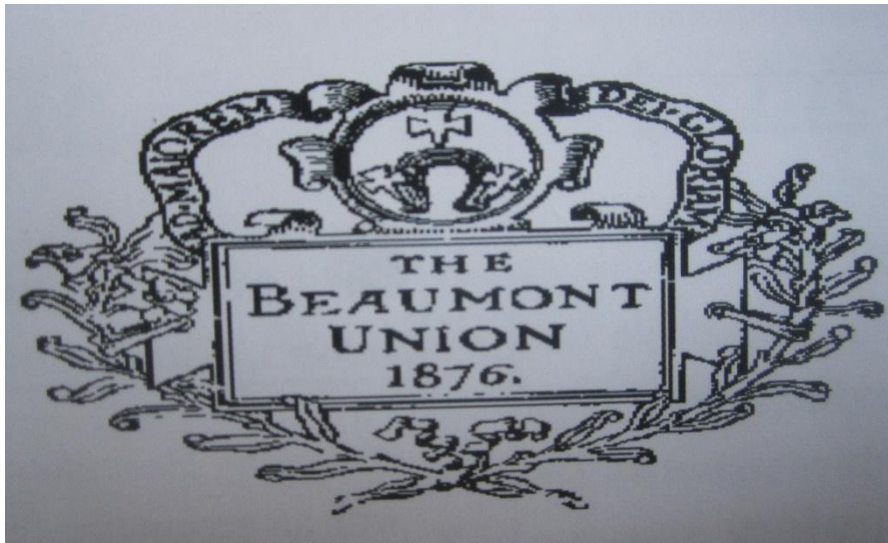


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## THE BEAUMONT UNION REVIEW AUTUMN 2014



Firstly on behalf of John Paton Walsh our Honorary Secretary and Mike Bedford who together look after our finances a huge **THANK YOU** to all of you who have very generously answered the call for FUNDS: The Beaumont Union is secure for the foreseeable future. Some outsiders might think it extraordinary that so many years after the School's closure, so many of you wish for the Union to continue and fulfil

“our mission statement” as laid out on the Home page of the Website. It may be because you feel you gained much from your time at Beaumont and were best prepared for your future life or because of the friends you made there, but the fact remains that Beaumont somehow made its mark on all of us, even if some of us (including myself) took many years to appreciate it. I for one now take great pride in what the School and OBs achieved and continue to do over the years.

I don't think that seeking recognition for one's work or service comes high on an OB's agenda but it is obviously nice when it is recognised. In the Diplomatic List for the Queen's Birthday Honours an OBE was awarded to **John Okell (52)** for services to UK/ Burmese relations. John is one of the leading experts on the Burmese language and culture, an author of books on the subject and a research analyst and lecturer at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) London University.



I sent our congratulations on your behalf to John on what is a well merited though many might think a belated award for a lifetime's work.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE B U LUNCH**

Takes place at the Caledonian Club on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The Bar opens at Midday with Lunch at 1pm. Dress suits. The price of a ticket has been maintained as last year at £70.

The Chairman is our President **Guy Bailey** and the respondent **William Gammell**.

**Please show your appreciation of our Life President for what he has done and continues to do on our behalf by making every effort to attend.**

**Please complete the Proforma in the Events Section and send to MIKE BEDFORD ASAP.**

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**9<sup>th</sup> November** is of special significance this year with the Centenary of the start of The Great War. Apart from Mass at the War Memorial and the kind invitation to lunch at St John's, we will be presenting on your behalf; -

### **THE COLOURS**

To St John's in a short ceremony at the school. The colours have been beautifully restored by a team of seamstresses from the Company of Allen Avery. Because of the fragile state of the silks they have been mounted and framed worthy of "An Old and Battered Standard". The presentation will be made by **Brigadier Anthony Stevens** 3<sup>rd</sup> generation OB soldier.

Further details of the day will be sent to you nearer the time.

I received the following letter from **Giles Delaney** Headmaster;-

"On the half of the whole school can I thank the Beaumont Union and particular yourself for your kind and generous donation of the Beaumont Colours to St John's.

The new renovated colours look absolutely marvellous and will be a wonderful adornment to the corridors of St John's. We are in the process of installing them at the moment and I will endeavour to have the explanation published appropriately before the beginning of this term. Our intention is also somehow to have the mace displayed alongside the colours.

Thank you once again for the time and effort you have taken in managing this project and I look forward to visiting the school at a suitably convenient time to look at them in situ".

With all good wishes

Giles

## **HCPT FUND RAISING**

### **John Flood (65) writes**

In early September I head for Ponte Lima in Northern Portugal for a Camino walk of about 100 miles to Santiago de Compostela. Two of my walking companions are Beaumont contemporaries, **Arthur Cope (65)** from Indianapolis and **Patrick Solomon (65)** from Epsom. Another is an HCPT veteran who was 84 yesterday.

I have set up a new Just Giving page [www.justgiving.com/hcptcaminocycle](http://www.justgiving.com/hcptcaminocycle) to which I aim shortly to add a photo. I believe you plan a further edition of the BU Review at the end of this month and if so I would be very grateful if you can include a reference to our walk and encourage members of the BU who would like to support HCPT through sponsorship (as a replacement for the purchase of Race Night Grand Draw

tickets in the past) of this to visit the Just Giving site as soon as possible as the walk commences on the 6<sup>th</sup> September.

That takes me on to two other HCPT events later this year which you may care to publicise, namely:-

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November the 30<sup>th</sup> annual HCPT Race Night at Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium which was started in 1985 by Brian Burgess (67) and myself (65) and two others (one of them being the veteran referred to above). Please encourage those who would like to attend to contact me at [john.flood@racenight.org.uk](mailto:john.flood@racenight.org.uk)

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm at Westminster Cathedral the HCPT bi-annual Christmas Carols service. All are welcome.

## **OBITUARIES**

I have been informed of the following deaths; details where possible are included in the OBITUARY section. **Michael Tussaud (62), Fr Frank Gignac SJ, Vivian Hughes (56)**

## **WEBSITE**

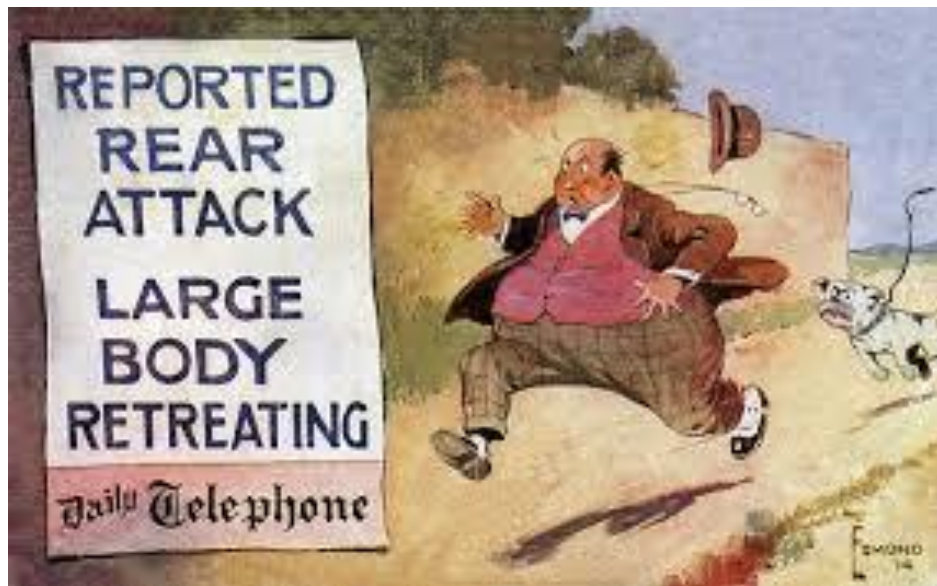
It is probably fair to say that the majority of OBs are beginning to slow down a bit, relax and enjoy retirement. I like to count myself amongst this group, however far from “down sizing “ and taking life a little easier, I find myself with increased equestrian activities and taking on a property that with land and woodland that is more than just pottering in the garden. The point I am getting to is that I cannot maintain all the various sections on the Website to the standard I would wish, I have therefore decided to suspend MONGREL JOTTINGS taken from past REVIEWS for the foreseeable future in the hope that I may be able to return to them at a later date.

Please note my new address from 2<sup>nd</sup> September;

Woodside House, Burnt Hill, Dunsfold, GU8 4PG

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## **VRIL**



Humour of the Day

VRIL looks at the oncoming of War in 1914 with the editorials of The Tablet and The Beaumont Review of that period.

The post war generations were brought up on the beliefs of many of the war poets with the view that the conflict was “one vast, useless, futile tragedy, worthy to be remembered only as a pitiable mistake”. From what I have researched, the vast majority of OBs that fought rejected this and when peace came were able to say “ We entered the war expecting heroic adventure and believing implicitly in the righteousness of our cause. We ended greatly disillusioned as to the nature of the adventure, but still believing that our cause was right and we had not fought in vain”.

