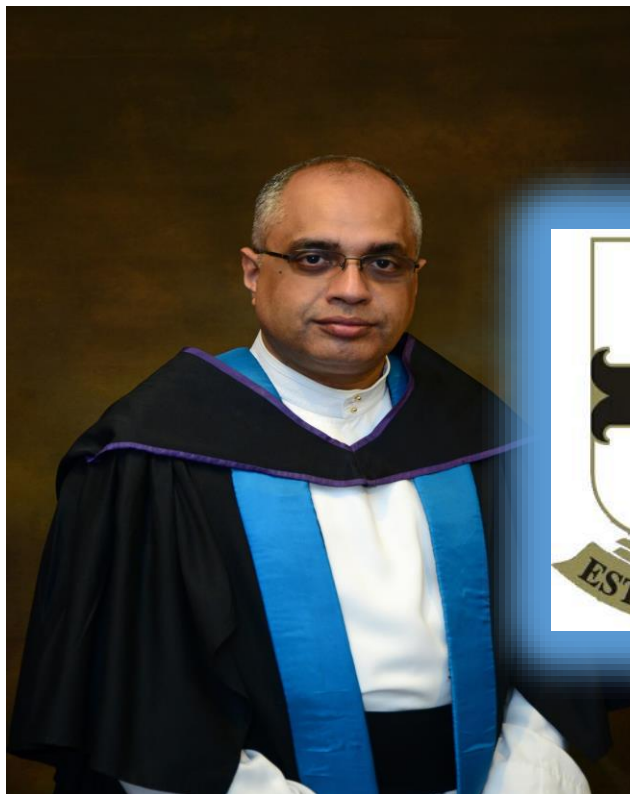


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EDITOR'S NOTE

“Be courageous”

Thomas, whose full name was Didymus Judas Thomas, lived in Galilee when it was part of the ancient Roman Empire and became one of Jesus Christ's disciples when Jesus called him to join his ministry work. His inquisitive mind led him to naturally doubt God's work in the world, but also led him to pursue answers to his questions, which ultimately led him to great faith. When Thomas believed, he could be quite courageous. The Bible records in John chapter 11 that when the disciples were worried about accompanying Jesus to Judea (because the Jews had previously tried to stone Jesus there), Thomas encouraged them to stick with Jesus, who wanted to return to the area to help his friend Lazarus, even if that meant being attacked by Jewish leaders there. Thomas says in verse 16: "Let us also go, that we might die with him."

HOW BEST can Thomiana reflect the needs and expectations of our readers? Can we rise to the challenge of producing a magazine comparable with the best and thus reach the goal of excellence that Thomians sets for them? How can we get all the (young and old) old boys of STC involved in the life of this magazine? These were the questions that we pondered over as we started work on this year's magazine. The best job includes change and challenge. And this year, both were provided by our own President Vasee an unpretentious, insightful and caring old boy who is urging the membership of all 4 colleges under one flag. We have given Thomiana a makeover, both in content and form.

This is a time to be courageous as we look into the numerous disasters world has witnessed over the centuries and although most are man-made due to wars and terrorism, mother nature certainly dishes out her fair share of damage.

While there are many criteria as to what would be considered the “worst” natural disaster ranging from lives lost to cost incurred, the earthquakes, typhoons, and tsunamis we are about to witness are all horrific in their own right. Can we Thomians stand out in these circumstances as Thomas did?

Thus aspects of unity should be encouraged, aspects of disunity should be discouraged. When human beings come close to one another with a genuine feeling of unity, when they share the common joys and sorrows of life, those external differences gradually vanish as a matter of course, they are removed through natural fusion. It is not possible to eradicate them by force.

Various batches of the Old Boys of St Thomas' college Mount/Prep collectively met during the Royal-Thomian Melbourne cricket match and also at the stag night. We would like to invite all the Thomians (mount/prep/guru/bandarawela) in Melbourne to join us at the next big event which will be the Triangular Rugby 7's. Your participation will be a strength to our youngsters and will encourage more members for the events yet to come...

As it says in the Traditions of S.Thomas' let our “Expectation be magnanimous & generous in victory but also be courageous & unbounded in defeat”

Esto Perpetua!

Rajindra Bibile
Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FOR ALL WE HAVE AND ARE

Dear Thomians

It is with great pleasure that I write this message as the new president of the association. My team and I are honoured by the trust placed in us and we will work hard to meet and possibly exceed your expectations.



As mentioned at the AGM, the new committee has lots of plans for the coming year. These are plans that will strengthen the OBA in future years. To this end, we intend to renew and grow our membership register, we will breathe new life into the OBA's calendar of events and we will engage our sponsors and partners more effectively to build a solid financial foundation for the future.

Most importantly, however, we want to establish more meaningful ties with the Thomian family of schools back in Sri Lanka by way of funding projects that can help make a difference. I'm sure you'd agree that whilst it is easy to focus on the needs of S. Thomas' College Mt Lavinia, we must also not forget the affiliates in Kollupitiya, Gurutalawa and Bandarawela. I strongly believe that, as an OBA, we must back up the flag waving and anthem singing with actions that reflect the sentiments expressed.

The last line of the first verse of the college song ('for all we have and are') was most likely borrowed from a similarly titled poem by Rudyard Kipling. The first two lines of Kipling's poem reads;

For all we have and are,

For all our children's fate,

That second line puts the previous line into context. We take a big responsibility on our shoulders when we puff out our chests and sing 'loudly let the echoes ring, for all we have and are.'

