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**Annual Dinner at
Silverstream
9 October 2010**

125th Jubilee Celebrations – June 2010

A number of weeks have passed since these celebrations and yet for many there remains a great sense of energy. From the abundance of feedback received the celebrations have cemented in the hearts and minds of so many of our Old Boys, past and current families that St Pat's is alive, thriving and continuing with the same favourite traditions of 125 years ago, albeit it in the 21st Century.

One of the key objectives was for many Old Boys to have the opportunity to visit, or revisit, the College and experience some reconnection. For our current young men trudging up and down Watters, Redwood, Chanel and Kennedy stairwells, or racing along the corridors, they also now see the history of their College dating all the way back to 1885.

Another key objective was to launch the Foundation's Education Fund and two redevelopment projects – the Theatre and the Quad, both right in the heart of the College.

Here are a few Jubilee 'facts'

- 899 official registrations
- 750 at the Blue's Brothers Bash (with 50 volunteers)
- Approximately 1500 through the College and at sports fixtures during Saturday
- 840 at the Jubilee Dinner
- 900 at the Jubilee Mass
- 750 'Sectare Fidem' books already sold
- The original commemorative painting 'St Pat's Goes Marching In' sold for \$27,000 at the Dinner auction – the syndicate have kindly donated it back to the College where it now graces the foyer
- 26 prints of the painting have already sold

Memorabilia is still available to purchase from the Cashiers Office. Just pop in and make your purchase – Eftpos is available, or contact the Development Manager to arrange payment and postage.

'St Pat's Goes Marching In' prints
\$350 each

Wine Glasses – set of six
\$45 per set

Glass Coasters – set of four
\$18 per set

'Sectare Fidem' book \$49.95

Merino Scarves \$40.00

(Prices included GST but not p&tp)

Finally, on behalf of the 125th Jubilee Committee we wish to thank the St Pat's Old Boys' Association for its support of the Jubilee – the work of the Association Executive contributed to the weekend's success.

To check out Jubilee Photos – visit www.photo.woolf.co.nz, Jubilee book launch & Mass visit www.stpats.school.nz and click on Photo Gallery.

Jubilee Speeches – visit www.stpats125.org.nz

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Stream Plays Host to Annual Dinner

This years Annual Dinner will be held at Silverstream on a Saturday night. The MC will be Stephen Hewson (S80-84) RNZ Sports Journalist. We will announce who will be awarded the Felix Kane Cup for the Old Boy of the Year and entertained by a debate.

The SPCOBA Executive is excited that Silverstream can participate in the 125th year of St Patrick's College. We talk of two separate colleges, one being 125 years old and the other 79 years old but we are brothers in arms, created by the Society of Mary. A Marist family charged with the creating communities to educate young boys and turn them into men through education and living the Marian way according to the Gospels of Jesus.

The role of 'Stream' was predominantly in its earlier days to be that of a boarding school thereby complementing its brother school (Town) as a day school in Wellington circa 1931. Talk at the time was as if Stream "had stolen not

only the trophies, name of the college magazine, the dormitories, refectories indeed even the Rector (Fr Dowling)". So, St Patricks went to the Hutt Valley, with its Cambridge Blue and White colours and its magazine. Town was left to re-establish itself as a day school, take on a darker blue for its uniform and establish a new school magazine, The Patrician. It is fitting that the motion of our debate will be, 'That Silverstream is the real St Patricks'.

The Affirmative Stream team includes; Tony Egan (S80-84) Head Prefect now CEO ofASUREquality, Gordon Noble-Campbell (S80-84) now CEO of Spicers, Chris Quin (S80-84) Head Day Boy Prefect now CEO of Gen-i. Arguing the negative, the Town team includes; Paul Swain (T65-69) Ex Cabinet Minister & MP, Jim Moriarty (T67-71) now actor, playwright, artistic director of Te Rakau Haua O Te Wao Tapu Trust, Mike Fitzsimons (T67-71) now professional writer &

director of Fitzbeck Creative, author of the St Patricks Town History "Sectare Fidem". The adjudicator will be Des Boyle, celebrating 40 years of teaching at Silverstream.

