

The Time Table for the Cambridge Overseas Exam has arrived, but we have not seen it as yet.

November 04, 1956 Sunday Tennis Tournament Trevor Gilby to Play Danny Lewis. Cricket Team Has A Tea Party

In the morning I did some revision of lessons.

Trevor Gilby beat Keith Finnimore to make it to the Finals of the Tennis Tournament against Danny Lewis. I hope that Trevor wins. I played Derek Brady in the Football Knockout Match. The game ended in a draw, the score being 2 all.

The Cricket Team had a Tea Party in the evening. Richie burnt his hand quite badly with gunpowder from fire crackers.

November 05, 1956 Hockey Finals Again A Draw. Br. Barrett Writes Address to Br. Bennett, Trevor Gilby To Read

We are all learning hard for the Final Exams.

The replay of the Hockey Finals again ended in a draw, the score being 0 All.

Br. Barrett wrote out the Address to Our Master Br. Bennett for the Cambridge Class last dinner. It was a very fine address. Trevor Gilby is to read out the address at our last dinner in school.

November 06, 1956 Heated Argument - Egypt Trouble Reason For Next World War. Hockey Finals - T. P. Beats Tinkle 1 - 0

Heated argument in class is about the present situation in Egypt. Let us hope that the outcome of all the trouble will not be a World War.

T.P. (Trevor Perrier) Beats Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) in the Replay of the Hockey Finals, the score being 1 – 0.

November 07, 1956 Learning Very Hard For Final Exams

We are learning very hard for the final exams. The first 14 boys did practical this evening while the rest of us were learning.

We went for a walk to Dilwara while all the other classes were returning to school.

We had night studies, and our master Br. Bennett got quite annoyed with Joe D' Souza for not finishing his assigned lesson.

November 08, 1956 Preliminary Examination In Chemistry Practical

In the morning we had a kind of a Preliminary Examination in Chemistry Practical. I did O.K.

I lost to Brady in the football knockout tournament.

I had a haircut today, I think that it's my last haircut in school by the school barber Mr. Aden Walla.

November 09, 1956 Rocky Rodriques Beats Derek Brady In Football

Brady (Derek) lost to Rocky (Rodriques), the score being 2 – 0. I played badminton in the evening. I lost a bet game against Hatcher (Keith Finnimore). The bet was for a packet of chocolates.

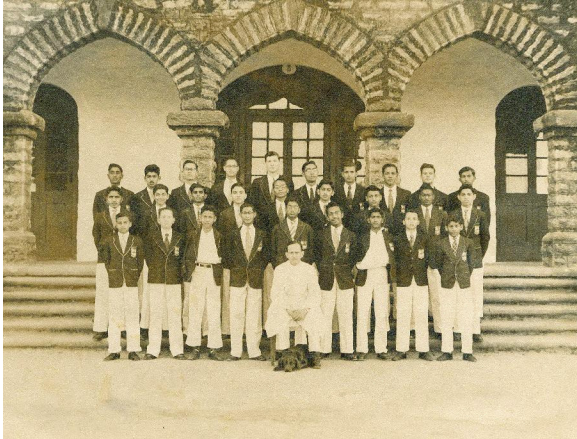
November 10, 1956 Powdered Milk With Lunch

We were given powdered milk to drink with our lunch, much the same as last year. In the evening the 1st. 8 boys from our class did titration, the rest of us will do it tomorrow. We went for a walk along the Old Roads, a little past the Waterfalls. We had library reading after walks.

November 11, 1956 Sunday Enlarged Class Group Photograph Arrives

Fr. Mathew said Mass at our school chapel. We got sausages for lunch, quite a change from our usual Sunday grub. T.P. (Trevor Perrier) Beat Rocky (Rodrigues) in football, the score being 1 – 0. The enlarged Class Group Photograph ordered for our master Br. Bennett has arrived.

This morning we did titration. Br. Bennett called us hypocrites for fooling during the extra science period given to us by Datcher (Mr. Aloysius D' Souza).



