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The Annual Fund

Letter from the Principal.

We finished 2003 with the concluding celebrations of our 50th anniversary, described in the last Newsletter.

In 2004 we are continuing to move forward on the three themes we identified for special attention as a way of marking our 50th anniversary (or golden jubilee), and setting an agenda for the coming few years.

Work continues on the **development of an architectural masterplan** for our central Banbury Road premises. This looks at our current and future needs, and how we meet them, by using and developing existing buildings, and by construction of new purpose-built buildings. The plans taking shape are exciting and we look forward to sharing these with everyone, when they are developed.

We continue to develop our understanding and practice of **global citizenship**. This year we have focused on fair trade and on recycling of materials within the College. There is still much to do. Keith Allen, the Vice-Principal has recently taken on a coordinating role for this project.

Our third golden jubilee theme is **to establish scholarships and bursaries on a more secure financial basis**. The first way we are addressing this is as part of our new Annual Fund, announced initially in Oxford Town Hall in November last year, and which we are now launching.

Our Governors and the Development Committee, under the leadership of its Chairman, General Sir Sam Cowan (introduced on page 4), have decided that an Annual Fund is necessary in order to meet more fully the needs of our current and future students. The Annual Fund aims to raise funds on a regular basis, year on year, to put towards our most pressing needs which cannot be funded fully and directly from fee income.

Further details about the Annual Fund are in the special brochure, enclosed with this Newsletter for many of you. It comes with the Annual Fund form, which explains the various ways of making donations and how to do so tax effectively, where possible.

If you would like to find out more about the fund then please contact Kay Honner in the Development and Alumni Office.

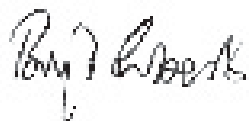
This year our targets for the Annual Fund include the installation of a wireless internet system for all our buildings, funding for scholarships, and the establishment of a hardship fund.

Within this Newsletter you will also find information on the establishment of the **St Clare's Association**. This embraces all who have been associated with St Clare's, in whatever capacity – as past students, parents and former staff. The Association will hold an Annual Reunion weekend, provide career and higher education support, and run events both in the UK and elsewhere. We hope it will become a valuable addition to the St Clare's scene.

After our 50 year celebrations, we are now looking at how we can best move forward into the next fifty years with our new mission: **advancing international education and understanding**. In connection with this we are working on our strategic planning for both the short and longer term.

Over the past year, we had the great pleasure of meeting many alumni and friends. We look forward to speaking with you over the coming months and years as we develop our thinking and focus for the future of St Clare's.

I hope to see many members of the St Clare's Association during the coming year and look forward to meeting as many as possible at our Annual Reunion.



Boyd Roberts

Welcome to the St Clare's Association



After meeting so many of our alumni last year at the various 50th Anniversary reunions I am delighted to announce the setting up of the St Clare's Association. In order to be as inclusive as possible we are trying to ensure that all of our alumni, past parents and former staff members – indeed everyone who has had an association with St Clare's – are members.

After consultation with the Governors, it has been agreed that there should be an Annual Reunion, normally to be held in June, but this year taking place in September so that people have time to plan to attend. Please put the dates into your diary now – **11th-12th September 2004** here in Oxford, for all who were here between 1953 – 1995. The weekend will be made up of a number of attractions and events – more information will follow shortly. All are welcome to attend.

For our younger alumni, we have decided that after the magnificent response to the 1990's reunion last year we would run a new, separate event, taking place during the early evening of Saturday **25th September 2004**. This will take the form of a Reception and Buffet, leaving alumni free to enjoy the evening delights of Oxford together with their colleagues as happened last year. Alumni from the years 1996 – 2004 will be invited, but again all are welcome to attend.

The St Clare's Association will also hold events in other countries, to make it easier for people to attend and to truly reflect the international nature of the College. Current staff look forward to reconnecting with many former students and to meeting new members of the St Clare's Association at all of these events. We strongly encourage you to attend where you are able.

Linked to the St Clare's Association is the growing strength of the St Clare's Online web network – for more news on this please see page 8. Through this network we are promoting careers and higher education advice. Get involved by following the instructions on page 8, but if you get stuck do get in touch.

The St Clare's Association is to provide an inclusive network for all who come within the St Clare's family. In order to find out what sort of events and developments our members would like to see in the future I am planning to talk to those who are interested in being involved. Several meetings have already been held – in both Oxford and London – and a further meeting will take place in Amsterdam shortly. Thanks to all who have been involved in making these possible.

Do get in touch if you would like to be involved: it is good fun and creates opportunities for mini St Clare's reunions more often than we can run the larger events! We value your ideas and suggestions very much, in addition to getting your reactions to the plans we are developing for the future. It would be good to find representatives in most countries who might be able to help when we are organising events in future. Just email me at St Clare's on **kay.honner@stclares.ac.uk**

I look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kay Honner', with a long, sweeping underline.

Kay Honner
Development Director

Introducing ...

General Sir Sam Cowan KCB CBE

Chairman of the Development Committee



Sam Cowan's willingness to chair (and cheer!) the St Clare's development programme is a tremendous piece of good fortune for the College. His charisma, his global human sympathies and his insistence on a collectively agreed strategic vision took him to the very top echelon of Britain's Armed Services as Head of Combined Logistics. These same qualities are now going to benefit St Clare's, keeping all of us – governors, management and staff – on our toes and alert to the importance for the College's future of alumni relations and external support.

PETER OPPENHEIMER
Chairman of Governors

Q. How long have you lived in Oxford?

We bought a house here nearly 23 years ago which belonged to Anne Dreydel and her mother. So that is a very strong St Clare's connection! We lived in it on and off until my retirement from the Army eighteen months ago and are now in permanent residence.

Q. What were the highlights of your Army career?

Too many to mention! I will certainly remember the uphill finish of my last four years as Chief of Defence Logistics charged with bringing the three single service logistic organisations into one defence structure - Army, Navy and Airforce. Big change like that puts a heavy premium and strain on strong leadership. Equally memorable in terms of stress were my two years as the British Army's Director of Public Relations when I was a Brigadier. Every day brought unexpected, unplanned and often unwelcome challenges!

Q. What are your connections with Nepal?

We have 3400 Gurkhas - Nepalese citizens - serving in the British Army, a tradition which goes back 190 years. As a young officer I served for three years with the Queen's Gurkha Signals and for my last nine years of service I was Colonel Commandant of the Brigade of Gurkhas and Chairman of the Gurkha Welfare Trust. I first visited Nepal in 1966 and have spent over 250 days of my life over about 15 visits trekking the hill regions of the country.

