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THE LIBRARY

BEFORE



AFTER



(The Library was formerly the Connacht Dormitories)

A school should be the most beautiful place in every town and village – so beautiful that the punishment for undutiful children should be that they should be debarred from going to school the following day.

Oscar Wilde (Portora 1864-71)

THE READING ROOM

BEFORE



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(The Reading Room was formerly the Ulster Dormitories)

The Old Portora Trust Fund

Following Henry Saville's appeal in last year's O.P. News, Old Portorans have given a pledged total of £8,723 to date to the new fund. We the Trustees have set ourselves an initial capital target of £30,000 to create earnings for a significant annual disbursement to school clubs and causes. This will be vital funding for things like rowing and sailing boats; rugby tours; musical instruments; pictures; swimming pool improvements; the things that make school worthwhile.

A covenant/bankers order form is enclosed, and we ask you all to respond quickly and generously to this good cause. We have had some really splendid gifts, and we know that many of you really mean to do something about it. Please do it now. Portora is a rising star to which we all owe a debt, and which will make good use of our contributions for the benefit of the cheerful young Portorans who are following in our footsteps.

Account so far:

Cash from O.P.'s.....	£4,878.00
Pledged	£3,845.00
Total.....	£8,723.00

Balance Sheet:

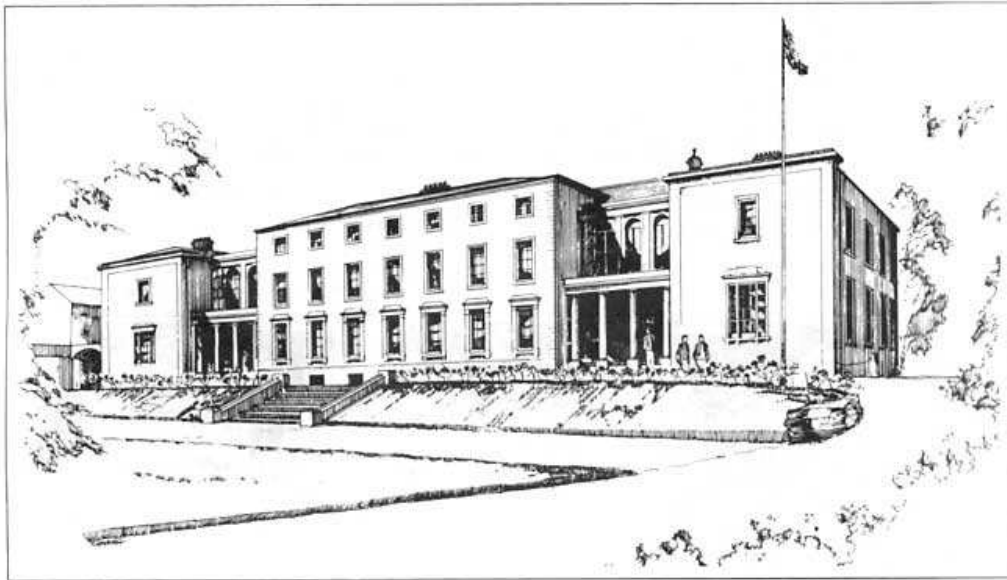
Nat. Savings Government Stock..	£4,016.00
Cash at Bank.....	£862.00
Pledged	£3,845.00
Total.....	£8,723.00

Lump sums of £250 or over can be given by Gift Aid, whereby the Trust can reclaim tax. All you need is Inland Revenue Form R190(SD) for individuals, or R240(SD) for companies.

Henry Saville	Trustees
Peter Rowan	
Mark Scott	

Dates for 1995

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| Saturday, 28 January | 11.30 a.m. — Ulster Bank Schools Cup v Ballyclare H.S. (H). Light buffet lunch afterwards organised by OPU Fermanagh Branch. Book lunch at school office 0365 322658. |
| Friday, 3 March | 5.00 p.m. — A.G.M. in the Seale Room, Iain Pratt will be proposed as President.
7.30 p.m. — Reception and Dinner-Dance in Killyhevlin Hotel, black tie, ladies and guests welcome. £20 per ticket (form at back page). |
| Saturday, 4 March | Erne Head of the River — start 2.45 p.m. |
| Friday, 17 March | London Branch A.G.M. & Dinner at the Army & Navy Club, Pall Mall, 7.00 for 7.45 p.m., black tie, O.P.s (male and female) only. £35 per head (£25 for students). |
| Sunday, 25 June | O.P. Cricket Match, with buffet lunch organised by Fermanagh Branch. Contact Peter McMorran 0232 233455, book lunch with school office 0365 322658. |
| Friday, 30 June —
Saturday, 1 July | Portora Regatta Killyhevlin (Irish Junior Championships). |
| Friday, 22 September | Fermanagh Branch Dinner (O.P.s only) Killyhevlin Hotel, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Black tie, guest speaker, £20. |



HEADMASTER'S LETTER No. 155

Dear Old Portorans,

The past year has been a most significant milestone in the history of the school. The Governors' decision to end boarding in June 1994 was a painful one, as it brought to an end a facet of school life which had dominated the character of the school for many generations. Many amongst you will have spent your formative years living as boarders in the school, and most of your memories of the school are dominated by that experience. The end of boarding will sadden you, and I am conscious of a certain kind of light having gone out.