1956 Senior Cambridge Class with Br. Archibald George Bennett & Paddy
Back: Trevor Perrier (TP), Joe D'Souza, Chris Joseph, Trevor Gilby, Mike Everden, Lloyd Gilder, Richard Edmonds, Keith Finnimore, Mike Rooke, Mohiuddin Khan Malik
Middle: Royston Mathias, Ronnie Ferreira, Kanchan Patel, Johnny Bharucha, Gordon Clarke, Aloysius D'Souza, Lenny Middlecoat, Rocky Rodrigues, Kersey Vakharia
Front: Ashley Shemain, Duncan Collie, Rudy Ferreira, Owen Amore, M. S. Rao, Trevor Pearce, Sylvester Da Silva, Roger Galbraith-Marten, Newton Carvalho

November 12, 1956 Richie's Team Beat T.P's Team 2 - 0

My classmates had a laugh when I said "sililosqueezing" instead of "soliloquizing"

I played instead of Richie (Edmonds) against T.P. (Trevor Perrier) and won. The score being 2 – 0.

Both goals were shot during extra time. Richie plays Tinkle in the finals on Thursday.

Our Chaplain is sick and so also are Mr. & Mrs. Pew. Another replacement Priest comes and says Mass for us.

November 13, 1956 Football Finals Tinkle Beat Richie 1 – 0 Br. Stan's Feast Day

Today is Br. Stan's Feast Day. We had Hymns and Benediction.

Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) beat Richie (Edmonds) in the Football Finals, the score being 1 – 0.

It was a very fast game.

November 14, 1956 Uprising In Hungary – Child Blows Up Russian Tank

We had no Mass this morning as our Chaplain has not recovered as yet. We said the Rosary instead.

Charlie Thurlow (ex student of Br. Morrow, Cricket Fast Bowler 1954) visited us at school.

We went for a road walk to Dilwara, and our master Br. Bennett was telling us about the situation and uprising in Hungary. He told us about an eleven year old child who threw herself with a belt of hand grenades under a Russian tank and blew it up.

November 15, 1956 Georgy Barnes' Dad Dies Of Heart Failure

We had Mass after our breakfast.

Georgy Barnes' Dad died of heart Failure. On learning the sad news, he broke down and cried the whole afternoon. We went for a walk down the valley by Milk Man's Path

November 16, 1956 Classmates Write Their Home Addresses In My Diary

We had no Mass again today. Everyone is studying very hard.

I got all my classmates to write their home addresses in my diary.

In the evening we went for a walk to the School Lake. On the way some of the fellows went to see a man's skeleton, which was uncovered by grave diggers.

November 17, 1956 Br. Bennett Reads Rules For The Senior Cambridge Examinations

Class passed as usual, except that all of us were learning extra hard

Our class master Br. Bennett read out the rules for the Senior Cambridge Exam. He hopes that all of us will get 1st. Division.

Br. Bennett mentioned that yesterday evening a panther took away a dog from the servants quarters.

We went for a walk to Abu and bought some novelties and some grub.

November 18, 1956 Sunday Settle Gym With Individual Desks For Our Exams

Richie Edmonds and I served Mass today.

I did some revision today. Everyone is learning very hard as there are only a few more days for the exams to start.

Instead of walks, we settled the gym with individual desks for our exams and then came up again to the school building for dinner.

November 19, 1956 Search Of Every Person & Their Lockers

Today is the Second Last Day in Class for us.

Hindi Pop (Mr. Goyal) told us that we are going to have a Hindi Dictation Exam and most of us were disappointed.

Our master Br. Bennett made a thorough search of every person and their lockers to find the culprit who took some money from a boys locker. The culprit was not found.

