

Old Portora News 2014.



Boathouse Opening

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President's letter

Dear Old Portorans,



During the past year the Old Portora Union has again organised five events. The annual dinner in September

was attended by old Portorans, partners and guests from other schools. Roy Cathcart organised a reunion on the same evening and spoke of his fond memories of the school.

The Dublin lunch, Belfast lunch, and London dinner again were successful functions and are now annual events due to their popularity.

There was also a forty year reunion organised by Ian Elliott. Anyone wishing to organise a reunion should contact the secretary on robhannort@aol.com. Reunions can be arranged to coincide with the annual dinner on September 20th.

The major event of the year was the opening of the boat house by Michael West. We are very appreciative to all the contributions made by Old Portorans to the project.

I would like to thank the secretary for organising this magazine and would ask all Old Portorans to make his job easier by sending him information for next year's magazine.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years in office as president and wish my successor Stephen Richmond well for his two-year term in office. He will be installed as President at the Annual Dinner on 20 September 2014.

With Best Wishes,
James Pattison.





Headmaster's Report



This year has continued with the same rich array of activities and events that characterize every year. Although students and teachers found

the length of the second term (from January to mid-April) to be physically challenging, there was no diminution of energy or commitment.

During the Christmas term, two of the great defining events of our school year occurred: the Remembrance Services, addressed this year by the Dean of St McCartin's (and School Chaplain) and Speech day and Prize Distribution. Our guest speaker on Speech Day was Old Portoran, Patrick Armstrong FRCSEd (T&O) (1980-85), Director of the Elective Care and Surgical Business Unit for North Cumbria University Hospitals Trust. As well as being a highly successful academic student, Patrick was an international oarsman at school and at university.

On 14th March 2014, I accompanied the Head Prefect, Matthew Coalter, and his deputies, John Trimble and Dean Oldcroft, to the Old Portora Dinner (London branch) at the Army and Navy Club, St James Square, London. It is the custom that the Head Prefect addresses the dinner guests with a resume of the school activities. The evening also included a speech from Dean as the recipient of the OPU Annual Bursary.

The Guest Speaker was the Chair of the Board of Governors, the Right Reverend John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher.

PORTORA IN FOCUS

In February 2014, Portora Royal School was chosen as the first school to be featured in The Belfast Newsletter Schools in Focus feature. The school enjoyed a double page spread in the paper. The school was chosen and was featured as a consequence of the high esteem in which it is held. And that – of course – is down to the students (and their teachers and supporters). The Board ensured that a copy of the paper was presented to every student.

THE NORTHRIDGE BOATHOUSE: TOWARDS A SHARED FUTURE

Since my last letter for this publication, the new boathouse has transformed the experience of our oarsmen and women. The facility was declared open on the 22 June 2013 by Dr Michael West, OP and his wife Ruth who have been generous benefactors to the school. After the opening ceremony, Michael and Ruth unveiled a boat named in their honour. A second boat was named after Mr Ian Crawford, OP and Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Governors. Mr Crawford has worked quietly and constantly for many years ensuring the integrity of the school estate.



The Boathouse was named in honour of Robert Northbridge, whose dogged commitment and resilience in driving the fundraising campaign ensured such a magnificent facility. In acknowledgement of the commitment to ensuring that rowing is a sport open to all young people in the county, the motto, "Towards a Shared Future" adorns the facade along with Robert's name.

The opening ceremony was attended by well over 200 friends and donors and several generations of Old Portorans travelled from throughout GB and Ireland to be part of the celebrations. We were honoured to welcome Minister Arlene Foster.

The Minister for Culture, Ms Caral Ni Chuilin and the MP, Ms Gildernew have on separate occasions visited the facility

and spoken with rowers from throughout the county who benefit from club membership. Mrs Foster had facilitated a meeting with the Culture Minister in which Ms Ni Chuilin had expressed her support for the project. The result was an equipment grant of £50,000 from SportNI.

BLUE PLAQUES

While the boathouse represented a declaration of faith in the future, one other event took place that same month which reminded us of the rich history of the school. On the 1st June - the anniversary of his birth - the Ulster History Circle unveiled a Blue Plaque in memory of Henry Francis Lyte who



attended the school at the beginning of the 19th Century. Lyte is revered as a hymn writer and Abide With Me and Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven remain some of the most popular hymns song throughout the world today.

It was a very moving ceremony with the choir singing Abide With Me on the steps at the terrace. The unveiling was carried out by the Right Reverend John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher and Chair of the Board of Governors who also gave an address.

The erection of the plaque to Lyte means that the school is now adorned with three such reminders of past students who have made significant contributions to world culture and arts, Oscar Wilde, Samuel Beckett and Henry Francis Lyte. In Northern Ireland, the only other institution with three Blue Plaques is the Queen's University in Belfast.

ACADEMIC SUCCESSES

For several years we have been ranked in the top 25 schools and our A Level statistics have been the best in the county on several occasions. Unfortunately, this year's figures were depressed compared to previous years. We identified a pattern of underachievement and were disappointed at the raw figures achieved at A Level (although deeper analysis offered a lot to celebrate).

On the other hand, our GCSE results, were the best enjoyed in several years. Of all the grades achieved, 42% were A* and A. All students achieved at least

5 GCSE subjects at grade C or better, while 96% achieved 7 or more subjects at grade C or better against the NI average for grammar schools of 92%.

All but two students achieved at least 7 subjects including English and Maths - a remarkable result given the broad range of ability as indicated by transfer grades. The NI average is 90.0%.

We were ranked top boys' school and fourth equal overall in NI at GCSE.

The outstanding individual performance was registered by Alistair Crawford who collected 10 A star grades, closely followed by Philip Simpson and Ethan McCrystal with nine A star grades and one A.

Ewan Murray is acknowledged in the rowing report as an athlete of great potential and considerable achievement. He is also a fine student: this year he was placed third in NICCEA Design and Technology GCSE and equal first in Art. His Art work and the work of Aaron Deery (Year 14) were selected for an exhibition in the Ulster Museum to celebrate the achievements of the best young artists in the 2013 examination cohort. Once again, the excellent work of the Design and Technology and Art Departments is acknowledged in dispatches from CCEA.

One of our Year 14 students - Gavin Hilliard - has won a JP McManus All Ireland Scholarship, through which he will receive 5,000 euros each year of his degree course. The scholarship was realised through excellence at A Level. Shortly before the examination season, Gavin suffered a serious shoulder injury



which rendered handwriting impossible. Despite the trauma of the injury and the subsequent stress, he achieved two A star and two A grades. Jack Phippen from last year's Year 14 had received a scholarship from TCD as a first-year student in recognition of his excellent A level performances. Portora has a long and successful relationship with Trinity and our students have excelled there in so many fields. It was two years ago that Alan Irvine and Phillip Snoddy graduated with first class honours and top of the year in their subjects.

