

**OLD**

**SALVATORIANI**  **ASSOCIATION**

**NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2006**

Dear Fellow Old Salvatorians,

Bob Lawrie, Des Mulvany, Mike Neville and Fr Peter Preston met on 9<sup>th</sup> January. A decision was taken to have one last attempt to find a volunteer(s) to take on the organisation of the Association. To this end, there will be an annual re-union again this year on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the school (12.00pm for 12.30pm). An application form is attached. To encourage more of you to attend the re-union, the date is two weeks later than usual thus avoiding a clash with the Festival of Racing at Cheltenham!

**FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – MIKE NEVILLE**

Tony and Barbara Fisher

Last October, whilst returning from visiting Ted and Clare O’Sullivan in Harrogate, they were involved in a very serious motor accident. Although Tony escaped with cuts and bruises, Barbara, his wife, was more seriously injured. She was admitted to a local hospital while Tony stayed with Clare, his sister and Ted. I was pleased to learn from Bernard Fisher that, after many operations, Barbara came out of hospital just after Christmas and that Tony and Barbara are now back home in Sussex. There now follows a very lengthy period of physiotherapy.

Our best wishes and prayers are with you for a speedy recovery.

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On 20<sup>th</sup> July, I attended what is known as the Key Stage 3 Awards morning. This is the presentation of awards to Years 7, 8 and 9 students for not only their academic achievements in individual subjects but also to students for effort and commitment. In addition, former Year 11 students received their Diana, Princess of Wales, Anti-Bullying Award in recognition of their service to the school as Peer Workers. Ms. M. Turner, Director of the Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Award for Young People, presented these various awards.

On the same day but in the evening, the College held their annual Summer Concert. On the musical front, we were treated to instrumental performances and rock bands! There was also poetry and a short play entitled ‘The Hole’. This was a funny and clever performance surrounding the setting of a road with a hole.

In November, I once again had the privilege of presenting The Don Burton Cup, to an extremely talented young man, Mahen Dias. The GCSE Awards evening marks the special celebration of the success of students who left the College in 2005.

Again during November, I, along with Lawrence Philpott, attended a Mass celebrated by Fr. Peter for the deceased past pupils, staff and friends of the College.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Colin Philpott (1953) died in October and his funeral was on 25th October. He was 68. We extend our sympathy and prayers to his wife, Ann, and children Joanna and Jeremy and the wider Philpott family. Colin suffered a stroke on 6th July while at the theatre in London (he lived in Leeds) and received initial treatment at the National Hospital, Queen's Square. He was later transferred to Leeds General and was making a recovery when he suffered a massive infection and another stroke.

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## 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This year the Salvatorian College celebrates the eightieth anniversary of its founding in 1926. As part of the year long celebrations the College, along with students from Hatch End High School and Sacred Heart Language College, are presenting the musical *Oliver* on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - sold out) and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45p.m. at the College. The Saturday performance is a Gala Evening when former students of the College who performed in previous productions in the 70s & 80s of *Oliver* have been or are invited to attend. So this would be a good opportunity for a bumper turn out of members of the Association. Tickets can be obtained/reserved from the College (0208 863 2706).

### FR ADRIAN (PAUL) TAIT S.D.S.

We are pleased to report that, following major surgery for cancer, Fr Adrian has made a good recovery. He has resumed his duties in his parish in Runcorn. Deo Gratias.

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Can anyone tell us of the whereabouts of **Peter Butters and his brother Paul**(?). Fr Peter had an enquiry recently. It is believed they resided in Gayton Road and were in the Harrow parish.

### COLLEGE NEWS

As the 2004/5 year was coming to a close with excellent examination successes, the Wider Horizons Week brought home the impact of the horrific events of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005 beyond those directly involved. Fortunately, after consultation with the various authorities, planned trips to London were able to go ahead. The College has a Critical Incident Plan for such events and the challenge was met admirably by pupils, staff and parents.

#### Academic

As a counter to sweeping statements at the highest level that boys are not doing well at school and that schools are not aware of the need to emphasise achievement in basic Maths and English, the College published the following figures:

**Key Stage 3** results for 14 year olds at and above level 5:

English: 99%                      Maths: 97%                      Science: 91%

**GCSE** results were 3% above the national average for boys and the percentage of boys achieving A\*/A grades match the national average for boys and girls at 18%.

Percentage achieving 5 or more A* to C grades	60%
Percentage achieving 5 or more A* to G grades	100%
Percentage going to college or into Employment	100%

These results show that boys of whatever ability achieve at the Salvatorian College.

#### Sport

The 2005 Sports Day was a resounding success and Campion were (yet again) the victors. The **athletes** achieved good results in the Middlesex Championships - James Okeyemi finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the long jump and Matthew Sadoh set a new championship record in winning the high jump. The relay team came second by the narrowest of margins and Calum Towler won the 800m in a personal best time. The Year 9 **swimming** team finished 1<sup>st</sup> while the Year 8 team achieved a 2<sup>nd</sup> place with the Year 10 team also performing well. The **cricket** teams continued to improve. The College Gaelic Football teams were semi-finalists (year 7), beaten only in the final (Year 8/9) and the Year 10 first team beat St Paul's in their final. Adrian Moyles joined the Irish U/15 squad for a series of friendly against Spanish teams. The Year 8 **football** team won the Harrow 8 a-side Tournament and 6 pupils were selected for the Harrow Borough Football squad. On the **rugby** field, after a spirited effort, the Year 8 team lost their final against Cardinal Vaughan. The Year 11 team won their final against Latymer 57-0 to retain the title.

#### General

The college raised funds for educational projects in Kenya and Year 10 had the opportunity to learn of the work being done in the Turkana region of that country by Fr Stephen and his parish assistants. Year 10 also gained an appreciation of the Fair Trade movement and its impact on the 3<sup>rd</sup> World.

Father Peter continues to combine his duties as College Chaplain with those of Provincial of the Salvatorian Order in Great Britain.

Don't forget the Oliver production and we look forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Very best wishes,  
Des & Bob.