However, being realistic, that light had been dim for a number of years. Rural boarding schools in the United Kingdom have been in decline for some time. In Northern Ireland the strength of the provincial grammar school system has led to the development of very successful grammar schools in every town. The need to send children off to boarding schools for a good education has correspondingly diminished. Portora is very fortunate to have attracted a growing number of day pupils, who have more than compensated for the decline in the number of boarders. The number of pupils in the school is still rising.

To meet this rising demand, and to make our school one that the people of the county can be proud of, the pace of renovation and rebuilding has increased. That is the other way that makes 1994 significant. The whole of the South Wing, from the Seale Room, through to the Stone Hall and the Dining Hall and the floor above, is now as new. The first floor which had the linen room and dormitories, is now a magnificent Library for the whole school, and Reading Room,

with Careers Centre, for the Sixth Form. The basement rooms, below the Stone Hall, offices and Seale Room, are now Common Rooms for the Sixth Form. And, as you move through these areas, you enter the Music suite, which was opened in September 1993.

The old buildings are now in splendid order. To complement this development, the governors have authorised expenditure of over £200,000 for the development of our sporting facilities. Work began during the summer, with the reconstruction of two of the lower rugby fields, and the draining of the out-field of the cricket square.

1994 also saw a continuation of our excellent record of examination results.

These developments are rooting our school ever more firmly in the soil of Co. Fermanagh, and making it the first choice school for many parents. A sign of the County's ever closer identification with the school has been the very successful launch of a Fermanagh branch of the Old Portora Union. It is hoped that even more locally-based Old Boys and Old Girls will become involved in the life of the school. Further evidence of community confidence is the increasing level of sponsorship and support for school activities. An example of this is recent very generous support for the Boat Club by the Killyhevlin Hotel and Belleek Pottery.

All this support, interest and enthusiasm for the school and its development can be summed up by an event here in late September. On a warm, sunny Sunday, with the school and its grounds looking their best, a

group of Old Boys gathered for lunch. They had come from England, from Dublin, from Belfast, and from Co. Fermanagh. This event summed up the school, both its past and its present. They gathered in the new Gallery and Reading Room for pre-prandial refreshment, and they dined in the old Dining Hall, under the portraits of King James, and former Headmasters. They represented every generation of Portorans from 1935 to 1994. Eighteen had been boarders; eight had been day boys. They had two things in common that

day — each had been Head of School, and each had bought a chair for the new Reading room. (Many other ex Heads of School had also bought a chair, but had been unable to be present). The younger generation represented the school as it will be; the older generation as it was. But they were united in a unique bond of fellowship.

My best wishes to you and your family for 1995.

RICHARD BENNETT



FORMER HEAD BOYS AT THE CHAIR PRESENTATION

L-R Back Row: James Pattison (1991), Patrick Parke (1992), Hamish Logan (1975), Michael Pierce (1978), Bryan Dunlop (1980), Chris Ingle-Finch (1974),

Middle Row: Robert Kettyle (1985), Richard Fawcett (1990), Jason McChesney (1987), Marcus Harvey (1980), James Harley (1986), Robert Pocock (1961), Bill Trimble (1957), Tim Ingle-Finch (1973), Randal Faulkner (1963), Alan Sweetman (1976), Tim Richmond (1984).

Front Row: David Judge (1953), Patrick Corkey (1943), Tom Milligan (1940), Brian Neill (1938), Rt. Rev. Brian Hannon (Chairman of the Governors), Richard Bennett (Headmaster), Tony Richardson (1993), Henry Jack (1945), Charles Cullimore (1951), David Kingston (1960).

School News

MUSIC

Championship Winners — June 1994 — the Portora Brass Ensemble of 30 players won the Fermanagh Brass Championship Competition and received a cheque and cup.

Westminster Abbey — A hastily organised 'music' trip took place at half term so that Billy McBride (C 1958-65) could fulfil a lifelong ambition and hear a performance of Bach's St. John Passion (which Tony Smith taught him in 1963) sung by Bach's choir — the Thomanerchor of Leipzig — which took place in Westminster Abbey. While walking down the main aisle to their seats, the party was amazed to hear a voice saying 'What are Portora boys doing here?' — thus proving that OPs can be found anywhere!! The speaker in this instance was Dr. John Graham (M 1965-72) and a liquid reunion took place after the performance.

Charity Concert — At the end of November the Music Department and the Cathedral Choir held an evening of music-making in the Ardhowen Theatre (£5 per head and no concessions for age!!). The event was sold out well in advance and we raised £1,500 for the Riding for the Disabled. OPs will be interested to learn that, in addition to 'normal' instruments, not to mention 'normal' players, there was a Staff Team of Handbell Ringers.... musically, their effort was disastrous; — visually, it was stunning!!...

