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# STONYHURST

## association news



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## EDITOR'S NOTE

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This really helps us to keep our costs down and is of course kinder to the environment!



## DIARY OF EVENTS

*All of our events are now listed on the website:*

***[association.stonyhurst.ac.uk/association-events/diary-of-events](https://association.stonyhurst.ac.uk/association-events/diary-of-events)***

## ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER



The dinner was held on Friday 17th November at Mercers' Hall, London.

A report and photographs are on the website.

Website: [association.stonyhurst.ac.uk](https://association.stonyhurst.ac.uk)

# EDINBURGH CONVIVIUM



The College and the Association arranged a convivium at the National Museum of Scotland (where there are paintings from the Stuart Parlour on loan at the moment for the Jacobite Exhibition taking place in the Museum), on Wednesday 4th October.

A report and photographs are on the website.

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## REUNIONS

**Jon Cox OS97** writes:

I thought I would share news that the class of 97 (gosh we feel old!) had a 20 year reunion at the Antelope pub in Belgravia, London on Friday 10th November, attended by about 25 OS. It was a great night with memories shared over one or two pints...



Front row, **Hugo Buckley**, then L-R **Andrew Myers**, **Hugh Dickinson**, **Steve Turner**, **Jon Cox**, **Yasumichi Asami**, **Dominic Martin**, then L-R **William Hallett**, **Sean Hitzelberger**, **Matthew Michael**, **Ieuan Jones**, **Jeremy Wright**, **Tim Navin-Jones**, **Joey Garcia** then back row L-R **Tom Greenwood**, **Iain Balshaw**, **James Haughey**, **James Hill**, **Andrew Rugeroni** and **Nick Jones**.



**Terry Holt OS 67** writes:

Fifty years to the day since we all started at the College on 19th September 1967, we met last night at The Phoenix in Victoria, London.

**Joe Savundra OS 67** writes:

Here are some of new Lower Grammar who joined the Stonyhurst school train leaving Euston at about 2.00 pm on Tuesday September 19th 1967. I think that there were in excess of 300 boys on that train and some able Masters led by no less than Fr Paul Magill SJ. Our small group of Lower Grammar 1967 met in London 50 years on, at about the time that the train arrived at Preston in 1967 to be met by 5 or so double decker buses lined up on the slope outside the station for the longish drive to Stonyhurst in the rain of course; some of us seeing the College for the very first time. It was a welcome with a soft Lancashire drizzle. Actually there are one or two in the photo who weren't on that train and of course a great many more of those who were, who are not in the photo. There are five St John's Beaumont leavers of 1967 in the photo. It was the year that Beaumont itself finally closed and the train was full of fairly assertive first year sixth recent Beaumont leavers destined for Upper Syntax, now called Poetry, five of whom within weeks were in the Stonyhurst first XV.

The next day for Lower Grammar, as I remember events, Dave Little took us for a run, all ninety plus Lower Grammar boys up to the T Junction and of course back. That would be the first of many times over the next five years and became easier but was barely believable as the welcome to Stonyhurst. The rain had stopped but there was no evidence on that day that sunshine existed at that latitude let alone altitude. Dave Little sent his best wishes to our reunion and also hosted a round for us all.

Those present were (clockwise from back row left) **Philip Syborn, William Bates, David Rackstraw, Colum Murray, William Molony, Joseph Savundra, Paul Graves, Robert Brinkley, Fergus O'Mahony, James Lys, Robert Short, Adrian Lake, Mark Brenninkmeyer, Richard Murphy** and **Terry Holt**.

Present but missing from the photo were **David Huxford** and **Michael Stack**.

There was a lunch-time reunion arranged by **Anthony de Freitas OS 63**, where **Chris Flint OS 62** and **Andrew Carrington OS 63** met for the first time in fifty years!!