November 20, 1956 Last Day In Class Togged Up To Kill

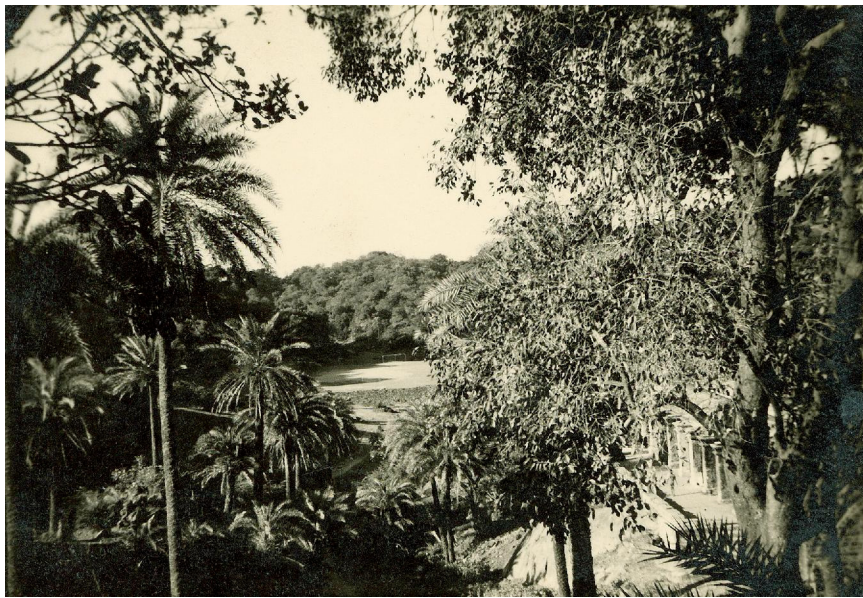
Today is our last day in class. We are all togged up to kill. I took some photographs.

The Provincial has arrived.

Hindi Pop (Mr. Goyal) told us a last story in Hindi.



Class Hockey Tournament on the Big Pitch Now Under Water



Big Pitch (Now Under Water) Taken from Back of Jr. Dormitory – Servant's Quarters

November 21, 1956 Final Exams Start Today English Literature & Hindi

Today we had English Literature from 9 to 11:30 am Hindi Dictation in the afternoon.

I liked the English Literature paper very much, and expect a high "C" or an "A"

The Hindi Dictation was comparatively easy to what I expected it to be.

During evening walks our master Br. Bennett said that the Hindi Paper was only an optional paper and that it would not be sent in at all. Most of us were relieved on hearing this information.

November 22, 1956 Arithmetic and Hindi Language Exams

Today we had Arithmetic and Hindi Language. I expect a high "C" in Arithmetic and I may pass in Hindi.

I got an express delivery letter from Dorothy with the July 1956 Arithmetic Paper.

November 23, 1956 English Language and Physics II Exams. Br. Bennett Down With Bout of Malaria

Today we had English Language and Physics II

I did quite well in the English Language paper and expect a "C" in it. However, I did rather badly in the Physics II paper as did the other boys.

Our master Br. Bennett got laid down with malaria this afternoon so Br. Barrett came down and took his place.

November 24, 1956 Royston Mathias's Birthday Danny Lewis Wins Tennis Tournament

Today is a Cambridge holiday, and also Royston's (Mathias – Bullu alias Ball Cartridge) Birthday.

We spent the whole day preparing for our Geography II exam.

We went to visit our master Br. Bennett after our lunch. He was lying down but was his old self.

I got a chit for Rupees 13 and Annas 8

We played football in the evening. Trevor Gilby lost to Danny Lewis in the Tennis Finals.

November 25, 1956 Sunday Ordered Crepe Sole Shoes - Rajendra Patel Breaks His Hand

We spent the whole day preparing for tomorrows exams.

Our master Br. Bennett seems to be alright and he was present for Mass.

I ordered a pair of shoes for myself for Rs.14/- box toe crepe soles.

We played football instead of going for walks.

Rajendra Patel from the Pre Senior Class broke his hand while going for his morning wash at Kishinger House. He is the fourth person to break his hand this year. Derek D' Souza (Tinkle) is sick in the hospi. Joe D' Souza has a toothache tonight.

November 26, 1956 Algebra and Geography II Exams. Silvo Da Silva's Birthday

Today we had Algebra and Geography II Exams. The Algebra paper was very easy, and I expect an "A" in the Algebra paper. I did O.K. in my Geography II paper.

Today is Silvo Da Silva birthday.

November 27, 1956 Geometry and Geography I Exams. Road Walk After Exam No Study

Today we had Geometry and Geography I The Geometry paper was very easy, and I expect a high "A" in it. I should get an "A" in Maths. The Geog. Paper was quite easy, and altogether I expect a "P" or a low "C".