Q. What is the appeal? Why do you keep going back?

It is difficult to give a short answer but I think "pilgrimage" instead of "trekking" with all that that means about the experience of the journey and getting away from the pressures of everyday life. Think also of the great value of understanding another culture on its own terms rather than, as we so often tend to do, adopting a judgmental approach based simply on our own values and experience. Think also of the mystery and uniquely awe-inspiring great Himalaya. That should give you the general idea!

Q. If you were an American you might be running for President or in some other countries you might be plotting a coup. Why are you helping St Clare's?

The Chairman of the Governors is a very persuasive man but the real reason is my last answer. By living and working together prejudices and barriers based on culture and nationality break down quickly and we need a lot more of that in the world today. As I understand it, this simple fact is the basis of the St Clare's ethos, and I am delighted to help such a good cause in whatever way I can.

A Window on Short Courses

Short courses at St. Clare's may well be unknown territory to many of our readers, but have been well established within the College for many years. We encompass a wide range of courses throughout the academic year such as self-contained English language courses, teacher training for non-native teachers of English, Language through Learning™ for academic subject teachers teaching non-native students through the medium of the English language, university-level study abroad groups as well as summer programmes for young adults and children.

We welcome over 50 nationalities and upwards of 1000 students each year onto these programmes – some return for subsequent courses and others go on to more long-term study with us. All in all, many feet pass through our doors in this way!

The summer 2004 season is fast approaching and consists of three main areas of focus:

- Junior residential 'English plus activity' courses for international children aged 10-12 and 13-16 years
- Young adult English language programmes for international students aged 16 plus
- International Baccalaureate Summer Institute for UK/international students either about to start their IB programme, or mid-way through their studies

A summer course at St. Clare's offers young students so much more than academic gain. For many it may be their first time away from home. Being immersed in a new situation, living and learning with other students from different backgrounds and cultures affords opportunities in terms of social skills. Making friends and gaining new independence and confidence away from their home life can and does enrich their young experience.

All of the summer programmes integrate academic learning with activities and trips that are suitable to each age group and enable the students to make the most of their stay. Our aim is to give all of our students, however short their stay with us, a real 'happy life experience' that they can take away with them and build on in the future.

TESSA RICHARDSON
Director of Short Courses



Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Assistance at St Clare's

St. Clare's offers scholarships and bursaries on a limited basis, on most courses. In all cases, scholarships and bursaries are awarded before entry to the College, and are based on academic record, likely contribution to the College community, and financial circumstances. Unlike some schools and colleges which award scholarships purely on merit, at St. Clare's financial awards always take into account financial background. Awards are intended to enable good students to attend St. Clare's, who could not otherwise come.

The best established and most extensive award programme is for entry to the International Baccalaureate Diploma course. Awards are made on the basis of competition, and the Scholarship Day in February attracts applicants from all over the world. Awards include the Anne Dreydel Foundation scholarships,

funded by the independent charity, the Anne Dreydel Foundation, established by the co-founder of the College.

The Marie-Noelle Kelly scholarship, named after a distinguished former Governor, is awarded to a student to study English language during the academic year. A recently established scholarship programme on the Liberal Arts programme enables students from US universities to take some classes at a permanent private hall in the University of Oxford, to complement the programme taught within St. Clare's. A limited number of scholarships are also awarded for students and teachers on our summer IB Institute – short courses and workshops for IB students and teachers from all over the world.

We do not have an endowment to cover our scholarships and bursaries, although

we have a recently established, and still rather modest scholarship fund.

The general academic standing of the College, and the life of the student community is strengthened by scholarship and bursary awards.

In addition to scholarships and bursaries awarded prior to entry, the College makes limited provision to assist current students, in exceptional circumstances, whose financial situations have unexpectedly changed.

St. Clare's would very much like to extend the scholarship and bursary programme, to enable more students to benefit from the education we provide.

BOYD ROBERTS
Principal



James Knowles
Second Year International
Baccalaureate Student - British

“Before coming to St Clare's I went to my local comprehensive school in Highworth near Swindon. I had to leave when I was 16 and go to another school, so during my final year I started to look at my options. I felt that I wanted a qualification that could offer more breadth than A-levels without compromising on the depth each subject was studied to. I decided to investigate the possibility of studying the International Baccalaureate and finally, after visiting the College, decided to apply to St Clare's.

I believe scholarships are an important aspect of St Clare's for a number of reasons. From a purely academic perspective, they attract intelligent students who were never able to consider private education because of the financial costs involved. St Clare's is able to bring together many people with vastly different backgrounds to come and study at the College. This adds to the all-round diversity that is unique here, which in turn broadens everyone's perspectives on the world and its inhabitants. I am extremely grateful to have the opportunity, to study in this amazing place.”



Zainab Hussain
First Year International
Baccalaureate Student - Indian

“While browsing through the various prospectuses of different schools in the UK late 2002, St Clare's stood out with its vibrant international community and range of study and social opportunities in the heart of the UK's educational hub. Having been in an international school following the British curriculum in Saudi Arabia, a 'global community' was very important to me. However, what really pushed me to apply was the fact that St Clare's is one of very few schools which offer the prospect of a scholarship to study the International Baccalaureate not only based on academic achievement, but also by the need of financial aid.

What really impressed me about St Clare's financial aid programme was that bursaries were awarded to those who wanted to acquire a better education but didn't quite succeed in the scholarship assessments. This shows how open minded and understanding of a broader, more realistic education (both academic and social) St Clare's really is.”

Charlotte Bathe

International Baccalaureate 1999

“For me, it was the unique and diverse mixture of people that made St Clare’s such a special place in which to live and study for two years. St Clare’s provided me with an excellent education, both inside and outside of the classroom. The majority of IB students at St Clare’s have a very international background, I, by contrast, grew up in England, speaking English, with English parents and friends and attending English schools. I still am envious of those students who were bilingual, or even trilingual, and had, at a young age, visited many countries. But I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to meet them and to learn, through them, so much about the world. In return, I was able to show the overseas students around Oxford and to introduce them to my own culture. This opportunity was provided by the St Clare’s scholarship scheme which enables students, such as myself, who would otherwise be unable to attend the College to benefit from a broad education and a stimulating international environment.

