



# Old Ignatian Association Newsletter – Spring 2009

## President's Introduction

### **Hello again**

It's that time of year again! It's been a very busy year for the Association, what with a new home to look after and communications to rekindle, but I'm delighted to say it has been an enjoyable one.

The newsletter has been inspiring a few of you to put finger to keyboard (see our newly dusted off 'Letters' feature) and the headquarters has been both enticing back members we thought we'd seen the last of, and luring new members into the unique Old Ignatian experience!

All of which is fantastic news, because that is what both are there for. I can only hope that more of both will follow in the coming year.

### **Headquarters**

It's been nearly a year since we picked up the keys from the contractor and pulled the first pint in anger (the gas played up that night) at the Loyola, and you're probably wondering when the 'opening' is! Quite right too. Well, we are aiming for the latter part of September once the schools are back and the sports teams are back in action. Specific date and format will follow.

We have had a great year in our new home, and are proud about the comments that we receive from members and guests alike. We have had several memorable evenings already (and some we simply can't remember), and are working hard to ensure that there are regular opportunities for members to get together.

I have to say that, fantastic as the bricks and mortar aspect of the headquarters is, it would not be the place it is without the exemplary stewardship of Rob and Pauline Lowry. They have taken on a massive challenge and have worked hard at creating exactly the kind of welcoming, family oriented atmosphere our members would hope for and expect. We thank them for that.

If you haven't yet made it down to us, please

keep an eye out for upcoming functions on the OIA website (which we will *try* to keep current) or simply drop in one Saturday to catch one of the matches.

### **Links with the School**

Having purchased land near the school, it was obviously hoped that we could both strengthen links with our school and also raise the profile of the Association with school leavers.

Happily, links *are* being strengthened. The headquarters provides the college with both a sporting and function facility that is starting to create a nice win-win situation. The school use the Association's facilities to host important matches and I recently attended a 'reunion' dinner at the Loyola for pupils and staff who spent time at the college's sister school in Dodoma Tanzania. We have also hosted the school's Prefects' Leavers Dinner and, most recently, we hosted the inaugural 'Bernie Cove Cup', where the current school football and rugby teams play against Old Ignatian sides in honour of the school's long serving and respected sports teacher.

Great news for the school, great news for the Association.

### **Further afield**

As I mentioned earlier, a few have been inspired to send correspondence since the last newsletter. It's not a lot but....it's a start! Please. This newsletter is here to facilitate members' communication. If you have anything you want to share, or have a request for a photo or contact, please write. We're not Facebook, but we'll do our best!

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Kind Regards

Stephen McNicholas - President

# Correspondence

## **Peter Gough writes:**

Thank you very much for the Autumn Newsletter. It is nicely done.

Just a couple of suggestions if I may.

1) The predominance of soccer and rugby.

Would it be possible to devote a little more space to diverse topics of interest to the Old Boys who are out of town?

2) Could I suggest a column devoted to "Where are they now?" or something similar.

I frankly would like to make contact with some of the boys in my classes at St. Ignatius', or who were at the school at the same time as me (1945-50), before they are all gone.

3) If possible I would like to see one photo at least of the school, or classes, of previous years; again before all of the photos/people have gone.

4) Where are the negatives/photos of those earlier classes? Has anyone put them onto CD's or a DVD? I would be more than glad to buy a copy or have a good quality repro made of someone else's photo(s) of those years?

Finally, I would like to know where the following classmates are:

Peter Cornwell of Barking, Michael Ivens of Upminster? Terry Flynn of Grays, Peter Pember of Barking, Michael Keilly –ditto, Paul Hughes –ditto, Sam Johston (Johnson) of Edmonton, Kitson/Kirsky/Kursky? The DeRosa brothers.

Maybe an article might stimulate interest in the foregoing topics.

## **Peter Brown writes:**

Dear Peter,

An excellent letter and I thoroughly "second" all your comments and suggestions. I had intended (the road to hell again!) to write something similar, but the moment passed as they tend to do.

Before the magazine went "belly up" for a few years we did have a spate of class photos, for which I was very grateful, as I recovered a picture of 4 Mod in 1948, that I had lost many years ago.

Some of the 'where are they' questions I can answer, or at least 'where they were'.

Michael Ivens is a Jesuit and was last heard of at a Jesuit House in Wales. The De Rosa's, were Lou, Bob and Peter in my time, though there are younger brothers one of whom I believe is also in Australia. Bob died during the Malayan war and Peter was last seen on a History Channel program about the Papacy, looking very leonine with a mass of grey hair. He was laicized back in the 60s.

I presume you are still living in Florida and in contact with Peter Vickers, who also travelled on the train from Barking to South Tottenham station. He was asking about another Peter, Peter Barrett who also travelled on the same train. I have re-established contact with Peter Barrett in as much as we exchange the occasional letter and Christmas card.