In August, the Department of Education published their Benchmarking Data for each school, based on a three year rolling average. If it is read as an academic health check, it clearly indicates that the school is very fit indeed. Of particular importance is the improvement rendered in the literacy score of our students in Key Stage 3, as a result of the focus placed on that area by Ms Heap and her colleagues. 97% of our Year 10 students finished Key Stage 3 with Level 6 or higher in Communication. This is the level expected of grammar school students with strong academic credentials, yet our intake at Year 8 is characterised by a broader academic profile than other grammar schools.

YOUNG SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR

After an absence of many years, Portora was represented in the final stages of this prestigious competition by Cliona Mulligan, Year 13. Cliona received third place in the Senior Individual Award and



also won the Environmental Protection Agency's Special Award for her project, "the demise of our hedgerow trees and shrubs and implications for our environment".

SPORTING SUCCESSES ROWING

It goes without saying that the members of the Boat Club have responded appropriately to the new opportunities offered by the community investment in a new facility. July saw the culmination of the 2012/13 rowing season with the National Championships in Cork. All of the competitions leading up to the Championships gave us hope that this season was going to be the best ever. And so it proved. During the summer our 72 rowers and their coaches produced an exceptional set of results at the Championships. The major success was that of Phoebe Mulligan and Dineka Maguire who won the Junior 18 Irish Championship pairs of Ireland. Phoebe has now started a rowing and academic scholarship in Tulsa University, USA and



Dineka Maguire has started her degree at The Queen's University, Belfast where she continues to row.

Other notable wins came from the Boys and Girls Junior 16 eights who won their events against strong competition in their finals. The boys Junior 14 quad scull also achieved a victory, a great achievement for them and the school and one which indicates the excellence we can look forward to in years to come. Individually, both Ewan Murray (Y13) and Alistair Crawford (Y13) represented Ireland during the summer in Nottingham at the Home Countries, where they finished third in the Junior men's eight. Phoebe Mulligan represented Ireland at the European Juniors in Lucerne Switzerland competing in the Junior Women's eight and the Junior women's Single sculls. She finished sixth in both events.

This early part of this season was seriously curtailed by the heavy rain.

Biblical in its impact, it caused the cancellation of several events, including our own Head of the Erne in March. The first outing for the club – the Neptune Head - took place on 5th April in Dublin. The squads made up for lost opportunities by winning six out of the seven races in which they had been entered. They won the Boys' Junior 18 8+ and the J16 8+, beating Bann Rowing Club in both Finals.

The Boys J 15 8+ won their final, beating Neptune Rowing.

Our female squads won the J16 8+, against Galway Rowing Club; the J15 8+ against Athlone Boat Club and the Club 8+ won their final against University College Dublin.

Over the weekend of 12th and 13th April, our squads were racing in the first Grand League regatta in Cork at the Skibbereen Grand League Regatta. The boys and girls J18 and J16 eights won their events as did the Junior boys 16 Coxed four and Junior Boys 15 Coxed



Quad scull events.

After sterling performances in the Trials on 15th March, Ewan Murray and Barney Rix are through to Irish Nationals final in Cork.

RUGBY

It has been a wonderful season for John Clarke, Y13, son of OP, Ray Clarke (and our Head of Key Stage 3). He was selected to play for Ulster U18 Schools in the 2013 Inter-provincial Championship against Connacht, Leinster & Munster in September. He also played for Ulster U18 schools against Cardiff Blues (where he scored a try) in Cardiff and Sale Sharks in Manchester during the month of August. He is now training with the full Ulster U19 squad.

All rugby squads took part during August in pre-season training and have enjoyed a full competitive calendar since then. Both the 1st XV and the Medallion

side registered important wins against Omagh Academy during the first week of October after a number of close matches in which their potential was evident and the Firsts followed that victory with a win against Dungannon Royal School.

More students than ever are playing competitive rugby and Mr Clarke has been delighted by the positive response to his reconvening of a 3rd XV, an initiative which will only strengthen senior rugby at the school.

Unfortunately, the Cup and Shield runs of our premier teams were short-lived, with the 1st XV being narrowly defeated by Regent House (Away) and the Medallion Shield losing to Grosvenor Grammar School (Away). The 1st XV squad travelled to Belfast on 5th April to take part in the Campbell College Sevens Competition. Unfortunately, the event clashed with the Neptune Regatta and many of our backs were required





for boat duty. Nevertheless, the squad acquitted themselves well.

Regular rugby match reports with pictures are now being printed weekly in both the Herald & Impartial.

Mr Clarke and Mr Walker, our Rugby Development Officer, led our senior players in an Easter tour to Portugal. The tour involved the team playing two matches against local opposition (one win, one defeat) as well as recreational activities, such as taking in the Benfica and Porto match at Benfica Stadium. It was Mr Walker's last official role as Rugby Development Officer for the school after almost four years of service. He has been an inspiration to many of our students and his enthusiasm for rugby, married to his knowledge and skills, ensured that more students turned out to train and play than for many years. He leaves the Rugby Club in good shape and we are in his debt.

FOOTBALL

The senior football team made it through to the Vauxhall Plate Final held on 30th April at the Ballymena Showgrounds. The final place was secured through a 4 nil defeat of Devenish College.

Celebrations were muted by the injury to Jack Milligan who broke his wrist. Jack has been featuring in the Northern Ireland School Under 18 team in the Home Counties International and was due to turn out against England. In the final Portora won with a goal in the last minute scored by Jordan Coalter, our goalkeeper.



CRICKET

Our newly appointed Head of PE, Mr Hodgson, has been determined to lead a revival of Cricket in the county. Since February, Brian Allen, Cricket Ireland's North West Development Officer has been providing Monday night coaching sessions for those boys interested in representing the school. Fixtures start after Easter and include the return of Saturday fixtures for an U13 team and after many years absence, a school 1st X1.

In March, Mr Hodgson led a Year 10 Ski Trip to Torgon, Switzerland. It was an opportunity for experienced students to upskill and novices to learn.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

A number of Portorans took part in the Mount Lourdes production of Footloose in October 2013, and played leading roles. The production was a wonderful celebration of the talent of the young people of Fermanagh and we are very proud of our students' contribution.



Also in October, Ryan Fallis (Y14) was selected to play for the National Cadet Force Marching Band at the 2013 Malta Military tattoo. He played with the band in the tattoo itself and in an informal concert in Sliema.

