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(Master of Ceremonies - Duke Ramachandran)

6.30 - 7.00	Canapes and Drinks in the Foyer
7.00 - 7.15	Enter the Ballroom
7.15 - 7.20	Welcome and Announcements
7.20 - 8.00	Dance with Soulganic
8.00 - 8.30	Entrée served
	President's message
	Music by DJ Denham
8.30 - 9.15	Dance with Soulganic
9.15 - 9.45	Dinner served
	Music by DJ Denham
9.45 - 10.30	Rock & Roll with Soulganic
10.30 - 11.00	Dessert served
	Music by DJ Denham
	Upcoming OBA events
11.00 - 11.15	Raffle Draw
11.15 - 11.45	Baila with DJ Denham
11.45 - 12.30	Final session with Soulganic

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WARDEN'S MESSAGE

Fellow Thomians and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write this brief message on the occasion of the Annual Dinner Dance of the STC New South Wales OBA to be held in Sydney.

I am happy to see the continuation of Thomian tradition and fraternity. Events such as this ultimately serve a greater purpose because they allow us to get together for fun and fellowship but also serve to mobilize Thomians in a positive way. OBA groups such as yours are a cornerstone of our strategy for building a better Thomian future for the youth of our country.



As you are well aware, we are a charitable organization, a Christian school, dedicated to providing a Thomian future to as wide a cross section of our population as possible. This means that we have to keep our school fees down for accessibility. Yet, we still need to keep standards high in order to uphold our reputation and compete with the best. I am happy to report that we are accomplishing this mission and doing it with flying colours.

We did lose this year's Royal-Thomian cricket encounter, which seems to have led to rumours that all sporting standards are down. This is not true. Consider that we beat Royal last year rather handsomely at rowing, we became all island water polo champs, we won the Royal-Thomian tennis for the first time in eight years, we have the number 1 scout troop in the country, with one of our scouts attaining the runner up position in the Asia-Pacific best scout competition. Our U15 hockey team just beat Royal to become national champs. Where we have fallen behind, systems are already in place to make our way back to the top.

For the first time this year, our A level results in maths and science put us in 23rd position in the all-island ranking. Our plan is to be in the top 10 in 3 years. Our struggle is a good sign because it suggests that others have caught up and that competition in sports and studies is stiff. The struggle is of course made a whole lot easier because of your dedication and generosity to your alma mater. Thank you for your generous support over the years.

Again, I wish you a very successful event and hope that you are able to rekindle the fond memories of school and share in the bonds of Thomian fraternity with your families and friends.

I hope I will have the opportunity to join you at this, or other such events in the future and congratulate the organizers for putting this event on. On behalf of all Thomians, I wish you all the very best and look forward to welcoming you back to the school by the sea in the near future.

Esto Perpetua

Prof. Indra de Soysa

Warden

S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia



THE COLLEGE SONG

Thomians young and Thomians old,
 Thomians staunch and true!
 Rally round the College Flag,
 The Blue, the Black and Blue
 To your Alma Mater sing,
 Thomians near and far
 Loudly let the echoes ring,
 For all we have and are.



**Esto Perpetua
 Esto Perpetua
 Esto Perpetua**

The Blue, Black and Blue forever!

Like the serpent keen and wise,
 Harmless as the dove,
 By the cross we're knit in one
 Holy bond of love.
 Loyal to our church and state
 Both in peace and war,
 To the College we will sing
 For all we have and are.

In the field of intellect
 Many a prize we've won.
 And upon the field of sport
 Thomians yield to none.
 Be it work, or be it play,
 We will do and dare.
 To the College therefore sing
 For all we have and are.

We rejoice in victory,
 When our foes we beat,
 We have learnt, when our fortune frowns
 How to take defeat,
 All unfriendly rivalry
 From our lives we bar
 To the College therefore sing
 For all we have and are.

When into the world we go
 For our life's career,
 As the call of duty sounds,
 Onward to the goal we press,
 Guided by our star.
 To the College therefore sing
 For all we have and are.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Thomians, Ladies and Gentleman,

It is an honour and a privilege to be penning my third message to you in as many years. The fact that I have survived in this role is a testament to the wider Thomian community who have played such an important and pivotal part in supporting the STC OBA in NSW. While I acknowledge this fact with great pleasure I also wish to thank you most sincerely for all you have done to keep the Thomian flag aloft in this state.



The recurring success of the annual dinner dance, the Carol Service, the Royal Thomian cricket matches, the family night and the Thomian bar night has been achieved through the support and cooperation of the membership, their families and their friends.

The STC OBA was founded in 1886, 35 years after S Thomas' College was established in 1851. Over the years the OBA movement has registered steady growth as more and more Old Boys of succeeding generations have joined its ranks. During the seventies, buoyed by the wave of migration from Sri Lanka, the Thomian OBA movement expanded to London, Melbourne, Toronto, the East and West Coast of the USA, Dubai and Sydney adding an interesting element to the social landscape of the ex-pat Sri Lankan communities in those locations.

While public support is important, the back-bone of any OBA is it's committee and their commitment to a plan, ensuring that a range of important tasks are carried out. Committee meetings have to be convened and attended; decisions made and followed up. All of this is done on a voluntary basis which, I believe, is admirable. Each member does sacrifice a large percentage of their spare time to organising events for the benefit of the community. This is not ideal but unless it is done our ability to enrich community life would be severely stifled. The STC OBA in NSW has been fortunate to have Old Thomians who have stepped up to 'bat' when needed. I would like to extend my personal thanks to the members of the committee and their spouses for their unstinting support.

This year the STC OBA is exploring the feasibility of reaching out to young Old Thomians who have migrated to Sydney. To do so we are considering inviting well established older Thomians in the OBA fold to consider providing new migrants with assistance to gain a foothold in their new environment...on an "as and when needed basis". The project will be debated and discussed within the committee and then presented to the members for comment and review.

In conclusion I wish to also acknowledge those old Thomians who are ever-ready to help the committee by taking on specific responsibilities. Their contribution to the success of the OBA is significant. They have enriched discussions, speeded up processes and provided the committee invaluable affirmation and encouragement.

I wish you a pleasant fun-filled evening amongst family and friends and wish you a safe journey back home – Esto Perpetua.

Eksath Perera

President STC OBA NSW.



With Compliments

From a Thomian



Fellow old Thomians, and friends and guests of the Thomian 'family'

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the STCOBA in Melbourne to send you this message of felicitation on the occasion of your Annual Dinner Dance on 29th June 2013. I trust that the event will be marked by a great sense of goodwill and camaraderie, and that old friendships will again be renewed and celebrated.



Thomians, wherever they are gathered, seek others from College so that they can come together with a common purpose to advance the betterment of S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia and its branches. As your parallel organization in Melbourne, we share similar challenges and objectives as you, and both our organizations strive to be meaningful to our members while also assisting the schools in Sri Lanka. The annual dinner dance is the foremost regular fund-raising event that we in Melbourne have on our calendar and, no doubt, it is most important to you, too. We therefore offer our heart-felt wishes to you that the dance will be a great success.

We know that there will have been considerable time and effort expended by the committee and others associated with the STCOBA in Sydney in making sure that the dance upholds the high standards that we Thomians have come to expect, and we are sure that the success of the dance will reflect their efforts.

Even though we live in the one country, the distance between Sydney and Melbourne is vast and it is a matter of regret that we seldom meet one another. Perhaps we can redress that in the future, with some careful planning. In the meantime, let me assure you that we will be with you in spirit.

Esto Perpetua

Trevor Meares

President

STCOBA Melbourne

Stone, Miller-Chapman

1965 - 1971



With Compliments

From a Thomian



Fellow Thomians,

Once again it's a privilege to be invited by STC OBA NSW, to send a message to Thomians in Sydney on the occasion of your annual dinner dance.

The STC OBA Canada had a very successful year of activities last year with the emphasis being on family. The spirit of being proud Thomians, and standing out in the crowd among Alumni Associations is the envy of all. While conducting and organizing the usual events like the annual Royal Thomian Cricket games and the Schools Tag Rugby Sevens Tournament, we revived the Family Picnic after a lapse of a few years and introduced a new event – **'Celebration of Life'**. Each religious group conducted services in their respective Temples along with family and friends in prayer with blessings for Thomians. The highlight of last year though, was having past Warden, Dr. David Ponniah at our annual dinner dance where the publication **'Reflections – STC Mount Lavinia 1960s & 1970s'** was launched.



The publication was distributed around the world wherever active OBAs were present for sale with the proceeds to go towards a **'Dr. David Ponniah Scholarship Trust for Needy Students & Sport Development' at STC Mount Lavinia'**. The publication was shipped to Melbourne and Sydney, the UK, Los Angeles and to Sri Lanka.

We were simply overwhelmed by the cooperation extended by the Sydney OBA who sold all fifty copies sent to them. This was essentially due to the support extended by your President Eksath Perera, and the single minded drive of my cousin and classmate of Dr. David Ponniah, **Ramesh Abayasekera**. We had the pleasure of meeting with Ramesh personally at the Warden's office in Mount Lavinia on January 04, 2013 where the Scholarship Trust was inaugurated in the presence of Sub Warden, Rev Marc Billimoria. Sydney OBA will be happy to hear that your contribution of AUD 1,250 were the funds used to inaugurate the Scholarship Trust. On behalf of all those who embarked on the publication and its developments: **'A Huge Thank You'**.

I continue as President of STC OBA Canada for the year 2013. This year we celebrate 20 years of the OBA here, and 25 years of Royal Thomian Cricket in Canada, which preceded the formation of our OBA. We have several plans to celebrate both events on a grand scale on July 01, 2013.

On behalf of all Thomians in Canada, we wish our fellow brethren in Sydney, Australia, all success in your events that will keep our bonds strong to further strengthen the memories of our youth at S. Thomas Colleges in Sri Lanka.

<http://stcoba-canada.com/>

Hiran Adhihetty

President
STC OBA Canada
De Saram House
1958 to 1968



May 24 2013 – June 10 2013, the city of Sydney was transformed into a canvas of light music and ideas. People flocked to the city with family and friends to see the nightly spectacle. The Opera House took pride of place as it's changing sails kept young and old enthralled with wonder. The hearts and minds of all Sydneysiders were united in their appreciation of the array of bright colours and shapes that splashed over the buildings.





Greetings to all the Mates and Machang's down under in beautiful Australia from the Thomian Alumni of California!

We here, are celebrating 30 years since the inception of the Old Thomian Association and we kick off this year with a name change to the Thomian Alumni of California (TAC).

This past year, we have experienced a lot of serious illness and losses within our families. I want to take this opportunity to remember and honour all the old boys of yesteryear and the dear ladies, our parents for their love, sacrifices and commitment made on our behalf to send us to a privileged school. I want to thank our teachers and mentors who have challenged us and made us strive to do better and to never give up on our dreams.