As you may be aware, the Old Thomians in the UK, in particular, have a reputation that goes far beyond their shores. Their most recent contribution of a state of the art electronic scoreboard to STC Mt Lavinia has set the standard for the rest of us. In the last twelve months, the Thomian Class of '79 raised approximately AUD 80,000 over twelve months by way of donations from within the same batch to build CAFÉ '79, a cafeteria, waiting area and pavilion for use by parents and teachers and students engaged in extra-curricular activities. Such generosity must clearly inspire the Thomians, in Melbourne, Sydney, California, Canada and elsewhere.

The STC family of schools, in Sri Lanka, have been established to provide a Thomian future to as wide a cross section of the population as possible. They keep school fees down for accessibility and still compete with the best in the land. These meagre fees are also used to provide a sizable number of scholarships to needy students.

As such, these contributions from old Thomians strengthen the efforts of these institutions and helps bind us all together. These acts of generosity also remind of our shared heritage, for all we have and are.

As Thomians we can be proud of our achievements over the years but there is much to be done back home and we must not rest. We must also look beyond Mt Lavinia to the needs of Kollupitiya, Gurutalawa and Bandarawela. To this end, the Thomians in Melbourne welcome opportunities to collaborate with the Thomians in Sydney and elsewhere.

Further to my recent meeting with Warden Marc Billimoria, I have received details of a classroom project that is available for potential sponsorship. The estimated cost of a classroom in Phase 2 of the Senior Quadrangle project is Rs 7 million. If a Class (batch) group or OBA branch wanted to sponsor a class room, the Warden has offered to have a plaque inserted as a permanent reminder of the benefaction. Warden Billimoria has also confirmed that our OBA Australia Scholarship Fund is active and that there are still sufficient funds to offer some bursaries this year. The OBA has also reached out to the management at the schools in Kollupitiya, Gurutalawa and Bandarawela to ascertain their needs. Your Executive Committee will review these submissions and announce our course of action by way of email, web and the next issue of the Thomiana.

Meanwhile, I also appeal to you to help raise funds by way of souvenir advertisements and sponsorship of the 2015 Thomian Ball, scheduled for the 25th of July at the Pullman Hotel, Albert Park.

The annual Thomian Ball is, by many accounts, the most prestigious event in the Australian-Sri Lankan calendar. The 'Black Tie' dress code, the \$120 ticket cost, the five star hotel venue, a band flown down from Colombo for the event, the unlimited supply of premium spirits and a formal three course meal are some of the facets that distinguish the Thomian Ball from other dinner dances in Melbourne.

As such, the Thomian Ball in Melbourne presents an outstanding opportunity for advertisers to engage the Thomian fraternity and their friends and family. In consideration of an advertising contribution, the STC OBA will reproduce a corresponding sized advertisement for inclusion in the A4 sized event Souvenir. The advertising rates are as follows:

\$400 for a full-page colour

\$250 full-page B & W

\$200 half-page colour

\$150 half-page B & W

Your help in soliciting advertisements and sponsorship will be much appreciated. The OBA raises funds to provide much needed funds to the Thomian family of schools in Sri Lanka, as well as for OBA activities in Australia and Sri Lanka. The OBA also supports worthy charities in Australia and abroad and our annual dinner dance, the Thomian Ball, is our main fund-raising event and we hope to see you there.

For all we have and are...

Vaseeharan Nesiah - President



- Saturday 9th May - Triangular Rugby Tournament
- Sunday 24th May - Senior's Lunch
- Saturday 25th July - OBA Annual Dinner Dance
- To be announced - Transfiguration Service
- Saturday 14th November - "Podi Natuma"
- Saturday 5th December - OBA Carol Service
(Festival of Nine Lessons)

Message from the Headmaster of St Thomas' prep School Kollupitiya



Dear Prepites in Melbourne,

It certainly is a joy to know that so many miles between us does not prevent us from keeping alive the memories of the school of our youthful years as the school song spells out for us. It's certainly a school that has maintained the ethos of holistic education through all the changing scenes of time. We cannot but remember with gratitude the women and men who gave of their best years to the cause of education. Their lives spoke

volumes and they certainly have imbibed in many a generation the values that have stood many a Prepите in good stead.

It is very humbling to enter such an institution and to walk the corridors of this school knowing that giants in education have walked before you. Prep has its own characteristics and I hope we can preserve some of them while giving way to change in some areas only for the cause of enhancing education.

Prep has a constraint in space but that does not deter us in any way to excel in sports and other extracurricular activities. I believe that the children entrusted to us deserve the best at all times. They must see in us that there is a genuine effort to attain the best at all times. What is second best is not for us.

I invite you to visit the school on your sojourns that you may relive the memories of your youthful years and show your families the corners in the school that you used to run and hide in and the class rooms where you learnt the lessons of life.

May God who inspired our founder and the architects of our school continue to shape your life and be in all your dreams and hopes for tomorrow.

***We'll cherish our school of our youthful years
To the life that lies before us***

Rev.Dushantha Rodrigo
Headmaster

Rev. Billimoria installed as STC's 19th Warden

Rev. Nigel Marc Pirosha Billimoria was installed as the 19th Warden of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia by Rt. Rev Dhiloraj Canagasabey. Rev. Nigel Marc Pirosha Billimoria was instituted and installed as the 19th Warden of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia by Rt. Rev Dhiloraj Canagasabey at a special service at the College Chapel of the Transfiguration on Tuesday, 6th January 2015.



A large gathering including students, teachers, old boys and teachers participated.

The preacher at the service was Emeritus Bishop Kenneth Fernando. The choir of S. Thomas' College led the Service.

Rev. Billimoria was the college Sub Warden from September 2011 prior to which he served for four and a half years as Headmaster of S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa.

He was selected as the warden of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia with Prof. Indra de Soysa leaving college at the end of 2014.

Rev. Billimoria is an old boy of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia.

He was a student during the time of Warden Neville de Alwis who first invited him to consider the teaching profession.

