

# Stripes in Magenta

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## "From the Headmaster"

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My dear boys,

It is with great regret I was unable to be present at the First Grand Reunion of St Augustine's Grammar School.

However news reaches me from Old Boys throughout all corners of the world regarding the success of the occasion. I trust I was not forgotten amidst the merriment!

I am told those attending, whilst certainly not being comprehensive, included some of our first pupils who came to us in September, 1965 - thirty six years ago - right through to the final grammar school intake in 1976 - twenty five years ago. It was again gratifying to hear that so many of the original St Augustine's teaching staff were able to be present for this occasion which I am confident will be the first of many over the years to come.

It would have given the Headmaster great pleasure to hear your voices, once again raised in unison to the words of "For All the Saints" in the familiar arrangement by Ralph Vaughan Williams which remains "Sine Nomine". The pleasure would have been even greater could the event have been held in the historic Free Trade Hall, the venue for the memorable speechdays of this great school. Sadly I hear that this

building may have followed in sharing the same fate as our own school building.

The Headmaster takes great delight in hearing the success had through your achievements in the wider world following your education at this great school and subsequently at the great universities of this land. It is of particular interest that at least one Old Boy has now stood as a parliamentary candidate; Despite acquitting himself well in the face of a considerable adversary, his entrance to the House of Commons has been deferred on this occasion. It remains my fervent belief that a St Augustine's Old Boy will, one day, take up residence at 10 Downing Street as a leader of this nation.

Due thanks should be given to the catering staff of the Greater Manchester Police Sports and Social Club who prepared a magnificent banquet worthy of the occasion and also to the bar staff who admirably attended to the thirst of our boys, which it has to be said, was not inconsiderable.

Forgive me, if I now mention a less savoury matter regarding a subject which, as you are all aware, is dear to me. I am aware that it was agreed that for this occasion informal dress would be permitted. Word has since reached me that some individuals may have collaborated to make a mockery of the uniform which was once the pride of Sharston Mount by having it displayed in a most unseemly and inappropriate fashion. I must put it to you that it would take not a majority, but only a minority of thoughtless Old Boys to turn this once revered uniform into an object of belittlement. Having given this matter due thought and whilst not undermining the gravity of the offence, I have decided that in view of the ubiquitous view that the occasion overall was a fitting tribute to this great school, the Headmaster will be merciful on the understanding there will be no further repetition of such behaviour.

On a final note, it might be commented that it would give the Headmaster immeasurable satisfaction if, given the financial success of the recent event, the organisers could give consideration to his aspirations that the organ might resurge once again to resound from Sharston Mount.

I wish each one of you every blessing for the coming term during which the lengthening days take us on towards the great Christian feast of Easter.

News

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Grand Reunion 2001

Some time last year the idea of a Grand Reunion of all years was mooted (... there might be sufficient interest?...the total number of Old Boys was manageable?...an interest appeared to be apparent?...some contact details were available from all years).

In December 2000, an inaugural meeting re Grand Reunion was advertised via the web page and mass emailing

- the result - attendance 1!

Following a flyer in the first edition of "Stripes in Magenta"( January) a second shot was had in March

- attendance 4! all from '69 entry!

Despite this abysmal showing we decided to go ahead and a venue was provisionally booked for 9 November 2001. We advertised the date and venue via the April "Stripes" and the website and again appealed for help even just to pass the word on. Interest continued to be expressed but by August 2001, only 5 tickets had been sold (plus the organisers still four in number!). The cost of an advert in Manchester Evening News proved prohibitive and beyond the overdraft on our non existent bank account. The catchment parishes in Shewsbury and Salford dioceses were then individually contacted with a view to publicising the event via parish newsletters - most willingly agreed (many thanks). The website pulled in a few more contacts, week by week. All efforts were made to contact anyone who might know an ex Augustinian. Just a few more tickets, possibly 25, were sold by the time the "committee" met again in September. Beyond all reason, we remained optimistic, confirmed the venue, a photographer and the buffet. Mark Brennan joined the team (again from '69) volunteering to contact all staff with known contact details and to provide a cake.

Somehow all this paid off - most of the tickets were sold in late October/November including a good number at the door - I'm not sure if Martin has an accurate final number but I think about 150 were there with representation from all years.

