



OLD PORTORA NEWS No. 37 1996

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Headmaster's Letter No. 156

Dear Old Portorans

At Speech Day recently our Guest of Honour was David Kingston. David was at Portora from 1956-61, went to Oxford to read Mathematics, and is now Managing Director of Irish Life Assurance PLC. In his address to the school David gave an absorbing insight into Ireland today, and how its role in the world had developed over the last twenty years. He encouraged our boys to go out into that world with self confidence – the self confidence of being Irishmen, and of having the foundation of an excellent education.

It was a particularly pertinent discourse in the context of our present political situation in Ireland, and as I listened, and looked round the walls of the Steele Hall where we displayed the names of Old Portorans who have made their mark in the world, I could not help but see our history as a great Irish school light up brightly. It is a historic tradition which we must never lose sight of. Our pupils must be encouraged to make contribution, worthy of our history, to the continuing development of our community, here in Ireland, in Europe and further afield.

You may have heard of, or even written for, the Jackson Moore Essay Award. This prize is for an essay entitled "How to end religious strife in Ireland." In this year's review of the essay, the Head of History, Richard Neill commented that the boys who were most optimistic about the future in Ireland were the oarsmen, who compete and train alongside boys from St. Michael's College. (There was a boy from St. Michael's in the Portora Four which won the Irish Junior Four Championship). This sporting link between the two schools is clearly very worth while on these two counts. St. Michael's have just bought the Boat Club a new Four. Our hands across the Irish divide are demonstrated further by our existing links with Clongowes Wood, and our plans to develop these through a sixth form conference with them to explore aspects of modern Ireland. Mark Scott's Sailing Club is open to boys from St. Joseph's Secondary School. Is it a coincidence that all the staff associated with these developments are Old Portorans? To the names mentioned above I add Robert Northridge and Desmond Kingston.

Expanding our horizons outside Ireland is more difficult. It has been inhibited a little by Northern Ireland's international newsworthy reputation for the last generation! However we have managed to set up an annual exchange with a school in Paris; and our boys have been eager to participate in the local education board's schemes for exchanges to Germany and France. Last year's tropical summer and the return to normality may well open up further opportunities. Already I have had an approach to link up with schools in Denmark, Holland and Italy, and our boys have also shown an increasing interest in doing work experience in Europe. For example, last summer one sixth former worked on farms in Brittany and another in a bank. However the cost of travel from Ireland is an inhibiting factor. Perhaps that is an area the Old Portora Trust Fund could look at.

Another interesting development has been an Electronic Mail Link up with a High School in Kyota, Japan. A group of sixth formers exchange E-Mail messages, and to the surprise of our boys, girls in Japan have similar musical tastes!

It is a most important aspect of our work here that, situated as we are on the outer ring of Ireland, in the outer ring of Europe, that we keep our boys' heads up, searching for wider horizons, exposed to wider influences, and encouraged to contribute to the world beyond our country.

Yours sincerely,

RICHARD BENNETT

School News

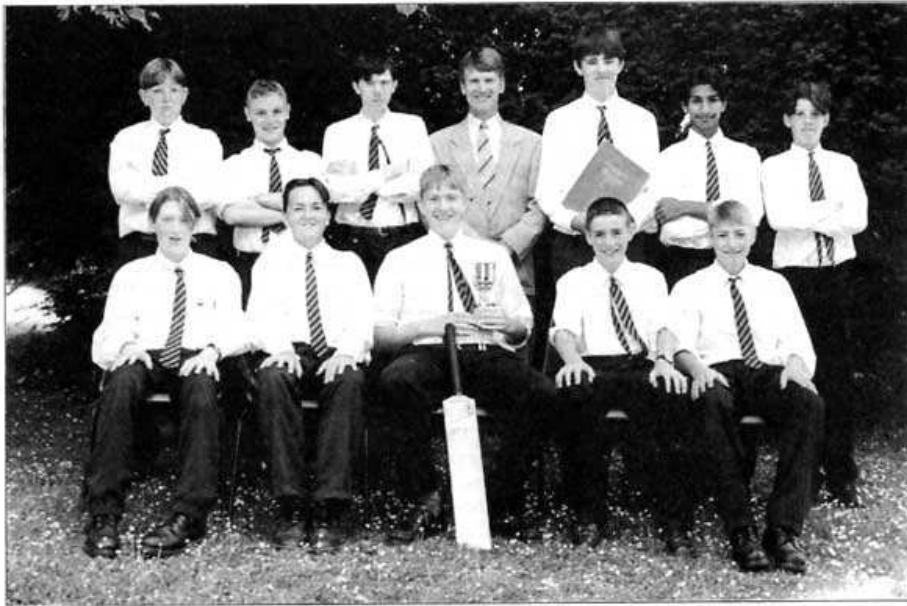
RUGBY – THE 1995 CUP RUN

In the last OP News we previewed the first cup match against Ballyclare H.S.

On 1 February, Portora were made to work very hard for their victory. It was only in the last 10 minutes that Timothy Thompson showed his individual flair and went over for a converted try. The 13-8 win for Portora was the first time in 16 years that we had got past the 1st round of the Schools Cup.

The team travelled to Foyle College on Saturday 11 February in good spirits, knowing that victory would put them into the Quarter finals. Victory was comfortably secured with a 20-3 victory. The Quarter-final was against the cup holders Regent House, away. Unfortunately everything went badly wrong in the first 10 minutes when Regent scored two very soft tries. To the credit of the boys from Portora they kept taking the game to Regent, but alas the dream of reaching the Semi-finals was over.

