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NEWS

OS 82

Chris Riley sent us this photograph of a lunch at the East India Club in London for OS 82 fellows and says: "We started about 12:00 hours and rolled out of the club at 18:30 hours having set the world to rights, particularly about the type of toilet paper used in the 'Common Place' during our time."

[Clockwise]: Chris Thorpe, Chris Dennis, Chris Ryan, Nate Thompson, Mark Moorhouse, Chris Atkin, Chris Bernard, Chris Riley, Lawrence Leong, Jonathan Hall.



MIN-SUNG KIM OS 07 AND TIM CUDDY OS 07



We were pleased to welcome Min-Sung and Tim back to the College when they visited earlier this year. They brought with them a photograph of the two of them in the More Library whilst in Rhetoric in 2007 and couldn't resist taking a photo of the two of them fifteen years later in the same place! Min-Sung works in London as a retail designer for De Beers and Tim is an airline pilot with Ryanair.

MONDO CHIBESAKUNDA OS 10

Mondo recently visited the College with his family to attend the wedding of **Sam Hall OS 10**. Importantly, the family also came to present College Chaplain, Fr Tim Curtis SJ, with beautiful new vestments in memory of Mondo's late uncle, **Mondo Chibesakunda OS 89**.

They had a tour of the College which brought back many fond memories. There was then a lovely surprise the next day at Sam's wedding, as Fr Tim wore the vestments during the marriage ceremony! Suffice to say that Mondo's brief return to the school was tremendously special.



2003 RUGBY WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS ANNIVERSARY DINNER



On the 2nd of March 2023, Twickenham played host to a remarkable reunion. The event in question was the 20th anniversary of England's Rugby World Cup Win in 2003. Organised by **Kyran Bracken OS 90** to support a number of rugby-related charities, it featured a handful of England players including Will Greenwood (SMH), Sir Clive Woodward, Martin Johnson, Jason Robinson, Jason Leonard, Matt Dawson and others, as well as an appearance of the William Webb Ellis Trophy itself.

It was a splendid opportunity to recall the exploits of **Kyran Bracken OS 90**, **Ian Balshaw OS 97** and Will Greenwood (SMH) and the rest of the team, and the draw of such an auspicious occasion proved to be the perfect ruse for OS from across the years to come together. A core from OS 90 including **Richard Drinkwater**, **Hugh Elphick**, **James Cleary**, **Dan Faillace**, **Neil Kay**, **Dom Ventham**, **Thomas O'Maoileoin**, **Charles Gracey**, **Patrick Baladi**, **Philip De Souza**, **Ted Bell** and **Tim O'Brien** attended along with **Julian Ribet OS 92**, **Harry Dickinson OS 94**, **Hugh Dickinson OS 97**, **David Ridout**, **Richard Dan Faillace OS 83** and **John Cartwright-Terry OS 90**.

A small but weary band made it the following morning to The Antelope where following a long conversation with the landlady, she acquiesced to mounting The Stonyhurst Foundation Shield above the bar, which has since been joined by the Stonyhurst Association shield!



MARCUS FARLEY OS 88 AND NICK MURRAY OS 88

Marcus and Nick formed their group, M-Paths, nearly 10 years ago. They released their debut album, *Hope* earlier this year on the Mighty Force record label and the album is getting some great reviews and airtime globally, and they are proud to share their news with the wider Stonyhurst Family. The link to the website is below.

mightyforce.bandcamp.com/album/hope

The black and white photo was taken when they were here at Stonyhurst!



MICHAEL KELLY OS 63

Michael has been awarded the Benemerenti Medal, awarded for fostering warm relations with our Anglican friends over many years. In June 2022, in great secrecy, following Michael's announcement that he was to retire as chair of the congregation committee, Major Bill Clark (right), retired Royal Signals Officer and founding member of the congregation, and Rod Darby (left), co-chair of the St Mary's RC Group and now holder of the Anglican liaison role, with Fr. John-Patrick's support, had applied for Michael to be nominated for the medal, in thanks and recognition for his achievement over many years to foster warm relations with their Anglican friends and keeping their congregation thriving. On the 23rd of April this year, unbeknown to Michael, at what seemed to be a normal Sunday service, Fr. John-Patrick Kenrick O.P. and Prior of Holy Cross Dominican Church and Priory, members of the Anglican community and several members of Michael's family were quietly waiting in the vestry. As Michael was invited to come to the front of the Church, the surprise guests emerged from the vestry to join the congregation. Fr. John-Patrick ceremoniously awarded the medal and scroll to an astonished Michael, and Michael's wife, Mrs Gill Kelly was thanked for her tremendous support over the years. What a happy event it was, with everyone enjoying a celebratory glass of Bucks Fizz and a piece of very excellent cake afterwards.



PETER HORGAN OS 62

Peter has recently been promoted from a Papal Knight of St Gregory (KSG) to a Knight Commander of St Gregory (KCSG). He is pictured here with his wife, Mary, being presented with his certificate of promotion by Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham.



EUGENE EGAN OS 87

Eugene studied Classics at Jesus College, Oxford, where he played for the University 1st XV and captained the U21 team. He then did the Law Conversion Course at City, University of London and was called to the Bar in 1993. He practised as a criminal barrister in Cardiff and was made a Recorder (part-time Judge) in 2019, deployed to the Crown and County Courts on the Midland Circuit. Eugene has now been appointed a Circuit Judge, deployed to the Wales Circuit and based at Cardiff Crown Court.



NICK WOELLWARTH OS 84 AND WILL COOPER OS 93

Company of Pikemen and Musketeers Honourable Artillery Company Recruits Course 2023

On 23 May 2023, Recruits Course 2023 of the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers, Honourable Artillery Company (HAC), held their Passing Out Parade at Armoury House in the City of London with two OS passing out as newly trained Pikemen: former Lance Sergeant **William (Will) Cooper OS 93** and Lieutenant Colonel **Nicholas (Nick) Woellwarth OS 84**.

Formed in 1537, the HAC is the oldest regiment in the British Army; it is also considered the second-oldest military unit in the world, and is the second most senior unit of the Army Reserve and, today, is the Army's only Reserve Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Regiment.

Soldiers from the HAC frequently deploy on operations (both overseas and at home) in support of the Regular Army. In the past 20 years, HAC soldiers have been employed in the Balkans, Iraq, Afghanistan, Cyprus, wider Middle East, Africa and in support of the 2012 Olympic Games and Op. Rescript (COVID-19).

Will and Nick both served in the HAC after leaving Stonyhurst in the late 1980s and early 1990s and between them they have served a total of 41 years in the Army Reserve. Now at the end of, or retired from, their active service in the Army Reserve they have once again put themselves through a gruelling recruits course but this time based on drills deployed at the time of the English Civil War written by Colonel William Barriffe who was the Commanding Officer of the HAC in 1635! New drill commands such as 'Assume a lazy posture!' and 'Charge to the rear!' have come as quite a surprise to them both as they yield a 12 ft pike through the air to the beat of a drum. The Company is dressed and equipped as members of the HAC would have been in the 1640s in the reign of Charles I.

The Company of Pikemen & Musketeers was formed in 1925 and was granted a Royal Warrant (one of only six in the UK) in 1955 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Royal Warrant provides that the Company act as a formed armed body carrying the Cross of St George on the great occasions of State, such as the Proclamation of accession of Charles III on 10 September 2022, and on other ceremonial occasions. The present role of the Company is to provide a ceremonial bodyguard for the Lord Mayor of the City of London and escorting him/her when on official business. Membership is by invitation and only veteran members of the HAC who have proven efficient service in the HAC's Army Reserve Regiment are eligible to apply.



If any OS are interested in joining the active unit of the HAC Army Reserve based in the City of London on leaving Stonyhurst which provides a highly challenging and fulfilling part-time career to one's civilian professional career, then please get in touch with Will Cooper or Nick Woellwarth through the Association Office and they would be delighted to entertain you at a Recruiting Evening held at the HAC which usually occur on the first Tuesday of every month or visit hac.org.uk for more information about how to join the HAC.

JOHN O'DRISCOLL OS 71

John has been elected as Junior Vice President of the Irish Rugby Union for the year 2023-2024. John played as a flanker with London Irish, Manchester, Liverpool St Helen's, Connacht, Ireland and the Lions. He toured South Africa (1980) and New Zealand (1983) with the British and Irish Lions, playing in six of the eight tests on those tours. He was capped 26 times for Ireland. He was coach to the Irish Exiles Senior Provincial team from 1991 to 1995 and was President of the Irish Exiles from 2006 to 2010. A Lions selector in 2001, John is an IRFU representative to World Rugby and Rugby Europe.



JONTY WARNEKEN OS 90

Jonty has become the first amputee to swim the North Channel from Northern Ireland to Scotland solo. Jonty, who lost his left leg after a car crash in 1994 completed the feat in 15 hours and 24 minutes. He was raising money for Open Country, a charity which helps people with disabilities access and enjoy the countryside. Pádraig Mallon of the Irish Long Distance Swimming Association confirmed that Jonty was the first amputee to successfully swim the North Channel solo, and only the 135th swimmer to complete the feat since it was first done in 1947. Mr Mallon said they were “extremely proud of Jonty’s achievement and honoured to enter his swim into the history books. We hope that Jonty will inspire more people to follow in his footsteps.”