**Frances Page OS 11** sent us a picture of a group of Rhetoric 2011 leavers. She writes;

“Everybody came to mine at the end of August. We all met for a long weekend filled with sunshine, tennis, swimming, bonfires, beers, and a whole load of catching up! It really was a super time hearing what everyone had got up to over these past 6 years.”

Those attending included: **Marc Cordesmeyer** (came from Switzerland!), **Carl Jasper** (came from Germany!), **Maria Oliviera**, **Kara Gore**, **Maryum**, **Ahmed**, **Charlie Jolleys**, **Gabriella Notter**, **Catriona Graffius**, **James Scholes**, **Ellie Rouse-Eyre**, **Lewis Cudd**, **Tom Coffey**, **Jamie Gale**, **Carla Formosa**, **Serena Barnet**, **Sammie Collinge** (came from Canada!), **Jess Pye**, **Deji Bamkole**.



## RHETORIC 07 REUNION BY OLA ALLI



**OLA ALLI OS 07** writes: “After some let’s say ‘gentle’ reminders from the Holt Twins I set about the daunting task of getting the rest of Rhetoric 2007 together for our 10 year reunion. As the date drew nearer and nearer I slowly started to worry that I was on the brink of helping organise the Reunion with the lowest attendance in recent history!”

For the whole report and more pictures, please see the website.

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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

Congratulations to **Andrew Price OS 89** who was invested as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre on October 22nd in St Patrick’s Cathedral in Melbourne, Australia.



### AN AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE

At the end of August, at the conclusion of the International Catholic Legislators’ Conference in Rome, Lord Alton, Chair of the Christian Heritage Centre Trust, and his son Dr Philip Alton OS had an audience with the Pope at the Vatican.

Philip, who is now a doctor and father of two, gave details to Pope Francis about Theodore House and the Christian Heritage Centre.

He told the Pope that “Stonyhurst is the world’s oldest Jesuit school - 400 years old” - to which the Pope mischievously replied, with a laugh, “And were you there at the beginning?”

## CAN ANYONE HELP?



**Christopher Burton OS 60** writes, "Here is a the cricket team photo I found in my attic. I'm not sure whether it's Hodder 1953 or SMH 1954. Perhaps somebody may be able to pinpoint the date. The names, as I recollect (surnames only, though again somebody may correct me), are:

Standing, left to right: **Fattorini, Roca, Dennard, Bradshaw, me, Finnigan.** The umpire on the right I do not recall. Sitting, left to right: **Schutz, Watson, Drake-Lee, Vassall-Adams, Verdegaal.** Sitting cross-legged, left to right: **Hurst, Sheehan.**

It would be interesting to get any feedback from any OS or Staff who recall this occasion.

## OS AT GOLDMAN SACHS

Three recent OS have joined leading global investment bank Goldman Sachs in London.

**Owen McDermott OS 13** joined Goldman Sachs in the Sales and Trading team on a full-time basis as of March 2017. After leaving Stonyhurst with 2A\* and IA grade at Advanced Level, Owen studied Geography with Economics at the London School of Economics, where he captained the LSE Rugby 1st XV. Whilst there Owen completed an internship at UBS AG.

**Karolin Reuther OS 15** completed the Pre-IB and then the International Baccalaureate at Stonyhurst before beginning a BSc in Political Economy at King's College London. Karolin is undertaking a summer internship within the Credit Risk Management and Advisory Group at Goldman Sachs and has previously completed an internship at BNP Paribas in New York. She will graduate from King's in 2018.

**Flora Elisabeth Berz OS 11** joined Stonyhurst in Grammar and is currently studying at WHU- Otto Beisheim School of Management in Germany. A skiing instructor and current Chair of Monetary Economics at WHU, Flora is also undertaking a summer internship within the Investment Banking Division at Goldman Sachs and has previously completed an internship at Strategy and the Global strategy consulting team at PWC. Flora will graduate from WHU in 2018.

