussie contingent lobbying for the 2024 reunion in Sydney. Dom Emmett, of that parish, summed up the atmosphere "...the banter, the humour, a healthy dose of self-deprecation, the warmth and generosity of spirit was pretty special". David Atkin observed that "so much has changed in our lives but it hasn't really changed us".

Memories will linger supplemented by digital record. An OS 79 Facebook page contains photos both from the weekend and from the 70s, which can be enjoyed by those who were at the reunion and those who couldn't attend. We had much more hair back then and so many of us smoked! The photos, old and new, also show smiles and friendships that comes from our shared experience back in the 70s; the ups and downs of teenage life under the grey skies of Lancashire. The bonds are still as strong today.

Thanks again to Beverley and Layla and to the College staff, who made us so welcome with a particular shout-out to the chefs who produced such good food late in the evening, having started their day at 6am.



OS 1994 REUNION FROM DAVID SCOTT



Just short of thirty of us gathered in October 2019 to mark our 25th anniversary of leaving the College, many questioning where those years have gone! We had attendees from all over the UK, while others flew in from Europe and the States. However, the award for the furthest travelled went to **Tino De Frietas**, who via planes, trains and automobiles made the titanic trip from Timor-Leste! We were lucky to be one of the first groups to stay at the very impressive Theodore House.

This made an excellent base throughout our stay, very convenient for the College and a great hub for all to gather and reminisce. Some arrived on the Friday night and we enjoyed a meal at The Shireburn Arms, however the main event kicked off on Saturday afternoon with a buffet lunch followed by a tour of some of the new areas of the College: the tour was kindly conducted by some of the current Committee. In the evening, we were treated to a meal in the Top Ref and we were joined by David Ridout, Paul Warrilow and Phil Mahon. Many tales were recounted and laughs had.

On the Sunday we attended Mass at St Peter's. Tea and biscuits were then enjoyed before a tour of the College's collections and Museum, where we saw some remarkable artefacts and some quite gruesome ones as well!

After this we said our farewells, but not before numbers were exchanged and what has proved to be a very active WhatsApp group was set up! The reunion helped to rekindle old friendships and it showed what special bonds the College helps to create.

Throughout our reunion we were well looked after by the staff of Theodore House and the College and we thank them for this. Special thanks should also go to Stas Callinicos who conducted our tour of the College's Collections and Museum and also Layla and Beverley from the Association who helped organise the whole weekend and contributed in making it such an enjoyable experience.



OS 2009 REUNION FROM SAMANTHA LEACH



I'm sure all members of the OS community will agree that there are few moments as special as when you turn down Stonyhurst's drive for the first time and are struck by the grandeur of the building. During my time at Stonyhurst, I am sure that there were many times when the veil of familiarity meant that I took the view for granted. However, on 23rd November 2019 all members of Rhetoric 2009 who attended the reunion were afforded the opportunity to see the school again and, with a decade of chronological remove, were able to appreciate the wonder of this view with fresh eyes.

I remember writing in my speech for Great Academies that I would look back on my time at Stonyhurst with tremendous pride and affection; something that is still true to this day. I think if there was one emotion to sum up the reunion weekend it would be affection: affection for fellow students, affection for the teachers who have shaped and influenced our lives and affection for the building itself, which retains so many special memories of our formative years. It was a day brimming with nostalgia and excitement as members of the year group conversed with friends with whom they had stayed in touch as well as reignited dormant friendships. It wasn't long until the air was alive with chatter and delicious giggles re-lived at old stories told over dinner and bottles of the new Stonyhurst College wine!

The Association had done a wonderful job in organising the event and so on behalf of Rhetoric 2009, Nick and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the hard work and dedication that went into the planning of the day from the catering, to the tours on offer, to the Mass the next morning.

Collectively, we have all gone off in vastly differing directions and have achieved many different things; however, I think there is consensus in the belief that our time at Stonyhurst has shaped us immeasurably and that there are memories which will be unrivalled. Despite the fact that many of us live at a vast geographical distance from the Stonyhurst estate, it is a wonderful feeling to know that for the rest of our lives, Stonyhurst will always be there to welcome us home.



PRESIDENT ELECT DOMINIC HARTLEY OS 86

Dominic Hartley OS 86 has been appointed as President of the Stonyhurst Association for 2020 - 2021. Dominic is married to Clare and they have four children, Elliot, Oliver, Rose and Benjamin; the eldest two boys are both boarders at St Mary's Hall. Dominic is a journalist and media producer working for a diverse range of businesses and specialises in video training. He primarily works for PIMCO investment managers in London where he is responsible for EMEA Multimedia. Dom is a musician and has written two musicals with **Jonathan Smith OS 87**; 'VISION', about the story of Lourdes has been performed twice at the College. He is also a founding member of the band 29 Fingers in which **Tom Lorimer OS 87** is the drummer.



HANS BRENNINKMEYER OS 64 RIP



We are sad to report that Hans died on the 24th December 2019 as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident whilst on holiday in Mexico City. Hans was born in Holland and then came to Stonyhurst in 1954, where the Jesuits forged his devotion to the Catholic faith and to the game of rugby. In November last year, Hans attended the Association Annual Dinner at Beaumont along with his brothers **Patrick OS 62** and **Mark OS 72**. An obituary will be published at a later date. May he rest in peace.

