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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Thomians and well-wishers,

We are into yet another year and while Thomiana has been delayed, we do have a full calendar in 2014, of which more shortly.

Our annual general meeting was held on the 8th of February. I thank the membership for re-electing me and most of the committee, and we will do our best to continue to uphold the values of the OBA. I must pay tribute to Mahes Fernando, whose premature death robbed the OBA of an outstanding Treasurer. We are, however, fortunate in having attracted back Milinda Liyanage who has taken on this demanding role. Milinda has served on the committee before and his hard work and diligence when he served before was well appreciated. Ajith Abeynaike's work commitments were such that he could not continue as a committee member – his contribution was valuable and I hope that for the sake of the OBA, he decides to serve on the committee again, when time permits. We have been fortunate in attracting another younger old Thomian, Nalaka Perera, to the committee, and we welcome him for what we trust will be a rewarding experience serving the OBA for the benefit of his alma mater.

Our events for the year began with the Thomian invitational golf tournament, which was held on Sunday 1st February in scorching heat. A report by one of the organisers of the event, John Rodie, is included in this Thomiana. Our thanks go to him and his colleagues for taking on the task.

Our local Royal-Thomian events were hosted this year by the Royal College OBAA. The Stag Night on Friday 28th February was enjoyed by all who attended and the Royal-Thomian cricket matches on Sunday 2nd March attracted a greater number of younger old Royalists and Thomians than has been seen in the past. However, the attendance by older members of our two associations at this event has been slowly declining



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The two school committees would be gratified to see more of the older members who are in good health and still enjoy mobility at these events. Traditions continue only if support is given.

Many of us made the pilgrimage to Sri Lanka to witness the Royal-Thomian match and to participate in associated get-togethers, reunions and dinners in Colombo. For my part, I found the functions most enjoyable although the cricket match itself petered out to a tame draw. It seems that although the two-day format has given way to three-day matches, it seems as if the extra day serves as an excuse for batsmen to occupy the crease longer! However, the revelry and other entertainment made up for the tediousness of the cricket. A reason for the delay in production of the Thomiana was my absence for almost a month in Sri Lanka during this time.

I now return to the calendar of events in Melbourne. Please keep the dates free. We have been informed by Rev. Marc Billimoria, the Sub-Warden of STC, that he will be in Melbourne this month and we will be hosting him to a luncheon probably on Sunday the 18th of May. This will be an opportunity for members to learn of developments at College and its plans for the future. Please keep the day free and contact one of the members of the committee to make a booking.

On Saturday the 24th of May, the triangular touch rugby tournament involving the old boys of Trinity College, Royal College and STC will be held at Mulgrave Reserve, off Garnetts Road in Mulgrave from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Your presence will be most welcome.

Our Seniors' lunch will be held on Sunday 1st June 2014 at the Mechanics Hall, Drummond Street, Oakleigh from 11.30am to 4.00pm. This function is usually well-patronised and we trust that such patronage will continue. Our Transfiguration Service will be on Sunday 3rd August. Details will be advised in due course.

Our main fund-raising event is our Thomian Ball 2014 and this will be held at the St. Kilda Town Hall on Saturday 23rd August. A feature this year will be the Sri Lankan band, Doctor. We trust that members will support the dance as we depend heavily on the profits earned from this event to subsidise most of our other activities, including providing some assistance to STC and its branches.

The committee has decided to fund the cost of two good-quality second-hand bowling machines to STCML and we thank Barney Reid for making enquiries for us and identifying suitable machines for the purpose. As well, we are providing assistance to the College water-polo team, and we have before us two requests for assistance with the funding of much building renovations at STC Prep, Kollupitiya and funding of students at Gurutalawa. Obviously, costs are associated with all these activities and our members' support at our functions would be welcome.

Esto Perpetua! Trevor Meares

Editors Note.

This year was a busy year for the Thomian community.

Christmas carols, Golf and Cricket tournaments, Elders lunch, Two dinner dances were some of the events that were undertaken and successfully completed by the committee. We observed greater participation of young and old at these events this year. We thank all those who contributed in many ways to make the events successful.

We were also saddened by the demise of our founder member Morley Pereira, the beloved father of our President Mr. Allison Meares and Monica Lawton the beloved wife of our Secretary Chris Lawton. Most of all we had to experience the death of our dear Treasurer Mahes Fernando, which was a severe blow not only to rest of us in the committee but to the membership at large.