D. K. DEMPSTER



The Portora Cricket Team. They are back, from left, S. Latimer, D. Johnston, A. Keys, R. Neill, G. Elliott, scorer; R. Rahman, G. Tilley. Front, R. Grey, D. Funston, D. Latimer, L. Keogh and M. Pickles.

CRICKET CLUB 1995

The long, hot summer helped this to be an enjoyable and successful season. We continue to field 3 teams – 1st XI, Midweek XI, Colts XI.

The 1st XI reached the semi-final of the Sherrygroom Cup. Unfortunately, they lost narrowly to BRA by one wicket. However, their disappointment was short-lived because the following week they were able to hold Peter McMorrans' Old Boys XI to what is becoming a traditional draw. The school captain, James Armstrong, took the opportunity to thank the Belfast contingent of McMorrans, Harvey and Thompson for continuing to give of their time to support and encourage cricket at Portora. Marshall Coulter can always be relied on to supply the rest of the team!

The Colts, very ably and conscientiously captained by

David Latimer, won the Tyrone and Fermanagh League. Lewis Keogh was awarded the trophy for the outstanding player of the competition with a batting average of 90.

The Midweek XI, a happy combination of staff, old boys and pupils, played throughout the summer holidays, thus giving the boys the opportunity to play cricket after the school term had finished.

I am sure old boys will be delighted to learn that in addition to the excellent work done by Prunty Contracts on the lower rugby pitches, the school also asked that company to drain and reseed the outfield. We are, also, planning the construction of a Nottinghamshire wicket – all this is a continuous attempt to beat the Fermanagh climate!

R. J. D. NEILL



Members of the Portora Boat Club who were successful at the home international and the Coupe de la Jeunesse. They are (from left) Paul Masterson, Connor Kells, Simon Janes, Sebastian Peeters, Stephen Jackson and David Rogers.

ROWING 1994-1995 Season

The 1994-95 season was the most successful for a decade.

The club again organised a very successful Erne Head of the River and hosted the Irish Junior Rowing Championships at the regatta. We purchased a new eight, a new four sponsored by the Killyhevlin Hotel, a new pair sponsored by Belleek Pottery, and Enniskillen based OPs purchased a new set of "chopper blades". Our links with St. Michael's College continue to flourish and about two dozen girls from Enniskillen Rowing Club use our premises regularly.

On the water the first four was our flagship and did us proud. They had wins at Junior A level at Lagan, Erne, and Galway Heads, and at Queen's, Dublin Metropolitan, Athlone and Portora Regattas. It was at the last named event that the most exciting events took place: in the Irish Junior Championship event the crew got through the heats and the semi-final, only to dead heat in the final with St. Joseph's College, the other two finalists being some distance behind. A re-row was ordered two hours later and the crew performed magnificently to win Portora's first championship for ten years by two lengths.

The eight had good wins at the Liffey Head, at Dublin Metropolitan and at Athlone.

Five of the first eight rowed for Ireland. Three went to the Coupe de la Jeunesse near Paris where Connor Kells was on the gold medal Irish four. Two others (with St. Michael's boys) were on the Irish eight which won at the Home International.

Further down the club there was a very promising group at Junior 15 level who achieved several good wins in quadruple and single sculls.

A feature of the season was the assistance given to the club by old members. Sebastian Peeters was largely responsible for the success of the first eight and four, and he was ably assisted by Patrick Parke and Donal Lunny.

As all of last year's first eight are back we look forward to an equally successful season in 95-96. Do give us your support at Lagan, Erne, Galway, Liffey Heads, or at Queens, Trinity, Athlone or Portora Regattas!

ROBERT NORTHRIDGE

SAILING CLUB 1995

Portora Sailing Club has included sailors from St. Joseph's and the Collegiate, and on a fine day over 30 sailors have taken to the water, under the conscientious captaincy of Mark Johnston, whose good work has been recognised by the award of colours. To succeed him, the Club elected as Captain and Vice-Captain Che Finlay and Jimmy McVeigh who are working very hard to keep the boats going and instruct younger sailors.

The Club continues to be largely self-supporting, and is grateful for the annual grants received from Enniskillen Yacht Club Charitable Trust.

The school was represented very creditably at the N.I. Schools Regatta at Killyleagh, with some courageous performances in strong winds. In the Western Schools Regatta Michael Ternan was our best sailor, coming 2nd overall, Rory Finlay was best novice overall, and Andrew McCrea was most improved helmsman.



Jimmy McVeigh chasing Jonathan Taylor and Peter Kennedy.

MUSIC AT PORTORA

Portora Musicians visited London in November to attend a performance of Bach's St. John Passion in Westminster Abbey. Just to prove that Old Portorans turn up everywhere – as the group took their seats in the Abbey a voice was heard to ask "What are Portora boys doing so far from home?"

Gareth Knox, one of our most talented pianists, received an award of £1,000 from the Fitzwilliam Trust, a subsidiary of Fitzwilliam PLC, at a special ceremony in the National Concert Hall in Dublin, in June. The trust was set up in 1975 and provides financial assistance to young people with exceptional talent in the Arts, to help them develop their potential to the full.

Visiting musicians to school have included an Army Band which held a workshop for brass players, and drummers from the African Troupe 'Adzido' who held a master class in primitive tribal rhythms which suited the 5th Form well.

