



St. Edward's College

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Br. Devitt retires

In October 2003 **Br Patrick Devitt** retired after more than 60 years association with the College. In 1942 he took up a post at St. Edward's teaching Latin, French, Maths and History. Thereafter he was posted to Rome. In 1981 Br Devitt returned to St. Edward's to teach Maths and Latin. In 1997 Brothers left St. Clare, Br Devitt moved to the Community House in Crosby travelling daily by bus to Sandfield Park. In 2002, pupils and staff sprang an 80th birthday surprise. He is much missed and we wish him every joy in retirement and hope he will visit us from time to time.



Anthony Hannah performs duet with Gareth Gates



Congratulations to **Anthony Hannah** who won the final of the BBC's *Saturday Show Live Gareth Gates Karaoke Competition* after a phone-in vote. Gareth Gates presented Anthony with his prize and then performed a duet with him.

Challenge 150



At Manang with a glacier and the Annapurnas

Challenge 150 was the College's second major expedition to Nepal in four years and was timed to coincide with the 150th anniversary celebrations of the College. Fifteen Year 12 pupils and four staff spent two years in preparation to trek the Annapurna Circuit, visit the Chitwan Jungle and raise money for a school in Kattmandu. It was an uplifting and memorable experience for all involved.

Edmund Rice Run raised over £7000



The College took to Croxteth Park in chilly October temperatures but enthusiasm was unabated for this annual fun-run fund-raise. Pupils from all years were able to participate in one way or another, with many Upper School pupils helping out as marshalls directing the field and supervising the course. Spirits were as high as ever and the £7000 raised will help the Christian Brothers work in Sierra Leone.

Poet Levi Tafari visits the College

In October 2003 we invited leading Liverpool poet, **Levi Tafari** to the College Library to celebrate Childrens' Book Week. Levi is very well known on the poetry circuit and has been writing and performing for 20 years with other well known poets Brian Patten, Roger McGough and Benjamin Zephaniah. He regularly holds poetry workshops in schools and performs all around the world.



When **Stefan Taylor** from Year 7 forgot his blazer, **Robert O'Donnell** from Year 12 kindly lent him his!



Francesca receives the Diana Award

In November 2003, **Francesca D'arcy**, Year 11, was presented with the **Diana Award** for her outstanding fundraising efforts, raising more than £35,000 for a wide variety of charities over the last six years. This is a national award, now in its second year, and it is a prestigious and distinguished achievement.



Francesca was first inspired to start raising money for charity when in Primary School. She has dedicated herself since then to using her initiative for the benefit of others. Her success means she is fully deserving of this national recognition and we are all proud of her achievements.

Drama

The **Tales from the Jungle** was performed by the Lower School and took place on the 9, 10 and 11 December 2003. The cast of Year 8 and Year 9 young performers showed a high level of skill as they acted, sang and danced their way through a pacy show based on *The Jungle Book*.



Stars in their Eyes

It's becoming an annual phenomenon; 75 acts from Years 7-13 took part in heats over two weeks in September hoping to gain a place in the Grand Final of *Stars in their Eyes*.



service through faith

Sunday Club



The Sunday Club has been especially busy this year with Club meetings, a theatre trip to see a singalong version of the *Wizard of Oz* and a fun filled Christmas party.

Landmine Appeal



Retired Deputy Head of the College, Mr Tony Edwards returned in December to collect a cheque for £1800 on behalf of Landmine Appeal. The money was raised by pupils of 8 Hope after researching in their RE lessons some of the causes supported by CAFOD.

Balloon Race



October saw another major fundraising event for the Lourdes Pilgrimage – a Balloon Race, sponsored this year by IT-Liverpool.

Rugby

All teams have had an excellent season so far, winning more games than they have lost and beating some very traditionally strong opponents. In addition, at U12, 13 and 14 there have been a significant number of 'B' team matches - more boys are playing rugby in the College than have done for many years. Highlights have included a clean sweep of victories against Manchester Grammar School and impressive performances against Merchant Taylor's School, Wirral Grammar and Arnold School in which St Edward's won as many games as they lost. The First XV and U15s had impressive runs in the Daily Mail Cup before losing to Lancaster Royal Grammar School and Audenshaw High School respectively. The U14s had an unbeaten run of 14 games at the beginning of the season whilst the U12s and U13s have both won about three quarters of games so far. The U14s and U15s teams are currently fundraising for a tour to New Zealand in Summer 2005.