While we have mixed feelings I must mention that we are extremely proud of our secretary, Chris Lawton's achievement on the Australia day. He was awarded the Order of Australia.

The happenings over the year tells us a story. We need to comprehend that life is such that no one knows what is next in line for each and every one of us. Some one above determines our destiny.

Sarath Jayasuriya

Our Dearly Departed

Mahes Fernando -	The Treasurer of STC OBA Melbourne passed away after a brief illness.
Allison Meares -	The Beloved father of our President passed away after a brief illness.
Monica Lawton -	Beloved Wife of Secretary Chris Lawton.
Vyvette Therese David -	Beloved Wife of Frankie David former President, of the OBA Melbourne.
Rohan Karunaratne -	1st XV Rugby coloursman 1970.
Dayalan Supramaniam -	1st X1 Cricket Capatain 1978.
Niel Chanmugam -	1st X1 Cricket coloursman 1958, 1959.
Betty Chapman -	widow of the late A. Kilty Chapman, former Headmaster of STC Gurutalwa,

The College Song

The 'Thomian Song' was first introduced in the April issue of the College Magazine in 1916. The lyrics of the College song were written by Mr. Edmund de Livera. It was Warden Stone who composed the air/melody of it. Prof. R.B.W. Jayasekera, a former choirmaster arranged it with harmony.

The 'Thomian Song' is the song of aspiration of all Thomians. The message conveyed in the 5 stanzas calls all Thomians to rally round the flag. The song tells us to be loyal to our God, our church and our country with the true Thomian characteristics of keenness, harmlessness & all round capabilities. It also advises us to rejoice in victory, learn to take defeat & to always stand for our Alma Mater.

Fist stanza of the 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 the Black and Blue for ever.!



CHRIS . J. LAWTON in 2014 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LIST



The Governor General of Australia has bestowed on Chris . J. Lawton of Trafalgar Court, Narre Warren Sth., Victoria , the Order of Australia Medal for his exceptional service to the community.

“ In the Australian honours system the Order of Australia is the pre - eminent means of recognising outstanding achievement and contribution by Australians. It rewards people who have made a significant difference to their community, their country or at an International level.”

The Order of Australia is, by itself, the highest honour Award of the land . There are four classes of this Award, each given in honourable recognition of acts of heroism or exceptional Service to the community and country at different levels.

Chris migrated to Australia in 1976 with his wife Yolande Monica, and two sons Christopher and Michael.. He commenced, almost immediately, working in the Port of Melbourne Authority as a Marine Engineer and retired in 1992.

Since his arrival in Australia , Chris has served in several Sri Lankan Associations in Melbourne namely - The Australia Ceylon Fellowship, S. Thomas' College Old Boys Association, The Ceylon Ex Servicemen's Association, The Committee for Sri Lanka , The Ceylon Masons in Australia, and the Combined Association of Sri Lankan Organisations. He still continues to serve actively in all but the last two Associations which have been closed.

Chris, born in Green Hospital Manipay, Jaffna, Sri Lanka, received his primary education at The Marshall Preparatory School in Colpetty, and completed his secondary at S. Thomas College, Mt. Lavinia. He commenced his working career as an Apprentice in Marine Engineering in the Royal Ceylon Navy. He was trained in the Colombo Harbour Engineer's Workshops and abroad, with the British Royal Navy. He retired from the Royal Ceylon Navy pre - maturely on the “Language Issue” as an Engineer Officer. Thereafter, he held Senior Management positions at Singer Industries, Ratmalana, and later at Walker Sons, Mutwal. He is a Chartered Engineer (retd.) of the Institute of Chartered Engineers, London. He is also an Honorary Member of the



Cayman Islands honours Sri Lankan Doctor

A well-known Sri Lankan medical specialist is being honoured by the Government of the Cayman Islands in its New Year's Honours List announced early this year. Dr. Sarath seneviratne will receive a Certificate and Badge of Honour for his contributions to the field of medicine, and to community life, in the Cayman Islands.

Dr. Sarath De Alwis, as he is known on the island is a British citizen and a fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians, Gynaecologists and Surgeons. He is also a member of the Royal College of Physicians and a Fellow of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare. He has lived in the Cayman Islands since in 1994 and was formerly head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Cayman Islands Hospital. He is now in private practice and also lectures at St. Matthew's University School of Medicine.



Dr. Sarath Seneviratne (de Alwis) specialities are infertility, cancer screening and pain relief. He has pioneered techniques in laparoscopic surgery, earning a Harvard University designation for "The De Alwis method."

