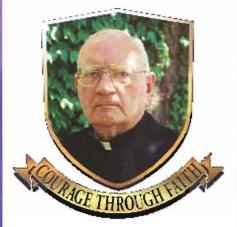


# St. Edward's College

(Issue 3)

## **Brother W D Foley**



The College was sad to announce the news of **Brother W D Foley** who died on Friday 7 October 2005, aged 95 years.

Brother Foley was educated at St Edward's College in the 1920s before joining the Christian Brothers, and then taught in various schools. After the end of the Second World War he enjoyed a spell as Headmaster of Gibraltar Grammar School, and was awarded an OBE in recognition of his contribution to Gibraltese education. He was the first Old Edwardian to become College Headmaster in the mid 1950s, and was a significant figure in raising the academic profile of the College. He then went to St Ambrose College, Altrincham, also as Headmaster. He returned to St Edward's after retiring, helping with careers, and continued to live in St Clare until the late 1990s. In recent years he has lived at Ince Blundell Nursing Home. Br Foley continued to show a lively interest in the fortunes of the College and was keen to receive a copy of the examination results each year and The Edwardian; he attended a College music concert earlier this year. The Foley Building, which accommodates MFL was named in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the College over eighty years.

His funeral took place at St Peter and Paul's Church in Crosby on 13 October 2005, which, quite aptly, was also the Feast of St Edward, King and Confessor.

The College led the organisation of the Service, as Brother Foley had wished.









Mathematics teacher **Claire Daley** was one of three people chosen from a shortlist of 12 by Liverpool City Council to sail a leg on the Clipper 2005-06 *Round the World Yacht Race* and began training in April.

The seven leg, circumnavigational race starts in Liverpool on Sunday, September 18 and returns to the city in Summer 2006. The Liverpool '08 Clipper – a newly created 68-foot yacht - promotes Liverpool as European Capital of Culture, 2008. The Clipper will visit some of the world's most glamorous places such as South Africa, Western Australia, China and the Caribbean before racing back to Liverpool in Summer 2006. Claire will sail on the first leg

from Liverpool to Brazil. The Liverpool '08 Clipper will be competing in a ten-strong fleet sailing around the world each with international teams of 17 crew and a skipper. The College's best wishes go with Claire.

## Laura meets Sir Terry Leahy



Year 13 pupil **Laura Ferguson**'s ambition to be a Business Manager was given a helping hand when Sir Terry Leahy, Chief Executive of Tesco, arranged to meet her in Tesco in Prescot branch (much to the surprise of Tesco staff who were unaware of their prestigious visitor's arrival) to offer her his advice.

The College recently achieved one of the Arts Council Artsmark awards. The Artsmsark award recognises schools that demonstrate a commitment to providing oppportunities across all



artforms from drama and music to design, literature, dance and sculpture. The scheme also encourages schools to work in partnership with artists and arts organisations. The arts can transform lives and raise aspirations and improving opportunities for young people to engage with the arts, at school and through extra curricular activity, is a core priority for the Arts Council.

## **Most Generous Young Person**



Head Girl **Francesca D'Arcy** was presented with the prestigious Beacon Prize for charitable giving, winning the 'Most Generous Young Person' category at a ceremony at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in July 2005.

Francesca was presented with her prize by the Right Honourable David Miliband, MP at the Foreign Office ceremony. Other winners included Sir Bob Geldof, receiving the Beacon Prize for Leadership, and Jamie Oliver, receiving a special award for Most Generous Celebrity. Francesca was chosen for volunteering her time and skills since the age of 10 to raise funds for charities. At the age of just 17 Francesca has raised an incredible £50,000 for charitable causes with a particular focus on Marie Curie Cancer Research. She has also spearheaded several original fundraising initiatives, bringing on-board important sections of the local community: businesses, churches and the media.