Stonyhurst Governor **Stephen Withnell OS 95** was recently able to meet up with all three of our recent leavers in London. He is Managing Director responsible for Metals and Mining Investment Banking at Goldman Sachs for Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Stephen is an alumnus of both Stonyhurst and of St. Ignatius' College Riverview in Australia. He is a Governor of Westminster Cathedral Choir School and sits on the Investments Committee of the British Jesuit Province.



On July 12th of this year **Julian Mackenzie OS 80** was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) in Tampa, Florida. His family have been based in Windermere FL (Orlando), since July 2011.



Congratulations to **Amelia Jansen OS 13** on her First Class Degree in Law from Exeter University which she was awarded on Wednesday 19th of July 2017. After graduating she completed a vacation scheme with the BLP Law firm, and secured a contract to start in 2018. Amelia is currently training for the London Marathon 2018.



Congratulations to **Klara Holmes OS 13** on her First Class Degree in Economics and Business which she was awarded on Friday 21st July 2017. After completing a placement with UBS Asset Management in 2016, Klara returned to Exeter University to finish her degree. Klara is now working at State Street as a Senior Associate in Business Controls.

## BEAUMONT UNION

The Beaumont Union website has now been updated with the WINTER REVIEW 2017 and the VRIL.

Please visit the website:

<http://www.beaumont-union.co.uk>

## PLACES OF INTEREST TO OS THE PINFOLD CROSS BY DAVID KNIGHT



By the side of the Fell road between the College and the T-junction is a large stone cross. It is known as The Pinfold Cross. Many have been puzzled and not-a-little intrigued by this curious monument, especially as it bears two unusual inscriptions.

The larger one reads WATCH, FOR YOU KNOW NOT THE DAY NOR THE HOUR and above it, in smaller lettering, OFT EVENINGS GLAD MAKE MORNINGS SAD.

James Wells worked as a shoeblick at Stonyhurst College. He also played the violin in the College orchestra. On the evening of 12 February 1834 he had been the fiddler at a wedding in a house somewhere nearby called Dandy Row (but generally known as 'Nookses'). Later that night, he was making his way home along a footpath that at one point ran by the edge of Stockbridge Quarry, when he apparently missed his way and fell down the precipitous slope into the quarry. His body was discovered the following morning. He had evidently drowned in the pool of water that had collected at the base of the quarry, although one report referred to his neck having been broken.

There have been rumours that he was drunk but this suggestion has been strenuously refuted and he has been described as 'a man

of most excellent character and a weekly communicant' and that 'those who knew him well bear witness that he was never in his life known to be the worse for liquor and that he was perfectly sober on the night when he met his death'. It was an extremely dangerous spot and it had been a very dark night. The cross was erected as a token of respect by the boys at the College, the money being collected by one Charles Langdale, a pupil here from 1832 to 1842. It is interesting to note that, much later, a grandson of the deceased James Wells became chaplain to the Langdale family. The original position of the cross was at the edge of the quarry but in 1887 it was moved to its present position at the side of the road.



# CURATOR'S NEWS

BY JAN GRAFFIUS

## THE JESUIT FAMILY TREE AND THE HOLY FAMILY WITH SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



The Jesuit Family Tree, which hangs in the Angels' Chapel, is an unusual piece and is believed to be unique. Taking the form of a family tree, the painting shows the prominent members of the Jesuit order, with the founder of the Society, Ignatius, seated at the trunk of the tree.

Around him are seated the other founding members of the Society, and above him, going up the centre of the tree, are the most recognisable Jesuit Saints: Stanislaus Kostka, Aloysius Gonzaga, Francis Borgia and Francis Xavier. The painting arrived at Stonyhurst in 1835 through the former Headmaster and Rector, Fr Norris. He acquired it from a Jewish picture dealer, who had mistakenly listed the painting as 'Martin Luther and the Leaders of the Reformation!'

