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## Sporting Successes for Girls

**FOR the first time in the history of the College, St Edward's has had girls' fixtures on its sporting calendar. The girls have participated in hockey, netball and swimming matches.**

At hockey, the girls have been very keen in their approach with 75% of them attending training sessions. Their commitment to training has paid off, resulting in the team remaining unbeaten throughout the season. Notable results included 6-0, 5-1 and 4-0

victories over Broughton Hall and a 4-0 win against St Mary's, Crosby.

The girls recently participated in a Liverpool Schools Tournament and played very well reaching the quarter finals, where, unfortunately they were beaten on penalties.

Congratulations to all girls involved in a successful season!

The netball team has also been popular with 34 out of 39 girls attending practices.

On many occasions there have been A, B, and C teams playing in matches. The netball teams have also had a successful season, losing only 4 out of their 17 matches. Their victories included wins over schools such as Deyes High and Stockport Grammar School.

Well done to all players concerned!

## JUPITER LANDING

ON 8th and 9th April St Edward's College Music Society presented 'Jupiter Landing', an opera for young people by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies. The production was well received and producer and conductor, Paul Booth, was delighted with the response of the audience and the effort put in by all those associated with the production.

The College is using this production as a preparation for a work that Sir Peter Maxwell Davies is writing for the College.

'Jupiter Landing' was performed by Runnymede School Choir and the Senior School Second Orchestra.

### Friends wanted

IF you know of anyone who might like to join the Friends of St Edward's College (FOSEC) and receive 'The Edwardian', please send their name and address to Julie McGlory, St Edward's College, Sandfield Park, Liverpool L12 1LF.

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# FROM THE HEADMASTER

The following are extracts from the Headmaster's Report from Prize Day — 5th April 1992 . . .

Since the last Prize Day there have been a number of staff changes: Brother Sassi left to become provincial, Mr Adamson left to take up a post on the Wirral, Mr Brown took a well earned retirement, Mr Davis and Mr Murray left and have formed an Adult Formation Team, Mrs Hollifield took up a teaching post on the Wirral and Brother Rodgers is attending a course in London. We wish them success in their generous contribution to the College.

We welcome some newcomers to the staff: Miss McGlory takes over most of Mr Adamson's work in the Development Office and works with Mrs Usher and Mrs Hickey in the school office. In the RE Department we have a number of changes, a new Head of Department, Mr Brooks, he is assisted by Mr Synnot and Mr Kirkham. Mrs Hammond and Mr Wilkinson have joined the French Department, Miss Hutchinson is a new appointment in charge of girl's PE. Mrs McDermott, Mr Denny and Mr Goldsmith are all putting in invaluable work as part-time members of staff in maths, biology and design respectively. We appreciate their good work and hope their stay at the College is rewarding.

As ever we turn to examination results: at 'A' level the pass rate was 83% and the average number of 'A' levels passed by the 89 candidates who took the exams was 3.3. 45% of the pass grades were in the A/B range. Ten of the twenty subjects presented at A level recorded a 100% pass rate. Particular mention I think should be made of the success of the students taking the new A level subjects introduced. This was the first year we have entered students for A level Physical Education and also A level Business Studies. We entered 21 students in Business Studies and their pass rate was 81% and in Physical Education we had 7 entries with a 100% pass rate. Congratulations to some fine work by two young heads of department, Mr Richard Young and Mr Simon Morgan respectively.

The results at GCSE this year were very good indeed, the best for some years in fact. 84 students were entered for combinations of 16 different subjects and the pass rate was 92%. The average number of passes was 9.1 per candidate and 25 candidates achieved at least 5 grade A's. Special mention should be made of the newest subject entry, Craft Design and Technology. Mr Simon Quarby our new Head of Design entered 36 students of whom 32 passed, an 89% pass rate, twice the National Average for the board, 23 of those at grade A.

Publicity for the school is an on going activity particularly important now-a-days, and in Miss McGlory we have a welcome addition to the staff as

publicity officer. She has taken over as editor of 'The Edwardian', the publication produced three times a year which attempts to keep in touch with everyone associated with the school, parents, past students and friends of the College. Her first edition was a resounding success and follows on the foundations laid by Mr Adamson. Do please contact her if you can support or help the school in any way, or if you have information of interest to us or past students.

However our principal source of publicity is the success of our students in all the different activities they are involved in. When speaking to prospective students for the sixth form they never cease to be amazed by the number of clubs and societies that are run in the school, forty at the latest count.

By a combination of excellent facilities, and the dedicated commitment of the staff we continue to achieve excellence in all areas of school sporting life:

In athletics; we have won all the Merseyside competitions we have competed in. While nationally we still do exceptionally well, coming second to Millfield in the Intermediate Competition of the Milk Cup by a mere 6 points. Four of our students were selected for city team and one, Simon Gee, represented Great Britain in the European Catholic Games in Belgium.

In basketball; we field teams from 13 upwards and the quality of play is improving all the time. We were beaten finalists in the U13 Merseyside Competition. Sean Booth has played for the city team.

## SUCCESSFUL SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Swimming is still one of our most successful sporting activities, we have won all our matches so far this season and only last week our swimming teams took the Liverpool Schools Championship for the 6th successive year, and in the process broke a number of records.

At cricket; our under 19 team won the Liverpool Knockout Competition and David Horan was selected for the Under 15 Lancashire squad.

At rugby; we still as ever maintain a high standard. During the season 2 out of every 3 matches played throughout the school were won.

Our hockey and netball teams have done exceptionally well, particularly the netball team which has lost very few games. To crown that our first year boys and girls have participated in winning all the school swimming events! It augurs well for co-education.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme still proves immensely popular. Six boys have been awarded their Bronze certificates, and one girl and two boys have been awarded their silver.

Backed by regular in-house debates we have successfully competed in events run by the ESU and the Professional and Business Womens Federation Competition. We were narrowly defeated in the area ESU competition, but won the local and area finals of the PBWF competition only to be eventually beaten in the regional final held at UMIST.

In reading past Prize Day reports, one area which does not seem to get a mention is that of maths and science. As a science teacher myself I can on this occasion seek to remedy this. The regular high standard of academic success achieved in maths and science tends to be assumed and go unnoticed. Our mathematicians regularly compete in local and national competitions and do well. Recently three of our students Stacy Williams, John Wang and Bernard Kelly, were awarded prizes in the Liverpool University Open Maths Competition. In a recent National Competition three of our students were awarded gold, seven silver and ten bronze certificates. In the UK Maths Challenge, students from our first three years achieved notable success, we obtained 9 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze. For some years now, we have been sending students to the London International Youth Science Fortnight. This year is no exception and three 6th formers are going together with one 7th former who was a participant last year and has been invited back this year as a student counsellor. Each year the students have to raise their own sponsorship money, this year they have raised over £2,000.

## NO TEACHING BROTHERS

One of the greatest changes that we have undergone is the fact that we now have no teaching brothers in the school. One only becomes aware of what they did when they are not about. In trying to assess what it was they gave to the school besides their time and energy and caring commitment I feel the most striking thing was their gratuitousness. They were always available to open up, to contact a parent, take a child home, comfort a distressed child or parent, to be generous, they are solely missed. Despite what I have just said the brothers still have a presence; Brother Hopkins, the Superior in the house, is the perfect host always ready to entertain staff, Brother Devitt in the book room, Brother McGovern looks after the registers, Brother Foley our Sacristan and Brother Grice an invaluable source of information on financial matters. Long may it remain so!

At a time of uncertainty and change, the real quality of a staff becomes apparent. Not only my immediate teaching colleagues, Mr Robinson and the Senior Teachers but the whole staff down to the newest members have somehow got on with the tasks in hand and have been ever supportive. I sincerely thank all at St Edward's, not only my colleagues on the teaching staff but the caretaker and his staff, the canteen staff, the librarians, the secretaries, the Parents' Association, the Trust Fund Committee, the parents and the students.

I am very optimistic for the future, with the staff and parental support that we have at St Edward's our success is guaranteed. I can assure John Waszek that I and the whole staff offer him and the governors their total commitment to the success of the College.

A. H. Edwards

## Hungarian Visitor



Pictured above is Mr Philip Duffy with Professor Helga Szabo. Professor Szabo, a professor of Musical Education at Budapest University, was here visiting a selection of choir schools in England and Scotland. She sat in on choir practices and saw music teaching in Runnymede. She was fascinated by the classes that she saw in the infant department, because in Hungary the children begin school at seven years of age.



