

THE SOCIETY OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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John M Barrie, Chairman of Council

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Dear Member,

This month we shall be celebrating the first anniversary of the Holy Father's visit to us last year with a Mass in Westminster Cathedral and a start to using the new translation of the Missal. A new Nuncio arrived in April and he has consented to join us at the reception we are holding next month, more details of which appear overleaf. Also joining us will be our President, His Grace the Duke of Norfolk. In addition I have asked three senior members (or former members) of the Catholic judiciary to join us and they have agreed to come. They are Sir Swinton Thomas, Sir Paul Kennedy and Sir Neil Butterfield. I do hope that we have a good turnout of members and guests to welcome and entertain these distinguished visitors. Members are encouraged to attend the 5.30pm Mass in Westminster Cathedral beforehand, which is being offered for our intentions.

At the Annual General Meeting early in the summer I presented His Grace the Archbishop of Westminster with cheques amounting in aggregate to £40,000, which is a handsome sum given the adverse economic background in the country. A warm thank you to all those who contributed and for your generosity.

Sadly we have lost the services of Michael MacLoughlin who served on Council for a period of 21 years. Our thanks are due to him for his wise counsel and for overseeing the Society's investments for a goodly proportion of that time. His responsibilities have been taken over by Michael Henderson. Regrettably the list of deceased members, overleaf, includes the name of Frank Mercieca KSG. who was the Society's Hon Secretary for 16 years, before retiring in 2003.

Our website has received over 20,000 hits during the twelve months, which is an increase of 15% over the previous year. The website records details of the Society's AGM and receptions and includes the date for next year's AGM. Members are encouraged to visit the site and inform their friends so that it can become an aid to recruiting new members.

If you have any questions about the Society you may contact the Chairman at the address set out above or Michael Milbourn, Hon. Secretary, at the address below:

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The Council

The following serve as officers and Council members:

John Barrie - Chairman of Council
Kevin Ingram - Hon. Treasurer
Michael Milbourn - Hon. Secretary
Peter Bernard; Richard Collyer-Hamlin;
Peter Dewar; Mary Edwards; Michael
Henderson; Margaret Hood; Mary Maxwell;
Stephen Powell; Robert Rigby; Paul
Williams.

Michael MacLoughlin resigned in January 2011 after 21 years of service on the Council.

2011 AGM and Reception on 26 May

The Treasurer presented accounts for the year ended 30 September, 2010 showing total income of £125,538. The increase of £82,181 over the previous year arose principally from the Special Appeal: This produced a result of £81,685 (including Gift Aid recoveries and net of related expenses). Other costs totalled £1,319 (*previous year* £2,292). Year-end funds totalled £464,466 (£442,954). The accounts have been delivered to the Charity Commission and copies are available from the Secretary.

At the reception after the business of the meeting was concluded, Archbishop Vincent Nichols again thanked members for the support that they continued to provide to Archbishop's House.

Autumn Reception on 13 October 2011

The Archbishop has graciously permitted the Throne Room of Archbishop's House to be used for an Autumn Reception for members and their guests at 6.30pm on 13 October, 2011. Our President, His Grace the Duke of Norfolk, will also attend and a special guest will be the new Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Antonio Mennini.

Tickets for this event may be obtained using the application form enclosed with this newsletter. We expect great interest in this event and, as numbers will be limited, we shall process applications on a first come, first served basis.

Membership

Since publication of the last newsletter we have welcomed 27 new members:

Mr Charles Cavenagh-Mainwaring
Mrs Rosaleen Collyer-Hamlin
Mr Adrian Coy
Mr Gerald Daly
Mrs Daphne Dickens
Miss Margaret Dutton
Rev Joseph Farrell
Mr Brendon Ford
Mr Neil Golding
Mr Ian Gordon
Mr & Mrs Peter Harper
Mr John & Mrs Catherine Hickman
Mr Kevin Ingram
Miss Fiona Keen
Mr Paul & Mrs Diana Leonard
Mr Thomas Leslie
Mr Barry Lock
Mr Stuart Marshall-Banks
Mr Christian Sweeting
Mr Christopher Synnott
Mr Gregory Craig Waller
Mr John Wilson
Mr Roger & Mrs Dianne Woodham

This is slightly down on last year's record of 33 new members but nevertheless an extremely creditable performance. Please keep up the good work!

We request your prayers for the repose of the souls of members whose deaths have been reported to us since publication of the last newsletter:

Mr Joseph Cassar
Mr Colin Edwards
Mr Thomas Fattorini
Mr Patrick Gaynor
Mr Frank Mercieca
Mr Richard Micklethwait
Fr John Nightingale
Mr Brian Parker
Mrs Veronica Paske
Mr John Ryan
Dr Seymour Spencer
Mr Adrian Turner
Mr Thomas van der Linden

With all good wishes,

John M Barrie