Upon leaving school he became a teacher at his Alma Mater and served until 1999, when he was sent by the Bishop of Colombo to be trained for the Anglican priesthood to Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford.

Prior to this, he had obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in history, with a 1st Class from the University of Pune (Poona), India as an ICCR scholar.

On his return, he was ordained Deacon in 2001 and Priest in 2002 by Rt. Rev. Duleep de Chickera and served in parishes in Moratuwa and Mirihana until 2007, when he was appointed to S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa.

Rev. Dushantha Rodrigo installed as STP's principal

Reverend Dushantha Rodrigo, the new Headmaster of S. Thomas' Preparatory School, Kollupitiya from 1 January, brings with him a wealth of experience as chaplain and teacher, having served in different parts of the island.

An Old Thomian, having had received his entire education at S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, he sees his Prep School posting as a challenge not to be missed.

It was an opportunity to start anew since he knew only a few students of Prep School, in contrast to S. Thomas' College where he had taught and been chaplain, and in parishes he had worked where many of the children were Thomians at Mount.

"So going into a school that did not know you and you did not know as a school I felt gave me an opportunity to make an impact," Fr. Dushantha, 46, says. Already, he has thrown a challenge to the staff, encouraging them to pay more attention to individual students.

"A class is made up of children at different levels of understanding, aptitude, capabilities and strengths," he explains. "And, while you are teaching a class, you must not forget the individual student – that there may be students who need the space to grow faster – and are capable of doing that – and others who are much slower. But, at the same time, while working with different levels of students, you give students equal exposure."

Teachers must not only help students grow and acquire knowledge but also build character. "For that, you've got to be deeply involved with students," he says. "You have to take the child seriously, you enable the child to grow, look at his potential and work to bring out the best in him. And if there is a sincere effort and the child knows there is a sincere effort, the child will definitely respond."

Fr Dushantha recalls how he learnt early on, when he began working with children, that students "needed a friend – that you have got to convert yourself to being a chaplain, tutor, ground master and friend."

Working with young children is a partnership between the school and the parents, he believes.





“If we are to bring out the best in the child, there has to be a healthy relationship between school and home that works towards a common goal of preparing the child for life,” he says.

“I told parents we are not doing it alone, there can’t be indifference on the part of parents, so that this partnership must be strengthened and grow in a health manner.”

Fr. Dushantha believes a small school like Prep can be turned into a model to

promote integration, with children of different ethnic communities learning and being sensitive to each other’s languages. A language lab is something he would like to start along with a maths lab where students lagging behind others can learn at their own pace from another teacher in the school itself.

“Within this year we would like to stop students from going for extra tuition outside school,” he says. “For me, tuition is like a bed sore – often you get bed sores due to bad nursing. Today, the whole time students are running from one tuition class to another. They come home dead beat. That should change and they should use that time – and have the space – to develop other skills outside the school curriculum.”

Improving Prep School’s sports activities, right now constrained by a lack of space, is another aim. He wants to make better use of available space and is thinking of having a badminton court and a basketball court and even developing the playground for school rugby. In most schools he has served as chaplain, Fr. Dushantha has also worked as a teacher, usually teaching Christianity and English.

Rev. Dushantha Rodrigo was ordained a deacon in 1994 with his first posting in Holy Trinity Nuwara Eliya and Christ Church Ragala from where he was transferred to S. Thomas’ College Gurutalawa as chaplain. Another outstation posting was at St. Mary’s Convent, Matara which he served for about two years before being sent as a Vicar to Christ Church in Mutwal.

In 2008 he became Vicar of St Michael and All Angels, Polwatte and chaplain of Bishop’s College. Four years later he went as Chaplain of S. Thomas’ College, Mount Lavinia, where he taught several upper school classes and also had a brief stint as Acting Warden.

Next, he became parish priest at SS Mary and John Church Nugegoda, a post he will continue to hold for the time being while serving as Headmaster of Prep School.

Rev. Dushantha Rodrigo was inducted as the Headmaster of S. Thomas’ Preparatory School, Kollupitiya at a special service on Monday, 26Th January 2015 at 8.00.a.m. at the school premises with the Bishop of Colombo, the Rt. Rev. Diloraj Canagasabey as the Celebrant.

Aerial View of STC Mount



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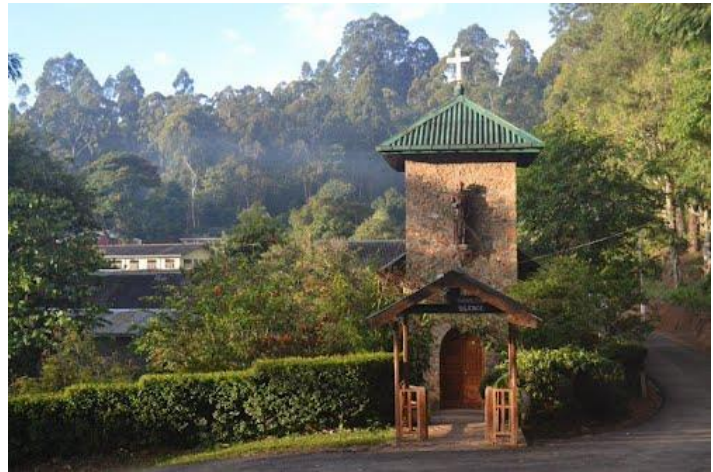
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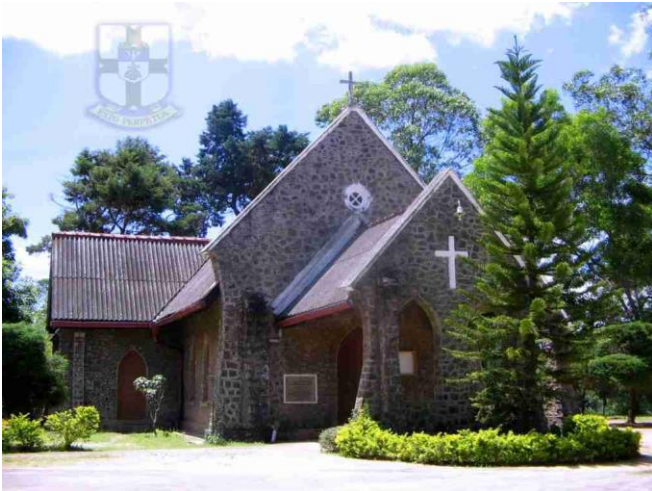
Rev.Nihal Fernando principal of