St Patricks Old Boys Annual Dinner 2010

Date: Saturday, 9th October

Time: 6pm for 7pm start

**Venue: SPC Silverstream,
207 Fergusson Dr, Upper Hutt**

Cost: \$40 (No door sales & cash bar)

For Tickets: George Collins ph 04 565378, secretary@spcob.org.nz or
Wade Hall ph 04 527 7777,
w_j_hall@hotmail.com

Cash sales of merchandise & raffles available on the night.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

GOLF DAY AT WAIKANAE GOLF CLUB

97 TE MOANA ROAD, WAIKANAE

THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2010

STARTING TIME: 11am

ENTRY FEE: \$35 (includes green fees, prizes, finger food)

CLOSING DATE: 5 NOVEMBER, 2010

You may register by email and pay 'on the day'

Peter Quin

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Phone: (04) 904 0714

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Note:

- Morning tea available on arrival (user pays)
- Assistance with prizes would be appreciated
- Only those with an official NZGA handicap will be eligible for major prizes but there will be a separate category for those with no official handicap

London Meets Saint Patricks College Old Boys

On the same day as the main celebrations were taking place in Wellington, 34 London based Old Boys gathered at Greig's Grill in Mayfair for a 125th Jubilee dinner of their own. Handshakes, laughing, mixing, mingling, shock at lack of hair in some cases, back patting and more laughing all took place before the formal part of the evening began with individual introductions of each Old Boy present. This resulted in a number of hilarious explanations about how various Old Boys got the nickname which had been assigned to them by organiser Michael Hinds (although in some cases even Hindsy couldn't explain how he came up with the nickname himself).

Once the formal introductions were out of the way, we settled down to some superb starters and fantastic steak, followed by a viewing of the Jubilee DVD which had been flown in especially from Wellington by Loretta Love. With the main meal dinner plates barely cleared away, the singing

began, with old favourites Sectare Fidem, Guide Me O and O'Salosa all getting a good airing. Some old boys had been out of the system for as many as 23 years – but by the standard of the singing on show, you'd think they only graduated yesterday. Some things are never forgotten. As dessert arrived, a number of highly sought after awards were handed out, with the recipient of each rewarded in millilitres for their troubles.

After the awards' ceremony, 34 smiling men moved outside where Richard Kelly (who had already excelled in the singing earlier in the evening) led the group in a noisy rendition of the Town Haka. It has to be said that the sight of 33 topless men performing a Haka in the street came as a bit of a shock to the residents of Mayfair, but judging by the applause at the end from passers by, restaurant staff and photographing tourists, it was well received. Sole Stream representative Ollie Mannix could not however be gently coaxed



into performing a one-man Stream Haka, although he did look rather tempted when Mike Horan offered him 100 pounds to do so.

After the outside actions and shirts and ties back on, we returned inside to discover that the restaurant had run out of beer, which initially caused considerable amounts of panic and distress. However, this potentially evening ruining catastrophe was quickly resolved by placing the top shelf under much closer scrutiny. All in all, it was a fantastic evening. Huge thanks must go to Michael Hinds for his steely efforts in putting this mammoth evening together. We await next year's dinner with eager anticipation.

Tom Hunt (T95-99)

Stream 1980s Old Boys "Golf" Gathering 2010 Trip Report

Attendees: Pete Nash, Dean McNaught, Pat Cody, Joe Crowley, Mark O'Donnell, Sean Hayes, Andrew Todd, Rob Merwood.

We gathered **Pete Nash's** farm just outside Warkworth during the afternoon and had a few beers and some of Pete's farm kill meat patties on the BBQ slapped between bread and T sauce – nothing's too good for us!

