



**S. MICHAEL'S
COLLEGE SOCIETY
MAGAZINE**

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President's Message

Greetings to all avid readers of the Society Magazine.

As I write this message I am reminded of many of you who I have met over the years in connection with St. Michael's

Firstly my contemporaries, their parents and staff while a pupil at the College and later meeting former pupils from other eras through the Society. However, St. Michael's has never been just about the college and I am pleased that many reading this magazine shall have other connections with St. Michael's, friends of the society and not least those who continue to work with quiet dedication in keeping the Church and Parish alive and those who have done so much to maintain the fabric of the Church and the music program.

At last year's reunion a service of thanksgiving was held for Andrew Walters (Warden 1977-1985). Guy Holland provided a heartfelt address at the service and described so well the wonderful impact that Andrew had upon the College and pupils.

Since last year's reunion Mary Thorpe has sadly died. Mary was an individual who gave so much to St. Michael's. She was secretary of the P.C.C. for 50 years and also Church Warden. As was typical of Mary she had wished for a send off "without fuss" and a service of thanksgiving was held in March.

It is also with sadness that more recently we learnt of the death of Nora Demaus. Nora was a former Matron of the College and also nursed in Tenbury hospital. Nora was regularly present at the reunions and her presence shall be greatly missed. Our thoughts I am sure shall very much be with Brian this year.

A potentially exciting project for the society is that of a consideration to host the annual general meeting of the Federation of Cathedral Old Chorister's Association (FCOCA) in 2018. This shall be one of the items for discussion at this year's AGM.

Also for discussion shall be that of the date of future reunions. We have held the reunion for the past several years in September although previously it was held in July.

Perhaps returning to a July date might provide opportunity for those unable to attend a September reunion and might provide a better guarantee of good weather for the cricket match!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible who are able to attend this year's reunion on September 20th.

John Pepper
President
SMCS

Reunion 2013

55 Members, Friends and Guests were present either during the day or at dinner:

Guy Holland (President)	Peter Scott	Matt Banfield
John Pepper (President-elect)	Ian Holland	Philip Wilson
Tim Coles (Secretary)	Mary Holland	Kirtsy William
Gareth Stainer (Guest Speaker)	Penny Scott	Lawrence Bayley
Michael Hart	Simon Higginson	Robin Bayley
Mike Benson	Liz Higginson	Richard Pepper
Charles Beresford	John Weston	Nick Weston
Michael Thomas	Liz Weston	Will Mealings
Jill Thomas	Tony Penn	Alfie Bayley
Jenson Jones	Janet Penn	Joel William
David Wells-Cole	David Harrison	Derrick Jenkyns
Brian Demaus	Jean Harrison	Helen Roach
David Pepper	John Swindells	Carl Tebbett
Sheila Pepper	John Austin	Dennis Parry
Mike Richardson	Kate Cox	Julian Higman
Rosemary Richardson	Martin Cox	Malcolm Meikle
Julian Wiltshire	Edward Watson-Williams	Guy Best
Anne Wiltshire	James Mealings	Richard Franklin
	Simon Banfield	

Cricket

SMCS v St Michael's Village

A real thriller – this year's game proved to be every bit as tight and tense as recent encounters; the Village falling just four runs short of victory.

For once SMCS were blessed with players a-plenty, with the likes of Guy Best and Richard Franklin joining the usual suspects. Numbers on both sides were also boosted with a great turnout from the 'next generation' - the sons of the ageing old boys!

SMCS batted first and got off to a nervous start with Guy Best out for a duck off the fourth ball of the innings. However, Best ii and Holland put on 44 for the second wicket to steady the ship before Holland was caught off the bowling of Alfie Bayley.

Coles came and went for 5, bowled by Matt Banfield, and Banfield Snr (Simon) did little better, bowled by Grosvenor for 11. Robin Bayley was bowled by Franklin the younger for 8.

With a mediocre total looming it was left to the younger Best (29) Lawrence Bayley i (13 n.o.) and Nick Weston (14 n.o.) to bring some respectability to the total as SMCS finished on 122 for 6 off their 30 overs.

In reply, the Village were soon in trouble, losing both openers with just a single on the board – Holland and Best i knocking over the stumps in their respective first overs.