Francesca's hard work was inspired by the wife of the late Roy Castle. She began fundraising by encouraging people to pick up coins on the ground and in her first year raised  $\pm$ 5,000 for Claire House Children's Hospice, Liverpool

## **Oxbridge Celebrations**

Congratulations to the following pupils who have gained places at Oxford or Cambridge University





Joanna Bell Oxford Law

Anna Dowrick Oxford Archaeology & Anthropology

ck Alexander Trevaskis & Cambridge y Natural Sciences



ler Jonathan Byrne Cambridge Natural Sciences



Kerry Conning Oxford Modern Languages



Congratulations to **James Hynes** and **James Agnew** who also each gained a place at Cambridge but decided to decline the offer and attend a different university.

## **Rugby Awards**



The end of season rugby awards took place on Friday 22 May with Freeman Payne, captain of Waterloo FC, making the presentations.



Awards were made to the *Most Improved Player, Players' Player* and *Coaches' player of the year* for all age groups.

Congratulations to all award winners and thanks to Freeman who told the boys some great stories from his rugby in South Africa and England.



The Sunday Club meets each Sunday evening in the Dining Room Foyer to spend time with adult Club Members who have Special Needs. This enables families of the participants to have a much needed rest, especially as College staff transport our visitors to and from the College. A number of activities are undertaken during the evening such as karaoke, bingo, reading, listening to music, dancing, watching television, playing football and lots of talking! Throughout the year, many excursions are organised, such as trips to places like 'Camelot' theme park, which prove to be immensely popular with everybody! The Club is always in need of support, particularly from volunteer drivers and any assistance that parents and friends could offer would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the College Reception and ask to leave a message for the Sunday Club organisers. St Edward's College Upper School pupils devote a great deal of their free time to undertake these activities and the people they help look forward every week to seeing them. Their work is outstanding and it is very encouraging to see so many youngsters giving so much to the local community. In so doing, not only do they carry out duties that are greatly rewarding, but they also acquire many skills that will aid them in their lives after St Edward's.

#### Sportsman's Dinner





Thompson, former captain of Liverpool FC. One of the highlights of the evening was the support given by St Helen's RLFC with the attendance of Chief Executive (and College parent) Sean Maguire, coach Apolo Perolini and Chris Joynt, former Captain of 'Saints' and Great Britain. On display was the Rugby League Challenge Cup which had been won by St Helen's at the Millenium Stadium the previous year.

This year's Sports Celebrity Dinner was a great success raising over £7,000 tc support extra curricular activities within the College The guest speaker, Frar Cotton told of his times playing Rugby for Englanc and the British Lions, and his managership of the 1997 Lions tour to South Africa. The comediar Willie Miller entertained and

acted as MC. Other guests included Phil



Fran Cotton

## Summer Ball

This year's Summer Ball in early July took on a tropical theme. Once again the evening was a sell-out and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. During an excellent five course meal the guests were entertained by a steel band and then by Comedian and BBC Radio Merseyside Presenter Willie Miller.







## Leavers' Concert

Once again, the Leavers' Concert in April provec to be a memorable occasion. Following the tradition established years ago the concerl combined previously rehearsed items from the Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra with musical 'surprises' from the Leavers. Pieces ranged from the traditional English song 'Sally ir our Alley' to such popular works as 'Hungariar Dance no. 5' by Brahms, excerpts from the musical 'Cabaret' and inevitably the final item 'God only Knows'.

"The leavers concert is always a bitter-sweet occasion: sad because we are saying goodbye to so many fine musicians who have given so much to the school, but also happy in that they are on their way to what we hope will be a wonderful future."

John Moseley Director of Music



### Sporting Successes



Adam McElhinney (left) and Anton Praxitelous(right) pictured with Mario Kindelan, double Olympic and World Champion boxer

Congratulations to **Adam McIlhinney** who was once again selected to represent the City of Liverpool Boxing squad. The team flew out on the 30 August to take on a Canadian team on the 2 September in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Adam boxed at 70kg. This follows him being selected to box against an Irish representative team in Bahrain.



**St. Edward's U16 Rugby Squad** produced a superb second half performance to defeat Kirkham Grammar School 24 -13 in the final of the LSH U16 Floodlit Cup in March. This was a terrific end to a cup run which had seen them previously defeat other traditionally strong rugby schools Sandbach School, RGS Newcastle and St. Ambrose College.