CHARLES WENNER OS 71



Charles Wenner OS 71 was performing the role of Scarpia in 'Tosca', in a town called Venafrò, just over an hour south of Rome. He was awarded the prize of 'Italians in the World' by the commune, which meant he had to sing the Te Deum after the prize was awarded!

MEMORIES OF FR BILLY HEWETT SJ OS 50

Recounted by **Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ OS 66**, Catholic Chaplain to the Universities in Manchester



I think later blue and green. The sheet told you where you were meant to be and what you were meant to be doing at any point in the week - all in Billy's chaotic typing. Organisation, gentlemen. It was an act, of course. An act that Billy - at least some of the time - enjoyed. And an act quite plausibly executed. Tales of the real Billy and all his eccentricities in adult company would occasionally filter down to us - but we didn't really believe that they could be true.

But relatively quickly Billy was moved out of a role requiring organising others (and indeed himself!) into one that called on what turned out to be his great gift in God's service - reaching out to those who found it difficult to see the living God in the Church as they encountered it.

There is much more that I shared with those who were present at Billy's Memorial Service at Farm Street on Tuesday 24th September.

Finally, allow me to share a dream of what I believe is true and has been true for Billy, and is true and will be true for each of us. When, back there on February 18th in Poole Hospital, Billy stepped across the doorway of death into the new life of the Resurrection, he looked into the face of Jesus and saw there the faces of all those, across the world and beyond count, whose lives he had touched in his long life of loving service and loving struggle; faces and lives taken up and transformed by the Lord of life whom he had helped them to recognise in their own lives.

And he saw, too, his own face as Jesus sees it, his own face mirrored in the loving, compassionate and delighted face of the Lord who loved Billy in all the ups and downs of his life, in all his successes and in all his struggles, and who loves him now, "where, beyond these voices, there is peace".



It is nearly a year since **Fr Billy Hewett SJ OS 50** died on February 18th 2019 at the Jesuit Community at Boscombe, but for those of us who were schoolboys at Stonyhurst when he was there, it is 40 years or so since we had the experience of first meeting this unique man. (I should say at this point that I think he will be happy if from here on I simply refer to him as "Billy" - I can no more consistently give him his formal "title" than I can imagine him being comfortable with it, let alone insisting on it.)

I didn't share the experience of having Billy as a Jesuit teacher at Stonyhurst: by the time Billy was at Stonyhurst, I had left some years previously and was already in the formation programme of the Jesuits, and it was some years down the line when I first met him. It will come as no surprise if I say that Billy was just a little too idiosyncratic to be introduced to supposedly impressionable Jesuit novices. However, my Jesuit confrère, Philip Endean, had Billy as his Playroom Master, and preached at his requiem: let me quote him.

In his second year in post, Billy had the idea of regulating our lives by having us carry round duplicated sheets of A4 paper - successively yellow and pink,

THE NEXT GENERATION!



From Left to Right:

Isobel Pickering (née Holt) with Alfie and Henry, Susie Watson (née Hanratty) with Daisy and Michael, Mellows with Matilda and Madeleine.

Former pupils, OS 05, with their children

CHRIS MORRIS OS 80



'The Day Shall Come' is a new satirical comedy, directed by **Chris Morris OS 80**, about an impoverished African American preacher who is targeted by the FBI.

OS AT THE RUGBY WORLD CUP 2019 IN JAPAN



Top Left: Crossing "Abbey Road" Tokyo-style! (L to R): Phil Chau, Andrew Seed, Nick Fordham, Christopher Hartley, Andrew Finn.

Bottom Left: In England Rugby colours (L to R): Christopher Hartley, Nick Fordham, Yoji Takano, Andrew Finn, Andrew Seed. Not pictured but present: Ben Holden.

Below Right: (L to R): **Kyran McCarthy OS 87, Phil Chau OS 89, Andrew Finn OS 10, Andrew Seed OS 08, Christopher Hartley OS 86, Tom Bidwell OS 90, Yoji Takano OS 86, Nick Fordham OS 87.**



ANDREW FINN OS 10



On 27th July the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, visited Manchester to give a speech about his proposals for transport in the North West, including a high speed rail link from Manchester to Leeds. He visited the current tram extension works between the city centre and Old Trafford and was introduced to a team of engineers, which included **Andrew Finn OS 10**. Andrew is living in Manchester and is working as a Section Engineer for Laing O'Rourke, the multi-national construction business.

MAJOR HENRY RUSSELL-BLACKBURN OS 03

Henry, of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, spoke to the whole College at an Assembly in St Peter's recently. Henry spoke poignantly about the importance of remembrance of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our freedoms and of his own experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan. Both students and staff alike were enthralled by the reverence of his talk. Henry stayed for the Remembrance Service held at the College Memorial Shrine, bringing back memories of his own time here as a student and Junior Under Officer in the College CCF. Presentations of thanks were given in the Shireburn Room before Henry had to depart back to Land Forces Headquarters in Andover.



THE STONYHURST ASSOCIATION AND THE CATHOLIC UNION



We are delighted to announce that the Stonyhurst Association has become an Associated Society of the Catholic Union of Great Britain.

What is the Catholic Union of Great Britain?