The Village's middle order recovered the situation with Griffiths making 30, Kitchen 15 and Grosvenor an excellent 43 and it looked as if they might cruise to victory.

But they were not reckoning on the bowling prowess of Bayley i, Holland and Best i and with wickets falling the overs began to run out and in the end they could not find the final boundary that would have given them a much sought-after win.

Golf

The SMC Golf Society played its annual match in October - at Astbury Hall, near Bridgnorth, the home of former Judas Priest guitarist K.K.Downing.

It was a great day out and with eight members teeing off, proved to be a highly successful day.

Debutant Penny Scott took the honours with 33pts followed by Ian Holland and Nick Weston on 30pts.

This year's competition is planned at Church Stretton GC – as we go to print it has not been played so if anyone is interested in joining us, please get in touch.

Victory over Abberley Hall – an historic match!

Revd Tim Hollis has sent this photo of the St Michael's First XI that beat Abberley Hall in the Summer of 1939 or 1940 (?) when R.A.Haldane was the coach – the only time SMC beat Abberley Hall during Tim's time at the College.



The team was: (standing) Thompson, Langley-Smith, Bodman; (sitting) Loft, Geoff Hollis i, Badham iii, Nethersole (capt.); (kneeling) Hicks, Chris Hollis ii, Tim Hollis iii, Charles-Jones.

News of Members

Simon Holt and his family have been living in Stonington, Connecticut, since 1999.

Simon is keeping busy as Artistic Director and General Manager of Salt Marsh Opera, a company he started in 2000 and Executive Director of The United Theatre, a \$10 million refurbishment project of a town centre movie theatre.



His wife Alison has started her own catering business "Sound Bites" while still performing the viola with local orchestras.

Simon and Alison's eldest son Oliver graduated from New York University in May 2013 and is living in New York City and making a living as classical singer.

Their youngest son Joe is in his last year at Berklee College of Music in Boston as a singer/songwriter. His recent performances have included gigs at Hard Rock Café in Boston and The Bitter End in New York. He released his first recording "Empty" at the beginning of 2014.



Brian Demaus celebrated his 90th birthday on Boxing Day 2013.

Brigadier Christopher Coles has been appointed Commander of 42 (NW) Brigade, based in Preston.

Obituaries

Christopher Hollis (SMC 1937 – 42) – died in Bradford on February 17th, 2014 aged 85. Twin of Tim Hollis. After St Michael's he was at Repton with older brother Geoff (Hollis i). After seven years in the family business in Leeds he was married, ordained and served in the parishes of Baildon, Esholt and Heaton (1966-85). He became Rural Dean of Airedale, and a Canon of Bradford Cathedral.

Dr Adam Horner (SMC 1945-50) - died in Beaminster on 13th June, 2014.

Brian Harvey (SMC 1945-49) - Fellow of St Michael's 1975, Emeritus Professor of Law at Birmingham University and brother of Jonathan who died last year.

Mary Thorpe – SMCS & St Michael's PCC stalwart - a Service of Thanksgiving was held at St Michael's Church on 1st March.

Nora Demaus – SMCS & former Matron - A Service of Thanksgiving was held at St Michael's Church on 30th June.

David Timmis - SMC

Letters/Emails to the Society

From Revd Denis Parry – Sept 2013

Thanks for the interesting magazine. On page 11 there is mention of the repainting of the (church) screen.

This actually took place in the sixties when Dick Stride was Warden. The screen was looking pretty faded and Michael Oldroyd suggested that he and I should repaint it as a Lenten discipline.

Having sanded it all down, we started by applying an undercoat of grey and then proceeded to paint it blue. Michael consulted Mr Isherwood, who worked at Permaglaze(?) the local factory, and together they specially prepared a paint to match as exactly as possible the blue of the organ pipes.

The application of the gold decoration was a fiddly and time-consuming job, but not only did we manage to finish the screen, but Michael also found time to touch up the reredos. As we finished on Holy Saturday, the typically unseasonable snow began to fall, as this year in fact!

During the whole of Lent the screen was kept covered, so when it was freshly displayed on Easter Day it looked startlingly magnificent.