After the exams we went for a road walk. We had no study in the evening after the exams.

November 28, 1956 Chemistry I Exam - Choice of Walk or Football After Exam

Today we had Chemistry I. The paper was an easy one and I did quite well in it. We revised for the exam for practically the whole day as the exam only started at 3:30 pm.

After the exam, a few of us went for walks with our master Br. Bennett, while the rest of the class played football.

November 29, 1956 Chemistry Practical Exams - Mike Everden Does History

Today we had Chemistry Practical Exam. while Mike Everden had his History Exam.

Mike found his history paper very easy and expects an "A" in it. We studied the whole morning for the practical exam. I did not do well in the chemistry practical exam. Out of three questions I was only able to do the titration question. In the other two questions I could draw no inference.

November 30, 1956 Physics Practical - Health Science I - Chemistry II Exams. Br. O'Keefe Returns Alone From Holiday In Ireland

Today we had Physics practical, Health Science I and Chemistry II Exams. I did so so in my Physics Practical and expect about 25/40. The Health Science paper was a very easy one, and I expect about 38/50. The Chemistry Paper was also a very easy one. I expect a high "C" in Chemistry.

Br. O'Keefe came back to our school from his holiday in Ireland today. Two Brothers went for a holiday and only one returned - - - So Be Prepared.

Today is my last Friday in School.

December 01, 1956 Br. E. O. O'Keefe Resumes Duties As The Principal Of The School

Today is a holiday from Exams. We spent the whole day learning for our Health Science Exam. In the evening we went to Abu for the last time.

Paddy, Br. Bennett's famous Russian Boar Hound ? ran after a dog, and Mike Rooke, Owen Amore, Keith Finnimore, Richie Edmonds and I ran after him. We finally caught Paddy after about ten or fifteen minutes. We each gave him a shot to scare him thoroughly.

Br. O'Keefe has resumed all duties as the Principal from today.

Today is my Last Saturday in School.

December 02, 1956 Sunday Anglican Confirmation Service For Mike Everden, Danny Lewis. Boxes Packed For Homeward Trip. Bros. O'Keefe & Barrett Beat Brian Dawson and Winston Shemain

I spent the whole morning learning for the Physics I exam. In the afternoon we packed our boxes

In the evening we went for a walk down Milk Man's Path to the New Road from Abu Road Railway Station to Mt. Abu. Paddy, Bro. Bennett's dog cut his foot badly and could not come with us

Mike Everden and Danny Lewis received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Anglican Church in Town. today. Mike's Mother and Sister came up for the Confirmation Service.

Bros. E. O. O'Keefe and R. D. Barrett played Brian Dawson and Winston Shemain in handball and managed to beat the young strong new players with their skill and experience of the game.

Today is my last Sunday in School.



Hand Ball and Tennis Courts - Plummy in the Background

December 03, 1956 Physics I and Scripture Exams - Distribution Of Class Prizes

Today we had Physics I and Scripture for the 5 or 6 boys who took Scripture instead of Mathematics. The Physics I paper was a very simple paper. However, I left out one part of one question and could not complete the last part of the last question.

During the evening studies, we had Distribution of Class Prizes

Class Prize	Ronnie Ferreira
Hardworking Prize	T. P. (Trevor Perrier)
Christian Doctrine	Chris Joseph (N.B. "Fellow Classmates please recall that I won by guessing the correct number 35 drawn from the bag.")
Ping Pong Runner's Up Cup	Chris Joseph

Today is my last Monday in School, and our Last Study Evening.

December 04, 1956 Last Exam Health Science II – Photograph Of Examination Hall. Br. R. D. Barrett Accompanies Boxes to Abu Road Station

Today we had the Health Science II exam from 12:30 to 2:30. This was our last examination paper. The paper was quite an easy one and I expect to get a "C" in it.

After the exams we took some photographs of the boys sitting at their individual propped up Jr. School Desks in the Hall of the Gym. Before going up to school, we settled up the gym.

My compass box with 3 pens is missing and there is no hope of getting them back.

In the evening we saw a picture, Cattle Queen Of Montana. I have seen it before. It is so so.