The friends that I made and the countries that I learnt about while at St Clare’s fuelled my desire to travel and after graduating from St Clare’s I took a ‘Gap Year’ before starting university and went to South America for six months. During this time I learnt Spanish, worked for three months on a conservation project in the Andes and travelled in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia.

On my return to England I settled down in Cambridge for three years in order to study for a degree in Natural Sciences. However, after a year of science, science, maths and more science, I began to miss the arts. In my second year I chose to take a course on the History and Philosophy of Science, and in my third year I converted to this course full-time. Thus I found myself specialising in a subject very similar to the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) component of the IB. Several years before, sitting in a TOK lesson debating the merits of Karl Popper’s philosophy of science or Descartes’ meditations, I would never have guessed that I would return to those same discussions as a university student.

As I write, I am sitting on my tatami mat floor, legs outstretched under the *kotatsu* (heated table), in a small apartment in a volcanic crater on the island of Kyushu, Japan. It is a truly beautiful place. I wonder how I ended up living here, teaching English at the local High School. When I applied for this job with the Japan Exchange Teaching (JET) Programme I recall thinking how similar the Programme’s aims were to St Clare’s philosophy of international education and understanding. But while St Clare’s is a truly international community housing students from countries all over the world, Japan, on the other hand, is ethnically very homogeneous, especially outside of the more cosmopolitan cities such as Tokyo and Osaka. I am one of a very small number of foreign nationals living in my area. This makes my job of promoting international understanding challenging, but all the more important.”

Anna Davison

International Baccalaureate 1997

“I remember my two years studying the IB at St Clare’s with fondness - they helped to shape who I am today and provided me with a fantastic education to spring board into adult life.

My broad-based and rounded education will always be an asset to me, and I am often grateful for it. Even having to study a foreign language has proved invaluable, as I am not a natural linguist. I have found myself continuing to learn Spanish at evening class in order to gain more out of my trips to Spanish-speaking countries. I even found myself taking extra Spanish lessons in Banos, Ecuador last year to improve my grammar!

The transition from the close knit community at St Clare’s to university was a tough one. However, the experiences of St Clare’s – living away from home, meeting people from other countries and cultures, the more relaxed teaching styles and the more independent living served me well and I soon made the adjustment from a St Clare’s student to a university student. I completed my MSc in Pharmacy at Bath University in 2001.

Having spent the best part of eight months globe trotting last year, I find the list of places I would like to visit is getting longer, not shorter. The more I see, smell, listen to and experience, the more I would like to do. Perhaps my confidence in travelling and meeting new people can be attributed to the multi-cultural society at St Clare’s. There is so much out there to experience, I feel a lifetime really is not sufficient! But for now I will, continue to practice as a pharmacist and dream about the next trip – or perhaps the new house!”

In December 2003 the Development and Alumni Office activated a new web-enabled network to unite and benefit our alumni and friends: St Clare's Online. So far over 10% of our alumni with whom we are in touch have registered, updating their information, posting news items and searching for colleagues lost over the years. Others, with whom we had lost touch, have also registered. This major new resource allows people to keep in touch with each other and with what is happening at St Clare's. All registered members receive a monthly e-newsletter keeping them up to date with news and events.

Below are some hints to allow you to access data simply and accurately. If you have not yet registered please do so - just go to the St Clare's website, click on Alumni, and then on Alumni Online. In order to register click on "New, never registered before?" and answer the questions which come up as best you can - this points the database to your correct record so we can identify who you are.

We look forward to communicating with alumni and friends in this electronic and immediate way.

Searching for your friends at St Clare's Online...

Simplify the Search as much as you can. Instead of entering the full name, just search for the forename, the first letter of the family name and their leaving year and see if your friend shows up in the list of members. If there is a possibility that the member has changed their family name, then use the *Search on Previous Family Name* click box.

If you find who you are looking for but there are no contact details for them, contact the Development and Alumni Office who will be able to add them onto the News Item 'Looking for Lost Friends'.

If you still can't find who you are looking for it could be because the member has chosen not to display his or her information or we do not have them on our system. If you suspect this is the case, contact the Development and Alumni Office and ask them to approach the person you are looking for.

Higher Education Advice and Careers Network...

One of the most important decisions our students have to make is their choice of Higher Education. We are keen to put students in touch with alumni who have been to the same university or college that they are thinking about attending so that they can get a real picture of what life is like at a particular institution before taking the decision to go there. If you would like to give advice about your university, please ensure that all your details are correct on the *Higher Education* screen so that our students can find the information easily.

The Careers Network will enable current and former students to access the wealth of information our alumni have. If you would like to be involved as part of the Careers Network, you add your current details on the *Occupations* screen so that other members can search for you.

Once in the *Occupations* screen, you need to click on *Edit* at the top right hand side of the screen. You will then be asked to select from the following options;

■ **Advice:**

We would like to take advantage of your professional experience. If you are willing to give advice to either a current student or another member, please tick this box.

■ **Speaker:**

Sometimes at St Clare's, for example at Careers and Higher Education Day, we are looking for members who are willing to speak about their career and life achievements. If you are willing to be a speaker, please tick this box, then we can get in touch if we have an appropriate opportunity.

■ **Are you willing to speak directly to members?**

You can choose to make yourself available directly to members or to only be available through the Development and Alumni Office. If you tick this box, then the members will be able to find you on the *Find Other Members* search.

REMEMBER THE 'HELP' BUTTONS, WHICH ARE ON EVERY SCREEN. IF YOU CAN'T FIND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, CHECK THE INSTRUCTIONS IN 'HELP'. IF YOU ARE STILL HAVING PROBLEMS, CONTACT THE DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI OFFICE.

alumni@stclares.ac.uk

St Clare's Tanzanian Education Project

STEP was established at St Clare's after Phillippe Durant, a French teacher at the College, established a link between St Clare's and a primary school in Moshi, Tanzania. The aim was to raise money to help the Kiboriloni school to renovate the badly delapidated buildings. Each year, a new group of students takes charge of the STEP project and they organise events to raise money.

Extracts from a letter from Wilbald Swai, Headteacher, Kiboriloni Primary School.

"The pupils are now enjoying a more comfortable atmosphere you've created for them. We recived £1800 from you and we have now finished the veranda of the unfinished buildings as you can see in the picture. The veranda was 54 metres long, 3 metres wide. We used a total of 56 iron sheets, 19 iron poles. The children are now happy as when it rains they can move comfortably.