This was only one of the many pieces of work which Michael achieved during his time as maths teacher, bass Cantoris and scout master at St Michael's – the added height music supports in the choir, for example, and the circular candelabra for the carol services as well as the first solar heating and filter arrangement for the swimming pool which previously had to be emptied and scrubbed out every 10 days before being refilled with the icy cold water from the Raddle Bank reservoir!

I, of course, have many very happy memories of St Michael's as my little booklet of a few years ago indicated.

From Revd C. Geoffrey Scott – Sept 2013

Thank you for sending the magazine again; it is always interesting to hear how things are going and news of the old boys such as Jonathan Harvey whom I also preceded in the choir at St John's, Cambridge.

In the article on the Coronation, 'Mr Wright' is mentioned as the singing master. In my time at SMC - the war years – he sang as an alto in the choir and, of course, your grandfather [George Coles] was singing bass at that time. I also attended several choir courses both singing and as a prefect where Edred Wright was one of the staff.

And when he moved to Canterbury we met again. He became Director of Music at the King's School where my brother (a Winchester choirboy and organ scholar at Cambridge) also taught music.

From Mike Benson – February 2014

I'm very sorry to hear about Mary Thorpe. I remember her brother, Alan, was a baritone in the choir when I was at St. Michael's in the 1950s.

After Kenneth Beard moved to Southwell, Alan also moved to that area and was in the choir at Southwell Minster for many years. I was at college not far away and visited Kenneth once or twice at Southwell.

I only got to know Mary much more recently and she told me about her brother's illness. I always remember Alan singing the Advent hymn "Lo, He comes with clouds descending" with huge enthusiasm - one of those lovely memories that one has of one's school days!

From Mike and Rosemary Richardson – February 2014

I was so very sorry to hear about Mary whilst we were in Australia. She was such a wonderful support when Andrew [Walters] died last year, and for his thanksgiving service, and I know that Andrew had both enormous respect for her and was very fond of her.

Each time we had met since Andrew died we had to have what she called "An Andrew hug"!

From Revd Duncan Dormer – July 2014

Thank you for the letter about the annual reunion, and more generally for the considerable courtesy of treating a former incumbent of the parish of St. Michael's as a member of the society, although of course never a pupil at the college.

We have just sold our house and put in an offer on a house in West Mersea, near Colchester, so all being well will be moving well away from this area.

I enjoyed my time as incumbent of St. Michaels' and was conscious of the privilege of sitting in the stall once occupied by the Founder. Since my retirement we have enjoyed occasional visits to St. Michaels' for music events, and as an honorary member of the Orrishmere Singers to sing Sunday services on a summer Sunday for a number of years.

Mary and I will miss our many friends in this area, where we have lived for half our married life, but for us the move is to be nearer to our daughter, and that will be a great pleasure for us.

From John Austin – Oct 2013

I thought the 2013 Reunion was a considerable success. Everything worked, the turnout was excellent, and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. The meal was very good and I think the idea of having a standing/chatting/mingling starter was a success.

'Ouseley's Legacy' – a progress report by John Austin

My book, 'Ouseley's Legacy, The Gothic and the Catholic Revivals, Henry Woodyer and St Michael's College', is at long last, and after about six years, nearly finished.

It has been a long haul but I have very much enjoyed it. I still have to tidy things up, continue proof reading, and do the index. After much thought I have decided to get printed 'on-line'. This will be simpler, cheaper, and I can have as many, or as few!, as I want.

It has a lot of illustrations including two water-colour painting by Sir Gore Ouseley when he was in India, aged 17, a floor plan of 41 Upper Brook Street where Sir Frederick lived as a boy, photos of Sir Gore's houses – Claramont, Woolmers and Hall Barn, which is where Sir Gore died.

A chapter on Christopher Hassall, and his Poem Michaelmas Day, chapters on The Oxford Movement, Pugin, and a chapter on the organ by Michael Hart, and so on and so forth. I could go on for ever. There are about 20 illustrations and perhaps 200 pages.

It is my intention to bring copies down to Commem [The Reunion].

From the Archives

Here are some newspaper reports from www.britishnewspaperarchives.co.uk - it is a vast archive, with a good search engine.