Outside school, the Orchestra played at the Cathedral

Harvest Services while the Brass Ensemble took second place in the Fermanagh Brass Championships at the Ardhowen.

Also in the theatre, a large number of school musicians – including a team of handbell ringers drawn from the Staff – staged a concert in November which raised over £1500 for Riding for the Disabled.

Lastly, Portora brothers George and John Brownlee won eleven cups for piano playing at Belfast and Portadown Festivals.

W. J. McBRIDE

Dates for 1996

Friday, 19 January	President's Cocktail Party in Dublin.
Saturday, 2 March	Erne Head of the River – start 2.45 p.m.
Saturday, 9 March	4.00 p.m. – A.G.M. in the Seale Room. Peter Rowan will be proposed as President.
Friday, 15 March	London Branch A.G.M. and Dinner at a venue to be announced, 7.00 for 7.45 p.m., black tie, O.P.s (male and female) only.
Friday, 22 March	Union Dinner in the Edinburgh Suite of the Europa Hotel, Belfast. 7.30 for 8 p.m., black tie, £24, ladies and guests welcome, application form enclosed. Accommodation at discounted rates available – arrange with hotel.
Sunday, 23 June	O.P. Cricket Match, with buffet lunch organised by Fermanagh Branch. Contact Peter McMorran 01232 233455, book lunch with school office 01365 322658.
Friday, 29 June – Saturday, 30 June	Portora Regatta, Killyhevlin (Irish Junior Championships).

The Old Portora Trust Fund

Although the Fund is now over £10,000, contributions have slowed down. You will find with this issue of O.P. News a leaflet describing a very nice etching of Portora gates, which we hope will inspire some Christmas presents. Proceeds will go to the Trust Fund, so please give it your support.

Account so far:	£
Cash from O.P.'s	6,771
Pledged	3,226
Income from Investments	362
Total tax refunds	121
	<u>£10,480</u>

Balance Sheet:	
Nat. Savings Government Stock	7,254
Cash at Bank	226
Pledged	3,226
	<u>£10,480</u>

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		



OLD PORTORA UNION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1994

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Investment Income	38.72	O.P. News	1,208.70
From Life Members Account	399.16	Postage O.P. News	532.01
		Wrapping and Addressing	260.47
		Joyce Beckett Award	50.00
		Bank Charges	19.25
		Flowers	30.00
 Total Income	 437.88		
Surplus Expenditure	1,662.55		
	<u>£2,100.43</u>		<u>£2,100.43</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1994

LIABILITIES	£	ASSETS	£
Capital at 1.1.94	15,036.65	£1,102.24 3 ¹ / ₂ % War Stock	1,062.46
31 Life Subs	930.00	9 ³ / ₄ Nat. Development	
		Loan 1992-97	400.00
		Bank Credit Balance	3,469.74
	<u>15,966.65</u>		
Less Transfer to Gen. Acc.	399.16		
	<u>£15,567.49</u>		

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Deficit 1.1.94	8,972.74		
Deficit 1994	1,662.55	10,635.29	
	<u>£4,932.20</u>		
TOTAL LIABILITIES ..		TOTAL ASSETS	£4,932.20

The above account may be summarized as follows:

Income from Subscriptions	930
Other Income	<u>38</u>
	968
Expenditure on O.P. News	2002
Other Expenditure	<u>99</u>
Deficit for the year	£1133

OPU CASH CRISIS LOOMING

As the accounts show, the OPU has not paid its way for some years, for the following reasons:

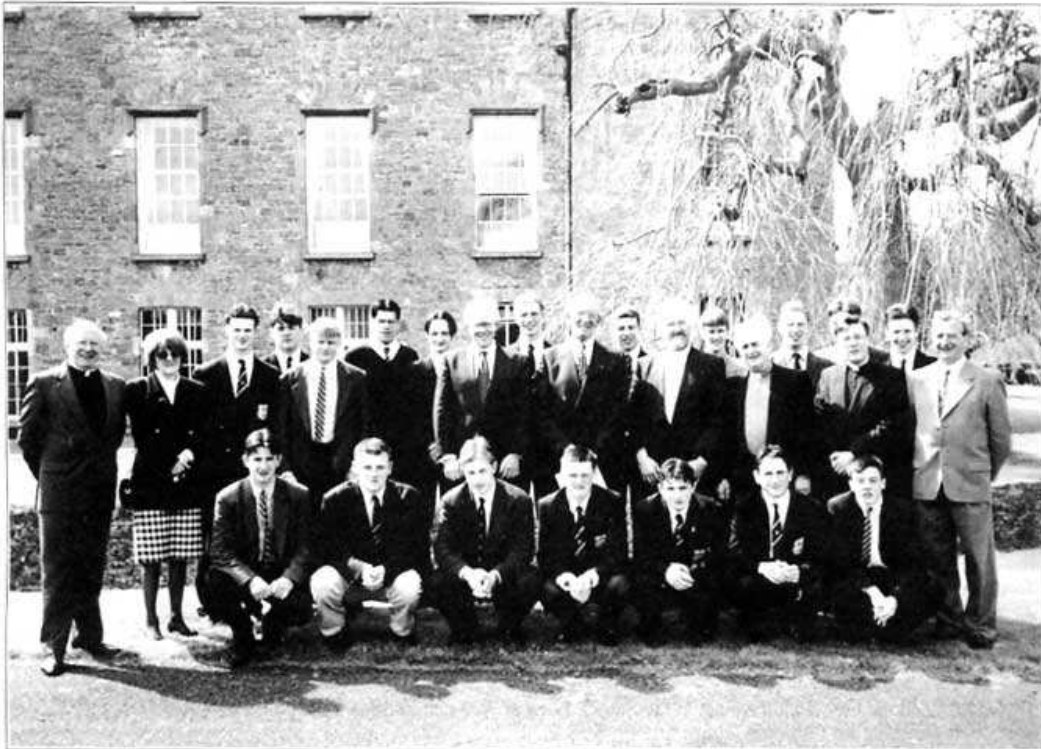
1. Postage and printing costs have risen.
2. The life subscription, even at a rate of £30, will not cover the cost of circulating OP News for the life-span of the average OP, and a year's new subscriptions will not cover a year's expenses.
3. School bills allowed an element of "inertia selling" of OPU membership. Since their abolition, we have to rely on positive returns, which are subject to "inertia non-buying"!
4. £30 has turned out to be a bit much for students to pay.
5. School numbers have passed through a trough, though the upturn has not been reflected in numbers joining the OPU.