Our next target it to build a kitchen. You can see the photo of the old kitchen. The estimate for this is 6,000,000 Tanzanian Shillings which is equivalent to £3800. The parents are busy constructing new classrooms to enable us to reduce the number of pupils from 65 to 45 per class. The Government is also assisting them in this. So the work load is being shared."

Mr Swai with Standard VII pupils after the renovation of the veranda which was completed as a result of a contribution from STEP.



Mr Swai with some Standard I pupils outside the small room they use as a kitchen. This room is used to prepare food for 800 pupils. STEP is busy organising fundraising for the kitchen to be renovated.



Clean Sweep - Helping in the Community

Fifty IB students gave up their Saturday morning lie-in in favour of donning gloves and grabbing a mop to help out in shops and homes around the North Oxford area.

The students all volunteered to be part of the St. Clare's Helping in the Community Day as a show of goodwill to the people who live and work near the college. We had students working in Marks & Spencers, Somerfields, Oxfam, Scope and Sue's Flower Shop in Summertown where they were packing bags, sweeping floors and generally giving a hand where it was needed. Students were also helping out in homes in North Oxford doing gardening, cleaning and reading to elderly people.

The day was completely free of charge; all the students were volunteers and there was no cost or contribution for the work, it was all done in the spirit of giving.

SARAH STEVENTON

First Year International Baccalaureate Student

International Day for the Senior Students

The theme for International Day for our adult students was *Global Learning through Travel*.

The event started with a group discussion about the students' own experiences of travel. This was followed by a group quiz in which the students had to identify different countries and cultures from pictures displayed around the hall. The best teams won prizes!

Then came the highlight: our invited speaker was Tom Fremantle, the man who cycled from England to Australia (a trip inspired by his ancestor Captain Charles Fremantle who sailed to Australia in 1829 and after whom the port of Fremantle, near Perth, was named). Tom explained, through a highly entertaining talk accompanied by a series of colourful slides, what he had seen and learned from all the people he met on his 17-month, 12,500-mile journey through 24 countries. His fundamental message to a rapt audience was to forget your prejudices and travel with an open mind. Tom really embodies the idea of global learning through travel.

The event then concluded with Taste the Difference, where students had the chance to sample teas, beers and snacks from around the globe. The event was a roaring success!

RICHARD WALTON

Director of Studies, English Courses





Barcelona Trip February 2004

Vicky Hahn, a member of the activities staff was our pole-star for the five day trip. Each day was packed with activities and excursions designed to ensure that we made the most of what Barcelona has to offer. The hotel we were staying in was situated right in the heart of town. From there not only were we walking distance to almost everywhere, including the main shopping precinct which certainly satisfied the female community on the trip! We had supper in a quaint and delicious restaurant, *La Flauta* (magica!) where thirty of us sat and gorged for two hours on the tapas that kept arriving from the kitchen.

Our first introduction to Barcelona was on our first day, when we found ourselves in a large group meandering down the main street in the city, *La Rambla*. This was no conventional tour but everything was included on our itinerary, from old to new - buildings to building sites! This gave us our bearings in the city, all the way down to the sea. And that's when the richness of Barcelona struck me. Almost every building in some areas is designed by Gaudi, including the Sagrada Familia, his cathedral which after a century is still only a quarter of the way to completion.

In fact, the quality of life is so great in Barcelona and the pace so pleasant that it actually forces you to calm down and just enjoy... relaxing.

ALEXANDER FAIRFAX
Second Year International Baccalaureate Student



Oxford Literary Festival 22 - 28 March 2004

The Activities Department offered students a service opportunity to provide assistance at the annual Oxford Literary Festival, hosted by the Sunday Times. Here is one student's account of what he experienced:

Over the last week St Clare's students decided to lend a hand at the Oxford Literary Festival, taking part in some of the culture Oxford is famous for. Running around in oversized red sweaters, we collected tickets, made sure people kept an orderly queue (as one helper said "not too difficult since they were mainly English") and point people in the right direction (hopefully). After we had done all this we enjoyed listening to many authors, and honestly they were interesting!

There were a lot of famous people there, maybe not David Beckham, Jay-z and George Bush famous; but at least they were interesting to listen to. I enjoyed a talk with Philip Pullman while I helped him sign books, and asked Michael Burke (you know the guy that presented BBC 10 o'clock News for 14 years!) about a job in journalism. I really enjoyed my weekend, saw a few of those red jumpers on Monday morning around the Banbury Road campus, and the service hours didn't hurt. It's back next year!

MAREK ZAREMBA-PIKE
First Year International Baccalaureate Student

1950

DIEGO CORAPI, ITALY

(English Course 1958)

Diego is Professor of Comparative Law at the University of Rome. His website is www.studiolegalecorapi.it. He has been a Visiting Professor in many countries. While visiting the Institute of European and Comparative Law at Oxford, he stopped at Banbury Road and was filled with nostalgia for those days at St Clare's. He concludes "Am I getting old, or is it just the charm of your place?"

1960

DOUGLAS PIERCY, UK

(A Levels 1963)

I am married with one daughter and one step-daughter. After leaving St Clare's I went on to Trinity College Dublin and graduated in 1968 in German and French and then decided to go into teaching and trained in Wales. My first teaching post was in Japan, teaching English where I stayed for nine years between 1969-1978. On returning I worked for City investment companies until 1991. After another stint in teaching, I returned to business in 1998 and currently run my own small utilities business.

NICKY WALKER (NEÉ CORLEY-SMITH), UK

(London External Degree 1967)

I have always considered my Oxford years as the best years of my life. I was, and still am, St. Clare's longest resident (as Miss Dreydel recalled when we last met) - 5 years doing A-Levels and a degree in Modern Languages. I went onto Manchester University to train as a teacher of the deaf where I met my husband. We travelled in South America for 2 years in a VW van and decided the next long trip we embarked on would be a sailing one - that decision was made in 1972 and has finally become a reality - we have given up our jobs, rented our house and bought a yacht. We set out in April to explore the Mediterranean and we are currently wintering on our boat in Rome - our three children who are now in their 20's joined us for Christmas.

FRANCOIS MICHAUD, FRANCE

(English Course 1968)

After quite a long period in Oxford, I passed the Proficiency exam and went to Germany for three years to read Commerce. From there to Paris to found ARGE, a frozen food company, which was bought in 1990 by DESAMAIS, a french family business. Now a financial advisor after having passed the Wall Street Exam and recently started two real estate companies - one in Paris dealing with big buildings, office and housing buildings, the second one dealing with land, houses and properties. Married to Nathalie, with two daughters Elisabeth and Emmanuelle.