The citation given for the "Cayman Islands Certificate and Badge of Honour" to Dr. Saratchandra (Sarath) de Alwis – Seneviratne reads:

"The contributions of Dr. Saratchandra (Sarath) de Alwis-Seneviratne to the field of medicine, and to community life, in the Cayman Islands are countless.

An indefatigable presence in the Cayman Islands since his arrival in 1994 as Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the George Town Hospital, Dr. de Alwis routinely and singlehandedly conducted clinics at George Town Hospital, as well as in West Bay, Bodden Town and East End.

Following the doctor's arrival patients began to benefit from the in-country provision of services for which they had previously been required to travel overseas.

Amniocentesis became available locally, precluding the need for the patient to travel to the United States.

Dr. de Alwis was also the first person to perform extensive laparoscopic gynaecological surgery and hysteroscopy surgery in the Cayman Islands. Laparoscopic surgeries are performed for fibroids, ovarian cysts, ectopic pregnancies, appendicitis, endometriosis, infertility and pelvic pain disorders. The first laparoscopically assisted vaginal hysterectomy and ectopic surgery in the Cayman Islands was conducted in 1995. He later went on to perform the first total laparoscopic hysterectomy.

His achievements in this area have given him the distinction of being the only Caymanian to have a surgical technique named after him. The laparoscopic "de Alwis technique" is a safe method of laparoscopic entry that minimises the chances of damaging the bowel and other structures during surgery, which is one of the commonest complications of the procedure (Med Reviews, Volume 2, No.3, summer 2009).

Other policies and procedures that are a legacy of his time at the George Town Hospital include a labour ward protocol as well as peri-natal morbidity and mortality meetings.

A longstanding member of the Medical and Dental Council of the Cayman Islands, Dr. de Alwis also served as a representative of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in the Caribbean from 1994-1996.

While at George Town Hospital Dr de Alwis introduced Continuous Medical Education (CME) meetings at the George Town Hospital, presenting the first five lectures. He also initiated an ante-natal clinic to be conducted by midwives and trained the radiology staff in the art of trans-vaginal ultra-sound scanning.

His commitment to teaching and learning medicine has been just as remarkable. In addition to his practice, Dr. de Alwis presently works as an assistant professor at St. Mathew's University School of Medicine, where he teaches both in and out of the surgical environment. He also routinely seeks to motivate students by showing them new ways to study and inspiring them to continue their education.

The doctor also possesses extensive professional qualifications of his own. These include MBBS (Sri Lanka), MRCS (Eng), LRCP (Eng), MRCS (Edin), LRCP (Edin), LRCS (Glas), MS (Sri Lanka), FRCOG (Eng), FRCS (Edin), FFSRH (Eng), MRCP (Ire), and Diploma in Acupuncture (People's Republic of China).

Among the many charities that he supports are the Young Parents' programme, the Pines Retirement Home and the Cayman Islands Cancer Society. An avid sportsman, Dr. de Alwis also regularly contributes to the local football, boxing and cricket associations.

He is married to Rashantha Neloufer de Alwis-Seneviratne (Chinki). They have a son Sacha."

An Ecclesia D570 makes its debut at the Thomian chapel

Choral evensong on Thursday February 13, at 6.00 p.m.



The Thomian choir is part of a tradition that goes back to 1854 when the choir made its debut at the consecration of the Cathedral Church of Christ on St. Matthew's Day by Bishop James Chapman in the grounds of S. Thomas' College in Mutwal. When the college moved to Mount Lavinia in 1918 the community worshipped in a make-shift sanctuary in the dining hall until 1927 when the Chapel of the Transfiguration was completed and consecrated by the Bishop of Colombo, the Rt Revd Mark Carpenter-Garnier on 13th February that year. The choir continued to maintain a high standard and was affiliated

ed to the School of English Church Music (now the Royal School of Church Music) by the first Chaplain and Choir Master, Revd T W Gilbert. Over the years the Thomian choir has sent out many young men, too numerous to mention individually, to serve the church as choristers, choir masters and organists in all churches both in Sri Lanka and abroad.