**D**URING the course of the last twelve months members of the Trust Fund Committee have continued unceasingly in their efforts to promote and increase the flow of the funds for this worthy cause.

As we are all well aware, this has been a very difficult year, financially. Despite this we have been supported with several large donations from former pupils of the College. We continue with our efforts of fund raising via Covenants and our Annual Ball.

### SUCCESSFUL

Last November the Ball was held at the Forte Crest Hotel, Liverpool. This was a new venue for us, and it proved to be highly successful. It offered us far greater accommodation both for the Dinner and Bar. We had again engaged the 'Nine Carat Brass' band and they provided some excellent music for dancing. The event was supported by 200 guests and it proved a highly successful and enjoyable night. The MC for the evening was once again Mr James Johnson. You will be pleased to learn that the event raised £2,500 and the Committee would like to thank most sincerely all those who attended. This year the event is again at the Crest Hotel and is on SATURDAY 14th

# TRUST FUND REPORT 1992

NOVEMBER. We ask that not only our 'regulars' but also those of you who have not so far attended should come and join us. A first class evening is assured. A 'Tear-Off' reply slip is attached below for your convenience.

### IMPLICATIONS

By the time you read this we will have had a General Election. The result of this election may well have considerable implications for the College. If, as seems possible, we have a change of

Government, then the Assisted Place scheme may be abolished, as this is the stated intention of the Opposition Parties. This would place a very considerable problem for the College as many students are supported through the Assisted Place Scheme. The Trust Fund was established in 1982 with the object of being able to assist those students from families who could not afford the full fee. Although the Trust Fund is growing, albeit not fast enough, we are now nearing half our original target. It stands at £425,000. This is nowhere near sufficient to sustain the help which may be required. May I ask those of you who have not so far made a covenant, and it does not have to be large, to consider doing so. Any amount from £12 per annum and upwards will be of help.

### YOUR SUPPORT

In our continuing efforts to raise funds, the Trust Fund Association once again appeals for your contributions.

The three ways in which we ask for your support are listed below.

Please tick the appropriate box, fill in your name, address, telephone number and return to: The Trust Fund Bursar at the College.

PLEASE, PLEASE, HELP  
Brian J. McDonald  
Chairman

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## ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE TRUST FUND

We invite you to complete the details below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

(  ) Please place me on your Mailing List as I may be interested in attending the Ball on SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 1992.

Please contact me — to arrange:

- (  ) a Covenant (By standing order)
- (  ) Annual Donation
- (  ) Donation

(please tick as required).

Please send this form to: The Trust Fund Office, St Edward's College, Sandfield Park, West Derby, Liverpool L12 1LF.



# SCHOOL TIES

NOT those you wear, but the close links between school and Cathedral. For the February concert of Purcell's music presented by the Chamber Choir and Orchestra, we had the loan of a new 'box' organ commissioned by the Cathedral Choir Association. This small and portable instrument, a self-contained pipe organ, cost over £10,000 and is intended for use at services held in the chapels in the Cathedral. It will also be used at concerts in the Crypt. The loan of the organ redresses the debt of the Cathedral for the loan of the school harpsichord on several occasions.

Mr Moseley is the Chairman of the Cathedral Concert Society and several of our instrumental tutors play in the Cathedral Orchestra which is led by Vincent Needham, a former pupil. Mgr Peter Cookson, the Administrator of the Cathedral (and another former pupil) was recently appointed as a governor. All the choristers are pupils and several sixth formers are choral

student members of the Cathedral Choir. Messrs Philip and Terence Duffy are members of the music department of both establishments.

Most of our families share in the annual St Edward's Day Mass — why not enjoy the dignified liturgy and fine music at the Solemn Mass celebrated every Sunday at 11.00am or at Evening Prayer at 3.00pm. Evening Prayer is also sung in the Crypt on Wednesday's and Friday's at 5.45 and the Choir sings at 5.15pm. Mass on these days.

Mgr Cookson is always glad to hear from anyone who would like to be involved at the Cathedral as a reader, steward, minister of Communion or as guides. There are also opportunities for needle persons in the Art Studio. Contact Mgr Cookson on 709 9222 or Terence Duffy for further information. Young people are especially welcome — 6th form please note!

## School Fees and Ill Health

**SCHOOL** fees are mostly budgeted for in advance, what happens when the pupil is off ill?

Fees may still have to be paid and in some instances the child could be off school for several terms, home tuition may be needed, to keep up with the curriculum and additional home help may be needed.

What is the answer?

A little known answer, is available from a Friendly Society, they would pay a specified benefit for as long as the child is off ill, the cost of this protection is very low and you should consult your Independent Financial Adviser for further details.

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## Cashline 2000 Prizewinners

### ● November 1991

Date	Name	No.	Prize
4th	Mr L. Smith	409	£20
5th	Mrs A. Simpson	187	£20
6th	Mr T. Ziolo	751	£20
7th	Mrs E. Dean	242	£20
8th	Mrs C. Morgan	654	£50
11th	Mr A. Britten	315	£20
12th	Mr M. Byrne	868	£20
13th	Mr E. Woods	403	£20
14th	Mrs L. Roberts	665	£20
15th	L. M. Bradley	24	£50
18th	Mr Rand	197	£20
19th	Mrs F. Thomas	591	£20
20th	Mr J. Ross	912	£20
21st	Mrs P. Melia	306	£20
22nd	Mr P. Bolton	707	£50
25th	Mrs G. Town	118	£20
26th	Mrs M. Silcock	835	£20
27th	Mr E. Rehm	269	£20
28th	Mrs M. Marsh	822	£20
29th	Mr Currie	13	£50

### ● December 1991

Date	Name	No.	Prize
2nd	Mr J. Prayle	207	£20
3rd	Mrs A. Bannon	141	£20
4th	Mrs C. Clarke	645	£20
5th	Mrs Daintith	748	£20
6th	Mr A. Benn	352	£50
9th	Mrs A. Tobin	574	£20
10th	Mrs M. Allen	177	£20
11th	Mr R. Lear	898	£20
12th	Mrs V. Hateley	6	£20
13th	Mrs L. Mercer	793	£50
16th	Mr D. Bowen	382	£20
17th	Mr H. Elms	337	£20
18th	Miss R. Jenkinson	614	£20
19th	Mrs C. Brady	779	£20

### ● January 1992

Date	Name	No.	Prize
6th	Mr U. Peters	235	£20
7th	Mr A. Blackhurst	57	£20
8th	Mrs L. Holmes	540	£20
9th	Mrs J. Curtis	224	£20
10th	Mr D. Fleming	921	£50
13th	Mr P. Snodden	308	£20
14th	Mrs M. Jones	387	£20
15th	Mr G. Mercer	529	£20
16th	Mr S. Settle	322	£20
17th	Mr J. Lewis	601	£50
20th	Mrs K. Dahill	155	£20
21st	Mr A. Christian	614	£20
22nd	Mr A. Gilbertson	984	£20
23rd	Mrs E. Gillespie	703	£20
24th	Mr R. Jennings	424	£50
27th	Mr M. Cosgrove	246	£20
28th	Mrs C. Saunders	17	£20
29th	J. L. O'Neill	363	£20
30th	Mr T. McHale	56	£20
31st	Mr P. Watson	826	£50

### ● February 1992

Date	Name	No.	Prize
3rd	Mrs J. McGrath	42	£20
4th	Mr J. Sharp	647	£20
5th	Mrs L. Jones	806	£20
6th	Mr K. Worrall	379	£20
7th	Mr A. Ellis	325	£50
10th	Mr R. Redmond	858	£20
11th	Mrs E. Smith	444	£20
12th	E. O'Neill	392	£20
13th	Mrs A. Mintz	35	£20
14th	Mr A. Quinn	337	£50
17th	Mrs S. Moran	631	£20
18th	Mrs E. Shaw	132	£20
19th	Mrs C. Brookes	726	£20
20th	Mr P. Duffy	349	£20
21st	Mrs B. Power	190	£50



# A day in Lille

*This year Mr Ian Hughes, Head of French, took seventy members of the First Year for a day trip to Lille in order to practise their newly acquired French skills . . .*





# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As I approach my 95th birthday, I am prompted to write to you after coming across an article I did with my brother, Fr Jim McEnery OP for the College magazine in 1932.

I started my teaching career in St Edward's on February 2nd 1920. At that time the College operated in Hope Street but it moved later that year to St Domingo Road. In fact I was one of the first to make the change, being sent on ahead in the March with Brother Barrett. The rest followed in the September. I remained teaching at the College until 1934 when, to use a modern term, I was made redundant because of the recession! The Head explained that a fall in numbers meant a fall in revenue and he could no longer afford my salary! (Things have not changed much, have they?)