Founded in 1870 by the Duke of Norfolk and other Catholic peers, the Catholic Union has been the consistent voice of the laity working to promote and develop the values of Catholic spiritual, moral and social teaching. It speaks out on issues that affect Catholics and brings together the expertise of the laity with Catholic members of both Houses of Parliament. The Catholic Union has consultative status to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

What is the role of the Catholic Union?

The Catholic Union aims to provide a voice for Catholic lay people through sensible and informed contributions to public debate and legislation. With wide expertise in different disciplines, the Catholic Union has been able to make effective criticisms and representations to Government in many areas. It has specialists on its Parliamentary and Public Affairs Committee and it also has representatives in the field of bioethics with the Catholic Medical Association.

The Catholic Union speaks out on issues that may affect the freedom of Catholics to live according to their consciences. It seeks to uphold a Christian standpoint in public life, through representations to Parliament, Government bodies and the media.

Catholic values and interests are presented to key decision makers who determine legislation and social policy. The Catholic Union

seeks to make its contributions in a balanced and respectful way to the dialogue between religion and politics, and to promote the common good in public life. It works to influence the changing nature of the parliamentary world where the Government relies on the recommendations of expert Commissions which, in turn, take evidence and advice.

The Catholic Union Charitable Trust

The Union has a sister Organisation, the Catholic Union Charitable Trust, which was launched in 2015 to develop and strengthen the role of advancing Catholic moral and spiritual principles by means of educational conferences, lectures, training and seminars. Please visit www.cuct.org for more information.

Why does the Catholic Union invite other Catholic groups to become Associated Societies?

In 2020, the Catholic Union will reach its 150th anniversary. There is widespread sympathy and respect for the Catholic viewpoint in our nation, yet it is often not heard nor considered seriously. The Catholic Union works to draw from as wide a range of Catholic opinion and experience as possible. By inviting Catholic organisations and groups to become Associated Societies, it is hoped that both parties may benefit from their respective networks and mutual friendship. It is hoped that members of the Stonyhurst Association will become engaged with the life of the Catholic Union. Members of the Stonyhurst Association have Associate Membership of the Catholic Union.

Simon Andrews - Stonyhurst Association

Richard Collyer-Hamlin - Catholic Union

OTHER CONGRATULATIONS



Bruce Kent OS 46 has recently been awarded the International Peace Bureau's Seán MacBride Peace Prize. For further details, see page 23 of The Tablet, published 26th October 2019.



Kate Bell OS 15 was awarded a first-class MSc in Marketing on the 3rd December 2019 by the University of Liverpool, following her first-class BA in Business Management in 2018.



James McLean OS 04 has won a series of awards for his company in 2019, including the CBRE Supply Partner Award in the Innovation Category and the IWFM Award for innovation in technology and systems. Last year was a great success for the WhiffAway Group, who now export to over forty countries (through five international offices) and employ one hundred and four exceptional people. They have also been recognised by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for work in supporting the innovation of waste to energy initiatives (converting urine to energy) for use in the developing world.

Major Daniel Laurence Krause-Harder Calthorpe OS 97 was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours list 2020, Military Division. In October 2019, he also received the German Military Cross of Honour in Silver. He is currently the British Army Liaison Officer on secondment to the German Army as an Advisor to the German Chief of the General Staff.



CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS



Joe Reed and his wife, **Chloe** (both **OS 11**), announce the birth of their son, Tobias Xavier Reed, born on the 5th October 2019; a brother to Oscar Aloysius.

MARRIAGES



Dr Cameron Alasdair Macfarlane OS 08 married Dr Mhairi Macfadyen in Troon, Ayrshire, on Saturday 9th November 2019. Other OS attending the wedding included his parents; **Dr Julie Macfarlane OS 78** and **Niall Macfarlane OS 75** pictured above, and his sisters, **Ailsa Robertson OS 04**, **Jessica Sketchley OS 05** and his brother-in-law **Alastair Robertson OS 04**.

For further OS birth announcements and wedding pictures, please visit our Association website.

IN MEMORIAM

News of the deaths of the following OS have been received since the Summer 2019 edition of the Newsletter.

John David Barrow	OS 1949 - 1958	Charles Alan Muir Robertson	OS 1941 - 1947
Michael John Quinn	OS 1966 - 1971	Randal Christopher McDonnell	OS 1964 - 1965
Anthony Courtney Booth	OS 1943 - 1947	Gerard Bernard Belton	OS 1938 - 1946
Brian Patrick Michael Rooney	OS 1938 - 1949	Benjamin Patrick Gregor Mutch	OS 1997 - 2000
Timothy Francis Ryan	OS 1954 - 1958	Hans Paulus Augustinus Brenninkmeyer	OS 1954 - 1964
Duncan Valentine Brand	OS 1954 - 1959	Andrew James Noble	OS 1980 - 1988
Peter James Roy Leyden	OS 1945 - 1950	Alexander Michael Carus	OS 1939 - 1948
Charles Godfrey Bourke Jordan	OS 1947 - 1956		

We also regret to announce the death from the wider Stonyhurst family: Miles Thompson (Former Parent), Josephine Holden (Former Staff), Geoffrey O'Connell (Former Parent), Christopher Haigh (Associate), John Cowdall (Former Chairman of Governors)

May they rest in peace.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

JOHN BROWNE



In my last message I predicted record numbers for September, and across the campus as a whole, we have well over seven hundred and fifty pupils. In fact, we had to apply to the DoF for a material change to our maximum roll, in order to accommodate the numbers applying.