To enhance the beauty and grandeur of Anglican liturgical and choral worship in the chapel a Hammond organ was donated in 1938 by an old boy and one of the first members of the board of governors, Sir Stewart Schneider. This was the first organ of its kind in Sri Lanka at that time and continued in service until 1985 when it was replaced by the Allen digital computer system organ purchased through the generosity of old boys of the college and friends of the chapel. This was installed in time for the annual Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols in December 1985 and was dedicated by the Bishop of Colombo, the Rt Revd Swithin Fernando, on 21st February 1986 at a service of choral evensong that included a special recital by Lucian Nethsinghe, the organist and choir master of the Exeter Cathedral in the UK, an old boy and former chorister. The preacher was the legendary chaplain and choir master Canon Roy Bowyer Yin. The driving force behind the purchase of this new organ, again the first of its kind in Sri Lanka, was the late K C Makalande (Marko) together with Eddie Appathurai, both staunch former choristers who had received their training under Canon Yin. The then Warden, Neville de Alwis, an ardent high churchman who loved traditional liturgical worship advocated 'nothing but the best' for the college chapel and thus it was that he who supported the initiatives of the old boys to purchase the new organ. It is worthy of mention that when three guarantors were required for the purchase of the Allen, it was three non-Christian old boys who came forward to support the cause! This reflects the nature of the Thomian ethos.

The Allen organ was in use through the 1990s until numerous technical problems ensued and by the end of the decade it was considered necessary to go in for a replacement and many options were looked at from different parts of the world. In the Millenium Year 2000, the Special Events Committee of the Thomian OBA headed by Bertal Pinto Jayawardene took steps to raise funds towards purchasing a new organ and the Johannus Sweelinck 30 church organ from Holland was chosen and installed with the able assistance of old boy Nieranjan de Silva, an expert in the field who has over the years been responsible for the care and upkeep of Johannus Organs in many churches in Sri Lanka in addition to his professional career. The Johannus Sweelinck 30 was the first of 3 manual church organs to be installed in Sri Lanka. It was dedicated at a special service conducted by the chaplain Revd Sunil Fernando and commissioned by Russell Bartholomeusz, the precentor of the chapel, himself a student of Canon Roy Yin who had taken up the mantle of choir master and organist from Revd Lucian Fernando, and who has become as much a legend today as Fr Yin was in his day.

The Johannus Sweelinck 30 has been in service to date despite numerous technical problems over the last 14 years. In 2013 it was felt that given the number of repairs, it was time to purchase a new organ for the chapel. After studying the various available options it was decided to purchase a Johannus Ecclesia D570 church organ with available funds while an organ fund that was also established to raise funds towards the purchase of new organ. The new organ was installed in December 2013 by Nieranjan de Silva who continues to render yeoman service to his alma mater. It has not been used for a service as yet and will make its debut after it is dedicated to the glory of God by the Bishop of Colombo, the Rt Revd Dhiloraj Canagasabey, at a service of choral evensong on Thursday 13th February 2014 at 6.00 p.m. During the service the new chapel hymnal will also be dedicated.

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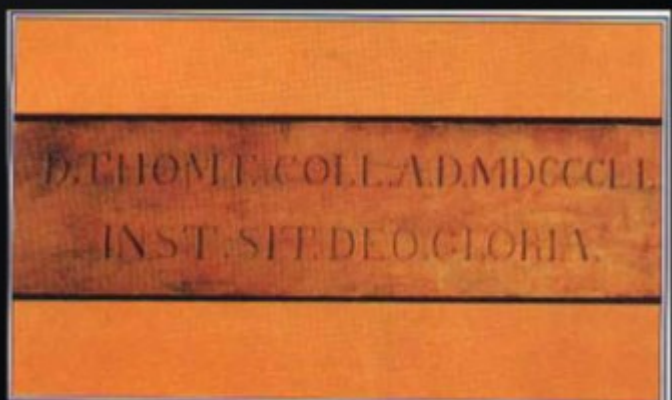
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Following evensong there will be a short recital given by Denham Pereira, one of Colombo's highly sought after choral accompanists, and one of the foremost recital organist in Sri Lanka at present, himself an old boy whose association with the church began at an early stage when he was appointed organist of St. Matthias' Church, Boralesgamuwa at the age of 12. His love for organ and church music grew further as a Thomian chorister under the direction of Russell Bartholomeusz and he later went on to be appointed organist at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Colombo at the age of 19 where he also began his organ studies with internationally renowned organist David Ratnanayagam [also a former Thomian chorister] leading to the successful completion of Trinity College exams in pipe organ. Today he is also organist and director of music at St. Andrew's Scots Kirk where he formed and directs the chamber choir 'Voice of Praise'. Through this special organ recital he will demonstrate the full potential and power of the Johannus Ecclesia D570. While the new Organ will be used for all major services in the chapel, the older Johannus that has been repaired will be used to train young Thomians who have an interest in Anglican choral music. These young organists will play for all school day services and will also train themselves as organists in what will be a type of organ school as envisaged many years ago by the late Warden Neville de Alwis. The college has produced many accomplished church organists over the years to serve the church at large and it is hoped that through this informal organ school STC will produce many more organists to enrich the church's worship of God. All those who value and enjoy choral music, the Anglican service of evensong and the rich sounds of the organ are invited to be part of the service.