Whether here in California or 14,300 miles away in Australia, we can honour their memory by how we conduct ourselves in our work, play and community endeavours and by doing so also live up to the standards of our alma mater.

Today, there are more than 10,000 Old Thomians living around the world, making valuable contributions to society, their communities, and their families, all while managing to give back to their alma mater in numerous ways. It is with gratitude and pride that I stand with my old friends and remember the lifelong friendships that have sustained me through good times and difficult ones. It is when we get together for celebrations like the dances and other fund raisers that we have the opportunity to support our alma mater.

"The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him with his friendship."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thanks to all the old boys from our childhood, who have laughed, and sung and cheered us on. Where ever you are and whatever you do in your life journey I wish you much success and many blessings.

Hail to our alma mater!

Esto perpetua!

In peace,

Sriyan Wijesinghe,
President
West Coast USA
Wood House
1968 - 1978



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Allow me to begin by expressing what a great honour and privilege it is for me to write to the STC OBA in NSW Annual dinner dance as President of the Old Thomians Association in the UK (OTAUK) for 2012/13.

The School and the OTAUK have been very dear to me for many years and has been a part of my life for a long time. I attended Mount Lavinia and belong to the 1988 batch and was very sad when I had to leave earlier in 1983. Incredibly, that was only a year after the OTAUK was formed, which means that we have been providing funding and support for over 30 years. This milestone is not lost on me as I took up the task of becoming the President that began our fourth decade!



During this term we have many plans in the pipeline and none bigger than the completion of the Electro mechanical scoreboard at S.Thomas College Mount Lavinia. We are proud to acknowledge that this is the first of its kind in any schools in Sri Lanka and will be used for Cricket, Rugby and Hockey. This is mainly thanks to my predecessors who persevered over the last 4 years to make this dream a reality. The new scoreboard will be replacing the existing one which has stood for almost 40 years, since 1974.

Our members of OTAUK did their utmost to assist the Thomian cricket team this year. The cricketers and the coaches were concerned about the lack of quality cricket balls being used in matches, which were losing their shine and shape very early in the game, thus giving no support to the bowlers. Therefore upon their request, OTAUK provided the very best of balls, namely "Dukes" which were preferred over the Aussie ball "Kookaburra". I understand that the English balls last longer and most importantly "swing both ways", which is a big plus point. It's a shame this however didn't prevent us getting beaten this year but I'm sure sweet revenge is on the cards for next year.

Our fund raising events planned for this year includes the Annual Dinner Dance on 29th of June, the Annual Royal-Thomian cricket match on the 7th of July and finally the Festival of Cricket on the 28th of July.

The students of the Colleges of St. Thomas deserve all the support and assistance we can provide. Therefore I call upon all members and the Associations around the world to continue to "Rally round the College flag" just as we have always done.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish STC OBA NSW for the coming year and to a successful and enjoyable evening!

Esto Perpetua

Siva Ranjan

President

OTAUK 2012/13

House Stone

1977-1988 (left in 1983)



The Annual Thomian Carol Service in Sydney 2012





It is indeed an honor and privilege for me to write a message to the Thomians Down Under on the occasion of their dinner dance. I am sure that that it will be a wonderful celebration in true Thomian spirit.

I spent my formative years at STC PREP from Grades One to Five and then went onto STC MOUNT where I left at the end of 8th Grade. My family moved to Africa where I completed my O'Levels and I then went to the United Kingdom where I completed my high school and medical school education. Although I left STC in my early teens, my experiences at STC are recalled with great fondness and clarity.



Memories of my teachers and classmates are still very much cherished. The friendships that were formed during the STC college days continue to be revered. I was able to connect with many of my classmates from 40 years ago when we met up in Sri Lanka in December 2011 at a reunion organized by Stanley Jayanthakumar from Sydney, Australia. Thomians came from all parts of the world and we had a great time reminiscing about the old days and all the mischief that we had got into. We were fortunate to go on a tour of STC Mount and it was amazing to see that nothing much had changed since the time that I was there. Time seems to have stood still for most of us.

Having been elected as President of the STC OBA GNY 2 years ago, we were successful in organizing a dinner dance where we raised more than \$10,000 which will be utilized to fund projects at STC. We plan to start a scholarship fund in the amount of Sri Lankan Rupees 1 million for needy students. We were also able to fund the refurbishment of the dining hall at STC Guruthalawa.

I hope that we continue to establish a closer cooperation between the OBA's from the 5 continents with the goal of helping our Alma Mater continue its tradition of producing great Thomians.

I would like to take this opportunity to send my fellow Thomians down under warm greetings from the Thomians in the Greater New York area and wish you all a successful Dinner Dance and great fellowship.

Esto Perpetua

Dr. Daya Nadarajah AKA Dayaparan

STC PREP/MOUNT

STC OBA EAST COAST USA

Wood House

1964-1968 / 1969-1971

THE STC RUGBY SQUAD 2013





THOMIAN RUGBY 2013

Dear Rugby Supporters,

It is with great pleasure that I pen a few paragraphs for you regarding the recent De Saram Trophy match against our fierce rivals Trinity College. We are fortunate to have great support this year from several key persons namely our accommodating Warden Mr. Indra De Soyza, Advisory committee members Asanga Seneviratne, Savantha De Saram and Surenn De Chickera who have been front and centre with assistance and advice from the get-go. Having such key support in place allows my job as coach to be wholly concentrated on the team which is both a luxury and a necessity. We have seen a definite shift in how we approach rugby at the College in terms of how we play and the structure we have implemented and to date we have been fortunate to have a good level of success. But in reality the tougher matches await us - against the A division regulars St. Peters, Royal and Joes. However we are working to ensure we put our best foot forward when the time comes. Probably most importantly we have a pool of willing players who are keen to learn and this year we regularly have 60-70 at training for the U18 and 20's and for lack of a better way to put it, they are all good blokes!



Going into the Trinity match I was somewhat apprehensive for obvious reason; mainly due to the fact that we had not confronted any real quality opposition during the previous matches and I spoke with the team about my apprehension but tried to allay their concerns and mine by presenting to them that we were playing two separate competitions this year, the B Division League and the Trophy League. By looking at things from this perspective we could see that we've had a pretty good 'pre-season' (in a manner of speaking) by utilising the B Division games as warm-up matches in preparation for the first match of the real season and the fact that we had had a pretty good lead up to the match. In hindsight we had been fortunate to have the luxury of the three B Division matches to learn the new attacking and defensive structures.

It had been plain to see that defence was an area that is overlooked in Sri Lankan Schools rugby and it had been at STC too. So we knew that this area had to be addressed the time spent on defence paid dividends against Trinity. After watching the many matches of Trinity available on You Tube it was easy to see that they had enjoyed the luxury of playing against teams with little defensive structure and that if we could keep our shape in defence they would not be able to play as they usually would. It is no secret that we work on our defence a lot and it is an area that the team now has a great deal of pride in. There had to be a significant change in the mindset of the team when it came to defence and we are slowly getting to where we need to be in that regard, but we can always improve. I feel this is the key to the victory against Trinity as our defence in the second half was solid and present when we needed it most.

From an attacking perspective we just needed to do the basics well. We continue to fix our backline running lines, keeping the attack square. We have focussed a lot on this area and opt to play simple backline movements to highlight that as was evident in the first try where the ball was put through the hands. Fortunately it was executed soundly and resulted in a try to even the game up at a critical time in the match. Although we did not

THAT WINNING FEELING





manage a high completion rate with our patterns we still had sufficient attacking structure to provide momentum in our attack and it continually enabled us to cross the gain line. A lot of pundits opined that we had played 'clinical rugby'. While our play was definitely structured, it was far from a 'clinical performance' –one we continue to strive for, both in attack and defence.

I trust you will all enjoy the Dance in true Sri Lankan style.

Grant Dwyer STC Rugby Coach 2013

Rugby Background:

7 yrs as Coaching Director with Qld Rugby Union, 2 yrs with CR & FC, 1.5 yrs with London Wasps, 4 Years Spanish Premiership with Cajasol Ciencias RC

Currently at St. Thomas College Mount Lavinia.

last 15 years fulltime professional as a Rugby Coach

BREAKING NEWS – STC REGAINS THE MICHAEL GUNERATNE TROPHY AFTER 8 YEARS, JUNE 22 2013 AT HAVELOCK PARK.

The relegated B division **STC, beat the A division Royal College 29 - 20** in style to retain the Gunaratne Trophy after 8 years .

STC so far remains unbeaten this season in their B and A division games.

Thus an A division place seems assured in 2014.

STC played well in the first half collecting 22 points to 8.

In a 15 minute burst, STC scored repeatedly. Royal had possession approximately 75% of the time and a heavier pack. Royal realised this advantage only towards the closing stages of the match.

A clean game was played by both schools. In the second half Royal fought hard to narrow the margin down to 22 - 20.

STC tackled well to defend. STC scored their only try in the second half. Thomian winger Jeerasinghe finished off a move by the corner flag and Captain Devin Jayasinghe made a spectacular conversion to bring the scores to 29 : 20.

Royal won the junior game with a narrow margin.

STC did well in the U16 and beginners game.

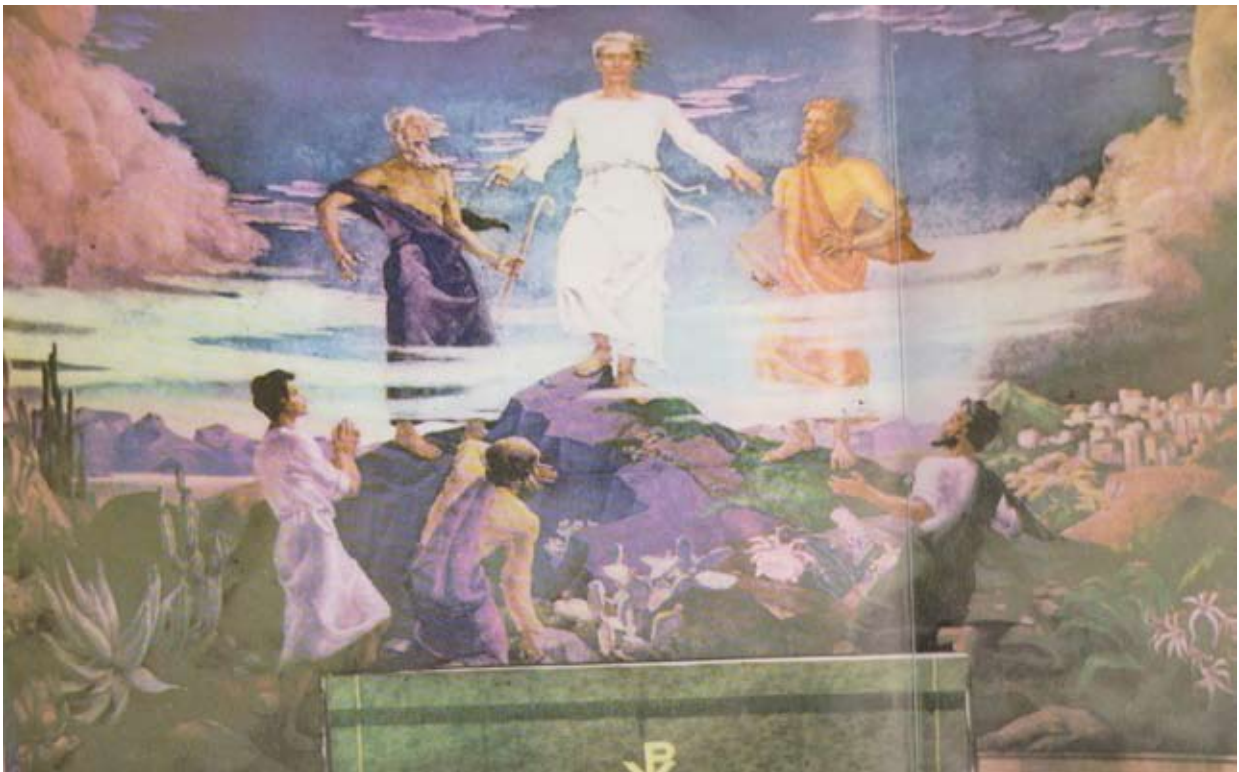
Milinda Hettiarachchi

Stone House
1959 – 1969

PAYNTER'S PICTURE PROMOTES PRAYERFUL PIETY



The Crucifixion (Circa 1933) : David Paynter
The Chapel of Trinity College, Kandy, Sri Lanka