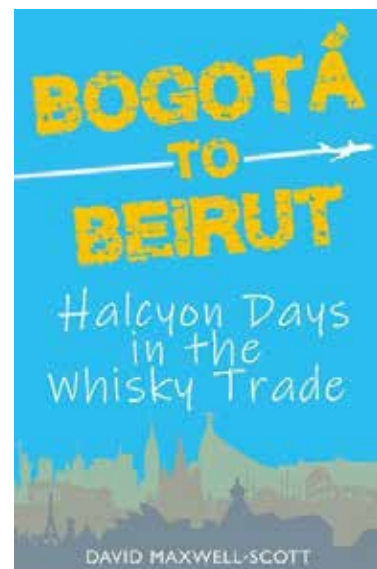
DAVID MAXWELL-SCOTT OS 62

David has published a book entitled *Bogotá to Beirut, Halcyon Days in the Whisky Trade*. He writes: “I have been in the drinks business since leaving Stonyhurst in 1962. I had often thought of writing about my experiences but never did anything about it. Then the pandemic landed. This gave me the opportunity to sit down and put pen to paper...or, more accurately, fingers to laptop. My book covers a period from 1962 until 1996. It begins when I started as a management trainee in the then newly formed IDV (International Distillers & Vintners). IDV is now part of Diageo. In 1970, I switched within IDV from the wine side of the business to whisky. I joined J&B Whisky as their area manager for Latin America. Between 1970 and 1996, when I left J&B, I enjoyed a period that really was a halcyon era to be in the Scotch whisky business.

“My story encompasses three decades and my travels across five continents. It is enlivened by an engaging cast of characters. This was an era when maverick traders and unorthodox marketing often combined to make my role really enjoyable as well as quite successful.

“The book is written as a series of light-hearted anecdotes: some of which are hilarious; but throughout the book there also runs an insightful view into how a successful brand of Scotch whisky was built. The war in Ukraine began as I was completing the book. Ukraine is one of the few places that I never visited. However, I feel greatly for the people of that country and for their suffering. Therefore, all the royalties that I gain from my book will go to CAFOD’s Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine.”

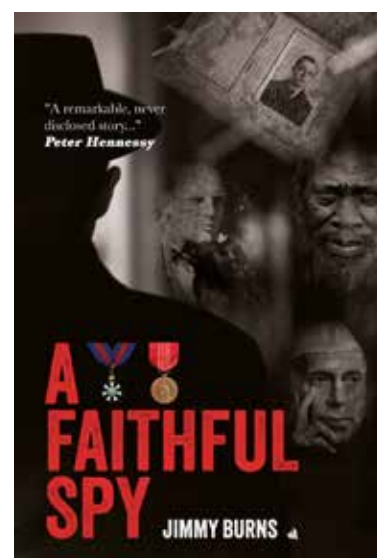
The book can be ordered online and in independent bookshops.



JIMMY BURNS OS 71

Jimmy’s new book, *A Faithful Spy* has been published. Drawing on previously undisclosed personal papers, this biography of Walter Bell by award-winning author Jimmy, gives a remarkable insight into the working of British Intelligence. He was at heart of the emerging intelligence special relationship between Britain and America before, during and immediately after WW2 – the very time that MI6 had been penetrated by Russian intelligence. He was acquainted with Philby, Burgess and Maclean. Moving to MI5 Bell had postings in Kenya, India, and the West Indies, playing a crucial role in the passing of power to newly independent governments, and developing close ties with agents of influence at the highest levels in the former colonies, from journalists and judges to generals and independence heroes.

Back home he was intimately involved in operations to limit the reputation damage provoked by the media outcry over the Cambridge Five affair and suspected KGB misinformation about further alleged Soviet agents at the highest level of the British state. He was rewarded for his service with a CMG and the US Medal of Freedom.



CONGRATULATIONS

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

MARRIAGES



Jonathan Tomalin-Reeves OS 08 married Sophia Dower on the 4th of June 2022. There were a number of OS attending, including Jonathan's grandfather **Antony Tomalin-Reeves OS 55**, **Sophie Spencer OS 08** and **Vicky McNeil OS 08**.



Nuala Mackenzie OS 13 married Thomas Elliott Bretherton on the 8th of April 2023. Her brother **Conal Mackenzie OS 10** attended.



Sam Hall OS 10 married Kathryn Jane Hobbs on the 28th of April 2023. OS 10 in attendance were **Mondo Chibesakunda**, **Freddie Liddell**, **Jonny Cuddy**, **James Morris**, **Olivia Wade**, **John Wade**, **Stefano Bragagnini**. Sam's sisters **Rosannagh Hall OS 06** and **Katie Hall OS 08**, **Edward Patts OS 10** and **Tom Platts OS 05** also attended.



Tom Morgan OS 14 married Lowri Norkett on the 19th of August 2023. OS attending included his brother **Rhys Morgan OS 16**, **Robbie McDermott OS 16**, **Philip Leonard OS 08** and **Tom Kilby** (Master of Ceremonies), **Cameron Till**, **Jack Bolton**, **Jack Stewart**, and **Daniel Fitzgerald** all **OS 14**.



Amalas Wolfsdorf OS 02 married Anton Pichler in Salzburg, Austria in November 2022. OS attending included her brother **Zephyrius Wolfsdorf OS 00**, her maid of honour **Lena Vorreiter OS 03** and bridesmaid **Lisa Vorreiter OS 06**. Also attending were **James d'Aquino OS 01**, **Rory Malone OS 01** and **Jonty Bletcher OS 01**.

BIRTHS



Tomasz Mazur OS 03 and his wife Hannah announce the birth of their daughter Allegra Emilia on the 7th of September in Hong Kong.



Alasdair Macfarlane OS 08 and his wife Mhairi announce the birth of their son Arthur Hector on the 6th of September 2022 and who was christened recently in St Peter's Church, Stonyhurst.

OTHER CONGRATULATIONS



To **Paul Chitnis OS 79** who took over from **Julie Macfarlane OS 78** as President of the Stonyhurst Association for 2023 – 2024. Pictured with former President **Dominic Hartley OS 86** during Great Academies.

IN MEMORIAM

News of the deaths of the following have been received since the Summer 2022 edition of the Newsletter.

Leonard John Edward Bidwell	OS 1949 - 1953	Br Ted Coyle SJ	Former Staff
Wilfred Usher	Former Staff	Paul Bede Johnson	OS 1941 - 1946
Fr Philip Endean SJ	OS 1968 - 1973	Robert (Bob) Sanderson	Former Staff
Christine Collins	Former Parent	Jay Gopal Chitnis	OS 1944 - 1950
John Colin Miles	OS 1952 - 1961	Richard Christopher King Alcock	OS 1945 - 1950
David Little	Former Staff	Matthew Dominic Leddy	OS 1974 - 1979
Emeka Kenneth Oduoza	OS 2009 - 2013	Philip Stephen Anderson	OS 1966 - 1972
Frank Martin O'Leary	OS 1966 - 1971	Jan Marian Chrobok	OS 1944 - 1947
Denis F Unsworth	OS 1948 - 1957	Edward Malcolm Martindale	OS 1950 - 1959
Maureen J Power	Former Parent	Kevin Fenwick Ludlow	OS 1951 - 1960
John Anthony Cotton	OS 1939 - 1944	Thomas Anthony Harrison	OS 1951 - 1960
John Haydock Finch	OS 1955 - 1965	Javier Fernandez Cueto	OS 1986 - 1987
Merrill J Fernando	Former Parent	Nicholas John Weeks	OS 1958 - 1963
Richard Pearce	Former Staff	John George Denis Marechal	OS 1943 - 1947
Peter John Daybell	OS 1959 - 1969	Anthony Francis John Barrow	OS 1945 - 1955
Mark Anthony Cassar Torreggiani	OS 1950 - 1957	Nicholas Anthony Maxwell-Lawford	OS 1943 - 1954
John David Cluett	OS 1948 - 1956	Barry Scott McCombe	OS 1950 - 1959
Gerald David Williams	OS 1946 - 1954	Stephen Gosztony	OS 1975 - 1980
Anthony Foy	Former Parent and Governor	Peter Charles Alexander Tait	OS 1957 - 1967
Gareth Trevor-Jones	OS 1990 - 1996		

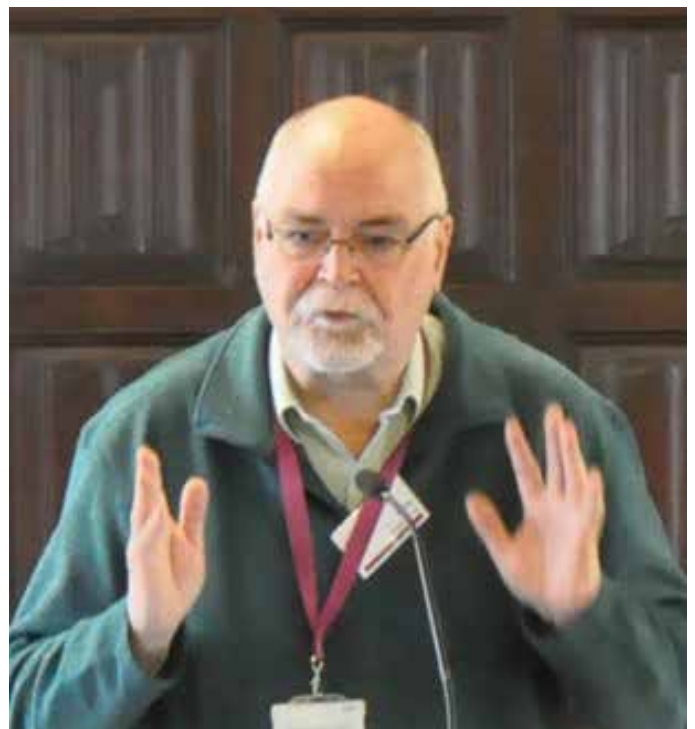
May they rest in peace.