### On the night ...



*A really enjoyable night...Shaun Hopkinson's 'My Way' should be released as a single. The only disappointment on the night was the microphone being switched off before his rendition of 'Delilah' // A very enjoyable evening. Felt it needed some music...maybe a band for after the buffet and speeches // What joy to see so many old friends. // A great evening. Maybe more karaoke next time. ... To spend a whole evening drinking & laughing, what more could anybody want? // a great time ..the buffet was grand - thanks for sticking out for £20...some music would have been nice...a bit disappointing to see numbers much reduced on the staff side // change nothing, it was fine as it was...something that to many will be remembered equally as much as the school itself (maybe, a damn sight more pleasantly!) // a very, very, passable evening. // excellent - great to see old faces, good location and a good turn-out from '73! Lack of formality was fine by me - speeches hit the mark and the particularly surreal rendition of For All the Saints was bizarre to say the least ...Any improvements? The 'karaoke' at the end was a bit much for my taste // a great time...felt a bit uncomfortable wearing a badge with my name on // appreciated the moments silence for those who'd passed - a nice touch - in spirit I'm sure Spike was there tucking into the buffet & getting pissed with the rest of us...weird // different // special // spooky // surreal- but nice ! ...evening passed too quick....next time: it might be an idea to spread it over a weekend - free camping, stalls selling drugs & colonic irrigation,*

*hookers working the room, body piercing etc. ha ha ! // excellent all round for me...don't think adding music would add to the occasion since it would make it more difficult to talk...sure the next will be an even bigger success. // can you publish the names of attendees ? ...did us (and the Mons.) proud // Too much loud music, sit down meals, or concerts would hamper those who just wanted to mingle and wallow in nostalgia, aided by alcoholic intake // The memory of the impromptu "For all the Saints" was eerie, but demonstrated to me what was eventually lost as Plessington took over from Augustines. That would not have happened at a Plessington re-union. // "hugely enjoyable evening altogether. // The buffet was excellent; hot food as well as cold. // the lack of background music actually made the evening more sociable...liked the name badges.. a spooky reminder // a bit of a lump to the throat when everybody sang For All The Saints...one disappointment was that we were the only ones from 70 intake. // karaoke was hilarious - Carl Brennan singing Irish 'folk' songs!...appreciated the free drink // Friday was a triumph...thanks again to the prefects for making it possible. Looking forward to the next Grand Reunion already. // a tremendous evening. Many thanks to those who contributed their time, effort, tenacity and finance in the organisation of the reunion...one of the best websites I've seen...the catalyst and inspiration for the reunion...Thanks also to those ....who made the effort to be there. "*



## Order of Events

1. Contributions to the Organ Fund
2. Registration and issue of name badges
3. Introductions and welcome
4. Buffet
5. Vote of thanks - Martin Harding
6. Formal Photographs
7. "For All the Saints" acc. organ
8. Short speeches by Staff members
9. Further sustenance
10. Vocal entertainment by Shaun Hopkinson, Carl Brennan and others

Throughout the evening, the new site of St Augustine's Grammar School was available for viewing by attendees

### [Attendance list](#)

[[www.staugustines.org.uk/2001reunionregister.htm](http://www.staugustines.org.uk/2001reunionregister.htm)]

...by all accounts a good night!

So ... what next?

Many of those that attended, and those that couldn't be there on the night, have already passed comment on the *next* reunion!

Having played a part in getting the ball rolling for this one, I personally feel it is time to take a more back stage role. I also feel that to repeat the event too frequently could potentially slow the whole momentum, even to a halt. 2005 would see the 40th anniversary of the opening of the school and might be a fitting date for the next Grand Reunion or is this too far away?

- Should there be another "Grand" Reunion? If so:-
  - When should it take place? Where should it be? What form should it take?
    - **Who is prepared to help organise it?**

[Martin Harding](#) has volunteered to be coordinator if there is an interest.  
Comments via discussion page please.

[PJF]

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## [WWW.staugustines.org.uk](http://WWW.staugustines.org.uk)

Immediately prior to the Grand Reunion, the hit-rate on the website reached an alltime high of 160 visitors per day (generally 40-80)

The e-circulation of "Stripes in Magenta" is now over 250.

The "home pages" for each entry year have proved quite fruitful - thanks to those of you that have submitted your details, many of which are included in this issue of Stripes.

Rare video footage of the Monse is now on site thanks to Barny Booth.

The 1971 formal photo has most faces named and formal photos from 1966 and 1969 are also uploaded.

Many and varied topics have been aired on the discussion board, some more hotly than others. Please note, although moderation will be kept to a minimum, any material which could be regarded as unlawful or grossly offensive will be removed.

Recent interactive additions have included:

a jokes page "[All in the the Worst Possible Taste](#)" which has pulled all that the title deserved!

and a book/film/music [review page](#) which has drawn a more measured response.