1861 – Wednesday, 9 October – Hereford Journal

ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE, TENBURY. (By our own Reporter.) We feel much pleasure in reporting the proceedings in Connection with this, the Fifth Anniversary of the opening this church and college. In consequence of St. Michael's day falling this year on a Sunday, the usual festivities were necessarily postponed until Thursday next.

The very beautiful church was, of course, crowded even to excess by a fashionable assemblage of the elite of the three adjoining counties. The churchyard attached to the edifice presented lively and animated appearance, such as could scarcely fail cheer the heart of the most grave or desponding person; while the admirer of the picturesque would not fail to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the surrounding country.

The numerous equipages of the gentry, the varied and beautiful costume of the gentle sex, of every hue and colour, rendered the effect of the whole scene not only interesting but perfectly dazzling. Excursion trains on the Shrewsbury and Hereford railway were the means of inducing many persons from those towns and the intermediate stations to be present on this festive occasion.

St Michael's and All Angels' Church and College is situated in the healthful and salubrious neighbourhood of Old Wood, about two miles from Tenbury, and was erected as no doubt it will be remembered, about five years ago by the munificence of the philanthropist, whose name, from having been connected with so many undertakings for the benefit of his fellow-creatures, must be familiar to most of us—the Rev. Sir Frederick Ouseley.

It has been customary with the Founder, on each anniversary of the foundation, to hold special services commemorative of the event, and to exercise a noble and generous hospitality towards all who chose to do him honour and sympathise with him in the accomplishment of such good work.

As we have stated above, the anniversary this year fell on Thursday last. Morning service commenced at eleven o'clock. The clergy assembled in the library of the college, and there put on their robes. In the cloisters the long and imposing Procession was formed, composed of 26 choristers and 22 other singers, both clergy and laymen, followed by a long train of clergy of every degree and rank.

On their arrival at the western entrance to the church, the 122nd psalm was sung in procession, accompanied by the grand tones of the organ. The whole service, including the holy communion, was fully choral. Rogers in D was sung throughout with a vigour and precision that is seldom heard or obtained elsewhere. The anthem was sung with equal power and success. "Praise the Lord, my soul," a spirited and noble composition by Mr. Goss, being most appropriately selected for the occasion.

The lessons were read by the Rev. Canon Musgrave and the Dean of Hereford. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas L. Claughton, Vicar of Kidderminster and Honorary Canon of Worcester. This excellent discourse was delivered with great earnestness and plainness, and was listened to with the deepest attention by all Present. We believe that, in consequence of general request, the sermons preached in this church on the previous Sunday and on this occasion, will shortly be published. The learned preacher took his text from Hebrews 1, v. 14—"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them which shall be heirs to salvation."

At three o'clock a dinner was served in the hall of the college, every seat was occupied. After dessert a number of toasts were and very heartily responded to, the healths of The Founder and Headmaster, Rev. C. T. Heartley, being received with utmost enthusiasm.

At six o'clock evening prayers were celebrated, when the church was again perfectly filled, and being beautifully lighted with lamps and candles, presented a sight not easily to be forgotten. An Anthem, composed for the occasion by Sir F. Ouseley, was sung after the 3rd Collect, and the Hallelujah Chorus before the sermon. Rogers in D was the service for the evening, and after the sermon the 104th Psalm was sung in unison to the Hanover tune.

The prayers were intoned by Sir F. Ouseley, Dr. Jebb, Rev. T. L. Wheeler, and Rev. C. Heartley, and Mr. Colburn very efficiently presided at the organ throughout the day. The Ven. Archdeacon Freer preached from the 4th chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians, part of the 9th verse—"We are made spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men."

Adjourning to the College we found that all the necessary preparations for the concert in the Hall were completed, and a numerous company was assembling, every seat being soon filled, and the whole place being literally crammed. Mozart's "Splendete te Deus" was the first piece, followed by an elaborate composition lately written by John Pole, Esq., as an exercise for the degree of Mus. Bac. at Oxford, and was conducted by the author himself.

The subject was the Old Hundredth Psalm, ingeniously worked into solos, quartets, and choruses, with organ and piano accompaniment. A madrigal, in 12 parts, by Sir F. Ouseley, was then sung, consisting of three distinct choirs of warriors, minstrels, and bacchanals. A selection from the "Elijah" then terminated the first part of the concert.