Fr Philip Endean SJ OS 73 died on the 18th of September. He was 68 years old, in the 47th year of religious life.

Fr Paul Nicholson SJ has written:

"Philip was born in Grove Park, London, on 26th December 1954. After primary school he was educated at St John's, Beaumont, and later at Stonyhurst. Between 1974 and 1977 he studied for a BA in English at Merton College, Oxford, and then joined the novitiate at Manresa House, Birmingham. After First Vows he took an MA in philosophy at Heythrop in London, followed by a year's social ministry regency in Mexico City. For his theological studies he returned to Heythrop between 1981 and 1984, and then did a fourth year at the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was ordained on 6th July 1985 at the Holy Name church in Manchester by Bishop Patrick Kelly, staying on there for 18 months as chaplain in the Manchester Royal Infirmary. After a few months' study break in the USA and Germany, he moved to Campion Hall in Oxford for a DPhil, his thesis later being published as *Karl Rahner and Ignatian Spirituality* (2001). In 1991/92 he made his tertianship in Berlin under Piet van Breemen.

"In 1982, Philip rejoined the Campion Hall community, teaching theology in Oxford and at Heythrop. He was appointed editor of *The Way* in 1994, a position he held for two years initially, and then returned to the position between 2001 and 2007, this time overseeing a major re-design and re-launch of the journal. Also, in 1994 he took his Final Vows in Sunderland, and the next year moved to London where he became Superior of the Harlesden formation community, while continuing to teach theology, and also spirituality, at Heythrop. In early 2001 he enjoyed a sabbatical at the House of Writers in Rome, and then once again returned to Oxford. In the following years he was at different times Campion Hall's tutor for graduates and dean of degrees, as well as continuing to teach theology in the University. He was also a visiting professor at Boston College during this time. Finally in 2013 he moved



to Paris, where he became a professor of theology at the Jesuits' Centre Sèvres, and Director of the Second Cycle Masters' programmes. During the COVID pandemic he was diagnosed with cancer but continued to live and work at Centre Sèvres until this summer, moving to the healthcare facility at Vanves a few weeks before his death.

May he rest in peace."

DIARY OF EVENTS

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

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
12th November 2023	Dermot Gogarty Cup – OS Rugby and Hockey Matches	If you would like to play in this event here at Stonyhurst please get in touch with Tim Hanley at: t.hanley@stonyhurst.ac.uk Supporters also very welcome and refreshments will be provided after the match.
18th November 2023	OS 83 Reunion	A reunion for Poetry 1983 will be held at the College, and will include a tour of the College, the Collections, and dinner in the Top Ref. The booking form is available on Stonyhurst Link and on the website.
4th December 2023	Farm Street Carol Service, 7.00pm	Stonyhurst College Schola Petri will once again lead this Carol Service, which will be followed by drinks in the Church Hall. All members of the Stonyhurst community are warmly invited to attend.
7th December 2023	Association Carol Service, St Peter's Stonyhurst, 7.00pm	The College Choir will sing, and pupils will take part in the readings at this Carol Service. This will be followed by festive drinks in the Top Ref. All members of the Stonyhurst community are warmly invited to attend. Please feel welcome to attend either Carol Service – or both!
10th February 2024	Association Annual Dinner at De Vere Beaumont	Our President who will host the dinner is Paul Chitnis OS 79 and the guest speaker is Dominika Lasota OS 20. Drinks reception, dinner with wine and finishing with a ceilidh! Please see the website or Stonyhurst Link for booking information.
28th – 31st March 2024	Stonyhurst Holy Week Retreat	Further details and booking information will be available in the New Year.
23rd – 30th August 2024	Lourdes Pilgrimage	Further details and booking information will be available in the New Year.
REUNIONS PLANNED FOR 2024		
20th April 2024	OS 81 Reunion	<p>We are currently preparing booking forms for these reunions, to be held at the College on the dates shown. The booking links will be on Stonyhurst Link and the website shortly.</p> <p>The date for the 10-year reunion for OS 14 will be announced as soon as possible!</p>
6th July 2024	OS 73 Reunion	
21st September 2024	OS 74 Reunion	
16th November 2024	OS 84 Reunion	

REPORTS ON EVENTS

ANNUAL DINNER 2023 BY DR JULIE MACFARLANE OS 78

With good food, great wine, excellent speakers, a dance band and the attendance of lots of young OS, the highlight of my year was the Annual Dinner, held in February, at Stonyhurst. I wanted to encourage the inclusion of women and was delighted when **lúnó Connolly OS 05** agreed to sing for us during the drinks reception. lúnó was at the College with my daughter **Jessica OS 05**, so I have been able to follow her singing career from its infancy. Her performance brought more than a touch of classiness to the event!

Following on this pattern of female inclusivity, the Director of Maundy Relief, **Lucy Hardwick OS 82**, daughter of Brigid and Peter Hardwick, honoured me by agreeing to speak at this event. Lucy was an inspirational speaker who provided stories of the founder of Maundy Relief, Sr. Dorothy McGregor, and was able to bring alive the challenges that exist in the deprived community in and around Accrington with grace and humour and great personal humility. Her service, that of Sr. Dorothy and her colleagues, is the epitome of the College motto of being *men and women for others*. Such examples are, in my opinion, really important for the next generation of Stonyhurst students. If we live without making a difference, what difference does it make that we have lived?

Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ OS 66 celebrated Mass in St Peter's the following day, lúnó sang a most beautiful version of the Ave Maria during Communion and we wound up the festivities with coffee in Theodore House. Once again, the collection was sent to Maundy Relief for which Lucy and her team have written their appreciation of the generosity shown by those who attended. I hope it will continue to be supported by the College in the future.

Left to right: Dr Narinder Gosall, Lucy Hardwick, Dilip Gosall, Julie Macfarlane.



Emer Carnegie and Dilip Gosall, Heads of Line 2023, who both spoke at the dinner



THIRST FRIDAY AT RICHMOND RUGBY CLUB

Friday 1st of September saw us travelling down to London for a Thirst Friday get-together for OS, their families and prospective parent friends of OS. The weather was lovely, and we enjoyed a very relaxed, late summer evening with drinks and a BBQ. If you can suggest a venue for a Thirst Friday in your area, please do get in touch with the Association Office.



STONYHURST AT THE HOPPERS JANUARY 2023

BY DOMINIC HARTLEY OS 86

If Stonyhurst put a team together comprising its worst ever rugby players, I am sure I'd make the grade! There was one occasion when I was hiding from one of those bitterly cold Lancashire days up in the SMH music attic when I was unfortunately busted and dragged out to play against Malsis who had turned up with an extra team. Just about anyone left indoors was called upon to don a green and white shirt and make Malsis' 6th team's journey from North Yorkshire worthwhile. Surprisingly, our rookie SMH team won! Malsis, like many independent prep schools, shut down nearly ten years ago, but of course SMH and its rugby is still thriving!

While my rugby career started and stopped in that match, many others went on to enjoy every minute of Stonyhurst rugby as witnessed by the huge support last year celebrating the 100th season of Stonyhurst's love with the oval ball. That was some occasion, celebrated in a huge marquee spanning most of the playground opposite the glass doors.

For many years Stonyhurst has had a strong connection with Preston Grasshoppers, the local rugby club with an equally impressive history, dating back to 1869. The 'Hoppers' has now become the venue for an annual January meet-up open to all OS, partners, ex and current staff and anyone else happy to join in the jamboree. The idea combines a lunch at the club with a rugby match ticket, this year against Sheffield RUFC, so there is much to enjoy.

My journey began on the train up from Euston where I bumped into a group of OS who I knew well from the year below. OS 87 did themselves proud with nearly a dozen attending and I enjoyed sharing a lift to the ground with **David Doran**, **Rob Cookson**, **Mike Cotton** and **Marcel Fok**.

This event has grown in popularity over the years and with half the club house stretched out with tables it must be nearing the club's capacity, so early booking is advised.

Cohorts from several years seem to use the event as a mini-reunion and I was privileged to sit next to **John Mullholland OS 71** (a very knowledgeable historian) and **John O'Driscoll OS 71**, the Irish and Lions player, and also a respected rugby medical adviser. Only that morning world rugby had made an announcement about proposed changes in the laws of the game whereby tackling would only be allowed below waist height. Luckily, I'd read the morning papers on the train so I wasn't completely in the dark discussing player safety which has now become centre-stage.

For what is a casual event at heart, this reunion really does attract wide support from OS with nearly 90 tickets being sold. It was very special to see past and present teachers attend with David Ridout still leading the way (off the pitch!). The England player, and coach, Dick Greenwood and his wife Sue (who taught me at SMH) were also in attendance, with much affection coming from both the Stonyhurst and Hoppers camps as Dick coached both.