The boxes were sent down to Abu Road Railway Station. Br. R. D. Barrett went down to Abu Road Station with all the boxes belonging to the boarders of St. Mary's School this morning.

Today is my last Tuesday in School.



Relaxing After the Last Senior Cambridge Exam in the Old Gym

Front: Keith Finnimore, Trevor Gilby, Ronnie Ferreira, Johnny Bharucha, Lloyd Gilder, Michael Everden, Richard Edmonds, Gordon Clarke, & four Others ?

December 05, 1956 Last Day In School Ending With A Bon Fire & Sing Along. Six Course Dinner for Senior Cambridge Class of 1956. Trevor Gilby Reads The Address & Ashley Shemain Presents Gift (Portable Typewriter) Br. R. D. Barrett Obliges With Mother McRae

Today is our last day in School and is also Bon Fire & Sing along Night.

In the morning we helped Br. Murray fix up the broken film reels and pack up the film reel containers for their return trip. We then tried to kill a civet cat, but it got away. We then went in Limbdi's car to Abu to post the film cans.

By the time we returned from town, the logs were stacked up for the Bon Fire in the middle of the small pitch, in front of the Old Stone School Building. The bon fire logs are not as high as last year when our class, then pre-seniors were mainly responsible for gathering the bon fire logs from the jungle after Sports Week.

We were served a 6 course dinner in the Trophy Office Room by a fairly young Magan the bearer.

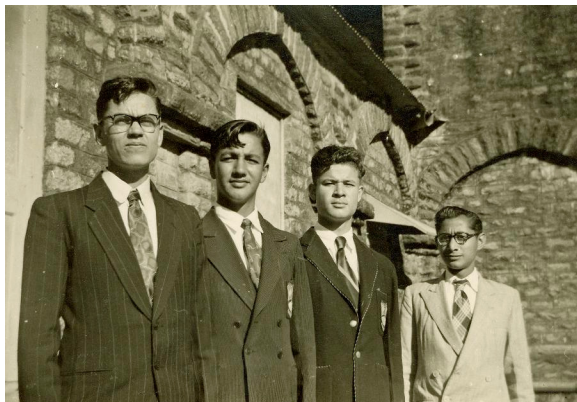
Trevor Gilby read out the Address, written out by Br. Barrett for us, to our master Br. Bennett. Ashley Shemain presented him with the class gift of a portable typewriter. In reply Br. Bennett spoke a few words telling us that we were his best class and that it was a pleasure teaching some of us for the last three and in some cases four and five years.

When we came out after our Last Big Dinner in School, the Bon Fire was already alight. We joined the rest of the boys with their bon fire songs. Br. R. D. Barrett obliged us with "Mother McRae" and a few more school concert songs like Maria Nina and There's No One Like Mother To Me.

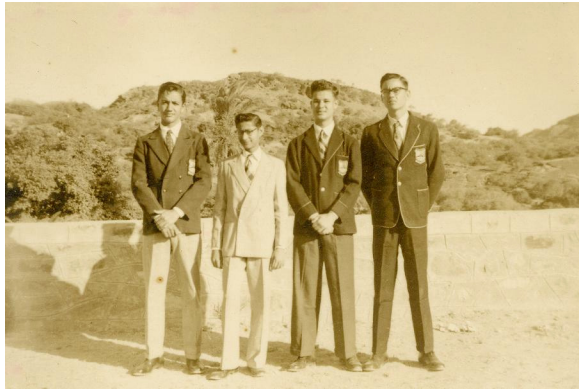
As it began drizzling lightly we had to move indoors. We eventually went to bed at around 9:30 pm.



Bon Fire Logs Collected by Pre Seniors Piled Up High for Last Night In School



Good Friends – Chris Joseph, Keith Finimore, Michael Rooke, Owen Amore



Last Day In School – Keith Finnimore, Owen Amore, Michael Rooke, Chris Joseph



Last Big Dinner with Br. George Bennett, Magan Serving

December 06, 1956 Au revoir To St. Mary's Mt. Abu & To All Left Behind

We did our round of thanking and wishing - - -

The Hospital and Jr. Dormitory Rev. Sisters for their care during our time under their charge.