Carol Service — Rehearsals move on apace for the Carol Service. Advance information is that the Procession will be led by 13 drummers (... shades of Tony Smith again) and will involve 150 pupils. For OPs with videos, **there will be a recording available of the service. Contact Billy McBride at the School for your copy — £10 each — profits to the Music Department.**

PORTORA SAILING CLUB 1994

The Sailing Club has grown in members and boats in 1994. We have up to 30 sailors on a good summer's day (some fair-weather ones); and Roland Eadie has given us a very nice Ulster boat, ideal for beginners and a good mover too. Finding that our annual Littersweep Fund was flush, we have also bought a 14 foot catamaran, which promises excitement for the older sailors.

In the Western Schools Regatta Jonathan Reeve was 2nd overall, 1st Novice and top Portoran, only beaten for the championship by one point. Other results were:
3rd Michael Ternan
4th Christopher Scott
6th Che Finlay (who won a race)

7th Rory Finlay (McChesney Cup for most improved sailor).

Our combination with St. Joseph's School continued, and the cheerful presence of Rory Lunny, Colin McCusker, Paul Reilly and Paul McGuigan with their teacher Dermot Lunny is much appreciated. Claire Northridge and Nikki McVeigh of Mount Lourdes and Arlene Robinson of the Collegiate are also regular sailors. A Portora party joined the Ocean Youth Club for a 7-day trip to the Western Isles, where they received an excellent report, and Mark Johnston, Claire Northridge, Christopher Scott and Jimmy McVeigh were graded "Competent Crew".

RYA progress awards were also gained.



Jonathan Reeve — Champion Sailor.

CRICKET

This year's Colts team has shown great potential and hopefully it will form the nucleus of next year's 1st XI. A number of young and talented boys played for the team and special mention must be made of David Latimer and Lewis Keogh. David took 6 wickets for one run in one memorable spell and Lewis, who managed to reach double figures in all of his innings, saved his best performance for the match against the Duke of Westminster H.S. when he scored an unbeaten 44.

The 1st XI played only 3 matches this season but the senior boys all played for the Midweek XI and played cricket from May through to August. As usual they were efficiently and enthusiastically captained by 'Dozy' (Alistair McFarland) who has led by example. The responsibility of finding players for the Midweek team rested solely upon his shoulders and he never failed to produce a team. I am extremely grateful for all that he has done for the club over the past two seasons.

Finally, I am indebted to the Old Boys for the good will and support that they give to the club. Marshall Coalter (Enniskillen) and Peter McMorran (Belfast) continue to provide us with both equipment and a very

enjoyable annual contest, which this year ended in an amicable draw. We are looking forward to next year's encounter!

RJDN



Team L-R:

Back Row — Mr. R.J.D. Neill, Andrew Heazlewood, James Armstrong, Patrick Mettler, Timothy Thompson, Brian Hetherington, Gary Duffy.

Front Row — Edmund Ferguson, Richard Keogh, Alistair McFarland, Jeremy Bate, Vinesh George.

RUGBY — SUCCESS AT LAST!

This season's 1st XV has started splendidly with 15 wins out of 17 games and 340 points scored. We lost against Methody and Down High School, but wins included RBAI (15-10), Coleraine AI (10-7), Omagh Academy (21-18), Limavady Grammar (44-nil), Royal School Armagh (15-6) and Dungannon (17-10), Portadown (26-6) and Sullivan Upper (24-12).

Timothy Thompson has been capped for Ulster schools and is captain of South Ulster, for which Darrell Irwin and Graham Little have also been named.

JUNIOR RUGBY

Richard Neill and James Graham have received invaluable help from parent Alec Cromie (with the Medallion XV), gap student Stafford Bagot (under 14s) and parent Wesley Armstrong (under-13s). Since half-term the under-14 and Medallion XV's have begun to show the same spirit and confidence that has helped the 1st XV to such success. The Medallion XV have recently defeated Wilson's Hospital and Sligo GS and began their Shield campaign with a victory over Ballymoney HS.

THANKS

The Rugby Club wishes to express its warmest thanks for the use of the pitches of Enniskillen Rugby Club and Fermanagh Lakeland Forum, while Portora pitches are under repair.

FIRST FORM CHARITY FAIR

1994



Roll up! Roll up! Gareth Knox, George Bracken, Gary Beacom and Stephen Brimstone.



Peter Kennedy and Andrew Edwards at the First Form Charity Fair.

PORTORA BOAT CLUB 1993-94 Season

Captain: Simon Crawford

The very worthwhile link with St. Michael's College continued and the club again ran the Erne "Head" in March and hosted the Irish Junior Rowing Championships at the regatta early in July.

During the year parents were involved in two fundraising events which raised over £1,000, the Enniskillen Yacht Club Trust made a generous donation, and the two rowing events mentioned above were generously sponsored: to those involved in helping the club in these ways I would like to say "Thank You."

A new trailer was purchased which enables the boats to be transported with greater safety and less risk of damage to the equipment than was the case with the old trailer.

On the water the season proved to be a very successful one. Simon Crawford won the J18 sculls at Queen's, Portadown and Belfast Sprint and was selected to row for Ireland in a double scull at the Coupe de la Jeunesse regatta in Belgium in July.