## REMINDERS;

### BATTLEFIELD TOUR



As stated in the Summer REVIEW, we are proposing a Great War Battlefield Tour conducted by **Philip Stevens** who has considerable expertise on the subject and is the author of “The Great War Explained”; outline details are as follows -

**Trip in May 2015 from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>.** The start point will be our War Memorial.

**We would base our stay in Ypres at the Albion Hotel**

Covering 2nd Ypres 1915, Somme 1916, 3rd Ypres 1917, The Artois including Vimy Ridge 1914/15/17

Travelling by coach with a pick-up at Dover

Philip has very cordial relations with the Last Post Association and is confident they'd reserve us a place for the group at Last Post, which would obviously be the time and place for laying a BU wreath.

Numbers should be not more than 44-48, these things don't work with larger numbers for various reasons.

Probable cost about £600 a head.

This Tour will be Beaumont orientated to visit some of the battlefields where OBs fought and died together with their stories. It will also take in museum visits and some of the War Cemeteries. If applicable we will try and accommodate personal visits to family graves.

BOOK EARLY to [robertsnobcob@btinternet.com](mailto:robertsnobcob@btinternet.com)

**Beaumont's casualty figure was probably the highest of any of the Public Schools; Let us go and remember those that gave their lives.**

## **The late John Iversen's book "Inn Jokes"**

I wrote in previous Reviews that this is a really witty gem which had me chuckling throughout the narrative. If I think of the character of what a good General Manager of a great hotel should be, I always consider that of Barnard Thompson (played by Hector Elizondo) of The Beverly Wilshire in the film "Pretty Woman". – John comes across as the British equivalent.

It covers stories and anecdotes from his experience of National Service which decided him to be an Hotelier with his training at The Savoy through to his managing The Lancaster in Paris, Reed's in Madeira and Relais Margaux. Service and hospitality that have all but disappeared from what John describes as what should be "home from home". My mother in law still recalls that in Paris, John was always the attentive host. Margaret has several hundred copies of the book left behind with John's untimely death. The family have set up a fund for "LA SOUPE SAINT – EUSTACHE" the soup kitchen at the beautiful Paris Church situated appropriately in the old market quarter of the city. A charity John was closely associated with.

The Books at £12 to include p&p can be obtained from:-

**Margaret Anderman, Horsegrove, Osmers Hill, Wadhurst, East Sussex TN5 6.**  
**Please give the fund your support.**

## PAST EVENTS

**Henley.**

**John Flood reported:**

Friday at Henley 2014 was a day of great weather and some unexpected faces. Although **Patrick Burgess** was unable to attend, his usual pitch in Lion Meadow was taken over by **Richard Sheehan (63)** and **Mike Wortley (65)** who entertained me, **Mike Bedford (63)** and **Derek Hollamby**, amongst others, to lunch, the others including **Johnny Cargin's (63) widow, Rosie**, and members of her family from Ireland. My son **Andrew Flood (Hon)** was with me and during the afternoon we met up with **Jonathan Johnson (64)**, **Peter Hammill (67)** and **Paul Podesta (59)**. No doubt there were others there during the Regatta.



Messrs Flood, Wortley, Johnson and Sheehan

You asked me to report any misbehaviour - despite who was present I am sorry to disappoint you, but then the principal candidates were in Leander Club for part of the afternoon and were never seen again!



Rosie Cargin and family

The prospects of a BU row past next year were, I believe, tentatively raised in Stewards by your ambassador, **Mike Wortley**. As we can't claim to be celebrating a significant anniversary of Beaumont winning the PE cup, if we wait until 2017 we may have a better chance as we could then claim to be marking what will be 50 years since a Beaumont VIII last rowed at Henley, but the number of us who remain capable of getting in and out of an VIII might by then be too few!

### **St Ignatius Mass Farm Street**

The church was full for the 31<sup>st</sup> July and we mustered 11. **Fr Michael Campbell-Johnston** was not co-celebrating but among the congregation and wearing a shirt of colours worthy of the Notting Hill Carnival. Others looking informal on a sultry evening were **Duncan Grant** and **Francois Neckar** while the remainder of **Judge Jeremy Conner, Alan Mitchell, Ian Glennie, Jeremy Atlee, William, Henry Richard Sheehan, John Flood** and myself adopted formal attire. We were entertained in the Mount Street Gardens afterwards and it was noted that our retired



naval representatives made short work of the cucumber sandwiches. **Wilkinson, Sheehan and Flood** then retired for dinner at the Cavalry & Guards.

## **Glorious GOODWOOD**

### **Richard Sheehan reported (following the St Ignatius Mass:**

Thursday was a very enjoyable evening and I must say that the old Jesuit boys turnout was impressive at Farm Street.

Staying at the Cavalry Club was a great success. When I got to Goodwood I was able to use the Turf Club's facilities but since the ones in town were closed for the summer hols it was great to be able to stay at the Cavalry & Guards Club – indeed a privilege.

There was a good showing of BU at Goodwood and I bumped into **Bill Gammell, Annie Outred, Tim Fitzgerald-O'Connor, Philip Mayer, and Mike Bedford**. I believe that there were others around but I didn't make it to that particular bar.

## **The DUBLIN DINNER**

The event had to be cancelled for lack of numbers though it did not prevent our "party man" **Richard Sheehan** meeting up with **Tim Fitzgerald O'Connor** at The Hibernian to raise a glass or two over dinner.

## **ARTICLES**

### **An Austrian at Beaumont during WW2.**

Ernst Ricard von Roretz b. 04 Jul 1884, entered military service in the Austro Hungarian army and trained as a medical officer.

He had three children by his first wife who died around 1921 in childbirth. Shortly before that event Maria, aged 22 (youngest of four girls in the Viennese family of von Clanner-Engelshofen) had entered the household as governess to the two elder children. Ernst and Maria married within a year or so and had two children of their own, Pia Maria and Frederic Ernst, known as **Ernest (OB 41)**.



After his army career Ernst senior took up farming at the family property, Schloss Breiteneich 50 kms north of Vienna. Some devastatingly bad harvests in the mid-1920s (and hyperinflation) caused him to opt for leasing all arable land to the local Abbey. (Schloss Breiteneich with one hectare of walled grounds were retained until the younger Ernest sold it to a cousin in 1996, shortly after his mother's death).

The family then spent about 6 years (1929 – 1935?) in Rhodesia, Ernst (senior) becoming an adviser to entrepreneurs involved in the production of fuels from biomass. Ernst and Maria became friends with British expats which turned out to be very useful later. There in Rhodesia, as a young girl, their daughter Pia first met Tuffton Beamish, later Conservative MP for Lewes, Sussex for 23 years. Later still he became Lord Chelwood. Pia finally married him in 1976, commenting that it should not have taken 40 years to get around to it!

Baron Roretz and his family returned to Schloss Breiteneich in the mid 1930s to run the large family home as a paying guest establishment. However, war clouds gathered and shortly after the Anschluss the writing was on the wall. Ernst and Maria had sent their children to school in England and, with known British sympathies, they had no choice but to make their escape. Like their close friends the von Trapps, they boarded a train, but to Innsbruck rather than Italy. With a single suitcase between them, they bribed their way through to the front coaches, which uncoupled and carried on to Zurich. From there they were granted safe passage to England.

They bought the 25 acre Park Farm, West Bilney around the time war was declared. Within three years the Baron died of a heart attack, by then, Ernest aged 19 had left Beaumont and was on the high seas on route to India with the British army. There he married Kathleen (daughter of an army Major running a furlough camp in the Kashmir hills). After demobilisation the couple returned to Park Farm. Collaboration with Ernest's mother Maria did not work out well. Eventually by 1955, with 4 children in tow they emigrated to East Africa and the farm was sold. They returned to Austria in 1990 but never reoccupied the Schloss.

Ed: As mentioned Ernest's sister married Tufton Beamish (Ld Chelwood) and I came across the following piece by John Suchet: -

### **Giulietta Guicciardi (1784-1856), Beethoven and Moonlight Sonat**

Beethoven took Countess Giulietta Guicciardi on as a pupil in around 1801 and soon fell in love with her. His Sonata Op. 27 no. 2, 'Moonlight Sonata' is dedicated to her.

Sonata Op. 27 no. 2 was published in 1802 under the title Sonata quasi una Fantasia, but is known today as the Moonlight Sonata after the German music critic Ludwig Rellstab wrote that it reminded him of the moon setting over Lake Lucerne.

It is certain that Beethoven proposed marriage to Giulietta, and that she was inclined to accept. One of her parents was in favour of the match.