This year, Stonyhurst celebrates twenty years of full co-education and we have welcomed back a number of female OS to speak to current pupils about their time here as well as to offer careers advice and mentoring to them. I particularly enjoy being able to invite pupils from other schools to Stonyhurst to share in our wonderful location, architecture and history, and this term saw the return of pupils from the Jesuit school in Germany, Sankt Blasien, with their teacher, **Chris O'Reilly OS 86**. We also welcomed girls from the Marymount Secondary School, Hong Kong, who were visiting England on an English and drama tour.

During the term, I visited Hong Kong to host a reception for OS as well as to meet prospective pupils and their families. There were also OS reunions in Durham, London and New York.

As always, we made our solemn act of remembrance in November, with the CCF leading the commemoration at the Hurst Green Memorial as well as at the College Memorial on the morning of 11th. Major **Henry Russell-Blackburn OS 03** spoke to the College about his own experiences in the army.

At the end of November the pupils performed 'Little Shop of Horrors' in the Academy Room, proceeds going towards the Stonyhurst Children's Holiday Trust.

Campion Day was a huge success. We welcomed His Grace, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop of Liverpool, as principal celebrant and preacher at the Campion Day Mass.

We ended the term, in usual fashion, with a number of carol services, firstly at Farm Street which attracted a large number of parents, former parents and OS, then back to Lancashire for the Association Carol Service here in St Peter's, and finally on the last day of term, the College Carol Service. I'd like to wish you an enjoyable, successful and healthy 2020.

STONYHURST STUDENTS GO TO NEW YORK TO MEET MARK THOMPSON OS 75

FROM AMELIA MCGARVEY (RHETORIC PUPIL)



Mark Thompson OS 75, Chief Executive of The New York Times. The College students (L to R) are: Amelia McGarvey, Shane Tallon, India Low, Lisa Lord, Ben Cave, Bertie Kelly and Dilip Gosall. (Front): Jake White. (Rear of the group): John McGarvey.

When was the last time you found yourself being ushered into an overflowing elevator filled with friends and strangers alike, specifically ordered against photography of your surroundings, all while wearing a personalised (and very important) name tag; bound by the knowledge that when the doors reopen, you will be only minutes away from meeting the CEO of The New York Times? For most people who read this, the answer would be a solid and unsurprising 'never'. Yet for myself and eight others, far from Stonyhurst now, the reality of this experience happened nearing the end of 2019.

For context, this was the last day of our trip to New York City, a pleasant Wednesday morning in Manhattan and only a few hours before we were due to fly home. I was aware that **Mark Thompson OS 75** was the current Chief Executive of The New York Times, Director General of the BBC, and one of the most powerful people in the world according to Forbes Magazine - but I had never anticipated that I would ever visit the city before finishing school, let alone that a meeting in his office should be on the itinerary. One of the many incredible aspects of Stonyhurst is our international web of connections; thousands of alumni spread across the planet that have landed in industries and organisations that have shaped the world immeasurably. Our meeting was yet another example of this.

The meeting lasted an hour and was bursting with interesting discussion that covered all sorts of topics from the evolution of digital journalism to his highly publicised lunch with Donald Trump. I can't be surprised that a man with so much knowledge and experience is so fascinating to listen to, but I could have happily sat in that boardroom for hours and hours as we asked equal amounts of questions both genuine and ridiculous and eagerly absorbed all his answers. What struck me most about Mr Thompson (although he asked us to call him Mark) was his humility.

His office is on floor six out of fifty-two of The New York Times building (the eighth tallest in the city), and is as much integrated



with the regular journalists and assistants as it is with the Executive Committee; he also refused to stand in the middle of the photo with the group, preferring to look less like a celebrity than just a friend and alumni of the school. This was a huge relief knowing that several of us had spent the last week or so frantically trying to memorise relevant facts and pose interesting questions for this event, even though the second he started speaking we knew we had nothing to worry about. Mr Thompson's vast knowledge was made all the more apparent when, after discussing the relevance of statistics and computer science skills in the modern workplace, he revealed that he was also writing a novel. He is just as skilled logically as he is creatively and, as an aspiring writer myself, I couldn't have wished for a better opportunity to gain insight into the industry.

Subsequently, our guide, Anna, took us on a tour of the offices, visiting everything from the displays of the most historical front pages and signed portraits of every president, to the bustling newsroom and open-plan cafeteria. It was one of those experiences where you had to constantly remind yourself of how lucky you were to be to be there, mentally recording all of the things seen and spoken between those glossy red walls and enormous glass windows that overlooked the busiest city in the world.



Of course, none of this experience could have been pulled off if it wasn't for Mr Ridout, the nexus to our connection with the world beyond Stonyhurst. He was the one behind the scenes, exchanging emails with Mr Thompson's PA and collecting Stonyhurst-themed gifts to present to them, making sure that we were able to seamlessly enjoy such a momentous morning. He did ask me to write this, so I really hope he won't edit this part out due to how thankful we all are. It goes without saying that we also are incredibly grateful towards Mr Thompson, his team and Anna, our guide, as well as Miss Fielding and Mr McGarvey for getting us all to America. The trip was the grand finale to an overall unforgettable six days in New York City. I'm sure I speak for the rest of us when I say that I'll be forever grateful.