Driving up Pete's driveway we could see a couple of golf greens beautifully manicured out of the front paddock. Pete had set up a few events in his back yard. First off was golf. One shot for each green in the front paddock – closest to the tee. The tee off point was right in front of Pete's terrace so his type of golf didn't involve exercise, except for Pete driving his 4 wheeler around the paddock to pick up the balls. Next – shooting with slug guns and proper cardboard targets.

Off to the adventure centre owned by King's College. A great set up with good kitchen & recreational facilities and bunk house. Big slabs of steak (think they fell off the back of a truck), salad & hot chips all washed down with a few shots of Baileys and Midori and lashings of ale.

Then it was onto the next round of events. Pat showed us how to chase a ball around with a putter, then when the jeers got a bit much, he chased us around with a putter. Then a couple of games of darts and the annual **Stream Trivia** – anyway to cut a long story short, the trophy winner was **Joe Crowley**.



L to R: Andrew Todd, Pete Nash, Rob Merwood, Sean Hayes, Mark O'Donnell, Dean McNaught, Pat Cody, Joe Crowley

SPC Wellington Update

Fr. Paul Martin SM – Rector

The last term was a very pleasing one for the College. The Jubilee celebrations were an opportunity to share the history of the College with the boys. The week of the Jubilee saw us unveiling the new statue of St Patrick which stands proudly on the plinth outside the chapel. It is great to have St Patrick on the front of the building again. The visit to the old site of the College on the same day was an opportunity for the students to have some sense of where the old site was and what it was like. The combined Mass with St Pat's Silverstream, lead by Archbishop John Dew at the Michael Fowler Centre, was a chance to celebrate our shared history and to give thanks for what has been and who we are now. The Jubilation concert in the evening at the same venue was an opportunity for old boys and current students to showcase their artistic and cultural talents. The highlight was the Con Anima reunion choir, with over fifty members, whose singing was so powerful and moving.

The Jubilee weekend itself provided the present students with an opportunity

to showcase the Kilbirnie College to all those who had never been here, and to serve the old boys who attended. With tours taken around the College, and dinners to serve on the Saturday evening, the boys got a great taste of the spirit of the College and the characters who are the old boys of St Pat's. The Mass on the Sunday morning was also a chance for them to join in spiritually with the old boys at the Jubilee.

The Jubilee has given us the momentum and chance to display so much of the history of St Pat's, as well as renovate some parts of the current College. We are particularly proud of the renovated Chapel. It has been repainted, carpeted and had the sanctuary lowered. The addition of heat pumps has also seen it become a place of warmth. It now provides a place of quiet and prayer for all the community.

The success of the First XV rugby has also been a highlight of the last months. The winning of the Old Boys Cup for the first time since 1997 in the recent exchange was a fitting tribute to the work of coaches Brendan Reidy and



Gerard Tully. We are hoping that this success will continue for the remainder of the season.

The Barbershop Chorus are attending the National Finals in Hamilton in August and are then going to Las Vegas in January to attend an international competition. It is a sign of the many and varied opportunities available to students today.

Enrolments for 2011 close on August 6 and it looks as if the maximum roll of 800 may well be reached. It is good to know that parents are wanting to send their sons to the College and that the education the boys are receiving is meeting their needs.

SPC Silverstream Update

Mr. Phil Mahoney – Rector

Winter Sports season is coming to a close. It has finished on a high note for the College with both the 1st Rugby XV and the 1st Football XI winning the Premier One Wellington Competitions. It has been 10 years since the 1st XV won the competition and 9 years since the 1st XI won. To win both in the same year is a unique double. The First XV beat Town in the final then went on to beat Napier Boys High in the Hurricanes semi-final and lost in the last minute to Gisborne Boys High in the Hurricanes final. The First XI remain unbeaten for the year, downing Wellington College 2-1 in the local final. They are now in Napier for the top 16 National Football tournament, where they have a top 4 seeding. The 1st Cricket XI also won the Premier One Wellington competition at the end of last summer, to complete a memorable sporting year.