I have very happy memories of those far off days, and of the many fine brothers, teachers and pupils with whom I shared my life. I just wonder how many are still alive and well. I would love to hear from any that are.

Yours sincerely,

**JACK McENERY**  
Convent of Mercy  
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Colwyn Bay,  
Clwyd  
LL29 7UY

Dear Miss McGlory,

Very many thanks for your letter and the letter from Mr Jack McEnery. I recently visited him and at 95 years he is just great and enjoying life at the convent. He has a nice little private room with radio etc and really does enjoy his Guinness. We had a really good chat and a laugh — he remembered me from the days of Brother Power and so on. He says he will be delighted if my wife and I call for him and take him to our home for afternoon tea. We finished our little chat with the College war cry — 'Kai Ora', I then sang a verse of the School Song — 'Oft at Twilight's Mystic Hour' and he really was delighted. The best time for anyone wishing to visit him would be after 2 pm anyway. He will remember Brother Barrett and also Brothers Forde and Cummins. The lay teachers he recalled were Mr Boraston, Mr Roe and Mr Sullivan.

We talked on both the Junior and Senior Shield Games and of our trips to Goodison Park for the Shield Finals. Happy Days!

Also recently, a priest of the OMI's has taken up the position of College bursar at St Mary's College, Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay. You may not have heard that the College is in deep financial trouble and its future is very much in doubt. The College is in debt to the tune of £500,000. There are efforts on hand to save the College — but costs may well be too high. The Chapel, at the college, can accommodate approximately 150 or so Mass goes on Sundays, most attending are 'Ancient Britons' and the

mother church is St Joseph's, Colwyn Bay, some two miles away!! Nearly all would like to see a new Parish founded.

Father Tony Carroll — the Priest mentioned, was at St Edward's from 1947-1954 when he joined the Order. I first met him at St Anne's, Rock Ferry and latterly he spent 10 years at Crewe — as Parish Priest. I may say he is a most jovial, entertaining and Holy man.

I am a life member of the Cathinian Association — joining in 1946 at Birkenhead and moving to North Wales in 1981. In the North Wales circle is a Tom Murray — a little older than myself and I think started at the College when it was in Hope Street. Nice to meet past pupils!

Best wishes to all at the College.

Yours sincerely,

**BILL BAKER**

Dear Julie McGlory,

Thank you for sending me a letter from Mr Jack McEnery who taught at the school from 1920-1934.

Those are the very years that I and my three brothers John (RIP), Kenneth, Frank (RIP) and myself were at St Edward's. Ken and I have the very happiest recollections of Mr McEnery (In those days neither boys nor staff had Christian names and none of us knew that he was Jack though we did call Mr Curtin the French Master 'Jack' behind his back).

We four brothers all started off in prep where Mr McEnery taught. You have had several articles in the magazine to show how harsh was the discipline in those days, but it was the same in every school. Only the Brothers could punish, so the lay masters would enter B in the form register, which resulted in instant punishment as soon as the form Brother returned. At every French lesson Jack Curtin would enter B for just about the whole class, and Mr Rowe (maths) was about the same. All the punishments were associated with school work, as I think they wanted us all to get on in life. I never remember any lack of discipline, although we were all high spirited. This must be difficult to comprehend in these modern days. Parents, staff and boys all accepted it as a way of life, and schooldays were happy days. And when we left school the Brothers and Masters were numbered among our best friends.

Mr Frank Loughlin (chemistry) never entered a B and we thought him a bit lenient. Mr McEnery was also one not to enter B too frequently, and they were both men for whom we had a high regard. I left for University in 1929 and had been out of touch with Mr McEnery until I read his letter from retirement in Colwyn Bay. Is he really 95? I trust that he is hale and hearty and assure him that he is well remembered and with affection by the boys (now old men) of his time.

Incidentally I am glad to read that the Old Boys' Dinner is still a great success. I was at the first Annual Dinner in 1929 with

John and Kenneth, and my Father, who was then a Governor, into which office I followed him after the war. I have somewhere a very good photograph which I may enclose showing Colonel Shute the President and the great men of the day, though I cannot remember if Mr McEnery is on it.

When I was President of the Old Boys' we made a presentation to Jack Curtin, and he made a wonderful reply about the early days of the century at the school and the formation with Brother Forde of the Old Boys' Association. I have it recorded on an old fashioned tape. Can anyone help me to play it, in which case I would send you a copy? It was of course Jack Curtin's brother, Tim, who wrote the school song.

Yours sincerely,

**COLONEL GRAEME BRYSON,**  
OBE TD DL JP FRSA

Dear Editor,

I WOULD be very interested to hear news of, and possibly renew contact with, the following St Edward's Old Boys: Kevin O'Callaghan, Bob Nolan, Mike Yeoman, Edwardo Andamar, Dick Lane, Tom Ambrose and ? 'Gilmore'. The last named was always referred to and addressed as 'Gilmore' — no doubt he had a first name!

We met in October 1947 at the commencement of BA and Dip Ed courses in (all?) their cases. They were very tolerant of my being 'an ignorant scientist!'

I would be glad if you (or your Old Boys' Association) can help in any way. Incidentally, I am a former pupil of St Mary's College, Great Crosby, so we had much in common.

Yours faithfully,

**JOE O'SHAUGHNESSY,**  
2 Arosa Drive,  
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Worcestershire,  
WR14 3JP.

Dear Editor,

I WRITE as an Old Boy of St Edward's, where I was a pupil from September 1937 to June 1944, so my first year was at the old premises in Beacon Lane, Everton.

I have recently read 'Memorials of Liverpool — Volume 2' by J. A. Picton (published in 1875) which is a very interesting account of the development of the city, district by district, including the Saint Domingo estate.

May I say how much I appreciate the excellent education which the school provided. Do you know if a history of the Christian Brothers has been written?

Yours sincerely,

**F. ROSSITER**

Dear Editor,

GREETINGS from Vicky Clark (1988-1990) and Damian Fleming (1983-1990). We feel sure that the music staff will be pleased to know that we are still putting our music to



# News of

# Former Pupils

**Liam Fogarty**, a former pupil 1970-1977, on leaving went to study Geography at Oxford University with **Eddie Hall** (now teaching at St Anselm's). In 1982 he studied journalism at Preston Polytechnic and the following year he joined Radio Merseyside where he was a reporter, then producer and then news editor. In January 1991 he moved to BBC Radio 4 as Local Government Correspondent for all national networks.

**Jane Bracken**, a former pupil 1985-1987, graduated in December with BDS honours from the University of Manchester.

**Stephen J. Shuttleworth** recently graduated from the University of Liverpool with BSc (Hons) 2.1 in Chemistry.

**Victoria Clark** entered St Edward's 6th form in 1988 after being awarded a music scholarship. At the age of 17, under the tuition of Lynne Racz and John Moseley, Victoria became an Associate of the London College of Music. She is currently in her second year at the

University of Liverpool where she is reading music.

**John McCarron**, a pupil at the College 1969-1976, is now practising as a dentist in Southern Ireland.

**Paul Connolly**, a former pupil at the College, has recently been accepted by the Royal Shakespeare Company. As James Connolly, he will spend his first season with the RSC in a variety of small roles as well as understudying Antony Sher in 'Tamburlaine'.

**Siobhan McQuillan** recently graduated with a MBChB from the University of Liverpool.

**David Lomax**, at the College 1972-1981, is now a Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (FRCA) at Brompton Hospital, London and will move to Memorial Hospital, Dallas, in April 1993 for 12 months.

**Vincent Pellegrini**, at St Edward's 1964-1975, has been appointed Consultant Radiologist at Walton Hospital.

## Letters to the Editor — continued

good use. Since leaving the College we still meet musically and we are now known as the Stadler Duo providing music for business promotions and conferences and also wedding receptions.

Our latest venture during the Christmas holidays was a lunchtime recital at Southport Arts Centre where we were favourably received.

So thank you St Edward's music school for giving us the confidence to try our luck and here's hoping that our success will continue.

Kind regards,  
**VICKY CLARK and DAMIAN FLEMING,**  
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Nr Wigan,  
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Dear Editor,

FIRST of all, let me introduce myself. My name is Chris Greene. I was born in Garston, South Liverpool in 1962 and attended St Edward's College, West Derby, from 1973 to 1980. I studied languages at Nottingham University, and then took my PGCE at the Institute of Education in London.