Again Peter, thank you for stirring this old codger into action. I have an idea about an article on the life and times at the "Hill" during my period there, which I will compose and send to Michael. It did a similar one a few years ago, but I never saw it in print.

**Peter Gough writes:**

Please add to the list of people with whom I'd like to re-establish contact:

Dennis Healy from Upminster. I think that he went into the Jesuit order. I worked, indirectly for his father, Michael Healy, at Ford Motor Company when I came out of the RAF in 1957. He was an imposingly big, tough, first generation Irishman from Cork.

I recall the name Peter Barrett but can't put a face to the name yet

Finally, but not least, Peter Vickers. We call each other and chat from time to time. He is retired from Cunard and he and his wife live in New Jersey. He is involved as controller of the fiscal affairs of his Parish up there. We used to meet every year when I was working and lived in Michigan. I'm hoping that he'll come down here one winter and stay with us.

You may have met Tony Bonney, who lives up in Toronto, at one of the gatherings.

Now that we have access to the web I'm surprised that we can't track down more of the Old Boys. I would think that the School have the LKA's (Last Known Addresses) of them? Even if only for the endowment fund (Or as Fr. Brinkworth named it "The Building Fund"). Over here the colleges have you on their annual mailing lists for life! They form teams of old alumna which focus on each locale throughout the country to ensure that you never forget where your education came from.

I want to thank everyone who participated in producing the Old Ignatian. They appear to have breathed a new life into it.

## Other News

On 27th February the St. Ignatius 2nd year football team played a National Cup game at the Loyola Ground. Our boys won a toughly contested game 3-2 after extra time to take them into the last 16 of this prestigious competition.



### ***Spot The Teacher !!***

Here are the boys along with a partly hidden Mr. Lumby. After playing their game, the boys enjoyed food and refreshments in the Loyola Hall to celebrate their win

# Ignatians Past and Present

Stop press – the day before I put the finishing touches to this newsletter, the Association hosted a truly fantastic evening at the Loyola. Fantastic in the sense that it drew together staff from the school, current pupils, recent leavers, a former headmaster and a gaggle (if that is an appropriate collective noun) of firmly established ‘Old’ Ignatians. Fantastic, also, in the sense that it was just plain good fun!

Rugby and football teams from the school pitted their wits against teams of Old Ignatians to contest the rugby ‘President’s Shield’ and football’s newly minted ‘Bernie Cove Cup’.



*Past mixes with present...*



*A toast for Bernie...*



*Prizes for the winners ...*



*Young Ignatians...*



*The Association Secretary, clearly helping himself to **two** dinners....*



*See you next year?*

## The Annual Prefects’ Dinner

On Tuesday 24th March, 80 prefects were wined and dined by the College and sixth form management team in the Loyola Hall, the new home of the Old Ignatian Association. The evening was to thank them for their various contributions to the College. A three course meal was followed by speeches and various awards were presented. The evening went well, many thanks to Rob and his team for allowing us to use the club house and our team of caterers led by Eleanor Cuttle and Sheila Lovett. *Leonie Howarth – Head of 6th Form*



# Mr Cove Retires

Mr Cove retired this summer after 40 years. Many, many Ignatians – current and old – will have memories of his approach to teaching P.E. I invited Old Ignatians to share their memories of him. As someone who served the college and the Old Ignatians so whole heartedly (he played over 300 games for the Old Is), we wish him a long and happy retirement.

## **James Kerr writes:**

I was at the College from 1987 to 1993, and knew Mr Cove through playing football and cricket for the school. Mr Cove was always very committed to the school's cause, and especially football even though it may have been perceived that our school was more rugby focussed. Mr Cove always maintained that playing for the school should be a priority and therefore having to tell him any of the following:-

1. Sorry sir I have forgotten my football boots and won't be able to play football this afternoon
2. Sorry sir I can't play on Saturday as I have a game for my (non-school) club
3. Sorry sir I seem to have forgotten your cricket jumper again (that one I have to admit is more specific to me, unless there are any other ex-pupils out there that 'borrowed' one of Mr Cove's cricket jumpers and found it very difficult to return)  
- was a very uncomfortable experience! Not because Mr Cove was a difficult teacher, but more owing to his belief that sport for the school was something to be taken very seriously. I play for the Old Ignatians, and we now have a new clubhouse and pitch near the school, and I know from speaking with the committee members that Mr Cove has been a significant help in getting what we have wanted for some time now. I hope he is going to enjoy life away from the school, but will help with the Old Ignatians if possible

