

REVIEW





Mr John Moseley, Louise Bate, Ann-Marie Quill, Paul Connolly, Jane Bracken, Joseph McCarthy, Mr Terence Duffy.



Mr Joseph P. Fraser joined the staff of St Edward's in 1949 a couple of terms before I

back injury which caused much pain and severely limited his mobility. Yet I suspect that his pupils were unaware of his discomfort.

At all times he was cheerful — many a criticism is treasured — courteous and helpful. The most uncharitable remark he ever made to generations of Edwardians was 'barm-pot'. I wish I had that self control.

Last and most important his religion — the bedrock on which Joe lives and by which he judges himself. Over all these years he has been constantly supported by his wife Kath and his family and we all wish him many years of happy retirement.

He is a good man. He did his job. I can think of no higher compliment. RJPT



Miss Colleen Ludden comes from County Derry, Northern Ireland. She studied French and Russian at Trinity College, Dublin and, during the university's summer holidays, attended various language courses in France. She also worked at the Guinness Brewery in Dublin (in the Visitors' Centre, not the Vat house, unfortunately!). When she graduated, she was employed as a part-time translator and teacher in Dublin and then spent six months on a Management Course. After this she spent a year teaching in France before coming to England to work first at an Arabic boarding school near Bath, then at St Edwards. She has two sisters and a brother, who also live in England. Her likes include music, travel and people with a good sense of humour!



Mrs Avis Carrick. It was nearly thirty years ago that Avis Carrick joined the administrative staff of St Edwards'. Staff? Actually his name was John Kelly and John had been working as secretary and bursar for both Brothers Forde and Leahy who came to Liverpool in 1899 to found the school which was to become the College.

Not that Avis had to learn all about us: her late husband had been an Old Boy as were friends who recommended her for the job she was to do so well and so long. It would be stupid to say that John Kelly and Avis Carrick did the job that it takes four or five people to do today: Avis certainly saw the work load of administration and finance grow heavier so much so that others had to be recruited as the work load increased. Cheerfully and industriously Avis worked away and it was usual to see her taking home after school the account books to make sure that staff salaries were ready to be drawn before the end of the month.

Maybe she did not have to worry about Her Majesty's Inspectors walking in unannounced to look over her work. Her public examination came every year when the Auditor descended on the office to check on the financial health of the College. Avis always passed with distinction. And there were times when the Tax Inspector came, unannounced, from the Inland Revenue — just to have a look at the books, account books that is, in case money that should have gone into Government coffers somehow lost its way. Again, Avis could show a clean set of accounts and honour was satisfied on all sides.

Very sensibly she decided that there comes a time when the choice has to be made between sticking to a job until one has to be prised loose or retiring when one is young enough to enjoy life and family without the constraint of waiting forty five minutes for the 81 bus that arrives full.

Of course we did not say 'Good bye' to Avis in the sense of farewell but rather with the old English meaning of 'God be wi' ye' for she will be an ever welcome visitor. Absent, she will know that she has our most grateful thanks and will be ever in our prayers that God sent St Edwards such a delightful colleague.

WDF

Mrs Chris O'Brien. Bless my soul! Didn't I just see Chris O'Brien supervising the playground at Runnymede during the lunch hour! Will she ever stop working? Certainly Pat, her spouse, and herself must be very near to holding the record for long service to the College.

Chris was always someone you could rely upon when you needed help. Years ago when her children were young she gave her life to them; but it was not long before she could be seen at work in the College and in the Community house. There's a lot said today about in-service training, and a good thing too, with Chris O'Brien a good example of its worth. For when the professional resigned from charge of the school Dining Hall, Chris was able to take over with none of that grinding noise that sometimes occurs when there's a change of gear.

It is not an easy job to have the responsibility of feeding a crowd of hungry youth whose capacity is unlimited and whose discernment of the nutritious is somewhat bleary. Graceful and cheerful as ever Chris withdrew when the decision was made to give charge of the school catering service to a professional group of country-wide experience.

If we had been more observant we should have noticed that twinkle in her eye as we were making our speeches of thanks on her reaching retirement age. Discourteous it is to question a woman's age: dangerous, too, just as it is foolish to grin when one hears it said 'A woman's work is never done.' Not that we want you to give up the job, Chris: we love having you round the place as do the youngsters and we'll be all the deeper in your debt.

WDF



Mrs Nadia Murphy comes from Shipley, West Yorkshire although her parents came from the Ukraine in their twenties. After being a pupil at St Joseph's College, she went to study at Sheffield University where she gained an honours degree in Modern History and completed a PGCE. Having taught for five years in Sheffield and Bradford she returned to full-time study for a MA at the Institute of Education in London, which she completed in 1982. Returning to teaching, she then met and married an ex-SEC pupil Brendan Murphy (1955-1967). Interests include music (an avid Bruce Springsteen and at the other end of the scale, Beethoven fan), reading (even the backs of Cornflakes packets if there's nothing else) and the cinema. Dislikes include rugby (shock! horror!) and bad manners.