As the beer flowed it was time to enjoy the match, the rugby providing the perfect backdrop to sharing memories with old friends. **Martin Hothersall OS 72** really has done a great job here promoting a hugely enjoyable OS gathering over a relaxed Saturday afternoon (and late into the evening according to Preston's best curry house).

Book early to guarantee a place on the 27th of January 2024 and enjoy the occasion as much as I did. It really doesn't matter if rugby is not your thing, unless they turn up with an extra team and you're asked to play!



Left to right: OS 72 - Jonathan Muller, Richard Jackson, Nick Schiele, Michael O'Hare, David Rackstraw, Martin Hothersall, James Goodier OS 70, John Mulholland OS 71. It was the first time in 50 years that Nick Schiele had seen his contemporaries and he travelled from Spain to attend.



Postscript from **Martin Hothersall OS 72**.

The Hoppers Do is **Saturday 27th January 2024** with a cost of £35 per head to include car parking, match entry and three-course meal. The match is against Hull Ionians. Please email Martin at martinhothersall@outlook.com to book tickets.

THE FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

BY DAVID HURST OS 70

Monday 31st July is the annual feast of St Ignatius of Loyola (1491 – 1556). This year, the beautiful Church of the Immaculate Conception at Farm Street hosted alumni/ae of UK Jesuit schools, plus family and friends, for the annual Mass to celebrate the feast day of the founder of the Jesuit order in 1541.

The Mass was presided over by the parish priest, Fr Dominic Robinson and concelebrated by Frs Michael Holman, **Nick King OS 66**, Paul Nicholson, Peter O'Sullivan and Laco Sullick, all SJ. The warm and engaging homily was given by Farm Street based Fr Laco, speculating on *'what Christ has revealed about Himself to Ignatius'*. To illuminate this, Laco looked at three stops in the life and journey of Ignatius, namely Manresa, Jerusalem and Paris. At each one he explored a different perspective about the idea of Ignatius' progress, thereby discovering another insight into what Christ is like. Finally, Laco referred to the *Faith, Fellowship and Fun* that alumni/ae of Jesuits schools are able to share, enjoying each other's company as a source of inspiration to aspire to more.

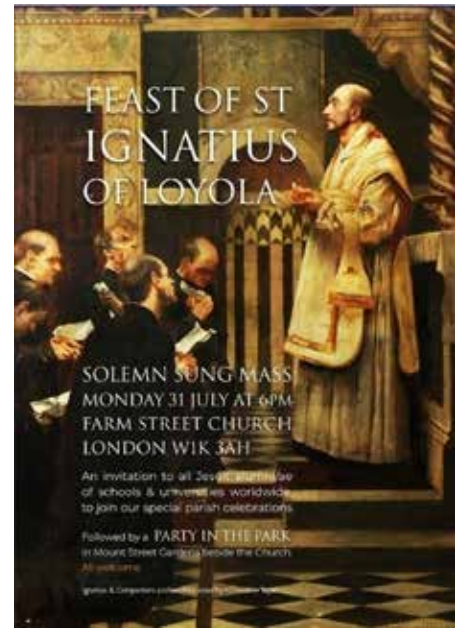
Musical Director, David Graham, played the magnificent church organ whilst soprano, **Iúnó Connolly OS 05**, hauntingly sang César

Franck's *'Tantum Ergo'*. Iúnó commented, *'it was lovely to participate in an Association event, as always, to see some familiar OS faces, and to sing in Farm Street church which has such a strong musical heritage'*.

Before the end of the Mass and after thanking those who had made the event possible, Fr Dominic paid a touching tribute to former headmaster of Stonyhurst College, Fr Michael Bossy SJ, who was about to leave the Farm Street community and move to the Jesuit house in Boscombe. The Collection will go towards the BJA regular donation to the Jesuit Refugee Service in the UK.

The Mass was followed, as every year, by a reception in the Farm Street Gardens which many also attended. Cricket fans had a double celebration as, on the same evening, England beat archrivals, Australia, to draw the tense, five-match 2023 Ashes Series...some pretty happy alumni even went to both events! St Ignatius died in 1556 and the attendance of so many alumni/ae of UK Jesuit schools at the Mass and reception on his feast day is evidence that, in cricket terms, he is most certainly '467 not out'!

The weather was mercifully kind and many of the congregation continued the festivities



(Poster design: Susan Bingham)

in the Mount Street gardens where wine and conversation flowed until party stalwarts continued at the nearby Punchbowl Inn.

British Jesuit Alumni/ae

If you are interested in hearing more about British Jesuit Alumni/ae (BJA) and future events, please email dthurst52@gmail.com

CHELSEA CONVIVIUM

On a lovely warm evening in May, the Association President **Julie Macfarlane OS 78** hosted a convivium at the Chelsea Gardener, a short walk away from the venue of the Chelsea Flower Show. It was a delightful setting for a gathering of OS, parents and former parents to catch up over a glass of wine and delicious canapés. Julie was delighted to welcome her nephew **Fr Patrick Hough SJ OS 92**, who is with the American province but was in London at the time.



OS OPEN DAYS

We were delighted to host two Open Days this summer for OS and their families. The two dedicated days provided an opportunity for OS and their families to join friends and other members of the Stonyhurst Family for staff-led tours of the College followed by a lunch in the Top Ref. They visited recently redisplayed and renovated rooms, including the Bayley Room, the Do Room, the Top Ref, and the Philosophers' Study – and the Old Ref, which has been renovated and is now our Higher Line Common Room.

After lunch there was an opportunity to visit the Stonyhurst Museum and Historic Libraries, with displays including Shakespeare's *First Folio*, Dürer prints and books dating from 1471, including first editions of authors such as Charles Dickens, C. S. Lewis and Gerard Manley Hopkins.

The Open Days were well attended and look set to be a feature in next summer's calendar!



THE STONYHURST ASSOCIATION'S ST CUTHBERT'S WAY PILGRIMAGE JULY 2023

BY RICHARD WOTTON OS 88

I always knew writing up St Cuthbert's Way for the Stonyhurst Association could only come from the heart and that it would prove a difficult challenge. In part due to the emotional challenge of integrating such a poignant experience into my world of the ordinary, especially when my world of the ordinary is currently anything but ordinary – Lockdown, the war in Ukraine, the cost-of-living crisis and the march of AI to mention a few disrupters that are probably impacting you as well.

Before diving in, it's probably worth reflecting on what I believe St Cuthbert's Way is. In line with the overarching theme of finding God in nature, to my mind St Cuthbert's Way is both a process and an outcome.

The process – the process is the walking route that took us 62 miles over 5 days from Melrose through the Cheviots via St Cuthbert's Cave to Holy Island. Though pilgrimages from Melrose to Holy Island are ancient, the route as we know it is new – it was invented in the late 20th century primarily by the Scottish Tourist board.

The outcome – the outcome is ancient and eternal; it is the metamorphosis of the Gospel in you and me. To this we are aided by a rather special version – the Lindisfarne Gospels. The Lindisfarne Gospels were constructed some c. 300 years after the Romans had left Britain in c. 715 – 720 and is the fusion of two distinct forms of Christianity in play during that era.

- The Ionian or Celtic Christianity that brought St Aidan and St Cuthbert to establish the monastery at Holy Island under the patronage of King Oswald (also venerated as Saint) in 634, and;
- The Roman Christianity epitomised by the Synod of Whitby in 664. Though this fusion, this third way embodied by the Lindisfarne Gospels was born and barely 70 years old when the upheaval of the Viking raids started with their invasion of Holy Island in 793 and the monks moved St Cuthbert's body to Durham, stopping at St Cuthbert's Cave. My hope for all pilgrims is that the pilgrimage will support them in discerning the third way through their life stages.

How do we let the Holy Spirit in to infuse us with this third way through the upheavals of our particular life stage and path? An Argentine Jesuit provides useful guidance – do the reconciler's hard work and tease out:

- An understanding of where we are an isolated conscience (think Jonah and the Whale).
- Our contrapositions – opposites of creative tension from which a fruitful third way may emerge.
- Contractions demanding a choice between right or wrong.
- Reductive thinking or ideologies which manipulate our contrapositions into contradictions – preventing third way solutions emerging.
- Noting Denial thinking – 'peace at any price' which by avoiding conflict altogether refuses to accept the reality of the tension leading to an abandonment of hope for an authentic third way to emerge.
- A mutual dependency on God for a mutually beneficial outcome that aligns our individual and collective free will.

As a collective, our pilgrimage assembled 15 strong in body on the evening of Tuesday the 18th of July in the George and Abbotson Hotel in Melrose. Fr Toby led us in grace and as we tucked into our evening meal, we broadly fell into three categories: those who had been involved with Stonyhurst under a Jesuit Headmaster, those who had been involved with Stonyhurst under a lay Headmaster and those who had been through the transition from Fr Bossy to Dr Mercer. They were old friends reuniting from the Easter Retreats and 2006 Rome pilgrimage and new friends to be made. In terms of OS we ranged from OS 72 to OS 98 and were blessed with their wives, two parents from the OS 2010 era as well as one current and one former member of staff.