## **Peter O'Rourke (1978 to 1985) writes:**

I played in the 1st XI for three years and Mr Cove was the first person to christen me with the name 'Rourky' one Friday lunchtime at a team meeting by the Gym and it stuck! It was a pleasure to play for Mr Cove even if at times I didn't quite see eye to eye with him or his decisions but we did win a few cups under his guidance so he must have been doing something right! I was also lucky enough to play in the same side as Mr Cove for the Old Ignatians on a few occasions and was able to witness his ability as a footballer. Mr Cove attracted quite a few of the players from the school to pull on an Old Ignatians shirt – amazingly even ones like myself who had no intention of having anything to do with the school or its connected entities once I had left. Bernie always had a great enthusiasm for the team and wanted it to be successful and put in a lot of time and effort to achieve this – it will be hard for the school to replace someone as thoroughly and honestly committed to the cause of furthering the reputation of the school through sport, especially football. Having known him through playing at the school and for the Old Ignatians – the only thing I can say about Bernie is that he is a thoroughly decent, honest and good man who became a friend. Oh and he was quite a good footballer to boot!

## **Stephen McNicholas (O.I. 1985) writes:**

My abiding memory of Bernie was his unwavering commitment to the 4-4-2 formation, with a 'big man' up front! He could never be dissuaded, no matter how well we put our arguments. I was a bit surprised, therefore, to learn from the College Captain at the Old Ignatians' dinner that they now play a 4-3-3! Has Bernie started to listen to the players in his old age, or has he found an old Dutch coaching manual in a car boot sale? I'd like to think the latter. Anyway, he must have known best because we won nearly everything every year.

# Headmaster's Report

**Paul Adams, the retiring headmaster of the college, makes his final report at the end of 2007 (Originally published in the Ignatian magazine). Guest of Honour was Mr Martin Donnelly (OI), Director General Europe and Globalisation, Foreign & Commonwealth Office.**

Mr Donnelly, Reverend Fathers and Sisters, Honoured Guests, Ladies.....Gentlemen : I begin by echoing the Chairman's remarks; it is good to see so many guests at tonight's proceedings. Current and former long-serving Governors, past and future heads of St Ignatius College, former Deputy Heads, Line Masters and other members of staff, Parish Priests, current and former heads of feeder primary schools, parents of former College Captains, the President of the Old Ignatians and many in that Association, and many other friends of the College. A personal word too for Brother Alan Harrison; since he left us in 1995 after 23 years in the College we have cause to be very grateful for his untiring efforts with the Trustees on our school's behalf. As he moves on to other responsibilities in the Society we will remember him in our prayers, and we know that wherever he is, our school will always be close to his heart. I too extend a warm welcome to his successor, Mr Michael Edwards. I will leave the formal greeting to our guest of honour to my Chairman a little later, but it is a delight to welcome too Mr Donnelly's parents. I suspect that they are feeling rather like many other parents in this hall, quite rightly very proud. Along with the hundreds of current and immediate past pupils and their families the sense of Ignatian community is almost tangible. It is very special indeed. Last week at College Assembly we marked the centenary of the birth of Fr Pedro Arrupe, a General of the Society of Jesus often referred to as the second Ignatius. In the early seventies it was he who coined the phrase 'Men for Others' which has now become inextricably linked with the Jesuit schools – and in our biased view with St Ignatius College in particular. By happy coincidence 2007 has seen the beginning of an initiative which will enable any number of Ignatians to demonstrate practically their willingness to commit time, energy and effort to the service of others. As a suitable act of transition, our almost ex- Chaplain Fr John Moffatt travelled with his successor Father Tim Byron and Mr Hunt our Head of Geography to St Ignatius school in Dodoma, Tanzania during the summer to establish a link between us. There is no end of work to be done there, and the gratitude of staff and pupils in such a deprived part of the world simply overflows. One Ignatian volunteer went there for 6 months and so far has been there for 18; two recent leavers will join him in January, and we hope that this beginning trickle will become a stream. In financial terms too Ignatian generosity is certainly not shrinking. Our boys donated £10,000 to the Jesuit Missions last year, the result of their fund-raising in the autumn term. They are well on track towards a similar target this term for CAFOD, for which charity the Diocesan Organiser gave a moving presentation to launch the appeal. Of which school is he a former pupil ? ....correct. Those impressive amounts of money are not just donated; the range of activities to generate the cash, and the amount of energy expended to make them happen is to the credit of the boys and their teachers. The Ignatian year 2006-7 contained the usual rich mix of school life, and there was much of which to be proud. Tonight's programme provides a summary of the examination results by which many judge us, and I congratulate those who worked to achieve them. At Key Stage 3 Mathematics continues ever upward, and there was a splendid improvement in Science. Such are the performances in Year Nine that the Value-Added conversion targets – yes, that's what they're called and they have nothing to do with religion – are challenging, to say the least. The percentage of Upper Sixth leavers going on to university is the highest ever, and the number of the highest grades at A Level saw a clear increase. There was much celebration in 2006 at the record GCSE results, and although the headline figure this summer was slightly down, it could and perhaps should be argued that this cohort's achievement was better overall : the individual points score was up, as was the percentage gaining the benchmark 5 or more A\*-C grades including Mathematics and English. Extra-curricular life was as varied as always, if not more so. Hundreds of boys contribute as ever, in a range of sports, music, CCF, lunch-time and after-school clubs, debating and public speaking, the production of the college magazine, the impressive peermentoring scheme, the departmental trips and so much more. Neither the examination results nor these other activities would occur without the dedication of a well-qualified and generous team of teachers and classroom support staff, and as ever I thank them on behalf of the boys and their parents. Of the many well-documented school journeys to various parts during the year I was privileged in Holy Week to join the group which travelled to Loyola, the birthplace of our patron. It is difficult to describe one's feelings as Fr Moffatt was permitted to celebrate Mass for us in the house of Ignatius, nor one's pride as curious Basque priests listened to our boys singing *Beatum Pangimus* in the Ignatian basilica. I was somewhat disappointed to read in the account of the trip in *The Ignatian*, that according to its young author the highlight of the pilgrimage was the visit to the Stadium of Athletic Bilbao. I comfort myself that when he gets older he may recall things differently. In January we were saddened by the death of John Wells, a Governor of the College since 2003 and a man much loved in the Enfield Catholic community. An Old Ignatian, John had been College Captain in 1954 and was proud that his two sons also held that office in later years – we suspect that the family is unique in that respect. Another eminent Old Boy died in April; as Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster James O'Brien had served the Catholics of Hertfordshire with warmth and humanity over nearly 30 years. Both men are much missed. Sandwiched between those two losses in March was a happier occasion. Bruno Murphy, who left the College in 1990, was ordained as a