The other large painting, of the Holy Family with Saints Peter and Paul, hangs at the top of the Lower Line staircase. It is a fine

piece, measuring 8 feet across by 11 high, and is attributed to the workshop of Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640). St Peter, using his key, directs an unknown figure towards the Virgin and Child, with St Paul, carrying his sword, looking on. Between them are two putti, who appear to be squabbling over something, though this is hard to make out. This piece was probably painted for a side chapel in a large church, with the unknown figure shown on the left of the painting the probable sponsor of the building of the chapel and commissioning of the painting. Sadly the canvas of the painting has badly buckled, making ripples over the surface, as well as the old varnish and dirt making the painting very difficult to see.

These two paintings, as these recently-taken photographs show give some idea of the paintings that lie beneath decades or centuries of dust and varnish. Should you manage to see them in real life, you will struggle to see many of the details visible on these high quality images. Over the summer, a professional museums photographer, Geoff Harris, has taken a photograph of every painting in the collection at Stonyhurst (which numbers many hundreds), to go into a new paintings catalogue written over the course of last year by the Persons' Fellow, Lizzie Robinson [Lizzie wrote a piece for the last Association Newsletter 314.] By using filters to alter the light when photographing the paintings, Geoff has been able to show some of the light and colour which hides beneath dust and old varnish.



## IN MEMORIAM

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

Ernest John Haig Eaton	OS 1945 - 1950	Jesus De Ramon Laca	Former Parent
Cecil Alfred Isola	OS 1938 - 1945	Peter John Prescott	OS 1942 - 1950
Charles Gilbertson	Former Parent	John Lendon Barrow	OS 1945 - 1952
Brian Charles Hartigan	OS 1944 - 1947	Rupert Paul Carrington	OS 1951 - 1956
Charles William Shorman	OS 1936 - 1945	Simon Malcolm Maxwell - Scott	OS 1952 - 2017
George Cadigan	OS 1961 - 1966	Bernard Frederick Crank	OS 1938 - 1943
John Basil Richard Thomas Archer	OS 1940 - 1949		

May they rest in peace.

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](mailto:d.knight@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

**From the Editor:** I would like to apologise for incorrectly announcing the death of **David John Cox OS 78**.

I am pleased to announce that David is certainly alive and well!



# LUCY HARRISS OS 16 RECOUNTS HER MADAGASCAR ADVENTURE



Having deferred a zoology degree at Bristol university, I was desperate to get involved with conservation abroad. Madagascar, “the 8th continent”, is one of very few places in the world that offers endemic species on a big scale and which enabled my interest in zoology to thrive. For two months, on the brink of the wet season, I lived in a small beach camp in Ambalahonko, a ten-minute boat ride from Hell-ville – although it took us an hour because the 11-horsepower engine and an over-laden boat. Hell-ville is on a small island called Nosy Be (meaning very big) off the tip of North-western Madagascar. Luckily, French is their main language (Malagasy their second) and with an AS-level in French, communicating with the locals was very easy for me. My living quarters were very simple and not much different from your standard Duke of Edinburgh trip apart from the fact my neighbours were two enormous Orb Spiders living near my head and the temperature at night was at least 35 degrees. DEET was always in short supply as the numbers of mosquitos grew in the months leading up to the wet season. We had no electricity and the showers were just running cold water – very refreshing after a jungle hike. The one thing I don’t miss is the long drop, I won’t say any more about that...

I was volunteering with a company called Frontier where students carry out studies for their own research and for other organisations such as National Geographic. In the first month, I was trekking in the jungle and carrying out a number of surveys to collect data.