St.Thomas'College-Guruthalawa



St.Thomas'College – Bandarawela

Principal Rev.Christopher Balraj



The Times They are a-changin'

The Times They Are a-Changin'

Mount Lavinia, 5 July 2014. As the music of the night reverberated from the upper sanctums of the Old Thomians' Swimming Club, the tales began to unfold. They had once been boys together at the same school hostel, housed in dormitories named Winchester, Miller-Chapman and Copleston-Claughton.

The vintage list indicated they were from 1954 to 1991, perhaps spanning years of prominence of the prefect led boarding house system at S. Thomas'. They were the times of dominance of the plantation economy, when the children of the middle classes from the provinces were sent to Mount Lavinia for schooling.

That evening they had come from across the island. Galle, Matara, Trincomalee, Buttala, Ratnapura, Hatton, Anuradhapura, Pollonnaruwa, Kurunegala, Chilaw, Wennappuwa.....

Earlier that evening they had listened to how times had changed in a place they called home. The Warden, Professor Indra De Soysa had outlined the new vision of the school for moulding the Thomian of the new century, with the hostel as the focal point.

He spoke of a new language that was being spoken at S. Thomas'. Children from a very early age were spoken to about gender, bullying, and the rights of the child and of how the young boys were being initiated into the process of self-realization towards self-discipline. All of it was done under the supervision of the Chaplain in an age sensitive manner, with parents educated on how their child was educated.

The era of "spare the rod and spoil the child" ideal was out. There was no going back to the nostalgic "good ole' days". It would be anachronistic. But "discipline is discipline" the warden stressed, and expressed confidence that the emerging Thomians were polite, well-spoken and high achievers.

The results were clearly seen he said, from a hostel that had risen from seventeen to over seventy five within a few years, and the strengthening of the boarding house having a direct impact on marked improvement in sports and academic output.

Today the demand for hostel facilities was as a new product. The boarding house system had to cater to an increasing demand for day boarders with rapid urbanization. Urban and suburban children had the need for facilities on campus through the day. The output from such students who will not waste their time in traffic jams was essential to the school. Most important, the school was breaking even on costs and providing a high quality product - a hostel with a growing demand.

As the "old guard" came to the realization of changed times, there was appreciation for what the warden was talking about. Later that evening the conversation showed a new enthusiasm. Miller and Copleston held memories that most had begun to appreciate only many years after they had left college.

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in those early days, being raised among the edifices of Gothic and Byzantium architecture, set around the well-manicured green quadrangle, many did not realize the grandeur of the setting of their upbringing was such, as one of the smaller colleges of Oxford or Cambridge. They had learnt of books with preparatory in a hall in which four of independent Ceylon's Prime-Ministers' in the first half century, looked on them from their portraits as old boys, which adorned the wall of the college hall.

Sit down meals in the great dining hall with grace before and after meals four times a day, with noisy conversation; servants in attendance and prefects at a high table were all a grand setting to be raised in, by any standards. The confidence that elitist upbringing inculcated, dawned to many only much later in life. Now there was excitement again that the old school was focused on re-creating Miller-Chapman and Copleston-Claughton that will raise another generation, with a privileged upbringing.

Once more the nurturing of elite's have become important within this nation state, not merely for the sake of elitism, but because there is a need for it in a country that has lost its direction due to the lowering of intellectual standards, liberal conversation and standards of social propriety, that evenings conversations seemed to suggest.

Warden de Soysa was very clear what a revival envisaged. It was not only about a clear conceptual framework towards that goal, but it was also about high finance needed to effect infrastructural changes on the campus, which alone will make such a leap possible.

The pressure of growing numbers in admissions, the regulations of education demanding more space per student in a classroom meant new infrastructure, to clear much of the hostel facilities that had given away to classrooms. Unless that demand is met, the re-emergence of the hostel and the house system as the focal point of the college was not possible, he emphasized.

The once upon a time Miller-Chapman and Copleston-Claughton with nearly three hundred boarders able to compete within the house system with numbers, may never be. As the warden said, the hostel will be one with a cubicle system and more emphasis on individual privacy for a smaller number, with the day-boarder component making up a large section of that community living.

Many opinions were expressed that like other schools such as Ladies College, house allocation on admission could be on an equal basis for Miller-Chapman and Copleston-Claughton for these houses to have equal numbers to be competitive, with each house having a composition of boarders, day boarders and day scholars under the house flags. This will enable the spirit of the houses named after Wardens Miller, Chapman, Copleston and Claughton to be revived, and the fraternity it produced to be alive again.

A Committee Member

Glorious sounds for the STC chapel

By Namali Premawardhana

“Hosa-nna in the high-est!” the young tenor sings, pouring his life into a rounded note that swells and cascades from the balcony, reverberating through the chapel. Behind and beneath his voice, pushing higher, higher, rises the sound of the organ, painting, as the vocalist falls back, New Jerusalem, from the depths of its twelve foundations to the height of its radiant citadel, in all its sparkling extravagance.