My deep gratitude goes to Beverley and Emma for their formidable organisational skills in getting us to the starting line. To **Major John Cartwright-Terry OS 96** our Foundation Director for some sterling field management advice and inspiration of the 1593 Club. To **Fr Toby Lees OS 98** for his spiritual direction and sharing with us on a daily basis the Divine Office (Mass), the Prayer of the Church (using the Universalis App) and the Rosary. For the OS 88 who kindly provided the 12 readings which aligned to the 12 geo-spiritualities that the walk had been segmented into and to Ruth Crossley's work on geo-psychologies which has provided the framework for the geo-spiritualities of St Cuthbert's Way.



WALKING DAY 1

15 MILES, FROM MELROSE TO HARESTANES

Our pilgrimage started with Mass offered **'for families living with Dementia'** the first intention. This was held at **Philip Mercer's OS 56** private chapel in their residence about 10 minutes' drive outside of Melrose. Their residence is a beautifully restored 16th century tower house located at Hillslap in the midst of moor and farmland, providing an idyllic setting for our first Mass. Philip's wife provided a wonderful reception of teas, coffees and shortbread, which as the rainclouds came in, I felt a much more desirable option than digging into our 15-mile walk for the day.

From Melrose the pilgrimage kicked off with an ascent of Eldon hill and the 'Faith of a Mustard Seed' along with the 'Temptation of Christ' readings provided welcome respite from the strenuous ascent. The wondrous view of the borders from the top enabled us to accurately assess the sunshine and showers forecasted.

The rain that had been promised duly arrived on our descent, but by the time we had reached the green suspension bridge and morning prayers on the way to Dryburgh Abbey it had abated, and the sun was breaking through. Progression through St Boswells, its golf course which snakes along the river Coldstream, before a pause for sandwiches and a reading on the 'streams of life-giving water' by the church near Maxton went faster than expected and it was odds-on that we would be able to shower before our 19:30 dinner.

Dere St is a Roman road and has been the setting for several Scottish-English border battles, especially during Henry VIII's rough wooing campaign in the late 16th century. The road runs in a Romanly straight line for last half of the first day's path. As we started onto the road Fr Toby led us in the rosary using a slow step approach – which brought to life how this road built in c. 70 AD (35 – 40 years after the death of Christ) was happening while the Roman sacking of Jerusalem occurred.

The odds of a shower before our 19:30 dinner evaporated as three of our pilgrims (who shall remain nameless) in their dedication overshot the end of the first day by a further 3 miles.



WALKING DAY 2 - 18 MILES, FROM HARESTANES TO KIRK YETHOLM

Day 2 at 18 miles can be broken into two broad geo-spiritualities: the river and wheat fields to Morebattle segment and the hilly bit to the Kirk Yetholm segment.

Carrying the intention of '**the 1593 Club and its objectives**' with the tacit knowledge that the spiritual 'prize' was to offer the Mass for this intention at the top of Wide Open (the halfway mark between Melrose and Holy Island). After morning prayers at the Brownrigg plantation, we decided to forge on and drive hard to our lunch stop; a wooded plantation surrounded by a sea of wheat and barley akin to the scene from *Gladiator*. By now our readings naturally aligned to a call to arms at the end of a break and we were treated to 'Jesus is the Real Vine' at the end of lunch. Trekking across terrain, we reached Morebattle, where we had to say goodbye to our first casualty who taxied on ahead to keep our dinner spots at the Border Hotel in Kirk Yetholm.

Revitalised by our rest at Morebattle we assaulted Wide Open, a challenging ascent c. 14 - 15 miles into the day and the highest climb of day 2. Bloodied but unbowed by the challenge we were astounded at Father Toby setting up for Mass in his full vestments at the top of Wide Open.

Then, it happened: I don't know if it was the intentions for the 1593 Club, the view, the collective exhaustion of the 30 or so miles walked in two days, Father Toby's sermon, sharing a Mass: with 13 exhausted pilgrims or all of the above but it happened – the veil lifted and for a moment the words of Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth" took on new poignancy and meaning to me.

The Mass provided a fine and fitting place to commend the work of the Foundation and the vision for the 1593 Club to embody the spirit of the Foundation through growing our identity of those who love Stonyhurst and wish to support its education mission now and for the future through the regular giving of divisions of 1593 (our founding year) be it £15.93 or £1,593 per month.

God, in God's infinite wisdom gave us stomachs and dinner bookings to run the gauntlet with as we laboured the last 2-3 miles to our evening meal at the Border Hotel and welcome beds. Dinner, then shower and bed for pilgrims!



WALKING DAY 3

13.5 MILES, FROM KIRK YETHOLM TO WOOLER

The start of Day 3 (the 13.5 miles from Kirk Yetholm to Wooler) saw us start with a Mass for the intention of '**Border disputes past and present**' in a Church of Scotland's Kirk thanks to Reverend Colin who runs Cheviot Churches a cluster of four Kirks – three of which feature along St Cuthbert's Way.

The third day at 13 or so miles is beguiling because one assumes the intensity of the day will be less. However, these 13 miles are through the Cheviots with two significant climbs, the first gently rising out of Kirk Yetholm and steepening up into the border from Scotland to England. Our intention for border disputes took on a bovine perspective as we ascended towards the border only to be met by some very protective cows looking after the calves and one particular bullock showing a rather unhealthy interest in us.

After several nervous calls and WhatsApp messages we settled on a plan that surely Major Cobb would be proud of. The vanguard would stand still, avoid eye contact and generally hope, act and pray in manner that the cows and that particular bullock would get bored and go back to munching grass. Platoons of pilgrims would then advance up and around the vanguard – the plan worked and we gratefully emerged into England's countryside.

From this point on we walked in greater collegiality bonded by an adventure that showed and shared our collective and individual needs as group, stopping for morning prayers under the long leafy canopy that leads into Hethpool.

From Hethpool there is a sprint where the pilgrim ascends from 140m to 300m over c. 800m of distance, after that one undulates within a height of 30m or so to the highest point of Gains Law which affords a vista deep into both Scotland to the West and England to the West before commencing the descent into Wooler and the warmth of the Tankerville Arms; our abode for the night.



WALKING DAY 4

12.5 MILES, FROM WOOLER TO THE LINDISFARNE INN

The fourth day's intention – **'for Stonyhurst's education mission, its teachers and support staff past, present and future'** – was carried warmly towards St Cuthbert's Cave by many fond (and healed) memories of bygone teachers that due to their longevity in the College acted as a cultural and memory ladder connecting us through the shared stories.

In particular, I would thank Ruth Crossley for the work she has been doing into geo-psychologies and the transformation of correspondence between her late father and Ted Hughes into a framework of walks through the Calder Valley, as it is this structure that provided the scaffolding for the geo-spiritualities I segmented St Cuthbert's Way into.

To me, the resonance of the Day 2's Wide Open Mass was akin to Jesus' transfiguration (Matthew 17) whereas the Day 4 walk through the damp drizzle from our morning prayers at Ring-Rocks Plantation, through East and West Horton passing a stark concrete pillbox and poppy field resonated with Easter Saturday and those Flanders fields of WWI that Paul Garlington has vividly brought to life for so many of us. The West to East approach to St Cuthbert's Cave has been poignantly prepared with the walker entering a conifer plantation and processing $\frac{3}{4}$ mile or so under canopy to the clearing that leads to St Cuthbert's Cave. Here a natural inverted amphitheatre has been enhanced out of the woodland and rocks so as to conjure the impact of ascending to a natural altar.

St Cuthbert's Cave in itself is simple yet powerful, threadbare and humble (much as I imagine the great saint was). Its power and presence to me lies in as much the role it served to keep Christendom alive in Britain during the dark days of the Viking raids and invasions. The sandstone ridge that the cave forms part of is the first raised land from Holy Island. It does not take a great leap of the imagination to conjure up the picture of 4-6 monks entrusted to take the St Cuthbert's body from Holy Island to Durham, having managed the body across the muddy causeway, scrambling to the cave and its protection there.

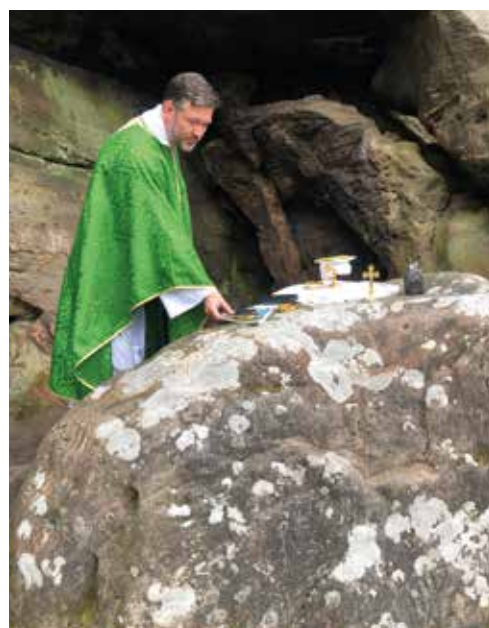
Our Mass was held and the intention offered on a stone altar at the mouth of the cave (the cave is not very deep – only 30 or so feet) in the damp of the day we lunched in warm silence and then



ascended to the cow field that is the meeting of the 'Three Ways'. As someone who is nervous around cows with calves, this field resonates with me in two particular ways.