The College was asked to host the finals day for Wellington Secondary

rugby this year on 28 August. Fourteen grade finals were played here, with Stream teams playing in seven finals – the highest number for any school. Our teams won five of their finals. Three football teams also made finals, and one of them won.

It's not only about sport, as the best of Stream's visual and performing arts students will be on public display at the City Council's Expressions theatre in Upper Hutt on the evening of 6 September. The evening will showcase student talent and includes performances by the College Jazz Band, Pasifika group and other talented artists. The Pasifika group will perform again on 13 September at the Wellington Tu Tangata festival at the Opera House, along with other invited schools.

Demand for places at the College is high, with more than 200 applications for 165 places in Year 9 for 2011.



However, the limited Catholic background of many Preference applicants poses a challenge for the Religious Studies Department. A chance is offered for students to enrol in a Sacramental preparation programme, and there is considerable uptake. It is a pity that their parents have done little to provide a Catholic background before applying at the College. A sign of the times perhaps? The College has a programme in place for Year 9 parents and sons called "Becoming a Streamer" to address this issue.

See you at this year's Annual Dinner, here at Silverstream!

Old Boys in the News

By George Collins

Congratulations to the large number of Old Boys who put themselves forward as candidates for the Boards of Trustees and the Board of Proprietors at both Colleges. At St Pats Town **Chris McCarthy (T1972-76)** has been re-elected as the Board of Trustees Chairman and is the current President of the Old Boys Association. **Mike Curtis (S1966-70)** is the Board of Proprietors representative on the Board of Trustees. The following Old Boys are on the Board of Proprietors, **Judge Denis Clifford (T1965-69)**, **Rob Vorstermans (T1973-77)**, **Tony Joyce (T1982-83)** and **Mark McGuinness (T1970-74)**.

The following Old Boys have been elected to the Silverstream Board of Trustees, **Mike Ryan (S1968-72)**, **Andrew Fox (S1984-88)** and **Stephen Wilson (S1972-76)**. **Simon Stack (S1978-82)** was elected as the Staff representative. The Stream Board of Proprietors is well represented by the following Old Boys, **Tom Roseingrave (S85-86)**, **Dominic Outtrim (1974-78)**, **David Crombie (S1972-76)**, **Mark Lightenberg (S1972-75)** and **Brian McGuinness (T1962-67)**.

Congratulations to **Chris Field (Stream 1985-89)** who was elected to the Board of Trustees at St Peter and Pauls, Lower Hutt.

Allan Devlin (T37-40) was presented with the Papal Award Benemerenti by Archbishop of New Zealand John Dew at a ceremony at St Peter and Paul's parish on 14th March. The award is recommended by the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples.

The Hutt News advised that Mr Devlin has been an active member of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Lower Hutt for 50 years, a foundation member of St Leo's Scouts in 1934, co-ordinator of the pastoral programme Renew and chaired the Archdiocesan Justice of the Peace Committee. Devlin has been assisting refugees in resettling in the Hutt Valley for more than 50 years and has been a youth advocate with the Lower Hutt Police.

Brooke Gibson (T1970-74) was appointed as a District Court Judge at a special court sitting in February. Brooke was supported by various Old Boys in the legal profession including **Chris Finlayson (T1970-74)**, the current Attorney General.

Bede Roe (S1976-80) was featured in the Dominion Post's "people on the move" section in May. Bede has joined the recruitment company Momentum following a two year stint owning and operating hospitality outlets in Hamilton's CBD.

Chris Quinn (S1980-84) was featured as one of Telecom's "likely lads for Telecom's Broadband revolution" The Dom post said the following "*Chris Quinn has taken a higher profile role at Telecom this year, fronting with customers and the media over the failures of XT with both grace and good humour*" and in its finishing statement it said, "*Mr Quinn may have the passion and vision to step up and play a central role in reinventing the company*". Chris Quinn is Telecom's Gen-i CEO and was named an emerging leader at the Sir Peter Blake Leadership Awards.