And then, as Neranjan de Silva takes his fingers off the keyboard, there is a sudden silence. The kind of silence that pierces and fills the soul to bursting.

The chapel at S. Thomas’s College, Mount Lavinia is now home to a five-million-rupee digital church organ. The old instrument is on its way out and STC Sub Warden Rev. Marc Billimoria and consultant Neranjan de Silva want to be prepared for when it sings its last. But this investment is not just about being practical. And it’s more than even simply maintaining a tradition. It’s about giving new life to a unique gift that the prestigious school is already endowed with, and helping the next generation dream bigger.



Bishop of Colombo Rt. Rev. Dhiloraj Canagasabey at the organ dedication service last month at the STC Chapel. Also in the picture is STC Sub Warden Rev. Marc Bilimoria

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When de Silva first wanted to learn to play the organ in the 1980s, there was no instrument for him to practise on. Now, as one of the most accomplished sound engineers and organ experts in the country, he wants to make certain that those who come after him will not have the same issue. As coordinator for Johannus Organs, one of the world's top organ manufacturers, he was instrumental in helping pick the right instrument for St. Thomas's.

But this is no ordinary organ. The Johannus "Ecclesia" D570 is the largest standard church organ in its range, and at STC is amplified by 21 state-of-the-art speakers. If you're close enough when the three massive subwoofers are put to work on the lower pitches, you can feel it on your skin. The sound literally shakes the church. To the expert ear though, it is much more than just the decibel output of the instrument.

"It's not just about the 21 speakers," points out well known organist Denham Pereira. As he sees (or rather, hears,) it, the improved technology creates a rounder sound, much closer to that of a real pipe organ than he has yet heard produced by a digital organ. The final effect? "Wow!"

Sound quality was the first reason de Silva went for a Johannus, but it wasn't the only reason. The previous (now older) organ at STC is also a Johannus (albeit an older model), and when it first started giving trouble, the manufacturers were exceptionally helpful with putting things right.

De Silva claims that the proximity of the school to the sea, humidity, rats, and even the magnetic fields in the area affect the state of the organ at S. Thomas's. Repairing it is sometimes "like surgery," he says, "soldering and taping cables together". When he finally gave up trying to fix the it and shipped the instrument back to Johannus in they did the needful free of charge. But the process takes time. Even when having spare parts shipped in, de Silva says, there is a downtime of around a week.

"One day, in the middle of the service, the old one just stopped," the Sub Warden chuckles, "and the organist had to come down and start playing on the piano."

But if a similar situation were to occur, say around December, there would not be much occasion for laughter.

"Here, the highlight of the year is the carol service," Rev. Billimoria continues. "If the organ goes off, then it's like Christmas without the Christmas pudding, you know?"

But if it only a practical measure, why such an impressive instrument, with four manuals and 80 voices, you may ask?

As Rev. Bilimoria points out, "this is a living congregation, this is not a performing choir. For the worship that goes on here, we want the best, because we want to offer the best in worship."

And when de Silva literally pulls out all the stops to demonstrate, there is not likely to be much argument on the definition of "best". The hip-hop, trance and metal listening generation at S.

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Thomas's College, Mount Lavinia, has been presented with the kind of sound that can finally battle the boom-kat coming out of their headphones.

"We were so excited when we saw the speakers," gleams 18- year-old choir leader Ashwin Shaffter. He believes the choir "worked really hard" to be able to afford the instrument, and is genuinely honoured to be their leader on this occasion.

It is this excitement, this sense of pride among the choristers that de Silva and Rev. Billimoria are most interested in.

"Unless the boys hear that sound and develop an interest for it," de Silva says, the interest in organ and Anglican choral music will die down. As both he and Rev. Billimoria see it, S. Thomas's is among the few institutions that continue to the Anglican choral tradition, and they have a great responsibility to encourage it.

CEO of Johannus Organs, Marco van de Weerde, has this same vision himself, of what he calls the "juxtaposition of the old world and the new world. In the old world, the organist may be seen as somebody with an old fashioned instrument. In the new world, it has this "wow" effect."

As the last notes of Michael Maybrick's *The Holy City* fade away, the singer, Niran de Mel, catches his breath. It is only the first time he has sung a solo accompanied on this instrument, and in the sparkle of his eyes leaps the little boy from the adage, who after knowing only sticks and mud, was finally shown the seashore.

Our Dearly Departed



Mr. Kairshasp Nariman Choksy

Kairshasp Nariman Choksy, PC, MP (7 February 1933 – 5 February 2015)

The former Minister of Constitutional and State Affairs, former Minister of Finance, and distinguished constitutional lawyer passed on to heavenly courts just two days short of his 82nd birthday.

K. N. Choksy was educated at St. Thomas' Preparatory School, Kollupitiya, shortly after its founding in 1938. He received his secondary education at St. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia. K. N. Choksy had been raised within the intellectually-vibrant legal atmosphere of his father's law chambers. So, following in his father's august footsteps, K. N. Choksy too attended the Law College in Colombo and, after graduation and apprenticeship, was admitted to the Ceylon Bar as an advocate or attorney-at-law in 1958. During the early years, he travelled from his parents' home in Kollupitiya to Hulftsdorp. Car, train, and plane took him to courts in Negombo, Kurunegala, Kandy, Trincomalee, and Jaffna. He swiftly established himself as one of Sri Lanka's leading civil attorneys, practicing before the District, Appeals, and Supreme Courts.