Refreshments were banded round the hall, and after a pause of some minutes the concert proceeded with one of Beethoven's symphonies, played by the Rev. J. C. Hanbury, with most perfect ease and good taste, the performance of the rev. gentleman being loudly applauded, as indeed it deserved. The programme was a long one. Several songs and glees were then sung, until most of the performers appeared thoroughly fatigued with the arduous duties of the day.

But we must not conclude without alluding to an exquisite performance on the flute by Mr. Matthews, accompanied by Sir F. Ouseley on his own grand piano, in a piece by Beethoven, consisting of three

movements. The quality of the tone produced by this gentleman, on his silver instrument, was peculiarly mellow and fascinating, and his execution and expression are such as amateurs seldom produce. This performance was rapturously demanded and acceded to.

Midnight was fast approaching when the crowded assembly dispersed; supper being provided for all who required it, in the spacious library. After a day of complete musical enjoyment and festivity, we take our departure, sincerely hoping that this establishment, so important a nursery for the study and practice music and theology, still but in its infancy, may continue to thrive and increase, conferring, as it doubtless will, a real boon upon our national Church.

Amongst the audience we observed—Lord Northwick, B. Botfield, Esq., M.P., Mrs. Botfield, Hon. Miss Rushout, G. Pardoe, Esp., and Mrs. Pardoe, of Nash Court, Rev. J. A. Smith and family, of Tenbury Vicarage, Sir T. E. Winnington, Bart., M.P., and Lady Winnington, Stanford Court; Lady and Miss Curtis, Lady Milman and party, Sir Joseph R. Bailey and Lady Bailey, Canon Musgrave, the Dean of Hereford, Archdeacon Blossie, Archdeacon Freer, J. A. Arkwright, Esq. (Hampton Court), Revds. Dr. Jebb, Dr. Bowles, J. W. Joyce (Burford Rectory), Colmore, J. Whatts, J. King, T. L. Wheeler, T. L. Wheeler, jun., J. Wettings, T. V. Duncombe, J. C. Hanbury, F. T. Havergal J. Gobs (Hereford), C. Allen, J.J. Scargall (Kyre), Hewett (Leysters), J. J. Miller (Bockleton), H. Connor, W. Poole, E. Wellings, Rev. F. W. Raymond and party, Rev. T. L. Claughton (Kidderminster) and party, Revds. W. F. Powell (Cirencester), T. B. Hosken (Brecon), E. Jacson (Thrupton), Slade Baker (Clifton-on-Teme), John Pole, Esq., Mus. Boc, Tuchwell, Esq. (Oxford), Revds. T. Hensman, C. T. Heartley ; Jabez Jones, Berkley (Worcester), Burnett (Hereford), Mr. and Mrs. German Reed, Mr. Matthews, Mrs. Wheeler (Newham Court) and party,

1862 - Saturday, December 13th, , The Dublin Evening Mail.

DEATH OF MISS GORE OUSELEY. Miss Alexandrina Gore Ouseley died on Monday night at her residence, Conegar House, Frome, at the age of 47. She was the daughter of Sir Gore Ouseley, the distinguished diplomat, and the god-daughter of the Emperor Alexander I, having been born in St Petersburg during her father's residence in that capital, and his Imperial Majesty testified to the esteem in which he held Sir Gore by becoming sponsor to his child. At her Christening in the Tsar's Chapel in St Petersburg Palace, she was held at the font by the Empress.

In her father's lifetime Miss Ouseley mixed in the highest society, the late King William IV being a frequent guest at Sir Gore's house. But she and her sister chose lowlier hearths, and for many years devoted their lives to works of charity, and in ministering to the wants of the poor, in comforting the sick, and in educating poor children, sought to perform the mission which their Master had given to them. It is scarcely a year and a half since the elder Miss Ouseley died; and now that her sister has passed away many poor houses will lack their bereavement aid, many a sick person miss their comforting sympathy, and, especially, many a poor child mourn the affectionate ones who supplied their every want. The Rev. Sir Frederick Gore Ouseley (professor of music at Oxford, and founder of St Michael's College, Tenbury) was with his sister during her last hours.

