



# WESLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS UNION

Newsletter 2007

## President's Message

My year as President is coming to its close and the time has passed all too quickly. It has been an exhilarating year for me and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting many of you at the PPU functions, where I have been made to feel very welcome. I have been so very proud representing our PPU at the external events to which I was invited, particularly the various Annual Past Pupils' Dinners of our kindred Colleges. I had not realised how busy I would be during the year and how much work is involved in running the PPU, but I kept my diary free for the year and let the PPU activities take priority. This decision paid dividends and enabled me to enjoy to the full all that being the President entails.

Particularly pleasing in my year of Office has been:

- 1 *The drive to energize the PPU to seek new members. The work of the Strategic Action Group that was set up to seek new ways to raise funds, to develop new events and consider how we might more closely link with the college, is bearing fruit.*
- 2 *Our initiative to create a new Award for the College, called "The Spirit of Transition". This Award is for pupils in Transition Year and will be presented annually to the outstanding student in 4<sup>th</sup> year who best exemplifies what the Transition Year experience is about. It will take account*

*of the student's academic achievements, community service, extra curricular activity, work experience, use of initiative, personal development and maturity. It will be the premier award for a Transition Year student and it is planned that the first presentation will be made later this year.*

- 3 *The launch of a request, directed primarily towards our Life members. They were asked to consider making a donation towards either the Bursary fund or the Benevolent fund. We are very gratified with the response. This is a way in which we are setting out to increase our support to the College. We are discussing other ideas to link with the college and hope to bring some of these to a successful conclusion later in the year.*

Looking back at the events of the year, I will cover the main ones where we have had most members attending. The Annual Golf Outing was again a great success and here our thanks are due to Rodney Evans and Ruth and Geoff Bell for all their hard work in organising this popular tournament and the social gathering after the Golf. Many attended The Northern Branch AGM and lunch, followed by a very interesting visit to the Battle of the Boyne site. What better a place to meet and mingle with our friends from the Northern branch!! The Annual Dinner saw many new faces, especially from our "younger

members" and our visiting guest speaker provided a new and very welcome dimension to the dinner. The London reunion is still a key date in our diaries where many members from Ireland exchange fond reminiscences with some of our overseas members who this year travelled from the USA, Sweden and all parts of the UK. Our guest speaker at this function, created a lot of laughter.

As I write we still have the our very favourite Table Quiz Evening to come, now moved to a new location - Old Wesley Rugby Club - where are hoping for a record attendance. This is the a key fund raising event, the proceeds go towards our Bursary Fund and help to keep pace with the necessary rise of the school fees. We are not just a social club - the PPU Bursaries are a very important part of our organisation.

My final function is the Midlands and South Reunion due to take place in Kilkenny on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. I look forward to meeting many of you at this lunch and if I can be heard - at our visit to the Cathedral bell ringing event after the lunch.

Our Web-site is now well established, with a growing number of photographs included of events and members who have attended functions over the past few years. It is like a rogues gallery. How we all have changed - for the better of course - since our time in Wesley. It is worth going into the web site to see



President: Pam Campbell

who is featured! We have started to e-mail members. The numbers who can be contacted is still small but it is a good start.

All this could not happen without our hard working committee members and my sincerest thanks is due to all of them. Special thanks to our Hon. Secretary, Valerie Grimes, who really keeps the show on the road, and our Hon. Treasurer Alison Galbraith who ensures we stay in the black. To you all my warmest thanks for your support and your contribution in helping to run the PPU.

Arthur Ennis takes over as President at the AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> May. I wish him a successful year and hope he will have as much enjoyment in his year of Office as I have had. I know you will give him the same much appreciated support as you gave to me.

Pam Campbell  
President

## Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Past Pupils Union will be held on Monday 14 May 2007 at 8.00 pm in the College.

- All members are very welcome, the committee for the year 2007/08 will be elected, reports on the years progress will be presented and the financial accounts reviewed and approved.
- After the meeting there is ample opportunity to meet with fellow past pupils.

## Current 2006/07 Committee

President	Pam Campbell (Whale)
President Elect	Arthur Ennis
Immediate Past President	Derek McCullagh
Hon Secretary	Valerie Grimes (McNeill)
Hon Treasurer	Alison Galbraith
Branches Secretary	Ruth Bell (Meredith)
Re-Union Liason	Lynn McCrave
Membership Secretary	Kevin Major

Deirdre Chadwick (Fitzgerald), Madeline Cooke, Rodney Evens, Billy Given, Helen Holland (Price), Susan Paul (Fitzpatrick), Sandra Ringland (Miller), Joy Simmons, Peter Squire, Andrew Stroughair, Sean Stewart, Teddy McDowell (UK rep)

## Dates for your Diary

12 May	Saturday	Midlands and South reunion Lunch, Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny 12.30, details from Billy Given 01-2986843 or Valerie Grimes 01-2896069	19 September Wednesday	A.S.U. Annual General Meeting and Dinner
14 May	Monday	Annual General meeting in the College at 8.00 p.m. followed by refreshments .	6 October	Saturday Northern Ireland Branch AGM and Reunion lunch, venue to be decided. Details from Dorothy Kernahan (048) 90792504 or Valerie Grimes 01-2896069
13 July	Friday	A.S.U. Golf Outing, Beechpark Golf Club	19 October	Friday Annual Dinner, Royal St George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Bookings to Valerie Grimes 01 - 2896069
23 August	Thursday	PPU Members Golf Outing and Dinner, Foxrock Golf Club, booking essential, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time sheet</li> <li>• Rodney Evens 01-2874224,</li> <li>• Bookings for Supper</li> <li>• Ruth Bell 01-2875710</li> </ul>	February	2008 London Reunion lunch, details to be provided later

Log into the Past Pupils Website to see photos of events and for news of other events or to check final details of an event.

## To recent school leavers and recent past pupils... why are you receiving this newsletter?

As a recent school leaver your subscription had been paid for the first six years following leaving school. Six years after leaving Wesley College the PPU then approaches you to encourage you to continue your membership and requests that you then pay your annual

subscription of 20 Euro.

The PPU now wants to focus on recent school leavers and recent past pupils and provide activities and events that might interest this group and to seek how they might consider supporting the college.

What can we do ?

- First, we want to communicate with you and stay in touch with you on-line, have we your email address? If not, send it to Kevin Major, Membership Secretary at: wesley.ppu@gmail.com.

- Second we want to listen to you. If you have questions or suggestions on how the PPU might provide appropriate events for recent past Pupils please contact Lynn McCrave, PPU Reunion Liaison (087 298 5840)
- Third, we welcome your suggestions. How can we improve our Website at - [www.wesleyppu.com](http://www.wesleyppu.com) - or this newsletter that might make them more directed at the younger generation of Past Pupils. Please email your response to Kevin Major at the

email address above.