I am currently working for VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) on the island of Sumba, in probably the poorest area of Indonesia. I am teaching English in a Catholic Secondary School and also running upgrading courses for all the English teachers in West Sumba (about 100 of them). I'm half-way through a two year contract, but will probably stay longer, as things are moving pretty slowly.

Let me get down to brass tacks. As well as being chronically short of money, the island lacks any further educational facilities. Both these factors mean that even if the kids are clever enough to pass their final exams, they rarely, if ever, get the chance to continue their education. The cost of travelling to Java and living there away from home, is all too often prohibitive.

If the island is going to 'develop' in any significant way, then the way out of the islanders poverty must come from them-

selves. Enabling the clever kids to leave the island and gain further knowledge in the fields of Agriculture, Water Engineering and Tourism would be positive steps towards securing a better future for the people here.

Can I propose that a scholarship scheme be set up for maybe two or three students a year from SMA St Thomas to continue their education at university?

The cost would not be at all high. Maybe for one student to study for one year on the island of Java would cost approximately £300 (pounds sterling), including travel expenses, study fees, food, rent etc (courses are normally three years long).

Maybe, if you think the idea is feasible, you could write back and I could send you the data of some students who are good enough to go on to university, but cannot afford to. Maybe you could choose the students yourselves, and during their university courses they could send you reports of their progress. What do you think?

If you think the above plan is not possible, could you put me in touch with any organisations who might be able to contribute? I am also on the lookout for anyone who has simple English reading books that could be put to good use here.

I look forward to hearing from you, and pray that a possible response can be found somewhere.

Thank you for listening.

**C. M. GREENE.**

Dear Editor,

I ENCLOSE my application for membership of FOSEC — encouraged by a recent contact with a near contemporary — Judge John Morgan!

I think I was the first St Edward's boy to go to Cambridge, but I could be wrong.

My career to date can be briefly summarised as follows:

1948-1955: At St Edward's College, where I was Head Boy and was also in the 1st XV and was Lancashire and North Counties 100 yards champion.

1955-1958: 1st Open Scholarship to Christ's College, Cambridge, where I gained a



2nd Class Hons (i) in English.  
1958-1961: Lieutenant in Royal Navy.  
1961-1970: English at Ampleforth College.  
1970-1978: Housemaster and Head of English at Ratcliffe College.  
1978-1990: Headmaster of Stonyhurst College Prep School.  
1990: Appeal Director of The Stonyhurst Centenaries Appeal.  
Yours sincerely,

**PETER A. ANWYL**

Dear Editor,

WORKING Class People — No Inheritance Tax? Don't you believe it. Today's middle aged people are now inheriting the family home, thanks to the hard work and foresight of their parents. Many parents bought their Council houses and so became 'Property Owners'.

Although we have had a slump in house prices, even inheriting a semi detached house could have inheritance tax problems. Remember inheritance tax is charged at 40% on estates valued over £140,000 'First in line to be paid is the taxman' many children will find themselves having to sell the family home just to pay the inheritance tax.

Three basic steps any independent financial adviser would recommend to mitigate inheritance tax.

1. Use the nil rate band on the first death as well as on the second death of a married couple.

2. Establish a loan trust.

3. Take out a life policy on husband and wife which pays the benefit on the second death to fund the eventual Inheritance Tax Liability.

**MICHAEL P. DORRINGTON**  
Independent Financial Adviser,  
Clement Gallagher Ltd.



## Memories from St Domingo Road

IN this, the first of an occasional series, we look at St Domingo Road, one of the sites on which the school has been located. Here, Mr Ernest Edwards and Mr William Baker recall their school days at St Edward's College, St Domingo Road.

### 50 Years On — I Remember by W. E. Edwards also known as 'The Professor'

I WAS a Junior City Scholarship boy from St Alphonsus School, Kirkdale, in September 1934. My scholarship class teacher was Miss 'Mamie' Marks, who had also enabled my older brother, Charles, to win a similar scholarship to St Edward's College two years before me.

I remember the stone spiral staircase of the College building in St Domingo Road, with the brass studs to prevent (or try to prevent) boys from sliding down the highly polished oak bannisters. I remember looking at the photographs on the walls of previous football and cricket teams, and wondering if I could ever follow in the footsteps of my illustrious heroes there depicted, like Vincent Jack, Gerry Gowney, Tim McDonough, Joe Leroi, and Jimmy Leonard. I can think back to Brother Curran, Brother Maingot (who later left the religious to marry), Brother 'Scully' Howlin (the only Brother to expel a pupil, James Riley, for hitting him), Brother 'Specky' Golding, Brother 'Snowey' Mac-Namara, and Brother Roche (Headmaster). I remember masters like 'Froggy' Mullen (French Master), Sid Meldon (he of the knuckles rapping) and Jack Curtin. 'Doggy Maher', the PT Master also springs to mind with painful memories of vaulting horses and climbing 30 foot ropes to the ceiling of the gym, and those excruciating wall bars! We used to catch two trams to Fazakerley to play football or cricket there (the cricket pavilion is now ensconced at the junction of two of the lanes near the Copple House Public House). I used to delight in wearing the blue jersey of St Domingo House, although I never rose above the ranks of the third team.

Sports Days at St Domingo Road were a treasure to remember, watching one's heroes race around the four sides of the playing field, and later to stand with our proud parents and see Joe Leroi or Louis Smith climb the stone steps to the balcony at the front of the school to receive their Victor Ludorum prizes won by them to the exclusion of mere triers like myself.

I remember the Assemblies in the Great Hall in the mornings to which we endeavoured never to be late, for fear of having five strokes of 'The Leather' (a piece of whalebone covered by black leather and wielded strongly by the Headmaster or one of his Deputies). The hymns and school

song were conducted by the reverend 'Push' (Mr Fred Boraston, FRCO) who was later knocked down and killed by a taxi, very close to his retirement home.

Once a week we would march (?) to the nearby Our Lady Immaculate Church next to our College, of which the outstanding figure of Monsignor Moloney was Parish Priest. On St Patrick's Day and also on Orangemen's Day (July 12th) he would stand outside his presbytery in a fierce stance and dare the local Orangemen to throw stones at his windows! Those of us who had to pass through the Orange Quarter, as we called the local streets of Thomason Street, Crete Street, and York Terrace (with coloured chalk pictures of 'King Billie' on his horse drawn on the walls), were advised by our Headmaster to put our College caps in our pockets on March 17th and July 12th to avoid any unpleasantness from the locals, followers of the Reverend Alderman Longbottom.

I recall the 'tuck shop' at the St Domingo's Road College, where pudding cakes and aniseed balls were favourites. In the schoolyard all the pupils would gather to rehearse, under Jack Curtin, the war cry 'KAI ORA' which we should shout to give support to our Senior or Junior teams engaged in Cup matches.

I remember also the Master 'Didgy' Rowe (D. G. Rowe), as being one of the personalities of that period of 1934-1938 and Mr Mulhearn's green Riley sports car parked in front of the school.

Two incidents come readily to mind, one, the occasion when Charley Smith was riding his bicycle under the 'shed' of the schoolyard, when

he collided with one of the iron support columns and finished up in hospital for many months and as a result of the operation he was left with permanent baldness. I remember we had in those days to lift our bicycles through a small inset door within the back door of the schoolyard, as the main door was never unlocked. The second incident was when a light aeroplane crash landed on the roof of a church and then on to nearby houses at the junction of St Domingo Road and Royal Street. We all had souvenirs of this event!

The St Domingo College was sold for flats when the College moved in September 1938 to Sandfield Park, but that, as they say, is another story. Others no doubt will remember lots more.

Ernest (William Ernest) Edwards (known as 'The Professor' at College), 1934-1940. Now living at Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

### My School Days at St Edward's College 1924-1932

I WAS born in Birkenhead some four months before World War One started, and became the only child of my parents, my father was a convert and was brought into the Church at Bishop Eton in 1911.

In due course I started my education at Holt Hill Convent, Birkenhead — now sadly demolished and is a building site — and was taught by the FCJ nuns. At the age of nine, my time came to be transferred to a Catholic Grammar School. The choice to be made by my parents was between SFX (the Jesuits) and St Edward's College (the Christian Brothers). The choice was the latter and I can well remember being taken by my parents to St Domingo Road and probably by the No 31 tram, then through a heavy door in a long high wall into the College grounds and walking up the steps of St Domingo House to meet Brother Leahy — the College Principal.

