



MOREANA

THE ST. THOMAS MORE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

REMEMBERING & RENEWING

Tuesday 22nd June is the date this year for the traditional Old Boys' Memorial Mass and Social to be held, as usual, in the school Concourse Area from 8.00pm.



Despite its title the evening is never one of sadness, but rather one of quiet reflection as the list of deceased Old Boys is read out during the Mass, followed by much



merriment as all those present renew acquaintances and enjoy the lavish buffet provided free of charge by the Association.

This year will also see the inauguration of our third President during the Mass when Paul Hutchinson takes over from Gareth Lewis and reads the list of the deceased for the first time.

partners and we do urge as many of you as possible to not only attend, but also to spread the word to non-members in order to do the memory of the deceased pupils and staff proud.

RING IN THE NEW!



Outgoing President Gareth Lewis congratulates the new man Paul Hutchinson after the recent AGM

Gareth will, of course, have begun the Mass with his last official duty as President when he reads the execution account of St. Thomas More. We shall also, for this year, be joined by one of the Vicar Generals for this diocese, Monsignor David Manson, who will presiding at the Mass.

The evening is open to all Old Boys (whether members or not) and their



The evening commences at 8.00pm with the and, in case we forgot to mention it earlier, is FREE.

LAST MINUTE.CON

Following the unbelievable response he received to the article in the last edition of *Moreana*, David Milne (Cruises to the Gentry) has had to increase the price of tickets for his exclusive cruise up the Thames to Greenwich on Saturday 17th July.

Having seen off the likes of P&O, Cunard, and White Star, he has had to resort to the ancient economic principle of supply and demand in order to limit the number of places available.

Already steerage is full, with third, second and first class rapidly filling up. There are still one or two places on the rowing deck and anyone with a sharp eye and rudimentary engineering knowledge might be able to secure a passage.

For the rest of us the price has increased to £12.00 (apparently after all these years the Master of the MV *Pocahontas* has found it necessary to increase his costs) and yet at this price passengers are still promised the cruise of a lifetime from Southend Pier to Greenwich Pier following in the wake of such ocean-going greats as the *Cutty Sark*, *Ark Royal* and *HMS Belfast*.

The majestic vessel departs (all being well) from Southend Pier Head on Saturday 17th July at 9.00pm. Quite when it will return is anyone's guess! Anyone interested should

contact David at the school on 01702 606763 or send a cheque payable to "St. Thomas More High School" to the school as soon as possible.

"DAY" TRIPS OF THE FUTURE?

How many members can remember the delights of the French exchange or the more recently established German one.

Nowadays skiing trips to the Alps and a long weekend in New York regularly feature on the school agenda.

We are regularly told that the world is becoming a smaller place and, to prove it, Frank Keenan spent most of the last half term in Australia developing links with a school down under.

We hope to report on his trip, and life in his absence in the next edition!

3 YEARS AND THEY'RE OUT!

Members of the Association owe a tremendous debt of gratitude the three members of our Executive for the hard work and dedication that they have shown over the three years of their term of office.

Running an Association such as ours is not massively taxing in terms of time and effort, but it does require a determination and willingness to make things happen.

Keeping a sharp eye on the accounts over the past three years has been Tony Cane. Having inherited a very healthy situation from the previous Treasurer Tony built on it and with an ever watchful eye he was delighted to report at the recent AGM that the Association's bank balance is a very healthy £3491.01.

Damian Dillon has been

charged with recruiting and managing the membership for the last three years and introduced a number of initiatives to build on his predecessors worthy efforts, so that the current membership numbers 126.

Finally Gerry Thomas followed on the sterling efforts of the previous incumbant and arranged a variety of events usually concerning food and alcohol. Being the astute businessman that he is, he always had an eye for a bargain without detracting from quality..

As is their choice, two of these three have opted for parole at the end of their term, but due to the lack of volunteers, Gerry, together with the outgoing President, has agreed to stay on in a sort of advisory and temporary position until replacements step forward.

Could it be YOU?



*Clearly showing their disappointment at the end of their term are (l to r):
Gerry Thomas, Gareth Lewis, Tony Cane, Damian Dillon*

MY HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED!

At first glance you might be forgiven for thinking that you were looking at pictures of some five star London hotel terrace area, or even a Mediterranean office complex.

However, if you look closely at the windows in the background of the top photograph you will recognise the side of the school Dining Hall.

For members who left before the 1990's this is probably a bit of a revelation. Certainly in the 1970's this area, then known as the *Headmaster's Garden* (now presumably referred to as the *All-Inclusive Outdoor Recreational Area*) consisted of a lawn extending to the the original school hall wall with it's very utilitarian brown doors.