The Transfiguration (1968): David Paynter
The Chapel of The Transfiguration, St. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia,



David Paynter; 1900–1975; O.B.E.; Distinguished Citizen of Ceylon; appointed Director of College of Fine Arts, Ceylon (1951); son of Arthur Stephen Paynter (*Salvation Army and Founder India Christian Mission - of which the Paynter Homes, Nuwara Eliya is a branch*) and Anagi Weerasooriya...

Paynter has been described by knowledgeable people, as a brilliant, visionary artist. The Chapels of Trinity College and St. Thomas' College bear ample testimony to his greatness. A man of deep sensitivity, his muse was life itself...his circumstances...his surroundings...the people in his charge...his loyalty to family and always, to the "Mission" founded by his father. This last, in particular, led him to suppress personal ambition and direct his energies to the instruction of young artists and to the furtherance of the Mission's work in both India and Sri Lanka. One of Paynter's biographers remarked; "...his craftsmanship and creative maturity are directed outwards to his students...but the artist himself is starved...Salt Springs Farm (*Trincomalee*) – the final withdrawal. That the abnegation is being made without complaint is perhaps the Paynter way of living out the creed of *con amore*..." (*Rankine*).

The Transfiguration. Thomian literature is replete with references to and accounts of, this major work by David Paynter. 1968! What a year for STC's beloved Chapel...prophetically dedicated, as far back as 1927, as 'The Chapel of The Transfiguration'. Of no small significance to us here in Australia, is the fact that the service of dedication that year, was led by the Chaplain of the day, Rev. David Townsend of Australia! 'On ya Mate!! Our generation (1960-1971) watched the master at work...marvelling at each new segment that emerged, as that wonderful Gospel narrative came alive before our eyes. And on 'the day' – Sunday 4th August, 1968...at Evensong, Rev Townsend preached a stirring sermon, encapsulating the essence of the experience of the three, beloved disciples...as they saw...and heard... Townsend finished dramatically! He flung his left arm upward and backward...fingers pointing to the evocative mural; and quoted from St. Mark's Gospel, Chapter 9 verse 7:

"This is my beloved Son: hear him"

This must surely have been what William Wordsworth meant when he wrote:

"Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive, But to be young was very heaven!"

But let Paynter 'speak' for himself...and let all 'Thomia' remember...with thanks...the unique and lasting legacy of David Paynter.

David Sansoni

STC Mt. Lavinia;

Stone House

1960-1971



Paynter's sketches for 'Transfiguration'

The highest spot on Thomia's lot, is where our Chapel dear~
 Stands tall and still; and beckoning - to all the world, "Come near."
 The mural one does here behold, of Christ, the transfigured,
 It illustrates the "Tabor tale"¹ that christendom has heard.

Still, in our mind, we climb the steps toward the oaken door;
 Just as we did in tender years, a thousand times or more:
 And there we hear again God's word; our cup, full to the brim:
 "This my beloved Son; well-pleased I am in Him."²

¹The mount of the transfiguration, believed to be Mount Tabor

²The story of the transfiguration - the Gospels: Matthew 17 and Mark 9



The Paynter Homes, Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka - History And Present

The Home was founded on 17th September 1924 by Rev. Arnold Grimbley Paynter; Registered 05th December 1944; Gazetted as an Approved Charity No 10669 on 7th May 1954. It became known as **The Paynter Home** on 01st July 1967

The 'mission-minded' Paynter family were people of great compassion, particularly, but not exclusively, for the many children in the Hills of Ceylon...offspring of illegitimate union twixt European Planters and Ceylonese maidens. Times have changed but the challenges remain. Today, the Home cares for around 40 children many of whom are hurting because of domestic upheaval and unhappy childhood experiences. The Home is a charitable organisation and continues, through donations made by a generous public, to provide a home, food and clothing and good, Christian education to many beautiful Sri Lankan children, who yearn for a 'chance in life'.

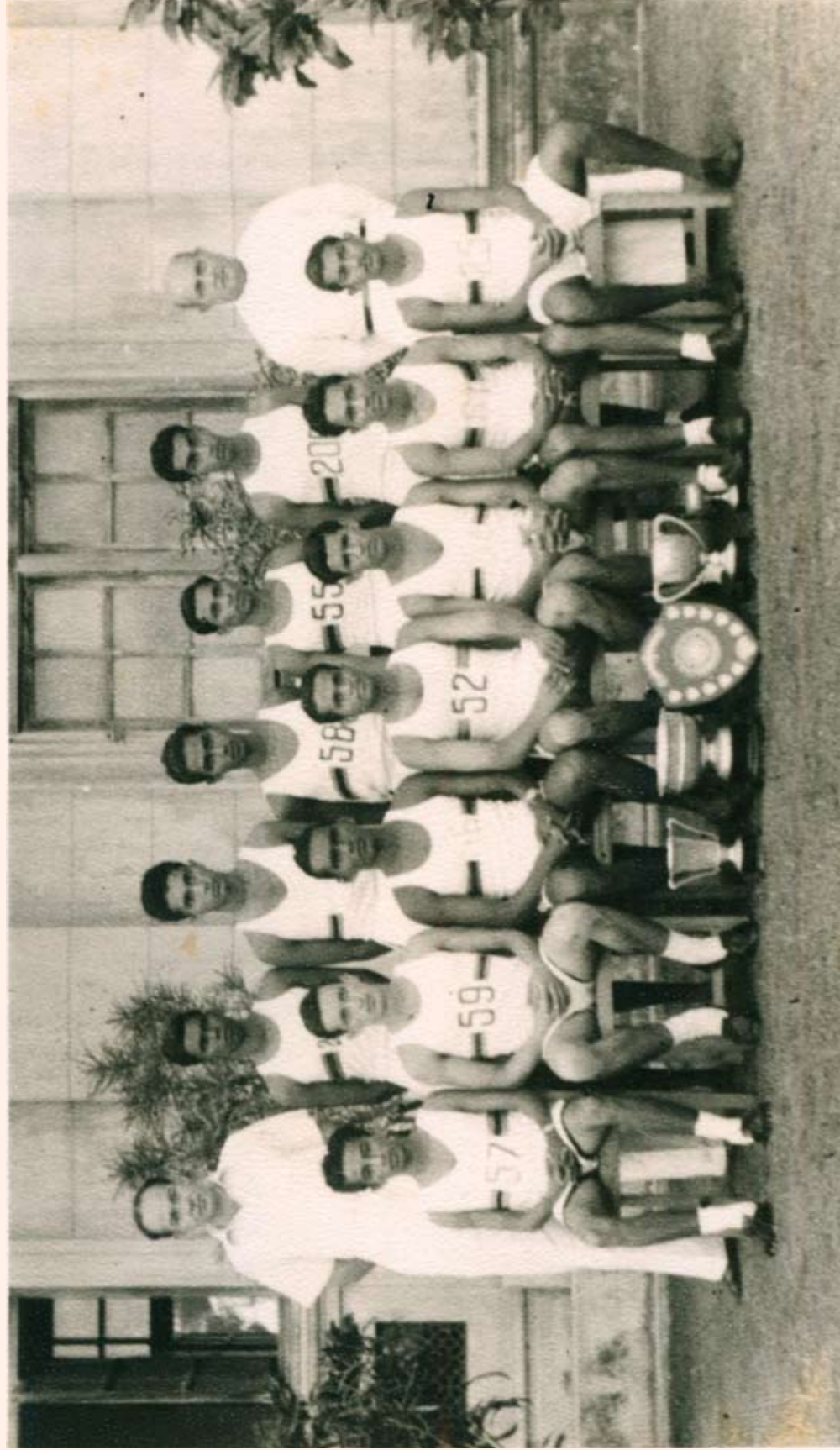


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***The unofficial biography of the artist is on Sale for \$10. Proceeds to the Paynter Homes**

STC – 1953 Winners of the Tarbart, Jefferson, Schokman and D'Silva challenge Cups and the Victoria Shield



Standing (L:R) Brooke D'Silva (Coach), P.Sivapalan, Chandra Seneviratne, V.S.A Perera, G. Dhammapala, R. Witane, Warden de Saram

Seated (L:R) Rajitha Obeysekera, Larry Schokman, Jayasena Ellawala, M. Balasubramanian (Captain), Zackroff Cader, W.M. Seneviratne, Asoka Wickremanayake



M.BALA – A THOMIAN STAUNCH AND TRUE-BLUE.

This article started off as a sort of throw away request in the course of a telecon...and "from a little acorn the mighty oak tree grows," it evolved into reminiscences of past glories.

Photographs of the 4x110 Relay team and 1953 Athletic team, both captained by Bala, are included in this Dance Souvenir.

Through the STC WWW two OB's were contacted, Larry Schokman in Miami and Jith Wanigassekera in SL. Their responses were spontaneous, and what follows are their insights of 60 years ago!

(Maurice Fairweather – Winchester, Stone, Miller, Miller:Chapman 1949-1961)

Jit: M.Bala - was made Head Prefect by Warden de Saram (Kunji) and came to Claughton dorm in 1955 when he took on JKCGoonesekera who was a law unto himself with a misguided following of a lot of 13+/14 like yours truly -Bala copped the lot and demanded we mend our ways or be reported to the Warden and be sacked. At the time of this event Claughton House was made up of Dorm A & B on the seaside of the boarding -it was separate from Copleston - later the two Houses were amalgamated to form Copleston/Claughton around 1958.