1970

ANNE-NOELLE PINNEGAR, UK

(A Levels 1974)

Life is very busy, continuing with the demands of family life (I have three sons - 12, 10 and 7) and with the ongoing restoration of our home, Hammerwood Park, which is open to the public this summer.

EUGENE LISANSKY, USA

(Liberal Arts 1975)

I have been pursuing a career in Radio Broadcasting full-time since 1985. After many years anchoring and reporting news in Michigan, New York, and Florida, I have moved into a chiefly administrative role since 1999. I am now the Operations Manager for radio station WHNZ (www.whnz.com) in Tampa, Florida, as well as for ClearChannel Traffic, a traffic reporting broadcast service.

MARIE-JEANNE MAINZ, LUXEMBOURG

(English Course 1976)

When I returned to Luxembourg I started working for the National Tax Administration (and I still do!). I have not forgotten the great times I had at 139 Banbury Road.

CARLA NIGRO (NEÉ POLASTRO), ITALY

(English Course 1977)

Still happily married to Gianluca Nigro, a software consultant. A former translator and interpreter, I am now a housewife. No children. Three dogs adopted from a local shelter. Human rights activist and volunteer at the city pound. My husband and I love travelling (latest trips: US, Cambodia, Iran, Argentina and Nepal). We spend part of the year in Paris, but Piedmont, Italy is where we call home.

RACHEL BARDHAN (NEÉ CHAPPLE), USA

(A Levels 1979)

After completing my PhD in Social Anthropology I moved to live in New York where my husband works for Goldman Sachs. I have three sons. We spend our summers in Norfolk and New Year in Calcutta. My children speak English and Bengali.

FROUKJE FEINER, NETHERLANDS

(English Course 1979)

I went to Fashion School in Amsterdam and worked as a stylist for 20 years. This year I started as a teacher in an Art School. My husband and I have 2 children and live by the canals in Amsterdam.

1980

CHRISTIN AARNES, NORWAY

(English Course 1980)

I finished my education as a medical doctor in 1987. Married in 1989 and have a daughter born in 1990 and two sons born in 1993 and 1999. My husband is a lawyer and farmer, and we moved to our farm when we married. I

worked as a General Practitioner until 1997 and hold this speciality in medicine. We now share our time between Lillehammer and Lesja, and I have been working with neurology, oncology and now psychiatry.

SOPHIE HENDERSON, UK

(IB 1982)

Midway through a degree in Italian literature at Universty College, London. Academic year September 2003-2004 being spent in Rome as part of the course. Should you have any contact addresses for people in Rome in my year, I would love to have them.

ALLISON KENNETT, UK

(IB 1983)

After St. Clare's I got my bachelors degree at the University of Georgia and a Masters at American University in Washington DC. I lived in Spain for a bit in the late 80's with alums Diane Rabin and Sarah Heath. I currently work for a defense contractor doing IT work in Northern Virginia. I am married and have a 2 year old girl named Olivia.

CAROLINE FIELD, UK

(IB 1984)

Almost 20 years after leaving St Clare's I am finally going to University. Having completed a year-long Access Course in Natural Sciences at Stirling University, I've begun a BSc(Hons) in Geosciences with the Open University. Quite a change after all these years in the Arts, but St Clare's and the IB have stood me in good stead and I am enjoying studying again immensely. The graphic design company I started in 1994 is still going but I've cut down my hours to accommodate my academic endeavours.

JUDIT KORANYI, HUNGARY

(English Course 1984)

It was almost 20 years ago that I was a student at St Clare's. I am happily married to a Dutch artist and we live in Hungary, in a little picturesque village in the Bakony hills. I'm also a grandmother of two lovely children. I have been teaching English as a Foreign Language (EFL) for some thirty years now. At the moment I teach English at the College of Theology in Vestprem. I teach would-be teachers of religious education, social workers and seminarists. Over the years my interest in my abandoned Christian religion has grown a lot. So in the past four years I was studying and I have accomplished a four year course in Theology. It was interesting to be a full time teacher and a corresponding student of the same school. Now I have to write my diploma-work and as a topic I have chosen Cardinal Newman.

SASHA BEMROSE, UK

(IB 1986)

I am still working as a speech and language therapist. My current post involves working in the disadvantaged areas of the Welsh Valleys. I am also an independent consultant

and specialise in working with deaf children. I live with my partner, his son and our dog in a lovely house by the sea. What could be better?

TAMSIN PEARCE, UK
(IB 1986)

I am currently a web production manager at the BBC. I manage budgets for the BBC Schools and Lifestyles websites. It is an interesting and challenging role and slightly more grown-up than my previous work in the music industry. I recently bought my first home with my partner Marcus, and we have acquired a cat. My fond memories of St Clare's are still with me and I will always be grateful that I had the chance to spend two years in such a diverse and multicultural habitat, even if I have ended up in the place I came from and not halfway across the world.

PALLAS COTTER (NEÉ HUPE), USA
(IB 1987)

I read PPE at Trinity College, Oxford and left there in 1990. I returned to the States and worked my way through many media markets working in television news. I am currently news anchor/reporter and weathercaster at Fox station in Detroit, Michigan. I have been married for ten years to a former Marine helicopter pilot. We have two boys, Cade and Carson.

ELLEN JONES, UK
(IB 1987)

Ellen lives with her partner, Terry, in London. They have just had their first child - Catrin Nicole Heath, and are thrilled to be a family. She continues to work in London as a consultant.

NINA THURMER, NORWAY
(English Course 1987)

I have a degree in hotel management, computing and history and am currently back to school studying economics in Sandefjord, Norway. I am recently divorced and live with my two beautiful girls aged 8 and 6 in a big house in a smaller city one hour south of Oslo.

THERESA HAWKINS (CRIPPS), UK
(IB 1988)

I married Richard in September 2000 and have two lovely boys Jack and Freddie. Fiona Murray Spurling is Godmother to Jack, and Inge Willems and Fredrik Adams are Godparents to Freddie. I am living in London in West Putney.

CECILIA SKJORTEN, UK
(IB 1988)

Living in London and working as an Interior Designer. Still very much in touch with the St Clare's girls: Sally Habbershaw, Fiona Murray, Emma Purchase and Ginny Major. Still look back on my days at St Clare's and have the fondest memories - university was not half as much fun. Would love to get in touch with a whole load of people - including Fiona Ebbinge, Louisa Stephenson.