- Fourth we want to help you. Are you planning a past pupils year reunion, be it after 3 years, 5 years, 10 years etc, you should contact Lynn McCrave, Reunion Liaison (087 298 5840) on the PPU committee who can provide you with support. This has proved a great help for some Past Pupils Reunions. If any group of Past Pupils considers doing something to support the College – be it Fund Raising or to run an event or whatever - again contact Lynn.

## Year of 1966 Reunion Burlington Hotel, 2 September 2006

The year of "66" reunion was held in the middle of the hockey pitch in Tullamaine. For the "Forty Years On" get together we decided nostalgia would rule and thus the hockey pitch, now the restaurant of the Burlington Hotel, would do fine. In fact the tree which encroached on the pitch, near the old entrance, now hangs over the car park of the Burlo. "Mac" used to say that no defending left back could handle a Wesley right winger dribbling around the tree.

The committee assembled 50 of our peers out of an original 80 pupils and the weekend (2<sup>nd</sup> September), started on the Friday night in Madigans in Donnybrook. A collection of 130 photos taken by Gerald Myles

of Wesley between 1960 and 1969 had been compiled to add to the sense of nostalgia. After John Powell had been found looking for us in Kielys, the evening developed with gradual crescendo. The odd thing about reunions like this is how much more pleasant people are to each other at the age of 58 than they were at 18. We talk animatedly to people we may not have spoken to at all in school and ignored, maybe deliberately, when walking down Grafton Street.

On the Saturday night Bishop Richard Clarke said Grace and sent us the best wishes of the Pope, with whom he had recently had an audience. Some had travelled quite a distance to attend, notably Henry Bird from the Indiana branch, Billy Johnston and Jonathan Gray from Madrid and a few from Britain such as Helena McMillan and Mary Johnston. Some of the rugby players decided to mark the occasion by presenting a shield to the school in memory of our

good friend and captain of 1966, Niall Barkman. It will be presented every year to the most promising junior rugby player. Those attending the dinner, friends and team mates of Niall, contributed 500 euro towards the purchase of the shield.

As is probably the case in many such reunions the night ended with a buzz of excitement and possibly a bit of frustration that one had not managed to chat to everyone, even the ones avoided in Grafton Street in 1966.



Les Sanderson, Mike Haliday, Dick Abbott, Linda Wilkins, Henry Bird, Huntley Lauder, Billy Johnston.



Derek Singleton & Les Sanderson.



Henry Bird & Jean Clarke.

Huntley Lauder, Carol Craig & Hugh Milne.



One third of the SCT, Borders All Henry Bird, Billy Johnston, Dick Abbott, Ken Leech & John Powell..



Ilan McCullagh, Gail McCullagh, Hugh Milne & Linda Wilkins.

## Annual Dinner October 2006

Now becoming a tradition the Royal St. George Yacht Club hosted a near full house of members and guests for the Annual Dinner. Amidst one of the finest dining rooms on the east coast of Ireland the Club once again provided excellent fare washed down by fine wines and appropriate minerals. Many of the PPU members who have now passed through the portals of this the Club might find it interesting to look back at the origins of the building .

The clubhouse was designed by Mulvany, a follower of Gandon, designer of the Custom House in Dublin, he produced a beautiful miniature Palladian villa in the neo-classical style for the club.

The builder was Masterson, who built many other beautiful houses in the neighbourhood, including Sorrento Terrace, Dalkey. Work was completed in 1843, but, incredibly, such was the growth in membership, that the clubhouse was already too small. Permission was granted by the Harbour Commissioners in 1845 for an extension of the original façade, which involved clever duplication of the existing iconic portico with the erection of a linking colonnade between. The symmetry and classical grace of the clubhouse was thus preserved in the new building.

In 1963 a major restoration project was undertaken to repair and update the Club's facilities, and this attracted a large number of new members who were ultimately to pave the way for the later developments, including a much-envied multi-purpose club room, a state-of-the-art forecourt extension for dinghies and keelboats, and a fully-equipped dock.

The array of sparkling chains and medals of the visiting Presidents from our kindred college past pupils unions provided that extra glitter to create a wonderful warm atmosphere in the room. The speakers, Chris Woods the Principal provided a very glowing picture of the college and the guest speaker Charlie Richards wooed the assembled throng with witty and appropriate anecdotes, nearly bringing down the club with the laughter he caused.

Very noticeable was the increased number of younger faces which has been a missing part of dinners in past years. We welcomed the head and deputy head girls and boys from the college but also the large number of members of the years of 1966 and 1981 reunion groups along with everyone else who considers themselves young at heart!

Pam Campbell, the President with a large supporting cast of family and friends kept tight control on the proceeding and ensured the event passed on at a comfortable pace. The dinner is

becoming the "hot in place" to attend in late October and if this continues we may need a larger place to hold the numbers in the future.

The Annual Dinner was once again organized with flawless panache and style by Valerie Grimes and her dedicated team, many thanks.



Chris Woods (Principal) & Pam Campbell (Whale)



Madeleine Cooke & Dorothy Kernahan



Jennifer Wilson & Fionnuala Oates



Angus Campion & Gary Motyer.



Johanne Good & Reggie Tyrrell



Margaret Tyrrell (Corcadden) & Vivian Good



Robert & Jennifer Keogh



Robert Leslie & Randal Ferguson



Sam Teo & Hugh Duffy.



Maud Fitzgerald, Gillian & Rachel Bell



Roger Laird & Richard Young

## Northern Ireland Branch - AGM and Lunch with visit to Battle of Boyne site



Ann & Jack Storey

The Northern Branch AGM and lunch took place with a large gathering from both North and South attending at the Monasterboice Inn near Drogheda. This was organized by the Northern Branch through Walter Evens with Dorethy Kernahan and Ken Harte supporting. Once the formalities of the AGM were completed and a lovely lunch consumed the party headed to the site of the Battle of the Boyne where our favourite Northern historian, Past President, Jack Storey took over to keep us enthralled as he escorted us around the site. We let Jack now take up the story of the Boyne.



Dorothy Kernahan & Daphne Wallace, nee May.

At Wesley, Mr Kirkpatrick, who knew of my descent from Dean

George Story of the Boyne often asked me questions re the origin of my family as I knew, back then, that Dean George Story was William's Chaplain at the Boyne. I had read his books and that of Lt. John Stevens (a Jacobite Officer) which is where I got much of my knowledge of the Battle.