In '57 The Warden at Assembly announced that JKCG was being made a school prefect -there was pin drop silence for a moment and huge cheer immediately after.

After he retired, I stayed in close touch with Warden , who was a contemporary of my father at STC Mutwal. He often came and stayed with me in Colombo, when he came for special Church events or the STC Carol Service.

I once asked him what prompted the appointment of JKCG's and he said he had leadership qualities and if he hadn't done that he would have had to sack him and College would have lost a super sportsman.

Larry: These memories of 60 years ago will live with me for as long as I retain my mental faculties--even though I have forgotten what I had for breakfast yesterday!

In 1952, Bala was vice-captain of the STC Athletic team, and Ivor Geddes was captain. Other members of this team were Soundra Lawrence, D.K. Samarasinghe, Jayasena Ellawela, Sidney Wijeratne, K.S. Ananthan, P.C. Munasinghe, W. Seneviratne, K.T.P.R. deSilva, R. Witane, and myself.

Ivor unfortunately pulled a hamstring just before the Public Schools Athletic meet, and did not participate. Bala was therefore the unofficial captain of our team.

Despite Ivor's absence, we won the Tarbart and Jefferson Cups, plus the Victoria Shield. We also won the Southern Schools meet. (The other schools were Royal, St. Joseph's, Wesley, St. Peter's, Ananda, and Nalanda), plus the Schokman Challenge Cup. Bala won the 100 and 220 and I won the 120 yards Hurdles (in record time!) and came 2nd in the High Jump.



In 1953, we did even better. Bala was Captain of Athletics, and we had a formidable team! Jayasena Ellawela, Zackroff Cader, W.M. Seneviratne, Asoka Wickremanayake, Rajitha Obeysekera, Chandra Seneviratne, V.S.A. Perera, V. Sivapalan, "Gammy" Dhammapala, R. Witane, and myself comprised this team of gladiators(!) that took STC to the pinnacle of college athletics in 1953.

At the Public Schools Athletic meet, Bala won the 100, and I think he came 2nd in the 220. Jayasena Ellawela won the Shot Putt and I think he also won the Discus. I won the 120 yards High Hurdles (after having broken Vivian Blaze's STC record in this event).

We won the 4x110 and 4x440 relays in record time. The 4x110 relay team included Zackroff, Asoka, myself, and Bala did the last leg. The 4x440 relay team included Rajitha, Zackroff, Bala, and myself. We were all awarded Public Schools Athletics Colors on top of our STC A.C.

Brooke was the Master in charge of Athletics. All he did was give us encouragement (!) and emphasize the importance of the baton exchanges--which we performed like professionals. Never dropped a baton or were penalized for any other infringements. I have seen dropped batons--even at the Olympics!

Bala and I were appointed School Prefects on the same day. We are the same age (we will be 80 next year!) and were at STC during the "Golden Years" of 1952 and 1953.

Jit: When Bala was Head Prefect - the college prefects had gone to Majestic after the Royal Thomian and the next Monday - the Manager had called Warden and said the STC Prefects had behaved badly and caused an uproar. Warden had said 'My prefects don't behave badly,' and put the phone down (as reported later by Lassie who was on the office staff) Bala had been sent for and he had admitted they had got a bit carried away and Warden had merely said 'highly irregular don't let it happen again. Larry S may have been a 'cop' then.

Around 1982 - Walkers was becoming a run down outfit, due to competition from the Panchikawatte Motor trade . Bala got the Agency for Lucas Motor spares and batteries setting up a company Klevenberg - In a brief time the business flourished and he became highly successful.

Bala remained a devoted supporter of Lanka Athletics / Motor Sports and last but not least STC.

He was instrumental in taking on a troublesome old boy, who was in the EXCO of The OBA and was throwing money around and on a campaign to discredit Warden David Ponniah and Sub.W - Pakianathan. This was bringing College to disrepute Bala assembled enough support to censure this man at the AGM and ensured that the dignity of the OBA was restored.

He was also one of the prime movers in starting the Centenary Group.

Larry: At that time we did not realize how dominant STC was in the College sports arena. Most of our contemporaries became aware of this rather unique state of affairs (!) many



Despite the result in Colombo the annual Royal Thomian over 50's encounter in Sydney was won by STC. Bala presented the Morrel Trophy to the Thomian Captain Eksath Perera



Standing on the Chapel steps circa 1953 L-R: Bala, Schokman and PND de Silva



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years later, when we were old enough to really savour those many victories during our "salad days..."!

Teamwork, discipline, camaraderie and practice, practice, practice, were the keys to our success.

ESTO PERPETUA!

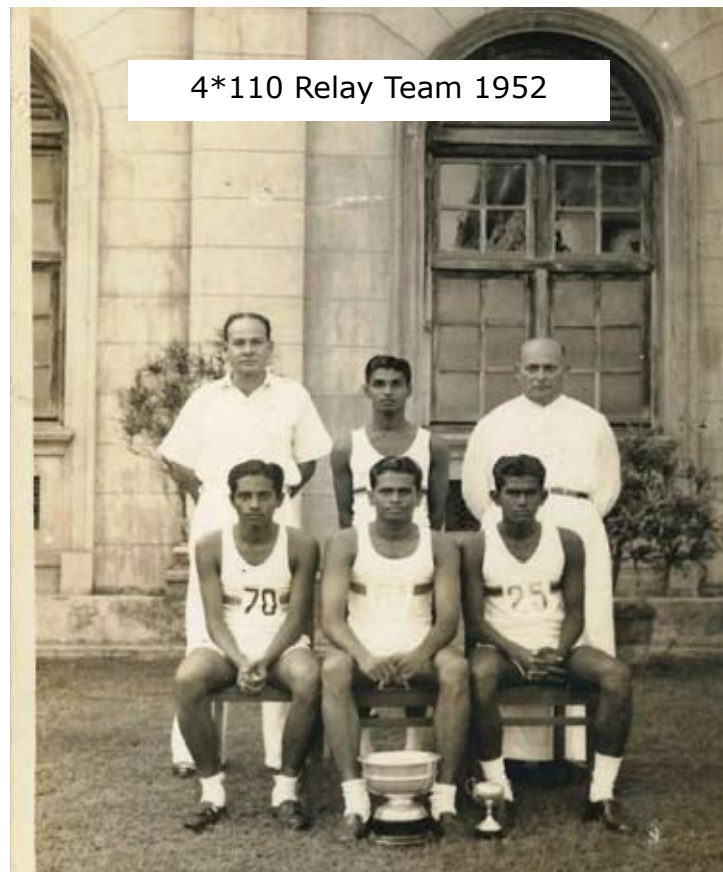
Larry Schokman

STC Colpetty and Bandarawela 1943 – 1944

STC Gurutalawa 1949 – 1951 (de Saram House)

STC Mt Lavinia 1952 – 1953 (Chapman House)

Jitendra Wanigasekara (1947/1950 STC Prep Kollupitiya and 1951 to 1961 – Copleston /Claughton House /Head Prefect 1961)



4*110 Relay Team 1952

Seated L:R

D.K. Samarasinghe, M. Balasubramaniam, Ana Kanagasabay

Standing L:R

Mr Brookie D'Silva, P.C.Munasinghe, Warden Canon R.S de de Saram



DOUGLAS (DOUG) RANDOLPH SOLOMONS

28th March 1948 - 10th May 2013

STC Gurutalawa 1962-1968 - Reid (Junior)/Prefect –Hayman

Doug Solomons, who passed away in Sydney after a long illness, was an unique personality. His love for music was legendary! He was an accomplished pianist, guitarist and DJ, and his personal collection of records numbered over 2500. Doug's passion found expression in his weekly "Sunday Choice" on Radio 2CCR 90.5 at 2pm every Sunday. Modelled on the Radio Ceylon programme of the same name, it was designed for the large 'Ceylon/ Indo' listenership in and around Sydney, who thoroughly enjoyed the personal touch, with requests being played and names called out, just as it was in Ceylon of old...when families would sit round a wireless. Ceylon's "Sunday Choice" was also the means by which "love-messages" were communicated, in a time when society was not as liberal as it is today. It may be 'held responsible' for many successful and lasting marriages. Doug presented his radio show for 19 years and his wife Carol speaks of the wonderful relationship they shared, founded on their love of music. Many of their closest friendships may also be attributed to Doug's "Sunday Choice". Carol recalls, when Doug first landed in Darwin & then Sydney, the only Sri Lankan he came to know in Australia, outside his family, was Yvonne Rudolph (nee Graham) who worked with him at NSW TAFE, where he held a managerial position.

Steve Overlunde provided much insight into Doug's life at the Guru boarding. Doug's clique comprised Steve Overlunde, Sohan (Senaka) Weerasingha (of Sohan & Experiments fame), the late Michael Jacotine & Doug . They were a 'unit', sounding like the magnificent seven, but going by the name "Beatle 4," they entertained the music-starved Guru boys. Tears flowed recently as we sat together and watched a video on STC Guru. Aaah...the memories... of course, they indulged in mischief, same as the 'next guy' but nothing disastrous.

Shaan Ching & Dulip DeSilva reminisced on Doug, their prefect; remembering him as "one terrific personality", with a great sense of humour; a good communicator, much loved by his juniors. The "life-skills" learnt in the hills of Gurutalawa, stood him in good stead to the end. Doug shared his love of music, was generous with his witty "one-liners" and was devoted to his wife Carol. A true 'people person,' whom I had the privilege of knowing as a friend.

We will miss you Doug , but your spirit is still alive, mate and I shall never forget the weekly phone call, which always began: "How are you Gra?"