Franciscan priest , and his first Mass at St Monica's, Palmers Green was a wonderful occasion. In the summer we said farewell and thank you to Ms Meehan who returned to Australia and to Mr Arnall, Ms Borkowski, Mr Ewbank, Mr Davenport and Mrs Skilton who all left for promotion to posts in other schools. We thank all of them for their individual contributions to the lives of many boys in our school, and confidently wish them well for their careers. After a second stint in the College, this time for seven years, Fr Moffatt too moved on, becoming the Catholic Chaplain at Oxford University. John's impact in the College has been immense and we are all much in his debt, some of us very personally. I commend to you Mr Holbourn's piece in The Ignatian; it is a wonderful read and a fitting tribute. Very aware of shrinking Jesuit resources, I thank Fr Holman, the Provincial, for seeing fit not only to replace Fr Moffatt, but to do so with Fr Byron - an impressive and energetic young priest, bursting with ideas and initiatives, who has begun so well that he already seems to have been here far longer than three months. He has been joined by Mr Lynch, our first lay chaplain, and along with the other members of the Chaplaincy team the two are certainly making their mark. In my view there have never been more opportunities at the College for boys to explore and develop their relationship with God. Whilst attendance at daily Mass is small – it is at 8.00 a.m. after all – we averaged over 70 each day at the Rosary in October. The many Retreats are over-subscribed, much-valued and always rewarding. The numbers of Sixth Formers involved in the Ministry Groups are further testimony to the aforementioned Men for Others theme. This year we also welcomed Mr Bottini (to teach Music), Mr Dixon (Business Studies), Mr Galvin (PE), Mr Groves (RE), Ms Hunter (Law and History), Ms Pieri (Mathematics), Mr Turner (Design Technology) and Mr Taborda (an Assistant in the Learning Development department). A regular observation : the list includes 2 Old Ignatians, bringing the total to 12 working currently in the College, I suspect the highest figure ever, although next term it will slip back to 10. Schools do not stand still, and there are challenges ahead and not just in those Value-Added conversion targets. Our criteria for admissions has had to change this year, thanks to legislation supported by the Bishops. There is a clear agenda intended to move all schools, Faith or otherwise, towards serving their neighbourhood population first and foremost. Interviews were outlawed some time ago. Now we are not allowed to require parents to make us 'first choice' nor seek evidence of Catholicity, save asking the parish priest if he considers the applicant a practising Catholic, the Bishops' definition of which seems to have changed somewhat over time. I mean no offence when I observe that often, though thankfully not always, Parish Priests are reluctant to upset their flock, leaving us no further forward in making difficult decisions in the face of increasing oversubscription, and pushing us ever closer to considering distance as a tie-break criterion. My Governors are well aware of my feelings on this subject. In 2008 the College will celebrate its 40th year in Enfield, but throughout its 114 year history St Ignatius is proud of having served the Catholic community of a much, much wider area of London. I am sure that my successor, supported by both board and trustees, will do his utmost to see that it continues to do so. Often in recent years parents of new Ignatians in conversations with me, have paid unsolicited compliments to many of our older boys. They say things like : 'I wanted my son to come to this school because I wanted him to turn out like the Sixth Former who showed us round at Open Evening'. I have passed on these remarks to the Sixth Form, usually just before the next Open Evening, but I have a feeling that they think I'm just making it up in order to get them to do the job again. I am not. I remember an Assembly early in my headship when I urged the boys to do their best to make me proud of them. Of course they don't all manage it, certainly not. But many of them do, very, very often. At those same Open Evenings my theme has been that 'we are in the business of trying to help parents produce good Catholic young men with standards'....and in that work we have a pretty good success rate. If I may be forgiven a touch of emotion with a month to go, it is in my tribute to the boys for it is they whom I will miss most: their good will, their readiness to help and their humour. You very recent Old Ignatians here this evening are for me the representatives of nearly a generation with whom I have had the privilege of working. We are here to congratulate you on your success and we teachers share your parents' pride in what you have become. Some, though hopefully not many here, would say that I am being very traditional when I talk about the importance of integrity, industry, responsibility, self-discipline, good manners, loyalty and service to others, but in this Jesuit school I see such qualities as being timeless rather than traditional. I believe that, more than ever perhaps as our world and society continues to change, integrity will be a vital quality in the future, and I urge you recent leavers to guard it carefully. In your commitment to your Catholic faith you may experience periods of doubt, many of us do, but please, never lower your standards, never dilute your integrity. I know that Mr John-Paul Morrison, my successor, is already proud to be inheriting this fine institution and all that it stands for. I can assure him that he will not want for a more dedicated, professional and loyal senior team, and though I will have other opportunities in my final weeks, tonight I thank them along with my teaching and support staff for all they do. The Governing Body too has been unwavering in its support for me and the College, and Mr Bolger, its Chair for many years, has shouldered his ever-increasing responsibilities with great skill and competence. I am pleased to take this final chance to place on record publicly my personal gratitude for his support and wise counsel. And then, as I said, there are the boys. Put simply, it is they and their families who are the core of our extended Ignatian community and it is they who are the real strength of this place. In his final Speech Night address my predecessor Michael Blundell announced proudly that '..we are a community with a common purpose and herein lies the source of our confidence....' At this, my final Speech Night, I could put it no better.