As a result, it was decided at the 1995 AGM to change to an annual subscription of £10, payable only by banker's order. It was thought that this might be more attractive to school-leavers, but this has not been the case – only 17 out of a possible 41 signed up this year, in spite of much follow-up correspondence and ambushing by the secretary, a job which he singularly dislikes.

However, an annual subscription still gives the best hope of balancing our books. If we could get enough OPs to convert to this system, the rate could eventually be lowered, making it easier for school leavers, etc. etc. Such a benign spiral can only be set into motion by positive action by all OPs.

I hope that the OPU will not have to renege on the deal that we (or our parents) struck when we paid for life membership, and that it will be able to continue to circulate OP News to all members who keep us informed of their address. But it really will depend on those of us who can afford it agreeing to pay an annual subscription. I therefore ask you all to fill in and return the enclosed form. If you are no longer interested, say so, and we can save a stamp and a copy. However, if OP News continues to satisfy your curiosity about the progress of your old school and the friends you made there, and to keep you up-to-date with reunions, a tenner is not a large sum to ask. Please help us out with this, and in return we will try to keep Portora and Portorans linked in a cheerful and relevant way.

MARK SCOTT



The late Senator Gordon Wilson with a group of Portorans and Clongownians.

Please complete and return to: David Hassard, Oakfield Lodge, Letterbreen, Enniskillen BT92 2ET

STANDING ORDER

TO: (Name of your Bank)
(Address)
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FROM: (Name)
(Address)
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..... Postcode

Please pay the sum of £10 to the account of the Old Portora Union No. 65772022 at the First Trust Bank, East Bridge Street, Enniskillen, BT74 (Sort Code 93-80-76), on 1 February 1996 and annually thereafter.

Signed Date

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TO: Secretary OPU, Portora Royal School, ENNISKILLEN, BT74 7HA, N. Ireland.

FROM: (Name) (Dates at Portora)

I am no longer interested in receiving Old Portora News, and would like you to delete my name from the list of members.

SIGNED: DATE:

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OLD PORTORA LONDON DINNER 1996

To: C. J. Brady Esq., 4 Hammersmith Terrace, London W6 9TS (phone 0171 748 7295)

From: (Name in capitals)

(address)

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I wish to attend the OPU London Dinner on Friday, 15th March, 1996, and understand that you will let me know the venue and cost.

Signed Date

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OLD PORTORA UNION DINNER 1996

To: W. J. Gordon, 63 Manse Road, Jordanstown, Co. Antrim BT37 0RX.

From: (Name in capitals)

(address)

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I wish to attend the OPU Union Dinner at the Europa Hotel at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 22nd March, 1996 (Black Tie). I wish to bring the following guests:

I enclose £ (£24 per head)

Signed Date

NEWS OF OLD PORTORANS

BIRTHS

WILSON, S. B. (M 1974-80). To Shaun and Lynndi Wilson, a son, Guy, born in September 1994.

CLARK, R. A. (M 1968-78). To Rory and Claire Clark, a son, James Gordon, on 10 December 1993.

CLARK, R. I. (M 1963-72). To Bobby and Jacqui Clark, a daughter, Diana Susan, on 2 October 1994.

ENGAGEMENTS

HARRIS, M. W. M. P. (M 1972-78). Michael Harris is engaged to be married to Ms. Shirlee Simpson of Las Vegas.

WILSON, C. (M 1980-82). Chance Wilson is engaged to be married to Ms. Sarah Carr in Cumbria on 30 September 1995.

NELSON, Dr. E. C. (U 1960-68). Charles Nelson is engaged to Dr. Sue Robinson, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

MARRIAGE

KINGSTON, S. D. (U 1982-89). Shane Kingston married Mary-Louise Boath of Bracknell at St. Salvator's, the chapel of the University of St. Andrews. His father, Rev. Desmond Kingston (U 1952-59), Chaplain of Portora, officiated.