The final itself was a typical game of two halves. In a first half, St. Edward's looked a little nervous in attack, and gave away a few too many penalties which meant their defence had to be tested for long periods of the half. Trailing 3 - 0 at half -time, St. Edward's found the belief that they could go on and the win the game and took this into the next 35 minutes.

All players involved contributed to a special occasion which was a perfect reward for five seasons' hard work as a team. Special mention must also go to the many, many spectators associated with St. Edward's who braved the cold to come and cheer on the lads. Their support and the noise that they generated made a huge difference.



Thank you to **Peter Jordan** (OE1939-46) who sent this photograph. Peter tells us: 'The photograph was taken at the Sports Day in the early summer of 1940. Because of wartime assembly restrictions parents were not able to attend. No more sports days were held during the war. The photo is of a group from 3 Alpha who joined the school in September 1939. Advancing age means I can only remember a few names. One stands out however, **Tony Crossley**, who won the ATC mile race in a time of 4 mins 34 seconds which at the time was very fast for a schoolboy.'

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Back Row G Ludden, R Hughes, H Moore, R Cookson, F Harris, P Anwyl, G O'Keeffe, M Murray, W J Murphy, P McClean, P Faye, B Edgar, J Sheridon, F Finn, E Burns
2nd, Row G Nelson, R Azurdia, G V Robinson, J Cotford, J Johnson, F E Bate, F Nelson
Front Row A McLachlan, B Anderson, R Dingle, T Sharrock, A McNeilis, K Addison, V Murphy



Pip Anwyl sent us this photograph of the 1954 Athletics Team

Congratulations to **Stephen Jolly** (OE1972-79) who on the 18 April 2005 was appointed External Affairs and Communications Director of Cambridge University. Stephen gained a First Class Honours degree in English from Christ's College and holds a Master's in Linguistic Science from the University of Sussex.

Congratulations to Former Cathedral Chorister **James Gallagher** (OE96-03) who was appointed Organ Scholar at the Cathedral in September. James is an undergraduate at Liverpool University where he is reading Music. A chorister from 1993-98, James latterly has been in charge of music at Our Lady's Church, Widnes where the Parish Priest is another OE, Fr Bill Redmond. James is the first of the former choristers to be appointed as Organ Scholar.



**John Le Roi** sent us this photo which was taken on the way home from school in 1950. *I-r John Le Roi, Brian ?, Michael Don Leavy, Jim Don Leavy* 

Congratulations to **Andrew Tayor** (OE97-04) who after playing in an international football tournament in Dallas was offered a scholarship by the Head Coach Brian Harvey (brother of ex Everton Manager Colin Harvey) of

Oklahoma City University to play football and study Sports Science. He is contracted to them for four years and that secures travel, university fees ( c o s t i n g \$100,000 for four years), food,

accommodation and a modest wage. Andrew hopes that at the end of the four years he will offered a full professional contract.

Vick Nelson sends us the above photograph of the school - v- Old Boys teams from 1954.

If you have not yet visited our website, then please log on to: www.st-edwards.liverpool.sch.uk.

The latest people to leave quest book submissions are:

William E Hosey (1935-1940) < whosey 22022@aol.com > I would be very glad to hear from any who are still around.

**Dennis Murphy (1941-1951)** < dennis@online-mags.com> If anybody searching the guest book remembers me I would be glad to hear from them. **Gerry O'Neill (1937-1941)** < grrynll@aol.com> I am still desperately trying to contact any Old Boys (and I mean "Old") from 1937 to 1941, especially Brian Burke, Derek Healy or Pat Stanton (Staunton?). Come on lads, surely at least one of you is still around, or some relative?

Philip McLaughlin (1965-1972) < height mail com > Hello to anyone from my years at the school.

Pat Brennan (1946-1952) < patbrennan@freeuk.com> Where are Jimmy Jensen, Ferrigno, Featherstone, Matt Brown, Mc Loughlan, Leo Connor, Gerry Evans, Slater and others?

William (Bill) Burton (1952-1958) < saxmadbilly@aol.com > What happened to all my contempories?? Dave Townson I am (at last) in touch with, but where are Billy Bennett, Damien Burke, Paul Dundon, Pete Weston et al??