# In Memoriam

Leo Twaites, a man with a long association with the Old Ignatians, passed away over the New Year.

Leo, and his wife of 62 years Betty, were often involved in organising and playing a central part in numerous Old Ignatian social events, especially during the Woodcroft days, when Leo would provide the music for many a Saturday evening dancing occasion. During World War II Leo worked in the RAF as an engineer helping to repair Spitfires, Hurricanes, and Lancaster Bombers. After the war he joined the Financial Times where he had a lifelong career before retiring in the 1970's

He had a deep affection for anything 'Old Ignatian' and his 4 sons, Julian, Gerald, Greg & Michael, all went to St. Ignatius College. Leo had followed the development of the new Loyola building with great interest and the Twaites family noted that they were very pleased to host the funeral reception in our new clubhouse. We offer our deepest sympathy to Betty, her 2 daughters, 4 sons, and the rest of the Twaites family.

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## **Anthony De Krester**

As mentioned above, the funeral of Leo Twaites was held at the Loyola Clubhouse on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009. In attendance on the day was an Old Ignatian of many years ago, Anthony De Krester. Anthony was a St. Ignatius schoolboy during the period 1940-47 and became School Captain. He remembers Father Brinkworth being Headmaster, with Father Brennan teaching Latin and Mr. Nevard teaching Chemistry.

Anthony was persuaded to purchase an Old Ignatian tie from behind the Loyola bar and he also donned an Old Ignatian FC cap, which he is proudly wearing in the picture below.

**Anthony De Krester**





## Old Ignatian Football Club

Once again, the OIFC fielded 60+ players each week, ranging from old duffers to current boys from the college. We are hoping that the Association's new facilities will further strengthen the club's position and continue to attract new players and supporters. Interested in joining ? For further information visit [www.oifc.co.uk](http://www.oifc.co.uk)



♪ "It's a grand old team to play for . . . . ." ♪

### Old Ignatian FC 1st XI Report

This was a season that promised much, but ultimately delivered little! Our opening game really set the tone for what was to be a season of disappointments. We opened against Hale End who had been relegated last season full of optimism with some new faces to strengthen the team. We dominated the game for long periods and went 2-0 up and were creating hatfuls of chances. However, after defensive errors and poor finishing the game ended in a 2-2 draw. This season was a roller coasters ride of highs and lows. We managed to beat Glyn 11-2, with Paul Canavan scoring 8! We also beat Hamptons 2-0 who were top of the Prem at the time and inflict Minch's first defeat for over a year! However, the lows saw us lose 7-2 at home to Sinjuns and 10-0 away to Winchmore Hill. This season was one of huge frustration. One our day we can beat all comers, but to often injury and lack of availability to key players has cost us dearly. I just hope that next season this squad of talented players can fulfil its potential.