The Junior 16 squad rowed in eights, fours, quads and a double at heads and regattas and below is a summary of their wins:

Eight: Belfast Sprint, Athlone.
Four: Queen's, Portadown, Belfast Sprint, Bann.
Quad: Lagan H.O.R., Newry H.O.R., Galway H.O.R., Portora.

The eight, with five St. Michael's boys in the boat, was Ross Monaghan (Bow), Brian O'Connell, Ronan

McSherry, Paul Masterson, Simon Janes, Connor Kells, David Rogers, Stephen Jackson (stroke) and Gwyn Beattie (cox).

The stern four of the eight made up the four and quadruple scull.

As a result of trials held at Athlone Regatta, Simon Janes and Connor Kells were selected to row in the Irish eight at the home international in London. The whole eight was made up of Junior 16 oarsmen and rowed well, finishing third.

ERNE HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE 5th March, 1994

The race was sponsored by Fisher Engineering of Ballinamallard, and when the results were announced Mr. T. Fisher presented cut glass tankards to the overall fastest crew and pennants to the other class winners.

Seventy five eights and fours entered the race with sixty three of them appearing on the results sheet.

D.U.B.C. were the fastest crew, thirteen seconds ahead of Belfast Rowing Club. Portora's Junior 16 eight finished second in their class behind St. Joseph's College.

PORTORA REGATTA 1st, 2nd July, 1994

For the second year in succession Portora hosted the Irish Junior Rowing Championships. The course was buoyed and the weather was kind for the two days of the event which was sponsored by the N.I. Tourist Board, Janousek Racing Boats and Fermanagh

District Council. Simon Crawford finished fourth in the Championship sculls event while the junior 16

quad won their event and formed half of the Ulster eight which won the junior 16 interprovincial race.



Simon Crawford winning the Junior 18 sculls event at Portadown Regatta.



The joint Portora/St. Michael's Junior 16 eight which rowed in the 1994 Erne H.O.R.; Brian O'Connell, Ross Monaghan, Ronan McSherry, Paul Masterson, David Rogers, Stephen Jackson, Connor Kells, Simon Janes, Stafford Bagot (coach).



Portora Boat Club Junior 16 eight racing RBAI at Portadown Regatta. Crew: R. Monaghan, B. O'Connell, P. Masterson, R. McSherry, D. Rogers, S. Jackson, S. Janes, C. Kells, G. Beattie (cox).

MEDIA STUDIES IN OMAGH



Keith Faris and Che Finlay

NEWS OF OLD PORTORANS

ENGAGEMENT

SMYTH, Elizabeth M. (H 1983-90). Liz Smyth is engaged to Mr. Fraser Shepherd, a polymer chemist from Edinburgh.

KINGSTON, S. D. (U 1982-89). Shane Kingston is engaged to Miss Louise Boath of Bracknell.

MARRIAGES

BRYCE, Rev. M. A. G. (L 1957-67). Michael Bryce married Janice Kitteringham Wood of Newcastle-upon-Tyne on 8 May, 1994.

TOUGHER, N. C. (L 1974-79). Nicholas Tougher married Gilly Bell in St. John's Parish Church, Moira, on 5 August, 1994.

TOUGHER, J. R. (L 1977-81). Rory Tougher married Kathleen McCormick in St. Jude's Parish Church, Belfast, on 22 August, 1994.

DEATHS

J. W. G. BECKETT (U 1927-31)

Major H. N. DANIELS, D.S.O. (C 1928-34)

Superintendent R. FOSTER (M 1966-69)

Dr. G. M. C. McBRIEN (C 1933-37)

W. H. A. O'DONNELL (C 1936-44)

Lieutenant-Colonel J. TOBIAS (U 1964-71)

P. J. WILSON (U 1968-73)

R. WRAY, B.A., LL.B. (M 1927-31)

OBITUARIES

J. W. G. BECKETT (U 1927-31). John William George Beckett, one of several Beckett cousins at Portora, performed with distinction at desk, field and ring (and bore for all his days a nose distinctively remodelled at a Portora boxing match). After school he became an underbrewer at Guinness, a career normally parted from only in a hearse, but Hitler took a hand and caused him to arrive in Pretoria, South Africa, in RAF uniform, and to meet Sheila Downes. For the first three years marriage was conducted by mail; the following 47 like marriages ought to be. Home was Johannesburg until he retired as a senior industrial executive; then a beautiful bayside hill near Cape Town, where he spent twenty further years living in practice the kind of life that singers sing and teachers teach. John died in July 1993, leaving Sheila in Gordon's Bay, a son, Denis, in Johannesburg and a daughter, Deidre, in England.

(Denis Beckett).

B. R. COOKE (M 1966-73). Brian Cooke, who was an architectural consultant in Enniskillen, has died suddenly at 40. He leaves his wife and two children.

MRS. A. GRAHAM. The death has occurred of Mrs. Anne Graham (née Brittain), widow of Rev. Douglas Graham (Headmaster 1945-53), whom she met when she was a student of modern languages

at Trinity and he was lecturing in classics. She will be remembered as elegant, relaxed and kindly — she brought grace and style, as well as humanity, to the headmaster's house.