Mrs Enid Roberts. After studying catering at Mabel Fletcher College Mrs Roberts joined Gardner Merchant as a trainee manager. As a manager, she spent her time touring North Wales, but, when she had a family, she joined the Gardner Merchant Schools division, working in SFX where there were plans to make her the school cookery teacher!

With the Catholic reorganisation in 1983, Mrs Roberts was told she was too qualified to join the education committee's school meals service, so she went to work in the Lakes. Last year, however, she returned to Liverpool to work here, at St Edwards.

Mrs Roberts hates being called a 'dinner lady'. This is understandable when you realise that her job entails staff training, bookkeeping, budgeting and menu-planning. The menu's are in a 4-weekly cycle, in which Mrs Roberts hopes to re-educate the boys by making healthier food cheaper than that which is not so good for us and she would welcome any sensible suggestions you may have about the food.

Apart from cooking, Mrs Roberts enjoys climbing, walking and bird watching, and dislikes E additives and unhealthy eating habits — chip-lovers amongst you take note!



Mrs Mary Taylor joined the staff here at SEC in October 1985 as Middle School Librarian. Previously employed by the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton working mainly with children with severe emotional and behavioural problems. Main interests include reading, computers and travel. Her travels include almost all of Africa where she lived for three years, most of Europe and America. Ambition is to visit the East.



Br Kieran O'Grady arrived in St Edward's in Easter 1969 and was a very active and committed member of the community until his move to St Michael's, Horne Street in the summer of 1986. He is now a chaplain in Walton Hospital, working with great dedication, and inspiring relief and comfort to those who suffer.

One comment that suggests something about Br O'Grady's contribution to St Edward's was made by a Brother when reviewing some work that had to be done: 'You can just begin to see now how much Kieran had been doing.' Suffice it to say some activities have now discontinued since his absence.

In the community Br O'Grady concerned himself with the welfare of the brothers and everyone else involved in the House. Any important occasion that occurred you could be safe in assuming that he had any organisational needs well in hand. This service to the community automatically spread into his commitment to the school community. Space restricts enumerating the catalogue of jobs ranging from a period as Head of the Prep School to college representative on the thriving Parents Association Committee.

All his work was time-consuming and energy-draining, yet Br O'Grady applied himself to everything with devotion and competence. Above all, it must be stressed how acutely aware Brother Kieran was of the pupils' welfare and well-being. His mission of service and concern I am sure helped many. He has now translated this into a renewed dedication to his very demanding role in Walton Hospital.

MJH

Mr John Adamson had the privilege of an education at St Anselm's College being from a large Wirral ('Rive Gauche') family. His academic achievements which were crowned by selection as Deputy Head Boy include a total ineptitude for the sciences. Nicknamed 'The Experimental Error' by boys and staff alike, he was forced to seek solace in languages.

He graduated from the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, in French, and went on to complete a PGCE at the same establishment, where his social life led him to the exalted position of President of the



Catholic Society and Secretary of the Lemming Society.

A post at Hungerhill Comprehensive School, Doncaster, was followed by an appointment back at St Anselm's where he enjoyed five and a half years teaching French and games.

His interests include cricket, travel, wine and following Tranmere Rovers around the country, and scouting for Wigan Athletic. His ambition is to meet a girl who knows how many first-class centuries Sir Jack Hobbs scored, and to meet Mr Fraine's tailor. His dislikes include Chester City FC and semolina.



Mr John Mannix. Eight years at St Anselm's College and five more at Edinburgh University have honed this young man to the peak of mental and physical perfection.

His charismatic personality, vast intellect and unparalleled modesty earned him the position of Senior President of Britain's largest students' association.

An accomplished musician, John plays guitar, bass and harmonica and has occasional flirtations with the piano. His talents continue into the more obscure areas of juggling and unicycling which he used as a cabaret artist in Festival City, Edinburgh.



Mrs Mary Hemmingway came to her present post as the College salaries clerk from a similar position at J&C Moores and says that her present occupation is the more interesting. She has two children: her son is a policeman in Sheffield, her daughter is a law student at Keele. Interests include crosswords, knitting, swimming and watching cricket.



*The Dinner Committee
T. Wolfenden. S. Johnson, T. Moorhead, S.
Moran*



Exhibitions

Each term a small exhibition on some musical topic is mounted on the balcony area of the music school. These are arranged and written by members of forms four, five or six, who often provide the visual material, and serve to show how a particular subject can be interestingly presented with the minimum of facts. It is hoped that they serve as a pleasant distraction for passers-by and for audiences who patronise events in the adjoining Ley Hall.

Recent exhibitions have included:

- Benjamin Britten
- Impressionism
- Music in Soviet Union
- Old Instruments
- Polish Music
- Elizabeth Schwarzkopf
- The 1980s.



Exhibition: Music in the Soviet Union.

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Colin Watkinson, Richard Tristram, Damian Fitzsimmons, Ian Russell, Anthony Haimes.

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