But the other - probably her father - forbade her to marry a man "without rank, fortune or permanent engagement; a man, too, of character and temperament so peculiar, and afflicted with the incipient stages of an infirmity which, if not arrested and cured, must deprive him of all hope of obtaining any high and remunerative official appointment and at length compel him to abandon his career as the great pianoforte virtuoso". (Thayer's Life of Beethoven)

Giulietta married instead Count Wenzel Robert Gallenberg, a prolific composer of ballet and occasional music, on 3rd November 1803. The newly married couple left for Italy and were in Naples in the spring of 1806 - there Gallenberg composed music for the fête celebrating Joseph Bonaparte's assumption of the crown of the two Sicilies. In late 1821 he was made an associate director of the Royal Imperial Opera in Vienna, and the couple returned to Vienna, but there is no evidence that Beethoven renewed his friendship with his old flame.

This would be the extent of my knowledge of Giulietta Guicciardi, were I not to have made the acquaintance of Lady Chelwood, widow of a former member of the House of Lords, now living in Sussex in England.



Pia Chelwood, who is Austrian, is directly descended from Giulietta. She informed me that Gallenberg was impotent and that Giulietta had a lover by whom she had several children. Pia is a direct descendant of Giulietta's illegitimate son! At her home she has a white marble bust of Giulietta that was sculpted from life. Bonnie and I visited her there, where I took this picture of Pia with the bust of her ancestor.

### Lowenstein Connections

In the Last Review I reported the death of **Prince Rupert zu Lowenstein**, remembered by the Press as “Rupy the Groupie” for his financial backing of The Rolling Stones and Pink Floyd, but in Catholic circles as British President of the Knights of Malta. A possible influence to send Rupert to Beaumont for part of his education was his Uncle; Aloys 7<sup>th</sup> Prince Lowenstein:-



After completing his secondary education at the Jesuit College in Feldkirch, Aloys graduated from law schools in Prague and in Fribourg in 1895.

After the completion of his education and a trip to England when he stayed at **Beaumont**, Aloys began to assume greater responsibilities as a wealthy nobleman. He began serving as a member of the Württembergian Chamber of Lords (1895), the First Chamber of the Estates of the Grand Duchy of Hesse (1897), the Bavarian Reichsrat (1909), and the First Chamber of the Diet of the Grand Duchy of Baden (1910). In 1907, his father joined the Dominican Order and became a priest in 1908 after which he relinquished his noble titles and responsibilities to Aloys.<sup>[3]</sup>

In 1907, Aloys was elected as a representative for the Trier I electoral district in the German Empire's Reichstag in which he served until the dissolution of the empire in 1918. He saw this and his other representative roles as a service to the state, which he rendered by defending the Roman Catholic Church and its goals. He did not, on the other hand, take to the work of a parliamentarian. While he could have chosen to embark on a diplomatic career, due to his previous education and the fact of belonging to the European nobility, he chose not to.

Although he volunteered for the war immediately in 1914, he tried to intervene as a moderating influence in the discussion on war aims; before 1914, he had already criticised German foreign policy as too power-hungry. From 1898, when he succeeded his father in embracing the Catholic lay movement and had served as vice-president of the Katholikentag in Neisse, he was a member of the central committee of German *Katholikentage*; in 1905 he chaired the Strasbourg *Tag* himself, thus helping to integrate the Catholics of Alsace-Lotharingia into the German Empire.

One of his primary interests was in missionary activities, and to bring life into this, the *Internationales Institut für missionswissenschaftliche Forschungen in Münster* (International Institute of missionary research) was founded in 1911 in Münster. Aloys was its president until 1948. To this end, he also promoted the founding of journals.

Aloys was from 1920 the president of the Central Committee of German Catholics. He firmly kept the politics of his time away from the Catholic lay movement. His views on lay ministry, coming from religious faith, corresponded to a patriarchal aristocratic world-view.

Adolf Hitler's rise to power in 1933 made the work of the central committee impossible. German participants were largely unable to attend the planned 1933 *Allgemeiner Deutscher Katholikentag* in Vienna, due to travel restrictions. For the 1934 *Deutscher Katholikentag* planned in Gleiwitz, Hermann Göring as Prussian Prime Minister demanded an oath of allegiance to the Third Reich; Aloys zu Löwenstein refused, and canceled the *Katholikentag*. It was not until 1948 that another *Katholikentag* took place, which was to be the last one under Aloys zu Löwenstein's leadership. He handed over the presidency to his son, Karl Friedrich.

Noting Prince Aloys's support for the Kaiser in WW1, I gleaned from the School history that in July 1891, the German Emperor visited his royal grandmother at Windsor. "One of the features of the reception" said The Sunday Times "was the cheering of their Majesties by the Eton boys and those belonging to what is known as The Catholic Eton – Beaumont College".

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On one of their first outings in public, the school went to Windsor to cheer the then Prince of Wales at his wedding to Princess Alexandra of Denmark in March 1863.

The boys' presence was not well received; they wore white cockades as a sign of celebration of the marriage. This was misconstrued by some, as this emblem, worn by Catholics, was a sign of support for the Jacobite cause.

The Masters of the day it seems were not well versed in history.

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### **The Battle of Beaumont**

Twenty years before the Kaiser's visit to Windsor, what became known as "The Battle of Beaumont" took place. During the whole of the previous year the year of Syntax, a large and strong class, had given constant trouble, and the higher classes of Rhetoric and Poetry had maintained their ascendancy with considerable difficulty. When the old Rhetoricians left, the new Rhetoric found itself a comparatively small class and unable to cope with the increasingly aggressive attitude of the new Poets. A kind of informal alliance was therefore formed between Rhetoric and Syntax, and the two classes combined to prevent the Poets from dominating the Higher Line. The climax to the ill-feeling between the classes was reached in the summer term, when the Rhetoricians and Syntaxians managed to exclude from the cricket committee all save one of the Poets. The inevitable result of such an arrangement, in the opinion of the Poets, would have been the exclusion from the Eleven of some members of their class; in any case they resented the slur put upon them and were determined not to endure it; war was declared and a day fixed for deciding the quarrel definitely.

Higher Line Masters remembered afterwards the unusual number of applications to leave morning schools on such flimsy pretexts as a drink of water or a handkerchief left in the dormitory, an opportune bleeding nose etc, for the class leaders were still busy with their preparations. When the bell rang for the first recreation, the whole of Higher Line ran at once to the playground; Rhetoric and Syntax drew up in one group, Poetry in another; then, when all were assembled, they rushed forward, each singling out an adversary assigned beforehand, and a terrific mill began. Prominent among the fighters in the memory of one eye-witness were **Hon William French** (Son of Ld de Freyne, Capt Connaught Rangers, rancher and Sheriff New Mexico), **Robert Berkeley** (of Spetchley Park, DL and MFH Berkeley Hounds), **Fred Barff** (Barrister, Vice-President BU), **Sam Day** ( son of High Court Judge, Barrister, Master Court of Judicature), **James Carpenter** (RIP on leaving), **Charles Richardson** (

Brewer) and **Francis Masurel** (to London Univ.) from France who fought with extreme prowess. An untimely end was put to the melee by the appearance of the Prefects – headed by Fr George Higgins – so neither side could claim victory – but the joy of battle had destroyed the sting of jealousy; old animosities were forgotten and the classes arranged their differences in the spirit of friendliness.

A serious view of the affair was taken by the Spiritual Father – Fr Selby; in response to a collection, which he had taken for a Mass of Reparation, the funds raised were less than may be represented by any silver coin!

### **SERGE OSMENA (61)**

**Duncan Grant (61)** has recently been in touch with Serge Osmena; See correspondence. However it seems opportune to look at Serge's life story so far.

Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III

"Working with you towards a kinder society and a better world".

Senator Serge Osmeña, of Cebuano-Negrense-Illongo descent, takes pride that his family has had the honour to have contributed three generations of direct descendants to serve in the Philippine Senate. Both his grandfathers Sergio Osmeña Sr. and Esteban dela Rama, and his father, Sergio Osmeña Jr., had been elected senators.



Like his forebears, Sen. Serge Osmeña's legislative efforts have been focused on measures that would transform Philippine society into one that will be kinder and gentler to all Filipinos, especially those who still live in want.

He has made a special effort to craft numerous reform measures dedicated to improving the socio-economic conditions of the Filipino. Sixty-five bills he authored have been passed into law, including the Absentee Voting Law, Retail Trade Liberalization Act, Government Procurement Act, Securities Regulations Code, and the Regional Headquarters for Multi-National Companies Act. He has also co-authored 55 other laws including the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act, the Clean Air Act, the Anti-Money Laundering Act and the Safeguards Measures Act.

