

STONYHURST ASSOCIATION

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ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2023



Paul Chitnis OS 1974 - 1979

President of the Stonyhurst Association 2023 - 2024

AMDG President's Report April 2024

I hope you will allow this end-of-term report to be both factual about the Association's activities and a little reflective about its future.

I was told there are three priorities for a President of the Association: attend the Easter retreat at Stonyhurst, accompany the pilgrimage to Lourdes and host the annual dinner. I am pleased to report that I achieved all three. And more!

In an earlier report, I noted the life-affirming experience that a pilgrimage to Lourdes can be. Lourdes - miraculously perhaps - brings out the best in people. It is a very Ignatian place - somewhere to praise, reverence and serve God through our interactions with others, especially the sick or people with disabilities. "*Quant Je Puis*", one might say. It was consoling to see a number of committed young helpers among the 106 pilgrims and I hope that more will attend this year.

The commitment to service is encouraged by the Association in many ways including its support for the charities set up by OS. Over the years, several have been established including *Cohere* who partner with refugee led organisations to help them transform their communities and *The Newman Holiday Trust* which provides eight holidays for disabled children.

I have an interest in *The Newman Trust* having helped to establish it 43 years ago. Although I am no longer actively involved, it has been uplifting to witness the dedication and generosity of so many young OS assisting on these holidays. The Association plays a vital role in encouraging its members to support these charities by sharing their talents and time in the service of others.

The Easter retreat was attended by 200 people including many new retreatants with little or no connection to Stonyhurst. We were accompanied by five Jesuits and (hold onto your seats!) a former Master of the Dominicans, Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, who participated in the Synod called by Pope Francis last October. He referred to the "summons" which Good Friday invites us to make by considering the different "dyings" which we need to experience so that we can rise to new life. It was a masterly talk illuminated by fascinating anecdotes and humorous asides.

The annual dinner was held at the De Vere Beaumont hotel in Berkshire, the site of the former Jesuit school, Beaumont College. It was attended by 223 people, some travelling from as far afield as the USA for the event. It was an occasion for several firsts and one last.

Starting with the latter: the dinner is the last to be attended by Beverley Sillitoe in her role as Association Manager, as she retires this summer. The saintly Beverley has accompanied 22 Presidents, and I can testify that her advice, hard work and encouragement have made the task of every one of us immeasurably easier and more enjoyable. She will be greatly missed.

Our guest speaker, Dominika Lasota OS 20, is the youngest guest of honour at an Association dinner. She is a climate change activist in her native country, Poland. Her passionate, intelligent and articulate speech reminded us of the impact of climate change on the poorest people on earth despite having done the least to cause it. Dominika is an example *par excellence* of what it means to be a “woman or man for others”. The dinner was the first to feature a Scottish ceilidh. The current Heads of Line, Sebastian White and Alicia Abboodass, swished and swirled energetically after their impressive speeches in which they spoke eloquently of their time at the school.

The Association is justly proud of its many members whose sporting achievements have graced arenas at the highest levels. The importance of sport to the Association cannot be underestimated. The hugely enjoyable annual Thirst Friday event at Richmond Rugby Club was organised by Harry Dickinson OS 94 who will succeed me as President in May 2024. I wish him every happiness during his tenure.

Perhaps we celebrate the artistic endeavours of OS a little more lightly and so I was delighted that one of the Association’s most eminent artistes, Jonathan Plowright OS 78, agreed to give a recital in London last February. To have “one of the UK’s finest living pianists” perform in such an intimate setting was a dream come true. Those of us privileged to be present were dazzled by his musicianship and technique. It was an unforgettable evening not least for several of Jonathan’s peers who attended.

I am aware that many other events and initiatives are undertaken by Association members during the year. I warmly congratulate and thank all who have been involved in any way. I would particularly like to mention the

St Cuthbert's Walk organised by Richard OS 88, and Emma Wotton accompanied by Fr Toby Lees OP OS 99.

The supremely important relationship between the Association and the College includes financing bursaries for students and providing prizes at Great Academies. The College's *Schola Petri* sang beautifully at a Christmas Carol Service both in Farm St, London and in St Peter's where it was wonderful to have seen many members of the Hurst Green community in attendance. It is fitting that we remember in gratitude the enormous contribution which this community makes to Stonyhurst.

There are many people who, behind the scenes, play an invaluable role in the Association. I would especially like to thank Layla Heaton in the office; the Association's dedicated committee; the leadership of the Chair, Brendan Roche OS 82; and the support which Gerry Lagerberg OS 79, the Treasurer, and former Presidents Julie Macfarlane OS 78 and Dom Hartley OS 86 have given me.