THE RETIREMENT OF THE STONYHURST COLLEGE ARCHIVIST

DAVID KNIGHT



It will be how my OS former pupils will remember me and so more appropriate than ones that have been taken recently after time and circumstances have taken their toll!

'Dinky' was the nickname I was given many years ago by my pupils, the name being derived from the signature I used to add to the many posters I used to put up. My initials 'DNK' were accompanied by a flourish which looked rather like 'Dinky'. I have always been happy with my nickname and indeed was let off lightly."

David Knight has retired after an illustrious career at the College spanning fifty-two years. He joined the Science teaching staff in 1967, from Winslow County Secondary School in Buckinghamshire, where he had been Head of Science. He started as Head of Geology and also taught Biology for thirty years. He was appointed Joint Head of Science in 1992, his principal role being to organise and plan the science development that formed the major part of the Centenaries Appeal. After retiring from teaching in 1997, he took up the role of

Editor of The Stonyhurst Magazine (re-titled The Stonyhurst Record in 2011). He became the College Archivist in 2001 after the death of Rev Freddie Turner SJ, combining this role with his indefatigable work with the annual publication, including researching and writing many of the articles.

He is the only member of staff who has served under all seven Stonyhurst College Headmasters and the only member of staff who has served alongside all six Bursars!

We wish David a long and happy retirement and he leaves with our immense gratitude for his contributions across the decades. As a long-serving and popular member of staff at Stonyhurst he will be missed tremendously, along with his unrivalled knowledge of all things "Stonyhurst".

We wish him good health and a happy retirement with his wife Janet, daughter **Sarah Knight OS 89** and granddaughter Beatrice.

David's full valette will be published in The Stonyhurst Record.

VOLUNTEERING TO GO TO KYRGYZSTAN

FROM PAWEŁ RZEMIENIECKI OS 10



I first heard of Jesuit Missions when I was at Stonyhurst. I remember great testimonies from students who participated in various JM projects as part of their gap year and I recall thinking that 'it would be great to do something similar one day'. Realistically though, I did not think it could ever happen: I did not take a gap year after Stonyhurst but went directly to university and then

straightaway ended up in the corporate world with no immediate hope for an extended time off, so I put the idea of volunteering with JM aside. After over five years in the city, I realised that the time had come to try something different and when I decided to change jobs, I also planned to take three months off to regroup my thoughts and do something meaningful, memorable and good before starting another corporate job. It was this line of thinking which led me to reach out to the Jesuit Missions. The volunteering coordinator at JM was very friendly and talked me through the range of various volunteering programmes (India, Tanzania, South Africa and Kyrgyzstan). Given my time constraints (some of the other programmes are for over six months), it soon transpired that a month in Kyrgyzstan was going to be the best option. I submitted my application and after a round of interviews was offered a place to go to a country which I had not known much about. After a little bit of online research and saying a prayer or two, I accepted the offer and thus signed up on an unforgettable adventure.



never experienced a traffic jam. Yet, mobile internet in Bishkek (the capital city) works comparably to London (if not better)!

With this geographic, sociological, political and economic intro, I should probably talk a little bit about the work of the Jesuits in Kyrgyzstan. There are seven Catholic priests in Kyrgyzstan. When I first heard that, I thought that it was a very small number! Then I found out that there are...six hundred Catholics in the entire country (about 0.01% of the population)! Thus, there is more than one priest for every one hundred believers!

One of the major aspects of the missionary and pastoral work is the Children's Leisure and Rehabilitation Centre by Issyk-Kul and this is where I was based. Various groups of up to 60 children visit for about a week. During my time there, I met five different groups of children: a group of local children from underprivileged backgrounds, a group of Catholic children, a group of disabled children with their guardians, and two groups of children from the other side of the country (they had travelled for twenty hours to get there)!



I was based in the northeast of Kyrgyzstan, on the south shore of Issyk-Kul - the second largest mountain lake after Titicaca and the second largest saline lake after the Caspian Sea. The lake is at about 1,600m above sea level. In fact, more than 90% of the country is at altitudes exceeding 1,500m and, for comparison, Ben Nevis reaches 1,345m. It is a country of idyllic landscapes, endless mountains, picturesque valleys - even the starry sky is more impressive than in England!

It is a place where people's warm hearts and generosity are exemplary. It is a country of smiles and friendliness, even though the average annual household income per person is less than a thousand dollars. At the same time, it is a country where two former presidents are currently in exile and the previous president was recently arrested. It is also a country where girls can be kidnapped and forced into marriage - a practice technically illegal and yet, if I understood correctly, not uncommon and traditionally acceptable in some communities.

On the roads there is a mix of vehicles of all brands and ages: from antiquated Soviet inventions (Lada, Kamaz etc.) all the way to modern Lexuses. The roads' infrastructure is perhaps technically inferior compared to what we have in England, but I

As a volunteer, I had a wide range of duties; some maintenance and house-related tasks, such as painting the fence or chopping wood (the latter created an especially good opportunity for discernment and made me realise that wood-chopping is probably not my vocation!); some day-to-day campsite tasks, such as cleaning the house, setting up the tables for meals and washing up etc. - but most importantly, I was involved in a whole host of activities with the children. I played volleyball, table tennis, badminton and board games, including chess. I also accompanied on the piano and even had the chance to teach the children some of the classic English nursery rhymes!