Among the current priority bills which he is sponsoring is the "Farmland as Collateral" bill of which he is also the principal author. The passage of this bill into law would greatly improve the lives of the agrarian reform beneficiaries, as it would liberate them from the shortcomings of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law or R.A. 6657. Through this bill, the beneficiaries would be given the right to mortgage their lands for the purpose of obtaining funds at more favourable rates of interest than they currently have to pay. They would no longer have to suffer the mandatory ten-year prohibition period currently prescribed in R.A.6657. In all past Congress, Sen. Osmeña III has always filed the most number of bills in the

Senate. He has also chaired 14 out of 36 Senate committees - including Agriculture and Food, Trade and Commerce, Economic Affairs, and Agrarian Reform.

He was recently elected chairman of the Senate Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies. He is tasked with steering the passage into law of the Securitization Bill, the Pre-Need Code, the Amendment to the PDIC Charter, the PERA Bill and the Revised Investment Company Act (Mutual Funds). All these proposed measures are critical to the development of the Country's long-term capital market.

Sen. Osmeña III has always emphasized the urgent need for developing the countryside areas where the poorest of the poor live and work. Out of his total 3,251 infrastructure projects in all 79 provinces, 80% are situated in the rural areas.

Farmers and fisherfolk have benefited from his tireless efforts to enhance the countryside's transportation network. Thus far, he has caused to be constructed 674 farm-to-market roads aside from numerous mini-irrigation projects.

He has also championed the fundamental need of all Filipino children to be properly trained to meet the challenges of life. To date, he has funded a total of 935 school buildings nationwide, the most by any senator. He has moreover directed substantial budgetary support to government-owned medical institutions to fund the medical needs of indigent patients. To date, a total of 2,888 Filipinos have been the beneficiaries of Sen. Osmeña's medical assistance program at the Philippine General Hospital (PGH), National Kidney Institute (NKI), the Philippine Heart Center (PHC) the Lung Center, the Vicente Sotto Medical Center, the Baguio General Hospital, and the Lingad Memorial Hospital.

Senator Serge Osmeña III has likewise campaigned relentlessly for justice for victims of toxic wastes at the former U.S. bases in Clark and Subic. He has extended assistance to victims in the form of hospitalization and financial support.

Bearing in mind that the lasting solution to the scourges of crime, corruption and poverty faced by our people lies primarily in meeting their economic needs, he founded the Entrepinoy Foundation whose objective is to train any Filipino who is willing to take risks and embark on small business ventures. A firm believer in entrepreneurship, Sen. Osmeña III is confident that once a man is taught how to fish, he will never go hungry again.

He has earned the reputation of being the Senate's fearless fiscalizer. Known to be fiercely independent, he has earned the respect of many for his numerous exposes on graft and corruption, among others the anomalous IMPSA-CBK, PIATCO, Tiwi-Makban, Marconi and Casecnan contracts, saving billions of pesos for the Filipino people. During his first year in the Philippine Senate in 1995, he was already recognized by the Free Press magazine as "Most Outstanding Freshman Senator.





During martial law, Sen. Sergio Osmeña III was unjustly imprisoned for five long years. In November 1974, he embarked on a hunger strike, along with his cellmate Geny Lopez, to protest the unjust detention of thousands of innocent Filipinos. This resulted in the release of 1,022 political prisoners in December 1974. Defiant to the very end, Sen. Osmeña III and Mr. Lopez subsequently executed a daring escape from their maximum security prison cell in Fort Bonifacio. This exploit was immortalized in the movie, "Eskapo".

Sen. Serge R. Osmeña III is a farmer and businessman by training and was educated at Harvard, Georgetown, and the University of the Philippines. He is married to Bettina Mejia Lopez of Iloilo, Pampanga, and Leyte and has six children.

## **LEARNING LATE IN LIFE**

Fr Peter Knott SJ

IN his column for the FT this week Harry Eyres writes about his taking piano lessons again after an improbably long time since his last one.

"I wasn't sure what to expect from my lessons," he says, "but I thought fingering, accuracy and rhythmic sharpness would be on the agenda. Not a bit of it. We have hardly gone into fingering and he seems positively to relish wrong notes. He is almost entirely focussed on the quality of sound I make, which is too hard and restricted. This is turn has to do with the freedom (or lack of it) of my hands and arms.

I found I was sitting too close to the keyboard and too high. At first I was thoroughly disorientated. I had felt relatively comfortable sitting snugly close to the

keyboard, in my restricted way. Close to the keyboard meant close to the keys with less possibility of striking the wrong one. Now I feared I might throw a lasso to reach the high C. But at the same time I realised my wingspan was much greater than I thought. I could –in theory – let my arms swing free, transcribe great circles in the air.

Arms are one thing – broad brush; hands were quite another, even more complicated and involving finer adjustments. Could I detach the thumb more, strengthen the bridge of the four fingers and knuckles so they didn't collapse and buckle (especially the weak little ones)?

The intricacies of technique – this new kind of technique which had almost nothing in common with the old one I had been taught - seemed endless and daunting. The first effect of my new round of lessons was to make me feel I couldn't play anything at all. I couldn't play the pieces I thought I could play, because my technique was all wrong. I couldn't play the new pieces because it takes more time when you are older and time is more precious. "Gradually things have improved. There have been clearings in the fog, even passages of enjoyment, when something has clicked, and I can hear my sound has gained richness, moments when previously impossible bars have mysteriously become playable.

There have been setbacks too. I have regressed alarmingly, back well before puberty. I even had something approaching a tantrum when my teacher told me to spread a chord that I thought I could play perfectly without spreading, and what was more, was written in that way.

Learning later in life is hard. There are a number of reasons for this, but the most obvious is that late learning always involves some unlearning, freeing oneself from the bad habits of decades. Bad habits have become ingrained, and feel part of one's being.

A second reason, is even more embarrassing; in middle life one may have accepted a certain weight of self-importance, and discovering the depths of one's ignorance or incompetence is even more humiliating than it is for a child.

But late learning can also be especially satisfying. The physical appearance may have dulled but the meaning has become clearer. Life is not just a linear journey but a constant circling and returning upon itself, so that eventually, as T.S.Eliot put it on 'Little Gidding', we may 'arrive where we started/And know the place for the first time.'"

Eyres' reflection on late learning echoed my own experience of starting piano lessons again when I was already over eighty. The enjoyment that comes from some modest progress outweighs all the frustration of starting again. And perhaps most important, it's a useful lesson in humility, suggesting attention to other aspects of life where one 'could do better' as St Ignatius encourages in the Spiritual Exercises.

Ed. I included this article in view of the average age of our members. Peter Knott is probably well known to many of us through his weekly "Godtalk" that he sends out each week - the Knottogram as I call it. Fr Peter was the First Catholic Chaplain at Eton, sent there by the Jesuits, after the Beaumont closure to look after the spiritual needs of the understandably increasing Catholic community.

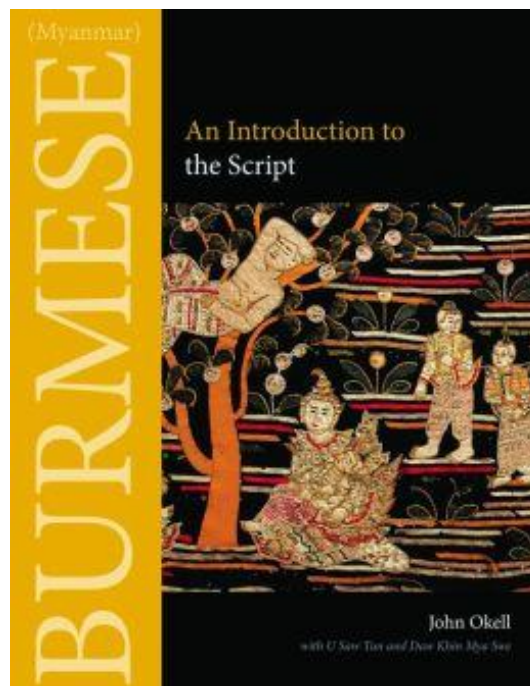
**GIS – GOSS**



**GIS-GOSS** is the REVIEW gossip Column: a miscellaneous collection gleaned from letters and elsewhere.

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Mention in the Editorial of the award to **John Okell** reminds one that SOAS has another distinguished OB on its staff: **Prof. John Marr (45)** is the leading expert on the Tamil Language and Literature as well as the most eminent theorists of Carnatic music which led to his award of the Padma Shree one of India's highest accolades.



Although of a later generation, **Dr John Mitchener** studied at SOAS before entering the Diplomatic Corps serving as Ambassador in both Armenia and Liberia. While serving in India he translated the “Yuga Purana” one of the country’s oldest texts and is the author of a couple of books on Hinduism. He is considered an expert on South Asian History.

Beaumont’s contribution to academic studies of that part of the world is extraordinary.