1882 – Saturday, 7 October – Worcester Journal

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE, TENBURY. The twenty-sixth anniversary of the consecration of this beautiful church and college was commemorated on Friday last, St. Michael's Day, and the services were continued on Sunday.

As is usual, there was a large gathering of clerical and musical friends at the college, who delight to join in what is probably the most perfect form of Divine service to be found in this country. The order of service was as follows : — Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins, 11.30, processional (Psalm cxxii.), Service, Ouseley in F. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Ayscough Smith, vicar of Tenbury ; the second by the Very Rev. Archdeacon of Ludlow.

The preacher was the Bev. Martin H. Ricketts, M.A. Evensong at 6 p.m. ; service, Smart in B flat; The first lesson was read by the Rev. T. L. Wheeler; the second by Canon Burfield, of Leicester. The preacher was the Rev. G. W. Kitchin, M.A., hymn after sermon, 243. The prayers in the morning were intoned by the Rev. the Warden and Founder, Sir F. Ouseley, Bart. The organ accompaniments were exceedingly well played by Mr. Claxton, and supplemented by a band of strings. In the anthem a new tenor solo was introduced by the composer, Mr. L. Colborne, organist of Hereford Cathedral, which was well sung by Mr. Anstice.

There were large congregations at both services. The customary banquet was afterwards held in the College Hall. The evening concert was unusually brilliant this year, owing in some measure to the splendid violin playing of Mr. T. Lloyd-Harries and the fine piano playing of Sir F. Ouseley and Mr. Parratt, the newly-appointed organist of the Chapel Royal, Windsor.

1886 – Saturday, March 20th – The Worcester Journal.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT AT TENBURY. At the Petty Sessions, on Tuesday, before Colonel Defoe, Mr. G. R. Godson, Mr. E. V. V. Wheeler, and the Revs. E. G. B. Childe and T. A. Smith, Mr. E. S. B. Fletcher, head master of St. Michael's College, was summoned by Major B. G. Trail, an Irish magistrate, to answer a charge of assaulting his son. Mr. Bentley was for the complainant; Mr. Wayman defended. Major Trail stated that he had been under police protection in Ireland, and that his son was then in a state of fear.

In August, 1885, witness told Mr. Fletcher that if he found it necessary to give his son corporal punishment to do so at once and not to keep him under mental strain. Witness's son wrote to him saying that he had been birched on the 12th February. Witness then wrote to Sir Frederick Ouseley, who, on answering the letter, said that if witness came over it must be to take the boy away, as he could not stay after that term under any circumstances. On the 1st of March the boy was again caned. Witness then came over. The boy was called, and gave evidence as to his being caned. Sir Frederick Ouseley said he did not think the boy had received more punishment than was necessary for the discipline of the school. The magistrates dismissed the case, saying they did not consider the child had more than proper chastisement. Mr. Wayman's costs were allowed.

1889 – Friday 12 July, The Gloucester Citizen.

THE LATE SIR FREDERICK OUSELEY. A meeting of the committee and friends of St. Michael's College, Tenbury was held yesterday at the Westminster Palace Hotel, under the presidency of Sir John Stainer. The college suffered material loss through the death of Sir Frederick, who devoted at least £35,000 to the church of St. Michael's, and during the 32 years the college had in existence expended no less a sum than that on its maintenance.

On the motion of the Rev. J. Hampton, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Miller, it was resolved, in consideration of the lifelong services which Sir Frederick Ouseley rendered to the college, that a sum of not less than £10,000 be raised towards the endowment of the college as the best form of memorial to Sir Frederick Ouseley.

On the motion passed an executive committee was appointed to carry out the foregoing resolution. The Earl of Mar, who was elected a member of the committee, spoke of the value of the life work of Sir Frederick Ouseley, and said that for himself he should give the scheme, pecuniarily and otherwise, all the support in his power.

At the close of the meeting the Warden announced that up to the present they had received £1,470, result which was very encouraging for the future.

1908 – Thursday, 7 May – The Aberdeen Journal.

SIR WALTER PARRATT. As is well known, Sir Walter Parratt, M.V.O., the newly-appointed Professor of Music in Oxford University, is an enthusiastic chess-player. On one occasion, at St Michael's College, Tenbury, he undertook to play two men in consultation, and at the same time play on the pianoforte from memory pieces selected by those present from any of the classical writers for that instrument. He not only played brilliantly during the games but conversed animatedly with several persons, who did their best to distract him. The game lasted an hour, and Sir Walter was the victor. His pianoforte selections while the game was in progress came from Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and Chopin.