RIP Doug Solomons –proud old Thomian. Esto Perpetua

Graham Masefield 1956- 1962 - STC prep (Vice Captain) Keble House

1963- 1969 Buck House -1st XV Rugby – Colours 1969



Steve Overlunde and Doug Solomons

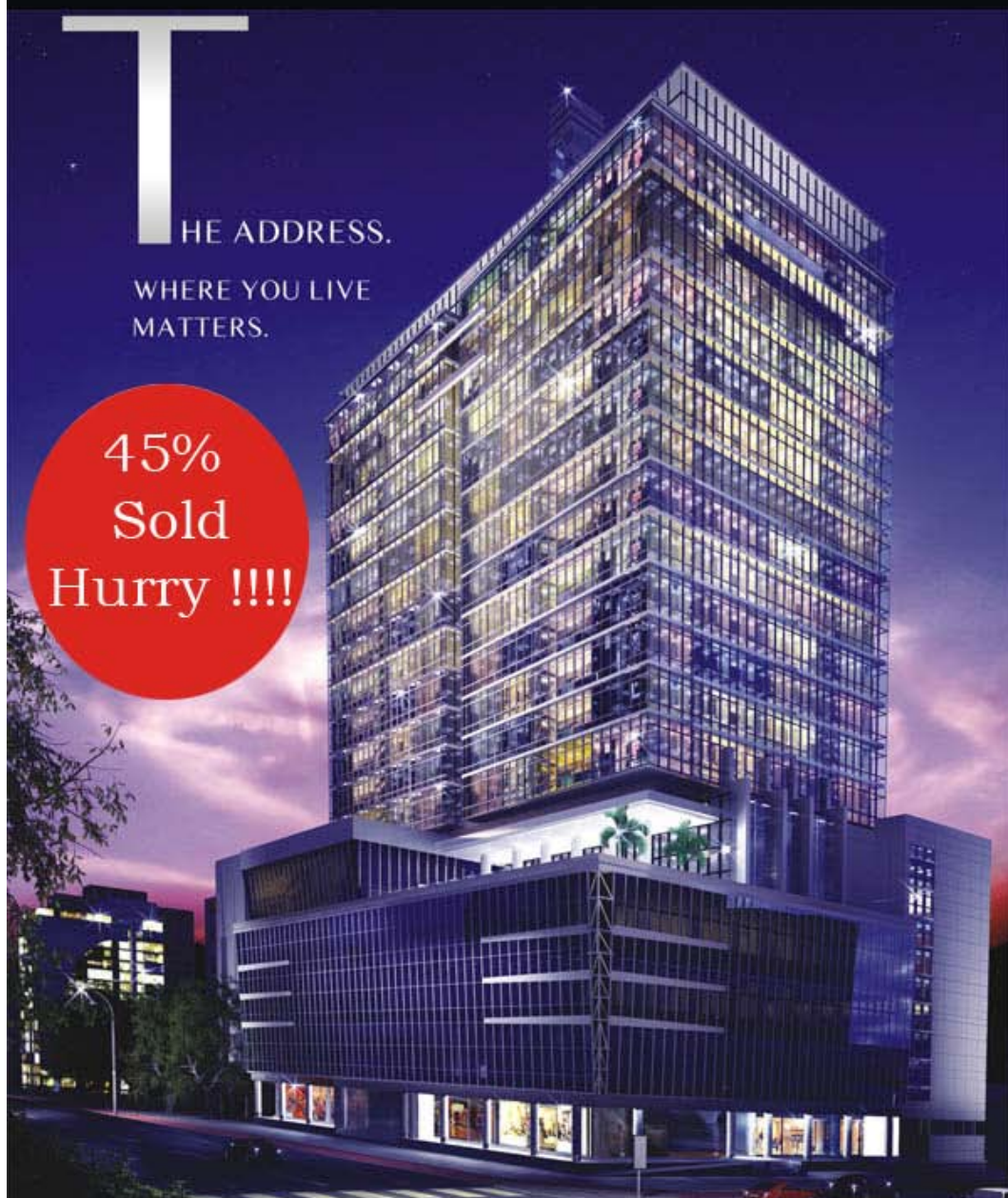


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YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
1905.	L. J. GRATIAEN	1947.	D. L. PEREIRA
1906.	L. A. ARNDT	1948.	T. B. AKIRIELLA
1907.	L. J. GRATIAEN	1949.	E. D. WICKREMANAYAKE
1908.	N. SARAVANAMUTTU	1950.	S. A. SIRMATAMBY
1909.	P. SARAVANAMUTTU	1951.	M. L. WIJESKERA
1910.	J. A. WIJESINGHE	1952.	W. A. SETHUKAVALAR
1911.	NOT AWARDED	1953.	W. A. SETHUKAVALAR
1912.	V. L. St. C. SWAN	1954.	W. W. MODDER
1913.	M. SARAVANAMUTTU	1955.	R. S. WIJEWARDENA
1914.	J. E. PHILIPS	1956.	W. S. DIAS BANDARANAYAKE
1923.	E. F. N. GRATIAEN	1957.	N. G. De SILVA
1924.	B. R. BLAZE	1958.	N. E. H. SANDERATNE
1925.	C. L. PEREIRA	1959.	N. J. ABEYESEKERE
1926.	L. E. J. FERNANDO	1960.	D. S. De MEL
1927.	N. L. JANSZ	1961.	K. S. WIJEWARDENE
1928.	R. SAMARASEKERE	1962.	G. L. PEIRIS
1929.	J. WIJESURIYA	1963.	G. L. PEIRIS
1930.	R. DAMBAWINNE	1964.	G. L. PEIRIS
1931.	L. F. W. FERNANDO	1965.	R. C. TENNEKON
1932.	E. C. S. PERERA	1966.	B. MAHENDRA
1933.	C. S. SENARATNA	1967.	G. P. HATCH
1934.	G. B. D. P. SENARATNA	1968.	B. MAHENDRA
1935.	N. H. L. SIEBEL	1969.	B. MAHENDRA
1936.	E. G. GOONEWARDENE	1970.	R. S. WIJESINHA
1937.	T. P. JONKLAAS	1971.	R. M. De ZOYSA
1938.	R. G. S. De SARAM	1972.	M. C. BERENGER
1939.	S. K. GOONEWARDENE	1973.	R. D. GUNARATNE
1940.		1974.	C. R. JAYASINGHE
1941.	C. R. HENSMAN	1975.	R. H. EDRISINHA
1942.	B. Q. L. ANTHONISZ	1976.	N. K. HATCH
1943.	R. VISVASAM	1977.	R. A. SIMON
1944.	R. VISVASAM	1978.	R. H. EDRISINHA
1945.	NO AWARD	1979.	R. H. EDRISINHA
		1980.	U. A. GUNERATNE
		1981.	M. S. R. FERNANDO

The Pieris Siriwardene; a 'metaphor' of Gold; white paint on wood, as mural stood; its history full told: An honour-roll of hundred year! And more by eight, it be; the names, a tapestry of minds; all sons of STC: Look now on 1932, the year in which we see, Perera, ECS o'ercome Pereira, DNP. Yet, friends for life both gentlemen, as are their progeny. Like Hamlet and good Laertes; defying augury:

(David Sansoni Stone House 1960 - 1971)



MR. D.N.PEREIRA - Profile of a Legend that has passed through the realms of St. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia - both as a student and later as a well respected Master on the Staff.
D.N.Pereira – born 27th April 1915 & departed this life to eternal peace on 25th April 1993.



DOUGLAS NOEL PEREIRA
27-04-1915 - 25-04-1993

I am Corinne King - the only child of the late Mr. D.N.Pereira - (Douglas Noel), (D.N.P.), (D.N.) or otherwise known as "Bulto" to the many hundreds of students he taught during his long teaching career. I am so honoured to have been requested to write an article about my Dad for the S.T.C. OBA (Sydney Branch) Dinner Dance Souvenir of 2013. Thank you to Messrs: Milroy Berenger & David Sansoni for this opportunity.

I will start this profile of Dad giving you some family background details which not many of you will be aware of. Douglas was the 3rd son of C.V.Pereira – A Scholar & Writer of Latin Textbooks. C.V.Pereira along with Warden Stone wrote a Latin Text book that was used at STC.

The learned skills were instilled into my Dad by his father - C.V.Pereira - an old boy & learned Scholar of Trinity College, Kandy, Ceylon. C.V.Pereira was an only son of his parents & had only one sister. They were children of Victor Pereira who came to Colombo from Goa in India - a Portuguese explorer - who decided to make Kandy his home where he held a high position as a Planter on Choisy Estate in Ramboda. Victor Pereira (my Dad's Grandfather met & married Miss Harriett Jane Smith an English Spinster & daughter of His Majesty's 95th Regiment Ensign -William Smith & his wife Eliza, who had been posted to Kandy, Ceylon to serve the British Army in the far East). (Records - from Anglican Diocesan Office of Kandy 1831 - 1855).

My Grandfather - C.V.Pereira - was a strict disciplinarian & having fathered 10 children was known to have excelled in Ancient Greek, Latin, English & English Literature. C.V. Pereira was a personal friend of the English Scholars & Pioneers that were associated with S.T.C. in the early 1900's - one of them being Warden Stone, who always invited C.V.P. as his guest to the Grand Hotel in Nuwara Eliya for the Easter holidays.

My Dad was nurtured in this background and was guided by his father to be a Scholar & Teacher of the Classics too. Dad or D.N.P. accepted the strict upbringing he had from his father who was sorted out by many parents of students at STC to tutor their boys in the early 1900's.

In 1929 C.V.Pereira built a 14 bed roomed house and named it "New Haven" down at No: 94 Watarappola Road in Mount Lavinia. The purpose of building such a huge house was mainly to take in some boarders. Many a student was taken in to be tutored in Ancient Greek & Latin. The building of "New Haven" in Mount Lavinia by my Grandfather - C.V.Pereira - was especially significant too as it was the 1st two-storey house to be built besides that of the Governor's House on the Mound - that was to later become the Mount Lavinia Hotel. My grandfather's house still exists & is in pristine condition!!



D.S.Senanayake the first Prime Minister of Ceylon sent his son Dudley to my Grandfather C.V.P. for private tuition. Dudley was driven for tuition in a Govt chauffeured vehicle as a young man to my Grandfather's home - "New Haven". My Dad's Godfather was Sir Oliver Goonetilleke - Ceylon's first Governor General & another distinguished Thomian.

It was in this background that my Dad - D.N.P. was nurtured to be the man he was known as - a strict disciplinarian, Master of the Cane, pedantic in his teaching skills and a human being with unusual habits.

D.N.Pereira was born on 27th April 1915 - a Taurus & proud of his Astrological sign. He was an avid reader of all literature, a great writer, Scholar himself in Ancient Greek & Latin. He thrived on Shakespeare & was incredibly knowledgeable in his English. Dad enjoyed writing "Speeches" for many people to use for various functions. It was so interesting to see my father with red pen posed in his right hand always ready to correct any grammar or spelling he would pick in an article - be it in a newspaper or even in a letter he had received from a friend. The teacher instinct in him always prevailed!!

Many of my Dad's students remember their past teacher for his many handkerchiefs he carried with him on a daily basis. He had one hanky for his sweaty & wet brow, one hanky to prevent him inhaling dust & chalk dust, one hanky to clean his fingers after he had used chalk to write on the blackboard, another hanky was for neatly laying on the chair before he sat on it & the last hanky was for cleaning his shiny shoes he was always known to wear.

Dad always came home for lunch and changed his cream tussore suit and went back for the afternoon session in yet another complete change of clothes - right from his underdaks, vest or (banian) as it was called then, shirt, full suit, tie & even his well polished shoes. As it is always known to be - behind many a successful man is a woman and all due praise goes to my Mum - Nora - who ironed my Dad's clothes & laundered his numerous handkerchiefs for him to use in his daily run of duties as a teacher.

D.N.P. was a well respected teacher, having taught at St. Thomas' in Matara & later at Richmond College in Galle prior to arriving at STC in Mt. Lavinia in 1951.