It is not just the academics who are fascinated by the Sub-Continent. I read the following piece by **Anthony Outred (60)** exhibiting at Masterpiece 2014:-

“INDIA AND BEYOND”

“I have always been fascinated by the extraordinary harmonious fusion of Indian decoration with British cabinet design. A simple chair, a mundane chest of drawers both were transformed into exciting forms of art by the application of intricate carving and inlaid detail combined with the use of exotic materials.

The exquisite carving on a pair of ebony chairs is so perfectly balanced and refined in its ornament that it one is challenged to find its equal in any other culture. The use of Sadeli decoration in the series of Bombay boxes transforms simple storage containers into treasured objects”.

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“ONE OF OUR GENERALS IS MISSING”

**Howard Lyle** wrote to me trying to contact **Christopher Tyler (52)** his Email address is no longer working and apparently he moved about 3 years ago from Stratfield Saye to Odiham. Can Anyone Help, (not only Howard but the BU Database.)

Howard wished to send 80<sup>th</sup> birthday greetings and was thwarted.

He also informed me that in my first book I had Christopher down as a Captain of Boats; he was not – an appointment that was filled by Howard! He was however an excellent Captain of Boxing. My apologies, I had gleaned the information from The Centenary Lists and it seems that I am not the only one to get facts wrong I can share my lack of attention to detail with the Jesuits.

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From The CORNERSTONE The magazine of the Friends of Arundel Cathedral

This edition of *Cornerstone* focuses on the numerous coats of arms displayed inside the church, looking at the individuals represented in this most stylised form of iconography.



Our cover shows part of a window on the West wall in memory of Lieutenant Alexander de Lisle, who died in action with the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War. The ornate display of Arms includes the wings of the Flying Corps, an elegant example of the incorporation of new symbols in response to the changing world.

Lt de Lisle was from Leicestershire, the reason for a memorial in Arundel being a family connection with the Norfolks (Duke Henry's sister-in-law was a de Lisle).

***Footnote:** the name of Alexander de Lisle is also engraved on the war memorial of Beaumont College, Berkshire, the Jesuit school which has produced the past three chairmen of the Friends, Robert Bruce, Oliver Hawkins and Patrick Burgess.*

ED. I should add that **Oliver Hawkins (61)** is also the Editor of Cornerstone and **Patrick Burgess (63)** among his many other roles is Chairman of the Trustees.

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I quite often get queries from those outside of The BU about past pupils; this was one such -

“Edward Wright's wife was the eldest daughter of the Hon Henry William Petre, second son of the 11th Baron Petre.

When Edward left Beaumont in 1866 he was only 16, and five years away from coming of age. Can I ask you what a man of his position and age was likely to do? I'd imagine he did the Tour naturally, but was there any other educational Catholic Institution he could have attended after leaving Beaumont?"

Ed: a good question and I imagine after the rigours of those very early years at Beaumont, a period of "rest and recuperation" would have been high on the young man's agenda.

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Tim Blad the Bursar at St John's contacted me:-

"We have recently been approached by a lady offering (at 'whatever we consider a fair price') the 'History of St Stanislaus College Beaumont – A Record of 50 years 1861 – 1911' (published 1911).

We already have a copy of this in our archives so no use to us but I wondered whether either of you know of anyone, or any organisation, who might be interested. If so I can put them in touch with the lady in question".

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Among those that came to the funeral Service for Michael Tussaud was Carol nee Hewett. Carol is the daughter of the late **Harry Hewett (31)** the school's most accomplished all round sportsman – Captain of Rugby, Cricket and Boxing as well as the School.

Carol herself appeared in several BU plays through the Sixties till its final demise.

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## Hublot Gold Cup

**Polo goes from strength to strength in Switzerland, as shown by the recent successful event in Gstaad, reports Yolanda Carslaw.**

**He also reported:** "Hublot, the new title sponsor, cranked up the lavish hospitality of previous years. According to **Henry Stevens**, who has seen his share of post-polo banquets in the course of umpiring jobs, organisers 'went to town' on the two-storey VIP tent and its culinary contents. The Gstaad Palace hotel set up kitchen at the marquee, while Miguel Novillo Astrada, now a Hublot ambassador, circulated among guests (though he didn't take to the field).

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## Delhiites at a polo match

**On a breezy February afternoon the whos who of the city gathered to watch a polo match between India and England.**



Jessica Reports:-

The match was umpired by Adhiraj Singh and **Henry Stevens**, and refereed by Lokendra Singh Rathore, and the game was hosted by Roland Abella, while the guest of honour was Chief of Army Staff General VK Singh. India emerged victorious against England, winning the game by two goals. "This was my first polo match and I had a great time," exclaimed a besotted Anupama Varma, "You will see me at a lot many games now."

Take your pick: Major Ravi Rathore, who was busy receiving congratulations from the polo aficionados, told us about how the polo community tried its best to make the team comfortable. We also learnt that the Indian polo team will be jetting to South Africa to play a tournament from the 21st of this month. Hope they bring good news.

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For those of you who do not understand the attraction of Polo "it is like playing golf during an earthquake" (Sylvester Stallone).

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## **THE MUTINY**

Mention was made at **Philip Brown's** Lunch of the Corps Mutiny during the early 1950s. I gathered that the Corps was ordered to parade on a school holiday which considering it was a "rest day" and no lessons was considered unjust by the main body of opinion. No one appeared and the matter reported to the "Bart" – **Fr Sir Lewis Clifford** who was livid. He telephoned the Guards Regiment at Windsor and spoke to the Commanding officer. The next day the Corps was told to parade and to greet them was the Guards Drill Sgt and his staff. By all accounts the afternoon was spent at "double pace".

Can any of the miscreants give further details?

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## **KEVIN O'NEIL Military Intelligence.**

Records and information on the work of those at Bletchley Park and with new books on the subject we are able to record the work of one OB at the heart of the organisation. Kevin O'Neill was one of four brothers at Beaumont between 1927 and 1939. Two followed their father into the medical profession while **Niall** the eldest, after Wadham Oxford and SOAS went to the Indian Civil Service. His short but brilliant career ended as the special adviser to Nehru leading up to independence. He left to join the Benedictines and as Dom Hugh spent the rest of his life at Worth Abbey.

Kevin also went up to Wadham in 1935 to read Classics and was commissioned into the Royal Fusiliers for the War. In reality, he was at Bletchley as part of the "Testery" organisation.

The Testery was a section of the British code breaking station during WW2. It was set up in October 1941 under Major Ralph Tester. From 1 July 1942 on, his team switched and was tasked with breaking the German High Command's most top-level code Tunny which it did in Spring 1942.

The Testery used hand decrypting methods to break Tunny traffic. Within one year of its foundation, the Testery had deciphered 1.5 million texts by these methods. By the war's end in May 1945, the Testery had grown to nine cryptographers, a team of 24 ATS, a total staff of 118, organized in three shifts working round the clock.

Tunny had 12 wheels, and was more advanced, complex, faster and far more secure than the well-known 3-4 wheeled Enigma. The Germans were convinced that the Tunny cipher system was unbreakable. Tunny was the cipher system which carried only the highest grade of intelligence: messages from the German Army Headquarters in Berlin and the top generals and field marshals on all fronts. Some were signed by Hitler himself. Tens of thousands of Tunny messages were intercepted by the British and broken at Bletchley Park by the codebreakers in the Testery. These messages contained much vital insight into top-level German thinking and planning.

After the Testery had been breaking Tunny for a year by hand, Mathematicians used machine methods to speed up breaking the codes. Early on, a machine called (Heath) Robinson was produced, to help speed up one stage — breaking of the chi wheels, but the Robinson was slow and not reliable. Fortunately, in February 1944 a new machine called Colossus became operational; it was the world's first electronic computer. Colossus was designed and built in only ten months. This had far greater capacity and speed than the Robinson and so the whole breaking process became much faster. The Colossus was essential for making the very fast counts needed to work out the "de-chis", but the psi-wheels and motor-wheels were still broken by hand in the Testery.

The information provided by Tunny enabled the Allies to ascertain German movements, saving thousands of lives at critical junctures such as D-Day and the



battle of Kursk in the Soviet Union. General Eisenhower gave the best summary after WW2 He said that "Bletchley decrypts shortened the War by at least two years". Tunny played a very important role in all of this, a war which was costing at least 10 million lives a year.

The story of Enigma (declassified in the 1970s) is well known, but the story of Tunny, Germany's top-secret cipher machine, was only declassified a few years ago.

**Kevin O'Neill** was awarded the MBE for his wartime service and was so highly regarded that he was then headhunted by the Canadians to become first deputy and finally Head of their Communications Security Establishment.

Kevin was not the only OB at Bletchely; **Desmond Knox-Leet (40)** a gifted linguist was also employed there before eventually settling in Paris and founding Diptyque the legendry perfumer.