Young Br. J. A. Keane, our New Zealand Maori War Cry Leader for the Reynolds Hockey Championship 1956 " E O RA, E O RA "

Br. Murray who specialized in shooting mad and stray dogs on the school property during the summer months.

Br. E.O. O'Keefe who survived his trip back to Ireland and who mentioned to us Seniors " School is like a river of no return and that they should be the best days of our life "

Old Bro. Stan who looked after the Tuck Shop and who gave me burnt toast and homeopathy pills for my Monsoon Runs out of kindness, One of the three First Brothers to run St. Mary's School

Br. A. George Bennett who was our Class Master for over three years. A True Role Model, Teacher, Hunter and Naturalist.

Everyone wished us the Best of Luck In Life.

We left for Abu Road Station at 1:25 pm and arrived around 2:35 pm The train for Ahmedabad left one hour late and we got into Ahmedabad around 10:30 pm The Gujarat Mail to Bombay Central was waiting for us. Keith Finnimore, his young brother Peter, Gay Burrows and I were in the same cubical. We had a good nights sleep on our bed rolls.

December 07, 1956 Parents Meet Us At Bombay Central - Nice to Be Back Home

We had a good night's sleep from Ahmedabad to Bombay. The Gujarat Mail made up lost time on the run and arrived Bombay Central at the scheduled time.

Dad, Mum and Uncle Leslie Richardson along with other parents, relatives and friends were on hand to meet us on arrival. As the boxes were late being off loaded before being released, Dad and I carried on home to Sion, and then went to see Fr. Rebot, principal St. Mary's Mazagon, Bombay about the S.S.C. examination.

Jackie Messer a medical student and a friend of the family visited us at our new Sion flat to show us the trophies he had won for the javelin throw and the 440 yards at his college athletic meet.

I had a hair cut, a good hot bath and then went to Dadar Railway Station to see Gay Burrows and Keith Finnimore off to Jamshedpur, and Kharagpur respectively. Trevor Gilby's birthday tomorrow.

POST SCRIPT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Senior Cambridge Examination	Expectation	Actual Results March 31, 1957	
English Language	May get a Credit	Credit	4 points
English Literature	Expect high Credit	Credit	5
Hindi	May pass Pass	Pass	7
Mathematics	I will get an A	A	2
Geography	I will get a Pass or C	Credit	3
Physics	I expect a	Pass	Credit 5
Chemistry	I expect a	Credit	Credit 5
Health Science	expect a high	Credit	Credit 3

Got a high Second Division with a total of 22 points. Missed a First Division by 2 points.

HAPPY MEMORIES ST. MARY'S MT. ABU CLASS OF 1956

Class Master	Br. Archibald George Bennett (1954 to 1956)
D&POD	29 November 2000 Shanti Niwas, Chicalim, Goa
Age	87 Years, Teacher, Hunter, Naturalist - Par Excellence Regina Mundi School, Chicalim, near Dabolim Airport, Goa

The following words of an anonymous poet share with us the wisdom that comes from experience. *The Hound of Heaven* Fr. George Kaitholil, SSP

“ For every hill I’ve had to climb
For all the blood and sweat and grime
My heart sings but a grateful song
These were things that made me strong “

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Joseph (Joe) D’Souza	
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 (True Blue Dustbin Pointer)

Fr. Stephen, Fr. Andrades, Fr. Bonaventure ; Mr. Aloysius D'Souza (Datch) new Science Master;
Br. Stan – Tuck Shop – One of the three First Irish Christian Brothers to St. Mary's 1929;
Br. E. O. O'Keefe; Br. R. Dermot Barrett; Br. Peter; Br. J.A. Keane; Mr. L.R. Goyal – "Hindi Pop"
Br. K.P. Barry, Br. Murray, Late Br. F.P. Barrett (Brimstone), Br. Morrow: Sr. Victoria – Hospi. Nun; Mr.
Ward; Mr. & Mrs Pew - Kitchen and Refectory, Mr. Adenwalla – Barber; Magan-Bearer

St. Mary's Mt. Abu Old Boys Re-Unions, Quotations & Recollections From Old Letters