John Todd (S1944) was the winner of the Wellington Icon award at the Dominion Post sponsored 2010 Wellington Annual Gold Awards. The Dom post reported that Todd, Chairman of the Todd Corporation gave a rousing speech about being a Wellingtonian through and through but did mention his distaste for the Te Papa building and described it as a missed opportunity to create an architectural icon like the Sydney Opera House on the waterfront.

Martin Devlin (S1977-80) was back on Television during the World Cup as the host of TVNZ's Football World Cup coverage and was the topic of the Herald's "The Alan Perrott Interview" Perrott claimed that Devlin is Soccer's equivalent to rugby league ambassador Sir Peter "Mad Butcher" Leitch.

While we were all watching Martin Devlin and the football world cup, **Phil Gorman (S1988-92)** was showing his support for the All Whites by painting

"Go the All Whites" on his work van. This patriotic act was inspired by The All Whites draw against Italy and got Phil's picture on the front page of the Dom post during June.

Nick Wareham (S1981-85) was featured in the Dom Post in his capacity as Wellington's Centreport's General Manager of Property and Infrastructure in a story about how Centreport is selling some of its property to release cash for development.

John Leslie (S1984-88) was vocal in an article in the Herald about the decline and fall of Otago and Highlanders Rugby over the last decade. Leslie who left Otago after being in the team that won the NPC in 1998 to play for Scotland advised that "*it was like coming back to a shipwreck*". He spoke critically of those who had a nostalgic view of Carisbrook saying "*Those who think the "Brook" is a good place to watch rugby probably haven't watched rugby anywhere else*" but was impressed by the new coaching set up in the province and advised that he did have aspiration to coach Otago in the future.

Phil O'Brien (T1966-68) has obviously gained iconic status in Wellington and arguably New Zealand after he was the topic of the Dom post's five minute quiz question in June. Question: Who is Phil O'Brien's co-host on the Radio New Zealand programme Matinee Idle?

Joseph Romanos (T1970-74) usually collects and reports the news as Editor of The Wellingtonian. However, he found himself making the news when his paper was named Community Newspaper of the Year at the Qantas Media Awards. The paper won, from a field of 200 community papers and the judges noted its strong community leadership and its growth of readership in 2009. Awards presenter Maggie Barry commented on the growth of the paper by saying "*Readers support quality journalism*". We congratulate Joseph on a job well done.

Stream Old Boys were part of the entertainment at the Life Flight Trust charity dinner and concert held in

Old Boys in the news continued

Upper Hutt in June. **Brian Childs (S1978-81)** performed as Elvis and **Grant Quin (S1962-65)** brought back the spirit of “old blue eyes” with his performance as Frank Sinatra.

The Dom Post’s diary commented on the “good natured jibes” that Deputy Prime Minister **Bill English (S1975-79)** received while he was working as a barman at the St Pats Town “Blues Brother Bash” during the Jubilee weekend. Of the many comments he received throughout the night, the most common was “Don’t give up your day job, Bill”.

Veteran film maker **Vincent Ward (1969-71)** made the news after commenting on Sir Peter Jackson’s review of the Film Commission. The Dom post mentioned that Ward may leave New Zealand because the Film Commission is reluctant to support established talent and that he finds it difficult raising funds and the commission made it virtually impossible for experienced film-makers to tell New Zealand stories of any ambition.

Journalist and Stream Old Boy **Colin Williams (1971-75)** announced in the Upper Hutt Leader that **Wayne Guppy (S1968-72)** Mayor since 2001 has confirmed that he will stand for another term. While Guppy’s predecessor **Rex Kirton (S1955-60 and 1960 1st XV Captain)** who was Upper Hutt Mayor for 24 years has advised that he is keen to continue for a fourth term as Upper Hutt’s representative on the Greater Wellington Regional Council. Kirton has been unchallenged for his seat on

the regional council for the last nine years but this year the people of Upper Hutt will have the chance to vote for the position as **Paul Swain (T1965-69)** the ex Cabinet Minister and MP for Rimutaka is challenging Kirton for the seat. It will be a great contest with two strong and experienced candidates and the Old Boys Associations wishes them both of them good luck.