Once again, the Fermanagh Feis proved to be the perfect showcase for the creative talents, aptitudes and skills of our students and Ms Munroe, Mrs Rees, Mrs O'Donohue and Mr Boyle were again proved to be inspirational teachers. The school was declared top post-primary in the Art Competition and our singers, actors, bands and ensembles enjoyed disproportionate success in their respective categories. Our Ensembles all won their respective categories, with

special praise to the six musicians who comprised the contemporary ensemble, Black and Gold; they were declared Best Ensemble of the Feis.

Last year, we were delighted to win the Senior Choir of the Year. year, we placed second to the excellent choir from the Collegiate Grammar School. The potential of combining the two choirs into a Super Choir was remarked on by the adjudicator and many of the audience.

The results achieved by our Drama students were outstanding. They won every category they entered against competition from all of the other grammar schools in town and the students from SWC. The adjudicator praised the excellent ensemble work

THE EISENHOWER PLAYING FIELDS



Portlora Royal School playing fields are named after General Dwight (Ike) D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe during World War Two and the 34th U.S. President, who reviewed his troops here prior to their departure to France, D-Day and the Normandy beach landings on the 6th June 1944, codenamed "Operation Overlord", are hailed as history's biggest ever seaborne invasion.



The invasion of Normandy and the continuous drive inland cost hundreds of thousands of allied lives, many of them American, and has been referred to as "the beginning of the end of the war".



A considerable part of the U.S. 28th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division was based in Fermanagh, with its HQ at Celtic Park, Enniskillen.



Five star General Eisenhower's top secret visit was preceded by two "dress rehearsals" on the 15th and 29th April 1944, which the public were invited to attend. Four star General George Smith Patton also inspected the GIs in Enniskillen on the 8th February 1944.



At a regimental parade on these playing fields at 3.00pm on the 18th May 1944 General Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, was accompanied by Major General McMahon and other high ranking officers. Before the march past led by the regimental band, General Eisenhower reviewed 2,000 American soldiers and in his address to them stressed "I have never seen a division which looked more ready and fit for its first battle".

The strength of the Fermanagh garrison and the visit by two of the most senior allied commanders confirms the importance of Northern Ireland's picturesque lake lands in rescuing the world from Hitler's evil tyranny.



General Eisenhower during his visit to Enniskillen, 18th May 1944

A total of 300,000 GIs passed through Northern Ireland during WWII. At one stage in the war U.S. soldiers were stationed of over 20 locations around Fermanagh and one quarter of the local population consisted of "imported" GIs.

Location of U.S. Forces in Fermanagh During WWII



For further information on Fermanagh's WWII military heritage visit

Enniskillen Castle Museum and Celtic Ancestral Country Park. To view historic photos of General Eisenhower visit to Enniskillen on the 18th May visit here



The Rowanagh Playing Fields were officially named by U.S. General Douglas S. S. Kahan to commemorate the 50th anniversary of General Eisenhower's visit on the 18th May 1944



and professional standard of our pieces entered and remarked on how refreshing it was to see students tackle intellectually and physical demanding material.

Here – also – our students attracted special praise: our A Level students who performed an edited version of their exam piece based on Kafka's *Metamorphosis* were described by the adjudicator as having "that special quality that is so rare in performance ... a touch of magic."

THE EISENHOWER PLAYING FIELDS

On the 19th May, the American Counsel will plant a tree and unveil an information board declaring the playing fields, "The Eisenhower Playing Fields" in celebration of the General's visit to the fields in May 1944 to inspect the American troops.

THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION

As I write, the major issue facing the school is the matter of the proposed amalgamation of Portora Royal School and the Collegiate Grammar School. This would result in a new coeducational, grammar school for the county. The new name will reference the Royal Charter although that name will be a matter for the new Board of Governors (which will include the present Trustee Board of Portora). Consultations have been held around the proposed amalgamation and the local papers are replete with letters and articles. The issue is a contentious one, as the Board of Governors of the Collegiate Grammar School see no merit in an amalgamation.

The next stage is for a full two-month public consultation with Development Proposals being published. If the project moves into that stage, the matter will be referred to the Minister of Education for a decision in the autumn.

News of Old Portorans

Alan Acheson (Headmaster 1978-82) In May 2013, the launch took place in St. Anne's Cathedral Belfast, of Alan Acheson's latest book which was on the life and works of Bishop John Jebb (1775-1833).

John Adebisi (1980-84) visited Maurice Monteith in Rugby School in March 2014. John is a solicitor in Hong Kong.

Mark Chambers (1986-93) has had a solo art exhibition entitled "The Water's Edge" at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast. Mark is a full time lecturer in Visual Arts at Belfast Metropolitan College.

Charles Cullimore CMG (1946-52) has been appointed Chairman of the Overseas Pensioners' Association, an organisation for those who served in the Overseas Colonial Service.



John Davin (1965-71) is now Association Secretary at Belfast Shipping Agents' Association.

Alan K. Little (1977-84) was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in the 2014 New Year's Honours List.

A.R. (Tony) Hart (1955-64) In January 2014 Sir Anthony started chairing an inquiry into historic child abuse in Northern Ireland. The inquiry is to be the biggest of its kind in UK legal history and may last up to eighteen months with 300 victims giving testimony.

A.H.N. (Horace) McKinley (1956-65) has published a book entitled "As I said..... An Ordinary Priest Reflects" about his 40 years as a rector in the Church of Ireland. The launch of the book was attended by Archbishop Michael Jackson.

Alex McIlroy (2005-12) was the Secretary of Dublin University Boat Club during the 2013-14 season.

Andrew Irwin (2007-2012) a student at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester, was runner-up in the Northern Ireland Young Musician of the Year held in March 2014.

Paul McNutt (1972-79) runs his own translation business in Germany. He visited Enniskillen early in 2014 and gave a long interview to the Impartial Reporter in which he recalled fond memories of his time at Portora.

Maurice Montieth (1982-89) has been

appointed a housemaster at Rugby School.

John M. L. Leighton (1970-77) was knighted in December 2012. Attached is his CV from the website of National Galleries of Scotland.

Sir John Leighton studied Fine Art at the University of Edinburgh and Edinburgh College of Art and history of art at the Courtauld Institute of Art. He taught art history at Edinburgh before being appointed in 1986 as Curator of 19th-century paintings at the National Gallery in London, a post he held for over ten years.

He was Director of the Van Gogh Museum from 1997 until his appointment as Director-General of the National Galleries of Scotland in March 2006. At the Van Gogh Museum he was responsible for the world's most important collection of Van Gogh and one of Europe's leading collections of 19th century art.

He has curated numerous exhibitions including Caspar David Friedrich's Winter Landscapes (1990), Art in the Making: Impressionism (1990), Seurat's Bathers (1997) Signac (2001) and Manet and the Sea (2004), contributed to the catalogues for the above exhibitions, and published and lectured on various aspects of 19th and 20th-century art.

