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Mr Terence Sweeney was born in Liverpool



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entertainment, endless mirth and countless anecdotes, not forgetting a dance or two. As he leaves us to work in the Brothers' school in Gbarnga, Liberia, it is appropriate to highlight some of the other qualities in him which we were privileged to enjoy. Behind the humour and sociability lies a very genuine interest in people of all ages. Brother Dee never forgets a face and makes phone calls and visits out of a true desire to cheer people up and listen to them talk. The dizzy exterior masks a shrewd enough judge of human character. When he arrives an hour late, it is because there was someone in need of a visit *en route*, or someone to be driven about first, or someone once met, never forgotten by him, but neglected by the rest of the world.

No-one can deny that his enthusiasm and willingness to help is second to none. The rugby, cricket and badminton departments have all lost a team coach, and the third form form-master. The parents' pools organisers are without a helper and the handicapped club have need of another driver. We must not forget the gap in the ranks of the Latin department as well!

Inevitably the scheduling of such a man went slightly, but slightly, awry on occasions. But the sincerity and cheerfulness were never in doubt. We enjoyed and appreciated his company and wish him well. The first report of Patrick's Night in Liberia has already reached us, 'And Brother Dee got up and danced, of course!'

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Mrs Rene Mercer was Middle School librarian and she came on a part-time basis to SEC in September 1963 before becoming a full-time member of staff in 1967. Although her work in the library took up a good degree of time, Mrs Mercer could often be found in the school office helping out when pressure was on and her face was regularly seen at the enquiry window. Her other major role was as a sort of 'matron' when pupils complained of feeling unwell or had suffered an injury at games or in the yard. Mrs Mercer was also a regular member of the congregation in the chapel. She has left behind me a very strong memory — her son who teaches in the Chemistry department!



Miss Catherine Beer can be seen every morning braving all weathers under a yellow cycling cape, as she hurtles down the flyover from Wavertree to St Edward's, whose staff she joined in January 1984. In 1970 she took her BA degree in English and European Studies, and after her year's Diploma of Education in Cambridge she taught for three years in London. Then something completely different — seven years in Italy, two teaching English as a foreign language in Florence and five spent as secretary and translator at the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Churches in the Vatican. In 1983 she returned to England — a newcomer to Liverpool, being originally from Oxford. After spending a term at the Nugent High School, she joined our staff officially as Middle School Librarian but much of her time is also spent in secretarial work, some English teaching, and in dealing with regular ailments such as nosebleeds and rugby wounds as well as other more interesting ones (such as those which vanish miraculously after the Latin test!). So we can well understand her comment 'It's the most interesting job I've ever had — you never know what's going to happen from one moment to the next!'



Mr Stephen Wells is another Liverpoolian, suffering the slight handicap of having been educated at De La Salle, leaving there in 1980 to become an undergraduate at Salford University. This was followed by a PGCE at Christ's and Notre Dame College, during which he was lucky enough to be sent on teaching practice to SEC. After a term's teaching in Kirkby, he was appointed to the English department staff.



Brother Aaron Kiely was born in Stoke-on-Trent but brought up in Plymouth. After A levels he joined the Christian Brothers and studied in Liverpool and Manchester. French is his main subject, but he has also studied Spanish and Italian. Interests include music and the cinema.



Father Peter Crowther was born in Birkdale in 1942 and was educated at St Mary's College. After qualifying as a teacher he taught at St Joseph's College in London, a De La Salle grammar school. After studying theology at the Beda College in Rome he was ordained priest by Archbishop Beck in 1971. He has served as an assistant priest at St Mary's, Douglas and Holy Name parish, Liverpool before being appointed chaplain to the mentally handicapped at Thingwall Hall in 1981. Besides his duties as chaplain, Father Crowther is at present assisting in the Classics department.







applaud in Aachen Cathedral, so we were delighted when they not only applauded but stood up to do so.

We got up at 7.15 on Thursday morning, and after a guided tour of Aachen Cathedral we departed for the City of Echternach, in Luxembourg. There were lots of posters around Echternach, advertising our concert, but when we arrived at the Basilica of St Willibrord, we discovered that the Dean had gone to America and forgotten to tell the staff at the Church that we were expected. However, after a lot of talking we were able to practise some of our programme. Meanwhile, driver Wally had discovered that it was his turn to leave something behind: he had left all his travel documents and four hundred pounds of cash at the Luxembourg Customs Post, so he had to race back to fetch them. After practice, we had a good meal in a super restaurant, then it was time for our concert. Afterwards, we went back into Germany, to Trier where we were to stay



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Mr Ian Wylie













Left to right: Philip Lloyd, Howard New, Michael Grethé, Mandy Ryan, John Robinson, John Bridson.