

STONYHURST ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024



Harry Dickinson OS 1989 - 1994

President of the Stonyhurst Association 2024 - 2026

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President's Report April 2025

What a start it's been! It has been a privilege and a joy to serve as President of the Stonyhurst Association for nearly one year. I took the baton in May 2024 with three goals in mind: breathe more life into Wanderers' sport, engage younger OS with the Association, and extend support to any in our Stonyhurst family facing hard times. Oh, and to make sure we have a lot of fun along the way!

We kicked off with a cracking Richmond Thirst Friday in September – about 60 OS and friends gathered to trade stories over a few drinks and celebrate our shared roots. It was a reminder that laughter and camaraderie go hand-in-hand with community and set the tone for a year full of memorable events.

The Association Sports Weekend in November stood out—one of those weekends where the best of Stonyhurst spirit was on full display. OS and Old Amplefordian cross-country runners (and even an Old Sedberghian!) chased the Newton-Carter Trophy, while the Dermot Gogarty Cup saw a huge OS turnout in both hockey and rugby. My thanks to Leo Higham OS 19 and Hannah Charles OS 19, who were responsible for amassing the rugby and hockey players respectively. Dermot's memory remains a beacon, especially for those of us who attended St John's Beaumont, so it is especially important that we continue to commemorate this inspirational educationalist and his achievements.

Another personal highlight was hosting our first OS Military Dinner at the Cavalry & Guards Club. From Mass at Farm Street to the last toast of the night, it was an evening of heartfelt connections and storytelling, of service honoured and friendships rekindled. I am sure it will now be a regular fixture in our calendar.

We also made a bit of history this year with the first-ever Thirst Friday in Tokyo – another example of how the Association brings OS together around the globe. Among those attending was Koji Takano OS 86, who managed to join us and still run the Tokyo Marathon less than 48 hours later. A fantastic evening – and hopefully the first of many such gatherings worldwide.

Beyond these more public events, there's been a lot of activity behind the scenes. Ably led by Joanna George OS 10, we are championing initiatives to connect young OS via the Stonyhurst Link platform, and we're building networks across geographies and generations. Dinners in Singapore, Lisbon, and Thailand show just how global (and welcoming!) our Stonyhurst family is.

But we also recognise the quiet struggles some of our members face. This year, I've been humbled by stories of OS who've reached out to the Association in times of crisis. In response, we've been actively using the President's Fund to support members in desperate need – this fund is a small, discreet but powerful way to give support when it's most needed. If you're able, I'd urge you to consider donating to the fund. As one OS, David Hurst, commented recently: *"This is precisely what we exist for."*

It's also been a thrill to see Wanderers' sport returning to strength. Whether running on Wimbledon Common or scrummaging on Smithfield, sport brings OS—especially younger OS—together in a uniquely powerful way. In particular, I commend Leo Higham for reviving Wanderers rugby which had fallen into abeyance, and I heartily recommend members' attendance at the College on Saturday 14th June for the Association Sports Day, where OS teams will compete in cricket, croquet, and rugby (the latter versus the Mount). Long may it continue – and I hope to see many more dusting off their boots or picking up a hockey stick in 2025!

Looking ahead, there's much to be excited about but, perhaps most notably, we'll gather again for our Association Dinner at the De Vere Beaumont on **Saturday 25 October 2025**. Our guest of honour is Ben Farrell OS 86, former Commanding Officer of the Irish Guards and now, in his capacity as CEO at the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply, much in demand in the media as a commentator on the impact of the recent US tariffs. I warmly invite all OS to join us for what promises to be a memorable and fun evening of friendship, reunion, and celebration of all things Stonyhurst.

Following the retirement of Beverley Sillitoe after 23 years of remarkable service, it's been a pleasure to welcome Jo-anne Brown, who has taken on the role with great warmth and efficiency. My thanks also go to Association Chairman, Brendan Roche OS 82, and Treasurer, Gerry Lagerberg OS 79, for

their wise counsel—and to all in the Association Committee and our members who've supported and got involved – thank you.

Being President of the Association while my son is at the College makes this role all the more meaningful. It's a reminder that while time moves on, the values we carry from Stonyhurst – service to others, friendship, enthusiasm, a zest for life amongst many others – are timeless.

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Harry Dickinson OS 1989 - 1994

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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 T Curtis SJ (Superior),
Mr J Cartwright-Terry (Foundation Director)

H Dickinson - President, B Roche - Chairman,
D Hurst - Secretary, Fr B Callaghan SJ – Association Chaplain, J Macfarlane –
Newsletter Editor, S Andrews, L Bletcher, J Burns, P Chitnis,
R Hargreaves, D Hartley, R Mellows, L Pryor, J Ribet,
D Ridout, E Wotton, R Wotton, J George (sub-committee), N Mariscal Palacio (sub-
committee)

Notice

The draft summary accounts attached are drawn from the draft, unaudited financial statements that 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). Any member wishing to receive a copy of the audited Report and Accounts, should contact Mrs Jo-anne Brown in the Association Office, who will be pleased to send a copy of the accounts when they are finalised.

Her address is:

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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.