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## CELEBRITY WEDDING

I confess that "HALLO" magazine is not my style but picking up a discarded copy on the train I noted that Rosanna Davison had married in Ibiza. She is the Miss World winning daughter of Chris de Burgh and was the subject of one of **Tom Haran's (61)** sculptures (Bust might be more appropriate). **Michael de Burgh (41)** is a distant Uncle and head of the Clan. Neither of these OBs were photographed among the "Glitterati" and may count themselves fortunate not to have received an invitation.

Those of you expecting reference to either the **Burgess** or **Bruce** Weddings – I am sorry to disappoint.

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I was chatting with Liz Kenworthy-Brown (Widow of Peter) at Michael Tussaud's Funeral and she mentioned that years ago at a wedding at which she was a bridesmaid, she had been reduced to church giggles going down the aisle when a certain **Michael de Wolff (62)** turned round wearing a big smile and a pair of glasses with working windscreen wipers. Well really Baron!

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Those interested in such matters would probably know that the young (and I should add pretty) Queen Matilde of Belgium is the great niece of **Adelin van Outryve d'Ydevalle (18)**. Adelin later took British nationality and married Violet Morrogh. He joined the RAF but died in 1943. His cousin Hubert was a member of the Belgian Resistance in WW2 but was captured and died on the way to a German concentration camp.

## OUR LUNCH SPEAKERS

I cannot but help note that **Bill Gammell** who can be found behind the wheel of a Bentley Continental will be proposing the toast of Rolls-Royce Owner **Guy Bailey**. I say owner rather than driver as each time I see Guy in this country he is chauffeured by Noddy. I recall being informed at an early age that it was permissible to drive a Bentley oneself but you should travel in the backseat of a Royce. To stir matters I came across this article in an American journal:-

### Rolls-Royce, driven by douches?

One of the arguments made against Rolls was that all the owners are — if we may be so crass — douches, and that Bentley drivers are cool, confident men. We can't speak of other parts of the world, but Bentley sightings are a daily occurrence for those of us who live in Los Angeles. Nine times out of 10, the men inside these Bentleys have a love for T-shirts, bedazzled jeans and think Lindsay Lohan would be a great catch.

Citizens of Los Angeles have learned to ignore the multitude of Bentleys that constantly roam the streets, but a Rolls-Royce still demands attention, which is why we're including this point in our argument for Rolls-Royce. One doesn't have to like the man inside a Rolls, but that man still deserves our respect. It doesn't matter if he's an old-money power broker, rapper-turned-CEO, dictator, or Simon Cowell; you can bet that the Rolls owner earned his money and power through only the sweat off his own brow. He earned the right to spend lavishly on a hyper-luxury automobile and, damn it, we're not going to judge him

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## THE LATEST KELLY REPORT



For those keeping abreast of the ongoing banking problems:-

**Sir Christopher Kelly's (64)** detailed and colourful account of how the Co-op Bank ended up with a £1.5bn capital shortfall last summer depicted an institution crippled by incompetence.

The former civil servant said the bank had been run by unqualified executives, who had an “overly-casual” approach to regulators, little grasp of risk and a tendency to turn a blind eye to brewing problems despite the deteriorating economic environment.

Despite his stinging criticism of the group’s governance capabilities, Sir Christopher saw no reason why it could not recover.

“This is not a judgment on co-operatives as a whole,” he said. “But the way the Co-op Group interpreted co-operative principles produced a board not fit for purpose.”

## **FINAL MAIDEN**

I heard again from **Adrian Naughten** who told me that following another knee operation after an earlier botched job, he has probably played his last “maiden Over”.

Adrian did not stay long enough at Beaumont to be awarded a Blazer or Colours merely a Schismatics “Gollywog” and he is listed in the annals of Irish Cricket as:-

## **ONE OF THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY No. 1 by Edward Liddle**

Ever since Ireland's first match in 1855, there have been instances of players having been passed over by the selectors when their form appears to have justified their inclusion. Sometimes the selectors did so for cricket reasons, on other occasions, players were either unavailable or there were other reasons for their non-selection.

These series of profiles will examine the careers of several players who might very well have been chosen, and, wherever possible, will explain the reasons for their non-selection.



ADRIAN PETER MARTIN JONATHAN NAUGHTEN was born in Dublin on 12 March 1942, son of the Medical Officer for Health for County Tipperary. Adrian was, in today's terminology, a bowling all-rounder. A hard-hitting batsman at 7 or 8, who could turn a match in a few overs, he was also a very good left arm medium fast bowler, who could swing the ball both ways.

He gained a number of his wickets through stumpings, though this required a glove-man of skill and courage, as he was by no means easy to take standing up. His performances for Dublin University (otherwise known as Trinity College but its official name will be used throughout these articles), Phoenix and Munster in the early and mid 1960s, gained him selection twice as 12th man for Ireland in 1967.

Full caps seemed very likely, despite his similarity in bowling style to Alec O'Riordan, but the worsening situation in Northern Ireland, after August 1969, meant, that as a serving British Army officer, his selection might have caused a variety of problems. He was, however, as this profile will show, to have a highly successful career for the Army and Combined Services, various postings enabling him to play in a variety of exotic locations, as well as in high class club cricket for MCC, I Zingari, Free Foresters and a variety of other wandering sides.

He was, in, fact, chosen to play for MCC v Ireland at Rathmines and College Park in 1974, capturing the prized wicket of Ivan Anderson at the former venue, besides removing night watch-man Ossie Colhoun.

Having learned the rudiments of the game at Headfort Preparatory School, Kells, Co Meath, he went to Beaumont College, a small Jesuit run public school in Berkshire. Now closed, the school had a fine cricket tradition, and, an annual match at Lord's v Oratory School. Adrian was unable to break into a strong batting line up, but in 1959, thanks to the professional coach Bill Harrington, he became a medium fast left-arter, and, in his own words, "Never looked back."

Harrington, incidentally, was no relation of the old Irish off spinner of the same name, but WJR Harrington, a fast bowler, who played 12 matches for Middlesex and MCC between 1948 and 1951, besides umpiring a number of matches at Lord's.

Adrian thus gained a place in the XI, and played a key part in a six-wicket win over Oratory. His 5/56 was mainly instrumental in bowling the arch-rivals out for 161. The batting hero in Beaumont's reply was 15-year-old Charles Halliday (41\*), later, as a stylish bespectacled opener, to join Adrian in the University XI. Two of Adrian's best performances for the University came in 1963.

On tour that year in the west of England, a match was played on the attractive Taunton Deane ground. The weather was blisteringly hot, and the visitors ran up a big score. Then Adrian caught the hosts' opener off the first ball of the innings sent down by Rhodesian paceman Tony Marshall - Smith. Coming on at the other end he proceeded to bowl unplayably. The ball swung in both directions as he took 9/34. This writer was umpiring, not from Adrian's end, and can still recall the seemingly endless procession of bewildered batters to and from the wicket later in the summer, came the Leinster Senior Cup Final, at Castle Avenue, which the University had reached for the third successive year.

This was a play to a finish, not over limit, match and the side did well to bowl Merrion out for 156. The pace of Rodney Bernstein then took a hand reducing the students to 58/6 before Adrian joined wicket keeper Chris Anderson, another with Tipperary antecedents. Together they added 90, with Adrian contributing a typical 44, before he was out. Two more wickets fell before Anderson and paceman Alan Parker saw them home by one wicket. Adrian's Irish cricket at this time also included a 9/18 for Co Meath v Dublin West Indians, on his old school ground at Kells.

He also represented Munster on occasions, removing a strong trio of batsmen in Alan Jones, Tony Lewis, and Gilbert Parkhouse when Glamorgan visited The Mardyke in 1964. However the Cup Final of 1967 produced what was, arguably, his best innings in Irish cricket. He had always played for Phoenix in University vacations and still retained a connection with them thereafter. However, based at Catterick in Yorkshire, he had been unable to play that season, until the final, which was against Railway Union led by Ginger O'Brien. Winning the toss, the Park Avenue side posted 310, much to the frustration of Adrian who recalls finishing with 0/56, having seen seven catches go down off his bowling. Then that skilful off spinner Joey O'Meara took a hand, and, in no time Phoenix were 50/5 or thereabouts. Enter Adrian to strike a quick-fire 84 and put the result in balance.

In the end Railway emerged victorious by 127 runs, with Joey taking 6/74, but Adrian's innings had made the encounter memorable.

His career in Army and Combined Services cricket was long and distinguished, spanning four decades, and including not only captaincy of the Army XI in 1981, but being Chairman of Army Cricket in 1993. As already seen, his service career took him to many parts of the globe, including Singapore, whom he captained in some matches in 1977, though not in the annual fixture with Hong Kong when he had figures of 7/89.