DEATHS

M. W. BRAIDWOOD (L 1951-58)

C. W. BREEN (L 1953-60)

S. G. M. CRAIG (U 1922-28)

Sir JAMES KILFEDDER (C 1941-45)

Dr. J. W. MOORE (1943-45)

S. H. R. MUSGRAVE (C 1929-33)

V. H. MYLES (C 1928-35)?

T. L. SHEPPARD (C 1931-35)

W. W. BLOOD SMYTH (C 1937-41)

Dr. J. SWAN (C 1915-21)

D. L. WILKINSON (M 1966-70)

R. L. J. WRIGHT (C 1927-35)

OBITUARIES

M. W. BRAIDWOOD (L 1951-58). Michael Braidwood died in July of a brain tumour. Outside his chosen profession of psychiatry he was a musician, poet, artist and potter, and was also a skilled woodworker. He had a gift for helping people in all walks of life, in particular for cheering the unhappy. His brother Brian (L 1949-55) visited him before his death, and found him remarkably cheerful and realistic about his slim chances of recovery, and confident that his wife, Jane, and their young children would be supported by their wide circle of friends in the Dublin area.

C. W. BREEN (L 1953-60). Winston Breen died in July after a short illness. As principal of Banbridge Academy for 11 years, he is credited with bringing it through the most significant period of its history, culminating in a £5 million rebuild. Sadly, he was too ill to attend the opening ceremony in June. He was a delightful man, a historian, widely respected as one of the leading headmasters in the north of Ireland.

SIR JAMES KILFEDDER (1943-45). Jim Kilfedder died suddenly in March 1995, aged 66, after a distinguished political career of 30 years. From Portora he went to T.C.D., and did his first law degree in King's Inn, Dublin. He won the West Belfast seat in 1964, lost it to Gerry Fitt in 1966, and won North Down in 1970, retaining it until his death. In 1980 he launched his Popular Unionist Party. He was a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly 1973-75, the constitutional convention 1975-76, speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly 1982-86, and chairman of the parliamentary select committee on Northern Ireland affairs. He was a fine chairman who often used humour to defuse acrimonious exchanges. When asked if it was in order for a certain member to be "acting the idiot" he replied that it was not a point of order as the member was not acting. The English newspapers agree that Jim's kind will not be seen again - his liberal independence of spirit won the respect of all sides of the House.

S. le F. KILLINGLEY (L 1917-20). Sidney Killingley, formerly of the Ulster Bank, died in January.

S. H. R. MUSGRAVE (C 1929-33). Hugh Musgrave died suddenly in June. To quote his son Nicholas (C. 1970-75), "he had a long and full life, and enjoyed his days at Portora. In the Musgrave tradition he was not a scholar, but more a grafter and team man."

Mrs. Dot SCALES. Widow of Henry S. Scales (Staff 1925-60), Mrs. Scales died aged 101 on 7 June 1995, after more than 35 years as a widow. She moved from her native Dublin to live with her then-new husband Henry when he joined the staff of Portora as assistant Chemistry master in 1925. Dot was an active member of the community and a great support to her husband at all times, but especially during his diabetes and eventual heart attack. When Henry died she moved back to Dublin to be near her family, the Aylwards of Sandymount, but she outlived them all, making her life round her son Ronnie (1938-46) and her grandchildren who lived nearby.

Constable A. G. THOMPSON (U 1980-87). Alan Thompson was killed in a car crash in May, just before his first wedding anniversary.

Lt. Col. J. W. TOBIAS, M.B.E. (U 1964-71). John Tobias was commissioned into the Intelligence Corps in 1973, and had a distinguished career in intelligence and security, culminating in the award of the MBE for outstanding service in Northern Ireland. He was killed in the Chinook helicopter crash on the coast of Scotland.

GORDON WILSON (Former Governor of Portora). Enniskillen's great peacemaker, Gordon Wilson, died at 67 during the summer. His public forgiveness of the perpetrators of the Remembrance Day bombing which killed his daughter Marie set a standard for Ireland which will stand forever. As a governor he reflected and continued the great liberal tradition of Portora, and our picture on Page 7 shows him with a happy group of Portorans and Clongownians. Gordon will be sadly missed, and it is up to all of us to keep his spirit alive.

WRIGHT, R. L. J. (C 1927-35). Robert Wright, who served in 2nd King's African Rifles, and later farmed in Malawi, died in December 1994

after a short illness.

NEWS

BAKER, J. E. K. (L 1956-62). Keith Baker has been appointed chief editorial adviser at BBC Northern Ireland. He was head of news and current affairs for six years, and previously deputy chief sub-editor and television critic at the Belfast Telegraph.

BATES, E. A. (U 1979-86). Edward Bates is a chiropractor in Bristol.

BAXTER, W. and TEMPLE, Dr. R. M. (M 1971-76). William Baxter and Mark Temple braved ice and snow last winter to row a tubbed pair 130 miles from Enniskillen to Carrick-on-Shannon and back. Mark is working in the renal unit of St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, and Bill is an accountant in Edinburgh.

BOWEN, A. J. (U 1962-65). Tony Bowen, as managing director, has recently led a management buy-out of Calorex Ltd., an established market leader in heat pumps and dehumidifiers. He previously graduated from TCD in History and Economics, and rowed for Ireland.

CECIL, S. D. (L 1980-87). Stephen Cecil has now moved from Procter and Gamble in Italy to Ernst and Young in London, and is living in Maida Vale near Tristram Giff and Richard Fulton.

CHILLINGWORTH, Rev. D. (U. 1960-68). David Chillingworth has been appointed Dean of Dromore, as well as Rector of Seagoe, which makes Darcy and Sheila feel rather old.