W. D. KINLEY (L 1943-49). Bill Kinley, who died on July 28, entered Portora in September 1943. The son of a Belfast doctor, he is remembered by his contemporaries as a jovial colleague who from an early stage showed an appreciation of literature, particularly the writing of Wilde and Yeats. He took an active part in school activities and won colours for cricket and rugby. He was appointed School Prefect and Head of House. On leaving school he followed his father's profession, graduating in medicine through Queen's University, and subsequently practised in Belfast. He sent his son David to Portora (L 1972-80). Unfortunately poor health forced Bill's retirement from practice in 1984. He is survived by his wife Suzanne, son David, and daughter Judith.

(E. I. Johnston).

DR. G. M. C. McBRIEN (C 1933-37). George McBrien, who was the son of Rev. Canon J. H. McBrien (a member of Dicky Lloyd's team) has died. He used to remember his days at Portora as being mainly cold, hungry and wet! Dr. W. G. (Joe) Speer (U 1942-47), his general practice partner, writes: "George was a most loyal colleague and a good friend, and when I was looking for a job on demobilisation the fact that I had been to Portora clinched the appointment for me as far as George was concerned. He was much loved and admired by his many patients in Bath. His greatest sadness was the sudden death of his younger daughter, Shelagh, at the age of eighteen. She died of a heart condition, and George endowed the "Shelagh McBrien Coronary Care Unit" at the local hospital in her memory. This was one of the first specialist units of its kind in the South-West and is greatly appreciated by the citizens of Bath". George is survived by his wife, Georgina, who is sister of Lt.-Col. Freddie Alston (L 1933-39), and by his daughter Patricia.

W. H. A. O'DONNELL (C 1936-44). William O'Donnell was born in Fahan, Co. Donegal, where his father, Canon Henry O'Donnell was Rector. At Portora he captained the 1st XV 1943-44, kept wicket for the 1st XI and was a Sergeant in the O.T.C. On leaving Portora he joined James Mackie & Co., trained as a textile engineer and worked for them for over 40 years till his retirement. His memorial address was given by his friend from schooldays, Rt. Rev. S. A. Poyntz, Bishop of Connor (U 1939-44).

(S. A. Poyntz).

DR. D. E. PACKHAM (C 1938-47). Dennis Eadie Packham, who died suddenly on August 31, first came to Gloucester House in September 1938 and left Portora in July 1947. Created a School Prefect

in September 1946, he won colours for swimming, athletics and rugby. He was flight sergeant of the ATC under J. Malone.

Dennis went on to Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated in medicine. After experience at sea with the Blue Funnel Line, and in various hospitals, he settled into general practice in Enniskillen, where he included amongst his patients the boarders at Portora. Dennis Packham was a caring doctor, well known and respected throughout his native Fermanagh. His great hobby was the study of bloodstock breeding and he became something of an authority, contributing articles to such magazines as *The British Racehorse*. An entertaining character and generous host he is remembered with affection by Portorans of his generation. As an after-dinner speaker he was uproarious and unstoppable, and Masonic dinners will not be the same without him. He was a past president of the Old Portora Union; and is survived by his wife Jane, who as Casualty Sister in the Erne Hospital received the M.B.E. for her part in caring for the casualties of the 1987 Remembrance Day Bomb. (E. I. Johnston).

Major P. L. RICE (1932-35 and S 1939-40 and 1946-52). Paddy Rice died from lung cancer on 28 October, 1994. He was Head of History 1946-48, and then Housemaster of Gloucester House 1948-52, when he rejoined the Royal Army Educational Corps.

P. J. WILSON (U 1968-73). Peter Wilson was tragically killed in a road accident on 7 December, 1994. He succeeded his father, Senator Gordon Wilson, in the family drapery business and later moved into interior design. He was immensely well-liked in Enniskillen, and his death is a further tragedy to the family, following the death of Peter's sister, Marie in the Remembrance Day bombing in 1987. He leaves his wife, Ingrid, and two daughters. His family has had a strong and continuing link with Portora: his father was a governor for many years, and his mother, who still teaches the violin here, is a much-loved presence in school.

R. WRAY, B.A., LL.B. (M 1927-31). Robin Wray, a well-known figure in legal circles in Northern Ireland, has died. After Portora he took a B.A., at T.C.D. and in 1938 qualified as a solicitor. He was commissioned in the Royal Artillery in 1939, was wounded in the Middle East and ended the war as a Major. He was Coroner of North Antrim for 40 years, a noted golfer (former captain of Royal Portrush) and chairman of the British Legion's N.I. Housing Association. He is survived by his wife, Doreen.

NEWS

BAILEY, C. (C 1960-68). Christopher Bailey is Arts Director for Belfast City Council.

BAILEY, M. (C 1966-76). Michael Bailey has been a keen oarsman, gaining six caps for Ireland and one for South Africa.

BUTLER, G. R. (C 1971-78). George Butler is a Chartered Civil Engineer working for Binnie and Partners, a consultant company specialising in the water sector. He also took over command of a Royal Engineer Field Squadron (TA) in May 1994.