K. N. Choksy's acute mind, congenial demeanor, and legal prowess led Prime Minister Sirima Bandaranaike to place him on the Board of the Peoples Bank during the 1970s. In recognition of his contributions to the legal profession, K. N. Choksy was appointed as President's Counsel (PC) in 1981 by President J. R. Jayewardene. Between 1989 and 1992, as senior counsel, he successfully defended the country's then President Ranasinghe Premadasa against a legal petition to annul the presidential election—that trial lasted 525 days and involved 911 witnesses before five judges of the Sri Lanka Supreme Court. He served as Premadasa's advisor and confidante until the latter's assassination in 1993 with the president calling him early each morning to discuss the day ahead.

By the 1980s, K. N. Choksy had emerged as Sri Lanka's preeminent constitutional attorney and constitutional thinker. Offered appointment to the Supreme Court, he declined because he "did not want to be removed from the daily action of Sri Lanka." Instead, he first served as a member of Sri Lanka's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in New York, which he addressed in December 1984. Then he became a Member of Parliament (MP) in February 1989, when Premadasa took office as Sri Lanka's President, and diligently served his country in that capacity for 21 years until 2010 on the national list of the United National Party (UNP). The Sri Lankan Constitution makes provision for a limited number of such appointments, so that the professional and academic communities can gain representation through eminent members in the national legislature without having to contest at elections.

During the political period of his life, K. N. Choksy also accepted appointment as Sri Lanka's first Minister of Constitutional and State Affairs under President D. B. Wijetunge and in that capacity

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served to guide implementation of the nation's constitution from 1992 through 1994. In December 2001, K. N. Choksy was requested by President Chandrika Kumaratunga and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe to accept elevation to the position of Minister of Finance of Sri Lanka because the country needed "an honest fiscal helmsman." He accepted that appointment and served until April 2004. While in that office, K. N. Choksy functioned as a Governor of the World Bank and of the International Monetary Fund as well. A stalwart of the UNP until the end, K. N. Choksy served the party in multiple capacities, guiding its choices of leaders and candidates for many decades.

As an adult, like his grandfather and father, K. N. Choksy also diligently served the Parsi Zoroastrian community of Ceylon and Sri Lanka.

Passionate about tennis, he played regularly at the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC). Then he took up vigorous walks and exercise around the cricket ground there to keep both body and mind alert. Even during his retirement, his mind remained absolutely alert and always interested in the legal and political matters of Sri Lanka and the world.

K. N. Choksy is survived by his wife Freny, his three sons, two grandsons and three granddaughters. Their eldest son Jamsheed, a scholar of Zoroastrianism, is Chairman and Professor of the Department of Central Eurasian Studies at Indiana University and a presidentially-appointed member of the United States National Council on the Humanities. Their middle son Khursheed is Vice President for Turkey, Middle East and North Africa Affairs in the International Division of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC. Their youngest son Vishtasp is a prominent, highly-respected, attorney in Colombo, Sri Lanka, following in the dignified footsteps of his father and grandfather at St. Thomas' College and the Sri Lanka Law College, within the legal profession since 1993, and hopes to enter politics shortly.

K. N. Choksy believed strongly in the virtues of hard work, thorough preparation, deep learning, absolute honesty, and loyalty to country. Those ideals guided his entire life.

He always practiced the three precepts of his Faith, Good Thoughts, Good Words & Good Deeds.

These were his guiding principles throughout his life and in his professional and State duties. His faith in God ran as deep as the cosmos.

Johann ‘Tiny’ Reid – An Appreciation

25th March 1948 – 9th August 2014

I first met Johann Reid on January 17th 1956 - the day we both started school at St Thomas’ College Mount Lavinia.

After the new boys were ushered into our classroom, our teacher Mrs Jacob called us by our surnames and assigned us our seats. Why she randomly seated us next to each other I have no idea – so I found myself seated next to this little boy who I’d never met before.

We smiled shyly at each other – whereupon I stuck my hand out and said “Hello, I’m Wijesinha but my real name is Sanjiva” to which he replied “I am Johann Reid but my real name is Tiny”. This struck me as odd, since he was no tinier than any of the other boys. In fact he was taller than most of them! Curious, I asked “Why do they call you Tiny when you are not at all tiny?” to which he replied (as if it was the most logical thing in the world) “Because I have four older brothers and I am the youngest.”

And that was how our friendship started – a friendship that extended for nearly sixty years and was only cut short by his untimely death last year.

It is said that Life is not about getting good cards, but playing a poor hand well. Tiny was dealt a few bad cards in his life, cards that I felt he did not deserve. His own belief however was that that nothing happened without a purpose, and that everything that happens to us, good or bad, is meant to teach us something. Over the last few months when I had the painful task of looking after him and watching him dealing heroically with an illness that we both knew was beyond cure, I kept asking myself “What is it that Tiny has been given the task of teaching us?”

Life Qualities

Looking back at his life, the qualities that I feel were typical of Tiny were fourfold.

First and foremost, he was Laidback. Being obsessional and overactive myself, often trying to complete yesterday what needs to be done tomorrow, I found Tiny to be the perfect opposite. If someone turned up to him agitated and told him, “Tiny, hurry up, hurry up - the sky is going to fall down today” he would look at him calmly and say, “Umh! What time?” Nothing seemed to fluster him – if he was confronted with a problem, he was confident that God would provide a solution in due time, and it was not his brief to worry. Long ago he had realized what many of us have not – that we cannot control people and events and the only thing we can truly control in this life are our actions. This easygoing quality also meant that I never ever saw him losing his temper. Second was his Loyalty. To his family, his friends, his school, his church group – Tiny Reid was the epitome of Loyalty.

Perhaps it was due to the values his parents John and Pearl Reid instilled into their close-knit family of sons – Claud, Ronnie, Buddy, Barney and Tiny. Perhaps it was the ethos imbibed from

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his earliest days playing a team game like cricket. Tiny was a person who could be unfailingly depended upon to think of his team-mates (here, read family, friends, church group, work-colleagues) before himself.