NATHALIE D'ANSEMOURG (PECSTEEN), BELGIUM
(English Course 1989)

Happily married since 1995 with Guillaume d'Ansembourg, I still live in Brussels and I lead a very demanding and loving "career" at home, taking care of our twins Audrey and Delphine and a baby son Olivier. Nothing to add, really, except that I keep wonderful memories of my year at St Clare's.

TRUDE LIEN (SLETTVOLL), NORWAY
(English Course 1989)

After leaving St Clare's, I studied philosophy at the University of Oslo, and got a degree there. Later on I became a nurse. A couple of years ago I decided to specialise in psychiatry and am now working as a therapist at a centre for mental illnesses. I am married to Nils Thomas, and have two beautiful boys, Truls and Ulrik.

MARCELLE VON WENDLUND, UK
(IB 1989)

I have had a very interesting year, since leaving UBS and Zurich at the beginning of the year helping HM Customs and Excise shape the future of their shared services. Now I am back in the City and currently working on the harmonization of securities settlement in Europe.

1990

MARINA KESSLER, USA
(English Course 1990)

After St Clare's Marina returned to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to study Economics. She then moved to New York to do a Masters in Business Administration and from there moved to Miami where she started a new business, Latinarte, a company that sells and promotes Latin American art, over the internet and also with a bimonthly paper magazine. www.latinarte.com.

HEIDI SUTTON, UK
(IB 1990)

Am living in North London and working in the City in marketing for a fund manager. Still in touch with Tareq Muhmood, Andreas Keitel, Mieke and Jeroen Snepvangers and obviously Kay (Britton). Fortunately I see all of the above regularly except Mieke and Snep who are back in LA after Snep finished his MBA in Lausanne. I am very excited to be going to visit Tareq very soon in Beirut for a holiday and have recently seen Andreas who still lives in Luxembourg. Kay and I still live in each others pockets although this is slightly more difficult given she lives in South London. I plan to stay in London for the foreseeable future as am very happy here and love my job.

GRAZIELLA SOZONOFF, SWITZERLAND
(IB 1991)

I have just spent a wonderful summer as my long-time boyfriend and I got married in July here in Geneva. Ingrid Brodin (1992) was there to celebrate our big day with us. I am currently not working but will look into finding a job working in a day-care centre or workshop for

kids. My husband and I are also excited about the prospect of having our own children, hopefully soon. I would love to come by St Clare's and see it all again as I really do keep great memories of my two years spent there.

JAREK BLONIARZ, POLAND
(English Course 1992)

I work for Reuters in Warsaw and specialise in financial software. I am married to Asia, who was with me in Oxford while I was at St Clare's. We have two kids Basia and Jan and we live in the outskirts of Warsaw.

ANN NIELSEN, DENMARK
(Liberal Arts 1992)

I am still working at Danish shipowner giant A.P. Moller-Maersk as Manager of Research, which basically means that I keep an eye on developments in the US oil reserves, refinery updates, world tankers fleets etc. This January I will have been here for four years which I found amazing, so perhaps it is time to revalue what I would like to achieve in life. I continue to live in Copenhagen, play the pipes (albeit not so active in a band these days) and draw - often thinking of the Liberal Arts lessons. This summer will also test my newly operated knee as we (boyfriend & me) will be going on a biking trip up the west coast of Jutland in Denmark. I cannot wait for the biking holiday. Those who know me may find this a bit strange...!

NATASHA EDWARDS, USA
(IB 1993)

I'm still at the same job, but was promoted to Senior Associate Editor. I have recently started work on a documentary film about women, their bodies and pregnancy. I am also working on a film about my mother and her on-going divorce settlement - crazy story.

MARIKA HAYAISHI, UK
(English Course 1993)

I was working as a nurse in Japan after I left St Clare's until the earthquake disaster of 1995. I then came back to UK and did an adaptation course at Surrey which finished in July 2002. Now I am working in Wellington Hospital, London as a UK qualified nurse.

ALISON YOUNG, UK
(IB 1993)

I am still working for Accenture but have recently moved house to Herne Hill in London. I now live a stone's throw away from Alex Hall which is fantastic and share my flat with my boyfriend, Will. I see Tasha, Victoria and Alex a lot now. We all live within a few hours of each other and Therese visits from Switzerland. I am very happy.

WOUTER ERB, UK
(IB 1994)

I am living in central London where Veronique and I have shared an apartment for the last four years. I recently qualified as an accountant and work in finance for a large British transatlantic corporation.

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GOLDIE GIDER, USA

(Liberal Arts 1994)

Very soon after mailing the previous news, I changed jobs. For the last few months, I have been the Director of Development for the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia. It is very fulfilling work, and important at a time of economic decline in the US. I attended the North American Reunion in San Diego, and was happy to see familiar faces, as well as meet new alumni. For me, the most wonderful part was seeing Paul Saville and his wife, Sue, who so graciously hosted me in their home during my time with St Clare's.

BRUNO MUZZI, BRAZIL

(English Course 1994)

I am a civil engineer and I am now planning to take an international MBA. One of my choices is in Oxford.

CAROLINA MOREY (NEÉ MORILLAS), SPAIN

(IB 1995)

I currently live and work in Spain with my husband. We are expecting our first child.

ALESSIA PARAVIA, ITALY

(IB 1995)

At the moment I am still a full time Mum. In December I'll start working on a project about hotel, shop and restaurant management run by my family. I live in Salerno with my fiancée and baby Andrea. He is absolutely gorgeous. I am pleased to know that there are other people of my year that have children. It is sad to realise that of my year there is very little news. It is such a great thing to be able to keep in touch through St Clare's and we should make this link stronger as time goes by. We all spent two very special years of our lives with ups and downs which we will not be able to repeat. St Clare's for most of us was the time of youth and joy and above all about sharing our lives. Personally I won't ever forget the excellent time I had and want to thank all the people I met there. I have memories for life.

SARAH REMONY HOLT, UK

(IB 1995)

I am now in my second year of PhD at the University of York. I am studying Post-war Reconstruction and Development (PRDU) at the Department of Politics. I am undertaking research into the Sri Lankan peace process which became the focus of my research after a work placement there. I do enjoy life as an academic, and much prefer it to 9-5. I also work part-time as an administrator, web designer, undergraduate tutor and I provide welfare support for the students in my College.