The 1st XV pictured with Mr Beeley & Mr Newman after winning against Cowley High School in December

Hockey

The season has started well with some excellent results for all teams. The U12s are progressing well in the hockey league including a great win at Queens Chester where the A team won 1-0 and the B team won 4-0. The U13s are having an excellent season and remain unbeaten. Congratulations to the U13 A team, 8-a-side for being convincing league winners this year and to the U14 team who were also league champions. The U15s achieved 3rd place in the Merseyside tournament. The 1st and 2nd XI teams seasons have started well with good wins. The highlight of the season so far must go to the U16 squad who reached the North West final, after winning the Merseyside tournament. The girls reached the semi finals, losing out in a penalty flick shoot out after a very hard and gruelling match against Arnold School, Blackpool which ended 0-0. They finished a creditable 3rd in the North West. Well done!



The Under 14 Hockey team won the Liverpool League

Netball



The season so far for all teams has been good. All squads have tallied up a lot of victories already this season. The netball league in the City has meant fixtures virtually every week, which is an excellent experience for the girls. The U15s have had an exceptional season and remain unbeaten. The U15s and U14s had a highly successful weekend tour to the Isle of Man in March.

Canoeing at the Albert Dock



Year 10 at the Albert Dock

Cricket



Badminton



David Kenny is the official number one U15 badminton player in Liverpool for both boys' singles and doubles. David also became one of only three Merseyside boys to gain selection for the Lancashire U17 squad.

The Under 12 team won the final of the Liverpool Schools' Cricket Cup. It was an exciting match with St. Edward's winning the match in the penultimate over with Tommy Banks hitting a big six.

Bicentenary Concert



The 2003 Jubilee started with an Open Day on Friday 10 October 2003 for Old Edwardians - over 100 OEs attended, some of whom were surprised to find girls among the pupils. Later that evening the *Grand Dinner* in the College Dining Hall took place attended by nearly 400 Old Edwardians. Saturday brought the *Gala Concert* at the Philharmonic Hall. **John Duffy** and the Guest Leader, **David Nolan**, flew in from Japan to be with us. David Nolan gave us a virtuoso solo performance of Paganini's *Caprice in A minor* while in a different mood **Andrew Gunn** gave us a haunting *Elegie* by Fauré. **Stephen Wallace** who is now one of Britain's leading operatic counter-tenors sang pieces by Purcell and Handel and **Philip Duffy** composed an *Edwardian Fanfare* specially for the occasion. The College Brass Ensemble gave us a rousing version of *New York New York* and the Cathedral Choir sang Mendelssohn's *Hear My Prayer*. The climax probably saw more performers than ever been crammed onto the Philharmonic stage as **Damian O'Keeffe** and the massed choirs sang *Nessun Dorma* from *Turandot* and finished with Bizet's triumphant *March of the Toreadors* From *Carmen*.

News from Old Edwardians

Counter-tenor **Jonathan KENNY** (OE 71-80) is singing with English Touring Opera and brothers **Stephen** (OE 82-89) & **Michael WALLACE** (OE 86-93) with Glyndbourne Touring Opera.

Paul DUFFY (OE 88-95) has taken up a post with Microsoft in Seattle.

Gordon STOTT (OE 83-90) is now a Research Scientist working in Germany.

Mark QUAYLE (OE 90-96) a professional footballer, now playing for Scarborough, scored the winning goal in a third round replay against Southend United in January. This goal ensured a home tie with Chelsea worth about £400,000.

Dr **Michael BYRNE** (OE 54-64) also a former Head Chorister and Leader of the Orchestra, has taken up a post as a Gastro-Enterologist in Vancouver.

Mark LOMAX (OE 86-93) paid a visit in December, having qualified and worked as a doctor.

Mike MANNION (OE 72-79) is Dean of the School of Computing and Maths at Glasgow Caledonian University. He is a contemporary of Julian McMullen with whom he played rugby at school.

Miss Ana BOTANA, who teaches Spanish at the College married **John McGRATH** (OE 88-95) in December in Spain.

Photo Gallery



Swimming Team 1994-95
(Mr G Ion, Head Boy 95-96, now teaching at the College, back row on the right)

Congratulations

Congratulations to **James Watts** (OE 96-03) who was chosen to play Lee Presley in ITV's *The Dream Team*.



James plays a cocky Scouser, who has been in and out of criminal institutions since a very early age.

Graduations

The College has been notified of the following graduations.

Congratulations to:

Natalie Linane (II:I)

Law *Liverpool U*

Sandra Duncan (PASSH)

Medicine *Liverpool U*

Danielle Chan (II:I)

Law *Liverpool U*

Andrew Hogan (II:I)

Geography *Liverpool U*

Geraldine Wingle (II:I)

Geography *Liverpool U*

Michael Hogg BA (Hons)

Politics *Hull U*

Lisa Liu (II:I)

Biology *London Imperial U*

Andrew Brown (II:I)

Chemistry *UCL*

Nicola Jones LLB (Hons)

Obituary

The College community was shocked and saddened by the untimely death of **Fr Peter NICHOLSON**, Parish Priest of St. Paul's, West Derby. Fr Nicholson, ordained in 1967, died on the 2nd February 2004.