CURRIE, S. J. (L 1965-73). Sackville Currie is sailing round the world. He has crossed the Equator twice, visited Europe, Morocco, the Canaries, Brazil, Tobago, Trinidad and, at last sighting, Venezuela.

DUNLOP, D. H. (M 1953-57). David Dunlop has his own business Rock Angus Antiques in Portaferry, specialising in nautical memorabilia.

HENDERSON, Dr. G. G. L. (L 1936-43). Gerry Henderson has been elected the vice-president of the Canadian Geoscience Council (and will be president next year); and has been awarded

- the Stanley Slipper Gold Medal of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists (for the discovery of three of Chevron's largest fields).
- HOLMES, Lt. Col. I. J. (M 1957-62). Ian Holmes has returned from Spain and is now secretary of Woking Golf Club.
- JONES, General Sir C. E. W. (C 1949-54). Edward Jones is Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod in the Houses of Parliament.
- KEATINGE, W. D. (C 1950-57). Bill Keatinge has retired from Barclay's Bank in Holland, and moved to Lymington, where his boat "Kilpatrick" is 5 minutes away. He plans to cruise round Ireland in 1996.
- LANGHAMMER, M. F. (L 1971-74). Mark Langhammer is Northern Ireland's only Labour councillor, with Newtownabbey Borough Council.
- McCHESNEY, J. R. (U 1981-88). Jason McChesney now works for IBM in Manchester, selling open systems to commercial customers in the North-west of England.
- McGREDY, S. D. (C 1942-48). My apologies for getting Sam McGredy's decoration wrong - he was awarded the CBE, not MBE, for services to horticulture.
- McKEE, N. J. (M 1983-90). Nicholas McKee, who works for Exxon Chemical as a development engineer, has been awarded a Salters' Prize.
- McKINSTRY, L. (U 1977-81). Leo McKinstry has moved from working for the Labour Party to become associate editor of the Spectator, from which somewhat right-of-centre stronghold he has been highlighting the Labour Party's divisions over Europe. To quote Andrew Marr in the Independent, rather break wind than say "McKinstry" in the hearing of a Blairite.
- McKINSTRY, R. J. (U 1939-42). Robert McKinstry has been awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours, for his services to architecture.
- McNULTY, R. W. R., CBE (L 1949-55). Roy McNulty, who is president of Shorts in Belfast, has become chairman of the government's Aviation Committee, set up to advise the Department of Trade and Industry on the needs of the UK aeronautics industry.
- MAGWOOD, C. J. (L 1982-89). Colin Magwood gained a B.Eng. (Hons) at Queens, and is now an engineer with Glover's of Moneymore.
- MOORE, Rt. Rev. J. E. (M 1946-50). Ven. J. E. Moore, archdeacon of Down, has been appointed Bishop of Connor to succeed Rt. Rev. Dr. Sam Poyntz (U 1939-44).
- MOORE, R. (L 1969-72). Richard Moore is a builder and thatcher in Somerset, who campaigns to "Keep Somerset Old".
- MOORE, S. T. (U 1984-91). Stephen Moore has joined Arthur Anderson (Accountants) in Leeds.
- MOORE, Very Rev. T. R. (U 1950-55). Tommy Moore has been appointed Dean and Rector of Clogher.
- MORRISON, A. S. Alan Morrison has been awarded the Arthur Naylor Scholarship to Queen's University.
- NIXON, W. G. (L 1978-85). George Nixon has set up his own business, Environmental Business Products, dealing mainly in recycled copier cartridges.
- ORR, E. C. (U. 1950-54). Edward Orr was seriously injured in a car crash in late 1994, in which his wife was tragically killed.
- RAPPO, P. J. (C 1983-91). Patrick James Rappo is entering barristers' chambers in London to study crime and family law.
- SCOTT, A. H. (1980-85). Alister Scott has moved with the headquarters of the Global Environmental Change Project, of which he is Assistant Director, to the University of Sussex.
- SHIELDS, B. A. (C 1976-84). Brian Shields is just completing his Ph.D. thesis and has begun working for the Game Conservancy Trust as a fisheries scientist, studying the interaction of wild and farm-reared trout in the Upper Avon in Wiltshire.

- SWITZER, J. F. Q. (U 1934-42). Jeff Switzer is to become a Freeman of the City of London, nominated by the Haberdashers Company in honour of his having been for a long time a governor of their two schools.
- TURNER, Zara (H 1978-85). Zara Turner appeared as a student teacher in Jimmy McGovern's "Hearts and Minds" on Channel 4 TV.
- VAUGHAN, W. E. (C 1956-63). Bill Vaughan has been elected Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin.
- WHEELER, Major J. T. (S 1948-90). Jack Wheeler is in Drumclay Nursing Home. He was hit by a car in early 1995, and now needs constant care. Portora Holiday Swimming Club, the community project on which he and Kay spent 36 summers, has continued under the supervision of their young team of helpers, with the same happy spirit that they created over so many years.
- WILSON, C. (M 1980-82). Chance Wilson has left the army. After working as a lobby correspondent for Parliamentary Brief, a political journal, he has moved to Robert Walters Associates, international recruitment consultants.
- WOODS, A. (1964-70). Adrian Woods, who visited Portora with his family recently, is a chartered surveyor, Property Manager for Seaboard in Sussex.