He also represented them against the full Indian Test side, adding well known Test batsmen Chetan Chauhan and Mohinder Armanath to his scalps before going on to make 43\*. His highest score in Army Cricket was 91 made in 1990, but this was not in an official match, so his highest remains the 68, which he made for the Army v Oxford University in 1972, a welcome innings, as a previous visit had seen him fall for a pair to Simon Corlett.

Two bowling performances that stand out: 6/34 for the Army v Berkshire in 1971 and a "5 for" v The Royal Navy at Lord's the same year. MCC cricket had, meanwhile, brought him a third nine wicket haul, 9/39 v All Hallows School, in Devon, in 1971. Combined Services cricket also saw matches against England Young Cricketers (EYC), many of whom have gone on to greater things since. Thus being LBW to a fledgling off spinner for 0 now has its compensations, in that the bowler was Geoff Miller, future Test all rounder and now England's national selector. The EYC had a strong batting line up declaring before their No 8 got to the wicket. A pity as it deprived Adrian of the chance of adding the name GA Gooch to his tally of wickets. In a later match he had the EYC wicket keeper stumped. His name was Peter Moores!

Adrian's military career lasted 34 years and brought him much distinction. He held a variety of highly responsible - and in some cases highly dangerous - posts, besides the more ceremonial accolade of being ADC aide-de-camp) to HM The Queen. His last posting was as Commander of British Training and Advisory Teams (Southern Africa) based in Harare. He retired in 1999, a Brigadier, but remained in Zimbabwe, both to run a NGO, Africa Venture, and to captain the Harare Sports Club Sunday XI, the latter until 2001. In 2004, however, he, in company with most other NGOs, was "invited to leave" by the regime.

He now lives in Kenya. Here he remains prominent both in public life, for example as Commander of the Royal British Legion (Kenya) and Chairman of the Irish Society, and in cricket as Patron of the Nomads Cricket Club, Nairobi. It seems to this writer that, but for the circumstances described above, he would most certainly have played for Ireland on more than one occasion. Only a possible selectorial reluctance to include two left arm new ball bowlers in the same side might have stood in his way. His era was, after all, also the era of Alec O'Riordan.

This look at his career, however, shows that, had he been picked, he would surely have amply justified his selection.

ED, Adrian may not have had great recognition at school but he must rank as probably our most successful cricketer of recent times.

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**Anthony Rogers** sent me The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Tribute to the late **Rory Nicholas (57)**: the following are passages from a life remembered:-



Rory was President of the Club 1995 -6 having joined in 1978 and is seen here (left) at the Centennial Ball in 2004.

His significant project during his presidency was the building of the “Mother’s Love Orphanage” at Nanning China which has now been brought to fruition.

Rory’s theme for that year was “Act with integrity, Serve with love, Work for Peace.”



### Rory the Rower

Pictured here with the other Hong Kong based members of Leander.

Rory rowed at 3 in the Beaumont VIII at Henley in the Princess Elisabeth and in the year when he was Captain they won through the first round to be beaten by “Teddies” in the second.

In 1962 & 3 he rowed for Cherwell in the Thames Cup with no better success and his election to Leander was based on his rowing for Brasenose Oxford as one of the three top college crews of the day.

In Hong Kong, his first major success was winning the Heavyweight Pairs at the Boat Club Regatta (Heavyweight refers to the boat rather than the rowers!) the same year he competed in the Far East Championships and was appointed Captain of Boats, a position held for several years.

In 1966 he was in the winning senior VIII at the British International Regatta. Between 1969 and 1971 he was in the winning coxed fours and pairs at other various International events.

He would attend Henley each year driving there in the family Bentley (see Summer 2014 review)

### Rory the Dragonboater

For over 30 years he supported the races with success. He was reported in the press on one occasion saying “This is the big one, win this and I won’t touch a beer at lunchtime”. He didn’t (remarkable) and they went on to win the final.





Following on from rowing, he took to squash and organised the club team that won the Hong Kong Second Division Championship in 1979. He was famed for his by-line “I really must lose some weight next month”. Rory encouraged and organised that the opposition should be entertained in the Old Bistro – a tradition that became embedded in the Squash Masters League.

Leading on from this:- Rory the Food and Wine Enthusiast.

He was one of the first members of the International Food & Wine Society established in Hong Kong and organised WINPAC the wines of the Pacific Rim Festival. The de Basto Thursday Lunch Club and the Beefsteak & Burgandy Club as well as being a Chevalier of the Tastevins de Bordeaux.

#### Rory in The Community,

He was on the management board of the Hong Kong Sea School, A Director of the Stanley Restaurant Association, Trustee of the Hong Kong Oxford Scholarship Fund and President of the Oxford & Cambridge Society.



Rory the Racing Driver and Classic Car Collector

He was active in the amateur sport for many years even risking his precious Ferrari on the circuit amidst the crazed Porsche drivers of the day. He then decided it would be less expensive to take his chance in an Alfa 2000GTV until discretion took hold and despite the attraction of the "Pit Girls" retired in 1995 to the Ferrari Owners Club.



Farewell to Rory one of those that epitomized "The Spirit of Beaumont"

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### **PRESS PICKINGS**

From the Evening Standard: - "The demolition of one of London's most distinctive silhouettes has started with the dismantling of the south west chimney of Battersea Power station. The massive concrete towers are badly corroded by the sulphur in the coal smoke from the building's working life ". The good news is that the Chimneys will be replaced over the course of the next two years and **Sir Giles Gilbert Scott's** landmark feature will once again grace the skyline.

Not so lucky is the Curzon Cinema in Chelsea which is to be redeveloped. The Curzons, of which the one in Mayfair is the best known, were started by **Peter (Bobby) Marquis de Casa Maury**. The playboy one time husband of Paula Gellibrand and then Edward VIII's mistress Freda Dudley Ward started the chain having lost his money in the Wall Street Crash. During the War, ex racing driver Peter was Head of Combined operations Intelligence.

### **GREAT WAR CENTENARY**

The Commemoration Service at Westminster Abbey on the 4<sup>th</sup> August centered on the tomb of the Unknown Warrior. It Was **General Sir George MacDonogh (81)** as

the Representative of King George V who brought the selected body back from France for burial here in 1920.



The German assault on the Nimy Bridge

The first British action of the War was on the Mons Canal 23<sup>rd</sup> August where the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn of The Royal Fusiliers took the brunt of the assault. There were 2 OBs serving with them – **Lt James Harter (04)** and **Lt Wilfred Stapleton-Bretherton (03)**. I should add that their brother officer Lt Maurice Dease (Stonyhurst) in command of the Machine Gun Section won the first VC of the War while defending the Nimy Bridge.

*“Though two or three times badly wounded he continued to control the fire of his machine guns at Mons’ on 23rd August until all his men were shot. He died of his wounds.”*

## CONNECTIONS

You may well be like me and spend more time these days looking at “Dispatches” rather than “Hatches and Matches”. I picked up that Mary Duchess of Roxburgh had died at the age of 99. The present Duke served with my late brother **Richard Wilkinson (62)** and **Henry Hayward (65)** in the Blues. Mary was the daughter of the first and last Marquis of Crewe, one time Viceroy of India, Secretary of State for India and War but inveterate gambler. He was also the Uncle of **Gerald Milnes Fitzgerald**

(95). Mary's mother Lady Peggy Primrose was the daughter one time Prime Minister the Earl of Roseberry and a cousin of **Sir Archibald Primrose Bt (06)**.

Having confused one and all, better to move on to:-

## CORRESPONDENCE

### James Sweetman (62)

I have just found two photos of the Schismatics Cricket Club team (The Third Eleven) of 1961 First picture attached, second in the next e-mail.

In this one (the "proper photo" the names are:-



Back Row: Andrew Dearing, Ron Alden, Phillip Marshall, Ted Hinds, Ed Monaghan, John Carey

Middle Row: James Sweetman, JT Parkinson, Andrew Stubbs, Colin McArdle, Paul Leggatt

Front Row: Robin Goldsmith, Drostan Stileman (the Scorer)

Absent: Fr Sass (our coach and umpire), Michael Tussaud, Stephen Rousseau.

All the team signed the back of my copy of the photo.

The second picture shows the team in more traditional attire and pose, and in the back row Ted Hinds and Ed Monaghan have swapped places.



Hope you may find space for these in the next newsletter.

James

From **Anthony de Trafford (53)**; Malta

This last issue was particularly interesting because of various relations featured, but also somewhat sad to read of so many of my contemporaries passing away. Notably, your brother, who was a good friend of mine at St John's, together with **Michael**, with a lot of time spent at the billiard table. **Tim Aldington**, another particular friend, with his love of cars and of course the Bristols especially. **Cecil Kernot** too. **John Bagshawe-Mattie**, with his Maltese connections and whose cousins I know here. He was captain of the 51/52 shooting VIII which I was in. I have photos of the VIII's of 51/2 and 52/3 if you are interested in having them.