1901 – Thursday 4 April – The Cornishman.

DEATH OF SIR JOHN STAINER. A telegram, received at Oxford on Monday, announces the death Sir John Stainer, at Verona. Sir John Stainer, the famous musician, was born London in 1840, his father being the schoolmaster of St. Thomas s, Southwark.

He was educated at St. Paul's Cathedral choir school, and from there went to Christ church, St. Edmund Hall, and Magdalen College, Oxford, he took his M.A. degree. He also passed Mus. Doc. Oxford and Durham and was granted the order of D.C.L. and Hon. Fellow of Magdalen College.

His first appointment was to be organist at St. Michael's College, Tenbury when he was 16. He has been a most popular organist and officiated at various times at the churches of St. Benedict and St. Peter, London, Oxford University, Magdalen College, Oxford, and St. Paul's Cathedral.

His great gifts were universally recognised and he was elected vice-president of the Royal College of Organists, an Hon. Member of the R.A.M. and member of the council of the R.C.M. In 1888 he was created a knight and was appointed inspector of music to the education department. His works are many, and varied in character, and exceedingly acceptable. He was also an extensive writer and edited " Carols Old and New," and a Dictionary of musical terms. He possessed an extensive and interesting musical library, containing old English song books, and old psalm-books and hymnals

Saint Michael's College News

Prize Giving 2014 – SMCS Shield Awards



Beijia (Jessica) Wang - ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Jessica is from Guangdong China, she has studied in Saint Michael's College since September 2010. She successfully completed IGCSE examinations in May 2012 in: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Economics, English as a Second Language, Business Studies, ICT and Spanish, with grades ranging from A - A*.

Jessica then went on to study A Level's in: Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Further Mathematics and AS Level in Physics. She has also gained an IELTS score of 7.5 and achieved Gold Award in her Speaking and Drama spoken examinations.

As a prefect and Deputy Head Girl, Jessica participated in and led many school activities; she encourages and gives excellent support to her peers. Jessica is hoping to gain entry to the University of Bath to read Biomedical Sciences

Thais Nunes Ximenes Viana - SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Thais is from Vitoria, Brazil. Thais joined Saint Michaels year 11 in January 2012 directly from her school in Brazil and in May 2012 was able to sit and successfully complete IGCSE examinations in: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Mathematics, Spanish, and English as a Second Language, with grades ranging from B - A*

In September 2012 Thais began her A level Programme studying: Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics. She has also gained an IELTS score of 7.5 and achieved Gold Award in her Speaking and Drama spoken examinations.

As a prefect and Head of Charity, Thais has organised and participated in key college activities; She motivates, organises and supports her colleagues fully. Thais is hoping to gain entry to the Queen Mary College, University of London to read Biochemistry

St Michael's College Society

Reunion – 20th September 2014

The programme: Families and guests are most welcome to attend during the day/evening.

11.00am	Cricket - Old Boys XI v St Michael's Village XI
2.30 - 3pm	Afternoon tea and presentation of cricket trophy on Cloister Lawn
2.45	SMCS Reunion 2014 Photograph – West Door
3.00pm	Choir practice
4.30 – 5.30pm	SMCS AGM – College Library
6.00pm	Evensong – St Michael's Church Choir – The Holgate Consort Director - David Barclay Organist – Michael Hart
7.30/7.45pm	SMCS Annual Reunion Dinner at the Fountain Inn, Oldwood Common

Evensong Music

The music is:-

Beati quorum via – Stanford

Jerusalem on High – Ouseley

Stanford in C

O Thou, the central orb – Wood

As usual, members of the Society are welcome to join the choir. We do not need to know numbers or what voice they are.

NB - Choir Practice will start at 3pm. Old Boys join in as soon as possible.