As a Senior Master at STC Dad enjoyed his many years of teaching the numerous students that passed through his guidance & nurturing. As the Master in Charge of the STC Magazine at Mt. Lavinia for many years - this was for him a valuable period of his teaching career he enjoyed immensely. I too got involved in his teaching career as Dad had many a student himself come home for private tuition - English or Latin. Dad would give me various tasks of writing an English Essay at our dining table during the period of time he would have "the boys" attend their tuition in his study at the long table he inherited from his father for teaching private students at home specifically. It was my Dad's way of keeping me away from the many Thomians that graced our humble home in Mount Lavinia.

Dad was known as "Bulto" a nickname he received at STC in the early 1950's - around 1953/1954 when he stopped smoking the 15 cigarettes a day quota he allotted himself and he took to sucking the black and white striped lolly called "Bulto"! This nickname stayed with him throughout his entire teaching career at STC.

In 1959 Dad applied to migrate to Australia from Ceylon and we were accepted under the "White Australia Policy" - but on being passed to migrate my Dad had second thoughts and he felt that STC needed him more than the "new country" and we declined the move.



However, in 1972 the need to migrate was more evident as he had lost his many hours of teaching in the English syllabus - his hours of teaching greatly reduced by half with the introduction of Sinhalese as the main language of the Country.

We migrated mid year in 1972 - Dad was 57 years of age - he taught in Australia until his retirement age of 65+. Sadly he developed Type 2 Diabetes and had many of his organs affected by the condition. He was happy to see me meet and marry Ian King (who hailed from the U.K.) in 1975 and above all, he was so happy to become a Grandfather to our only child - a daughter - Karen who was born in 1981. Her early years were nurtured by Dad. Karen remembers the "copy book writers" & stories Dad read to her, the English lessons & lessons on life that were instilled into her at a young age. Karen always talks of the "school holidays" spent with her Grandparents & the valuable hours he spent with her till his demise when she was 11+ years old. The "teacher" in him never "retired"!! Dad will be proud of Karen as she is a vocational trainer/career path guide in her field of employment for adults returning to the workforce.

D.N.P. enjoyed his 3 years as President of the STC OBA (Melbourne Branch) in the 1980's. Those who were on his Committee over that period of time recall the delicious pan rolls, patties, fish ball cutlets & Dutch Bolo Fiado delicacies provided by my Mum - Nora - for the Committee Meetings. Dad was also the writer of the "Thomiana" journal - the STC OBA "Newsletter". The hours he spent seeking "news" of "Old Boys", making phone calls both local & interstate was phenomenal. His pleasures were simple - his entire life was dedicated to his Alma Mater. Dad was a true Thomian to his dying day. My Dad - D.N.Pereira - will be a Thomian legend - he lived & died for STC. Maybe up in Heaven he is keeping records of STC Old Boys that enter the Gates of Heaven!!

ESTO PERPETUA!! -

Contributed & written by

Corinne King - (née Pereira)



Thomian Captain (1969 – 1970) PLD Kariyawasam presents winning Royal Captain Devind Pathmanathan with an award at the 2013 Royal Thomian closing celebrations



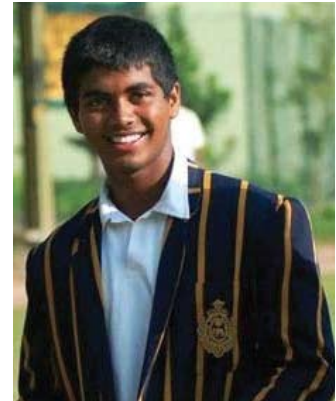
Devin Jayasinghe receives an award – Devin is a talented sportsman and is Captain of the 2013 STC Rugby team



THE 134TH BATTLE OF THE BLUES (7TH, 8TH& 9TH MARCH 2013)

RACE TO BEAT THE RAIN

It has been just a few weeks since we won the 134th Battle of the Blues, and annexing the Mustangs Trophy a week later has made this period a truly memorable one for all of us even though I feel at times that it has all not quite sunk in!



I hail from a family of Royalists and Thomians and with two grand uncles Raju and Sathi Coomaraswamy, my own dad and his elder brother Gajan having played in the big match in their time, my brother and I grew up in an environment that was strongly dominated by the game. So much so that in March every year, the only topic for discussion at family gatherings was the "Big Match", with everyone contributing to an analysis of the chances of either school to win the traditional clash. I have my own memories of going to the Royal Thomian from the time I was 5 years old and have experienced the joy of a Royal win in 2006 and shared the disappointment of losses in 2005 and 2007.

Looking back on this year's match, it was clear to me from the very beginning of the season that the coaches, masters in charge and the cricket advisory committee were fully focussed on building a team to win the prestigious encounter and each of us was determined to measure up to that expectation. We played positive cricket throughout the season, growing in confidence with each match. We consequently recorded 4 outright wins leading up to the Big Match, bonding well together with commitment, discipline and team-spirit.

On a personal note, I was fortunate to have played in the game as I was "struck down" by the Dengue fever barely a month before the Big Match and missed 3 important games, leading up to it. Fortunately, thanks to a very strict and considerate family physician and medical staff, the love and care of family, and friends, and the benevolence of Providence, I recovered in time to be pronounced fit for the game.

Reflecting on the match itself, as there had been some rain leading up to it, and taking into account the strength of our bowling attack, we decided that our best chance to bowl our opponents out twice was to bowl first. Therefore, when I won the toss, I had no hesitation in asking the Thomians to bat. Devin Jayasinghe batted exceptionally well but the wickets of skipper Javed trapped by an unplayable Chamika delivery, and the run out of Thilaksha gave us the break- through we needed and we kept the pressure to bowl them out for 192 shortly before close on the first day. Chamika was outstanding on a flat pitch and richly deserved a place in the record books with his haul of 5 wickets.

Our plan on day two was to get as far ahead as possible and to then put pressure on the Thomian batting on the final day. We got to 260 for 5, when rain curtailed play prematurely for the day. All the batsmen chipped in with Sampath and Milan making half centuries. With rain a daunting prospect we declared at the overnight score, and that challenging declaration raised the team's performance to a very high level on the final day.



The 2013 traditional Thomian Cycle Parade. No doubt these young lads will one day look back at their school boy antics with wistful smiles as yet another generation of Thomians treads in their footsteps upholding the traditions that adds so much splendour to the Royal Thomian encounter. As an old Thomian may well say, "Been there, done that and thank God we did it!





Led by another great bowling performance from Chamika and backed by some outstanding fielding, we bowled the Thomians out for 132. I must mention here that we had a plan to get Devin - who batted exceptionally well and top scored in the first innings - as we saw him as a threat. He had a flair for the hook shot and so we decided to bait him early in his inning in the second. Hashen bounced, as part of the carefully rehearsed plan, and Devin went for the hook only to be well caught in the deep. He left without scoring and that dismissal gave us a huge psychological advantage at a crucial stage of the game and put the Thomians very much on the back foot from which they never recovered.

We were left with a target of 66 for victory with plenty of playing time, but we had to contend with the threat of rain. The twenty minute tea break was therefore an agonising wait for us but thankfully the weather God's remained kind and we reached our target for victory soon after play resumed.

I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to lead the cricket team of a great school. While it may sound like a cliché, ours was a great team effort. There were some good individual performances but everyone contributed. On the first day when Thomian wickets fell at regular intervals, we did not take the pressure off them. Even when the last wicket frustrated us we did not "let up". On the second day, when the Thomian's made it difficult for us to score runs quickly, our batsmen kept their cool and took their opportunities when they came. It is a tribute to the team, that although more than 60 overs were lost during the first two days, they all arrived on the morning of the third day believing that we could win. It was evident in the way everyone "hustled about" in the field and threw themselves at everything to stop runs and keep the pressure on the Thomian batsmen. The 3 run outs and some great catches that were taken is a testimony to the spirit and determination of the team. Our coaches did a great job of motivating and guiding us throughout the match. It was rewarding when plans such as the one to bounce at Devin Jayasinghe in the second innings worked.

I have learnt to appreciate the hallowed traditions and values of our two great schools and the mutual respect we have for each other. This was also evident in the way the two teams interacted during and after the 134th Battle of the Blues.

The request from the STC OBA in NSW for an article from the Captain of Royal merely reinforces those values and traditions.

Thank you, and I wish everyone an enjoyable evening.
Esto Perpetua-Disce Aut Discede

Devind Pathmanathan.

House Harward
2001 – 2015

Not for the first time, not for the last time a names to faces initiative – a quest to find our roots...perhaps we have made it !



Last row: **R.B Ram**, Ebenezer Asiriwatham, **Kapil Abeyratne**, Mrs Burder, Mr Burder, Somesh Somesundaram, **Srinath Wijie**

Gunawardana, K.M. Devendran

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Anil de Alwis, **Hiran Gooneratne**, Harsha Abeywardene

Seated: DPS Peiris, **Geoffrey Jayasekera**, Lakshman de Alwis, **Gemunu Waranasooriya**, **Munesh Thuraisingham**, Mohan
Jacob, **Anthony Armitage**, Herschel Goonewardena



WINCHESTER HOUSE RULES – A WHIMSICAL ANTHOLOGY

Thumbing through a copy of Reflections; the publication produced by the Canada OBA and sent to me by a classmate, I discovered a photograph taken outside the then dormitory. Sadly there were no names appearing under the photo and I was convinced that one of the boys was me. Given that this was taken over 50 years ago it seemed a long shot and I enquired of the editors why no names appeared.

Hiran Adhihetty, one of the editors, responded that they had spent some time endeavouring to find names, but due to publication deadlines and with only a few identified, they decided to go ahead without any names. He nevertheless, copied some of the initial contributors and names to an email and asked if anyone was willing to undertake a search for names.

So began a quest that traversed the globe and brought together so many Old Thomians via the Internet. In the process many a tale of how we all came to be there emerged and is worth recounting. The actual photo was taken sometime in late 1958 and the innocent faces of the boys is worth noting. Before any of us were swayed by the Socio-cultural evolution we were just boys thrown together by our parents who wished the best for their sons. We were from all social, ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds, but none of this mattered. We were just frightened little boys with a common purpose, to gain knowledge, independence, learn sports and develop friendships away from the bosom of the family. To be suddenly thrust into a dormitory was quite daunting and a shock to many. Also, at the time the country was itself undergoing change and it was considered quite natural that boys be boarded at the School by the Sea.

The search for names involved many persons, some who were senior and others junior to those in the photo. With various contacts we gradually pieced together names and then circulated to others. Of course we had conflicting names given to us and so corroborative evidence was sought. This was readily given by others and when we were sure that someone had been definitely identified names were added.

Besides emails to known contacts, other social networking Sites were also used, together with contact with the various branches of the OBA around the World. All these sources yielded more information as to who would know possible names or who else would identify any one of the boys. A sad postscript to this task was that some of the boys appearing in the photo are no longer with us. I'm sure that this gives the efforts added poignancy as even with their passing, they will now not be forgotten.