This included reptiles, birds and lemurs. My favourite activity was the night walks when all the reptiles would come out including Panther chameleons and Tree Boas. Although, it would also be when the big spiders came out so you really had to mind your step. The lemur project involved nailing boxes onto trees in three different types of forest; degraded, secondary and primary, then seeing how many boxes were being used to nest in by the Sportive lemurs (nocturnal). This would show the effect of degradation in the jungle on the living conditions for the Sportive lemurs. Even though I found this interesting it was very hot, sweaty and mosquito-ridden,

I was more looking forward to my second month where I learnt how to dive. After completing 2 weeks of PADI courses, I achieved my Advanced Open Water and was able to now take part in the coral, invertebrate (sea urchins and starfish) and fish surveys. I was

fortunate enough to come face to face with more Hawksbill turtles than I could count, see masses of coral which were virtually untouched and be caught in huge shoals of fish at 30m. We were lucky enough to have a national park on our ‘doorstep’ and I doubt anywhere else would come close to how breath-taking the marine life was. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity, without a doubt.



Our diet was limited to beans and rice with the treat of ‘steak and chips’ night every Thursday – my favourite night of the week – and pancakes on a Tuesday (you were only allowed one). It felt a bit like My family and Other Animals; I had a pet scorpion, a camp dog called Cream, a cat called Donald Trump, a family of chickens and lemurs screaming outside my window. It was all so surreal. On weekends, we would rent quad bikes and explore the island where once we got caught in a landslide after a massive storm caught up with us.

We would then go out to our regular beach bar to drink a lot of rum, listen to Rihanna and Beyoncé on repeat and be shown up by how bad our dancing is compared to the Malagasies. Dancing is their life. I even got to see Madagascar’s most famous singer Lion Hill. Everything in Madagascar was mad, the tuk tuks cost 10p and drove like lunatics, the taxi collectif would involve squashing 10 people into a 4-seater car to the amusement of the driver. When I arrived, I remember getting freaked out by a single mosquito, after two months, I would shrug off a scorpion walking in front of me. I’ve made so many friends from all over the world and Madagascar. Amazingly, there was someone from a town a few miles from me at home. By the end, everyone became a family and I was heartbroken when I left. I have definitely caught the Africa Bug and hope to go to Tanzania in Summer 2018.

# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER – JOHN BROWNE



In 1600 the Rector of the College in Saint-Omer, Gilles Schondonck, wrote in his diary that 'this is a family like no other family'. This year as I have met members of the Stonyhurst family around the world from Dubai to Hong Kong and Mexico to Munich that is certainly my experience. Closer to home the Association Reception in Edinburgh was hugely enjoyable and was held in the National Museum of Scotland. The evening was particularly special as the current Jacobite exhibition contains paintings from the Stonyhurst Collection.

The intellectual curiosity of many generations of Stonyhurst pupils has been stimulated by the wonderful historic collections gathered by Jesuits over the previous four centuries. On 8th December, a significant milestone was reached with the official opening of the Old Chapel Museum. This marks the completion of a four-year restoration of the Historic Libraries. Work on the renovation of the Old Corn Mill, to be named Theodore House, is progressing well despite the weather and a range of ecology issues (we had to build a bat house!). Theodore House will be a residential Christian Leadership and Retreat Centre and is expected to be completed during the summer of 2018.

Recently, Stonyhurst loaned a number of historic items to the town of Saint-Omer in France for a celebration to mark the restoration of the Jesuit Chapel. These celebrations have renewed our links with Saint-Omer itself (the Committee Retreat will hopefully be hosted by the town in 2018) as well as the Archdiocese of Baltimore and Georgetown University in Washington through the Carroll family. John Carroll and his brother Charles Carroll were both boys at Saint-Omer. John Carroll became the first Catholic Bishop in America and Charles Carroll founded Georgetown University and was the only Catholic signatory of the American Declaration of Independence. At one of my Monday College assemblies recently I reminded our young people of the tradition to which they belong and asked them what they would do with their opportunity.

Thank you for all you do to make Stonyhurst 'a family like no other family'.