As I reflect on the last year, I have been impressed by, firstly, how the Association continues to build community in a world which is increasingly fragmented and polarised; secondly, how it creates a space to celebrate the extraordinary talents of OS and current students; and thirdly, how it enables members to express their commitment to being "Men and Women for others" in local communities, the Church and the wider world.

In his Easter retreat talk, Fr Radcliffe spoke of a "crunch point" for the synodal process: "to open ourselves to other cultures, other brothers and sisters in the Kingdom." This is of paramount importance in our increasingly polarised world. As I have reflected upon this invitation to "go forth", I find myself thinking of the Avenue, that iconic road leading up to Stonyhurst. For not only does it **lead up** to Stonyhurst with all its quirky traditions, unparalleled history and extraordinary achievements, but it also **leads away** from Stonyhurst into a world where tradition is challenged and history is being remade.

I am stepping down as President with a deep sense of gratitude and hope that the Stonyhurst Association will continue to be a force for good and to be open to the challenge of change. As St John Henry Newman, patron of *The Newman Holiday Trust*, said:

“To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

Paul Chitnis OS 1974 - 1979

President of the Stonyhurst Association 2023-2024

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Stonyhurst Association Trustees

Mr L Crouch, Mr F T Holt, Mr G Lagerberg, Mr A N Macfarlane,

Non-Trustee Members of the Committee

Ex-Officio – Mr J Browne (Headmaster), Father Tim Curtis SJ (Superior),
John Cartwright-Terry (Foundation Director)

P Chitnis - President, B Roche - Chairman, Harry Dickinson - President Elect
D Hurst - Secretary, S Andrews, L Bletcher, J Burns, Fr B Callaghan, J George,
R Hargreaves, T Livesey, N Mariscal Palacio, R Mellows, L Pryor, J Ribet,
R Wotton, E Wotton

Notice

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), subject to the presentation described in Note 1 on page 11 below". Any member wishing to receive a copy of the audited Report and Accounts, should contact Mrs Beverley Sillitoe in the Association Office, who will be pleased to send a copy of the accounts when they are finalised.

Her address is:

Mrs B Sillitoe, Stonyhurst Association Office, Stonyhurst College
Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 9PZ

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In Memoriam

News of the death of the following members has been received since the last Annual Report. Please remember them in your prayers.

Michael Robert Volkens OS 1944 - 1953
Adrian Graham Canning OS 1974 - 1977
Christopher Arthur Hillman OS 1966 - 1971
Angus Herbert Donald Robertson OS 2007 - 2012
Helen Slinger Former Staff
Christopher Beatson-Hird OS 1967 - 1972
Shirley Parker Former Parent
David Gamage Parker OS 1947 - 1954
Michael James Joseph Green OS 1958 - 1965
Robert Anthony Lo OS 1966 - 1969
David James Campbell Meehan OS 1951 - 1956
Michael Alexander Muirhead OS 1960 - 1967
John Desmond Charles Kelly OS 1940 - 1947
Robert Anthony Lo OS 1966 - 1969
David James Campbell Meehan OS 1951 - 1956
Michael Alexander Muirhead OS 1960 - 1967
John Desmond Charles Kelly OS 1940 - 1947
John Cotton OS 1939 - 1944
Emeka Kenneth Oduoza OS 2009 - 2013
Fr Philip Endean SJ OS 1968 - 1973
Frank Martin O'Leary OS 1966 - 1971
Peter Valentine Mitchell OS 1955 - 1965
Anthony Fitzgerald Tilden OS 1954 - 1959
Christine Collins Former Parent
David Little Former Staff
Denis F Unsworth OS 1948 - 1957
Maureen J Power Former Parent
John Anthony Cotton OS 1939 - 1944
John Haydock Finch OS 1955 - 1965
Merrill J Fernando Former Parent
Richard Pearce Former Staff
Peter John Daybell OS 1959 -1969

Mark Anthony Cassar Torregiani OS 1950-1957
John David Cluett OS 1948 - 1956

May they rest in peace.

**Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the
Stonyhurst Association
To be held at Stonyhurst College
On Friday 24th May 2024 at 4.00pm**

All members are welcome but only Full Members are entitled to vote at the meeting
(Rule 15b).