Aside from the research to trace these boys one particularly side event that proved exhilarating was getting in touch with my classmates, with whom I had lost touch with, since leaving the shores of the then Ceylon. A handful of them are in the UK, a clutch in Australia and a group still in Sri Lanka. It's this latter group who meet regularly and had asked after me, but none knew of my whereabouts. This was a tremendous find and a visit to Sri Lanka will need to be considered.

I must specially thank Milroy Berenger for acting as project co-ordinator, together with Jeremy Hillman, David Sansoni and Hiran Adhihetty who regularly updated pieces of information. In addition thanks to some of the 'boys' in the photo who contributed great volumes of information. A most successful venture undertaken in true Thomian Spirit.

John Pearce Winchester,
Chapman and Buck - 1957 – 1966



REDISCOVERING PLACES

A road trip through Wellawaya – Buttala - Pottuvil – Batticaloa – Swami Rock -Tiriyaya.

School mates at 'college' since the 1960's Ali Moheed, Ananda Welikala and myself decided to visit and probe locations that were once considered 'no go' areas for many a year.

First stop was at the Don Diogu Holiday Bungalow in Wellawaya, the family home of another Thomian, Mervyn Wijesinghe. Mervyn has made his family home into a pleasant, comfortable bed and breakfast riverside retreat. Mervyn's knowledge of the area, its history and legends kept us enthralled for hours on end. Thanks to Mervyn we were on our way a day later to Yudhaganawa Wewa and the magnificent ruins of the huge Chaithiya and a small image house.

According to local legend the Yudhaganawa stupa was built by the sons of Queen Vihara

Maha Devi in her memory because she reconciled the feuding Princes; Prince Dutugemunu and Prince Sadha Tissa. The area is steeped in ancient history and nearby is the 'battle field' where the armies of those brothers clashed. According to some reference material Prince Dutugemunu lost about 30,000 warriors. With some local help and research one can walk those ancient battle fields these days (through cultivated lands). Within meters of the Yudhaganawa Chaithiya are the ruins of the Chulangani Vihara and the ruins of a stone Buddha statue. According to the sign posted there by



the Archaeological Department it is dated to the 12th century AD and the stone statue is dated 6-7th century AD.



The cameras carried on this trip were; Canon 40D, 50D and 5D Mark II cameras. The lenses used were; Canon EF 10-22 wide angle, EF 100- 400 IS USM zoom and EF 24-105 zoom. Carrying a tripod or monopod is recommended as

the Wewa and the temple grounds are teeming with birdlife. The Chaithiya grounds were the haunt of a couple of Crested Serpent Eagles (amongst a variety of smaller birds).



It was then on to Lahugala and the Magul Maha Vihara. According to one local legend; this was the location where King Kavan Tissa married Princess Vihara Maha Devi. A circular stone arrangement on site is claimed to be their 'magul poruwa'. A famous moonstone at this site is claimed to be the only such moonstone in Asia and Sri Lanka that has mahouts (or riders) atop the elephant carvings. The ancient monastic site is huge and the place sits quietly amongst the important history and legend of Sri Lanka. We took a short break at the Lahugala Tank, famous for its herds of elephants. The modern road is such that we actually drove past the tank and had to turn around to take a short walk on the tank bund.



Further up the coast road in Pottuvil is the Mudu Maha Vihara. According to legend; this is the place where Princess Vihara Maha Devi landed and came ashore. It is said that King Kavan Tissa, the King of that eastern coastal area asked "Ko Kumari" (in Sinhalese) which meant 'Where is the princess' these words according to local legend gives the township of Komari, (close by) its name. Legend also has it that the Princess Vihara

Maha Devi was put to sea or 'sacrificed' to the sea by her Father King Kelani Tissa on the west coast of Sri Lanka after the sea flooded his kingdom (possibly a tsunami). On the sand dunes of Pottuvil beach stand the ruins of this religious, historical, legendary 'landing' place waiting for pilgrims, travellers, historians and tourists alike.

We moved on to Batticaloa. The last time I was in the vicinity of 'Batti' it was in 1982!! 'Batti' is a bustling, busy, urbanised town these days. Whilst magnificent new bridges and excellent, well-engineered modern roads are evident all the way up the east coast, the old Kallady Bridge still stood in Batticaloa. We were lucky to see this land mark as the new bridge is well on its way to completion and the old land mark will be gone in a few months. We did not listen at dusk for the famous 'singing fish' beneath the Kallady bridge as the construction work on the new bridge carried on after dark and the amazing amount of traffic over the bridge after dark drowned out any clear sounds that may have come from the lagoon.



The 'Batti' lagoon is magnificent and hosts various methods of fishing. The lagoon seems to be home to a large population of Brahminy Kites too. 'Batti' Fort still stands on an island in the lagoon and the outer ramparts are in reasonable condition. Modern civil administration buildings have sprung up inside the ramparts within the last 20-30 years. It is rumoured that they may be relocated and the historic fort restored.



We also visited the Dutch Bar on the eastern shores of 'Batti'; home of the Batticaloa Burgher community, descendants of the Portuguese. The 2004 tsunami has left its tragic mark on that community and a small memorial stands in the area. We were lucky enough to meet and have a long chat with a 'Batti Burgher' and get some insight as to how they are progressing.

They still speak a spattering of Portuguese and maintain their traditional dances. It was then on to Trincomalee to photograph Swami Rock from the sea at sunrise. After many years people are free to take the sea journey to view this spectacle. A pair of White-bellied Fish eagles on the cliffs above joined us for breakfast in the early morning sun. The famous 'lovers leap' was clearly visible and my thoughts wandered to the story of a Dutch girl who flung herself off this cliff as she watched her betrothed sail out of the harbour after breaking off their engagement. (Ceylon- Volume Two Emerson Tennant page 944).



It was then on to Tiriyaya, just south of Pullmodai, another ancient, legendary site with monastic caves and rock inscriptions going back to a pre Christian era. The magnificent ruin of a Vata Dage stands atop a small hill which commands beautiful views across the Indian Ocean and the plains below. One of the legends, in brief, is that

two Nepalese merchants who gave the Buddha a meal after he had attained enlightenment were presented a lock of the Buddha's hair in a jewelled casket. On a subsequent sea voyage the merchants landed or were washed ashore at Tiriyaya. They placed the casket down and prepared a meal. When they were ready to leave they found they could not move the casket and realising it was a holy place they made a small stupa over the relic and departed. What is interesting of this legend is that this 'holy place' was established when the Buddha was alive and pre-dates the 'arrival' of Buddhism at Minithale'. A few days later it was time to return to Colombo via Anuradhapura. That is a story for another time.

This article is neither a historical article nor an archaeological one. Scholarly debate continues in relation to some of the locations we visited and available reference material varies. What is most encouraging however; with the conflict ended these areas are now open to further investigation and research and they are certainly open to anyone who has an interest to re discover Sri Lanka away from the popular tourists locations and connect with the ancient history of this exotic complex land.



"The island of Ceylon is a small universe; it contains as many variations to culture, scenery and climate as some countries a dozen times its size. What you get from it depends what you bring. If you never stray from your hotel bar or the dusty streets of Colombo, you could perish in fulminating boredom in a week, and it would serve you right. But if you are interested in people, nature, history and art – all things that really matter – you may find as I did that a life time is not enough.

"Arthur. C. Clarke.

Weerasooriya W. S. – Links between Sri Lanka & Australia.

Happy travels!

Stefan D' Silva

Wood House

1964-1976





THE ENDURING LEGACY OF THE ROYAL – THOMIAN, "BIG MATCH," 134 AND STILL BATTING ON

In recent years, there has been less and less to cheer about in Sri Lanka. Few things bring anything but despondency and frustration to the hearts of young and old. We live in a strange age. What should be a time of national triumph and unity has been transformed into an age of fear and repression, political corruption and public apathy and the unprecedented arrogance of power.

Perhaps more than anything else, we live in a country today in which no relationship is equal. Patronage and servility are the two basic ingredients for survival in present day Sri Lanka. To speak out against injustice, to fight for the freedoms and rights of another is too great a risk to take. Expediency has taken precedence over preserving all that was great about Sri Lankan society. The political comedy of errors has pervaded every aspect of social life, with both sides of the political divide providing plenty of entertainment but no true redress.

When everything we know and hold dear is being systematically destroyed, there is ever more reason to rejoice in the things that endure; the things that cut across social divides and political constructs; the things that renew old time bonds and bring people together.

The Royal Thomian that began on Thursday, provides a reason for such a celebration. A nation's enthusiasm for cricket is only overshadowed by the jubilant atmosphere that pervades the streets of the capital as one 'Big Match' succeeds the other and the mounting frenzy unleashes itself to reach a climax each weekend in different colours.

In all this everyone agrees on one thing: the Royal-Thomian is the trend setter. Almost every school has a 'Big Match' because Royal College and St. Thomas' have one. Today, the school cricket that originated on the playing fields of Colombo with the Royal-Thomian encounter, has reached the farthest villages of the island bringing to the fore cricketing talent that a small island in the Indian Ocean that learned about willow and leather from the Englishman, may never have imagined was possible.

There is an indefinable quality about the three day cricket extravaganza that is so much more than just a cricket match. It is a carnival for the young and the young at heart, from the starry eyed youngster attending his first Big Match to the grey-haired and careworn old timer in the Mustangs Tent, to whose eyes the stars return when memories are rekindled of his own schooldays.

In a society that places such critical emphasis on who you know and how much power you wield, at the Royal-Thomian all of this ceases to matter. A 134 year tradition, unbroken and unstoppable, the Big Match brings people together in a great commonality that recognizes no leader and no follower, no king and no subject, no rich man and poor man. It is a place where all politicians who are generally revered and think no end of themselves are humbled and belittled, when they walk into a tent and strive hard to make an impact with the crowd. While defeat has become unpalatable for those who wield great power, the Royal Thomian has never been about victory or loss.

Through centuries scored, wickets lost, good and bad umpiring decisions, Royalists and Thomians take it all in their stride, never resorting to threats or intimidation to have decisions go their way. Scuffles and skirmishes off the field are often part and parcel of



the game, but they are battles fought, won and lost on your own merits. There will be no powerful papas arriving on the scene to bail people out; in fact such an eventuality will result in more derision from the crowd and embarrassment for the youths in question, because it is considered a defining quality of Thomians and Royalists that they fight their own battles.

For three days, everyone on the cricket fields and in the spectator stands go briefly back to being schoolboys, indistinguishable from each other as when we all wore one uniform and it was impossible to tell us apart. The greatest thing about the Royal Thomian then, is this. If you are a Royalist, you are a Royalist. If you're a Thomian, you're a Thomian. Nothing else matters. For three days, as two school cricket teams battle it out in the middle, a Royalist or a Thomian is all you are and all you need to be. Ethnic, religious and other differences pale into oblivion, levelling so many varying sections of society in a way we can only hope to extrapolate nationally, four years after Sri Lanka ceased to be at war with itself.