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OUR FOUNDER
Rt. Rev. James Chapman
First Bishop of Colombo



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COLLEGE HISTORY

S. Thomas' College.

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Instituted for the Glory of God

S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia is an Anglican Church School, which was founded by the first Bishop of Colombo, the Rt. Rev. James Chapman, D. D. It was his foremost vision to build a College & Cathedral for the new Diocese of Colombo of the Church of Ceylon. Thus on the 3rd of February 1851 the College of St. Thomas the Apostle, Colombo was opened with the objective of training a Christian Clergy and to make Children good citizens under the discipline & supervision of Christianity.

Christian values were the corner stone on which the school was founded. Students of all races and religions studied in harmony. The School grew from strength to strength at the place of its origin, Mutuwal, for over a three score of years, carefully nurtured by Wardens such as Revs. Wood, Miller, Read & Buck. Warden Stone in 1918, found that the dusty environs of Mutuwal were not best suited for his pupils and so shifted the College to the picturesque campus at Mount Lavinia. Since then 8 loyal caring Warden including the Canon R.S. de Saram have ensured that the well preserved traditions and values are handed down from generation to generations. In 1951 it became a private fee levying school and is today one of the foremost educational institutions in Sri Lanka. In fact it could, in addition, lay claim to be one of the very best.

The College which is under the Church of Ceylon is run by a Board of Governors which is chaired by the Anglican Bishop of Colombo who is also known as the 'Visitor of the College'. The administration of the College itself is headed by a Warden assisted by a Sub Warden. There is also a Chaplaincy connected with the College and the famous College Chapel of the Transfiguration. The College consists of 3

schools, namely Upper, Middle & Lower Schools and is further divided into six main sections under Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster and Sectional heads viz. (The Upper School – Arts and Commerce, the Upper School – Science, the Upper School – London A Levels, the Upper School, the Middle School, and the Lower School.)

S. Thomas' College, or 'STC' as it is commonly known, is widely reputed to have the most beautiful campus in Sri Lanka, approximately half an hour's drive from the southern limits of the City of Colombo.

The entrance to the school is marked by the awe-inspiring Chapel of the Transfiguration, which towers over the rest of the campus. The Chapel is a vital element in the education of STC and is the centre of the spiritual life of the College, where many generations of Thomians have been bred and most importantly experienced God over the years. Dear to the hearts of all Thomians of diverse faiths & races, the Chapel serves as a reminder to us of our heritage, which is a gift of God.

Beyond is the blue green grass of the famous Quadrangle, the Main school buildings, the College Hall, the Dormitories and Library. The vast campus, modeled on the traditional English public school, stretches down to the famous golden beaches of Mount Lavinia, reaching the deep blue Indian Ocean.

S. Thomas' provides a sound education in both Local (G.C.E. A/L & O/L) & London Examination systems. Instructions are given in all three mediums (English, Sinhala & Tamil) from Kindergarten to College Form classes (A/L). The School is one of the best equipped in the island, being blessed with a dedicated staff of qualified experienced teachers who over the years have become more than mere teachers to their young charges, which is a result of the special attachment that can only develop through years of association with College. STC has produced many Thomians who have over the years done a great service to their Church as well as the Nation.

The biggest asset possessed by the school is the student body which comprises of more than 2500 members. Although the majority is composed of Christians, students of other faiths & diverse races take place in it. It is a well disciplined community and excels in both academic and extra curricular activities.

Materially too, STC has many facilities for sports and extra curricular activities. S. Thomas' was the first School in Sri Lanka to have a swimming pool, gifted by Dr. R. L. Hayman in 1933. Two of the best playing fields viz. The Big Club and the Small Club – probably the finest school grounds in the island – afford Thomians the facilities for sports, namely cricket, rugby, soccer, athletics and hockey. There are also well laid courts for tennis, basketball and volleyball. In 1994 the indoor cricket nets were added and the pinnacle of all facilities the Indoor Sports Complex in 3 phases was completed in 1996. The sports complex which houses Table Tennis facilities, Badminton Courts, 3 glass back squash courts and a basketball court – all of an international standard, together with one of the most modern and well equipped gymnasiums. The Annual Cricket Encounter between us & Royal College Colombo 7 (The Battle of the Blues or the popular 'Roy-Tho') is one of the oldest cricket matches, which is being held without interruption even during the World Wars. Rowing also takes a high place in the field of sports.