UNIVERSITY RESULTS

- ALLEN, N. P. (U 1985-92)
 BOYD, J. A. (C 1984-91)
 BRADY, S. I. (U 1984-91)
- BREEN, C. M. (M 1983-90)
 BRUCE, D. A. (L 1984-91)
 BROWNLEE, R. C. (L 1985-92)
 CHUA, T. L. (C 1987-89)
 CONLON, T. S.
 CORR, H. M. N.
 CROW, A. J. E. (L 1982-89)
 DARLING, J. R.
 FARRELL, A. W. J. (C 1982-89)
 KEERS, W. H. A. (M 1971-78)
 KELLY, W. J.
 KIDD, D. P. C. C. (M. 1975-80)
 McCAULEY, G. R. S.
 McCUTCHEON, I. R.
 McLAUGHLIN, I. W. (U 1981-88)
 MOORE, S. T. (U. 1984-91)
 MURRAY, A. J. C. (M 1983-90)
- MUZAFFAR, Raja M. (M 1988-90)
 NIK, A. (M 1988-90)
 PRENTICE, N. A. H. (U 1987-89)
- REID, M. J.
 ROONEY, K. A.
 STINSON, D. J.
 WONG, M. C. (U 1990-92)
- B.A. Hons, English and Social Anthropology, Queens.
 B.A. Hons, Glasgow.
 B.A. in International Political Science and History. Now studying for M.A. at Magee.
 B. Ag. Hons, Queens.
 B.A. Hons, Asian Business Studies, Ulster.
 B.Sc. Mathematics, Queen's.
 Diploma in Accounting, Queen's.
 Dip. H.E. Social Work, Ulster.
 B.Sc. Hons. Computing with DIS, Ulster.
 M. A. Hons.
 M.D., Queen's.
 Dip. Comp-Aided Mech Eng Design, Queen's.
 MS Sc Irish Politics, Queen's.
 B.Sc. Eng., Ulster.
 MD, Queen's.
 B.Sc. Hons. Maths, Stats, Comp, Ulster.
 B.A. Hons Accounting, Ulster.
 M.Sc. Computational Science, Queen's.
 B.A. Hons Economics, T.C.D.
 B.A. Hons in Law, Queen's.
 Going into corporate banking.
 M.D., Newcastle.
 M.D., Newcastle.
 B.A. Hons and post-graduate Diploma in Architecture, John Moores.
 B.Sc. Hons Mathematics, Queen's.
 B.Sc. (First C1 Hons), Housing, Ulster.
 DASE Educational Studies, Queen's.
 B.Sc. Hons. Mathematics and Physics, Warwick.

The Joyce-Beckett Prize Presentation 1995



Stewart Farrell with the Joyce-Beckett Prize, with Finbar Costello, Carlo Gebler and Iain Pratt.

On 13 March 1995 it was Portora's turn to host the presentation of the Joyce-Beckett Prize inaugurated by Bill Finlay and Patrick McAfee. Iain Pratt, as President of the Old Portora Union, welcomed the thirty-two members of both schools, governors, teachers, pupils and old boys, and this year's adjudicator, the author Carlo Gebler. He also thanked the Ulster Bank for its kind sponsorship of the food and drink and in particular Robert Scholes, manager of the Enniskillen Branch, an Old Portoran.

Carlo Gebler started by saying how glad he was that the writers had not tried to emulate the word-rich technique of James Joyce, but congratulated them on keeping their pieces simple, austere and specific, about subjects they knew. Every one of them had said something remarkable to make him envious as a professional writer. Although he had done this sort of thing before, the choice of winner had been difficult. He cautioned them against trying to write anything complex too soon. He hoped that they would go on writing, and that they would keep it simple in the early stages. He had one small criticism – some writers could have made use of the spell-checker on their word

processors!

He announced that he had awarded the prize to the writer of "A Squatter's Life", and after some hesitation a rather surprised Stuart Farrell of Portora stepped forward to receive it.

Finbar Costello, President of the Clongowes Union, thanked Carlo for his sincerity and honesty, and for all the hard work that went into the making of the scripts. He had been thrilled to see on television the unveiling of the Oscar Wilde Memorial in Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey, and the subsequent interview with an excited elderly Old Portoran. He hoped that he might be able to find a suitable Clongownian to twin with Wilde for another project!

Carlo Gebler then met all the young writers individually and discussed their work with them, which was much appreciated by both students and teachers.

Supper was served, wine was drunk, and laughter and goodwill continued much longer than expected!

OPU LONDON BRANCH

The Branch had another successful reunion in the Rag in March, attended by 70 OPs. It was decided that it was much better that the President should serve for two years, so Charles Cullimore retains the chair.

Owing to renovations at the Army and Navy Club, the venue and cost of the 1996 reunion are not yet certain. It will be on 15 March 1996, and OPs are asked to send in the form to John Brady, who will send them the details.

Editor's note: John is a delight to deal with, and has helped to discover a lot of OPs who had dropped off the main address list. His is always more up-to-date than mine!

OPU FERMANAGH BRANCH

The Fermanagh Branch has had a most successful inaugural year, with 70 OPs at their first dinner in September 94, 75 at their dinner-dance in March 95 (they hosted the main OPU reunion), and 52 at their dinner in September 95. They have brought a lot of OPs out of the woodwork, and have more in their sights.

This year's guest speaker was OP Ian Henderson, Chief Executive of Northern Ireland Tourist Board, whose humorous speech hit just the right note.