KATJA SELZER, GERMANY

(Liberal Arts 1995)

After leaving St Clare's I studied at USD in California, in Germany and in the Netherlands. I worked in Japan for a couple of months, which was an internship for UNEP in Osaka. I got married in April 2002 in the Netherlands. In April 2003 I graduated as a paediatric nurse at

the University Hospital in Dusseldorf, Germany. Now I work as a nurse in the operation theatre in the same clinic and live here in Dusseldorf with my husband Patric.

JENNY VAN HEERDEN (NEÉ WILLIAMS), UK

(IB 1995)

I am living in London (Wimbledon) and very happily married to a South African I met when we were both studying philosophy at Cambridge. Since then I have done a Masters degree in Psychology and am now working for a medical market research agency. It pays the bills and is reasonably interesting, but my passion is still for music and I spend much of my free time singing and playing my violin. I love London for its cultural opportunities, and have also bumped into quite a few former St Clare's students!

ANNA VERMOOTEN, FRANCE

(Liberal Arts 1995)

Finished my studies, went travelling, and play music full time now. Funny how things change and clarify.

STELA HAENEL VILLELA ROSA, BRAZIL

(English Course 1996)

I work in tourism for big companies arranging their incentive travel and conventions around the world and in Brazil. I am still in touch with some of the great friends that I met at St. Clare's and would love some of them to contact me.

SASCHA KLENGEL, GERMANY

(IB 1996)

After doing a four year physics degree I am now finishing off my PhD thesis in solid state physics at Imperial College London. Then I am going to sell my soul and become a consultant back in Germany. Academia is not for me!

IVAN KSENOFONTOV, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

(IB 1996)

Last year I finished my MSc at Southampton University and now I am working in Moscow, at the first Moscow Watch Factory POLJOT.

ARIANE SPANDOW, NORWAY

(IB 1996)

I am still living in Oslo and have just opened my own store containing maternity wear, children's wear, toys and a baby cafe. I am enjoying it very much.

ERIC VALKO, USA

(IB 1996)

Working at the RAND Corporation on Chinese military and security policy. Considering returning to graduate school full-time in order to pursue a law degree. I am enjoying everything I am doing, but wish I had more free time.

IRINA BERKUN, IRELAND

(IB 1997)

I hope all is well with everybody. I finally graduated from RCSI as a doctor and started as an intern here in Dublin. It is a great post and I am so happy.

RYAN HYNEK, USA

(Liberal Arts 1997)

Studying abroad at St Clare's really opened my eyes to the rest of the world. Since leaving St Clare's and graduating from Marquette University, I spent several years teaching English in China and Central America. I am presently working on my Masters degree in Linguistics at Northeastern Illinois University. After I finish my course studies, I plan to go back to China to teach. I don't think I would have had the courage to work so far from home if I didn't first have such a wonderful experience abroad at St Clare's. Thanks so much. I am certainly going to miss Paul Saville, even though he did try to leave us behind because we were two minutes late for the France trip! We still smile about that.

CLAUDIA HONGTING LEI, HONG KONG

(IB 1997)

I am working as a physiotherapist in the hospital in Hong Kong. During the recent SARS outbreak in HK, I had joined the 'dirty team' (working in the SARS ward) for two weeks in the Paediatric ICU ward. It was the most difficult but exciting task for me so far in my life. Both physical condition and my emotion were the hardest to handle. Although stressed up most of the time, I am fully enjoying my work. I am also planning to do a Masters Degree in Paediatric Physiotherapy in the coming year, either in UK or Australia.

MARIA CRISTINA MORELLE, BRAZIL

(English Course 1997)

I am working as a lawyer. I am married to a judge and have a two year old girl, Nicole.

FEUNSANTA MONROY-HERNANDEZ, Spain

(IB 1997)

After working in Kent for a marketing company last year, I've come back to Spain to look for a job. I'm currently living in Barcelona with my fiancé.

ERIK HANNIKAINEN, UK

(IB 1998)

Finished my BA and Masters at Oxford at Oriol College last summer. Am currently working in Private Clients/Asset Management at Sarasin Bank in the City. I intend to continue in finance focusing on Investment Management in the East Asia sphere. I am loving London.

AUORE MOMBER, BELGIUM

(English Course 1998)

I finished my studies in June 2002. I worked as a primary teacher for one year. I am going to teach as a volunteer in Thailand for about six months. I have many memories of my time at St Clare's and would like to say hello to all my friends.

CHARLOTTE BATHE, UK

(IB 1999)

In June 2003 I graduated from Cambridge University and just one month later I found myself living in Japan. As I write, I am sitting at

my desk in the staffroom of Aso High School, on the southern island of Kyushu, looking out at beautiful mountains and rice paddies. I will be living and working here for one, or maybe two years as an Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) as part of the Japanese Government's Japan-Exchange Teaching (JET) Programme.

ALEXANDER CLEBERG, USA

(Liberal Arts 1999)

After graduating from Marquette, I moved to Tokyo and taught English. While in Tokyo I learned to speak Japanese, developed my karaoke singing abilities, and climbed Mt. Fuji. After finishing my year contract in Japan, I taught a summer leadership program for international students in DC and NYC. I have been accepted to the Peace Corps and am awaiting a business development assignment in mainland Asia. While waiting, I am refining my small business skills helping my father start up tax businesses in Colorado.

ELIZABETH LARSON, USA

(Liberal Arts 1999)

I returned to London in the winter of 2000 and lived there for two years working for a club on their record label. After that I travelled to India for six months before returning to Minneapolis where I am living for the moment. I am teaching yoga, booking DJs and DJing myself. I plan to start a record label in a couple of years.

2000

ELLIE BALLESTEROS, SPAIN

(IB 2000)

I am still in Lausanne studying... but in June I'll do a six month internship in Sardinia, Italy. I really can't wait. Finally I will learn Italian properly.

FRANCESCO CARELLA, ITALY

(IB 2000)

I have completed the third year of my degree. Spent six months in Madrid, studying at Complutense and six months in Paris at Sorbonne. I am now doing an internship at the

UN World Food Programme in Italy. Returning to London at the end of September for final year at UCL.

HANAN EL-YOUSSEF, USA

(Liberal Arts 2000)

I am still studying in Philadelphia and am in my third year at Bryn Mawr. I am looking forward to studying abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I hope to go into art history.