Since his appointment as Director-General, the National Galleries of Scotland has made a number of notable acquisitions including Titian's Diana and Actaeon and the ARTIST ROOMS collection. In recognition of his contribution to the arts, he was awarded an honorary degree from the University



of Edinburgh in 2009 and a Knighthood in December 2012.

Brian Nelson (1968-75) was joint author of two recently published books: "The Guide to the Dragonflies and Damselflies of Ireland" and "An Annotated Checklist of the Irish Hemiptera and small orders."

Gavin Noble (1992-99) took first place out of over 900 runners, riders and swimmers in the Vodafone Dublin City Triathlon on 25 August 2013.

Glenn Phair (2008-10) was selected to run for Northern Ireland in the Home Countries Cross Country Championships in Nottingham at the end of March 2014.

Robert Northridge (1955-62) received the President's prize from the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland for his book "The Flora of County Fermanagh." The prize is awarded to the book which makes the most useful contribution to the understanding of the flowering plants and ferns of Britain and Ireland during a calendar year.

Michael P Roemmele (1962-67) has been installed as a canon of Saint Columb's Cathedral, Derry.

Roger Rosier (Bursar 1953-55) Tom Molyneux has been in touch with the Rosiers and reports that that they are both well and now live in Cornwall. They have two grandchildren, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Mathew Stuart (1998-05) has been appointed Estate Manager at Baronscourt Estate near Newtown Stewart, Co. Tyrone.

Rev. Earl Storey (1969-76) was in the news in November 2013 when his wife, Rev. Pat Storey, was consecrated as the new bishop of the dioceses of Meath and Kildare. She is the first female bishop in the Church of Ireland. The service of consecration was led by Bishop Michael Jackson (OP-1974), and the Scottish Episcopal Church was represented by Bishop David Chillingworth (OP -1968?) Keith Turbett (1972-77) is now Vice President Sales. at Scheurich in Germany.

Paul W Valentine (1953-54) who attended Portora as an American exchange student, now lives in Baltimore having worked for many years as a reporter with The Washington Post. He and his wife Elizabeth have five children. Chance B. Wilson (1980-82) lives in Dubai and writes; "Last October I had the opportunity to spend a very pleasant evening on board HMS Bulwark my host being Paul (Paddy) McAlpine (1974-82). We have kept in contact with one another throughout the past thirty years. Paddy was actually commanding the Fleet of HM ships in the Arabian Peninsula but was kind enough to invite me aboard Bulwark."

Deaths

Richard Allen (1962-1970) died on 3rd July 2013, at home, from pancreatic cancer.

James Charles Brady (1936-40) died at his home in Lisnaskea on 12 January

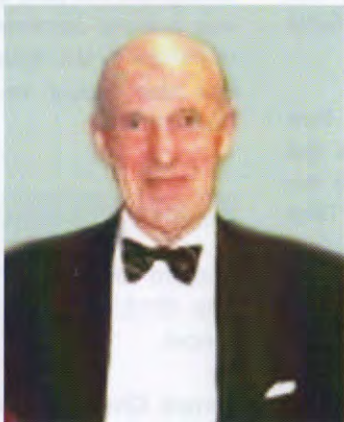


2014, aged 92 years. Jim was, for most of his working life, a successful solicitor in Fermanagh as well as being involved in many organisations within the county. He served for many years on the board of Governors of Portora.

Kerry Dorman (U 1955-63) brother of David and Richard, died of a brain tumour on 15th November 2013. He studied German and French in TCD and after travels in South America and India taught languages in a London school. He also taught the classical Spanish guitar. Latterly he lived in Barcelona and came back to Ireland in May 2013 when he was diagnosed and treated. He was a piper in the school CCF band along with his first cousin Patrick Braidwood.

Niall Hamilton (1981-85) died on 10 February 2014. He was a member of the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and he collapsed while on duty in Armagh.

John William Hughes OBE TD (1950-57) died peacefully on 10th December 2013 after a year-long battle with cancer. John was a resident of Hollywood for nearly 45 years and leaves his wife Helga, to whom he was married 44 years, and his daughter Caroline



Winning (married to Chris), his grandson George (6), along with 2 younger brothers, Leslie, Fred & their families.

John, born in Newry on 30th August 1939, eldest son of George and Gertrude Hughes was schooled at Portora, before moving to Belfast in 1957 to not only work, but to complete an Economics degree at Queens University. John worked for the Civil Service for 40 years, in various departments. He also spent time with the Officers Training Corps at Queens, culminating in achieving the rank of Commander of OTC. John also enjoyed other high ranking positions with other regimental bodies.

John was also Belfast Area and District Commissioner for St John Ambulance, and to record his wonderful achievements in the Public Service was honoured to be awarded and presented with an OBE from Princess Anne in 1997. In his retirement years, his dedicated work with St John Ambulance, the Royal British Legion and the Belfast War Memorial Museum was enormously appreciated and he was most respected by all. Outside of his dedication to work-related matters, and family commitments, his other passions were opera, travel, writing, sailing, squash & bridge. John was a Past President of the Old Portora Union. John will be missed especially by Helga and the family, where, being eldest brother he "led from the front". Over 200 family, friends & business acquaintances paid their respects to John at the Service of Thanksgiving on 13th December at Hollywood Parish Church. This was followed by



a private family interment at Rossorry Parish Church, Enniskillen.

George H. Hurst (1936-40) died on 2nd September 2013 in Enniskillen. He had spent much of his life working in the motor trade in Co. Fermanagh. His funeral was in the Priory Church, Killadeas on 4 September 2013

Tom Jackson (1946-52) died in early 2013. He was brother of Fred Jackson.

William D. (Bill) Keatinge (1950-57) died in Lymington, Hampshire on 10 January 2014. Patrick McAfee sent the editor the following:

Bill was an exact contemporary of mine at Gloucester House, Portora and TCD, and as nice a fellow as you could ever wish to meet. He was, as you may recall, Head Boy and a very keen oarsman. He spent most of his career with the Overseas bit of Barclays Bank, with many postings abroad (Africa, Australia etc). He married a Dublin girl called Hilary Roche who came from a strong sailing background, which Bill also took up in a big way. After he retired they would spend about half the year on the yacht going to all sorts of interesting places. In fact, the last time I saw him, quite some years ago, was in Sydney - I was there on business but went sailing with them one week-end.

James Kinley (1943-50) has died.

Robert A. Pocock (1952-61) died in April 2013.

Arnold Ruskell (1936-38) died suddenly in his 94th year on 21 November 2012 in Canada. He was an avid middle-

distance runner both at Portora and Trinity College Dublin, later winning an Irish title as a quarter miler.