James II & William III were the two Kings involved. William was, the son-in-law of his protagonist, James. He had aspirations to the Throne of England. William & Mary had been invited by Parliament as King and Queen of England. James had troops from France, Spain, England & Scotland

with untrained infantry mostly from Ireland.

William's army was a mixture of hardened Dutch, Danish, French Huguenots, Germans and a sector of English society which opposed James and the possibility of his heir, born in 1688, succeeding to the English throne with all that this implied. The Inniskillings

and Irish Williamite Regiments, from the Siege of Derry, were also part of William's army.

Approximately 25,000 Jacobites against 30,000 Williamites took part.

James had been involved in Ireland, with the assistance of Louis XIV, since 1689, at the invitation of Richard Talbot, Earl of Tyrconnell, who had survived the Cromwellian siege of Drogheda and had escaped Cromwell's prisons. Richard Talbot removed many Protestants, who refused to take the oath of allegiance to James, from the Army and other positions.



Brian Fitzgerald, Paul Kingston, Pam Campbell, Joan Dennison.

William had secured Meinhard Shomberg, an experienced General of several wars in Europe. Schomberg's experiences as a "professional soldier" were to prove vital at the Boyne. William wished to oppose the pro-French & anti-Roman Catholic objectives of James. Remember, Louis XIV was responsible for the Edict of Nantes, which enabled Protestants and dissidents to



Ken Harte & Pam Campbell

be imprisoned and persecuted without charge or reason. Additionally, Louis XIV had appointed a French Pope which antagonised Pope Alexander VIII in Rome. Pope Alexander had, in turn, assisted William

with finance & support. Huguenots were pouring out of France and settling in Ireland and other countries where they would feel safe. Ulster benefited from this mass-emigration when the Huguenots brought the linen industry to Ulster.

The Battle of the Boyne was seen as the "crunch"

for both kings. The Boyne was chosen as half-way in Ireland and an ideal site. There were at least five fords on the Boyne between Oldbridge & Drogheda and it was a natural barrier.

James, not a fighting man, chose to view the battle from the Church at Donore, still visible to the South from Oldbridge. He knew that William's Army must first cross the Boyne before they

## Memories of Past Pupils

Starting a new series "Memories of Past Pupils" – to be included in the Website, we want short, interesting and amusing set of memories. To kick off, we are including two in this newsletter - one from Majorie Noble Hankin 1944-1949 and one from Andrew Campbell 1972 -1980. So if you are moved to send us your memories please send them to Peter Squire at apetersquire@iolfree.ie and we will insert them in the website for everyone's interest.

Andrew Campbell 1972 -1980

My Times in Wesley College  
Having spent 7 years in Wesley

and attended in excess of 10,000 different 40 minute classes, you would expect my memories to centre on the classroom but they do not! My memories are:

- There were people in my class from all over the world, Zambia (Patricia Harris), Nigeria (Adewale Adefope), Sri Lanka (Moshin Khetty) and the Middle East (Ooma Reddy).
- Mr Kennedy's talk about verrucas by the swimming pool.
- Warming my hands under the cold water tap after Mr Morrison's rugby training.
- Mr Hughes World Record Organ Marathon in the Myles Hall.
- Collecting old phone books to raise funds for the PTA.

- Sitting on a bus in a traffic jam on the spectacular "Spaghetti Junction" on a tour to Stratford-upon-Avon with Mr O'Connor.
- Our band "Raven" playing in the school concert.
- Mr Austin telling soldiers to point their guns at the ground, after our bus had bizarrely "blown out" a tyre outside the Army Barracks in Newry.
- My first cappuccino in the sixth form common room in Methody College, Belfast.
- Playing on the first ever boys hockey team against KH despite Mr Blackmore's fear that Mr Halliday would "kill him for arranging it."
- When the sports hall was being built, and then as if having been caught in a whirlwind, remember the first

time I was inside the finished building, alas not playing Badminton but sitting my leaving certificate.

In summary, my lasting memories of Wesley are of Multiculturalism, Traffic Jams, Boy Bands, Cappuccino's, Recycling, North/South Peace, Rugby, Building Sites, Guns....All perfect preparation for a life in the Ireland of 2007.



Andrew Campbell

could engage. All along the south bank James had placed snipers and because of the boggy land he guessed that William's army would find it difficult to proceed. William, seeing the situation, diverted some of James' troops by sending a contingent to cross the Boyne upstream at Slane. James, as a result, diverted a large part of his soldiers to defend the ford at Slane.



Ron & Murie Jackson

actually shot Schomberg, aged 82. William assumed command and called upon his Inniskillings to show him "what they had".

William, had been shot on the shoulder the evening prior to the Battle and was having difficulty using his sword, Dean George refers to this. Schomberg, impatient with the progress of



Valerie Grimes & Margaret Gordon

The chaos at Oldbridge with Williamites attempting to cross, Jacobites attempting to prevent them, plus the several artillery battles taking place, not to mention those who had crossed at Slane - all contributed to a situation where experience would eventually prevail. This was how the Williamites won at the Boyne - experience, a King who was actually leading his troops and the superior numbers. James, who remained detached from the battle which

began to ebb towards William, decided to head for Dublin. The entire battle took less than four hours to achieve a result and it was a case of a "trained experienced army" fighting a largely poorly equipped and badly led Jacobite army.

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Lt John Stevens (a Jacobite Officer) describes the retreat as "madness" where the Jacobite Horse broke through the Foot and the infantry removed their coats & shoes so that they could run faster.



Sylvia Ash, Maureen Haire, Dorothy Rolston

No commands, no leadership and general panic was everywhere. Lt Stevens however, describes the gallant efforts of Lord Dungan's DRAGOONS, many of whom were killed, as of "unspeakable" bravery.

soldiers. His second marriage to Mary of Modena, of Louis XIV's Court, when she had a son, had caused consternation in the Tory ranks in England.

James arrived in Dublin where the news was already known and as he prepared to stay the night, Lady Tyrconnell asked him about the battle. James replied that "his Irish troops had run away" - Lady Tyrconnell is reputed to say "Your Majesty seems to have won the race". James was accompanied at the Boyne by the Duke of Berwick & Henry Fitzjames, both illegitimate sons & competent

The Boyne Battle Site is now owned by the State. The large manor house near Oldbridge, was the Coddington home. That house will be converted to an Interpretive Centre soon, actual muskets, mortars, cannon & other weapons are on display there between April & September annually. It is encouraging to Ulstermen, like me, to see the recognition of some of our history by the state.