CAREW, G. W. (U 1949-52). Gerald Carew is Technical Manager of the ABP meat plant in Ellesmere, Shropshire. He recently visited Portora with his brother Lionel (U 1949-55), who retired from the Crown Solicitor's Office three years ago.

CORKEY, J. (M 1982-85). Jonathan Corkey is now employed by Price Waterhouse in Belfast as an IT Trainer.

DUNLOP, N. J. E. (M 1968-77). Nigel Dunlop lives in Glamorgan with his wife and four children, and works for the cigar division of Gallahers as general manager in charge of manufacturing "Hamlet" cigars. He served with 2nd Goorkhas from 1977-80.

FOSTER, J. (L 1961-68). John Foster taught in Aberlour House (Gordonstoun Prep School) until 1991, when he became head of Art and housemaster in charge of boarding at the Buchan School (prep school to King William's College), Isle of Man.

GANT, N. J. (U 1956-63). Nicholas Gant, having gained a M.Sc. in 1968, joined an English geological consulting company. For thirteen years he conducted or supervised geophysical surveys in South America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Far East. In 1982 he joined Chevron in London, and later transferred to California, where he is still living.

GASS, Helen B. (H 1982-85). Helen Gass has graduated in Archaeology, and is working to set up a new museum in West Belfast.

GENTLEMAN, D. R. (L 1937-45). Des and Anne Gentleman, who visited Portora recently, live in an idyllic part of New Zealand, and spend their time fishing, "tramping" and sailing their 22 ft boat. Dr. Henry Jack (L 1938-45), an Old Portora friend, surprised them by appearing at their daughter's wedding, having concealed himself in the village for two days.

HASENFUSS, L. (U 1971-76). Lutz Hasenfuss is now a vet in Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick, where he lives with his wife and two daughters. He still has a lively interest in rowing.

HASKINS, B. P. (M 1946-51). Brian Haskins is shortly to retire as chief Civil Engineer for British Waterways.

HOBSON, M. (C 1966-68). In 1984, after a degree in biology and nine years teaching, Mark Hobson moved to his float-house studio on the outer coast of Vancouver Island to paint full time. His paintings show his passion for the wild-life and

- wilderness of Canada's west coast, and he has devoted many paintings and much time to supporting environmental organisations.
- IRVINE, DR. A. D. (L 1979-86). Alan Irvine is working in the Royal Victoria Hospital, specialising in dermatology.
- KEATINGE, R. A. D. (C 1960-65). Richard Keatinge is now Chief Executive of the Investment Bank of Ireland, the Bank of Ireland's merchant banking arm, having previously been head of its British Division.
- KINGSTON, S. D. (U 1982-89). Shane Kingston has graduated from the University of St. Andrews with a B.Sc. (Hons. 2:1) degree in Statistics 1993, and an M.Litt. in Management, Economics and Politics with distinction in his dissertation on "Terrorism, the Media and the Northern Ireland Crisis" 1994. He is currently employed as an Actuarial Trainee with N.P.I. in Tunbridge Wells.
- KINLEY, D. (L 1972-80). David Kinley is a lecturer in law at the Australian National University, Canberra, and recently published a book entitled "The European Convention on Human Rights — Compliance without Incorporation".
- LOVE, M. J. (C 1974-79). Michael Love is now the owner-manager of Browne's Restaurant, Chichester Street, Belfast.
- MCCULLAGH, W. L. B. (U 1938-44). Barry McCullagh has retired after 46 years as a journalist in Belfast, Larne, New Zealand and Canada, where he now lives.
- MCGIRR, Rev. W. E. (L 1954-61). William McGirr is Rector of Magheraculmonee, Kesh.
- MCGREDY, S. D. (C 1942-48). Sam McGredy has been awarded the M.B.E. for services to horticulture, having won seven All-American Awards for his roses, culminating in Singin' in the Rain (1993) and Foster's Wellington Cup (1994). He recently spent a happy hour with Des Gentleman conversing about Ian Stuart, Jock, Bert, Billy Burns, Sarge, the revolting wartime food, the maids, Mickey, Tich, Bottle, Frankie and the Man.
- MCNEILL, D. B. (C 1923-30). D. B. McNeill says he has now definitely given up rowing, and spends his time counting his beads and offering "Hail John Knoxs" as a good Presbyterian.
- MARSHALL, Dr. D. P. (M 1980-87). David Marshall has gained a Ph.D. for his thesis entitled "The role of conduction in ion-atom collisions". He is going to work for a computer research company in Dublin on EC Projects to develop medical imaging software.
- NELSON, DR. E. C. (U 1960-68). Charles Nelson did a fine programme on the flowers of the Burren, Co. Clare, for Channel 4 TV.
- NEWELL, C. D. (L 1967-71). Clive Newell is now working for the Foreign Office in Turkey.
- SCALES, Mrs. D. Mrs. Dot Scales, widow of Henry Scales (S 1924-60), celebrated her 100th birthday in Dublin in May 1994.
- SIDEBOTTOM, G. P. (C 1965-70). Peter Sidebottom is Head of Personnel with Derry City Council.
- SMYTH, Elizabeth M. (H 1983-90). Liz Smyth is captain of sailing and secretary of the Rowing Club at the Royal Veterinary College.
- STORRS, D. (M 1975-82). David Storrs has received the Coach of the Year Award from the Sports Council, following Belfast Rowing Club's win in the Britannia Cup at Henley.
- SWAN, W. A. (C 1973-81). After leaving Portora, William Swan was awarded a Diploma in Art and design at Lincolnshire College of Art, and B.A. (Hons.) at Sunderland University. He is an enthusiastic painter of Irish landscape, and has held exhibitions at the Oriel Gallery, Dublin and the Bell Gallery, Belfast. He is the owner/manager of Erne Marine Charter Company, the main marine distributors for Mercedes Benz in Ireland.
- SWITZER, S. J. (U 1955-65). Steve Switzer is Network Controller for the complete non-operational network in the Control Tower at Heathrow. Any OP's of his vintage are welcome to come to the front of the Control Tower building and make themselves known.
- TOUGHER, N. (L 1974-79). Nicholas Tougher has taken over the franchise of a filling station/mini-market in Portadown. His brother Rory (L 1977-81) works for Shorts Guided Missiles.
- TRIMBLE, N. T. S. (U 1977-83). Nigel Trimble is working for Magee's in Donegal and his brother Paul (U 1975-82) works for Kingston Kitchens in Enniskillen.
- TYACKE, C. P. (S 1968-74). Philip Tyacke, who was Director of Music at Portora, went on to Aiglon College, Switzerland, and is now Director of Music at Taunton School, Somerset.
- WHITTAKER, T. J. T. (1968-), Trevor Whittaker has been honoured by a special professorship created for him by Queen's University — Professor of Coastal Engineering — in recognition of his project to generate electricity from the waves of the ocean.
- WINCHESTER, R. (M 1963-72). Richard Winchester is National Sales Manager of Arrowfield Wines, NSW, Australia.
- WEST, R. M. (L 1982-89). Rupert West won the President's Plate for the best contribution to sport at the University of Ulster.