The third quality I associate with Tiny was that he was loving – a loving husband and father. When his wife Katie was struck with a devastating illness – just like Tiny later would be, by a particularly rare and aggressive form of cancer – he devoted himself virtually single-handedly to caring for her, the person he treated as the most important human being in his life.

And his twin daughters – to Tiny, these were the very apples of his eyes. I remember them as babies, each of whom could be relied upon to wake up crying just as the other one was dropping off to sleep! Of course that was a very long time ago, and the fact that those two hungry insomniac babies have turned out to be such fine young ladies owes much to the loving nurture of Tiny and Katie.

A truly Loving family man – this was Tiny.

The final quality I associate with Tiny is his use of Language. I am not referring to his spelling, which sometimes left a bit to be desired – for example, for the past sixty years, he unfailingly spelled the word ‘Saturday’ as ‘**Saterdag**’ despite the best efforts of his teachers, me and even his daughters to correct him!

When I mention Tiny’s Language, all his school-friends and cricketing team-mates will recall with a chuckle exactly what I mean. Tiny Reid was someone who we never heard swearing. Despite associating with rough crowds of schoolboys and sportsmen who punctuated their conversations with four letter words, he was an island of propriety. The strongest phrase I have ever known him use in describing someone bad or evil was “dirty beggar”.

Tiny was a cricketer – and a pretty good one at that. But he never indulged in abusing his opponents (what is euphemistically called ‘sledging’ these days’) or even mouthing off when someone dropped a catch off his bowling or he was hit for a boundary.

After his beloved wife Katie died, he was devastated – but he picked himself up and decided to devote the rest of his years to help those less fortunate than himself. He studied and qualified as a counsellor - and whether it was at the Salvation Army or the school where he worked as Chaplain, he dedicated himself to helping others.

Tiny Reid was a cricketer and an athlete who had a reputation for playing a straight bat and running a good race.

He leaves those of us who knew him with memories of a good man and a Gentle Man – and in my own view, one of the finest gentlemen who graced God’s earth.

Dr Sanjiva Wijesinha

Reprinted from the Melbourne Age

Sam Wijesinha

Former Secretary General of Parliament, National Ombudsman and Chancellor of the Open University (Sri Lanka).

27-06-1921 – 31-08-2014

Sam Wijesinha - former Secretary General of Sri Lanka's Parliament and subsequently National Ombudsman and Chancellor of the Open University - passed away on 31st August. He was 93.

He had a distinguished record of public service in Sri Lanka and was considered the ultimate authority on matters pertaining to parliamentary procedure in that country.

He was born into an old aristocratic family in southern Sri Lanka (then known as Ceylon) - the youngest son of Don Aelias Wijesinha in Getamanne, a small town in Hambantota District. Having received his early education at the Getamanne rural school, he went on to Rahula College Matara at the age of nine – and later to Ananda College Colombo and S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia.

He graduated B.A. from London University in 1944 after which he entered the Ceylon Law College and qualified as a Barrister-at-Law. He undertook postgraduate study at McGill University, Canada and earned his LL.M. Appointed Crown Counsel in 1948, he served in the Attorney General's Department until 1964 when he was appointed Clerk to the House of Representatives.

In 1972 Ceylon became the Republic of Sri Lanka, and Sam Wijesinha played a major role in helping to draft the new constitution. With the establishment of a unicameral legislature he was appointed the first Secretary General of Parliament. As Clerk and Secretary General he represented Ceylon/Sri Lanka at many Commonwealth Parliamentary conferences and visited Australia more than once with parliamentary delegations.

Retiring from Parliament in 1981 he was appointed Sri Lanka's first national Ombudsmen. He served in this capacity for 10 years and retired for the second time in 1991. He was later appointed Chancellor of the Open University.

He accomplished much in life, being a role model and mentor to many, well known for being generous with his time and his knowledge. A firm believer in the value of education (one of his favourite sayings was '*Knowledge is Power*') he often delved into his own pocket to help others who could not afford it to undertake higher studies.

His wife Mukta predeceased him. He is survived by their three children – Dr. Sanjiva Wijesinha (Associate Professor at Monash University, Melbourne), Dr Anila Dias Bandaranaike (former Assistant Governor of Sri Lanka's Central Bank) and Professor Rajiva Wijesinha, Member of Parliament.

Some Reflections on the Late Mr Mandawela



Mr G.K. Mandawela was on the staff at S Thomas' College, Mt Lavinia from June 1959 to August 1980. At various points during this time Mr Mandawela held a range of responsibilities, amongst others-Chief Librarian, College Boarding Master, Master in Charge of the Rifle Shooting Club, Master in Charge of STC OBA celebrations-PT Display, Master in Charge of The Royal Thomian Cricket Match Boys Tent, Master in Charge of The Royal Thomian Cricket Match Souvenir and President, STC Tutorial Staff Trade Union.

However he was best known as the Officer in Charge of the Junior and Senior Cadet Corp whilst also holding the rank of Lieutenant- Ceylon Volunteer Force. During this time he helped mould two Army Commanders, one Air Force Commander, one Army Chief of Staff, one Air Force Chief of Staff, one Commander of joint operations and a number of other Generals and ranking officers in the Armed Forces. He was also the Master in charge of Physical Training from 1960 to 1977. With the reputation of being a stern disciplinarian he was Master in Charge of discipline at important College functions during much of his tenure.

Much has been written about his service in these roles so I would like to share more personal reflections about Mr. Mandawela who was a teacher I grew to respect and greatly admire during my time as a student at College between 1963-1974.