Walter Evens & Pam Campbell

Marjorie Noble Hankin  
1944-1949 Guest Speaker at  
the London Reunion in 2007

It has been a long time since 1944-1949, the years I attended Wesley College. It was at the end of World War II, and life was not so easy in Ireland. Some of my contemporaries emigrated in the 1950's, mainly to Canada. This was the era of the gym slip and black stockings! In those days girls were called "Miss". I was referred to as Miss Noble instead of Marjorie Noble.

There were three headmasters during my time: Dr. Irwin, the Rev. Mortimer Temple - returned missionary from India and the Rev. Gerald Myles - retired RAF chaplain.

Thomas MacDowell (Mac) was our maths teacher. One of his specialities on Saturday mornings was teaching us how to do "Long Tots for Tiny Tots". thanks to him, I can still add quite rapidly.

Mary Smyth was the Latin teacher. She would breeze into the classroom instructing us to "Write down the date" in Latin. Frances Jackson was my piano teacher. Lessons were given in a tiny room, the size of a couple of walk-in closets. There was no heat except a little electric plug-in beside Miss Jackson. Let me mention how Wesley has changed as regards musical opportunities.

Some years ago I attended a Wesley concert in the National Concert Hall in Dublin. That

is equivalent to Carnegie Hall in New York City. What an inspiration and how meaningful it was to me!

I receive annual reports and learn of the great achievements of many pupils. The headmaster Chris Woods is leading the college into the 21st Century and at the London Reunion Luncheon in 2007 he presented an inspiring report as to what is currently in place and the college plans for the future.

I would like to say how Wesley played an important part in the kind of person I became, and gave me the confidence to leave for London in 1959 and emigrate to the US of A in 1964. There is a line from the college hymn that I

specially remember: "When from Wesley far we scatter". How true it became for me!

Marjorie Noble Hankin (e-mail  
Pamtoplisky@aol.com)



Marjorie Noble Hankin

## London Reunion

Over 80 PPU members attended the now popular London reunion traveling from all parts of the UK, USA and Ireland at the Tower Thistle Hotel - now known as the Guoman Hotel. It continues to provide a beautiful setting beside the Tower of London, nestling close to the Thames and Katherine's Wharf with its beautiful boats, providing a complete contrast to the modern London all around with its many office buildings of every shape and size.

Plenty of time was provided before the lunch for the members to mingle, meet new and old friends in an informal and pleasant environment.

Christopher Woods, the Principal brought the assembled group up to date on the Colleges' activities. We were delighted to see him and his wife, Nicola and their children returning to London to join in the reunion. The Chairman of the Board of Governors, John Harris once again attended with his wife Barbara showing his continued interest in the activities of the PPU.

Pam Campbell, the President welcomed all the members to the lunch and got out of making a speech by introducing Marjorie Noble Hankin, a pupil in 1944 - 1949 to reminisce on her time in the College, reminding many of the members of Wesley College

in St Stephens Green and how different things were in those times - this as she said was "the era of the gym slip and black stockings."

Many of the PPU members from Dublin and other places took advantage of traveling to London to take in some of the well known shows, musicals and plays in the well known theatres around the West End. Restaurants and pubs also benefited from the eager members, once again keen to enjoy good food, beer and wine.

On Saturday a large number of the members from Dublin enjoyed a pleasant evening in one of the better known local pubs, primarily going there to seek good pub food!

On Sunday a large number of past pupils took the opportunity to attend morning service and communion at Westminster Abbey. Despite the pomp and circumstance of the service, with the choir's beautiful chanting, the organ's majestic tones and the beautiful rendering of Bach's well loved Prelude and Fugue in G, the PPU members felt warmly welcomed and entered fully into the whole service.

Unfortunately Liz Callaghan, who each year ensures that the Hotel provides the necessary arrangements for the PPU, was unable to attend due to illness.

Our President, Pam Campbell went to see her on Sunday and thanked her for her help and presented her with a token of our appreciation.

The event remains very popular, providing a chance for many members to take advantage of what London has to offer and at the same time meet with many past pupils who reside outside Ireland. Mark it in your diary for 2008, perhaps convince a group of your friends to travel, from wherever one is located, and enjoy a lovely weekend.



Teddy McDowell, Pam & Forbes Campbell.



Hazel Howe & Heather Martin (Sims).



Robbie Grier & Alberta Hill.



Jim Dixon, Billy Butt & Ron O'Keefe.



Joy Simmons, Gill Simpson-Dickens (Galwey) Ruth White (Walla).



Margaret Gordon & Mary Gardner (Stewart).

## Donation Request Bursary/Benevolent Funds

The PPU wants to increase our involvement with the College and your committee has concluded it needs to be more visible in the College and be seen to contribute to the College in various ways whether it be direct or indirect. We have therefore set out to substantially increase the value of the Bursary and Benevolent funds so that if the need arises we can help even more individual children

to benefit by way of education in the College. See Derek McCullagh's article on the details, of how the Bursary Fund is being used.

Derek highlighted that the PPU transferred some of its operational funds to the Bursary but we still need to continue to grow this fund to be able to make a real impact. Last year we launched a Donation Request particularly focused at Life members, who do not have to pay subscriptions and who constitute by far the largest sector of our membership. The initial response was positive by

a number of Life Members and other members but we want to continue the momentum and raise similar or larger amounts this year, 2007, for either the Bursary or the Benevolent fund.

We are again encouraging, particularly Life members, if they would consider making a donation, indicating to which fund you want the donation to be applied. Perhaps a regular annual donation might be deemed appropriate by way of a Standing order.

Donations small or large should be sent to the Hon Treasurer

Alison Galbraith,  
25 Maretimo Gardens East,  
Blackrock, Co Dublin (Phone 01  
288 8761)

All such donations would be much appreciated and will be personally acknowledged.

## PPU Strategic Action Group

### What's been happening?

Many of you are aware the Executive Committee of the PPU set up a Strategic Action Group over a year ago and we want to provide you with an update on what has been happening.

- A new annual Award is being donated to the College for presentation to Transition year students, starting later this year.
- Regular meeting have taken place with the Principal, Chris Woods, to see how the PPU might assist the college and we are currently discussing a number of ideas
- A donation appeal was introduced to help increase our Bursary and Benevolent funds. As a result a much needed €2000 was raised for the funds. If you would like to contribute it is never too late, contact our treasurer. (See separate Donation Request in the Newsletter)
- The Web-site is now mature and contains an increasing number of photos of events and members from the past three years. We have also noticed a small but increasing number of past pupils

that may come to fruition later this year. This includes the possibility of having an event in 2011 to celebrate the centenary of the first girls becoming pupils in 1911.

accessing the web site from around the world. We are planning to build on this new interest.