UNIVERSITY RESULTS 1994

Beacom, K. N. W.	(U 1983-90)	B.Eng. (Hons.)	
Breen, I. W.	(M 1988-90)	B.Ed. (Hons.) with Technology and Design	Stranmillis
Brownlee, A. G.	(L 1983-90)	B.Sc. General	St. Andrews
Corkey, J.	(M 1982-85)	B.Sc. (Hons.) Technology and Business Studies	Strathclyde
Crowe, A. J. E.	(L 1982-89)	M.A.	Dundee
Cunningham, S.	(C 1983-90)	B.Sc. (First Class Honours) Microbiology	Dundee
Follis, A. H.	(C 1981-88)	M.A.	Q.U.B.
Hetherington, M.	(M 1984-92)	HND Leisure Studies	Ulster
Holmes, D.	(L 1981-89)	B.A. (Hons.) Public Admin.	De Montfort
Johnston, G. D.	(C 1984-91)	B.Eng. (Hons.) Electric and Electronic Engineering	Liverpool John Moores
Johnston, J.	(C 1980-86)	B.A. (Hons.) Media and Communication Studies	Sunderland
Keys, M. D.	(L 1984-91)	B.Sc. (Hons.) in Architecture	Q.U.B.
Miller, N. W. G.	(C 1986-88)	Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting (Commendation)	Ulster
Nixon, W. S.	(C 1983-91)	B.Sc. (Hons.) Rural Resource Management	Reading
Rahman, A. A.	(C 1987-89)	M.B., Ch.B.	Glasgow
Seaman, R. C.	(U 1983-90)	B.Eng. (Hons.) Civil and Structural Engineering	Aberdeen
Truesdale, D.	(M 1984-89)	B.Sc. (Hons.) Industrial Information Technology	UCE Birmingham

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

The following have passed the Final Admitting Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and are now working for firms in Belfast.

Mark Allan	(U 1979-86)	Coopers and Lybrand
John Beacom	(M 1981-88)	Muir and Addy
Jonathan Moore	(U 1980-86)	Ernst and Young
Thomas Patton	(M 1980-87)	Stoy Hayward

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN

Recent winners of the Biggs Memorial Prize are as follows:

1988	Stephen McKibben (U 1980-87)	with Entrance Exhibition
1989	Cal O'Dunlaing (C 1985-89)	
1992	Niall Collum (U 1985-92)	with Entrance Exhibition
1994	W. P. McKendry	
1994	J. C. Outram	
1994	A. E. F. Richardson	

THE JOYCE-BECKETT PRIZE 1994

The 1994 Presentation took place in the Ulster Bank Chambers, Dublin, and the adjudicator was Brendan Kennelly, Professor of English at Trinity College.

He started by congratulating Portora and Clongowes on encouraging writing in an age when analysis supersedes imagination. He was delighted to see "the great McCarthy" — the Very Rev. John McCarthy, Dean of Clogher, and a Governor of Portora, who had travelled in support of the Portora team, and who had been at Trinity with him.