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 26th May 2023
3. Matters arising there from:
 - a) To receive the Annual Reports for 2023.
 - b) To receive and approve the unaudited accounts and balance sheet for the year ended 31st December 2023, as set out on pages 11 and 12 hereof.
 - c) To approve the Committee's nomination, as auditors, of Azets of Charter House, Pittman Way, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9ZD
4. Election of Officers:
 - a) President 2024/2026 – Harry Dickinson OS 1989 – 1974. To be elected for a period of two years.
 - b) President-Elect – Consideration of nominations

Confirmation of Committee and Officials as of 31st December 2023

President:	Paul Chitnis	OS 74 – 79
President Elect	Harry Dickinson	OS 89 - 74
Chairman:	Brendan Roche	OS 78 – 82
Treasurer:	Gerard Lagerberg	OS 74 – 79
Association Chaplain:	Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ	OS 59 – 66

Mr S Andrews	OS 61 – 68
Mrs L Bletcher	OS 01 – 03
Mr J Burns	OS 66 – 71
Ms J George	OS 08 - 10
Mr R Hargreaves	OS 99 – 04
Mr D Hurst	OS 62 – 70
Mr T Livesey	OS 73 – 77
Mr N Mariscal-Palacio	OS 14 - 18
Dr R Mellows	Associate

Mr L Pryor	OS 91 – 96
Mr J Ribet	OS 87 – 92
Mrs E Wotton	Associate
Mr R Wotton	OS 78 – 88

- c) Resignations – Mr T Livesey OS 1973 - 1977
- d) That otherwise the Officers and Committee as named above should be re-elected (if necessary) for a further three years.

The attention of all members is directed to Rule 15c of the Association Rules, which covers the procedure to be adopted by Full members who, at the Annual General Meeting, wish to raise any matter not set out on the Agenda, or who desire to propose any amendments to matters set out therein, including, inter alia, the nomination of Officers of the Association. This rule requires notice in writing to reach the Chairman, via the Association Office at least seven days before the meeting, of the intention to raise any matter not included in the Agenda, or of any amendment to be proposed.

By order of the Committee, 1st May 2024
Stonyhurst Association, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 9PZ

Stonyhurst Association
Income statement for the year ended 31 December 2023
(unaudited)

	2023		2022	
Income	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	46,700			52,001
Donations	2,863			9,644
Investment income	68,399			61,205
Sales of merchandise	11,979			10,245
Functions	39,968			36,971
Total income		169,909		170,066
Expenditure on:				
(a) Grants and awards				
Stonyhurst - scholarships and prizes	(31,500)		(31,500)	
Stonyhurst - other awards	(3,468)		(3,312)	
Robert Persons Fellowship	0		(269)	
Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust	(1,000)		(1,000)	
World Jesuit Alumni	0		(1,372)	
Prior year adjustment	0		17,000	
Grants and awards to individuals	(4,500)		(2,000)	
		(40,468)		(22,453)
(b) Operating costs				
Staff costs	(34,858)		(34,003)	
Office and newsletter costs	(37,169)		(33,101)	
Website/Stonyhurst Link	(2,875)		(4,361)	
Functions	(47,252)		(56,005)	
Audit	(5,940)		(5,880)	
Accountancy	(5,808)		(5,808)	
Purchases of merchandise	(10,340)		(7,292)	
Investment management fees	(4,008)		(4,205)	
		(148,250)		(150,655)
Total resources expended		(188,718)		(173,108)
Operating deficit		(18,809)		(3,042)
Net gains/losses on investments		34,317		(145,375)
Net movement in funds		15,508		(148,417)
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		1,323,141		1,471,558
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		1,338,649		1,323,141

Stonyhurst Association
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023 (unaudited)

	2023		2022
	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	1,374,395		1,343,999
Other assets	<u>1,082</u>		<u>1,444</u>
		1,375,477	1,345,443
Current assets			
Stocks	12,798		11,715
Debtors	99,139		65,657
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>90,982</u>		<u>115,458</u>
	202,919		192,830
Creditors due within 1 year	<u>(239,747)</u>		<u>(215,132)</u>
Net current assets		(36,828)	(22,302)
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,338,649</u>	<u>1,323,141</u>
Represented by Capital Funds			
Endowment funds (Fawdry Bequest)	241,153		235,292
Restricted funds (Berkley Bequest)	279,830		270,589
Designated funds (Presidents' Fund)	41,473		40,567
General unrestricted funds	<u>776,193</u>		<u>776,693</u>
		1,338,649	1,323,141
Total funds		<u>1,338,649</u>	<u>1,323,141</u>