Thomas James Urquhart Odell (Jim) (1948-52) died peacefully on 20 August 2013. He studied art at Camberwell College of Arts, and went on to become an art teacher, spending most of his career in Hertfordshire, teaching at St Edmund's College, Ware. After his retirement, he continued to teach at the U3A. His last months were spent at Galanos House, Southam, Warwickshire, where he had moved in December 2012 to be nearer family. His funeral took place on Thursday 5 September 2013.

Maurice Thompson (1963-70) died on 16 December 2013. Maurice went to Stranmillis and taught in Lisnagarvey school for some years before serving in the administration department of H.M. Prisons, retiring in 1994. He lived in Lisburn and is survived by wife Liz and two daughters and his first grandchild who was born on 1/12/2013.

Academic News

Jamie Crawford (1999-06) has graduated from the Open University with a First Class Honours degree in Mathematics.

Marcus Graham (2003-10) has graduated from Queen's University, Belfast with a BSc (2:1) degree in Agricultural Technology.

James Houston (2003-10) has recently graduated from Newcastle University



with a First Class Honours degree in Architecture. He is now working for Faulkner Browns Architecture firm and pursuing his other passion for writing music.

Andrew Morrison (2003-10) has graduated from the London School of Economics with a First Class Honours degree in Accounting and Finance. He is currently employed by Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, London.

Eoin Parkinson (2003-10) has graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Archaeology from Queen's University, Belfast. He is now undertaking an MSc in Human Osteology and Funerary Archaeology at the University of Sheffield.

Alan Moore (2002-09) has graduated with an MA (Honours) in Economics from Aberdeen University.

Stephen Prentice (2003-10) has graduated from Queen's University, Belfast with a First Class Honours degree in Geography.

Richard Topping (2003-10) has graduated from the University of Central Lancashire with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Sport.

Dwaine R. Vance (2003-05) has graduated with a PhD in genomic medicine from the School of Medicine, Queen's University, Belfast. He is continuing a career in medical research.

Historical Section

World War One Centenary 1914-2014

To mark the centenary of the start of the First World War, the editor would like to put together a booklet on the 360 or so Old Portorans who served and is looking for information.

There is a fair amount of information in the school archives regarding basic facts like who served, their regiment, and whether they were awarded any medals. If they were killed it is possible

to find out the details of their death from the internet.

This information has been collated on a spreadsheet, but personal stories are now needed to provide background to the basic facts.

If any reader has any photos of men in uniform, letters home or medals of their grandfather's or great uncle's who served in WW1 and who went to Portora, the editor would be very pleased to receive them.

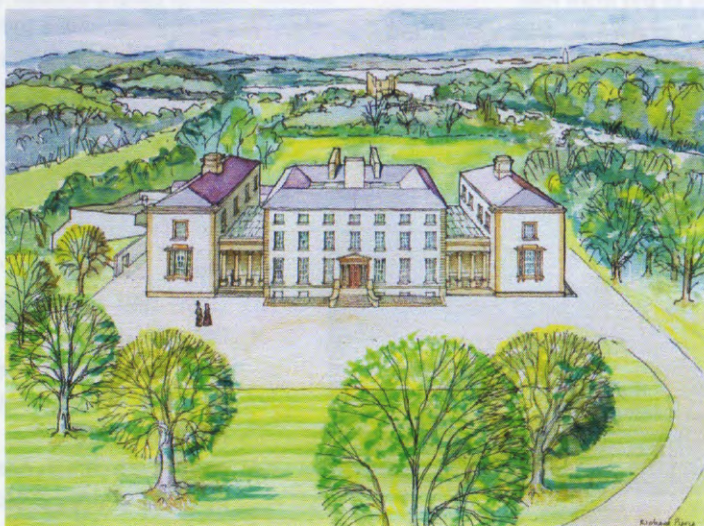
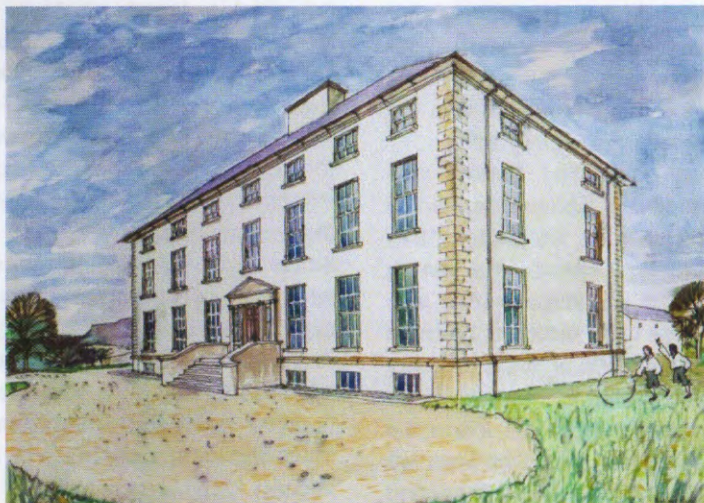
All contributions would, of course, be fully acknowledged.



The Buildings on Portora Hill

The Board of Governors recently commissioned Richard Pierce (1955-61) to paint two pictures: one depicting what the school may have looked like when

it was first built on Portora Hill in 1777 and the other depicting the building after the wings were built in 1850. Richard Bennett (Headmaster 1983-02) assisted in the historical research for the water colours.





Portora Rugby Internationals

The editor was recently contacted by a retired librarian from Wales, John Jenkins, who wanted further information about Gerrard Charles Bent who was at Portora from 1876 until he went to Trinity in 1878. John Jenkins generously sent the editor what information he had about other Portorans who had played Rugby for Ireland and this information was the basis for the following paragraphs.

It should be noted that Portora was one of the clubs which attended a meeting in Dublin in December 1874 at which the first international match against England in February 1875 was arranged. Three Old Portorans, brothers Edgar and Richard Galbraith, and Henry Walsh played in that first match. In the photograph, Edgar is on the left in the back row, and Richard is third from left in the back row. Henry Walsh is second from the left in the front row.

George Bent played against Wales and England in 1882, and Ernest Caddell got the first of his 13 caps in 1903, the last being in 1908.



K. GILCHRIST, W. AINS, B. GILCHRIST, J. WYLLIE, B. COCHRAN, W. GILCHRIST, M. BRADY, R. L. O'NEIL, W. A. AINS, ANDREW, E. McNEIL, H. D. WOOD, A. F. COCHRAN, B. COCHRAN, G. BRUCE, F. McNEIL, R. D. WALSHAM, H. HERRICK, A. COCHRAN, R. BELL.
IRELAND V. ENGLAND; THE OVAL, FEB. 19, 1903.
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A.C. McDonnell came to Portora in 1904 and from that date until the beginning of WW1 was the most successful period for Portora producing Rugby internationals. John Blackham won six caps, Robert Burgess one, Thomas Harpur three, Frederick Harvey two, Rochfort Jackson ten, Dickie Lloyd nineteen, Charles McIvor seven, Edward Morphy one, George Wood two. Frederick Harvey went on to win the VC in WW1 and had two brothers who also played Rugby for Ireland; his brothers did not attend Portora. Dickie Lloyd played both before the war and after.