Still more material is promised including more letters from the Headmaster and staff photos (NC), The 1L Subbuteo League (KF), 3D reconstruction of the building(SOC), a letter from Headmaster from 72 , various other memorabilia (CB) ...

Shortly to appear are the first installment of the monographs from the chapter headings in "A School Mathematics Project".

### Help...Running out of webspace...

Sadly the website has now been a victim of it's own success and we are running out of webspace, currently using 19.3Mb out of the 20Mb. Freenetname is not offering to provide any more. Most of the space is taken up by photos. The photos have mostly been cut down to minimum resolution consistent with a satisfactory appearance on site. Hosted elsewhere are the 2001 reunion photos, the various interactive pages, the annexe (Mark Brennan) and Jason Birch's '76 pages - these are not included in the 19.3Mb freenetname webspace. Room for expansion is severely limited.

Options are

1. To fragment the site between different providers (ISPs)- the interactive pages and 2001 reunion photos are already provided by Orknet. This might prove more difficult to maintain.
2. To limit any further expansion and review what is already contained on site. (This would mainly mean removing some pictures esp the larger ones - this does not include 2001 reunion photos which are hosted elsewhere)

3. To move the whole site to a new provider which would allow a larger web space quota (50Mb is not uncommon now). This is not technically difficult but would involve a transfer fee (£94) for the domain name "staugustines.org.uk" and is likely to involve an annual subscription fee for the webspace.
4. Using the main site (www.staugustine.org.uk) as a hub and link to independently maintained sites from within this. This could be made to seem relatively seamless using the frame arrangement as at present.

Option number 3 would be the preferred option as far as the webmaster is concerned but does raise a question of finance. I currently do not pay for the freenetname space other than the phone connection charges. Although the domain name was originally free, I would have to pay to transfer staugustines.org.uk to another provider. An interim arrangement might be to leave staugustines.org.uk with the current provider, freenetname, and have the opening page automatically transfer to a site on a site hosted by a new provider. This could be less satisfactory in many ways (eg search engines).

Any thoughts on Hosting, Finance, etc appreciated [Peter Fay \(webmaster\)](#)

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## Old Boys

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Let us know something of what you've been doing since days of Sharston Mount  
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**Family:** married to Diana with two daughters - Emma (12) and Ella (5)

**Interests:** Manchester United, golf, cars

**Other Information:** Left St Augustines, Completed a BA in Library Studies at Manchester Poly

Then worked for Littlewoods, Telefusion, United Biscuits, Grand Met and Boddingtons as director of different businesses. Set up my own healthclub business (Trainstation ) in 1997 and sold it in July 2001 - Now a Man Of Real Leisure.

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**Interests:** Manchester City

69 - 79 Corporal 1st Royal Tank Regiment. 79 onwards Police Officer in Moss Side

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1966

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1967  
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Nottinghamshire

**Occupation:** spent the last 24 years working for the Inland Revenue, but have only dealt with tax for the last seven months.

**Interests:** stopped playing rugby after spending most of a season recovering from four dislocated shoulders ( no not deformed just did one three times!).

**Family:** wife (Elizabeth) and children (Kathryn 14 and Jonathan 11)

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1968

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**Interests:** Drink

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**Interests:** Dance music

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Vetinary Surgeon

Married to Jill Cross in 1989 Children: Gregory (b1995) and Emily (b1998)

**Interests:** Still bored senseless by football. Hillwalking when time permits. Can still run!

**Other Information:** After graduating from UCNW Bangor, 2 years VSO in Zambia then started Vetinary Course at Cambridge. Qualified 1985. Now partner in mixed vetinary practice.

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**Occupation:** Director

**Family:** Wife - Misako (Japanese) and three boys - Alexander, Christopher and Edward

**Other Information:** University of London BSc Chemistry, 2 years at British Aerospace in Warton, 11 Years with US Petroleum Engineering Company based in Japan, Singapore and USA. 4 Years with Canadian environmental and waste management company in the USA and Malaysia. back to the UK in 1999 as a director of a swiss company manufacturing gas detection equipment. Currently director of small software development company writing Unified messaging systems, and Computer Telephony stuff.

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Bury

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**Family:** 2 children Richard (12) & Sarah (7)

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**Family:** Married with 3 children

**Interests:** Football, golf, ferrying children to various outdoor activities

**Famous Moments:** Withheld to avoid legal action!

**Other Information:** Marriage, children, mid-life crisis - not in any order of importance

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1969

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Bury

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**Family:** married with one daughter, aged 15

**Interests:** all sorts- travelling, drinking, going to cinema, listening to rock music, dancing to rock music

**Other Information:** career- pretty boring really. 6 months with the CIS and 23 years with North West Water/United Utilities.