THE CLASS OF '85

Thanks to the energy of the 1984-85 Head Boy, Timothy Richmond, 27 members of the 1978-85 vintage assembled on 9 September, 10 years after leaving Portora, for a tour of the school and dinner in the Killyhevlin Hotel.

The occasion was refreshingly informal, and some members took a lot of trouble to get there. George Nixon took time off from running his own business in London; Alister Scott decided to check on global environmental change in Fermanagh; and Rodney Reid came all the way from Wall Street, where he is a stock dealer.

We hope that other year-groups will celebrate their 10 years of freedom in future years, perhaps combined with OPU Fermanagh Branch dinner (probably 20 September 1996). It needs an action-man like Tim to pull the thing together, but Portora can help with addresses and the clerical side.



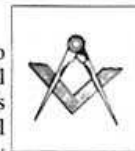
(Front, from left) Michael Hayes; Michael Lendrum; Mr. Richard Bennett, school headmaster; Mr. Mark Scott of Portora Royal School; George Nixon; and Timothy Richmond. (Centre) Brian Johnston; Lynda Totton; Ewart Clarke; Alister Scott and Jeremy Smyth. (Back) Henry Salmon; Rodney Reid; Robert Wilson; David Brown and Henry Blair. Among those also in attendance (missing from photograph) were: John Leeman; James Heselip; Robert Storrs; Barry Clingen; Simon Martin and Sean Irvine.

OLD PORTORA MASONIC LODGE NO. 859

This year the installation of the Worshipful Master of 859 was held in the splendid surroundings of the Grand Lodge in Dublin. Nicholas Musgrave was installed by his predecessor Mark Scott, who had succeeded Nicholas's brother Stuart in the chair. Despite years of grounding in the Munster ritual, Nicholas proved to be perfectly at ease, and installed his officers with dignity and authority.

This year will be the last that we shall have VW Bro Robert Armstrong as Director of Ceremonies. He is word perfect in every degree and a fount of masonic

knowledge, yet entirely helpful to brethren who need a bit of ceremonial help, and most tolerant and humorous about the Old Portora "immemorial customs" which crop up unexpectedly and frequently. Bob's will be a very hard act to follow.



Meetings in 1996 will be:

9 March 1996: Installation, Enniskillen.
18 May, 1996: Dublin.
12 October, 1996: Dungannon.

All Ireland Schools Old Boys Drinks Party

It was suggested during a recent committee meeting of the London OPU that an additional date during the year, to our very successful annual dinner in March, should be encouraged. We have tried this in the past with very mixed results, so the new idea was to invite other schools in Ireland to inform their Old Boys (and Girls) of a Summer party. It fell to our hardworking Secretary John Brady to get in touch with other schools and to arrange a meeting to discuss details – no easy task since none of them appears to be as well organised as the OPU. Typically, though, John overcame all difficulties and the party was arranged for September 15 at the Army & Navy Club in Pall Mall.

Over one hundred attended, many with their ladies, from a dozen schools (from both North and South of the border). From the word 'go' everyone circulated with other schools and, fortified by wine and canapés, continuously available from the excellent serving staff, the roar of conversation and laughter was unceasing for somewhat longer than the two hours we had booked.

Recognition was made easy by most wearing 'Do It Yourself' labels on their lapels; almost an afterthought but well-worth doing again. Meaningful ties were mostly worn, which helped.

One fact long suspected, was proved: the Irish run wide swathes of English society. The medical profession was there in force, though not professionally needed; the Church too, from Parish to Diocese (the Archdeacon of London, for example); farmers from Sussex and Kent told of their involvement in local politics supported by their local Irish rectors; business must have stopped early in London and gone unreported by Reuters who probably closed before time that night.

What a splendid event it all turned out to be. Now that the word is spreading we can expect many more Old Boys from many more schools the length and breadth of Ireland to attend future dates. They'll miss a spot of real crack if they don't.

IAN SCALES (C 1936-45)

OLD BOYS' CAREER PROFILE

Dear OP

One of your number, Nicholas McKee, suggested that it might be a good idea to have information in the Careers Centre about the career profile of Old Boys. The idea was discussed in full and it was agreed that it was worth putting a letter and a profile form in the OPU Newsletter.

As you can see from the form it is quite simple and is asking only for basic details about how you progressed to your present position in employment. By making the information available in school it is hoped that Sixth Formers will gain a better understanding of the variety of careers available and the many different career routes that Old Boys have, in fact, followed.

We should be delighted if you would kindly fill in the form and return to school if you feel it is appropriate. If you are willing to receive telephone calls from boys please fill in your telephone number, otherwise leave blank.

We would stress that the information supplied will be openly available to senior pupils BUT it will only be used as a reference document for careers information.

With many thanks for your help.

Yours faithfully

DESMOND KINGSTON (U 1952-59)
Head of Careers

Portora Royal School Old Boys' Career Profile

Please PRINT all details:

Name:

Address:

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Home Telephone No.

Work Telephone No.

SCHOOL

Date of leaving School	
Qualifications on Leaving School:	

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employer's Name/Location	From	To	Job Title, Duties and Responsibilities

ROUTE YOU TOOK TO ACHIEVE YOUR CURRENT POSITION
(Include details of Professional or Academic Qualifications, and give dates if appropriate)

Date	Activity

Please use separate pages to give any additional information you feel might assist a pupil in making a career decision.

Note that **all information** supplied on this sheet will be openly available to pupils and will be used only as a reference document for careers information.

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