Imagine a small chubby, little boy of nine years being sent to St Domingo Road from home in Rock Ferry — travelling across the Mersey, by tram, on boat, then by tram (either nos 30 or 31) — through the Protestant district to the College for 9.00 am. Lessons started with prayers — a short break around 10.30 — then the Angelus at noon and Religion until 12.30, resuming with prayers at 1.30, then again at 2.00 pm and finishing with the Litany at 4.00 pm — and plenty of homework.

I can remember Brother Power, who was a lovely elderly Brother, teaching us chess. A Mr Jack McEnery was our Form Master. Strangely I discovered 'Jack' was staying with the Sisters of Mercy at Colwyn Bay — some three or four miles from our home. He is 95 but he really does remember his days at St Edward's (1920-1934). He does look very well.

Full fee then was three guineas a term. The school Dining Room seemed to be on the ground level of the House and was run by a Mrs Dolan. I think the Hot Lunch was ninepence (old money). This room bordered on the playground, familiarly known as 'The Yard'.

When there was a Senior or Junior Shield Football Match — the whole school was paraded about 10.30 am in the yard and the College war cry was well rehearsed. One side of the yard was large enough to take a full sized football pitch, a cricket ground and still large enough for Sports Day. A further side was bordered by Beacon Lane and just inside was the school gym. The instructor was a Mr Maher affectionately known to us as 'Doggie'.

My use in this setting was Anchor-Man in the

# ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE ST DOMINGO ROAD

### Headmasters at St Domingo Road

- 1923: Brother Forde moved to Blackpool and was replaced by Brother J. S. Leahy.
- 1925: September — Brother J. D. Goulding took over from Brother Leahy as Headmaster.
- 1929: Brother J. S. Roche became Headmaster.



● St Edward's College, St Domingo House.



# COLLEGE ROAD

Form Tug-of-War team. I mention this because I was known generally as Billy, Fatty or Tubby.

The next step was Form One under Brother Hennessy who emigrated to America — a great man. One of the masters in Form Two was a Mr J. S. Meldon — known as 'Syd' — a great teacher who represented England in International Amateur Football.

As time went by each year I met another Brother. Form 3a — Brother Walsh, Form 4a, Brother Doyle — a young man, a great footballer and possibly the most popular and enthusiastic teacher of his time. Sadly at a late age I heard he died in a fire at his latter days abode. On reaching Lower 5a — it was Brother Woodhouse — a stern and clever teacher, if you did anything not correct it was four strokes of his strap — mainly on your wrist. A Mr Percy O'Dowd was our Latin Master — one morning I felt his hand grab my jowl and he said 'Billy Baker, you will become a sin man, the only Latin verb you know to decline is *amo, amas, amat*.' However, things did improve and in my latter years I became an Alderman of Birkenhead and Deputy Chairman of the Highways and Tunnel Committee of the Merseyside County Council — not too bad, eh? There was a rhyme — it may still be of use — in Latin, which I think was meant for me. It went:

*'Fatibus Sitibus in the desk aborum,  
Deskibus Collapsibus fatty on the florum.'*

My days in the Upper Fives were under the skilful teaching of Brother McHenry — who ultimately went to South Africa — on his return I used to remember visiting him at Park House, Liverpool. There was a Brother Wall who attended to the Sixth Formers. Also the lay teachers were excellent — to name a few Mr Curtin and Mr Smart — French teachers and Mr Jim Mullen — also French, Mr Phil O'Brien — physics, Mr Frank Laughlin — maths, Mr Barter — geography, Mr Calland — history and who could forget Mr Fred Boraston — music teacher — better known as 'Push', who succeeded the lovable 'Daddy' Ashford. I think that I really did enjoy those days especially in the School Choir and our visits to the Cathedral — requiems etc — all in Latin. They were very useful to me during my choir days and can be remembered today.

During my time, the contingent from the Wirral side of the Mersey may be remembered. From New Brighton there were the Cullitys, O'Briens and from Birkenhead the Mahoney brothers, Lesley Fallon (RIP), McDonald and McArab from Rock Ferry, not forgetting myself Billy Baker. Many times we checked through our homework on top of the tram and in the saloon of a ferry boat. Happy days!

In conclusion I certainly cannot forget the school song:

*Oft at twilight's mystic hour,  
Our labour o'er, our minds at rest,  
We'll snatch a mite from mem'ry's dower,  
And live again our School life blest.  
With rapturous joy each voice will ring  
And Alma Mater's praises sing.*

and so on . . .  
The school cry 'Kai Ora' etc.

Yes, even approaching my 78th birthday there are many things I can recall — so life must have been good to me, although my essays were nearly always marked 'Very Poor — TRY HARDER'.

So my best wishes to all the present day pupils — whatever sex — do make the most of your education.

God Bless.

W. R. Baker  
(known as Billy Baker).

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● Advertisement for St Edward's College from the 1840's.

### St Domingo House — A Brief History

St Domingo House was originally built in 1757 by George Campbell, a merchant who in 1763 became Mayor of Liverpool. He named the house after the island of St Domingo, because one of his ships had captured a rich French prize off the island. On his death in 1770 the House was bought by John Crosbie, who had been Mayor in 1765, for £3,800, but he could not complete the purchase and so sold it to John Sparling (Mayor of Liverpool 1790-1791) in 1773.

It was John Sparling who rebuilt the house in 1793 to the form that many former pupils remember. His son, William, inherited the estate. It was William Sparling, a lieutenant in the Dragoons, who gained notoriety by duelling with Edward Grayson (over a woman). Grayson was killed. Sparling along with his second, Captain Colquitt, RN, was tried at the Lancaster Assizes and were both acquitted.

In 1803 with the threat of a French invasion, the house was let to the government as Headquarters for the second Duke of Gloucester. Prince William Henry, second Duke of Gloucester (1776-1834) was the son of the first Duke of Gloucester and a nephew of George III (1760-1820). The Duke moved into St Domingo House in 1803 when he was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Liverpool district. He remained there until 1806 or 1807 when the threat of an invasion from Napoleonic France had been removed.

In 1810 the house was bought by William Ewart, godfather to William Ewart Gladstone, for £20,295 and he sold it in 1812 to the government for £26,383 6s. 8d. The government hoped to build a barracks there but the scheme was abandoned. The estate was sold in lots. The house itself became a Ladies School from 1817 to 1831 then it became a Unitarian school. In 1840 it was bought by the Very Reverend Dr Youens for the Catholic Church as a school. Dr Youens named the school St Edward's College (after Edward the Confessor whose anniversary was on the day Dr Youens took possession of the house) and Rev Dr

John Henry Fisher and Vice-President Rev Dr Alexander Goss took up residence on 16th January, 1842. Advertisements were placed in 'The Tablet' in late 1842 and 45 pupils arrived in January, 1843. By 1874 an extension was needed so that in the following year the College held about 100 pupils. In 1910 with numbers for the priesthood increasing the College accepted seminarians only. In 1920 the students of the College walked from St Domingo Road to their new premises at Upholland.

On Friday, 9th January, 1920, the transfer of the Catholic Institute from Hope Street to St Domingo House began and on 13th January classes began in St Edward's College, St Domingo Road. The College stayed at St Domingo Road until 1938 when it moved to its present site in Sandfield Park.

On moving to St Domingo Road the College saw a number of successes and changes.

- 1921: For the first time the School Annual Sports Day was held on its own premises. St Edward's won the Junior Football Shield.
- 1926: July — St Edward's came first in the Inter-Collegiate Sports.
- 1928: July — The College won the Inter-Collegiate Sports Junior Shield.
- 1929: March — The Senior and Junior shields in football were won.
- 1931: The House system was introduced to get more boys interested in games — there was a good response.
- 1932: The Junior Conference of SVP was inaugurated in VIth Form.

February 1925 saw a full inspection of the College by the Board of Education. They reported: 'In the school was found good teaching, plenty of hard work, much to commend.'

● If any former pupils or their families have any recollections of their days at the Catholic Institute, Hope Street and/or St Edward's College, Sandfield Park, I would be delighted if you could send them to me, Julie McGlory, to be published in future editions.



# Amateur Radio Society Report

**A NUMBER of pupils at the College expressed a genuine interest in Amateur Radio, and with this in mind an Amateur Radio Society was formed at the beginning of the 1991-1992 Academic year.**

After an initial flourish of pupils, many of whom came along out of curiosity rather than a deeper interest in the subject, a group of about 12 students, boys and girls, formed a steady and consistent class. This class meets weekly in the Design Centre.