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**Occupation:** Pilot

**Family:** Married, two stepsons

**Interests:** I play as much tennis as I can over at David LLoyd in Cheadle. Otherwise life revolves around work, eating out and travel. Flying for a living certainly facilitates travelling and it beats the hell out of working for a living.

**Other Information:** I left the beloved establishment as "damaged goods", spending the next four years gaining the education which was so elusive earlier on. I learnt to fly privately and after a short spell in the RAF became a commercial pilot. I've worked for Britannia Airways for the last 14 years. It would be great to hear from anyone who remembers me.

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Daughter Lucy 5 years Stepson James 10

**Interests:** Most sports, drinking, generally socialising

**Other Information:** Degree in Economics from Warwick. 18 months in Oz. 18 years on New Smithfield Market

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**Family:** Anne Grethe (wife), Peter (13), Maria (11)

**Interests:** Diving, sailing, travel

**Famous Moments:** Passed my chemistry A level due to extensive knowledge of hydrogen bonding.

Ringleader in petition against changing school lunch times.

'Wagged it' several times a week during 6th Form and never got caught.

**Other Information:** Engineering degree from Sheffield University. Two years at Worth Abbey lay community, two years working with handicapped/sick for Camphill Village Trust. Followed a pretty girl to Denmark together with all my earthly belongings (£100 and a pile of books). Worked in oil industry in Denmark, Norway, UK, Libya, Singapore and Qatar.

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1971

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**Family:** Married to Liz.

Good Catholic Boy: No Kids  
**Interests:** Rugby; Man U; Traveling; Beer.

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**Family:** Married to Sara  
Five children (Pleased to see I'm not the only one, Ged): Girls: nearly16;14;10; Boys 12;10  
**Interests:** I still play the piano ...

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Children Peter(3)Aidan (18 months)  
**Interests:** Sleep... (see above)  
**Other Information:** 79-82 Law school, 84-90 Franciscan Friar, 90-93 prison chaplain, 93-99 teacher and school administrator, 99 to present financial advisor. Tomorrow?

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Claire aged 9; Luke aged 11; Maxine aged 28

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**Family:** Married 1995, one girl, aged 5  
**Interests:** Still play football (5-a side only). Enjoy watching/playing golf.  
**Other Information:** Still debating whether it was a wise choice to leave in the 5th year!

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**Family:** Living in good catholic manner , (over the brush) one beautiful daughter Stephanie Louise(8)

**Interests:** Fishing, Baseball

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**Occupation:** Purchasing Manager

**Family:** Married to Sheila in August 2001

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Climbing / cycling / bringing culture and sophistication (sic) to the USA

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**Interests:** Photography, foreign steam trains

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Associate Director in Clinical Development Department for Pfizer

Married to Elizabeth; 3 kids

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Was a criminal lawyer and have recently given it up to become a cycling and sustainable transport officer for Sustrans based at Lincoln.

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1972

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**Family:** Wife & 1 Son (22)

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1973

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Business Development Manager  
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**Interests:** You must be joking (4 kids!) still watch Man U though, Golf, 5 a side

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1974

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1kid, two cars!

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Bredbury, Stockport

**Occupation:** Aftersales product manager for fork lift truck manufacturer.

**Family:** Married 7 years, no kids

**Interests:** My main obsession (Suzanne says it's definitely not a hobby) is a large collection of British post war military vehicles. They range from a Thorneycroft Antar tank transporter (complete with its trailer) to an Austin Champ (British equivalent to the Jeep).

**Famous Moments:** Knocked out Johnny Maher in a scrap by the bike sheds after a tussle in the tuck shop Q.

**Other Information:** Went straight to work for Renold Chain at Burnage as a Technician apprentice, transferred to Renold Research & Development, Style after 12 months. Completed apprenticeship. Worked in automotive R&D for 2 years then left before financial collapse to work as a field service engineer for BT Rolatruc fork lift trucks. Promoted to Territory Service Manager after 18 months. Became engineering services manager after 5 years (looking after a team of 30 field service engineers in the north west). In 1996 took on the role of UK Aftersales Product Manager for counter balance trucks, still doing it.

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Married to Debbie with three children, Matthew (5), Gemma (3) and Andrew (10 months)

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**Paul O'Sullivan** <[Posathome@aol.com](mailto:Posathome@aol.com)>

**Occupation:** Spent many years touring as a professional musician.

Now working as lecturer in Modern History and curriculum leader in Humanities for MAES.