S. Thomas' also boasts in more than 50 societies of diverse interest. The Student Christian Movement with the other 3 religious societies takes a high place in fostering religious education on the Thomian youth. The College choir, ably trained, by the Precentor, still continues to maintain the highest standards in Anglican Choral music. The Annual Service of Nine lessons and carols is a much eagerly awaited event as it reveals the grandeur & capability of Thomian voices and as it is an event to worship & honour Christ, the Son of God. The carol service styled according to that of Kings College Cambridge. The Guild of All Souls also takes a vital place in the Chapel. The Servers Guild as it is better known assists the College Chaplain at Chapel Ser-

vices. The other clubs and societies range from different fields from educational to social welfare. The Society for the Preservation of Thomian Traditions, English Literary Society, Drama society, Thomian Chamber Orchestra, the Science Associations, Commerce Society, Interact Club, Computer Club, 16th Colombo Scout Troupe, The Cadets Battalion & Culinary Arts Society are some of them

S. Thomas' also has modern laboratory facilities in the New Science Laboratory. The up to date Computer Center is also housed here and has a fine collection of computers. The newly built Information Technology Room (IT Center) provides IT facilities to students at a nominal rate. The School also runs a Boarding – Hostel, which since the inception of the College has provided many Thomians from distant regions of Sri Lanka.

The achievements of STC and its products are far too numerous to be mentioned here. But it must be said that it is one of the foremost educational institutions in Sri Lanka, which has made a significant contribution to the nation's progress over its 150 years of existence. Among its proud products stand a host of Christian Clergymen, Prime Ministers (Rt. Hon. D.S. Senanayake, Hon. Dudley Senanayake, Hon. S.W.R.D Bandaranaike, Hon. W. Dahanayaka) Cabinet Ministers, Members of the Judiciary, Scholars, Scientists, Diplomats, Doctors, Engineers, Accountants, Musicians, Artists, Dramatists etc. All Thomians in diverse walks of life have not only learnt of Books & Men & how to play the game but also to be Gentlemen.

S. Thomas' College is therefore much more than just a school. It is an institution rich in tradition, characterized by nearly one and a half centuries of hard work, dedication and achievement, all imbibed with the legendary Thomian Spirit. A pioneering institution which has understood and nurtured the very best in youth; where mere boys went in and great men came out to be "men and gentlemen always" men who beat the odds with the legendary "Thomian grit" and gentlemen who upheld the motto of the school - *Esto Perpetua!*

**Esto Perpetua - Pro Deo et Ecclesia
Be Thou forever for God & His Church**

AH! Bald facts about Vinodh!

Ishara Jayawardane



Vinodh Senadeera may not have been one of Shakespeare's contemporaries but he knows the Bard better than anyone, perhaps even more than those who were the Bards closest friends! A self confessed "Bard Lover", Vinodh has been involved in Shakespearean dramas since his college days at S.Thomas' Mount Lavinia. He is not only an expert Shakespearean dramatist but has directed several non Shakespearean plays that have been very successful. Vinodh won best actor in *Taming of the Shrew* and then went from strength to strength. Vinodh, believes that a good actor/ actress should be one who can take on any role and he says this, through experience being a versatile actor himself. Vinodh is also the Director at Stage Door, a school of performing arts. This week's Encounter features one of Sri Lanka's best-known thespians, Vinodh Senadeera.

Q: Tell me about your performing Arts School 'Stage Door'.

A: Stage Door began two and a half years ago. For the last 20 years I have been doing Speech and Drama as an extra-curricular subject for lots of children in Ratmalana. But I wanted to do more than speech and drama like singing and amalgamate a lot of performing arts, into the syllabus. I got the place thanks to a very good friend of mine. And I started Stage Door, where we do singing, speech and drama, poetry writing, story writing, miming and all the performing arts related things.

The important thing that I stress on is, I don't send them for exams. I feel today's children are so loaded with exams and competition, that I prefer them coming here and developing their talents rather than doing it in an exam culture.

So occasionally we do a performance with the chil-

dren, and they get a chance to act. That is how Stage Door became.