## WORLD OF RADIO YOUR OYSTER

A number of past pupils of St Edward's have become Radio Amateurs and made radio contact with different parts of the world. Indeed, with an Amateur Radio Licence the world of radio communications is your oyster, offering unlimited scope to talk to fellow amateurs in just about every country. You are not limited to just talking to each other over the radio, you can make visual contact using a simple slow-scan television system, or you may wish to send radio-teletype over vast distances and send the printed word. Even simpler, but equally effective and cheaper, modes of radio communication is to use the ubiquitous morse code. Although this is a relatively old method of radio communication, it is still greatly used by both professional and amateur radio operators.

## CITY AND GUILDS EXAMINATION

All this is only possible if you obtain a Radio Amateurs Licence. This is issued by the Department of Post and Telecommunications only upon the receipt of an examination pass slip proving you have successfully sat and passed the City and Guilds of the London Institute Radio Amateurs Examination. This means you have to study for the Certificate and it is hoped that we will start a series of lessons, done over the lunch periods, to this end. We hope to start such lessons beginning this coming September.

The Examination is not too difficult and covers all conditions of the Licence, what you can do and what you cannot do. It covers elementary electronics and basic radio theory, aerials and transmitters and, of course, radio interference. The series of lessons would be spread over the full academic year.

## IDENTIFICATION CALL SIGN

When you get your Licence, you will be issued with a Call Sign. This will be yours for the rest of your life and it will always be the identification call of your radio station.

This year at St Edward's, we have met on an informal basis each week and talked of

Amateur Radio. At this point in the year we are giving morse lessons. The Licence requires you to send and receive morse at a minimum speed of 12 words per minute. Not too difficult, but requires practice.

St Edward's Amateur Radio Society also

does practical electronic work and is engaged at the moment in renovating a transmitter kindly donated by a fellow radio amateur. The aim is to set-up a permanent St Edward's Radio Station for licensed pupils to operate and enjoy at suitable times.

Everybody is welcome to the society, but when lessons start this coming September, we will limit the number to about 20 pupils. We meet every Wednesday at 1.00 pm in the Design Centre.

Please come along and see if it interests you.

R. J. Webster,  
G4EGM (Radio Call Sign).



## ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE DRAMA SOCIETY

This year's main Drama Production will be:

### 'SPRING AND PORT WINE'

by Bill Naughton

in

the Ley Hall  
St Edward's College

on

**19th, 20th & 21st MAY**

at

**7.30 p.m.**

Doors Open

**7.00 p.m.**

Tickets: £1.50

Concession: £1 (child/OAP/unwaged)



# Ski '92

MR D. EDWARDS led yet another highly successful visit to the ski slopes of Europe.



in this case the pistes of Italy — Aprica in the Valtelline.

Not only is this a beautiful Alpine Valley, aligned N/S so that snow accumulates vastly on its N facing slope, but a region steeped in history and with a strong sense of local identity.

The only mishap was a fall on the ice rink by Daniel Burnstone requiring a couple of stitches. The trip to hospital in an Italian

taxi on mountain roads was far more frightening than the worst black runs, so favoured by Mr Hughes and Mr Miles!

The whole party progressed in their ski prowess, even if this meant a proficient snow plough turn. The standard of tuition seemed high and was certainly excellent in the group with which I had experience. The hotel was a little disappointing in some respects, but was warm and clean and the staff welcoming.

The above photographs indicate happiness on skis rather than apprehension. The pupils were well behaved and pleasant to be with — most of the time. The sixth formers were helpful and responsible, and really!! Ben Ambrose and David Seed were good fun. Colin asks me to say that his fall, off-piste, was not so funny. On a personal note the best moments of the holiday were in Boario — where? — you know, the world famous spa resort in Northern Italy. And an especial thanks to Mr Miles who is unbelievably good with figures.

J. G. Campbell



## SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

**THE first Parents' Association 'Sportsman's Dinner' was held at the Devonshire House, Edge Lane, on 12th February, when the Guest Speaker was former Light Heavy-weight Champion of the World — John Conteh.**

John was in sparkling form as he recounted anecdotes from his career and life in Kirkby. He was ably supported by Marcus Bluett, Radio Merseyside's Sports Presenter (with a selection of 'out-takes' from various sports programmes) and Kevin Connelly with a series of brilliant impressions of sporting personalities. Our Master of Ceremonies was Ron Roby of Liverpool College.

The evening was an outstanding success and thanks are due to all who worked so hard to make it so.

The Parents' Association would like to thank our sponsors: Devonshire House, the Old Boys RUFC and Allen's Disinfectants of Birkenhead, those firms who took out advertising space in the programme, and all who donated raffle prizes. Special mention must be made of John Campbell who worked so hard promoting the Dinner.

Those who advertised were:  
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The evening raised £1,635, including £100 from the Old Boys' Rugby Club and £100 from the CI to assist with the expenses of the College's Under 14 Rugby Tour of France at Easter. Let us hope they have a good tour.

**James Lloyd,  
Chairman SECPA**



# Ladies Day Luncheon

LAST term the Annual Ladies Luncheon took place on Friday 29th November at the Goodison Park Supporters Club. The event was sponsored by A. W. Developments and a great many supported it by donating quality raffle prizes.

The Luncheon was a great success and raised over £2,000 for the College. 261 ladies attended and Mrs Ruth Dean, Former Lord Mayor of Liverpool, was guest speaker.

## LIMOUSINE

Mrs Avril Bannon, a member of the Luncheon Committee, organised a white limousine to transport Mrs Dean to and from the venue in a style befitting the occasion!

The next Ladies Day Luncheon will be held at the Goodison Park Supporters Club on 20th November 1992, when the guest speaker will be Superintendent Cathy Stanley — one of the highest ranking police-women in the country. Supt Stanley was guest speaker at a previous luncheon and was so popular that it was decided to invite her back again. Admission for this event is by ticket only and the prices for the tickets have been held at last year's price of £12. All ladies are most welcome. The food is always superb and represents excellent value.

## ENJOYMENT

The event is designed for your enjoyment and also provides useful income to the school. To this end, the support and attendance of companies who may be interested in providing support and raffle prizes is sought.

Places are limited and the event always well-subscribed. To book, please complete the booking form below and return it to Mrs Garvey or to Julie McGlory at the College as soon as possible. If you are prepared to donate a raffle prize or if you would be willing to sponsor the event, please indicate below and you will be contacted by the Luncheon Committee.



## BOOKING FORM

# Ladies Day Luncheon

Friday 20th  
November 1992  
at the Goodison  
Supporters Club

I would like to reserve ..... places for the Ladies Day Luncheon.

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone No. ....

Son/Daughter's Form .....

I enclose a cheque payable to SECPA for the sum of £.....  
(Tickets at £12 each)

I am prepared to donate a raffle prize ( )  
I would be interested in sponsoring the event ( ) (please tick)

Please send this form with the appropriate remittance to:  
Julie McGlory, St Edward's College, Sandfield Park, Liverpool L12 1LF.



# News of

# FOSEC Members

MORE members replied after the request on this year's FOSEC renewal forms to say what they have been doing since leaving the College. (Years at the College in brackets).

**Mr R. M. Clancy**, (1934-1938), after war service he played for the Old Cathinians for some years and entered into the insurance industry.

**Fr W. A. Mills**, (1938-1943), on leaving the College he attended St Joseph's, Upholland, until 1955. Served as a priest in Chorley, Kirkby, Ainsdale, then on to the missions in Kenya in 1962 and in 1964 he returned to the Apostleship of the Sea until 1984 when he became Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories in Hightown.

**Andrew Ashton**, (1970-1977), after graduating from the University of Kent with a degree in philosophy, he moved to London and worked in local government for five years. Since marrying and moving to Northampton, he has worked for Abbey National. He is now studying for a Masters Degree in Business Administration as a post-graduate student of Leicester University.

**J. V. Shenna**, (1943-1950), graduated from Liverpool University in 1953 and became employed by the Atomic Energy Authority. He is currently Director, Risley Site, AEA Technology.

**John P. Ridge**, (1966-1977), on leaving went to Cambridge University until 1983, and is now teaching at Royal Grammar School, Worcester.

**Nigel D. Ashton**, now holds an Honours Degree in History and American Studies, and a Diploma in Librarian and Information Studies and now has a post in a Polytechnic as Librarian.