**Family:** Two beautiful children, Christy and Kitty.

**Ian Ankers** <[i.ankers@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:i.ankers@tinyworld.co.uk)> 'fozzy'

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1975

**John Ross** <[Kerry.Ross@tesco.net](mailto:Kerry.Ross@tesco.net)>

Gloucester

**Occupation:** Civil Servant

**Family:** Wife Kerry

2 bin lids Katherine & Niall

**Interests:** Still Heavy Metal fan and True Blue

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**Family:** Married to Helen

3 Children: Becky, Dan and Christian

**Interests:** Plymouth Argyle Football Club (since my conversion circa 1985)

Otherwise as always: Booze and Films and Rock and Roll!

Kevin O'Sullivan < [kevin@ktdos.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:kevin@ktdos.fsnet.co.uk) > 'Nickname: Lots- but you're not having them!'

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**Occupation:** Doctor (G.P.)

**Interests:** Coming home from work!

**Famous Moments:** Carrying school dinners in my pockets, "kingi" and not much else.

**Other Information:** Usual things- failing exams, kicking myself up the backside and eventually limping through university (more by default and favours than by design!).

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1976

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Wirral, Merseyside

**Occupation:** Company Director

**Family:** Married, 2 Children

**Interests:** Making some money

**Other Information:** Went to Loreto, the Liverpool University for 8 years, worked for Softlab (BMW), Computer Associates, KSS and now have my own company.

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United States

**Occupation:** Computer programmer

**Family:** Married - no kids yet.

**Other Information:** I did an apprenticeship, worked all over Manchester. Then spent 8 years working at Sellafield before moving to the USA in Aug. '99. Now living and working near Boston.

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Cyprus

**Family:** One wife, three kids

**Famous Moments:** Wasted the opportunity of a fantastic education because I didn't give a f\*\*k !!

**Other Information:** Left school, got a shite apprenticeship (as an electrician) with the Direct Works. Stuck that out for 4 years (I was indentured)joined the RAF as an electronics technician.(Radar, HF Comms, IT Networking etc) Have now been in for 16 years, loved most of it, hated some of it. Travelled a lot, have lived in the Med for 6 years, and am now on another 3 years here in Cyprus. After that, it's 3 years left to do until I'm chillin' out with my pension !!

Old Staff

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**Salute to Richard Scrowston**

Richard, ave and hi!

Welcome to the website - you were our Byron, our angry young man. Who better to fly into screeching rages at the misspelling of onomatop... onameto.... Opotopoto.... Onanism ( no, that's not the right one) onomatopoeia ( blimey, Word 7 spellchecker let that pass!)

Too many quixotic tales about you RGS- let's just recall one...How about an English class for 14 year olds in the early seventies:

poor Andy M's pen ran out  
 "Sir, me pen's ran out"  
 "pen's run out lad, pen - run -out! Hm, pluck off a nipple and use that!"

True story - and clean!

Good to see you at the reunion Richard - you were our Muse our Aerial, our Fairy Snow! (oops!); hail to thee, blithe spirit!

[MB]

**Staff Revue**

We intended a staff review; a simple tale of a meeting in the Monsignor's office by senior staff, to plan budgeting for the year ahead...

... and then ...Hollywood got hold of it - this is what came back.....oh dear oh dear.....

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scene\_ Monse McJee's office at the All the Saints High school PS159 Gatleyville N.Y.

<b>Monse McJee</b>	<b>MM</b>	<b>Robert de Niro</b>	<b>a capo</b>
<b>"Numbers" Hank Rigsberg</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>Anthony Hopkins</b>	<b>bookkeeper</b>
<b>"Little Eddie" Hart</b>	<b>LE</b>	<b>Bob Hoskins</b>	<b>"Chemist"</b>
<b>Niceman</b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>Alan Rickman</b>	<b>" 2ic"</b>
<b>Scat the Headboy</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Tommy Steele</b>	<b>Punk kid</b>
<b>"Fancy Dick" Scragman</b>	<b>FD</b>	<b>Kevin Bacon</b>	<b>a rebel</b>

MM    so Hank, how yous doin?

HR well ah, well so so Monse, I guess the new school tax will bring in a couple'a gees this week, hm?

MM that's nice, that's one sweet scheme hank; Hank, you're the best, you know that?

HR hey, come on, well I just you know, like the numbers...

MM hey, hey, like the numbers? Like the numbers? Like, I like the numbers too. Ok? - I gots to visit the poppa, the red socks, next month in the old country...