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# BOOKS – OF INTEREST TO OS

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## **Mining for Gold**

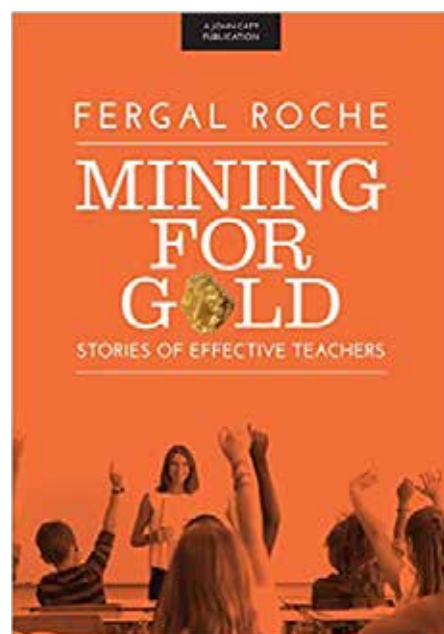
Fergal Roche OS 79

An entertaining story of the many teachers Fergal Roche OS 79, chief executive of The Key, has come across in his long career; each one effective in their own special way, despite their hugely different approaches; ordinary people who have produced an extraordinary impact.

If you are currently a teacher, were once a teacher, or are thinking about becoming a teacher, this book will be like coming to a party

The book is available from Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mining-Gold-Stories-Effective-Teachers/dp/1911382446>



## **The Life and Work of Lady Hope of Carriden**

L.R Croft

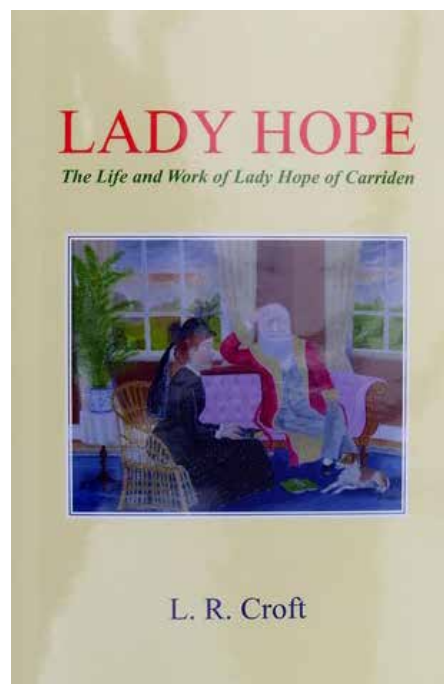
Dr Croft gives us a detailed account of the life of a remarkable Victorian lady and illuminates many aspects of life in Victorian England.

Elizabeth Lady Hope 1842-1922, the daughter of General Sir Arthur Cotton, was born in Tasmania. The family moved to India where Sir Arthur was involved with many large scale engineering projects, in particular with irrigation: he is still remembered with respect in India. The family were devout Anglicans of the Evangelical wing and Elizabeth was from an early age involved with Bible study, preaching and teaching, and with practical work with the poor and with temperance campaigns.

In 1877 Elizabeth married Admiral Sir James Hope. Thus she was very well connected to many influential people in society. They lived at Carriden near Edinburgh. After Sir James died Elizabeth lived near Dorking and showed great initiative in setting up schemes for helping the poor. After being a widow for twelve years she married Thomas Denny, a wealthy man with common interests in the Church and philanthropy. Denny helped the Salvation Army in its early years.

Dr Croft deals, as in an earlier work, with the controversial topic of Charles Darwin's possible reconciliation with Christianity before he died. Lady Hope, as she continued to be known, claimed to have visited Darwin when she was living nearby. She gave an account of these visits when she was staying in America and the account was published in a local newspaper. She described how on one visit she found Darwin Reading Hebrews and referred to the "grandeur of the book", the Bible which he was holding. Darwin's son Francis repudiated these claims made by Lady Hope. Dr Croft emphasises that Lady Hope, though elderly, was certainly not senile and although she had in her life at times been naïve she was always scrupulously honest: one could not imagine her making up the story. Admiring and commending the Bible does not necessarily indicate a full acceptance of the Christian Faith.

**Dr Laurence Croft taught Chemistry at Stonyhurst from 1989- 1990**





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