I have a super team who helps me like Marlon Jesudasan and Shehan Mendis, who with their team, run the whole production. We have a team now who does everything with makeup, lighting, costumes and sets. It is so easier for me since I have a lot of my ex- students, now professionals in their own fields who still find the time to come and do this and they take the whole show onto their shoulders."

Q: Let's retrace your footprints Vinodh, what are your earliest memories of Drama?

A: My first production was in 1986 called "Hotel Paradiso" directed by Christopher Ponniah. I was in year six then. I got the part in a very strange way, because apparently somebody had left the cast. And then these seniors came home in the dead of the night and told my mother that they needed a person to come and act. But before that I had been doing roles, but my first school production was in 1986.

That was at the Lionel Wendt which was a major production at that time. That was my first entry to the professional theater world. It is a French play.

Q: What was your public directorial debut?

A: I took part in all the college productions but in 1990 things changed. Warden Neville De Alwis, came up to me after Assembly, and said he will give me a certain sum of money and for me to direct a play for the drama society. I was in Year 11, and I was a bit shocked because I would be directing a full play. That was the start of my directing when I was in year 11, at the Lionel Wendt. It was my directorial debut. But before that I had been directing little plays for house competitions and interact competitions. This was my first experience directing a full length production / play— Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of being Earnest*. This was my first public directing debut. After that I directed Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* in 1992 which I got Best Actor. But that was my stepping stone to directing."

Q: What appeals to you about theater?

A: As students, we loved productions, rehearsals and loved the whole thing about doing a play. And after a production, it was so boring at home. Theater is one way children can showcase their hidden talents. Some maybe not be able to act, but there will be lots of children who are good at doing stage manager work, backstage work, and there will be lots of children who are technically good.

Theater is one way where you can use a lot of hidden talents in children. Nowadays when I do shows, some of the children who come to do plays are so good at it. They have hidden talent that they develop in theater. It is one way that gives children an opening. It is one way of developing your confidence, talents and helps you to work with a team. This is something which lacks in children today. Also you learn to take responsibility. There is a lot you can learn when you are involved in a production."



Vinodh Senadeera.

Q: Which production holds a special place in your heart and why?

A: As a schoolboy actor, there are two productions that hold a special place in my heart. "One is in 1992, in Taming of the Shrew, when I got Shakespeare's Best Actor award. I directed and acted in it. In 1993 I did Antony and Cleopatra, where I played Cleopatra. We didn't win that year, we came second. I loved the part I played and the play itself - it was very close to me. In Taming of the Shrew I had a very good set of people who acted with me, they were born actors, so directing it was not that difficult. It was a rare situation where a student directed the play and won the Best Actor and won the Best Production that year. We swept the boards that year. It was one of those rare occasions where a college boy directs and wins best actor and wins the best school also. I had a fantastic cast- Rohan De Lanerolle, Hans Billimoria. It seems that every time I directed Taming of The Shrew we win. Even two years ago when I directed S.Thomas' for Taming of the Shrew in interschool we won. It is a very funny play. That is very close to me."



Q: Which Shakespearean play do you like best?

A: There are different Genres of Shakespeare-tragedies and comedies. I love Macbeth and I love Romeo and Juliet, which is a hackneyed play. I like it because it is so relevant to our society today. I love Macbeth because there are so many tyrannical rulers in the world today. I love the dramatization of everything in it. But at the same time I love Romeo and Juliet also, because it is a very simple story about two lovers. I like it because it is so relevant to Sri Lankan society – parents objecting to their children's marriages and lovers committing suicide. That whole thing is there even though it was written in the 16th Century. There is so much relevance to Shakespeare's texts today even though we live in the 21 century."

Q: Has it ever occurred to you to do a play like Macbeth in a more modern way with modern costumes?

A: I'm a bit of a traditionalist. I like Shakespeare's interpretations and I'm all for change. But I somehow feel Shakespeare must be Shakespeare. Today's Shakespeare's plays are so current. You can do Shakespeare even wearing a t-shirt and jeans. But I have never taken the bold foot forward to do a play like Macbeth in a modern costume. I have done Shakespearean plays in modern costumes, but as to Macbeth I don't know if I am qualified to interpret it in a modern sense.

Q: Shakespeare's works are timeless, aren't they?

A: We still teach Shakespeare in our schools today. Shakespeare is one of those playwrights who is so amazing, that his plays in the 16th century are so relevant to our society today. In every Shakespearean play there is something for the 21st century. Those plays have so much relevance to today's society. It is not surprising that famous directors of movies still use Shakespeare's plays for their directions.