HR the old country, sure

MM the old country, and it ain't cheap you know buddy.... Come here ya big lug, I'm gonna hug ya

HR aw Monse...

MM there ya go numbers, mi amigo heh? Who's there - who the fuck's there?

LE hey monse, hey numbers, whadda ya hear, whadda ya say?

MM,HR Eddie, hey!

LE boys this is sweet - fresh from the top floor. Made it with them sixth form guys - try some?

MM holy shit eddy, like whhoooooo (sings) "for all the saints, who do be do be doooooo"

LE hey monse, cut it out will ya, think of the windows, boss!  
Numbers. You gonna play?

HR well, ah, hm, well I dunno.... Oh, Ok , I'll just do a line - hrumph, shit on a bike eddy, that's bitchin ..... geez, I just solved fermat's last theorem, and the answer's forty friggin two; hey fermat, you wanna dance ...

MM sure sure hank, like who's dis guy fermat: you talkin bout hymie fermat from down Sharston boulevard?

HR no Monse, its a numbers thing, you know, like pythagarus??

MM lenny pythagarus, that greek guy used to run protection outta crownsquare plaza?

HR ah, well, ah ,forget it boss, ok?; gees, little eddie just threw up out the window; hey eddie, you ok?

LE hah hah hah hah hah

N.M. good afternoon gents all , and a very good afternoon it is.... may I come in? what IS going on?

HR little eddie threw up out the window

N.M. Fuck

MM yeah, like fuck eddie, go throw in your own office

LE hah ahh hah hah hah hah .. fuck, I got some on my loafers.....

Scat hi mr McJee, hi guys

MM what you want headboy?

S just passin and chillin mr McJee, anything I can do for yous guys, y'know?

MM yeah, sit there and shut the fuck up

S sure mr McJee, okay by moi

MM "okay by moi" - fucking geek!  
hey, numbers, I had this guy in the box the other day, you know

HR what's that boss?

MM I says, I had this guy in the box, you know, he like wanted my pardon... so he says " monse, I'm real sorry about them bugs as crapped on your car, ya know, them locust things, gees, the kids keep letting the little bastards out, man, it weren't my fault - yeah, sure, it was Jeff, that joker boss, he friggin done it...."  
and this like goes on , and on, and on, and he's like not shutting up, and I'm like "yeah yeah yeah" and suddenly I thinks " f--ck this" and I starts into him " bing bong bing" on the head, on the snoz, in the nuts"

NM,  
HR fuck

LE hah hah hah hah hah ah h hhaaa

MM and I'm going shut the fuck up will ya and he's like puking and bleeding and there you go bing on the head bong in the nuts again...and he's like goin "respect boss" and I'm like y know "respect this, crawler bug man"

S	ha ha
MM	what you say kid?
S	er, I like laughed you know mr McJee
MM	you like laughed
S	sure, you're a funny guy, monse
MM	you mean like funny ha ha or funny peculiar
S	you know monse, just like a funny guy
MM	I'll give you funny guy ya brat
HR	aw gees monse, now I got brat brains all down my slacks, gees!
LE	hah hah hah hah - shit, I peed myself guys!
N.M.	brat brains - I like that, brat... brains....splendid!
FD	hi girls, what's happn'n - ooooo, what a mess!Yech! Who took out the kid? Anyway, forget this shit, who wants to go downtown - a new lapdancing bar ,club loreto...
ALL	" for all the saints, da doo bee doo be doooooooooo, .....".

[MB]

## Looking Back

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I guess it's time to come clean about the collapsing lectern ....

I clearly remember the first time time the lectern collapsed at assembly. I think it was just an accident, at least it had nothing to do with me. It happened at that point when Spike leaned forward to address us, putting his not inconsiderable weight on the lectern and saying something pompous, usually starting with, "Gentlemen, as I look out over the future leaders of our nation ..."

Unfortunately, as he leaned forward on this particular morning, the adjustable top section fell rapidly to its lowest position with a loud bang, showering papers and books over the stage and removing all sign of dignity from the man. He was embarrassed, confused and very angry. I remember him pulling open the stage curtains and throwing the entire lectern through the gap. The effect on the school was predictable - everyone collapsed laughing and carried on for several minutes. Spike tried to soldier on but, knowing he had lost it, called upon ETM to start the final hymn as he fled the hall.