Cormac Joseph Patrick Francis Gray OS 1968 - 1973

Anthony George Timothy Russo OS 1965 – 1975

David John M Waring OS 1947 – 1956

Patrick Gavin Former Staff

Louise Winckley Former Staff

Alan Roberts Former Staff

Peter Sean Prendergast OS 1955 – 1963

Timothy Edward John Floyd OS 1961 – 1970

Michael Anthony Watkinson OS 1949 – 1959

Lauren Stephanie Jackson OS 2003 – 2005

Jonathan Robin Burt OS 1955 – 1965

Pieter Willem Mommersteeg OS 1946 – 1956

Damian Joseph Peter Bond OS 1975 – 1983

Katharine Mary Eddleston Former Staff

Stephen Hall Former Parent

Chris Moxon Former SMH Staff

Richard Barry O'Brien OS 1940 – 1948

George Christopher Karas OS 1943 – 1945

Miranda Highcock Former Parent and Former Staff

Iain Michael Andrew Macpherson OS 1950 – 1960

Maurice Cairns Former Parent

Louis John Patrick Willems OS 1948 – 1954

Peter David Anderson OS 1965 – 1970

Michael Damian Leo Wright OS 1944 – 1954

George Wilson OS 1941 – 1949

John Charles Bambridge OS 1967 – 1977

Mark Connolly OS 2009 – 2013

Raymond Turner Former Staff

Dermot O'Flynn OS 1988 – 1990

Stephanie Anne Barkley Link OS 2008 – 2013
Jonathan James Whalley OS 2010 – 2015
Richard Arthur Peter de Verteuil OS 1953 – 1959
William John Drinkwater OS 1951 – 1956
Guy Nathan Harriman OS 1963 – 1971
Michael John Ashman OS 1943 – 1947
Godfrey Frank Basil Cyril Guy De Mendoza Taunton OS 1959 – 1966
Fr Francis Wahle OS 1940 – 1947
David Barnes Former Parent
Michael James Joseph Green OS 1958 – 1965
Mick Thorpe Former Parent

May they rest in peace.

**Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the
Stonyhurst Association
To be held at Stonyhurst College
On Friday 23rd May 2025 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 24th May 2024
3. Matters arising there from:
 - a) To receive the Annual Reports for 2024.
 - b) To receive and approve the unaudited accounts and balance sheet for the year ended 31st December 2024, 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) Committee – Jilly Hurley, Associate.

Confirmation of Committee and Officials as of 31st December 2024

President	Harry Dickinson	OS 89 - 94
Chairman:	Brendan Roche	OS 78 – 82
Treasurer:	Gerard Lagerberg	OS 74 – 79
Secretary:	David Hurst	OS 62 - 70
Association Chaplain:	Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ	OS 59 – 66
Newsletter Editor:	Julie Macfarlane	OS 76 - 78

Mr S Andrews	OS 61 – 68
Mrs L Bletcher	OS 01 – 03
Mr J Burns	OS 66 – 71
Mr P Chitnis	OS 74 - 79
Ms J George	OS 08 - 10
Mr R Hargreaves	OS 99 – 04
Mr D Hartley	OS 77 - 86
Mr N Mariscal-Palacio	OS 14 - 18

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

- b) 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, 18th April 2025

Stonyhurst Association, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 9PZ

Stonyhurst Association

Income statement for the year ended 31 December 2024 (unaudited)

	2024		2023	
Income	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	44,400		46,700	
Donations	157		2,863	
Investment income	69,270		68,399	
Sales of merchandise	12,725		11,979	
Functions	54,097		39,968	
Total income		180,649		169,909
Expenditure on:				
(a) Grants and awards				
Stonyhurst - scholarships and prizes	-1,500		-31,500	
Stonyhurst - other awards	-4,478		-3,468	
Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust	-1,000		-1,000	
Grants and awards to individuals	-3,000		-4,500	
		-9,978		-40,468
(b) Operating costs				
Staff costs	-45,598		-34,858	
Office and newsletter costs	-17,540		-37,169	
Website/Stonyhurst Link	-7,229		-2,875	
Functions	-70,507		-47,252	
Audit	-6,000		-5,940	
Accountancy	-6,000		-5,808	
Purchases of merchandise	-11,225		-10,340	
Investment management fees	-4,114		-4,008	
		-168,213		-148,250
Total resources expended		-178,191		-188,718
Operating surplus/(deficit)		2,458		-18,809
Net gains/losses on investments		52,907		34,317
Net movement in funds		55,365		15,508
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		1,338,649		1,323,141
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		1,394,014		1,338,649

Notes:

- 1 £30,000 paid to the Stonyhurst Foundation in 2024. Costs were accrued in earlier years
- 2 Increased staff costs reflect new cost sharing arrangements with Stonyhurst College
- 3 Functions included Annual Dinner, Jonathan Plowright piano recital, OS Military Dinner, 5 OS reunions, Ampleforth weekend and "Thirst Friday" convivia
- 4 Office costs are lower from producing digital (vs paper) newsletters.

Stonyhurst Association
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

		2024		2023
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Investments	1,423,077		1,374,395	
Other assets	<u>720</u>		<u>1,082</u>	
		1,423,797		1,375,477
Current assets				
Stocks	12,567		12,798	
Debtors	103,583		99,139	
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>132,760</u>		<u>90,982</u>	
	248,910		202,919	
Creditors due within 1 year	<u>-278,693</u>		<u>-239,747</u>	
Net current liabilities		-29,783		-36,828
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,394,014</u>		<u>1,338,649</u>
Represented by Capital Funds				
Endowment funds (Fawdry Bequest)	250,188		241,153	
Restricted funds (Berkley Bequest)	304,628		279,830	
Designated funds (Presidents' Fund)	41,805		41,473	
General unrestricted funds	<u>797,393</u>		<u>776,193</u>	
		<u>1,394,014</u>		<u>1,338,649</u>
Total funds		<u>1,394,014</u>		<u>1,338,649</u>