The first way is through its glories – it is the meeting of St Cuthbert's Way with St Oswald's Way (The Northumberland Coast Path) and the *mons gaudium* – the 'hill of joy' where you will have the first glimpse of Holy Island, our destination. The second is that it aligns perfectly to my understanding of Fr Hillary Thomas' metaphor of purgatory – where one views the blessings of Heaven but it is one's fears and sins that prevent one from entering into the glory of the kingdom. A combination of error of judgement (we thought the cows were in a gated field) and a stronger collective disposition after our experience with their Scottish cousins led us through the field and we were rewarded with a glorious view of Holy Island for the first time.

Practically speaking, if cows and their calves are not your cup of tea, then a walk northwest along Greensheen Hill to Holburn and circling back through Shiellow Wood affords a beautiful view looking back at the Cheviots (where you came from) and a much less stressful path. The path then takes a pleasant ramble through Shiellow Wood and Old Wood to our inn for the evening. That evening, as we had dinner together for the last time a series of reflections naturally occurred which were kindly orchestrated by a fellow pilgrim. As we shared individually our thoughts with a spirit of seamless ease, I had a deeper understanding of the 'their eyes opened and they recognised him' from the Road to Emmaus reading.



WALKING DAY 5

6 MILES, FROM THE LINDISFARNE INN
TO HOLY ISLAND

The fifth day's intention – '**the Pilgrim's Intention**' – was left blank to enable the pilgrims to formulate over the six miles. As Fr Toby shared this activity at morning prayers on the start of the causeway in the midst of concrete sea defences there was a Syntaxian silence. Compliance with next request that we take our shoes off and walk across the mud flats was much readily received and before long we were sludging through the sand.

There is both a romantic reason for walking across the flats – it gets one closer to the authenticity or the experience of St Cuthbert and the monks – and a pragmatic one: it saves over 1 ½ miles of walking and is considerably safer as one is not worried about the two-way traffic on the small road causeway.

There are a series of wooden posts which guide the pilgrim for c. 3 ½ miles and approximately after the first mile there are two refuge boxes in reasonably quick succession; this is beguiling as one feels halfway there by the time the second refuge box is reached but really there is a good 2 miles to go, some of which through a therapeutic green squelchy mud. Exiting the sandflats and putting on our shoes, we stopped for a welcome coffee before going to our final Mass at St Aidan's where the fifth day's intention was raised through our petitions and in our hearts. After Mass we had two hours or so to explore the heritage of Holy Island, the highlights of which include the Priory, the Castle and the Heritage Centre before our shuttle bus returned us to our cars in Melrose.



Without the constraints of our ordinary world many thoughts and inspirations of where to go next arose, but perhaps the most practical and aligned to consider are:

- How to use the experience to provide a facilitation service to help others do the St Cuthbert's Way
- Supporting a Syntax St Cuthbert's Way pilgrimage in 2024
- Working with the Foundation to pioneer St Cuthbert's Way Adventure Pilgrimage (rugby, paddling, mountain biking, trekking, swimming, and praying)

Author's note – all errors are mine and if you would like further information on St Cuthbert's Way or any of the content, please feel free to reach me on richardwotton@outlook.com



REUNIONS

Over the course of this year, we have caught up with delayed 10-year reunions! We welcomed OS 2010 in April, OS 2012 in July and OS 2013 in September. The groups were given a tour of the College and also of the Collections and the New Museum, before having their reunion dinner in the Top Ref. On Sunday morning they were welcomed at Mass by Fr Tim Curtis SJ and enjoyed singing the Pater Noster once more!



OS 2012



OS 2010



OS 2010



OS 2013



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DEVELOPMENT AND FOUNDATION

DERMOT GOGARTY MEMORIAL CUP MATCH

Stonyhurst was delighted to welcome members of the Stonyhurst Family back to Smithfield for the second instalment of the Dermot Gogarty Memorial Cup Match. The inaugural match was held in 2020 in memory of Dermot St John Gogarty, former Governor of Stonyhurst and Headmaster of St John's Beaumont (SJB) and saw Old SMH and OJB battle it out on the rugby pitch.

Despite plans for this to be an annual event, circumstances beyond our control delayed the second match. However, this year, on the 3rd of June, we were finally able to welcome everyone back for the second game. It was great day, with an exciting rugby match, a barbecue, and drinks – it was a true family affair, enjoyed by all!

It was not your typical rugby weather, as the match was held in summer, and although the spectators were happy with the warmth and sunshine, our

players struggled with the heat. Therefore, the match was shortened, and supporters were on tenterhooks as the team to score the next try would take the win...the teams battled it out, but it was those representing SJB that got the ball over the line and won the Cup.

We would like to thank all the players for taking part in the event and the supporters for joining us on the day. We would like to make this an annual event, and in future it will be held in November. If you would be interested in playing in the next Dermot Gogarty Memorial Cup Match, which will be on Sunday 12th of November please contact our Deputy Head Co-curricular, Mr Tim Hanley: t.hanley@stonyhurst.ac.uk

We hope to welcome as many of you as possible back to the College for the next instalment of this special event.



FOLIO400 – STONYHURST'S SPONSORED READING OF SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS

In June, as part of our Shakespeare Folio400 celebrations, we organised a sponsored reading of Shakespeare's sonnets. This initiative saw OS, pupils, staff, current and former parents joining us in marking this special 400th anniversary of the printing of Shakespeare's *First Folio*.

The purpose behind this event was threefold: to encourage an understanding and enthusiasm for Shakespeare's work; to celebrate the fact we have a copy of the First Folio and its importance in our Collections; and to raise funds to digitise our copy of the Folio so that we can make it as widely accessible as possible to the Stonyhurst community and beyond.

We were pleased to receive initial support for the project from Greg Doran (Artistic Director Emeritus) of the RSC, **Charlie Peters OS 69** (writer and director), and **Mark Thompson OS 75** (RSC Board member) and that this support extended to the much wider Stonyhurst community.

The initiative was a success! We encouraged an enthusiasm and greater appreciation for Shakespeare, we promoted our copy of the Folio and its importance in the College, and we raised funds to support the vital task of digitising our copy of one of the most important books in the literary world.

Over 150 sonnets were read, and over £3000 was raised, and we brought the Stonyhurst community together in a new way. The readings

are currently being collated into an audio video that will be shared on our website.

Finally, we would like to thank all our readers, donors, and supporters, without whom this project would not have been possible.

*"I can no other answer make but thanks,
And thanks, and ever thanks."
Twelfth Night ~ William Shakespeare*





THE STONYHURST FOUNDATION 1593 CLUB

The Stonyhurst Foundation's 1593 Club, named after our founding year, represents an opportunity to involve the whole of the Stonyhurst Family in the future of Stonyhurst through their collective efforts in support of our own bursary charity. Launched in April this year, the club emphasis is on maximising the number of regular donors, irrespective of their individual contributions, relying on the laws of large numbers to deliver a significant recurring value of support. We have set regular giving amounts at £15.93, £159.30, or whatever you feel you can afford,

and frequencies of monthly, quarterly and annually, all of which (as long as it is personal giving from the UK) is eligible for Gift Aid (25%).

The 1593 Club recognises those who support the Stonyhurst Foundation with a regular gift. All members will be part of an important network of like-minded individuals and after twelve months of giving will be awarded the Stonyhurst Foundation tie or scarf. However, our first 100 members will be awarded our tie upon receipt of membership. Members will also be invited to inclusive Stonyhurst Foundation events as well as being recognised in our Annual Report.

Whilst most ties have been sent via post, the Director has had the pleasure to present a number of ties to members, including Association Chairman, Brendan Roche (pictured top right).

We have re-established our London base back at our traditional home of The Antelope in Belgravia and mounted the Foundation's shield above the bar alongside the Stonyhurst Association shield and hosting a small reception there. We will be hosting our very first 1593 Club Convivium at the Antelope in June 2024 for supporters of Stonyhurst to come together.

Find out more and join the 1593 Club via the QR Code.



THE BORRODALE TARTAN AND THE STONYHURST FOUNDATION CHARITY PARTNERSHIP

The Stonyhurst Foundation has recently commissioned Kinloch Anderson, Scotland's foremost expert in Highland Dress since 1868 and Royal Warrant of Appointment holders as Tailors & Kiltmakers to HM The King, to reproduce an authorised Borrodale Tartan for use by Stonyhurst and the wider Stonyhurst Family. Should you wish to purchase a pair of Borrodale Tartan trousers (or any other element of Highland Dress, including kilts, trews, waistcoats, skirts, sashes etc), please visit their website at www.kinlochanderson.com or contact them via saleska@kinlochanderson.com. Perfect for the Stonyhurst Association Dinner and Ceilidh in February!

The Macdonald of Borrodale tartan has a fascinating history, first being said to have been part of a kilt worn by Prince Charles Edward Stuart ('Bonnie Prince Charlie') during the period of the 1745 Jacobite Rising. Lady Catriona MacDonald of Borrodale gave him one of her tartans as he escaped from Borrodale to the mainland in an eight-oared boat. Having been soaked in a storm he left the tartan in Scalpay off Harris when he received a change of clothes. This garment was subsequently divided into pieces as mementos of the Stuart cause; one such piece is now displayed in the Highland Museum in Fort William. Another piece is at Stonyhurst College and from these fragments the Borrodale tartan has been reconstructed. More recently, a bolt of this Tartan material was gifted to the Queen on a visit to Stonyhurst in 1991 and it has now been adopted by Stonyhurst as its own tartan and is worn by the girls as part of their uniform.