Brendan Alston (1944-1951) <br/>b.alston@btinternet.com> I would be happy to hear from anyone who knew me.

Eric R. Vose (1962-1969) < ervose@btopenworld.com > Would like to hear from any 'old boys' from my time at the school.

Donald McCarthy (1950-1956) < dmccarthy11@hotmail.com > Interested to know what happened to Mr Morris my science teacher

Peter Lyon (1994-2001) <225521@swan.ac.uk> It would be wonderful to get back in touch with Old Edwardians, especially those who, along with myself, took part in the Millennium Challenge to Nepal

Simon White (1983 to 1990) < evonnesimon@yahoo.co.uk > If anyone wants to e-mail me, the address is above.

Tadeusz Balcerski (1958-1965) <<u>ted.balcerski@tschemicals.com</u>> Michael Kenneth Griffiths (1973-1979) <<u>mkgriffiths@merseymail.com</u>> Barry Lynn (1966-1973) <<u>barryl@goodpublicity.biz</u>>

Joseph Chamberlain (1950-1957) < spiresgate@tiscali.co.uk>

Jonathon Hickey (1992-1999) <<u>hick7uk@btinternet.com</u>> Antony Curran (1985-1992) <<u>antony\_curran@hotmail.com</u>> Chris Roche (1981-1987) <<u>chris.roche@celerity-uk.com</u>> Stephen Parkinson (1990-1997) <<u>Ste1vo@hotmail.com</u>>

#### **Obituaries**

We were sad to hear of the death of **Steve 'Harry' Briscoe.** Steve taught History at the College from 1974-1979 One of his happiest memories was attending the 25th Reunion. To his family we offer our condolences.

In February 2004 the College was also saddened to hear of the tragic death of **Paul Blackburne**, a former Cathedral Chorister and layclerk, who died in an accidental fire at his falt in New Brighton. We offer our sincere condolences and the assurance of our prayers to his mother, father and brother Neil

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**Clare Britton** (OE, Head Girl 1995/96) never expected to find herself featured in the July 2005 *Marie Claire* magazine as one of six women who spend leisure time in unusual and exciting ways – although that's certainly true! Clare, who is in dental practice in Dorset and now lives in Southampton, says that living on the south coast is ideal for anyone who loves water sports as much as she does and she is pictured here after winning the Skandia Cowes Regatta in 2004. Clare sends her love and best wishes to the class of '96 and to College staff and friends.





We send our good wishes to **Ernest Edwards** (OE1934-40) and to his wife Winifed who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. Ernest played for the Old Catenians FC from 1940-1966.

Congratulations to **Andrew Walsh** (OE1983-88) and Lolita, now lecturing in Modern Languages Department of Granada University in Spain on the birth of their second child Samuel.



Thank you to John McGrail who sent these three photographs.















Have you got any news for the Edwardian? Then please write to: Mrs Anne Crimmins St Edwards College, North Drive, Sandfield Park, Liverpool L12 1LF or email anne.crimmins@st-edwards.liverpool.sch.uk Any photographs sent will be returned asap







Congratulations to all the rugby teams (opposite) who took part in the *Bernadette Tierny Charity Seven's* tournament and raised a magnificent £2000 for Marie Currie Cancer Research.

Did you play rugby at school? Do you still think you can manage to play now? Well St Edward's Old Boys Rugby Club are looking for you this season even if you don't think you can. Your age does not matter, as we have a number of players from all ages playing for us, from people such as Aidan' Stan' Manley, Pau 'George' Braithwaite, Andy Bannen, Ben Blackwell, James Wallace, Paul Loughlin, Adam Clini and a number of current pupils. The 1st XV have just been promoted to South Lancs Cheshire 2 and the 2nd XV, after a number of years, now have a stong fixture list. If you feel like playing or even coming down on a Saturday to lend your support and see some old friends then please contact David Dowson at

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| 24 September    | Southport       |
| 1 October       | Wallasey        |
| 8 October       | tba             |
| 22 October      | Manchester W    |
| 29 October      | tba             |
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| 19 November     | Crewe & Nant    |
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| 10 December     | Ashton on Mer   |
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| 19 November     | Moss Hill       |
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