Q: As a Director how challenging is it?

A: We face more challenges than those days. Those days we had simple team, a simple group and there were lots of those who supported you. Today it is so competitive and things are so expensive, financing a production is so costly. I've directed Visakha Vidyalaya, Ladies College and done shows with the Deaf and the Dumb school, S. Thomas', CIS and AIS. I love directing now."

Q: What kind of plays do you like to tackle? Do you like tragedies or comedies?

A: I love tragedies. Unfortunately our Sri Lankan audiences are not geared to this. They want to come and laugh. I suppose it is true, because when you come from a hard day's work, I suppose you don't want to watch a play that reflects your personal life. Comedies are tougher to produce. It is a case of getting the timing, the lines and puns and so on. Tragedies are slightly easier but more difficult to communicate to an audience, because you might feel sorry for something and I might not feel sorry for that same thing. It depends, but I must say as a director I love to do tragedies. Both tragedies and comedies give you the scope to use a lot of creativity, but if you ask me what I would prefer I would jump at tragedy – serious theater.

Q: As a Director do you encourage young thespians to come out of their comfort zones?

A: "I don't want the same person to play the same type of role all the time. A good actor is someone who can perform any role. They need to take on different types of roles. I always encourage students to move away from what they like best. Take on things which are more challenging."

Q: What future plans?

A: In February I'm doing a production with CIS- A Pantomime. I've never done pantomime in my life. It is the first time I am directing a Pantomime. We are doing an adult version of Cinderella. Also I'm hoping to do this story called Kes. It is a lovely children's play (I'm hoping to do it with the smaller ones at CIS). With the Thomians I am hoping to do a story like Narnia again next year. Narnia was a lovely production and we had full houses. It was a sell out. We did it very magically. We tried to create the magical world.

The above article is published at the request made by our late treasurer Mahes Fernando.

Royal Thomian cricket encounter 2014



Trevor awards Runners up trophy to Royal captain

Royal President awards the winners



S. Thomas' Team with the Captain Pramu's little daughter

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SPORTS

Thoras young and old dive for a cause

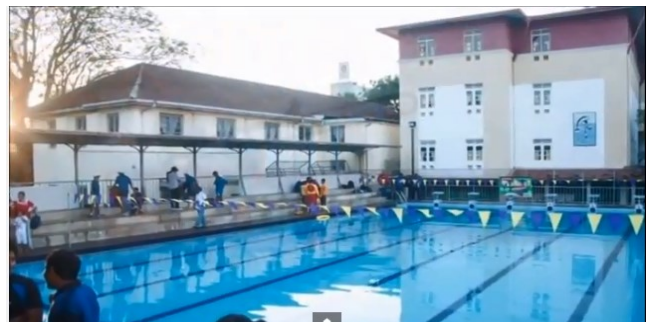
As dawn was breaking over the city of Colombo last morning, the second Thomian Triathlon, slipped into first gear, when old and present boys of different shapes sizes and ages dived into the pool of their sister schoolm Bishops College, by the waters edge.

From there the healthier of the crowd, ran and jogged their way to the rugby grounds at Havelock Park. Then came the cycling parade where the tiny tots of the lower school and those with extended waist lines and some hobbling with their white canes and sporting their dark glasses but minus their guide dogs thus living on borrowed time, joined to make the last lap the big club grounds where a mini carnival complete with musical shows, amusement activities trade and food stalls was organised to complete the days proceedings. This was the second Thomian Triathlon to be held by the college OBA, the first was held 10 years ago.

The target of this triathlon is to raise Rs 250 million to construct the senior Quadrangular Building Project in three phases, with the first phase having already commenced.

Unlike the last triathlon, where only the main school participated, this year present as well as old boys from the branches of Colpetty, Bandarawela and Guruthalawa also joined in.

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TRANSFIGURATION-SERVICE	3rd AUGUST	TO BE NOTIFIED	Trevor Meares
DINNER DANCE	23rd AUGUST	St KILDA TOWN HALL	Trevor Meares Vasee Nesiah Nalaka Perera Chevi De Mel, Dayan Fernando, Neomal Jasinghe Nabil Mubarak
PODI NETUMA	22nd NOVEMBER	TO BE NOTIFIED	Vasee Nesiah
CAROL SERVICE	6th DECEMBER	ANGLICAN CHURCH St. JOHNS THE BAPTIST WANTIRNA SOUTH	Trevor Meares
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