WULF KLIPPSTEIN, GERMANY

(IB 2000)

I am still at EBS, London. Spring 2003 I did an Erasmus semester at the Institut Supérieur du Commerce, Paris. Followed by a three month internship at the German American Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta. Fall 2003 I was at Suffolk University, Boston and Harvard University. I will finalize my studies at EBS in 2004. No city I have lived in during the past years could beat Oxford or London. Best regards to all.

MARK LEDENBACH, USA

(Liberal Arts 2000)

Currently, I work for a law firm in downtown San Diego. Next Fall, I will be attending law school in Northern California.

PATRICIA SERVISS, USA

(Liberal Arts 2000)

After graduating from the University of San Diego in 2001, I landed a great job teaching literature and composition in a Catholic school in the inner-city of Los Angeles. As department chair for two years, I was very involved in curriculum, social justice and the establishment of a cross-curricular writing program. At the end of two years, I decided to leave that school and started teaching Freshmen composition at Loyola Marymount University (in Los Angeles) while getting my MA in English with a focus on rhetoric in the graduate program.

AMELIE FRANKE, GERMANY

(IB 2001)

After leaving St Clare's in May 2001, I did a gap year doing some work experience in

newspapers for about four months and besides that a foundation course in Social Sciences. In September 2002 I started studying Geography at Royal Holloway, University of London. Geography is exactly the subject I wanted to do. It feels as if I was born to study it . . . I really enjoy university and exploring London.

YU MAEKAWA, JAPAN

(English Course 2001)

I began to work in Japan in May 2003 as a computer engineer. I would like to contact my friends, Laura, Federico and others I studied with.

KSENIA BUTINA, UK

(IB 2002)

After working as a summer intern at Morgan Stanley at Canary Wharf, I am starting my second year at the London School of Economics studying Geography. I am generally having a great time but often miss my time at St Clare's. I hope it is still as fantastic as always.

ELLEN EVERAERT, BELGIUM

(IB 2003)

I got into St Lucas (Belgian University) to study Graphic and Advertisement Design. Currently I am getting jobs to pay for my travelling to extend and explore the experiences started in St Clare's.

MARTA KASZTELAN, POLAND

(IB 2003)

I got into Queen Mary University of London for Law. Had a crazy summer with some friends from St Clare's and did some work as a tutor on a sports camp.

YOUR NEWS

We will now be publishing Alumni Notes twice a year with the Newsletter and would like to include as much alumni news as possible.

If you haven't already done so, register with St Clare's Online and update your news online at www.stclares.ac.uk

LOST ALUMNI

If you know another St Clare's alumnus who hasn't heard from us for a while, encourage them to get in touch with the Development and Alumni Office with details of their name, address and years at St. Clare's.

LOOKING FOR LOST FRIENDS

Des Fowler would like to get back in touch with WALTER McDONALD, VICTOR HU, THERESE UNDERSTANDER, VICTORIA FRANCE, ZOE HOWARD and all his other friends from 1993.

IRENE BOTAS SOTO Yvette Schoenmakers is looking for you.

Robin Ewald is looking for ELISE NYGAARD who left St. Clare's in 1992 and is from Norway.

Ghassan Kassim from Yemen would like to get in touch with all of his friends who were on English Courses in 1992/1993.

If you are in touch with any of the people above, please contact the Development and Alumni Office.

HAVE YOU LOST TOUCH WITH A FRIEND ?

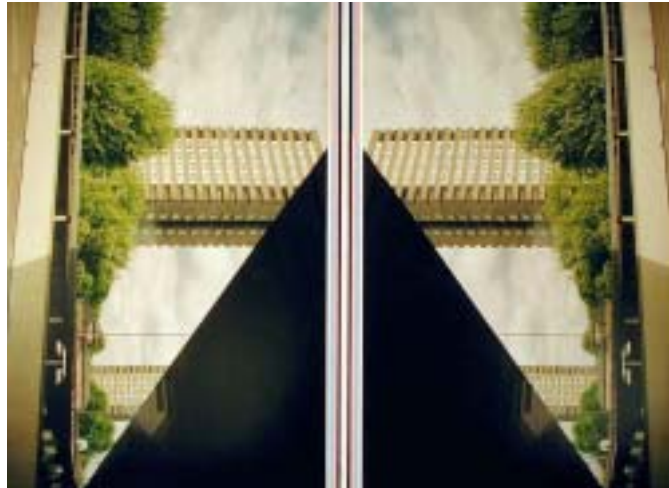
If so, send an email to alumni@stclares.ac.uk with a message for the person you are looking for, clearly stating their name, the year(s) they were here, plus anything else which might help to identify them.

We will then post your message as news item on St Clare's Online. Hopefully, either the person themselves or one of their friends will see the message and they will get in touch with you.

Coming up....



'Uvuyo (Joy)'
Jasmine Waddell 2003



'Gates of Eden'
David Chaplin

Developing Vision

St Clare's
Photography
Exhibition

15 - 23 May 2004

We have had an excellent response to our proposed open studio exhibition for the Oxfordshire Artweeks Festival. The exhibition, entitled *Developing Vision*, will open between 10am and 5pm from 15 - 23 May and promises photographic work of a high standard ranging from documentary-style work to fine art and experimental pieces.

On the documentary side of photography we will have work from Jenny Waddell (IB 1982) who is submitting photographs taken in Kenya. We will also have work from Jasmine Waddell (no relation of Jenny), a post-graduate student at St Anthony's College, Oxford, who is currently Warden of one of the IB houses at St Clare's. Her black and white photographs document the lives of teachers and students in Ilitha Junior Secondary School in Mount Frere, Eastern Cape, who walk miles every day from one-room shacks and child-headed households to school and a vision of a new South Africa.

On the fine art and experimental side of photography we will have work from Andi Whiting who is currently running the weekly Creative Photography sessions in our new darkroom at 121 Banbury Road. He has produced a series of new pieces of work for this exhibition in which he has been exploring the possibilities of digital technology. David Chaplin who uses photography to explore a mystical or transcendental vision of our environment will be exhibiting. We also have work from Chris Ndhlovu (IB 2002) who was a founder member of STEP (St Clare's Tanzanian Education Project). He is now running a photographic company called Qrizma Images Ltd. and will be showing examples of his multi-exposure photographs for this year's exhibition. Work from current IB2 Visual Arts students will also be displayed.

JOHN ROLFE
Head of Art

St Clare's Association Weekend

11 - 12 September 2004

St Clare's Association 1996 - 2004 Reunion

25 September 2004

More information about both these events coming soon. Look out on St Clare's Online for updates.

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