**Rev Fr Paul Addison**, (1953-1959), was ordained priest in 1965 (Servite Order) and is now Father Provincial.

**Ernest (William Ernest) Edwards DMA**, (1934-1940), on leaving the College (after evacuation to Llanelli) joined the Air Force in 1941, he spent three years abroad in Indian, Burma and Malaya. On returning, he became a Local Government Officer in Liverpool until 1966 when he moved down to Stourbridge, where he has been part of the Prosecuting Solicitors' Staff and now the Crown Prosecution Service Staff for 25 years. He also played football for the Old Cathinians for 25 years (counting war service) and asks to be remembered to his team mates.

**Damian Fleming**, (1983-1990), whilst at the College Damian, at the age of 16 under the tuition of John Fuest and Marie Taylor, became a licentiate of the Trinity College of Music. Damian is at present in his second year at Oxford University where he is reading Law.

**Bryan Homan**, (1976-1984), graduated from Aston University with BSc (Hons) in Pharmacology and Biochemistry. From 1987 to early 1991 he worked in Huntingdon in the field of Toxicology and at the end of 1991 he graduated from Birmingham University with MSc in Toxicology. He recently returned to the North West and is currently employed with North West Water in Warrington.

**Dr A. A. Gilbertson**, (1941-1951), became a consultant in the NHS, then moved to Magill University Montreal as Professor, he then became a Squadron Leader with the RAF and is now reserve Group Captain.

## ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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on 051-259 5371

## DIARY

### MAY

- 2nd Saturday: 8.00pm Parents' Association — Quiz Night  
4th Monday: May Day Bank Holiday  
16th Saturday: 8.00pm Parents' Association — Committee Dinner  
19th - 21st: 7.30pm Production by Drama Society 'Spring and Port Wine'  
22nd Friday: 2.00pm Makeni Run  
23rd Saturday: Mid-term Holiday commences

### JUNE

- 1st Monday: 8.55am Term resumes  
6th Saturday: 7.30pm Parent's Association — Cabaret Night featuring 'The Billy Butler Show'  
14th Sunday: Parents' Association — Summer Fair  
18th Thursday: Holiday for Corpus Christi  
26th Friday: Colours Day  
27th Saturday: Mass and Social Evening for School Leavers

### JULY

- 14th Tuesday: 7.30pm Music Society Concert — Contrasts II featuring British Medieval and Contemporary Music  
15th Wednesday: Last Day of Term

### SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Thursday: Term Commences



# Cross Country

THE Cross Country teams have enjoyed mixed fortunes this season and results have suffered when our teams have been below full strength. Nevertheless, our junior teams have enjoyed a reasonably successful season, which augurs well for the future.

In the Christian Brothers Championships held at Crosby, the U13's were our best placed team in 2nd place, with Neil Blackhurst the individual winner. Our U14's were unlucky when their two leading runners went astray, which cost the team a probable victory.

Three further fixtures have been held in the Merseyside League, with the final fixture being held on a cold, blustery morning at Clarke Gardens. The U13 team ran well in all four fixtures to earn an excellent 2nd place overall. Our U12 team earned a good 4th place overall, actually finishing 3rd in two of the races. The Senior and U14 teams, each with fairly small squads, were both hit by injuries and had to settle for 5th place, while the U16's finished 7th.

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In other fixtures, the U12's and U13's won most of their 'friendly' fixtures. The U12's led for the first four legs in the Birkenhead Park Relays before finishing a creditable 3rd. Peter Walsh and Simon Fraser both ran consistently well for the U12's, and received good support from Matthew Gilmore, Michael Ellis and Chris Stockton. Neil Blackhurst and Ben Leather were the most successful of our U13's, and Stephen Parkinson ran in every race, though the whole team are warmly commended for their great team spirit and commitment to training. Peter Silcock produced some excellent runs for the Under 14's, especially in League races, backed up by James Fogarty, Robert Pope, Dominic Smith and Bryan Renton. Alex Prayle, Chris Lynas, Chris Fogarty and Kevin Keith were our most successful Under 16's. For the Seniors, Brian McArdle and Steve Settle did well in a number of races, with good support from Neil Murphy.



## Old Boys RUFC

THIS season has been a difficult one for the Old Boys Rugby Club, the 1st XV have struggled in a number of their league matches and have only recently begun to gain league points. However, the form they found in the closing months of the season has not been wasted. For the second year in succession, the Old Boys Rugby team are playing in the final of the Lancashire Trophy competition.

Readers may recall that last year the Club were defeated in that game by Manchester. This year, we are playing Sedgley Park on April 12th at a game to be held at West

Park's ground. The stakes will be high as the winner of that match should qualify for the Pilkington Cup competition which is fought annually between the country's most senior clubs.

The end of season always brings an increase in social activity at the Old Boys base in Bishops Court and the tradition of an end of season tour has been continued, the destination being Lochaber (Fort William) in Scotland.

Whilst the rugby training and fitness work continues during the summer, the better weather also brings the opportunity for the

Golf Society section of the Rugby Club to come into its own. Every year there are four major competitions starting with the annual Spring Plate which is played for at West Derby Golf Course. Anybody connected with the College is invited to join in any of the activities organised by the Rugby Club and any Sixth Form pupils who will be leaving the College in summer, and who want to continue their rugby playing career after school, are invited to attend one of our training sessions held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6.30 pm on the College grounds.



# U12's REPORT

IT is never easy, at the beginning of the year, to be sure whether or not a team is going to be successful; it was no different this year. What was obvious was the tremendous enthusiasm of the twenty-five boys who committed themselves to rugby by St Edward's.

From the very first match (with the U13's B side) it was evident that, whilst lacking in physical presence, there were many individuals with talent and more importantly, fire in their bellies. After initial optimism, the team's lack of stature, coupled with a

bizarre case of headless-chickens from the forwards meant that performances were unimpressive.

Nevertheless, after some stern words and a period of sustained and dedicated attendance to technical problems (especially rucking and scrummaging), the team began to take shape and some individuals to distinguish themselves. Worsley moved from stand-off to No 8 to add size and aggression to a pack that once it knew what to do was capable of (and did on all but two occasions) out-play and silence all comers.

McQuaide, from the very beginning has distinguished himself. An excellent hooker, with a sound throw-in, his contribution on the pitch has been outstanding. Worsley has been superb throughout and these two have been superbly supported by Hesketh (a hugely improved player since starting at Liverpool St Helens and now an established star of the team), P. Davis, and the fiery

Evans who came into the side a little late and made his position secure.

The pack rucked ferociously every game and with characters like Saddler, Buckley, Tattersall, McGillicuddy, Dwyer, and Burns (all smallish in stature) prepared to throw themselves whole-heartedly into the fray, deserves full credit for a season of excellent performances. Tom Blackwell, when on song was one of our greatest assets. However, it often took a long time for him to get motivated and fitness was probably a feature here. Indeed, all players will need to maintain peak fitness for the season to come, if they are to keep their places in the side.

As for the backs (defenders to the death to a man), it is almost impossible to say anything negative about them. McGeough, a natural athlete and scrum-half, can create tries from thin air (although his passes sometimes seemed aimed at it as well!) and exploited the blind-side with guile and perception. Melia was sound strategically and kicked with skill and judgement. In the centres, Bailey in particular looked dangerous but both he and Davis were outstanding in the tackle, almost always against bigger opposition. On the left-wing Borg-Olivier (as mad as they come!) was quite simply remarkable. His stature belies a strength and determination that verge on lunacy. It is probably God's way of protecting people that he is so diminutive.

At full-back, Hargreaves was a real find. Excellent handling, coolness under pressure, strong running and sound kicking mark him out as a classy player. On the other wing, Kumah, Wong and Wallace were all regulars and all showed the commitment and passion required, especially towards the end of the season when one would expect enthusiasm to be waning.

Enduring memories? Rucking the ball continuously from our 22 to the opposition line versus Liverpool College; the backs tackling against St Mary's; the commitment in training; Bernie's run and his shorts over the tracksuit; Bernie Dwyer's 'champagne moment' of victory versus King's School, Macclesfield; Danny Burns' handling; Borg-Olivier in the tackle; the performance by forwards and backs against St Ambrose and most importantly the spirit of the side that both masters-in-charge have had the pleasure to coach.

Well done and good luck next year!

S. C. Clayton

# U16's REPORT



● Rudge Senior and Junior and Under 16's prop Hamilton pictured in the Liverpool-St Helens Clubhouse.

THE season has been centred around the Merseyside Floodlit Trophy at St Helens where progress was made into the final. In a high quality game versus Merchant Taylor's, St Edward's were beaten 16-12 by a controversial last minute try. Despite the lukewarm attitude adopted by the authorities towards the event the lads brought credit to themselves and to the school. It is important to win but it is equally important to learn to accept defeat with dignity and honour.