But instead of a patchy piece of grass where teachers in dubious 1970's suits would pose for their annual photograph, we now have a luxurious piazza complete with statuary, pond and garden furniture.

The ornate archway doors are the entrance to the newly expanded hall!



MEMBERS AS AT 1st June 2004

1961 Graham Lewis
1962 Michael Hughes
John Lewis
1963 John Bowman
Frank Daley
Tony Howlett
John Sheehy
1964 John Griffiths
Ronald Patchett
1965 Terry Knights
Brian Dalton
1966 Martyn Barker
Patrick Clancy
Bill Clegg
Paul Hutchinson
Gareth Lewis
Paul Wenham
1967 Tony Cane
Paul Clancy
Glen Sweeney
Mike Thompson
1968 Geoffrey Lewis
Martin Duggan

CHEQUES PLEASE

As June is now upon us, our Executive will be eagerly awaiting the renewals for membership in order to help them plan for the future.

Many members renew, nowadays, via direct debit, but there are still quite a few who send a cheque on an annual basis.

If you are one of these please do try to get your cheque for £10.00 payable to *St. Thomas More Old Boys Association* in the post to the address on the front page as soon as possible. Bearing in mind the fact that the Executive are currently operated under-strength they would appreciate getting this sorted out quickly. Many

1969 Peter David
Paul Marsh
Chris McHale
1971 Bernie Brooker
Mike Donovan
Kevin Flynn
Brendan J Foy
Nigel Hurley
Robert Murphy
Charlie Sheppard
1972 Paul Culleton
Toni Imossi
David Thomsson
1973 Martin Carroll
Michael Glen
Phil Mahoney
Simon Millyard
1974 Ray Allum
Nick Cousins
Paul McArdle
Victor Peretti
1975 Eamon Day
David Ekers
Keith Exley
Christopher Fairchild
Guy Francké
John MacDermott
Andrew McGregor
Kevin O'Hanlon
Andy (Guy) Thomas
Gerry Thomas

ANYTHING TO SAY?

If I'm not mistaken all members will have, at some time in their career at STM, at least attended an English lesson.

From this I am taken the quantum leap into assuming that all members can read and write!

Where is this going? I hear you ask.

You may have noticed the lightness of copy within this issue of our esteemed publication and the lateness of it's publication?

1976 Trevor Barr
Laurence Blainey
John Chambers
Tony Harmon
Clive Knight
Andrew McWilliam
Simon Ravinet
Martin Sullivan
John Todryk
Jim Tyrrie
1977 John Cobbold
Richard Copley
Martin Hodson
John Judge
1978 Richard Clegg
Kevin Thomas
1979 Paul Clarke
Paul Driscoll
David Kitchens
David O'Ryan
Tony Parsad
Sean Tyrrie
1980 Paul Glynn
Sean Leggett
Martin McKeown
Nial O'Callaghan
1981 Richard Baker
Sean Conlon
1982 Sean Corr
Mark Harvey
Michael Mullally
1983 Richard Allard
Anthony Crowley

From time to time a number of members have been generous enough to share a tale or two with us and this type of things makes an editors job so much easier.

So, to get to the point, please do try to think of something to say and send it to the address on the front page.

If your attention at English lessons wasn't that great, don't fret. I'll bash a rough article into shape. Just send it!

PLEASE!!!!!!!

1984 Michael Barry
Stuart Humfrey
1985 Tim Allard
1986 Paul Cotgrove
Alan Martin
1988 Martin Corr
Martin Diggines
Christopher Hall
Steven Hurren
1989 Paul Baynes
Damian Dillon
Justin Hennessey
Paul Lynch
Brian Martin
1990 Christopher Hull
Stuart Saggars
1991 Graham Diggines
1995 Paul Bending
Douglas Walter
1997 Elliott Clark
2000 Daniel Kelly
2001 Chris Thompson
2003 Chris Barker
Sean Perrotton
James Smith
Alison Walker
H/M Frank Keenan
Chaplain Rev Kevin Hale
FT John Askew
Ian Britt
D Fanning
David Finnigan
Richard Jarman
Elsie Kemp
Tom Kennedy
John O'Connell
Rev David Peck
D.P McGregor
Tom Mayhew

HATCHES, MATCHES & DESPATCHES!

It is with sadness that, this issue, we report yet another death of an Old Boy.

Anthony Jarvis who attended the school between 1961 & 1967 and who won the *Victor Ludorum* an amazing three times died recently. May he Rest In Peace.