**2014 Annual Reunion Dinner
at The Fountain Inn**

Menu

Selection of Hot and Cold Canapes

Roast Sirloin of Beef in a Mushroom and Madeira Sauce

Roasted Chicken Supreme with a Smoked Bacon and Basil Cream

Cheesy Garlic Mushrooms in a Homemade Pancake

Chocolate and Baileys Cheesecake

Caramel Apple Pie

Fresh Fruit Pavlova

Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee and Mints

(Please indicate your choices on the Booking Form at the end of the Magazine)

Music at St Michael's 2014

Sun 21 st September 10am & 3pm	Sung Eucharist & Choral Evensong Quindici Director – Suzanne Edwards Organist – Tim Mills
Sun 28 th September 10am	Patronal Festival - Sung Eucharist The St Michael's Church Choir Director – John Swindells
Sun 9 th November 10am	Remembrance Sunday – Sung Eucharist The Hereford Church Singers Director – John Eden
Sat 13 th December 6.30pm	Christmas Carol Service The Birmingham University Singers Director – Dr Paul Rodmell
Sun 14 th December 10am & 3pm	Sung Eucharist & Choral evensong The Birmingham University Singers Director – Dr Paul Rodmell

St Michael's Parish has been able to continue a programme of conservation repairs to the Church with the support of the Council for the Care of Churches, English Heritage, the Garfield Weston and Wolfson Foundations, the Historic Churches Preservation Trusts (National and Worcs & Dudley), the William and Jane Morris Fund and the Allchurches, Lesley David, Alan Evans Memorial, Idlewild, Manifold and John Pilling trusts.

Thanks to support from the Ouseley Trust, the St Michael's College Society and the local community, the church has also been able to maintain some of the Founder's original wishes in its choral services and concerts.

St Michael's and the World-wide Web

The Society has for a number of years now had a presence on the web, with several members getting back in touch as a result of coming across the website via Google or other search engines.

Delivery of the annual Newsletter by electronic methods has also meant that we can reach a wider membership and also keep our costs down at the same time. It's always a surprise to see what memorabilia is being uncovered in the form of photographs/school lists/magazines and so on, and a great deal if these are being made available via the website.

A new set of photographs have just made an appearance so if you haven't visited the site recently, please feel free to do so. You can even fill in a new Banker's Order on-line if you aren't yet up to date with your subscription! The address is www.smcsociety.co.uk

We hope that you find something of interest there, and that perhaps you will be encouraged to contribute SMC memories of your own. William Jenkyns, SMCS website.

Rogues Gallery - Photos from 'Miss Thompson' - Kerry Kelleher



Notices

Newsletter 2015

If anyone would like to provide submissions / photographs for the Newsletter we would welcome them.
(Preferably electronically as it saves substantial re-typing)

Email to: **tim-coles@hotmail.co.uk**
alternatively post to Tim Coles, The Moor Hall, Cleedownton, Ludlow, SY8 3EG

SMCS Subscriptions

The Society subscription is **£10** per annum (minimum). If necessary could you please update your standing order accordingly. Many thanks.

A Standing Order Form is available on our website
<http://www.smcsociety.co.uk>

or on request from the Secretary

The SMCS Shop

SMCS ties (£10) – a batch of Society ties was produced for the Centenary Reunion. If anyone's old tie is the worse for wear or you have lost it (!), let a committee member know.

SMCS Centenary mugs (£3.50) – again, as a memento of the 2006 reunion, centenary mugs were produced. They look really good and there are quite a few left so if anyone is interested let us know.

Books

Memories of St Michael's College, Tenbury edited by *C.R. Beresford (2006) Paperback (£7)*
Flashbacks by thirty people who were pupils between the 1920s and 1980s, together with articles and appendices with names of staff and pupils. The editor was a pupil from 1952 to 1957.

Elgar, Ouseley and St Michael's – A personal account by *John Austin (2006) (£2.50)*
Old Boy and former Society President John Austin has put together a 20 page booklet.

Annual Reunion 2014 Booking Form

Name

Address

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Tel No E-mail

Years at SMC: 19____ to 19____

Please indicate numbers:

Numbers

..... I will play cricket

..... I will attend the Dinner - **£22.00** per head
(partners welcome)

Please indicate choice of meal (see menu):

Main Course:

Sweet:

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR RESERVATION SLIP BY SEPTEMBER 13th AND SEND IT TO ME ALONG WITH A CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO "**St Michael's College Society**"

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