The phrase public relations can be just a cliché but throughout the season St Edward's had admirable ambassadors in the whole team, many of whom will provide the backbone to the 1st XV next year. The lads have realised that discipline and controlled aggression are required to complement their undoubted natural talent. Warmest congratulations to all involved, the 38-3 rout of Liverpool College in the semi final will long be remembered by everyone who saw it.

J. A. W. Clough



● Line-out action in the Liverpool-St Helens Floodlit Final.

# 2nd XV REPORT

THE 2nd XV have had a fairly successful season, winning half their matches. Notable performances were against Widnes 6th Form College, Caldys Grange and Arnold School. The team consisted of mostly 5th form boys who always tried hard and trained regularly. Well led by the captain, Hunt, the forwards, particularly Clapham, were never dominated by the opposition and provided their backs with many opportunities. Of the backs, O'Neill, Kenyon, Scargill and Cooper ran with spirit and determination.

On occasions the squad was depleted by injuries and we lost several matches by two or three points. However, the majority of players represented the school with pride and a sense of personal worth.

T. T. Critchley



## 1st XV Report

THE 1st XV lost four matches, narrowly against Birkenhead, St Anselm's and King's School, Macclesfield and more decisively by Kirkham.

Of the sides we played I was most impressed by King Edward's, Lytham — they had a nice blend of mobile forwards and fluent backs. This was a 12-12 draw with honours even. The most memorable wins were against Cowley and Arnold, both away. These were character testing games with St Edward's spirit and flair ultimately emerging supreme. The break by Ben Rudge at Arnold to create the decisive score and Martin Keenaghan's two tries at Cowley were worthy highlights.

This year's Upper Sixth has always been one of the weakest rugby groups to pass through the College. David Crawford, Ben Morgan, John Newberry, Adam Meehan and especially Greg Woodley were the only major talents. We were fortunate that Philip Lawrenson and Martin

Keenaghan joined us from St Helens to strengthen that year group. Thus the side has been a young one, predominantly Lower Sixth with the additions of Ben Rudge, Francis Davies and Danny Kenyon from the fifth form.

The flankers Karl Lee and Christopher Wong are fast and aggressive. Dominic Williams, Nick Astor, Simon Gee, Mark Lomax, Peter Lavery, Tim McDonald all showed promise for next year's side. Vice-captain Paul Brown, competitive and committed, was a key element at full back in the expansive game we encourage.

Martin Keenaghan, hooker and captain, has been a superb leader and organiser. In all but coinage he is a true professional. He is hard, fit and knowledgeable — an asset to any side. I hope he is successful in his bid to play for England in the forthcoming trials. He has already represented Lancashire.

The recent law changes at ruck, maul and scrum all suit our style of play. I am optimistic about the future given the strength and quality of our players throughout the school and the dedication of the rugby staff whose thoughts you find on these pages. Thank you to those staff and all who help the cause of St Edward's rugby.

J. G. Campbell

but he was soon getting the pack to do its job so that he could provide excellent possession for the backs to do their damage. Another hard win 21-10 over St Anselm's and an easy victory 40-0 over Kirkham GS was followed by a 42-0 win over St Mary's and a well earned Christmas break.

With such strength in the centre position we had the luxury of being able to rotate players on the wings with Martin Elms, Michael Sissons, Antony Jennings and Nicholas Rudd having good games at one time or another. James Cashman was our utility player who showed great awareness in whatever position he played and Michael Feely played well enough to score two tries in successive matches by good support play on the wing. After Christmas we had an easy 36-3 win over St Ambrose followed by two nervous wins 22-10 against King's School, Macclesfield and 12-4 against Arnold School, Blackpool. Both these victories were with weakened teams owing to illness and players carrying injuries. Throughout the season we had Peter Stephenson at full-back, following in the tradition of all full-backs at St Edward's — essentially runners who like to counter attack with the ball in their hands. Such players who can make scything inroads into the opposition's defence are a tremendous asset.

There was a good solid nucleus of twenty four or twenty five who trained regularly, who put everything in to their rugby and who have obviously developed in all departments of the game as the season progressed. The B team lost both its matches but once again all the players enjoyed their rugby and represented the College with distinction.

On the touchline we had a loyal band of parents of parents and supporters who managed to get to our away matches, and who gave lots of encouragement to their sons.

With such a good record at 15-a-side it was obvious that we would have a very strong 7-a-side squad and, indeed, there was fierce competition for places in this squad. At our first tournament at Birkenhead School we finished top of our group thanks to a good win against Cowley. In the final against Arnold School we went 0-4 behind but two tries from Peter Stephenson saw us take the trophy. At the prestigious Woodhouse Grove Tournament in Bradford we were caught cold in our first match and lost 6-8 to Gilstead School — our only defeat in any sort of match all season. However we went on to win the Plate final quite easily whereas Gilstead won the main Trophy final.

Finally, congratulations to all squad members who contributed to this season's success. It has been fully deserved.

A. J. Pennington

## U13 Report

### UNDEFEATED!!

The U13's fully deserve all their success this season with an excellent playing record:

P	W	D	L	For	Against
15	14	1	0	453	97

The squad adapted quickly to the routine of regular practices and weekend matches and we got off to the best possible start with a good win against Manchester GS. It was clear very early on that the attack would be spearheaded by the two strong running centres Matthew Morris and Carl Mba. In our second match at KES Lytham we came back from 4-16 to lead 22-16 by running the ball from every position on the field with both Morris and Mba each scoring two long-range tries. At this stage of the season the pack was not playing up to its potential for it was not winning any set piece possession and even losing possession in rucks and mauls. Nevertheless we drew 12-12 at Birkenhead School, giving away two tries needlessly with simple errors in defence. A good 24-16 win over Cowley followed and by now we had a fairly settled side with props Michael Fitzsimmons and Jon-Paul Favour making solid foundation for Yussef Bictash as hooker. These three, along with James Santangelli and Chris Humphries got through a lot of work in the loose

with strong tackling and good rucking so a target for next season will be for them to make more ground when the ball is in their hands in the second row Simon Jones now partnered Ben Ambrose, the former making sure that the ball always came out on our side from rucks and the latter eating up the ground with his bull dozing runs. Easy wins over St Bede's and St Joseph's followed but these were overshadowed by the loss of Carl Mba with a broken leg. Ian Jones moved in from the wing to outside centre and before long had made the position his own with good handling, pressure tackling and tidying up any kicks from the opposition. We had a tough 12-4 win against Caldys Grange and an easy 42-0 win against Liverpool College. By now the back row was beginning to work as a unit with Adam Cloherty at No 8 being invaluable at lines out and in the loose. Neil Gavin worked hard at flanker with good ball-winning skills and incisive breaks. James Sweetin had pace, Paul Mellon had strength in mauls and Stuart Wright had enthusiasm to get the ball in his hands and confront the opposition. In this way we could always field a pack of eight competent and keen forwards.

At the end of October we had a very hard game against a previously undefeated De La Salle, St Helens and won 41-10 thanks to a hat-trick of tries from stand-off and captain Mark Quayle. Mark was the pivot of the whole team. His determination and strength ensured that the team was led by example and his tactical awareness increased as the wins mounted up. With most of our tries being scored near to the posts Mark had many easy conversions but he did manage to land some notable kicks from out wide on the touchline as his confidence and technique increased. Patrick Granby at scrum half was a revelation in a position new to him in September,

## U14's Report

THIS has been a successful year for the Under 14's who have scored 638 points and only conceded 180 points. Despite playing the majority of their matches away from home, they won 10 and drew the match at Manchester GS.

The major scorers were Evans, Tunna and Akpogheneta, but this was a season of team effort, with Williamson and Vancheri particularly outstanding.

The matches of memorable note were the 74-0 victory against the touring Loughborough GS, the 16-10 defeat at Sedbergh and the 62-6 win at St Mary's which lasted only 40 minutes.

The B team won both their matches against Manchester GS and Liverpool College and the character shown by B team players in the win against St Ambrose, showed a depth of talent in this year group.

Improvements in many areas have been made this year, but rucking remains too slow and less than automatic.

To date, the Under 14's have won the Rydal Sevens for the first time defeating King's Macclesfield and Stonyhurst on the way, with Grace, Stanley, Ross and Charters assisting those already mentioned.

R.A. Young



U14s 7's squad with coach Mr R. Young.