10% of all net sales will be donated to the Stonyhurst Foundation.



THE STONYHURST FOUNDATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Stonyhurst Foundation has also established a social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, and has drawn upon the words of current pupils and staff for its primary inspiration. Our social media also looks back at some of the idiosyncrasies that contribute to making the Stonyhurst Family so unique: for example, we recalled the process of placing 'Themes' on 'The Pipes' each morning, sparking significant conversations as to which teacher 'owned' which Pipe number.



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CURATOR'S NEWS

A CELEBRATION OF THE STONYHURST SHAKESPEARE FIRST FOLIO

BY DR JAN GRAFFIUS

November 8th, 2023, marks the 400th anniversary of the printing of one of the world's most famous books. Shakespeare's *First Folio* is the earliest collection of his plays, put together by two of Shakespeare's acting colleagues some seven years after Shakespeare's death in 1616.

John Heminge and Henry Condell despaired at how Shakespeare's plays had been 'abused', 'stolen', 'maimed' and 'deformed', in previously printed versions. Without their dedication, at least eighteen of Shakespeare's plays would have been lost. Using promptbooks and manuscripts from their acting colleagues, they searched out existing editions, correcting and editing them.

Heminge and Condell chose Jaggard and Blount of London to publish the book, investing a good deal of their own money in the process. Their desire to make back their money is clear. In the introduction to the *First Folio*, they plead with customers to "buy it first... whatever you do, buy."

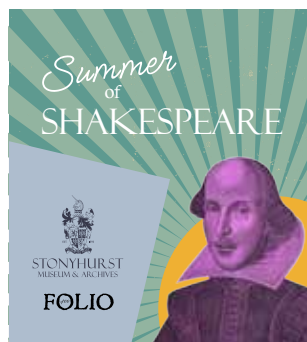
The printing process was relatively slow. Once the type had been set and fixed into its frame, some 120 double-sided pages could be printed in an hour. Each Folio consists of 908 pages, and around 750 copies were printed. Time and paper were costly, and many printing mistakes were not corrected. It was sold for 15 shillings unbound, and 20 shillings bound. This was the equivalent of two months' wages for a skilled worker at the time.

Today, 235 copies of this first edition survive. None are perfect. Each is unique.

James Arundell, 10th Baron Wardour, attended Stonyhurst in 1796. On leaving he spent the rest of his life collecting a bespoke library for the College, paid for out of his personal income. His widow, Mary, faithfully followed her husband's instructions, expressed in his dying words 'Remember Mary, the books are for Stonyhurst.'

Arundell's intention was to create a unique library which would provide everything a young Catholic would need for his education and formation. He collected around 4,000 books from sales from other libraries; the *First Folio* was bought in 1813 for the sum of £37 and 16 shillings. It was lacking its distinctive portrait, and it is believed that Lady Mary Arundell, managed to cut out a portrait from another Folio and have it pasted into the Stonyhurst copy.

The Stonyhurst Folio is signed 'Lord Arundell' near the front of the volume, although it is not certain whether this is James Arundell's own signature or that of an earlier family owner. At least one other book in the library belonged to an Arundell ancestor: the medieval manuscript of Froissart's *Chronicles* is signed by the 15th century Sir John Arundell. It may well be that the Folio had originally belonged to the



But it is not our prouince, who onely gather his works, and giue them you, to praife him. It is yours that reade him. And there we hope, to your diuers capacities, you will finde enough, both to draw, and hold you: for his wit can no more lie hid, then it could be loſt. Reade him, therefore; and againe, and againe. And if then you doe not like him, ſurely you are inſome manifeſt danger, not to vnderſtand him. And ſo we leaue you to other of his Friends, whom if you need, can bee your guides: if you neede them not, you can leade your felues, and others. And fuch Readers we with him.

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John Heminge.
Henrie Condell.

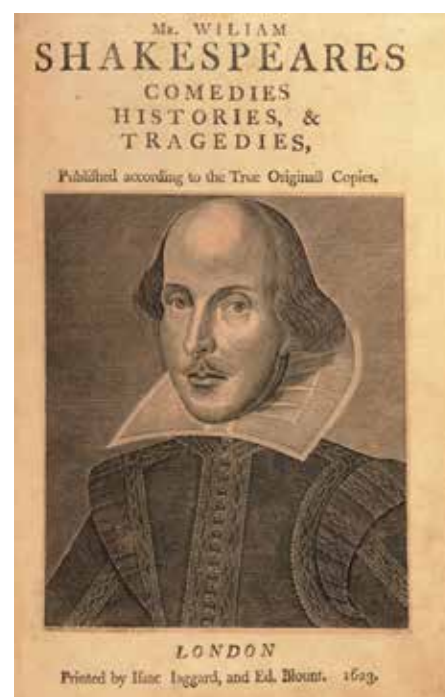
family, passed out of its hands, and then was re-acquired by James Arundell in 1813.

There are a few amendments in a 17th century hand in the Folio, most of which occur in *Hamlet*. These presumably were written by earlier owners who had seen Shakespeare performed and remembered a different version of the text. Or possibly they were corrections made by the printers during the book's publication.

The Stonyhurst Arundell Folio is one of the hardest working books in the historic libraries, featuring in numerous lessons on Shakespeare and his plays. Thanks to the generosity of **Patrick Fagan OS 52**, we have been able to acquire a high specification, tailor-made security display case which allows the Folio to be brought into the heart of the College. While on display here, its pages will be turned regularly to allow pupils, staff and visitors to find daily inspiration in Shakespeare's work.

Mr Fagan's generous gift also made it possible to buy a state-of-the-art digitisation facility. The first book to be digitised will be the Folio, which will then be placed on the Royal Shakespeare Company's Folio 400 website for the world to see. The digitisation programme will allow the Collections and Archives to begin to share their extraordinary libraries and manuscripts with the wider public, schools, researchers and artists.

The *First Folio* is accompanied by an extraordinary exhibition in the College Museum, illustrating some of Shakespeare's inimitable quotes through a series of unexpected and thought-provoking objects. Monkeys, narwhal tusks, a caiman, an Elizabethan baby jacket, embroideries, stained glass and the extraordinary war photographs of **Tim Hetherington OS 89** all play their part in an exhibition which casts a new light on Shakespeare's words and his world. The exhibition is open to the public in the holidays and is accompanied by a programme of lectures and events. See the Museum website for more details.



A VISIT TO SAINT-OMER

BY EDWARD MACEY-DARE OS 84

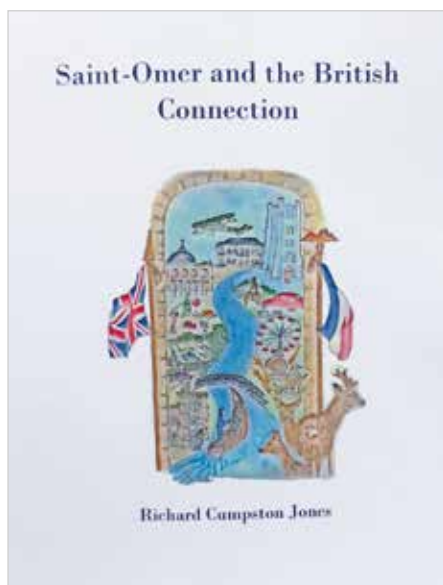
On a recent trip to northern France, I took the opportunity to look up a contemporary from Westminster Cathedral Choir School, Richard Cumpston Jones – who I had not seen since 1979! Although Richard himself went on to Downside, he has impeccable Stonyhurst connections: he is married to Giselle Sellier – scioness of that well-known Stonyhurst dynasty, whose brother **Jean-Marc Sellier** and cousin **Paul Sellier** were in my year – and cousin of the actor and comedian Mel Giedroyc, whose husband Ben Morris (although an Amplefordian himself) is the younger brother of two celebrated OS, the theatre director **Tom Morris OS 82** and the satirist **Chris Morris OS 80** (of *Brass Eye* fame).

Richard and Giselle, as well as Giselle's mother, live in Saint-Omer – a stone's throw from the original Jesuit College. Richard very kindly showed me the building in Rue Saint-Bertin – which, curiously, bears the foundation date 1592 and not 1593 – and I was intrigued to discover that, having become a military hospital after the Jesuits left in 1762, it now forms part of the Lycée Alexandre Ribot and has thus returned to its original function as a school. We then visited the recently restored – albeit deconsecrated – Chapelle de Jesuits, which today is used for local cultural events.