Did you know, that St Pats Town Old Boy **Isaac Fe’aunati (1987-91)** plays Jonah Lomu in Clint Eastwood’s movie *Invictus*, the Story of Nelson Mandela and the new South Africa during the Rugby World Cup in 1995.

The Dom Post advised that Samoan head of state **Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi (S1955-57)** is currently unwell and receiving medical treatment in New Zealand for what is thought to be a heart condition. Get well soon and our prayers are with you.

Scott Waldrom (S1994-98) will play his rugby for the Chiefs next year. The Sunday Star Times outlined that Waldrom’s latest Super rugby campaign with the Hurricanes was beset by injury but since his return to full fitness playing for Taranaki in the ITM Cup the Chiefs have recruited Stream’s latest All Black. The article offered the explanation that the new rugby law interpretations suit the smaller light weight flanker and the Chiefs may want to use Waldrom’s skills in combination with similar player Tanerau Latimer.

Congratulations must go out to the Black Ferns, the New Zealand Women’s Rugby Team that beat pre tournament favourites England 13-10 to retain the

Women’s Rugby World Cup for the fourth time in London earlier in the month. The Team went through the pool games unbeaten and beat France 45-7 in the semi final. It’s relevant to St Pats Old Boys as their coach is former Stream 1st XV Captain of 1980-81, **Brian Evans (S1977-81)**. As quoted in the Dominion Post, Evans praised his players by saying “they played sublimely at times” and called for the reinstatement of the Women’s National Provincial Championship by the NZRFU.

The Dominion Post ran the story of the player formerly known as **Costa Barbarouses (Town)** is now using his birth name of Kosta with a K not a C and outlined the reasons behind the story. Barbarouses explained that his teachers at school would use the C and everyone followed. His correct name is spelt with a K and after transferring football clubs in the A league from the Wellington Phoenix to the Brisbane Roar and after sighting his birth certificate and passport the club advised they would be using the correct spelling as Kosta with a K which Kosta mentioned “because that’s my real name”. Kosta Barbarouses came back to haunt his old club by scoring the winning goal as the Brisbane Roar beat the Wellington Phoenix 1-0 at Suncorp Stadium in August.

Danie Lupp (S1960-61) featured in the Dominion Post people pages in September. Danie was attending the unveiling of the new Jaguar XJ as a guest of Wellington car Dealer Armstrong Prestige.

Deceased Old Boys R.I.P

Brian Gelderd Beech (S40-41) died 16 May 2010 in Lower Hutt

Ronald Lawrence Spaulding (T54-56) died 19 May 2010 in Masterton

Bernard Vincent Joseph Galvin (T46-50) died 16 May 2010

George Christopher Parker (S54-56) died 21 June 2010 in Gisborne

Please note: Correction from the June/July Patsman- Anthony Heywood Ashenden (S54-57) died 4 June 2010 in Christchurch.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Reminder: Please keep us informed of any births, deaths, marriages or news in general of the activities of Old Boys of Town and Stream. Please contact Phil Reeve on 479-3221, 027 473 123 and preeve@remax.net

Weddings of Old Boys

Andrew (T 1987-1991) and **Peter (T1991-1995) Twidle** were married within months of one another. Andrew married Anna Shipley at Upper Moutere on 30 December 2009. The wedding was attended by Andrew's classmates, **Martin Rea** (London), **Nathan Greening** (Brisbane), **Matthew Doolan**, **Karl Wareham**, **Peter McLellan** and brother **Peter Twidle (T1991-1995)**. Also attending were Anna's uncle and cousins **Gaike Knottenbelt (S1971-1973)**, **Josef Knottenbelt (S2007)**, **Sam O'Malley (T1998-2002)** and **Tim O'Malley (T2005-2009)**. Andrew and Anna have made their home in London. **Peter** married Caroline Marcic at Erskine, Island Bay on 10 April 2010. Many