Since 1920, Portora has had only four internationals. JAN Dickson won three caps in 1920 playing on the wing, Robert Pratt got five caps at full back from 1932 to 1934, John Torrens played four times at centre for Ireland from 1937 to 1939 and Jimmy McCoy was Portora's second most capped player winning sixteen caps at prop between 1984 and 1990. The editor would like to hear from any reader who would be interested in researching this topic further.

A Portoran in World War Two: Major WJQ Magrath

The magazine "Ireland's Own" had a recent article on the role of the Irish in World War Two. The long article featured William John Quirk Magrath who was born in south Fermanagh near Clones in 1920 (Portora 1933). One paragraph of the article stated:



Major Magrath had one of the finest war records. As a private in the 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers, he won the Military Medal and the Croix de Guerre, being then promoted to com-missioned rank in the Machine Gun Corps. He rose to be Major in the 1st London Scottish, and won the Military Cross and the Distinguished Service Order."

The Drumclay Crannog and WF Wakeman, Art Master at Portora in the 1860s.

There was much interest in Enniskillen in the spring of 2013 when the discovery of a crannog at Drumclay delayed by many months the completion of the northern bypass to Enniskillen. This crannog was, in fact, first investigated by W.F. Wakeman, the art master at Portora, during the 1800s. Wakeman illustrated some of Oscar Wilde's father's books on the antiquities of Ireland and it is said that this connection led to Oscar and his brother William coming to be educated at Portora. Below is a summary of Wakeman's life gleaned from the internet.

Antiquarian and artist William Frederick Wakeman was born 12 August 1822 in Dublin where his father, also called William Frederick Wakeman, originally from Nottingham, was a bookseller and publisher in D'Olier Street. Among the books published by the elder Wakeman was the first edition of the second series of William Carleton's *Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry* (1833). The baptisms and burials of several of his

siblings are in the register of the Church of Ireland parish of St. Peter in the 1830s where their mother's name is given as Margaret.

Wakeman studied drawing under George Petrie and through his influence obtained a position as a draughtsman in the topographical department of the Ordnance Survey and accompanied both Petrie and O'Donovan on many of their expeditions. He worked in London for four years before being appointed art teacher at St. Columba's, Stackallen. When this school moved to Rathfarnham he resigned and shortly afterwards took up position of drawing master at Portora, succeeding a Mr. Hanson, a post he held for nearly twenty years (1865-1884). He also taught in Enniskillen Model School. His nickname at Portora was 'Bully' which was a Northern pronunciation of Billy rather than any reflection on his treatment of his pupils. Indeed IR 25 December 1900 after his death stated that he 'is always gratefully and pleasantly remembered by his old pupils.' 'In Mr. Wakeman,' it added, 'has passed away one of our most learned Irish antiquarians, and everyone who knew of him will learn of his death with regret. He was at one time a most familiar figure in the streets of Enniskillen.' He lived for a time at Alma Cottage, at the top of the Forthill steps in Belmore Street. He lived latterly at Blackrock, Co. Dublin. He died at his daughter's residence in Coleraine 14 October 1900.

Wakeman was particularly active as an antiquarian during his years in



Fermanagh, the significance of his groundbreaking explorations of local crannógs has been recognised again recently following the excavation of the Drumclay crannóg site near Enniskillen

in 2012/13. The Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland contains over fifty of his self-illustrated contributions about the north west. Various drawings of his are in private collections in Fermanagh.

OPU Events 2013/14

Five Old Portoran functions were organised during the year, four in Ireland and a very successful dinner in London.

for those who left Portora in the early 1970s.

Forty Year Reunion

The event was first proposed by Albert Elliott currently living in Calgary, Canada but originally from Springfield, Co Fermanagh, who suggested a reunion of those boys who left Portora around 40 years ago. Ian Elliott undertook much of

The first of the Irish events on 21 June 2013 was a 40+ year reunion organised



Back R: John Graham; Martin Beacom; Loraine Elliott; Sam Richmond; George Elliott; John Murphy; Wynn Anderson; David Storey; Sue Mathewson; Neil Ferguson; Jaci Johnston; Elaine Long; Nick Lewis; Alan Devers; Brian Nixon
4th R: Helen Graham; Brian Ross; Grace Davin; Elaine Mills; Neil Mills; Brian Long
3rd R: Robert Boggs; Louise Boggs; Christian O'Morchoe; Wesley Atchison; Sandra Ross; Ted O'Morchoe; Tom Barbour; Gerry Knox; Sandra Robinson; Henry Robinson; Paul Johnson; Natasha Johnson; Peter Johnson; John Mills
2nd R: Karen Atchison; John Davin; Elizabeth Elliott (Portora Staff); Heather Knox; Bob Mathewson; Carolyn Butler; George Butler
FR: Robert Butler; David Robertson (former Staff); Elizabeth Robertson; Robert Northridge; Hannah Northridge; Mark Temple; Albert Elliott; Ian Elliott
(Not in photo Robert and Cathy Gibson)



the organization and managed to get 53 attendees at the event including some partners. The evening started with a very enjoyable tour of the school led by former teacher Robert Northridge. With

the help of Martin Beacom, and Marshall Coalter from Saddlers' Restaurant, the event was a great success. Many of those attending stayed on for the boat house opening the next day.



Annual Dinner 28th September 2013

The annual OPU dinner was held at the school on Saturday 28th September 2013. An impressive turnout of eighty-four Old Portorans and their guests enjoyed an excellent meal provided as usual by the Coalter family from Saddler's Restaurant. The numbers attending were boosted by a reunion of 19 members of the class entering Portora in 1963 organised by Roy Cathcart. The President proposed a toast to the guests and this was responded to by

the Reverent Isaac Thompson from Coleraine. Other schools represented were Foyle, Clongowes, Methody, Armagh and Belfast Inst.

Roy Cathcart proposed the toast to the school and in response the Headmaster detailed the progress the school had made during the year on both the academic and sporting fronts. Those attending were particularly interested in his thoughts on the proposed amalgamation with the Collegiate Girls School.



Dublin Lunch 7th December 2013

The Dublin Lunch was held in the Conrad Hotel with thirty-eight OPs attending. The event was as usual very informal with those attending enjoying each other's company and renewing old friendships from their time at the school. The president welcomed all and passed on a very comprehensive report from the Headmaster who unfortunately could not attend. The President was accompanied by a strong contingent from Fermanagh, Ian Crawford, Roland Eadie, Roy McMullen, Robert

and Hanna Northridge, Stephen and Timothy Richmond and Kenneth and Joanna Sanderson all attending. All there were particularly pleased to see Bishop Sam Poyntz and Henry Jack looking so well!