Overall, I had a fantastic time. I wish I spoke fluent Russian or Kyrgyz - that would have made the whole trip even more enjoyable and insightful! Having said that, it is amazing how quickly one develops non-verbal communication skills: smiles, hand gestures, and even singing!

For me, the highlight of the trip was all the human interaction: working with children of different ages (7-18), working with the local people who were based at the campsite, meeting Kyrgyz people on our numerous day trips, trying to understand the local customs and traditions and trying to embrace the local way of living, including camping in the mountains and sleeping in a yurt!



I would like to thank Jesuit Missions for making this experience possible and I would like to encourage every reader who has ever pondered the idea of volunteering abroad to put some time aside, even if only a few weeks, and endeavour to materialise that 'idea' and turn it into a fulfilling, real experience!

I shall finish on a Jesuit note: Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ in his teachings on social justice advocated that we should all strive to be 'men and women for others', a phrase which the Stonyhurst community is so well acquainted with. This is, of course, a life-long journey, but I do feel that the time I spent in Kyrgyzstan helped me to understand what he meant a little bit better and I very much hope that the fruits of this trip will be long-lasting and will allow me to see the world from a slightly different, more 'Arrupean' perspective.

CAMILLE KNOWLES OS 09

At six years-old, Camille was diagnosed with eczema; a condition that significantly impacted all aspects of her life. Growing up, she would often try and hide herself away from social occasions and at one point the condition became so debilitating that she was hospitalised and informed there was no cure to the severe flare-ups she experienced. Despite a close Stonyhurst family helping her through her health challenges, the condition regularly left her with bleeding open wounds. Camille embarked on an empowering journey to heal her eczema with holistic techniques that focus on the mind, body and soul. Consequent of the English, Physical Education and Business Studies subjects she studied at Stonyhurst in 2007-2009, Camille is now a certified health coach, natural chef and bestselling author. She has carved out an established brand and business which benefits the three hundred and thirty million people worldwide who suffer from eczema. She gives them hope, understanding and support. Camille also shares her honest and open journey with her growing community on social media, which she refers to as her 'warrior tribe'.

Her first self-help book 'The Beauty of Eczema' provides a life-changing toolkit for those with eczema. More recently, Camille penned and enjoyed putting together every aspect of 'The Beauty of Eating Well'. The

recipe book is fast becoming a top seller. Not only does it put the freedom and fun back into food for those who have perhaps struggled but there's a huge focus on nutritional value and it contains dishes to make the skin glow. All the recipes are free from dairy, eggs, gluten and refined sugar but are full of colour, flavour and passion.

Camille commented: "I understand how eczema can affect all areas of people's lives, leaving sufferers feeling isolated and withdrawn. This is why I want the world to know about my 'HOPE' principles which provide a framework for healing and gaining a deeper understanding of how diet, exercise and mastering the mind can have a significant impact on controlling the condition. With time, I discovered that eating well and nourishing the skin from the inside and outside was a key principle in reducing my eczema symptoms. I'm excited to now be working on something which takes this notion further in the form of a brand new skincare range. I've put my heart and soul into bringing this dream to life and I can't wait to launch the new line of consumer products in 2020. I am really proud to have started this journey at Stonyhurst and have been supported by the close international set of friends I made there throughout. They lifted me up when I truly needed it and it's certainly a place I hold close to my heart."



THE OLD INFIRMARY

FROM SIMON MARSDEN, BURSAR STONYHURST COLLEGE

The Old Infirmary is located on the West Front of the primary college buildings and is attached via a single-storey 'dog leg' corridor or passage from an opening near to the Stuart Parlour. It is Grade II listed, with Gothic revival features to complement the West Front composition, otherwise known as the Front Quadrangle.



washrooms and showers on each floor, transformed the Corn Mill into a retreat and Christian leadership centre named Theodore House, alongside providing enhanced sporting choices with an all-weather surface, a two-court indoor tennis dome and a modern gym facility.

The use of the building has changed numerous times. It started as an infirmary, where girl boarders first were accommodated, then the living quarters for the priests, and for now it has returned as Syntax girls' boarding.

Since 2006, the Old Infirmary had been occupied as living quarters by the priests and this is when the last remodelling of the building took place. Father Tim Curtis SJ now resides in St Phillips, a four-bedroom house in its own grounds, which is very short walk away from the College, and acts as accommodation for visiting Jesuits. The Chapel, created in 2004, and rose garden remain in place.



Over the summer of 2019, the space was transformed into a three-floor suite of twenty-four en suite bedrooms, with a capacity of thirty-three beds, with associated Playroom social, and study space, and suitable living accommodation for staff and their families.