- Our focus on increasing e-mail contact between the PPU and members has got off the ground. Members can add their address to the list by sending a note by contacting wesley.ppu@gmail.com.
- Budgets are now being developed for the year ahead which will focus on how we can increase our funds to enable the PPU increase support to the college and the growth of the PPU's membership. We are targeting an increase in younger members.
- A review of standing orders

and subscription payments has highlighted that a number of members still have standing orders at older subscription rates.

(To help you, enclosed with this Newsletter is a letter more fully explaining what action we would ask you to take and a form covering "Membership Updates and a Bankers Standing Order which you may wish to complete, where appropriate.)

- The Life membership rate was changed to bring it up to date with today's economic realities.

As they say a lot done but much more to do!!

## Annual Golf Outing August, 2006

We are indebted to the Captains, Management Committee and Catering Staff at Foxrock Golf Club for again allowing us the use of the course and facilities. The annual outing proved as popular as ever with an almost full Timesheet and a full Dining Room for the Buffet Supper.

Playing conditions were perfect and the competition was keen- the eventual cup winners being :

President's Prize and The Robertson Cup *Brian Egan*

(Brian is a regular supporter of this event and has often featured in the prizes. Having won the trophy last year he had carefully polished it to hand it over- only to take it home again!)

The Wasdale Cup for Old Boys *George Leech* (another annual visitor to Foxrock)

The Kingston Cup for Old Girls *Jo Swan*

(Jo was one of those making a first appearance at our outing and we were delighted to see a first-timer take home the silverware.)

We greatly appreciate the support of all those who attend this function, golfers and diners alike. As with all our events the prime purpose is to enjoy a social gathering and renew old friendships. However, at committee level we must ensure that all events generate funds to enable us to continue our support of the College. An event such as this

could not run profitably without the generous support of our sponsors- this year, AIB, Robert Bell and Rodney Evans Motors. This year we also had a gift for a non-golfing lady and gentleman. These were kindly presented to us by Alan Morris, Avoca Jewellers.

It has been reported that a property developer has made an offer for the purchase of the land at Foxrock. Our booking for August 2007 is secure – but could this be our last outing at this beautiful course? If so, let's make it the biggest and the best!

Book well in advance with Rodney Evans - Tel. No. 287 4224



Presidents Prize Robertson Cup Brian Egan.



Old Girls Kingston Cup Jo Swan (Greene) & the President.



President & Stephen Bell.



Old Boys Wasdale Cup George Leech.



Jackie McCoy (Grace) & Ken Leech.



President & Derek Squire.

## A Message from the Principal



Chris Woods (Principal)

It is my pleasure, once again, to write to all past pupils of Wesley College and pass on my best wishes. The last year has been a very eventful one, and I have had the great pleasure of meeting up with former pupils of the College on a number of occasions. The Annual Dinner is, of course, a wonderful event but I was delighted to be able to make it to the London Re-union where I was able to meet up with so many past pupils who live abroad.

I hope that you all have the opportunity to see our annual Yearbook, or the regular parent newsletter, Wesley Up-date. These publications give a

wonderful overview of life in Wesley and an indication of the range of activities of our current pupils. In addition, I would like to recommend that Past Pupils take the opportunity to look at the College website ([www.wesleycollege.ie](http://www.wesleycollege.ie)) from time to time. This is now regularly up-dated so that the College community may keep themselves informed of all that is going on. While those of you with broadband will get the most from this site, it is well worth ordinary internet users having a look.

We are now mid-way through our first year with the use of the new 6<sup>th</sup> Year Centre and new Careers Library. Both of these additions to our campus allow us to provide enhanced facilities to our senior students. Pupils in their final year now have the space to work, read and research as they prepare for the all-important Leaving Certificate Examination and consider 3<sup>rd</sup> level options. I am delighted that we have been able to provide this enhanced space for them. Our Dining Hall has also been given a new look and a fresher feel with new furniture and flooring.

period.

The beautiful, St Canice's Cathedral, dates from the 13<sup>th</sup> century and those PPU members who attended the reunion in 2006 will be pleased to hear that after the forthcoming lunch, this year, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007, those who attend will be able to learn something about bell ringing and listen to the melodious tones of the Cathedrals' bells.

PPU members traveled from all parts of Ireland - South, West, Midlands, North the East - for last year's luncheon and considerable time was provided to enable members to meet informally and renew acquaintances, indeed a number of classmates had not seen each other for some forty years!

Billy Given again with his now well established band of "agents" around the country again rounded up a large number of members. The Chairman of the Board - John Harris regaled the members with the current activities of the College which

The Governors of the College have also agreed to a considerable up-grade of the Boarding Houses. Over a two-year period plumbing, lighting and the junior rooms will be enhanced in both Embury and Epworth Houses. This is wonderful news and confirms Wesley's commitment to the provision of boarding for our students.

Academically, you will be pleased to know that the Class of 2006 performed exceptionally well in their final examinations. There was an atmosphere of pride and achievement when the results envelopes were opened in the College last year and it emerged that the student points average was the highest on record.

In addition, of course, the College is proud to maintain its commitment to an all-round education. I am writing this message to you following the Music Festival which this year attracted the participation of over 500 students from over 40 schools around the country; our Model United Nations debaters have returned from a competition in Bath and in

two days' time our senior boys Hockey team will be out to defend the Leinster Cup which we have held for two years running. All in a week's work in Wesley!

To complement this dynamic academic and extra-curricular programme, I am delighted to accept a proposal from the Past Pupils' Union for a "Spirit of Transition Year Award". This new trophy will be awarded to an outstanding Transition Year Student each year. It is intended that this will be presented at Prize Night on an annual basis, and I know that the addition of this award will be very well received in the College.

I would like to wish all in the PPU the very best and thank your President, Pam Campbell for her great support this year. It is a continuing strength for us in the College to have such an active and interested Past Pupils Union and I very much value the all of the work done by the PPU Committee which is so important to the wider Wesley community.

Chris Woods (Principal)

## Midlands and South Reunion Newpark Hotel May 2006

The Midlands and South Reunion continues to meet - its third reunion - in Kilkenny, the centre of Ireland.

This city has a long and interesting history, it was the venue of many parliaments during the fourteenth century including that of 1366 which passed the infamous Statute of Kilkenny which made it high treason for any Anglo-Norman to marry an Irishwoman. We trust this does not cause any difficulties for any of our members who attend this reunion of the PPU! The city's most glorious period was from 1642 - 1648 when the Confederation of Kilkenny represented both the Old Irish and the Anglo Irish Catholics functioning as an independent Irish Parliament. Those local PPU members attending might well argue that the current years are providing an even more glorious

each year shows how the college is expanding more and more in what is provided for the current pupils.