I don't remember who my fellow conspirators were, but several of us felt that if this could happen once and give such good, free entertainment, then it might be "persuaded" to happen again. The lectern re-appeared the following day and seemed to be structural sound again although Spike was obviously not trusting it with his full weight again. After a couple of weeks passed, we decided to act. A suitable opportunity arose to inspect the mechanism, probably an orchestra rehearsal. Our first attempt was to use a couple of washers to bring the adjuster further out and reduce the amount of engagement of the pin in the pillar. We did a couple of trial runs but the results were disappointing - it was nearly impossible to set the adjuster up so that it would support the weight of the heavy Missal used at assembly but still collapse, on demand, as Spike leant on it. We needed something more sophisticated. The obvious solution was to taper the pin so that it would disengage more easily under the appropriate weight. Now, in a school equipped with so many lathes (and situated conveniently so close to the hall) turning a tapered end on the pin didn't prove

too difficult. I think we added it to a batch of the pointed spikes used in the candlesticks we all made (who remembers those?) and the extra machining went unnoticed. We made several, with different angles of taper and managed to swap the straight pin for one of the new, improved designs. Our trial run was cut short by the sudden appearance of a teacher and we had to leave the tapered pin in place, not knowing what would result.

Our efforts paid off at the next morning's assembly. The lectern collapsed, almost as planned, leaving Spike hot, flustered and again clearly angry. The next morning, for some reason, it didn't work. We assumed that someone had discovered what we'd done and fixed it, but three mornings later it went with a bang again. We must have got it just on the brink of stability because after that it would go about once a week! The fun ended when "a man in a van" was seen adding a much more substantial catch and it never fell again.

Unfortunately, it was about this time that the microphone appeared for the first time. Who remembers all the times it schreeched, whistled, went louder and quieter, stopped or added Dalek effects? Why did he ever subject himself to such an ordeal? It's not as though he needed a microphone anyway! [PAF]

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English lesson with MacSweeney (1970 or thereabouts), hot day and up until now quite dull. Michael Murphy (yes, he who later went on to star in TOTF), was seated at the back of the class and, for reasons clearly better left unsaid, had brought a clothes peg into school with him which he proceeded to place on his nose in order to make various snorting noises (hey don't ask me to explain, I'm just recounting what happened). The Big Mac spots this and in his most withering and world weary tone says 'Murphy, please come to the front of the class and give us all a demonstration of what 6 million years of evolution have done for the human race' and so up Michael went ....

I have never in all the subsequent years used any quotations from Robert Frost or Walter de la Mere or anything else that we were taught in English Lit., but that quote from the big Mac, I've used to good effect on several occasions

- it is true that a good education is never wasted. [CB]

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I will let you in on a favorite stories involving my O level English teacher Charles Kelvin Paisley...Can't swear that this is true but have heard it told on a number of occasions: Back in the days when bike lamps were powered by a dynamo attached to the wheel, Charles Kelvin was pulled up by the police for riding without lights. After much indignation and argument, it was allegedly discovered that CK indeed did have a dynamo in correct working order but was not generating sufficient power to light the lamp!!! [PH]

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“Oh what am I to do,” said  
Monsignor McGuinness  
Suddenly coming all  
apprehensive,  
“What a terrible sin it is,  
Heaven’s gone  
comprehensive.”

“They’ll open the pearly gates  
To those from lower states.  
From hell let them come  
And then there’ll be some,  
Heavens to murgatory,  
Let loose from purgatory,  
But send me to the gallows  
If there’s any from All  
Hallows.  
For the halo of the non-  
selective  
Nothing has ever proved  
effective  
At bringing out that shine  
That defines a boy as mine.  
As a true prelate of Rome,  
I wish they’d stay at home  
I find it ever so offensive  
That heaven’s gone  
comprehensive.’

So the Mons took to his cloud  
His depression like a shroud  
Whilst he mused on that Great  
Sin  
And the spiralling price of  
gin:  
‘I know there was little holy,  
About the likes of Hall and  
Foley,  
And I know the boys did think  
That I liked a little drink,  
And I’d whack’em with a slur  
But I think they’d prefer  
That to that fucking looney,  
They brought in and called  
Mooney.  
Now it’s happening all again,  
In the Afterlife of Men,  
So it’s no wonder I’m so  
defensive,

And as he sat upon his nimbus,  
His eye drawn to the gym bus,  
He saw a new boy get in  
And he saw the rot had set in  
Alas he cried  
For he had espied,  
With an eye both cruel and sharp  
An angel with a harp  
(And then the rage came on)  
For it didn’t have his name on.  
He stood there on his cloud,  
And with a voice both slurred and loud:

Cried: ‘Our reputation is now stained,  
When once twas grant-maintained.  
Our standards now they pillary  
No more Michaelmas nor Hilary  
Those ragged little worms,  
Must we really accept their Terms?’  
And so the Great Man wilted  
And his cloud slowly tilted  
And he jumped with all his worth  
And headed back to Earth.  
And suddenly undeaded  
Back to Sharston he was headed.  
And at the last count,  
He was haunting at the Mount,  
Cursing the cruel twist of fate  
That made his school a new estate  
And made him posthumously roam  
Round its every Barrett Home,  
Ghostly upbraiding every little sod  
For running through his quad  
And giving a phantom lashing  
At the hint of culture clashing.  
And as he sat there musing  
(And spiritedly boozing)  
How it had come to pass  
(As he refilled his empty glass)  
Now that heaven shared the fate  
As his once great school of state  
And as he got slowly blotto,  
He pondered on the motto,  
For he finally had the proof  
That it really was the truth  
In so many unthought ways:  
Angelorum Coheredes.  
It made much more sense if  
Heaven went comprehensive

Now that heaven gone  
comprehensive.'

'I can already hear the  
laughter  
In the assembly of Here After  
And the sight of hymn books  
lacking  
Any proper kind of backing.  
And why send homework  
letters,  
When their elders (not their  
betters)  
Are better at whippet breeding  
Than ever they were at  
reading?  
It's not that the standards are  
so low  
But that they just don't want  
to know.  
And rooms for teaching Latin  
Will never more be sat in.  
It brings such disgrace  
That Sharston Mount, the  
place,  
Should now prove most  
locational  
For matters taught vocational.  
I can hardly face at all,  
Speech day in the Trade Hall,  
With my greatest fearing,  
That I will soon be hearing:  
Of prizes for hairdressing  
And under carboot messing.  
Oh that it should come to this  
In the land of Eternal Bliss.  
But apparently it's too  
expensive  
That's why Heaven's gone  
comprehensive.'

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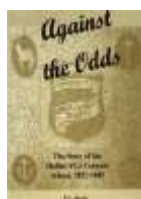
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Dear sir

*From the day I left the gates in 1970 you didn't see me for dust!  
I won a W.H. Rhodes scholarship that year (with the backing of Chris Glynn) to travel through Canada with 30 other school leavers from the UK. Then it was off to South Africa for a year to work in a children's home before doing a BA in geography at Newcastle University. After that a stint of population research in Swaziland before doing a PhD at Liverpool based on 2 years fieldwork in the Kalahari desert in Botswana. Back to Liverpool University for a year as a tutor and marriage then off to Northern Nigeria for a lectureship at the Islamic University of Sokoto. From there back to the University of Botswana as a lecturer. By 1986 we were heading off to the Australian National University (ANU) working with Aboriginal people in the northern tropics based in Darwin. I am still at the ANU in a senior position and specialise in the demography of Indigenous peoples world-wide. Reflecting on all this, I obviously couldn't wait to bolt from the confines. I'm certainly glad I did, but wherever I've been, and in whatever circumstance, I can sincerely say that the likes of Denny Howells, Mike Brennan, Chris Glynn etc. and yes, even Spike, provided the bedrock, and for that I am ever grateful.  
In short, it was a bloody good school!*

Yours  
John Taylor

Dear sir,

*I write as the totally St Augustine's-indoctrinated spouse of Fielding ("Henry") Andy 1973. Your excellent web site has me addicted and I never even saw the school (just heard the stories). My only questions are :-*

- 1) Have you secured the film rights to your web archive confection?*
- 2) Have you thought of approaching Richard Curtis to write the St Augustine's screenplay?*
- 3) I'm sure that a three way hybrid of Four Weddings & A Funeral, The Dead Poet's Society and the Full Monty is waiting to burst forth onto the big screen, ghost-narrated by "the Mons" himself in his inimitable style.*

*A blockbuster film could be a massive version of the charity fund-raising suggested by some following your happy reunion!*

*My compliments to you, your web site & to Magnetic-North-Orkney.*

Yours

Liz "her indoors" Fielding

Dear sir,

*Allow me to inform you of the death of Carl Gallagher, some 18 months ago. Carl was part of the 1973 intake and became a great friend to me and a very popular member of SA. I know that this news will come as a shock to those who knew and remembered him as an incredibly intelligent, entertaining and eccentric raconteur who could reduce us to tears with as little as a sidelong glance. Having come across your fascinating website recently, it appeared that maybe this sad news had not yet been publicised. At 37, Carl's death came as a terrible blow to all who knew him.*

*I'm sure he could have contributed great stories to this site!*

Yours, Paul O'Sullivan

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