**Stephen Franklin, OIFC 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain**

### Old Ignatian FC 2nd XI Report

It has been a strange season for the 2nd XI team with many ups but also many downs but certainly a positive future for the team and club as a whole.

We started the season losing our 1st 3 league games then to bounce back winning our next 3, we went out of the AFA cup in the 1st round but faired better in the LOB cup beating a number of teams above us in the league. The highlights being a 3-0 win against Aloysians 2nd team, beating meads 2nd team on penalties and beating Minchendinians 1-0 in the semi final. Unfortunately we went down 3-1 to a better team on the day William Fitt in the final but a tremendous performance from a team consisting of many lads still in their teens.

Back to the league we have been on a poor run of late but some consolation is that all our games have been very close with us losing by 1 goal on 7 occasions.

As things currently stand we are 2nd from bottom of the league with 3 games to play. We need 1 point to ensure we are safe as we have more games in hand and hopefully by the time you read this we will have secured our position in North 1.

A point to make on the club as a whole, I have used approximately 40 different players for my team this year which can be down to player availability and movement between sides but it does demonstrate the popularity of the club and the future of the club is as strong now as I have known in the last 10 years. One last point is that at the time of writing my last side had 7 teenagers in the side all of high quality which again is a sign of a great future for the club and hopefully many more cup finals and more importantly trophies.

**Pat "The Power" McEniry, OIFC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain**

### Old Ignatian FC 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Report

With it being the first season at the new club house the season started optimistically. The third XI began the year as a practically new side, with many players being promoted from last years' 4<sup>th</sup> XI & the league winning 5<sup>th</sup> team. After a very promising start the team struggled to gel however and we found ourselves bottom of the table at Christmas, having suffered a terrible run of misfortune and losses by the odd goal. The fact that we had played 7 different players in goal during this period, 3 of which were out field players, helps explain the league position. After Christmas, with the introduction of a regular goalkeeper, a fixed back four and David Filippe scoring 10 goals in 5 games, the team went on an unbeaten run that lasted into mid March. By the end of this run the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI found themselves top of the league with 2 games remaining. Unfortunately we were unable to continue that momentum and lost our final 2 fixtures. This resulted in a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place finish

for the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, a position we would have accepted at Christmas, but a disappointment in many ways after being top of the league for 3 weeks from end of February to mid March. The biggest achievement this season was arguably the amount of movement between the teams, with the captains regularly attending selection meetings at the new club house. Players that started the season in the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and finished it with the 1st XI included: David Filipe, Eoin Cullighan, Liam O'Grady, Conor O'Grady, Chris Moore, Mark Minoli and John Lowry. With excellent young players from lower sides such as the Capliss brothers and Stephen Casey making 3<sup>rd</sup> XI debuts when the others moved up, the future looks bright at the Loyola Ground! **Chris Dobson O.I (1999)**

#### **Old Ignatian FC 4th XI Report**

Most of the players that started the season, were part of the victorious 5th XI from the previous season. However, several players had either 'retired' or had moved up to higher teams, which was very pleasing to see. We started the season well, with victories in both cup competitions, as well as two opening victories in the league. A disappointing performance against Ravenscroft was very damaging, but we recovered well and battled hard up until Christmas. By that stage, our record was OK, but nothing more than average, with us winning four games, drawing one and losing four - one being against Edmonton when we went down to 10 men (having played them off the park prior to that). Looking at the league table at Christmas, it was clear that Lea Valley, Ravenscroft & Minchendenians were the teams to beat, as they had won every game they had played. Lea Valley, in particular, were playing well below where they should really be. Into the new year and because of the weather, we struggled to get any matches played at all! We went out of the AFA Cup to Kew Association, but we reached the Quarter Final of the LOB Cup, courtesy of an impressive 3-1 victory over Mill Hill Village, who play in the league above. We possibly would have won this Cup, had we not come up against Lea Valley once again. As I write, we still have two games to play, but since the turn of the year, we have lost only ONCE in the league!! We have played seven, winning five, drawing one and losing only once. The highlight being the 4-2 reverse win against high-flying Minch, who had beaten us 7-2 two weeks previously! Overall, it has been a strange old season, one where we reached a cup quarter final and have done relatively well in our league. It's a shame that we didn't start the season as we ended it and it's unfortunate that we came up against three very strong teams in our division. However, I am very optimistic about next season, as we now know what to expect. I am sure we can challenge for title. I am pleased that we have blooded several youngsters this season and this can only be good for the future of the club. The likes of Jamie McDonald, Simeon Cunningham, Harry Piper and Tom Capliss have really come on as the season has progressed. For me, this has been the most pleasing thing about this season.