Probably as you read this you will still have time to make arrangements to attend the lunch this year on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Just call Billy Given and check-in. (01-2986943)



Walter Evens, Vivian Good and friends.



Dorothy Pennefather & Hazel Burleigh.



Ruth Bell & Denise Barkman.



Ian McCullagh & Peter Polden.



Leslie Harper, Joan Johnston (Willoughby) & Ernie Armitage.



Betty Powell & Olive Powell (both nee Dagg).



## Annual Table Quiz Fund Raising Event

A record attendance turned up at Old Wesley Rugby Football Club that filled twenty seven tables, a new location for this fund raising event.

The Club house was packed, tables and glasses were full, participants on their marks, all set for the quiz. This created a great environment for members



Deirdre Chadwick, quizmaster

to pit their brains against the new Quiz master, or we should say mistress, Deirdre Chadwick, her first time to develop the questions and to put them to the full house. Twelve very varied rounds kept members on tender hooks as to which table would run out the winner .

During the evening a presentation was made by Pam Campbell, PPU President to Ernest Smythe, who had masterminded the Quiz for many years. His dedication and huge involvement to the successful running of the Quiz in past years was much appreciated by all the PPU members attending. Regrettably his wife, Babs was unable to attend but the President acknowledged her assistance by also presenting Ernest with a bouquet of flowers for Babs.

Deirdre was supported, by

Brian her husband, who using the latest technology enabled the members to see the questions on a large screen. The tension was maintained by continuous updates on the screen as to the changing scores and showing where each table stood at the end of each round. Maud Fitzgerald and Peter Squire scored the answer sheets and Valerie Grimes and Alison Galbraith made all the arrangements. Thanks to the team.

Supper was provided by Michael Weaver, the Steward of Old Wesley. Our thanks to the Rugby club for opening the bar and helping to make the event so successful.

The winning table, were Rachael and Timothy Paul, Lindy Ellis & Janet Jolley. They kindly returned their prize back to the PPU for the Bursary Fund.

Our thanks and congratulations to them and the other six tables who also won prizes. Part of the fund raising included a raffle to also raise funds for the Bursary Fund, the winner Hazel Burleigh (nee Armstrong) being presented with a digital camera. As with the Quiz a number of others were lucky and also won prizes.

The results of all the activities has enabled the PPU to send in excess of 1,700 Euro to the Bursary Fund. Our thanks to all who contributed and to those who donated or sponsored the prizes.

Feedback from members has been very positive, again thanks to all who attended and supported this successful venture. It certainly continues to be an event to put in your diary for next year.



Another happy table.



Geraint & Maureen Waters, Fiona & Kevin Major.



Gordon & Anglea Clark, Norma & Gordon Henderson.



Hazel Burleigh, (nee Armstrong) Raffle winner with Pam Campbell.



Winners! Rachael & Timothy Paul, Lindy Ellis & Janet Jolley.



Hazel McCullagh, Gavin McCullagh & Libby Turner.



John & Susan McInerney, Jeremy Walpole.



Pam Campbell with runners up, Roger Laird, Randel Ferguson, Sandra Ringland & Authur Ennis.



Pam Campbell Presentation to Ernest Smythe.

## Bursary Funds

One of the most important roles of the Past Pupils' Union is the support, through the Bursary Funds, pupils who might not otherwise be able to afford to attend Wesley.

Thanks to the generosity of the late Doreen McDonnell, who

left a bequest of £250,000 to establish a Bursary Fund, the Union has been able to provide bursaries amounting to €183,000 between 1996/97 and the current year, of which €150,000 came from the McDonnell fund. €33,000 came from the PPU Bursary Fund (and the OBU and OGU Funds which are now exhausted). The value of the

McDonnell Fund at the end of last year stood at €360,000 so that its original value has been maintained.

However the PPU Fund stood at only €18,000 and it is hoped to build this up until it can, like the McDonnell Fund, pay bursaries out of income without touching the Capital. The Executive has

decided to transfer €10,000 to start this build-up and with the recent Table Quiz the fund will be up to nearly €30,000. The Funds are currently supporting 13 pupils with tuition bursaries and 2 with music bursaries and there is still a considerable need for bursaries from people who, for whatever reason, have fallen on difficult times. *Derek McCullagh*

## Class of 1986

### Reunion,

in Old Wesley RFC,  
6<sup>th</sup> May 2006

All, bar one person, for that year was contacted, which in itself was a great achievement. A great response was received from worldwide locations - Australia, New Zealand, California, Washington, Hong Kong, Israel, France, England and of course Ireland.

Approximately 70 were able to attend with many traveling long distances. A wonderful night was

had by all with promises by all to attend a 25<sup>th</sup> reunion! Many thanks to all who made the effort to attend, a those who traveled from afar. Lots of people were delighted to get in touch with friends they hadn't heard from, since leaving Wesley in 1986, with people who couldn't attend also getting in contact with other past pupils.

Roll on the 25<sup>th</sup> year reunion!

Gillian & Clifford Guest



James Lee, Marcus Moynan, Jeff Smyth.



Clifford Guest & David Williams.



Andrew Gallagher, David Pfeiffer, David Bursley & Helen (Tracey) Barry.



Clifford Guest, Helen (Johnston) Hoy, Hazel (Fyffe) Boles, Tim Gill, Gillian (Leybourne) Myers, Nicola Shaw.



James Lee, Yvonne Sargent, John Sisson, Gillian (Burns) Guest, Gillian (Leybourne) Myers, Avril (Gillespie) Eggar, Norma (Johnston) Armitage.



David Pfeiffer, Helen (Tracey) Barry & Suzanne Beattie.

## Past Pupils News Item

2006 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of George Bernard Shaw, Wesley College's most famous past pupil. We are delighted to hear that the College has celebrated this birthday by naming a room in the Music and Arts Centre, the Shaw Auditorium and that the Dramatic Society will perform his play, Pygmalion, before the end of the year.

On March 31, 2006 the Very Rev. Michael Burrows was consecrated Church of Ireland Bishop of Cashel and Ossory in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. After his time in Wesley College he was awarded a first class moderatorship in History and Political Science and an M. Litt by Trinity College Dublin. He served as Dean of Residence in TCD, Rector of Bandon and Dean of Cork.

Louis Lentin and Donald Teskey, drawn from the visual arts, have been elected members of Aosdana, an affiliation of those creative artists in Ireland who have made "an outstanding contribution to the arts".