In the years to come, it is my fervent hope for the timeless Battle of the Blues that it will remain a brief, small space where these qualities of freedom and equality will be preserved. It is up to Royalists and Thomians, young and old to ensure that this great tradition remains apolitical in a social culture where political tentacles are breaching every social institution and aspect of life.

If it was the Royalists and the Thomians that blazed the trail for the Big Match culture in the Sri Lankan school system, there is no reason why we should not continue to lead in areas where others might still follow. It is if anything, our duty and obligation as responsible citizens of this country to take these leveling experiences of the Big Match back into our everyday lives, and use them to consistently foster brotherhood and promote liberty and equality in our homeland.

A good performance at the Royal Thomian will carry a youngster through life as much as a poor showing will damn him forever. Many are the examples in public life of this truism. Prime ministers, bureaucrats and businessmen alike are better known for their success or failure at the Royal Thomian than for their achievements or the disasters they have inflicted on a hapless public.

This current weekend in March is the perfect time to remember that life is made for living. It is events like the Royal-Thomian that provide the spice that refreshes flagging spirits and cheers the aching heart. On those three days there is no enmity or displeasure. Foe embraces foe and friends slaps each other as though they were never parted.

It is a timeless and enduring testament to the power and promise of old school ties.

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BATCH REUNION 2013 AND RANDOM REFLECTIONS OF THE 80'S

Let me not bore you with another lesson on the "Battle of the Blues" as copious articles have been written on this historic encounter. It's this tradition which I was a part of as a school boy 30 odd years ago that made me board a flight back to STC Happy Land in Feb\March 2013. The reunion dinner with my fellow batch mates was special - we were celebrating 30 years since taking our O\L examination. We call ourselves the O\L Batch of 83 & A\L Batch of 86. However this does not necessarily mean we all passed these exams in these respective years! We have in our midst friends who attend 2 or 3 batch reunions each year given their propensity to fail these exams with flying colors!

Years have rolled by but distance has never been an issue particularly since Ranesh Peiris formed the email batch forum. Scattered in various parts of the world, the email forum is our gateway to keeping in touch with each other. The only rule to observe is not to sign up to the forum with a common email address one would share with one's wife! Colorful language bounce up and down these email links interspersed with heated arguments, intellectual viewpoints and that well known banter only understood and appreciated amongst Thomian buggers. Since I left college in Col B, I did not get to "hang out" with several boys who traversed across from Prep. Prep during my time always had the reputation of breeding talented sportsmen who often ousted the Mount boys from the various college sporting teams. Not sure if this is still the norm? Regardless it was good to link the names to the faces and finally meet the forum's most contributed writer S.R. Williams. Given my long absence from these events, faces were still familiar though the waist-lines had increased and teenage acne replaced with spectacles and contact lenses. Several hand-shakes, hugs, bunches and drinks later I found a quiet moment to ponder the passing of time. 30 odd years since leaving school, lives have been shaped, molded and more or else defined in terms of the rest of our lives (retirement in about 15 years)! We have changed physically and the tell tale signs are displayed on our heads, faces and bodies. Things have happened and lives have evolved.... wives, families, divorces, careers, health issues, travels etc. Classmates have passed away while new friendships have been formed outside of school. Yet when Thomians meet, it is akin to an extended family reunion where differences are put aside temporarily at least. This nostalgic feeling was further enhanced when Ray led us in the singing of the College song and didn't we sing with gusto and fervor. "Batho" Sir if present would have recruited some of us into the college choir! We recalled the middle school incident when Ratnadasa was more fascinated by Athip David's ear than "Batho" Sir's explanation of a chromatic scale that he decided to snip it with a pair of scissors. When head master Mr. Leo De Silva boomed "Why did you do that" the prompt response was "I was bored sir"! Those were the days when the teacher's cane was liberally used while vain attempts were made to pad ones "Blue shorts" with exercise books. Michael Arnold mastered this technique to some degree though.

Back to the reunion - Chandana Punchihewa (CP) has and I suspect will always be the chief organizer of these events. A task he ungrudgingly has been doing for years and from what I gather a role he will not be allowed to relinquish for his creativity, style and attention to detail is second to none. Jega and Rasu would vouch for this too and thank you boys for factoring the "overseas Thomian" participation. CP is flanked by an organizing committee consisting of Mahesh, Amal, Kappa, Nana, Shali, Rana and Viraj. It should also be noted that in our elite group of batch mates we have a priest (Dinesh B) and a pilot (Issa). These 2 serve each other well for we require the prayers of the priest before boarding the plane of the pilot! Thank You Nana for organizing the gastronomic delights courtesy army mess; that "beef" was superb! The drinks kept flowing, the night enriched with fun, frivolity and the group photo was finally captured to remain in our albums, hearts and memories forever.



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A week later it was match time and in an ever changing Sri Lanka, one thing seems to be consistent. The 3 days of the match is an undeclared holiday for present and past students alike. Our batch mates were scattered between the Thoroughbred and Colts tents festooned beautifully with decorations and lights thanks to the wives of the organizing committee. The lunch and Tea breaks provided an opportunity to inter mingle between tents and share communal sips of whatever each other were drinking! Hats off to Nirmal Palliyaguru and Laffa for making the overseas trip only for a few days and to Georgina for signing Eddy's permission slip to be at the Colts tent and not at the Stables tent with the rest of the family. Despite "new interests" in Canada, Lampi still made it for the match to share a chardonnay with globetrotting Andrew Dias. Ill health may have prevented Chu to be at the match but seeing him at the reunion dinner is a testimony to his resilience and courage to battle on as he did on the rugby grounds as one of the talented players of our times.

Every Thomian worth his salt observes the "What happens at the Roy Tho stays at the Roy Tho" rule, thus I can only state that there were great displays of Dutch courage in the tents and flashes only of that old Thomian grit on the field. The outcome of the match was.....well we took solace in the "win or lose we booze" attitude and continued the Battle of the Bottle! If warden sir saw Amal De Mel in action on the last day of the match, he would have been served with an "on report" form pending an explanation on Monday morning at the head master's room!

To condense a few other highlights; there was the jaunt "down south" which I missed due to family commitments, a choir reunion with living legend Sir Russell Bartholomeusz, drinks at the OTSC with Ravi Gunawardena, College library archives (S. Naguleswaran's name splashed across several magazines as co-editor), College tennis courts (what use to be WDD's former house), breakfast at the 80 Club followed by a ride in the back of a ute to the grounds (perfectly legal) and the post match\farewell drinks on what was an insightful trip to Sri Lanka and down memory lane itself.

In conclusion I wish to touch on the special bond Thomians in general share across the board. We Thomians regardless of our ethnic divide merged as one during our schooling days. The "Roll Call" and common subjects such as English, Music, PT and swimming were jointly done giving us the opportunity to respect and appreciate each other from a very young age. It is clearly evident to me that this openness we established from our formative years has shaped our attitudes towards each other's race & religion. Likewise bonding together as Sri Lankans is paramount and in today's present political and economic climate I thank STC for instilling this in us and for maintaining this core principle even today.

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Former Chaplain Celebrates His 100th Birthday



Rev. Roy Henry (Bowyer) Yin celebrated his 100th birthday on the 7th of October, 2010. He was born in Singapore in 1910 and went to King's College, Cambridge as an undergraduate in 1929 and graduated in History in 1932. At this time the Dean of Chapel was Eric Milner-White and the Director of Music was the distinguished Choirmaster Boris Ord, with whom Yin developed a lifelong friendship together with a passion for church music. Rev. Yin was Chaplain at King's College between 1934 and 1937. He took this passion and the experience of choir training he had gained from Ord to Hurstpierpoint College in Sussex, where he was Chaplain from 1937 to 1945. He then became Chaplain and Master of the Choir at S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia. Rev. Yin celebrated his birthday in Singapore with his adopted family and close friends. Warden Puddefoot attended the gathering in Singapore.

(adapted from the website of Kings College, Cambridge)

It is with deep regret we note the passing away of Rev. Roy Yin on 14th December 2010. On behalf of the editorial team we would like to convey our condolence to his family members.



The STC OBA NSW teams for the annual Royal Thomian match – top over fifties, bottom over sixties...





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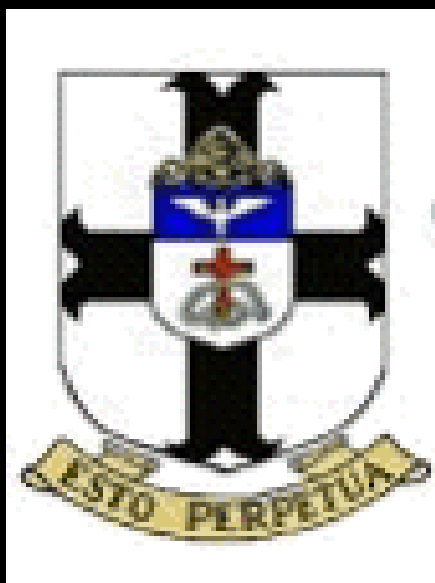
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THE THOMIAN LIFESTYLE

Let us face the reality. We Thomians presently form a global privileged elite. Being greatly blessed by and grounded in the solid foundations of a holistic education, we are surely called to be responsible stewards of Planet Earth. I am an 'Old Thomian' who has experienced College life as a day scholar from the Kindergarten up to the University Entrance (1st Year). Therefore I wish to humbly share this reflection with you all.

Firstly, we are stewards and not owners. Stewards are entrusted with certain specific gifts and tasks by people in authority and beyond them, in a different dimension, by the Source, Guide and Goal of all our lives. We fail often because we do not distinguish between stewardship and ownership. We crave the status and power to control our "empires", projects programmes and even our families! Hence in our eagerness to display our abilities and gifts and to become popular we often, manipulate others, sometimes dominate them, to reach the top and establish our superiority.

Secondly, as stewards we need to nourish and develop continuously a spirit of humble service to other human beings, all living beings and to the entire creation / the natural order. We all have to render an account for our service within and beyond our daily occupations. Accountability to the wider community, to a moral code, a philosophy or a living religion or faith is vital for us humans. The 'Thomian Flag' is a good symbol of what we have to look up to and therefore it should motivate us. It speaks of a higher reality than us. Yet it is a living and dynamic tradition which pushes us out of our ego-centric concerns and interests towards a violent and suffering society and an endangered environment.

Finally, when we engage in an action / reflection process in the context of working alongside others, we remember the team games we enjoyed in College and naturally strive to reflect a healthy team spirit in all we seek to do. The sharing of tasks and responsibilities, the management of conflicts, the effort to learn from experience, to draw upon the wisdom of people from diverse cultures and faiths and to engage in self-criticism, criticism and honest evaluation are, I believe, crucial elements of a Thomian life style and 'a servant model' of leadership. It involves a laying down of one's life for the sake of others, in the interests of a fuller life for all living beings and future generations.

Will we dare to live out such a Thomian lifestyle in Australia and enable through our social outreach the impact of this life style to flow into Sri Lanka?

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- SOULGANIC for providing super music for dancing the night away.
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