When the building was converted from a partially demolished coach house (which can be seen in famous paintings by J.M.W. Turner) in 1799 to an infirmary in 1842, it was in a period of considerable change and growth for the College. The building design is attributed to a notable Catholic architect, J.J. Scholes. Around the mid-19th century, Stonyhurst embarked on a range of other additions to parts of the estate: a new Corn Mill adjacent to the canals was erected in 1840, the North Wing was torn down and replaced in 1843, alongside a new gasworks being opened in Loach Field Wood in 1846. All of which followed the creation of St Peter's Church in 1832-35. An interesting reflection in today's times is how the local trades and material deliveries from the quarries and other sources was organised circa 180 years ago, no doubt without a single risk assessment or any personal protective equipment in place.



Since the turn of the current century, Stonyhurst has witnessed a similar period of change, with the construction of significant additions, refurbishments and improved facilities. In the last decade, we have created a stand-alone College 'New' Refectory; built a forty en suite bedroom boarding house named Weld House, renovated all of the bedrooms in New Wing and provided

During the renovation work, the external fabric and core structure of the building was improved, with remedial attention being provided to the sandstone work, re-pointing took place, because of movement of the building over time, the foundations were stabilised and a method of work named crack stitching was undertaken to the internal walls. The main part of the building consists of four levels, with two principle storeys at ground and first floor, with a part basement and a small attic level. Few historic features remain internally due to successive phases of remodelling, with perhaps the most striking item that has survived being a wonderful fire hearth and surround that sits proudly in one of the twin bedrooms, along with a door frame that has been adjusted to fit the movement of the walls. A nice finishing touch is that every bedroom is named after one of the estate fields or meadows, so there are rooms named Hop Garth, Pickle Meadow and Black Earth.

Challenges experienced with the adaptation work were considerable and ranged from drainage capacity, from the number of weeks available to complete the work in readiness for the onset of new arrivals at the commencement of the academic year, to the management, at times, of almost sixty trades personnel on a live site during which the College was in session, and at the front and almost centre of the campus. I trust that the images that accompany this article give you a flavour of how it used to be, illustrating some of the quirky features within the building some of you may have never seen before or long forgotten about, and most importantly emphasises how the internal design and layout has had a significant impact on the lives of the boarders, and certainly are now, for the time being, the most sought after bedrooms! The Governing Body is particularly pleased that the project was delivered on time and under budget.

Renovation of the Old Infirmary was the first instalment of the Estate's master plan, alongside an increased space at Hodder House with the addition of two classrooms. Future projects may include a second all-weather pitch, study and social space for our Higher Line students, adaptation of the Shireburn quadrangle for additional en suite bedrooms, a sports hall and a performing arts theatre within the College. Added to this, is also the continual investment in the general planned preventative maintenance work required for the range of our land and buildings, the plan to suite academic departments and faculties together and the annual schemes put forward to transform the existing accommodation for teaching, learning and social spaces for pupils and staff alike.

When you next visit I hope you have the opportunity to see first-hand some of these alterations, and agree that these are notable improvements for a boarding and day school in the 21st century.

As a footnote that may be of interest to the surveyors amongst you: due the age of the Old Infirmary, the door frame in one particular bedroom is rather different from all the others! (Photos below.)



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

THE CELEBRATORY YEAR OF 20 YEARS OF FULL CO-EDUCATION

From **Stephen Withnell OS 95**, Deputy Head (External)



This academic year, Stonyhurst and Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall are celebrating twenty years of full co-education. Although Stonyhurst has been educating female pupils for some fifty years, it was only twenty years ago in September 1999 that Stonyhurst opened its doors and admitted girls of all ages on the same terms as boys. An important anniversary, such as this one, deserves to be celebrated in style and equally our female OS need to be acknowledged and celebrated too. Therefore, to mark this occasion we plan to bring the Stonyhurst family together to join in all things '20 Years of Full Co-education'.

The year began, and the anniversary was announced, with the creation of a commemorative 'Stonyhurst: Celebrating 20 Years of Full Co-education' brochure. This booklet highlights just some of the amazing achievements Stonyhurst and its female pupils have accomplished during the past 20 years and includes insights from staff and former pupils about their time at the College. All our pupils and staff will receive a copy of this commemorative brochure as well as a '20 Years' lapel pin in the Easter term. In addition, by request of the Committee, a painting reflecting co-education will be commissioned and will be painted by a female OS.

To highlight this 20th Anniversary to the wider community we will be organising a number of exciting initiatives. You will now see the Stonyhurst crest and the '20 Years of Co-Education' logo on our school minibuses and you will be able to keep up to date on all the news, upcoming events and interviews with our OS via our dedicated '20 Years of full co-education' webpage. Along with these projects, we are excited to announce we will be renaming 'Sports Hall Walk' to 'Sisters' Walk', this path runs parallel to 'Brothers' Walk', connecting the College and St Mary's Hall and will now be a lasting reminder of our 20th anniversary of full co-education.





In addition, we will be hosting two events for our current and former parents, staff and OS. One will be held here at the College, welcoming our former pupils back to their alma mater to celebrate co-education, reminisce about their time here and to celebrate all things Stonyhurst! A second event will be held in London, for those who cannot attend the Stonyhurst event, or indeed for those who wish to celebrate Stonyhurst more than once! More details about these events will be announced in due course - watch this space and be sure to keep an eye on our social media and website!

Perhaps our biggest project of the year is the Anniversary Ambassadors initiative that has been set up to enhance the links between our female OS and our current pupils. This new and exciting venture began in summer when we contacted and asked a number of female OS to take on a mentoring role, offering careers or university guidance in their respective fields, providing work experience placements and visiting the College to give talks in person or via videoconferencing.