Rev. Dr Heather (Kingston) Morris, Director of Ministry, Edgehill College, Belfast, was one of the representatives of the Methodist Church in Ireland at the 9<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the World Council of Churches, meeting in Porto Alegre, Brazil in February 2006. She also travelled to Seoul, Korea to attend the World Methodist Conference where she

gave one of the bible studies.

William J. McCormack is the author of a controversial book, Blood Kindred, W. B. Yeats, The Life, The Death, The Politics, published by Pimlico. He admires the work of Yeats "probably the greatest poet in the English language since John Milton, and certainly the greatest since Wordsworth" but also maintains that "his abundance of emotions found no room for compassion".

Richard Burrows, Governor of the Bank of Ireland, Chairman of Irish Distillers, a Director of Pernod Ricard (recently retired from the position of Managing Director), has been awarded the 2005 Industry Gold Medal by the Royal Dublin Society. His hobby is competitive sailing.

Elsbeth Henderson, the former Principal of Mount Temple Comprehensive School, Dublin is enjoying a busy retirement. She has been doing consultancy work for the Department of Education advising and assisting families with children who are experiencing difficulty at school. She is Chair of the World Board of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts which has more than ten million members in 145 countries.

Michael Jackson, who set up his own pottery, Stoneware Jackson, in 1974 is closing his pottery in order to concentrate on the designing and making of porcelain sculptures in a fine art studio.

Eric Miller has retired from playing rugby after being capped

48 times by Ireland and touring South Africa with the British and Irish Lions. He played for Ireland in the 1999 and 2003 World Cup Tournaments. During his professional career he played for Leicester Tigers, Ulster and Leinster. He has a new career as a personal trainer, under the company name, Clinical Fitness and has resumed playing Gaelic football, joining Ballyboden St. Enda's.

Paul Drury is the editor of a new newspaper, the Irish Daily Mail, whose first issue appeared on 1 February 2006.

A piece of music entitled MAP and composed by Andrew Hamilton was recently performed by the RTE Symphony Orchestra conducted by Robert Houlihan in the National Concert Hall. The Irish Times critic referred to "the sureness and freshness of the music".

Julian Caplin is managing partner of Moore Stephens Caplin Meehan, Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, a member firm of Moore Stephens, one of the world's leading accounting and consulting networks with 440 offices in 91 countries.

Patrick Purser works with Pro Silva Ireland involved in heritage forestry.

Robert Lawson is a divisional director in Lisney's Dun Laoghaire office.

Stewart Gee from Shinrone has spent a three month internship with Concern in Haiti where

he investigated how the fishing industry can be made into a viable industry for the people. He studied Agricultural and Environmental Science at UCD and returned to college to do a Masters in Humanitarian Action.

Oliver Mitchell (Class of 1999) qualified with a 1<sup>st</sup> class honours degree from I.T. Tallaght in 2003 and has now qualified (2005) with A.C.A. Institute of Chartered Accountancy

Heather Jones (Class of 1996) was conferred with a Ph.D degree by Trinity College in July.

Clive Moutray has been appointed a Director of the Board of G. & T. Crampton.

Timothy Bowen has been awarded a gold medal from Trinity College for his degree results.

Stephen Huggard (Class of 2002) was one of eighteen students chosen to take part in the NASA FAS Science Challenge Graduate Programme.

Anna Rice (Class of 1999) is a composer and songwriter and was a recent recipient of the Bill Whelan International Music Bursary for 2006. This bursary was set up to help gifted Irish students who have chosen to further their studies at third level institutes overseas.

Gavin Maloney (Class of 2000) is Assistant Conductor of the RTE National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland.

**Wesley College  
Reunion Class of  
1981,  
Airfield House,  
9 September 2006**

A gathering of past pupils at a funeral two years earlier started the ball rolling and the nucleus of the committee was born. Within a couple of months we had organised our first meeting. We decided we would go ahead and organise the reunion even if it meant that we were the only ones attending.

Emigration was a major factor to consider as the eighties was an era when school leavers travelled abroad to find greener pastures. Tracking down as many as 50% who had gone abroad proved to be a sizable challenge. We were keen to give at least a years notice to allow everyone to slot it into their calendar, giving those who were overseas the opportunity to combine the event with a trip home to visit family and friends.

Two monthly meetings became monthly and it all culminated in an extremely crucial and enjoyable meeting in London hosted by Judy Williams. I have to say that all of our meetings were most enjoyable events unlike most committee meetings we all looked forward to them. Duties were shared equally and life was certainly made easier through the medium of e-mail, although phone calls became necessary on the home straight with three

months to go. Our goal was to make contact with, and get a response whether positive or negative from, as many as we could.

Our efforts were richly rewarded which was reflected in the final numbers on the night including the tremendous response from those who travelled from around the world. We were delighted that 15 teachers joined us for drinks beforehand including our former headmaster Ken Blackmore and his wife Joan. Classmates were greeted by the Committee and given a name badge (containing their sixth year photo, which provided many a chuckle). A wine reception was followed by a fabulous meal, after which everyone sat to watch an emotional and amusing slide show. A few short but hilarious speeches took place, then everyone chatted and caught up with old friends. Everyone eventually departed with a little goodie bag and a night of wonderful memories.

The dedication and hard work of the committee was truly rewarded by the expressions on the faces of people as they arrived to Airfield House and in the praise

that was received before, during, and after the evening.

The total numbers on the night amounted to 83, made up of 64 past pupils, 15 partners and 4 PPU committee members.

The Committee would like to convey our appreciation to Wesley College and particularly Mavis Johnson, for her assistance in tracking down past pupils, Mike Halliday for his assistance in pulling out archive material from the college, and the recently retired Arnie Edge for his unique tour of the school the following day (How he hasn't had both hips replaced I'll never know). Our thanks goes to the PPU for their assistance in many ways especially linking to their website and particularly Lynn McCrave

for all her advice and assistance. Also I would like to mention fellow pupils Richard Young and his organisation of CD's and Michael Byers for his help with the banners for the night, as well as opening his home to the mob right through to breakfast the next day.

The committee were Elaine Macken, Sean Stewart, Judy Williams, Sandra Miller, Randal Ferguson, Robert Leslie and Roger Laird.

Photos of the night and other related material are all visible on the web at [www.iol.ie/~leslie](http://www.iol.ie/~leslie)

*Roger Laird  
Committee Chairman*



Committee Roger Laird, Robert, Leslie, Sean, Stewart, Judy Williams and PPU Committee friends.



Richard Halliday, Olive Vanderflier, D.K. & Dirk Vanderflier.



Lorraine Tetcor & Jonathon Jacob.



Alan Morris & Kara Prole.



Richard Young, Monique Goor & Arnaud Schmutzer.



Michael Byers & Lucy McColgon.