My first real encounter with Mr Mandawela was when I was in the Middle School, more specifically 5th Form in 1969. He caught me misbehaving and the outcome was that I had to report to him outside the Cadet Room straight after school. The punishment was predictable and he made me run several laps of the Big Club grounds with a fairly heavy military backpack. I was moderately fit in those days and I took particular pride in showing him that I was not too puffed at the end of it. This was a big mistake! With steely eyes and firm voice he asked a rhetorical question “so you think you are tough, do you?” He then had me leap frogging around the oval complete with backpack. Needless to say I did not even complete a lap before keeling over and I could barely walk for about two weeks!

During my time as a Junior Cadet I was once rushing off to parade and bumped into Mr Mandawala and, as was etiquette, I saluted him. He stopped me and said “Mather, that is how you wave goodbye to your grandmother at a railway station. This is a salute” and promptly demonstrated a salute that could only be likened to a whip being cracked and made me replicate it several times till he was satisfied that I was no longer disgracing my uniform!

The time I really got to know Mr Mandawela was in the Upper Sixth during our O/L year. I was in the Arts stream and we were traditionally housed in the Arts block that was very convenient for boarders particularly those of us who were in Copleston House. We had run wild the year before and the first sign that this had clearly been noticed by the Warden Ananadanayam was that we were relocated to the main block. The second was when our new class master walked in and there was a large collective gasp as we saw it was Mr Mandawela. That was no coincidence!

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What followed next however was worthy of a Human Resource Management case study at a Business School. Despite our track record there were no discussions about our past behaviours or discipline. In many subtle ways he got across that he simply assumed we would do all the right things and what was expected of us. Make no mistake, we were an out of control bunch of ragamuffins the year before but it was amazing how the whole class rose to meet those expectations. He treated us with absolute courtesy throughout that year and was very polite in his interactions with us and his wry sense of humour livened our class. It must be made clear that that the hard man had not suddenly got soft on us. I recall leaving class early to make the team bus as I was in the U17s and it was the Royal Thomian Rugby game. He collared me as I was leaving the main block and reprimanded me very firmly for not advising him that morning that I would be missing the last two periods that day. I will never forget, however, that the first thing he did the next Monday morning was to ask me what the scores were and how it all went. This was one of the biggest school games of the season, was widely reported in the newspapers and radio so he clearly knew the outcomes of the games. It took me a while to realize that that he was sending me a message that Friday's events were dealt with and we were back to normal.

Notwithstanding my initial trepidation, the Upper Sixth was one of my most enjoyable years at College. My respect and fondness for Mr Mandawela grew exponentially that year. It was, at a more personal level, a difficult time for me and I was singularly fortunate to be blessed with such an amazing and strong role model who gave me a sense of stability that year. I was appointed a Librarian the following year and I was fortunate to be able continue my association with Mr Mandawela until I left College in 1974.

As the head of a large business school people management (academics and students) is an important part of my role and I often reflect on the lessons I learnt by observing Mr Mandawala over 40 years ago. First, that however "tough" you may be, if you are seen to be fair and that none of it is personal, people will respect you. Second and most important-have high expectations and expect the best from people and they will often rise to meet those expectations. There is of course now management theory that espouses much of the above. However, I was fortunate to learn these lessons from a very humble man who never read about these theories but was a natural leader of men. Wealth, career and fame are pretty meaningless in comparison to having such a positive impact on people and being able to help mould generations of young people as Mr Mandawala did in an exemplary manner. The Scholarship fund that has been created is a fitting tribute to a great man who devoted his life to our fine institution. Through this he will live on, not just in us his former students, but in future generations of Thomians.

Well done sir and I thank you for the impact you had on my life and the lives of numerous fellow Thomians. I will always be able to picture you walking into our class ramrod erect, immaculately dressed and with shoes polished and shining in true military tradition. For the one last time I salute you. However, this salute is "not all about the elbow" as you once instructed me but is from the heart and I hope I have got it right this time.

Esto Perpetua

P.R. Mather (1963-74)

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Please come and join us and keep the flag flying!!!!

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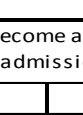
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VARNEY, Ashley	2012	FLAMER-CALDERA, Maxim	2017
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AMARATUNGA, Rohith	2011	TISSERA, George Vernon	2009
BAINES, Trevor	2009	WEERASINGHE, Abhaya	2015
COORAY, Hiran	2011	WIJERATNE, W. D. Neil	2019
GARTH, David	2013	WIJESINHA, Shirley Patrick	2022
GUNAWARDANA, Uditha W.	2011		
HAMEED, Ahmed Shezad	2007		
HERFT, Spencer.G.	2016	New members 2014	
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FAIRWEATHER, Maurice D	2015	ABEYRATNE, Yvonne	
INGRAM, Dennis	2010	AMARANATH, Ananda	
JAYASEKERA, Mohan D.	2013	ARSAKULASURIYA, Aruna	2006
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MAY, Walter	2016	BARROW, Mrs. E.G.Maurice	
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VIRASINGHE, Indra A.K.	2016	BURDER,	
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HILLMAN, Jeremy	2009	FLAMER-CALDERA, Barbara	
KANAGASABAI, Satkuna Ananthan (Ana)	2015	GANEWATTHA, Dharshana Madushan	
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SELVARATNAM, Mrs. Rathi		MORRELL, Randolph C	2002
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		THIEDEMAN Roger	2006
		THOMAS, Robbie	2004
		TOWNSEND, Rev David	
		VANDENRIESEN, Jan	2002
		VELUPILLAI, Vivian	2002
		WIJESINGHE, Dorothy and Bertie	
		WIJESINHA, Ranjit L	2007
		WIJESOORIYA, Nalin Rukmal	2008
		WIJESURIYA, Ajith	2003
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TISSERA, Mrs Erin			
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