Over the year Stonyhurst will be welcoming back alumnae of Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall and Stonyhurst College to speak to our current pupils about their time and experiences here and what they have achieved since leaving the College. We have already had the pleasure of welcoming back two of our ambassadors, **Alison Macdonald OS 12** and **Dr Ravell Ben-Giat OS 06**, whose visits overlapped on the 15th and 16th November.

On the Friday, Alison (who graduated with a first from Edinburgh in English and Scottish Literature and now works in publishing in London) spoke to Poetry and Grammar English classes about her experiences at Stonyhurst and beyond.

Ravell has a doctorate in Chemistry from Jerusalem University and is a Chief Inspector of Police: Forensic Identification Division in Israel. She gave an assembly address to Higher Line pupils and Lower Line academic scholars in the Top Ref on Saturday morning, and then a lecture on her work to Higher Line scientists in Period Two. Following their talks, our two ambassadors were interviewed by our current pupils about their time at Stonyhurst, their views on co-education and what being an Anniversary Ambassador means to them. These interviews will soon be available to view via our website. Many thanks to all the staff who helped with these visits, especially David Leigh who worked tirelessly to help organise the weekend.

With all these exciting plans and initiatives for the 2019/2020 academic year, there is no doubt that this anniversary will be one to be remembered!

Alison (left middle picture) and Ravell (left bottom picture) along with our other ambassadors (whose names will be released throughout the year), will have their pictures and short biographies displayed on our historic corridors to inspire our current and future pupils.



NEW YORK RECEPTION



The Campbell, in Grand Central Terminal, New York, was the venue for the latest OS gathering organised by the Development Team on Monday 18th November 2019. It is over ten years since the Stonyhurst Development Team last travelled to America but it was pleasing to see how strong the transatlantic ties remain. Ten OS living in and around New York City joined **Stephen Withnell OS 95** and Suzanne Wheeler (Development Manager), whilst others across America expressed their regret that they were unable to attend but indicated how much they would like to attend future events should we venture away from New York.



In a relaxed and informal setting our OS renewed links and made new connections. Once again, OS were quick to pay tribute to the College, stressing how important it had been to their development both whilst at school and continuing into the present day. Interestingly, we discovered that OS continue to have a strong presence at the UN in New York, with three of our number currently working there, whilst the others are pursuing careers in finance, insurance and recruitment. New York may be their home now but Stonyhurst remains at their very heart.

HONG KONG RECEPTION



On Saturday 19th October 2019, the Hong Kong Harbour provided a glittering backdrop for The Mirage Bar venue, where the Stonyhurst Hong Kong Reception took place. Over fifty-five OS, parents, prospective parents and friends joined the Headmaster, John Browne, and the Deputy Head, **Stephen Withnell OS 95**, for an evening of reminiscence, making new acquaintances and networking.

From the tone of the conversation it was clear that Stonyhurst has had a positive impact on all in attendance and the opportunity to buy Stonyhurst Monopoly sets was seized on by many!

The reception continued long into the night, with the last guests leaving just before midnight! A wonderful evening celebrating all things Stonyhurst.

We're looking forward to next year's reception!

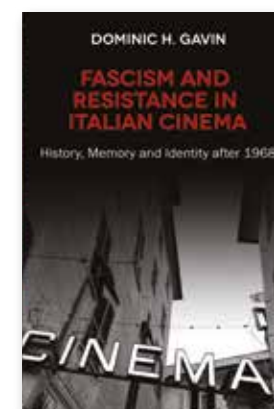


BOOKS OF INTEREST TO OS



The Beauty of Eating Well by Camille Knowles OS 09

A recipe book that approaches food from a place of joy for glowing skin. All the recipes featured are free from dairy, eggs, gluten and refined sugar, but are full of colour, flavour and passion. Author Camille Knowles found that eating well was a key principle when 'Living a Life Beyond Eczema' and in obliging to the demand for recipes from her 'warrior tribe', this book was created. Eczema affects one in five people in the UK, causes considerable emotional and psychological upset - and currently has no known cure. However, Camille's 'HOPE' principles have highlighted tools that can not only be used to cope with the condition, but also reduce it dramatically and achieve glowing skin. 'The Beauty of Eating Well' was written to put the freedom and fun that you deserve back into your food.



Fascism and Resistance in Italian Cinema by Dominic Gavin OS 95

Italian cinema is one of the country's post-war success stories; the memory of Fascism one of its ongoing challenges. This book blends these two stories together, considering how Benito Mussolini's dictatorship was portrayed by Italian filmmakers in the decades after World War II. The work of Italian directors has much to tell us about the ways in which post-war society processed the memory of the dictatorship.

The focus is on the 1970s, when Fascism became a theme charged with contemporary political relevance. Luchino Visconti, Federico Fellini, Pier Paolo Pasolini and Bernardo Bertolucci were among the directors who took part in the re-evaluation of the dictatorship in the wake of the late 1960s. Their work has much to tell us about the ways in which democratic Italy defined its identity in opposition to Mussolini's rule.



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A mountain valley near to the Issyk-Kul lake close to the campsite in Kyrgyzstan