Ken McCullagh & Wendy Walsh.



Alex Kellet & Judy Colin.



Sharon Stanley & Diane McKee.



Sean Stewart & Pam Campbell.



Ruth Eager & Stephen Briggs.



Gary Motyer & Wendy Mitchell.

## Past Pupils News

### Engagements

Jill Chambers to Jonathan Campbell  
Nick Crawford to Tanja Bronst  
Simon Kingston to Victoria Cook  
Jonathan Kingston to Allison Leech  
Lindsay Davis to Justin Harrison  
Wesley Earl to Joanne Hayes  
Hannah Perrin to Peter Harty  
Jason Crawford to Jean Flavin  
Julie Cole to Lloyd Dowzer  
Alison Storey to Gavin Martin  
Zoe Cleary to William Lomas  
Samantha Gibson to Mark Barnbrook  
Joanna Balding to Alistair Howell  
Claire Balding to Robert Cornmell  
Isabelle Bouiller to Jonathan White  
Jonathan Dockrell to Philippa Clarke  
Ian Kirwan to Heather Grose  
Laura Rice to Brett Willard  
Zoe Welsh to Scott Hill  
Mark England to Melissa Kelly  
Mark Livingston to Tanya Brooks

### Marriages

Kym Seligman to John McGrath  
Dorothy Clarke to Joseph Forsuh  
Niall Gibney to Sandra D'Alton  
Conor Agnew to Michelle Agar  
Eric Brown to Hillary Robinson  
Deborah Wynne to Camilo Castro  
Suzanne Armstrong to John Best  
Scott McConnell to Julie McIlwaine  
Kyle Taylor to Claire Matchett  
David Sandall to Hannah Peach  
Paul Sandall to Joanne Smith  
Vyvian White to Vivienne McCourt  
Colin Stanley to Olivia Burke  
Jan Perrin to Ivan Ovington  
Nicola Proger to John Barrie  
Sandra McCoy to Cathal Lynch  
Alastair Carter to Triona Murphy  
Barry Woods to Sinead Worthington  
Kerry Naismith to Mark Byrne  
Heather Burnett to Liam Niland  
Amanda Elliott to Justin Berkeley  
Peter Campbell to Louise Guerin  
Alan Pollard to Rachel Brennan

### Births

To Avril (Hobson) and Michael Keane, a daughter  
To Jonathan and Clare Crivon, a son  
To Joy (Marshall) and Rob Cussen, a daughter  
To Richard and Gillian Goodbody, a daughter  
To Andrew and Katie (Duckenfield) Faulkner, a son  
To Remco and Rachel de Fouw, a son  
To Stephen and Rachel Howe, a daughter  
To Judith (Haslett) and Paul Beswick, a daughter  
To Gina (Priestman) and Declan Byrne, a daughter  
To Reid and Norma (Johnston) Armitage, a daughter  
To Gillian (Bird) and Stephen Johnston, a son  
To Judith (Ritchie) and Robert Taylor, a daughter  
To Julie (Quin) and Aidan Lawlor, a son  
To Andrew and Elaine Bowers, a daughter  
To Liz (Burse) and Ian Combe, a daughter  
To John and Lesley Miller, a son  
To George and Emily (Bradley) Clarke  
To Russell and Sarah Armstrong, a son  
To Gordon and Meg Elliott, a daughter  
To Kingsley and Daphne Sutton, a son  
To Trevor and Pia Dolan, a daughter  
To Wendy (Mantle) and Stuart Reid, a son  
To Shameela (Bhagwan) and Gareth Lyons, a daughter  
To Keith and Rosie Armitage, a son  
To Peter and Ciara Squires, a daughter  
To Susan (Jenkins) and Andrew Moore, a daughter  
To Joy (McCullagh) and John Cooke, a daughter  
To James and Jane Johnston, a son  
To Lorna (Sandall) and Keith Lemon, a daughter  
To Tara (Naismith) and Brian Walsh, a son  
To Lorraine (McAdam) and Stephen Hill, a son  
To Lyndsey Walters and Karl O'Boyle, a son  
To Deirdre (Armitage) and Ed McKeown, twin sons  
To Candia (Kingston) and David Clarke, a son  
To Heather (Eagar) and Conor Perdue, a daughter  
To Stuart and Laurence Campbell, a son  
To Timothy and Vivienne Crooks, a son

To Karen (Deering) and Brian Delany, a son  
To Don and Helen Clarke, a daughter  
To Michelle (Grantham) and Edward Hennessy, a son  
To Nalina (Bhagwan) and Nicholas Jones, a son  
To Tracy Varian and John King, a daughter  
To Alison (Mawhinney) and Iorwerth Griffiths, a daughter  
To Lucinda (Taylor) and Barry McGrath, a son

### In Memoriam

(Information provided by the College who have been notified of these deaths since our last Newsletter of April 2006)

We offer our sympathy to the families of the following:

Robert Deverell (Class of 1964)  
Linda (Deverell) Brown (Class of 1964)  
Bryan Stewart (Class of 1973)  
Audrey (Adams) Duffy  
Moir Patton  
John Lea  
Eric Stedmond  
Wingfield Greene  
Rev. Ted Lindsay  
Jane (Ethel) Moore (Graham)  
Rev. Alfred Bradshaw  
John Smith  
Dermot FitzGerald  
Ivan Mahon  
Belinda (Cohen) Harrison (Class of 1977)  
Wesley Pierpoint  
Ivan Tyrrell

We apologise if we have not mentioned everyone we should have. Often we do not hear for many months or even longer of the death of former pupils and so continue to send mail, which can be upsetting for families. If you know of a death on any past pupils please let us know so that we can prevent this.

## Must obtain items

### The Millennium Book

This remains a worthy addition to the bookshelves of any past pupil. Together with profiles submitted by over 300 Pupils, the Millennium Book includes a brief history of the College, Milestones from the Decades (1900-2000) and some very interesting articles by prominent Past Pupils who have made a major contribution to the community.

The Millennium Book was published by the PPU to raise funds for the College's ongoing development plans. On completion of the project a cheque for 10,000 Euro was presented to the College.

There are still a few copies available from the PPU at, minimum, 10.00 Euro per copy (12.00 Euro by post). Proceeds to go to the Bursary and Benevolent Funds.

### Past Pupils Union Tie

These can be purchased from the deputy Administrator, Wesley College, Dublin 16, costing 13.00 Euro or 15.00 Euro to cover postal delivery to Ireland or Britain.

### College Annual Year Book

Elsewhere in this newsletter the Principal has referred in his message to the College Annual Year Book. A limited number of copies are available. Contact the PPU to seek a copy.