of Peter's classmates from T1991-1995 were in attendance. **Mark Graham** was best-man and **Matt Hunt** groomsman. Other 91-95 Town old boys were **Trent Issac**, **Tim Ellis**, **Chris Sheehan**, **Steve Condliffe** (Australia), **Tom O'Reagan**, **Mike Fair**, **Bevan Kidd**, **Michael Costa**, **Nick Robbers** and **David Milne**. Peter's cousin, **Tom Montague (T1995-1999)** and brother **Andrew** were also guests.

Alex Ness married Nina Ritchie at St Mary of the Angels, Wellington on 10 July 2010. Alex was flanked by four old boys (T1993-1997) as his grooms-men, **Chris Robinson** (best-man), **Stephen Tamarapa**, **James McMurtrie** and **Blair Foubister**. Alex's brothers **Geoffrey (T1987-1990)**

and **Michael (T1991-1995)** were also in attendance. Other Patricians present from T1993-1997 were **Edwin Meachen**, **Phillip Hearnden**, **Daniel McHardy**, **Harvey Skogstad**, **Mike Ellis** and **Dan McGuinness (S)**. The following old boys from T1987-2008 were also guests: **Simon Mareko**, **Hadley Middleton**, **Felise So'oa**, **Tim Grigg**, **Matt Tilley**, **Heath Hutton**, **Martin Freeman**, **Ged Robinson**, **Simon Scannel** and **Giles Foubister**. It was an outstanding day and the happy couple, along with their daughter Benni-Rose, are residing in the thriving metropolis of Johnsonville!

SPCOBA – Secretary

By George Collins (S80-84) Secretary SPCOBA

The main focus this year has been the St Pats Town 125th Jubilee and we have been happy to contribute to the success of the event by assisting with the following;

- stain glass windows in the College Hall
- archiving of the College's history
- a commemorative Jubilee Painting by Julian Knap (T91-95)
- logistical assistance for the event itself

We acknowledge Chris McCarthy and Evan Bayly as our Old Boys Reps on the organising committee. Town and its Jubilee Committee are to be congratulated for a job well done.

We got 50 new applications from Old Boys during the Jubilee weekend and numerous others have joined via face book and the website, since then. So please continue spreading the word.

As part of the Old Boys Association charter, we give back to the Colleges by supporting various projects each year. This has included; the Jubilee, replacing the tractor at Silverstream, college banners, signs and more recently assistance to one of Towns

current pupils Hans To'o, Head Boy. We helped him with travel costs to attend the Hague International Model United Nations Conference. We have also provided two scholarships for new pupils at both colleges. On the sporting front, we continue to sponsor the Winter Sporting Exchange tournament between Stream and Town. Finally, we provided funds to assist the Stream First XV, as they got to the Semi finals of the Hurricanes 1st XV tournament.

We thank you for donations and contributions as members. It is greatly appreciated and valued by the Colleges and individual recipients. In true Marist tradition we are able to help our brothers and grow our Patrician family.

The association continues to strengthen its ties with both colleges. This saw Wade Hall and George Collins visit the Stream Board of Trustees and Proprietors in July to give a presentation about its role. We look forward to visiting 'Town's Boards' in the near future.

We welcome a new Old Boy to the committee. David Wotton T(57-



61) he brings financial skills as a chartered accountant. As a reminder, new members to the committee are most welcome please contact the secretary (George Collins) for more information.

On a final note, we look forward to catching up with you all at our Annual Dinner at Silverstream on October 9th featuring a debate, Stream vs Town. A new venue, different entertainment and good company, the makings for an enjoyable night.

Sectare Fidem, George Collins

Colourful, forthright character

Bernard Galvin b Wellington, March 15, 1933; m Beverly Snook (diss), Professor Margaret Clark, 3s, 1d; d June 2, 2010, aged 77.