He had read all the scripts three or four times, wished he could divide the prize, and had only decided the winner that afternoon.

He read from a collection of poems and an amazing short story "The Coke Can." Their writers were tuned in to violence and reflected it candidly — they were masters of irony, and used it as a mode of revelation.

One story, "Kevin," was about death, and another



"The Kind Eyes" was far-fetched but credible. One writer had produced two stories which did not quite work, but he himself had huge humorous potential.



Roy Fisher with the Joyce Beckett Trophy, 1994.

An account of "The Wreck of the Tulsa" was undisciplined but vigorous. One poem, "Blatant Injustice," showed very good social feeling, describing the life of the "committed fugitive," Salman Rushdie, and another "Meandering" was an inspiration to take it easy.

Lastly, he came to "A Normal Family," a bitchy but elegant story by Roy Fisher of Portora, to whom he awarded the prize.

He praised the originality of the English teachers in both schools, who clearly saw the dangers of the

mechanical, and might even be ahead of "third level in a Kerry Accent," ie his own department.

It was a wonderfully amusing and encouraging talk from one who loves his subject and loses no opportunity to expand on it. After a fine supper it was no surprise to find the great Kennelly and the great McCarthy deeply engrossed head to head, reciting one of Kennelly's poems. Poetry, wine, laughter and youth (for some of us only remembered), and the friendship of two great schools, led by a master of words — it was good to be there.



A successful get-together at Clongowes. Rev. Desmond Kingston (centre), with Rev. Canon Conor Harpur, S. J.

UNION NEWS

Attempts to stimulate better attendance at the Dublin dinner did not succeed, and sadly it had to be cancelled. It does not seem to be worth continuing with it, and it will be proposed at the 1995 AGM that in future the Union's annual reunion should alternate between Belfast and Enniskillen. The thanks of the Union are due to Michael Irvine, who kept the Dublin dinner going over the years.

Fermanagh Branch

Meanwhile, however, a lively group of OPs has come together to form a Fermanagh Branch of the OPU. Its first function, a dinner at Killyhelin on 18 October, 1994, brought in 83 Old Portorans, with Iain Pratt as guest speaker. Branch officers are : Forster Richardson (M 1950-58) Chairman; Peter Little (M 1960-67) Secretary; David Hassard (C 1976-83) Treasurer; Ian Leinster (U 1942-47), Membership Secretary; and a Committee of David Stuart (L 1961-67), Mark Butler (U 1978-85) and Billy Mulligan (C 1973-79). In addition to organising the OPU reunion for 1995, the Fermanagh Branch plans to lay on social functions to support school sporting occasions. (See "'Dates for 1995'" on page 2).

London Branch

Charles Cullimore was elected President of the London Branch, having recently retired from the Foreign Office as High Commissioner in Uganda. 70 OPs of all ages were present for the dinner in the RAC, Pall Mall.

OPU Finances

The financial summary for the last three years is as follows (1994 figures are provisional) :

	1994	1993	1992
	£	£	£
Income	438	832	968
Expenditure	2090	1122	904
(Loss/Profit)	(1652)	(290)	64

Subscription income has reduced in line with small sixth forms leaving in recent years. This should improve as the much larger numbers come through, and we should break even in the next three years.



OLD PORTORA MASONIC LODGE No. 859

At its annual installation of officers in Enniskillen, the Old Portora Lodge installed Mark Scott as Worshipful Master, Nicholas Musgrave as Senior Warden and Basil Elliott as Junior Warden. The installation of the Master by Bob Armstrong was exemplary and a fine experience for all who witnessed it. Subsequent meetings were held in Belfast in May and in Dublin in October, and the Lodge was well represented at the joint Old Boys' Lodges in Belfast.

Meetings in 1995 will be as follows :
11 March, 1995 : Installation in Dublin — Nicholas Musgrave will be installed as W.M.:
13 May, 1995 : Enniskillen — Joint Old Boys' Lodges, hosted by Old Portora;
7 October, 1995 : Belfast.

Any Freemasons who would like to affiliate to the Old Portora Lodge should contact the Secretary, Tony Stevenson, 29 Ranfurly Avenue, Bangor (0247 462144).

OLD PORTORA LONDON DINNER 1995

To : C. J. Brady Esq., 23 Addison Grove, London W4 1EP (phone 081 994 0260)

From : (name in capitals).....

(address).....

I wish to attend the OPU London Dinner at the Army and Navy Club at 7.00 p.m. for 7.45 p.m. on Friday, 17th March, 1995

***NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

I enclose a cheque for £35 (£25 for students)

Signed Date



OLD PORTORA UNION DINNER DANCE 1995

To : Mark Scott, Portora Royal School, Enniskillen, BT74 7HA

From : (name in capitals).....

(address).....

I wish to attend the OPU Dinner Dance at the Killyhevlin Hotel at 7.30 p.m. for 8.15 p.m. on Friday, 3rd March, 1995 (Black Tie).

I wish to bring the following guests :

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I enclose £..... (£20 per head)

Signed Date