Belfast Lunch 7th March 2014

The Belfast Lunch was held in The Reform Club on the 7th March 2014 with forty-seven Old Portorans attending. The venue has been used for some years now and is always very popular providing excellent food and facilities.

In his welcome the President thanked the OP members of the Club who have sponsored the Union's use of the Club over the years. He also detailed the Unions support to the school

over the recent year or so with the New Northridge Boathouse being the most impressive addition to the school facilities. He also updated all about the proposed amalgamation with the Collegiate.





London Branch Dinner 14 March 2014

The 61st AGM and Dinner of the OPU London branch was held at The Army and Navy Club, on Friday 14 March 2014. Once again there was a healthy turnout of Old Portorans and guests.

The evening started with the Annual General Meeting in the informal setting of the club's Wellington Room. Unfortunately, President, Michael West (U, 1949-55), was unable to be present due to illness and Miles Henry (C, 1946-52) deputised for him for the evening. Miles brought the meeting to order before passing over to Master of Ceremonies

Wynn Anderson (U, 1966-70). In his absence, Wynn outlined the main events of Michael West's tenure as President. This was followed by the other officers' reports, before Wynn congratulated Liam Strong (L, 1956-63) and John Brady (M, 1962-69) on successfully hosting a second evening to promote the Beckett Festival in Enniskillen, under the direction of Sean Doran. The main business of the meeting, the election of a new President for the next two years was conducted with traditional formality and Robin Preston (U, 1954-1961) was elected. Robin was an Enniskillen day boy who went on to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge where he read Law and Modern Languages. After University,



he practised with various law firms in London, specialising in commercial law and intellectual property matters.

The other officers of the OPU London branch [Tony Richardson (M, 1987-94, Treasurer), Ian Burn (L, 1961-69, Secretary) and Ron Walker (C, 1965-71, e-Secretary)] were all re-elected for another year's hard labour without parole. The formalities disposed of, Wynn introduced Matthew Coalter (Head Prefect) and Dean Oldcroft (OPU London branch Bursary Prize Winner) who both gave short presentations. Matthew spoke about the highlights and successes at Portora over the past year, while Dean gave a very personal presentation about how, as a special needs student, the School had supported and helped him during his academic career. After their presentations, Wynn brought the AGM to a close and attendees moved next door into The Library for the dinner.

Grace was conducted by the Rt Revd Henry Richmond (C, 1949-54). As a small aside, Henry recounted how during his childhood he had won the scripture prize at his local primary school and had polished the badge specially to wear during tonight's Dinner.

There were two 'after-dinner' speakers for the evening (Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher and Chairman of the Board of Governors and the Headmaster). Both spoke on the same topic – the future of secondary education in Northern Ireland and how this was affecting Portora. Miles noted that the Bishop and the Headmaster had

both been pupils of Annendale School, Belfast and, fearful of a take-over of the London branch, decided to make the Bishop an honorary Old Portoran before he was allowed to speak. He was then presented with a copy of the school history, 'The School on the Hill', signed by all those attending the Dinner.

The Bishop spoke outlining the future policy for education in Northern Ireland and was followed by the Headmaster who explained how this might impact on the proposed merger of Portora and The Collegiate. Attendees were invited to ask questions after Neill's presentation. Several Old Portorans took up the offer which led to a very lively and interesting discussion, so much so that Master of Ceremonies, Wynn, had some difficulty in bringing matters to an orderly conclusion and holding the auction.

Fortunately Wynn was successful in restoring order and Old Portorans were, as usual, very generous with their auction bids. Together with donations made prior to the Dinner, the OPU London branch Bursary Fund is now in a far healthier state than previously. Finally, the Dinner was brought to a close and those Old Portorans who did not have to rush off to catch the last train home, retired to The Wellington Room to continue conversations with colleagues and friends.

Once again, the OPU London branch Dinner was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work of many, in particular Miles Henry and Wynn Anderson.



London Branch Dinner





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Correspondence

The Editor received the following from Charles Altekruse (1972-73) who rowed on the US Olympic eight in 1980 and who won the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley.

Dear Robert,

Congratulations to the entire Portora rowing program for the fantastic results at the Irish Rowing Championships as well as the recent ceremony for the opening of the boathouse. How I wished I could have joined you but this was precisely the weekend when the 1980 US Olympic 8+ returned to Cambridge, Massachusetts to toast the renowned US and Harvard rowing coach Harry Parker.

Harry had coached at Harvard for 53 years - and I was fortunate to row under him in both programs (I have a picture taken at Henley in 1980 with all my rowing coaches - Mr. George Andrews of Portora, my St. Paul's USA coach, and Harry after the US boat won the Grand Challenge).

Anyway, we were blessed to see Harry that weekend as he passed away two days later. There will be a commemorative service for him at Harvard on August 17th, 2014. As a previous Captain of Harvard rowing, I will be serving as an usher at the service.

Thanks and congratulations once again.

Kind regards,
Charlie





Old Portora Union Calendar of events from June 2014 to September 2015

1. AGM : Tuesday, 19 June, 2014 at 8pm in the Seale Room in Portora. Further information from Robert Northridge at OPU.information@gmail.com
2. Annual Dinner: Saturday, 20 September, 2014 in Portora. Time: 7.30 for 8.00. Cost £35.00 by cheque payable to 'Old Portora Union' and posted to the Hon. Robert Northridge, OPU, Portora Royal School, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, BT74 7HA before 12 September. Partners are welcome and dress is lounge suits. Further information from Robert Northridge at OPU.information@gmail.com. Please note that the date was previously published as 27 September.
3. Dublin Lunch: Saturday, 6 December, 2014 in the Conrad Hotel, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin. Cost: approximately 30 euros to be paid to the hotel on the day. Further information from Robert Northridge at OPU.information@gmail.com
4. Belfast Lunch: Friday, 6 March, 2015. Time: 12.30 for 1.00. In the Reform Club, Royal Avenue, Belfast. Cost £25, by cheque payable to 'Old Portora Union' and posted to Roy McMullen, 35 Chestnut Grove, Ballinamallard, Co. Fermanagh, BT94 2AW, before 28, February 2014. Further information from Robert Northridge at OPU.information@gmail.com
5. London Dinner: Probably Friday 13 March, 2015, but contact Ian Burn at visburia@me.com for exact date and time.
6. Magazine deadline: Saturday 28, March 2015 is the last date for articles for the 2015 Old Portora Magazine. All articles, correspondence, reports, etc. should be sent to the editor Robert Northridge on OPU.information@gmail.com
7. AGM : Tuesday, 9 June, 2015 at 8pm in the Seale Room in Portora. Further information from Robert Northridge at OPU.information@gmail.com
8. Annual Dinner: Saturday, 26 September, 2015 in Portora. Time: 7.30 for 8.00. Cost £35.00 by cheque payable to 'Old Portora Union' and posted to the Hon. Robert Northridge, OPU, Portora Royal School, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, BT74 7HA before 18 September. Partners are welcome and dress is lounge suits. Further information from Robert Northridge on OPU.information@gmail.com



Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland

Old Portora Lodge 859



W Master: James Pattison

It has been another eventful year in 2013 for the Old Portora 859 with the addition of three new members.