BERNIE GALVIN was the youngest of four children of an Irish watersider who made it all the way to the top of the Prime Minister's Department and Treasury. His father, Eustace Galvin, wanted to take the young Bernie out of school the day he turned 15, but the priests at St Patrick's College in Cambridge Tce forced him to change his mind.

Mr Galvin Sr was out of work during the Depression and had considered the only sensible course of action for his youngest son was to take a job as soon as possible before all the jobs disappeared again.

Mr Galvin Jr went on to become head prefect, dux of St Patrick's Town for two years running and captain of the First XI cricket team.

He was elected president of the Students Association at Victoria University in 1954. The same year,

he graduated with a maths degree and taught at his old alma mater. The teaching job was his way of saying thanks to the priests for insisting he have an education.

He joined Treasury in 1955 and was granted a year's study leave in the United States, where he graduated with a master's degree in public administration at Harvard University in 1962.

In the years before British entry to the Common Market, he was councillor (economic) at the New Zealand High Commission in London (1964-68). This posting proved another great overseas adventure for his first wife, Beverly, the mother of his four children, and family.

He returned to Wellington following the introduction of decimal currency in 1967 and by 1975 had risen to the position of Assistant Secretary to the Treasury.

In 1975, he was approached by the then Treasury secretary, Henry Lang, and asked to head the new Prime Minister's Department.

He remained in this job for five years, working with prime minister Sir Robert Muldoon, before returning to Treasury, which he headed until his retirement in 1986.

To Sir Robert Muldoon, Mr Galvin was just that – 'Mr Galvin' – and to Mr Galvin, Sir Robert was 'Prime Minister'.

In the public arena, Mr Galvin was viewed as being closely associated with Sir Robert, but there was a ritualistic professional formality which separated the two men.

To Sir Robert, Mr Galvin was just that – "Mr Galvin" – and to Mr Galvin, Sir Robert was "Prime Minister."

There were, however, personality traits about Mr Galvin, a man who loathed pretension and pomposity, to which Sir Robert could relate.

The Treasury mandarin gave advice to Sir Robert and his successor, David Lange, in a straightforward, frank and amiable fashion.

His time at the helm of Treasury coincided with the repercussions of the second oil shock, the imposition of Sir Robert's 30-month wage freeze

in June 1982, the end of the Muldoon era, which included the devaluation crisis in 1984, and the beginning of major Lange administration economic reforms in the mid-1980s.

Many people in the public sector were intimidated by Sir Robert. Mr Galvin was not one of them. He delivered bad economic news, along with Rod Deane from the Reserve Bank, to his political master when it had to be delivered.

Under his watch as head of Treasury, Mr Galvin advised Sir Robert on several occasions – advice always ignored – to devalue the dollar during National's third term. He had instant devaluation success when he briefed incoming prime minister David Lange soon after the change of government in 1984.

Former Labour prime minister Sir Geoffrey Palmer, who succeeded Mr Lange, remembers Mr Galvin as a seriously bright, old-school-style public servant who at all times acted entirely appropriately during the devaluation crisis.

"We had no problems with Bernie," Sir Geoffrey said.

Just as Mr Galvin had his own mentors, such as his predecessors in the top Treasury job, Henry Lang

and Noel Lough, he himself exhibited a strong sense of social justice and support for those around him.

He was, for instance, a lower-grade rugby coach for the Victoria University Rugby Club, even putting his ageing body on the line when the playing number quorum could not be reached.

For the last eight years of his life he suffered from a deteriorating short-term memory-loss problem. He died of pneumonia at Palmerston North Hospital, with Professor Margaret Clark and his children at his bedside.

Throughout his life the quick-witted and amusing Mr Galvin was always loyal to his army of friends, many of whom visited him in Levin.

He was a person to whom many people turned for advice, understanding and good counsel.

The modern view of the old civil service, spearheaded by people like Mr Galvin, is one of greyness and drabness. "Bernie", a colourful, forthright character, was anything but.

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