**Gareth Fosberry.**

#### **Old Ignatian FC 5th XI Report**

Having been the last person to have left the Old Ignatian FC AGM as 5th team captain (2005-06), my aim of the season was to consolidate last season's 5th XI hard work and maintain our position within the 8 North division, and to continue the purpose of the 5th XI, combining our more senior members and introduce new members from current Ignatians and Old Ignatians. We are proud that the 5th XI has been the launch-pad for the beginning of Eugene McIntyre (Mr Greedy), Kieran Ford (Hippy), Peter Capplis (Ginger), Thomas Capplis (Pie Boy), Dan Smith (Mr Angry), Stephen Casey (Rocket-head), James Cherry (Rooney), Nick McNeely (Mary) and Simeon Cunningham's (Jurgen) Old Ignatian FC career. We are extremely proud of the exploits of Simeon having made the 1st XI and was part of the 2nd XI that made the LOB cup final. The biggest accomplishment is that we as a team managed to combine the experience and youth successfully as the 5th XI was basically a blank canvas. Highlights have been having a combined back four of 170+ years and still winning that game and winning our double-header against Old Kingsbury as a team. We hope as a whole that there will be a continued conveyor belt of Old Ignatians and current Ignatians from the school (which has dried up in the past) playing for our club now that we have the wonderful facility that the Old Ignatian Association has allowed us to use right on the doorstep of the college. At the time of writing (with five games remaining) our record has been: played 15, Won 8, drawn 2 and lost 5, not a bad record considering the amount of players used (51) and that the team had not played together in a match. **Nick Platon O.I (1999)**

# Enfield Ignatians Rugby Club

The firsts have had a mixed season, coming a very respectable eighth in a tough London 3 North East division, finishing with a strong win over Saffron Walden. They also went out narrowly to St Albans in the Fourth Round of the EDF Senior Vase. The highlight of the year was the Middlesex County Cup Semi Final where they lost out to a strong Ruislip side. They will of course send one or two end-of-season sevens squads to the Hendon Sevens and to the Stoop for the Middlesex County Sevens. Exciting new prospects for the team include Laurence White in the back row who has also taken on line-out throwing-in duties. The seconds have had a tough time in Merit Table 1 of the West Herts North Middlesex County Merit Tables. However they have managed to reach the Plate final of the end-of-season knockout cup competition which they will play against Harpenden at Finchley on Saturday 25th April. The thirds had a slightly stronger season on Merit Table 2 but went out to a useful Finchley Seconds in the cup competition. The Fours have forfeited a few games from lack of players have dropped to Division 5 and hope to rebuild there with some easier fixtures. The Senior Tour this year was to Rotterdam where the squad laid waste before them, on the pitch that is, winning the international tournament they had entered. Not like the old days when it was expected, if not compulsory, to lose every game. Things go from strength to strength in the Youth Section under the dynamic leadership of Kevin Linnane. The Under 12's and 14's toured West Sussex and Hampshire, returning undefeated. The Under 16's toured Sussex and came back with a creditable draw and a defeat against two strong sides. But the real success story has been the Colts. They came second in a very tough Herts/Middx League and then entered the County Colts Cup beating Saracens, no less, on their way to the semi-final. Their in a match watched by perhaps 150 people they lost to Finchley but never stopped going. They are a credit to their coaches Steve Corcoran and Phil Sanders. Star players included Chris Langan, last year's captain of the College side and Nick Sanders, great prospects for the future. Socially the Club had its usual 4 President's lunches, all well-attended and enjoyed. Guests of honour included both our sponsors Hugh Fallon of Inn on the Green (Senior) and Richard Patterson of Fairview Estates (Youth). We of course would like to express our thanks to these and other sponsors including Data Connection (Youth). The usual tour fundraisers were held, quiz nights, race nights etc. But looking forward, we have the Players Dinner on 8th May, the AGM on the 2nd July, and the Lions Games, for which the Club will of course be open, culminating in the final test on 4th July. The Main Event is the 60th Diamond Anniversary Dinner. Originally it was planned to be held in a Marquee on the QEII pitch, but with a somewhat less than lukewarm response from LB Enfield to the idea, it was decided to move the event to the Royal Chace Hotel on Saturday 27th June. Anyone interested in going to this can contact the Dinner organizers via the Website. Speaking of which this has now been revitalized, under the same domain name, and is a treasure chest of information about what was, is and will be going on, for all age groups, on and off the field. **Mick Collins**



## Golf

At the time of writing, the season's two major golf events have not yet happened. As we speak, we expect the Association to beat the Aloysians for the third year on the trot when we take them on in the Shinpad Challenge on 5<sup>th</sup> June at Highgate, and the football club are planning to take the Belfy by storm in July.