I am most impressed with the very detailed biographies you have found, all most interesting. If you are interested in genealogy, which you appear to be, I could elaborate on your pieces about Rainhill and **Stapleton-Bretherton** and **Dorothy Feilding**. She and Evelyn Blucher were both cousins, both having Clifford blood.

**Lewis Clifford's** mother, (Rector 50/56) was my grand-father's sister. Dorothy's grandfather, the 9th Denbigh was my grandmother's brother. All these old Catholic families are very much involved with each other!

You mentioned in a previous Review about **Humphrey de T** and his winning the Derby and said he was at Beaumont. But I do not think it could have been for long as his biographies always mention the Oratory as his school. His father was at Beaumont with my grandfather and according to Father Weld, spiritual Father in my day and also a cousin, they spent their whole time in the woods, shooting. Grandfather spent his life playing cricket, for Leicestershire, which he made into a first class county. He was one of only six players who played first class cricket over five decades, the last being Fred Titmus. I always reckoned he had a lot to do with getting the Oratory match played at Lords. Do you have any historical details about when the match was first played there?

I noticed recently that **Anthony Leggett's** wikipedia entry makes no mention of Beaumont. Needs editing, perhaps you can do this. He used to sit next to me in Syntax. Quite brilliant. But I could not get on with his father who taught me physics..

You often mention **Philip Brown**. He used to sit next to me at meals at St John's. Anyway, he seems to have done well and the fact that he is into racing is a great plus factor.

**Eric van Damn** was here just after Christmas. Came for a long week-end but left suddenly after one day, but we did get together over drinks. He did not enjoy Beaumont. I did.

Contrary to what **Guy Chamberlain** reported to you in previous Review, it was my brother **Gerald** who went through a very rough patch last year. He has recovered from that and for 84 not too bad. Not that I was 100% last year but recovered from that problem too.

Beaumont seems to have spawned a few wine buffs. Apart from your brother, there is of course **David Peppercorn**, first and foremost. **Richard Nurick** was a good friend and kept in touch and has been out here looking at wine about 2 years ago. **Robert Schulte**, another very good friend who paid a brief week-end visit to Malta last year with his family, though sadly never got to meet up, went one better by making the stuff. He had his stroke soon after and all very difficult for him but is braving it out and with a very supportive wife.

Ed. The younger **Sir Humphrey de T** spent only a year or so at Beaumont before switching to The Oratory.

Anthony sent through the photos of the Shooting Vllls



1951 – 2

R Macleod, J Rait, A de Trafford, A Constable, L Oliver, C Roberts  
Seated: J Wall, Q de la Bedoyere, RSM Kelly, J Bagshawe- Mattei (Capt),  
W Cumming.





1952 – 3

C Roberts, A de Trafford, L Oliver, L Chmelar , Q Macleod.

Seated, M Embry, J Wall (Capt), Lt Kelly, P Cunningham, J Rait.

Anthony adds:- Both eights were notably unsuccessful in the Annual Country Life competition, reckoned to be the sole reason for our existence anyway! Quite why there are more than eight each year is a mystery

Ed. We also note the commission of Tom Kelly and for those that like archive material below is the Eight of 1920



## Duncan Grant (61)

As I mentioned earlier has been in contact with **Serge Osmena**

Hi Serge!

At the age of 70, I am having time to reflect.....! And I recall with great pleasure my visit to Manila with the 2 Royal Naval minesweepers,

HMS YARNTON and HMS BEACHAMPTON from Hong Kong in January 1972.

The 2 ships held a traditional cocktail party on board and, through the ships' agent, I somehow managed to make contact with you to invite you to join us.

I well remember you saying: "Are you short of girls for the party?"

When I said that undoubtedly we were, you said; "Well, leave it to me"!

You appeared with about a dozen glamorous beauties, all in traditional and suitably

fetching attire, and after the party you arranged for us, together with our newly acquired partners,

to be conveyed to, and sumptuously wined and dined in, one of the city's grand hotels.

I also recall your being singularly unimpressed with the band's drummer, and that you simply left the table and went straight up onto the stage and took over!!!!

And, my word, didn't you excel.....!

Very happy memories indeed.

I hope this reaches you and finds you in the best of health.

With warmest regards.

Duncan Grant (Beaumont 1955-1961)

## **VRIL ETC**

From **Robin Mulcahy**

When will we be told how *Vril*, started in 1956 by us as The journal of the Poetry Society with editor Michael Hales, contributors Gavin McGrath, Christopher Lake, my cousin Claude Johnson, Philip Davies, D.A.L.S, myself, the business manager, G.T.M.H, and Richard Hewins became the Journal of the Quodlibetarians? Here is a scandal to be uncovered. I have asked the ST, hot foot from their Qatar expose, to investigate.  
Robin

From **Tony Russell**

Dear Robert,

As a past (and possibly the last) editor of the Beaumont magazine *Vril*, I was intrigued to see what you might have put on the BU site about it. I was puzzled to find its name appearing over an article about the Normandy landings of 1944. The article is of considerable interest, but it is not at all the kind of subject or treatment that would have appeared in *Vril*, which was a literary miscellany produced by the Quodlibetarian Society. Were you to revive the magazine's name for literary contributions from OBs, that would make sense, but to associate it with WWII history, and to incorporate a military-style cross into the logo, is to diverge radically from the magazine's origins and purpose.

Tony Russell

Editor, *Vril* (1963)

ED. I replied to Tony saying that initially I had hoped that VRIL could be revived in its original format but as no member of the BU wished to contribute, I have purloined the title for my own purposes military or otherwise.

## **BANNISHMENT**

From **Peter Henderson (46)**

I have a tale to tell which may be of interest, although it is not directly about Beaumont, but rather about my temporary banishment from there.

In my previous submission I think I mentioned that I am a child of a mixed Northern Irish marriage, my father being Presbyterian, and my mother Catholic. We were in London in 1943 and I was thirteen when the marriage broke up, and I was sent to Beaumont which was a welcome haven. However, in June 1944, one of the first V1 flying bombs hit the "Bells of Ouseley" very close to Beaumont. This provided my father, I think influenced by the anti-Catholic woman he had taken up with, with an excuse to take me from Beaumont and send me to Campbell College, a protestant school in Northern Ireland. Not only was I the only Catholic there, I am fairly sure that I am the only Catholic ever to have been there.

I think that the unpleasantness that I experienced was less than it might have been, because there was only one of me, and fortunately the headmaster, one Ronald Groves, was an Englishman and therefore free from the visceral religious prejudice endemic in Ulster.

Because of my having to fast from midnight to take communion at Mass on Sundays, I was allowed an extra half hour in bed while the other boys had breakfast, and were shepherded to the churches of their various persuasions. I went later on my own, and Mass being sooner completed than the various protestant services and sermons, I was back at the school, while the others were still on their benders.

Class structure being what it was (still is?) in Northern Ireland, all the maids in the dining hall were Catholic, who cried "Here's this poor wee fella who's had no breakfast!" The result was three or four fried eggs, numerous rashers of bacon, and as much toast and marmalade as a young boy could consume.

Years later I heard that I had been the subject of discussion between Mr. Groves and Father Helsham, then Rector of Beaumont, at the Headmaster's Conference. To digress slightly, apparently when my father had earlier attempted to shock Fr. Helsham with the (pointless) revelation that he was "living in sin," he was taken aback by the disinterested response, "Our concern is the boy."

Later still, I heard that my saintly mother was granted a dispensation in order to divorce my father in the courts so that he could marry his paramour, in exchange for my return to Beaumont. I was only at Beaumont for a year after that but it meant a lot to me and it still does.



On a totally different topic. When I left, I took with me two Beaumont cadet cap badges. I have had them made into cufflinks as shown in the attached photo. Being now of advanced years, I'm wondering about the best way to pass them on. Perhaps if I leave them to the Beaumont Union, they might be auctioned off for the Union's benefit.

With best wishes! Peter Henderson OB '46

ED. Looking at the photo I believe the badges to be "Collar Dogs" rather than the Cap.

### **Anthony Outred**

Sent through some photos of **Mike Bedford's** group in Lourdes:- (Ed: perhaps others can think of better captions than mine)



Richard, "I know this is the Bedford Old Farts Robert, but I don't think you had to take it literally"



Mike “ Bottle of wine  
Fruit of the vine  
When you gonna let me get sober?  
Leave me alone  
Let me go home  
Let me go home and start over” (The Fireballs 1967)

Mandy “Only if you include Me”



Derek "That looks gruesome to me, Bill"  
Anna "I think it fascinating"





Marylu “Perhaps I should **not** have mentioned Francois Hollande to Thiery”

Finally for those that think that the BOFS are missing the point of LOURDES



Fr Kevin celebrates Mass at BARTRES assisted by Tim

**LDS**