Richard later presented me with a copy of his book entitled *Saint-Omer and the British*

Connection, which chronicles Britain's association with the town from the 12th century to the 20th century. The book is a fascinating read and the chapter on the English Jesuit College of St Omers especially interesting (Richard having been aided in this aspect of his research by David Knight). In particular, I had not appreciated that in the late 16th century, Saint-Omer was part of the Spanish Netherlands; or that part of the English College had initially shared premises – and classes – with the Belgium Jesuits of Walloon College. I was also interested to learn that the school day back then started at 5am (with a lie in until 5.30am on Sundays and Feast Days!) and finished at 9pm; this rather

strenuous regime, however, was regularly punctuated with half day holidays and, after 1626, students were able (in the summer months) to enjoy the delights of Villa House, a small country house acquired by the Jesuits in nearby Blendecques (3km south of Saint-Omer). To this day, exeat at Stonyhurst are still referred to as “Blandyke Days” – and, indeed, the annual City Dinner for Liverymen who were educated at Jesuit schools (which I helped set up nearly 10 years ago with two fellow OS, **Joff Bates OS 66** and **Simon Bartley OS 75**) is called the Blandyke Dinner. As Clerk of the Distillers' Livery Company, I was also intrigued to discover that Saint-Omer is home to one of France's oldest gin - or,



should I say, *genièvre* - distilleries, *Distillerie Persyn* at Houlle, which has been in the same family ownership since its creation in 1812. Although I did not get to visit it personally on this occasion, I note that the author particularly recommends *The Special* and the *Carte Dorée*. Finally, it transpires that Saint-Omer is the spiritual home of the RAF, as the Royal Flying Corps (in which my wife's grandfather served as an Officer) had its GHQ there between 1914 and 1917. Indeed, it was at Saint-Omer that OS Captain Aiden Liddell VC MC joined No 7 Squadron on 24th July 1915, dying just over 5 weeks later – on 31st August (St Aiden's day) – following a reconnaissance sortie over Bruges, during which his 2-seater RE5 2457 came under severe attack. Furthermore, the Rue Saint-Bertin is where the legendary flying ace Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader was treated in a German Clinic in August 1941, following his bail-out from his doomed Spitfire Mark VA over the Pas-de-Calais, during which he lost his right prosthetic leg (and which led to the infamous "Leg Operation", when a replacement prosthetic leg was dropped for him by the RAF). All roads, it would seem, lead to Saint-Omer! I would certainly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in Stonyhurst's early history – set against the penal laws of England which forced Catholics to be educated on the continent – and in the history of the RAF. I would also encourage people to visit Saint-Omer itself, which is a beautiful town, easily accessible from Calais – and full of character and charm!



OPENING THE DOOR TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE

BY ELLEN McCORMACK OS 14



Stonyhurst College's culture of mentoring and giving back to the community has inspired me to pursue my passion of giving young people from all backgrounds the opportunity to achieve – especially in education.

Since being a student at Stonyhurst, I have gained considerable experience working with children and youth in different settings, locally and globally. I worked recently for a brilliant charity called Action Tutoring which supports disadvantaged young people to achieve academically, with a view to enabling them to progress in education, employment or training.

As you are aware, students who are from disadvantaged backgrounds aren't less able, but they have less access to the tools that support them to progress in school and reach their full academic potential. So, the charity works with high-quality volunteers who tutor pupils to increase their subject knowledge in English and maths, as well as their confidence and study skills.

Working with Action Tutoring gave me the opportunity to work with volunteer tutors, partner schools and the pupils the charity is seeking to help. The work was extremely rewarding – most especially seeing the pupils grow in confidence week by week and showing their appreciation for their tutors' time and support in helping them succeed.

There are different ways to support the charity:

Volunteer your time to tutor by **spending one hour a week** with a group of up to 3 pupils. Action Tutoring provides training and all resources needed for the tutoring sessions.



There are options to tutor online or face-to-face in a partner school.

Or you can become a corporate partner, **Partnering with Action Tutoring** as a corporate means more pupils from low-income backgrounds can access high-quality support that helps them to progress in life, whether academically or within the working world. The main way organisations support the charity is by engaging their staff in Action Tutoring's volunteering opportunities.

The charity is extremely grateful for the donations and fundraising that help support young people to reach their potential. If

you are **interested in supporting** Action Tutoring financially, or you are a business looking for a volunteering opportunity for your team, please get in touch!

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ALTAR SERVING AT STONYHURST

2022 - 2023

BY SIMON WHITTLE OS 13

Over the last two years we have been working to build up the team of servers, both in number and experience, so that a range of pupils are confident to take on the variety of serving duties. These duties include acting as crucifer, acolytes, thurifer, 'boat boy', and torchbearers. We now have a good pool of servers, having five or more for each College Mass, meaning all key jobs can be covered. It is particularly pleasing that all of the Lower Grammarians have learnt how to use the thurible at Mass, which is the most complicated and visible role. Testament to their ability are the compliments from visiting celebrants, including Abbot Gunther of Douai, and Cardinal Fitzgerald. Colleagues in the Music Department have even noted the synchronisation of bell and thurible at the elevation.

In training the servers, I have been ably assisted by Dylan (Rh), who has brought with him a wealth of experience from his time serving at the Jesuit parish in Singapore. He has been invaluable in acting as Master of Ceremonies, especially when we have visiting prelates, where the taking on and off of mitre and crozier rather complicate matters. His experience and unflappability will be missed.

It should be noted that on a number of occasions servers have come up from SMH, and they have adapted very well to the way in which Mass

is served in St Peter's, and in front of both schools. We look forward to welcoming them to the College in future years.



After High Mass for Great Academies, 2023, with Cardinal Fitzgerald

WANDERERS' NEWS

STONYHURST WANDERERS VS. THE COLLEGE IXI, SATURDAY 10TH OF JUNE

FROM FREDDIE TIMMINS OS 13

Captain: **Freddie Timmins OS 13**,
Vice-Captain: **Richard Drinkwater OS 91**

Joe Hopkins OS 11, John Wareing OS 90, Iwan Timmins OS 19, Oliver Timmins OS 21, George Oysten OS 18 (WK), Alex Whitfield OS 22, Owen Davies OS 14, John Cartwright Terry OS 96, Anthony Hartley.

A glorious day at the Oval started with the Wanderers winning the toss and electing to bat. Joe Hopkins batted with style and conviction in hot conditions, making his way to a fantastic century. The rest of the Old Boys chipped in to leave the College with 190 runs to chase. De Vries was the pick of the bowlers for the College with 4 for 18 in 4 overs. J Ridge and S Reynolds were also rewarded with 2 wickets apiece for their efforts. Some admirable batting by R Martinez Hidalgo (34) and J Ridge (43) made for an exciting end to the game resulting in the College being all out for 168, falling short by only 22 runs. Alex Whitfield bowled well for the Wanderers with 3 for 20 off 4.5 overs.



Special thanks to Richard Drinkwater for his continued support with the organisation and management of the Stonyhurst Wanderers team; to Owen Davies for both his batting and bowling, having not played a competitive game of cricket since leaving Stonyhurst; also, to Oliver Timmins for an inspired catch, and finally to George Oysten for his crafty glovework (which included a stumping off a wide delivery...)!

It was a great win for the Wanderers, which was capped off with welcome refreshments provided by the College, which were very gladly received!

Many thanks to the College and to all that played, supported and watched. We had a hugely enjoyable day, and we are already looking forward to the fixture next year.



CROQUET

BY SIMON WHITTLE OS 13

Due to rail strikes, this year's OS team at the annual Wanderers' croquet match at Stonyhurst was made up of the resident OS: J CT and SW. With stunning weather, enthusiastic leadership from the joint captains (**Priya Crawford** and **Ferdinand Luebbecke OS 23**), and the promise of High Tea and Pimm's, the pupil turnout was high. History does not relate which team won, but the average standard of play, and continued comradery was some of the highest yet seen on our lawns.





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Leaving a gift in your will to Stonyhurst will make a life-changing difference to a pupil's Stonyhurst education, with no cost to you during your lifetime. Quite simply, your legacy could help shape their future.

Membership of the Thomas Weld Society is offered to those who have generously made a legacy gift to Stonyhurst, thus keeping up the connection with our first benefactor, Thomas Weld in 1794. We aim to hold a yearly dinner, at Stonyhurst, for members of the Society to thank them for their generosity and to share memories with the Stonyhurst community.

If you would like to find out more about leaving a gift to Stonyhurst in your will please do not hesitate to contact us:

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STONYHURST CHRISTMAS CARDS

Dear Stonyhurst community,

The Charitable Endeavours pupil group would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase our annual Stonyhurst Christmas cards. The cards feature two beautiful and unique designs from the Stonyhurst Collections, which are shown below.

The first is, The Annunciation to the Shepherds from the Hours of Elizabeth of York, Stonyhurst Boardman MS 37, f.74. French, c.1430-1450.

The second is, Angel Praising the Name of Jesus, Watts Chasuble (detail), made at Southam Convent, 1917.

The cards will come in packs of 6, in A6 size, left blank inside to give you maximum space for your messages to family and friends. We are able to ship internationally, but we advise that you get your order in as soon as possible, as we are only able to post out cards once a week, every Friday from 20th October (excluding half term), until the end of term on 8th December.

All the money made will go to charitable causes that Stonyhurst is supporting this year, both for the College and for external charities. The Charitable Endeavours group are deeply committed to our aim of becoming *men and women for others* through acts of Service, and we will be immensely grateful to you for any help and support you are able to give in purchasing our charity Christmas cards.

To order please visit the [Association website](https://www.stonyhurst.ac.uk/association) or scan the QR code:



Should you have any questions, please do contact the Director of Christian Formation, Catherine Crombie: c.crombie@stonyhurst.ac.uk

With our warmest wishes,

**The Charitable Endeavours Pupil Group,
Stonyhurst Arrupe Programme**





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