## Diary Dates

30<sup>th</sup> May - FA Cup Final Day

# Everton v Chelsea

BBQ & Hot Food Available

Football Eggheads Quickie Quiz (c.2pm)

Win an MP3 Shuffle Player

Families welcome

June 13<sup>th</sup> - OIFC End of Season Dinner  
*3 Course Dinner, Presentations,  
& Speeches. Followed by Live DJ.*

and finally, say goodbye for the summer holidays . . . . .

## July 4<sup>th</sup> - Old I's Summer Party

\* Family Day – BBQ, Mums & Kids Rounders Game \*  
\* Starts 4pm \*

Evening Entertainment 7.30pm.

“When singers could really sing”

Free entry

**Glen Howe**  
**Sings Swing**

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### Plus:

- **AGM** (see below). This is on FA cup final day, 30<sup>th</sup> May, and starts at 1:00pm
- The ‘**official**’ **launch** party for the clubhouse (September 2009)
- The **annual mass** for deceased Old Ignatians (in the school, then afterwards at the Loyola)
- Christmas party featuring ‘**Elvis**’ (or something really close) 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

Keep an eye on the website for details and further events:

[www.oldignatians.co.uk](http://www.oldignatians.co.uk)

# Old Ignatian Association Annual General Meeting

The Association hereby gives notices that the Annual General Meeting will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> May at 1:00 pm at the Loyola Clubhouse, Turkey Street Enfield.

## Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence
2. To adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2008
3. To receive and adopt the Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008
4. To elect the Officers for the forthcoming year, namely the President, Secretary and Treasurer.
5. To elect the Members of the Committee for the forthcoming year.
6. To appoint the Reporting Accountant for the forthcoming year and to authorise the Committee to fix his remuneration.
7. To consider the arrangements for staffing the Loyola clubhouse for the forthcoming year.
8. To consider any other business proper to the Annual General Meeting, notice of which should be given to the Secretary within 4 days of the meeting.

**Dated this day 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009, by order of the Committee**

Please forward apologies to the Secretary, John O'Brien, at 84 Courtlands Close Watford Herts WD24 5GN

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Only Life Members or Members who have paid their current Annual Membership will be allowed to vote at the meeting. A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and on a poll to vote instead of him, A proxy need not be a Member of the Company. Proxies should be lodged with the Secretary of the Company 24 hours before the meeting. The form of proxy shall be substantially in the following form:

I .....

of .....

being a Member of the Old Ignatian Association Limited hereby appoint .....

of ..... and failing him

..... of .....

to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009 and any adjournment thereof.

Signed.....

Date.....



**Your Newsletter Needs YOU !** Please do communicate with us. We want your news, snippets of information and any old memories you may like to share with us. This is your newsletter, please use it.

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# Old Ignatian Association Annual Dinner

will be held at

## The Park Inn

(Formerly the Bonnington Hotel)

92 Southampton Row, London, WC1B 4BH

on

### Friday, 5 June 2009

Reception room open from 6.00 pm for Dinner at 7.30 pm. Carriages at 12.00 am

**Guest Speaker:**

**John Johnson**

**Headmaster – The Champion School**

Each Annual Dinner is a unique occasion at which Old Ignatians of all ages meet for an evening of companionable conversation with fine food and drink in an elegant setting. The occasion is open to all and new faces and old are welcomed alike. If you are in contact with non-members from your College year group, do bring them along.

By your membership, you have helped to make the Association a thriving entity. Our Dinners have proved very successful occasions for many years. Why not use this as an opportunity to bring a far flung group together, or simply return again to meet old friends. It's never too early to book!

### The Old Ignatian Association Annual Dinner 2009

Please complete this form and send it with your cheque to:  
Jack How, 88 Upminster Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 6PR  
Tel: 01708 475448 email [john.how@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.how@ntlworld.com)

Name:.....Years at College.....

Address:.....

email..... Tel:.....

I would like.....ticket(s) for the Annual Dinner @ £35.00 each and  
enclose a cheque for £.....made payable to the Old Ignatian Association Ltd

OI Association silk ties are also available for £20 (including free p&p for a continued limited  
period). This is a high quality T M Lewin item.

If possible at the Dinner I would like to sit with.....

# Hire Loyola Hall

Contact Rob Lowry : [rob.lowry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rob.lowry@hotmail.co.uk) or 07711 716193

## Functions & Parties



## Outdoor Sports Activities



Corporate bookings also accepted.  
Loyola Hall is Ideal for ;

- Business Meetings
- Staff Training
- Presentations
- Works Parties

Discount rates for Old Ignatians.