Our March communication and Installation of Officers took place in Enniskillen. W Bro James Pattison was installed W Master for 2013 by W Bro Robert Richmond and all other Lodge Officers were then installed by the W Master. The June communication was held in Sligo during the hottest weekend of our summer. The venue was the Glass House Hotel where we were treated to excellent food and hospitality. We were guests of Light of the West Lodge 20 and after ascending the 39 steps to the very old historic Lodge Room we were treated to a drinks reception before and after the meeting. Once again our wives/partners and guests had a very enjoyable weekend.

The October communication and Election of Officers for 2014 took place in Enniskillen. There was a very good attendance and we were delighted to welcome the Provincial Grand Master, Rt W Bro Norman Humes back after his illness. He was given a standing ovation at the Festive Board.

W Bro Ted Osborne was elected W Master for 2014 and was installed at our March 2014 Communication in Enniskillen.

The end of 2013 was a particularly sad time in our Lodge with the loss of two of our most respected founder members. Rt W Bro Norman Humes passed away on 26 November after a long period of serious illness. A very prominent and well-loved brother, Norman had just been in the office of Rt W Prov Grand Master of Tyrone and Fermanagh for a short period and as one of our founder members was looking forward to celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2016.

Two weeks later on 10 December, another of our founder members, W Bro John Wm Hughes lost his battle with cancer. John was a wonderful supporter of the Lodge and was also keenly interested in the history of Portora Royal School. (Both obituaries are noted elsewhere in the magazine).

Ian Crawford Hon. Sect



The Late Right Worshipful Brother Norman Humes

It is with a sense of loss and regret to Old Portora Masonic Lodge, the Masonic Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh and Freemasonry in general that we refer to the death of Right Worshipful Brother Norman Humes J.P.

Norman grew up in Irvinestown where he attended the Primary School before moving to Portora in 1948. He found his vocation in the teaching profession. On leaving Stranmillis Teacher Training College in 1957 he took up his first post in Edwards' Primary School in Castleberg, five years later he became Principal in Langfield Primary School in Drumquin, later moving as Principal in Ballinamallard Primary school, finally moving as Principal of Omagh County Primary School where he remained for twenty years. He ended his career as a Consultant to School Boards of Management in the Western Education and Library Board area.

It was while he taught in Castleberg that he married Ivy Thompson, also a teacher, together they had two sons, Ian and Gary.

Norman adhered to the Portora Royal School motto, Omnes Honorate, Honour All Men, as he built his life on four values, Family, Faith, Fraternity and Fun.

Throughout his teaching career, Norman focused on the four traditional teaching valued based on the three R's, 'reading',

'writing' and 'arithmic' allied to three D's, dignity, discipline and diligence.

Outside of education he served as a Justice of the peace and as a Lay Magistrate, in 2002 he travelled to Australia as the Northern Ireland Delegate at a worldwide conference of Lay Magistrates. He has a long association with Omagh Academicals Rugby Football Club, travelling country wide to support the team, he also 'stood up for the Ulster men' at home and some away matches.

Norman entered Freemasonry in Castleberg Masonic Lodge No 799 being Initiated on the 6th December 1960, was Worshipful Master in 1973, over a period of time he also affiliated to Castle Mervyn Masonic Lodge No 58 Trillick, Gortin Masonic Lodge No 994 and was a Founder Member of Old Portora Lodge No 859 in 1966. He later served in several offices in this Lodge, was Worshipful master and later Honorary Secretary. He progressed on through various branches of Freemasonry, achieving the honour of becoming a Knight of the Sun 28th Degree.

The pinnacle of his Masonic career was being Installed as Provincial Grand Master of the masonic Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh, sadly ill health delayed his Installation and his participation in that Office was restricted to just six months. Previously he had carried out



the duties of Honorary Secretary and Deputy provincial Grand Master.

In the administrative side of the order he served on the Board of the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Benevolent Fund, being Chairman for a time. He also had developed Fraternal friendships with

Freemasons in places as far apart as Australia and Latvia.

Norman, Schoolmate, friend, brother, we salute your memory and offer prayerful sympathy to your widow, sons and the family circle.

VW Bro Canon Harry Trimble





The Old Portora Union Trust Fund FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2013

The Old Portora Union Trust Fund

	£	£
Balance B/F		11039
Income: Donations	645	
Gift Aid (Note 1)		
Total Income	645	
Expenditure:		
<u>Bank Balance at 31 December 2013</u>		<u>11684</u>
Investments at Nominal Value:		
Progressive B S		20000
Total Assets		<u>31684</u>

Notes

1. Gifts to Portora Boat Club are routed via the OP Trust Fund and passed on at regular intervals.



**Old Portora Union
Income and Expenditure Account
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2013**

Income and Expenditure Account

	£		£
Bank balance @ 01-01-13	7443	Expenditure on O P News	1775
Income from Subscriptions/ Donations		Bank Charges	220
Regular	6450		
Ad Hoc	<u>232</u>		
	6682		
Surplus on Belfast Lunch	75	OPU Wreath for Remembrance Day	21
Surplus on OPU Annual Dinner (July 2013)	240	Secretary's Expenses	53
Surplus on OPU 50th Reunion (Oct' 2013)	630		
		Bank Balance @ 31-12-13	13001
	<u>£15,070</u>		<u>£15,070</u>

Honorary Treasurer's Report

2013 has been a year in which our regular income has increased and, whilst expenditure was minimal, we have already made contributions of £4,000 in 2014 to various school activities.

The President and our Committee have stressed the urgency for more contributions at a minimum level of £20 per annum. All readers will fall into one of the following categories:-

- (i) Currently paying £20 per year - Thank you for your continued support.
- (ii) Currently paying £10 per year - Thank you for your continued support but please increase your payment up to £20. Send me a new £20 mandate and cancel the existing one.
- (iii) Non-contributors - Please complete the standing order as soon as possible and participate in benefiting Portora Royal School, past and present.
- (iv) For those with euro bank accounts only, please e-mail me at david@hassardmcc.co.uk to obtain a tailored mandate.

David G Hassard FCA
Honorary Treasurer OPU





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