July 02, 2001 Words Of Wisdom and Good Wishes Br. R. Dermot Barrett. Neville & Louise Rodrick's Farm, Oasis Of Peace, Marmora, ON, Canada

Dear Chris,

The lives of great men all remind us, We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us, Footprints on the sands of time
Regards & God Bless

R.D. Barrett

The above few lines were penned into the Daily Diary by Br. Barrett at Neville & Louise Rodrick's Farm, Oasis Of Peace, Marmora, Ontario, Canada, at the 2001 Toronto Re-Union of Old St. Mary's Boys & Wives, during a rest period in the Enneagram With Br. Barrett, July 02, 2001.



Chris Joseph with Br. R. Dermot Barrett Neville Rodricks Farm, Marmora, Ontario

Also present were, Bob Amore-UK, Ivor Amore-Australia, Ashley & Marie Shemain-USA, Winston & Arlene Shemain-Cda, Val & Pat Noronha-USA, Bernie & Danielle D'Lima-Cda, Aloysius (Datch) D'Souza-Ind. (Old Boy & Science Master), Sydney & Cecilia Brown-Cda (Teacher), Norman & Blanche Phillips-UK, Lloyd & Una Xavier-Cda, Jay & Saroj Majithia-Cda, Gavin & Lesley Galbraith-Marten-UK, Carmo & Sylvie Lobo-Cda, Brian & Joan Lobo-USA, Brij Mohan & Shamini Gujral-USA, Peter & Cornelia Ferreira-Cda, Sikander Khan Malik-UK, Pat Louis and others. Beg pardon of a few that I missed at Marmora, Ontario, Canada.



Re-Union with Br. R. Dermot Barrett at Louise & Neville Rodricks Farm Marmora, Ontario

Recollections and Quotations From Letters Written by Br. Archibald George Bennett

27 Apr 1988 St. Columba's, New Delhi

Dear Chris,

“Manny thanks for your letter & thanks also for your good wishes for my health which is excellent, thank God, otherwise I would not have survived 60 years' Brotherhood. Like you, I'm equally surprised that I was able to make it & just as amazed to think that it was 35 years ago when first we met. (1954).

The bird & animal motif on the Jubilee cards was the suggestion of our Superior & Principal, who knows & appreciates my love of wild life. I'm glad that you are also a keen lover of nature.

It was very pleasant to have recalled for me those names, once so familiar, now almost forgotten. You and Owen (Amore) are the only ones who have kept in touch with me, so I do not have the addresses you require. Mike Rooke corresponded for a while, then dropped off. Except Br. Stan & O'Keefe, who are both dead, all the Brothers you mention are still around – Br. Morrow in Abu; Br. Barrett in Rome where he lectures on the Scriptures; Br. Murray in Naini Tal; Br. Peter in Shillong; Br. Keane in Gujarat, where he's working among the Bhils.

Most of India suffered severe drought last year. Abu was very badly hit. In the school, Staff & Boys are rationed to 2 mugs of water per day for washing purposes ! ? The boys will most probably be sent home in the coming hot weather before the Monsoon.

Thanks for your prayers & good wishes etc. for my Jubilee. I was glad to read in the P.S. that my thanks card had been received.

I was sorry to hear of your cataract trouble & I hope it is ripe enough for you to have an implant. My eye doctor tells me that I've cataract developing in both eyes.

I shall certainly pray. Kindest regards & best wishes to you, Alice & family

A.G. Bennett

Post Card Celebrating Golden (50) Jubilee of St. Columba's School, New Delhi

“Those who do and teach shall shine as stars for all eternity”

April 1993 as an Enclosure

Dear Chris,

Many thanks for your St. Patrick's card & your thoughtful greetings from you & yours.

It was nice of you to remember the Brothers' Community. Morrow, Barrett R.D., Murray, Barry are with us still, the others have gone R.I.P.

Now and then I get a pleasant surprise visit from former Abuites. A few days ago I had one from Canada. Gerry Barnes (1944-'45) S.C. Class. He lives in Coquitlam, BC, the same town as one of my brothers. So he's promised to call on him.

The building shown on the opposite face is part of our school complex. There are two other parallel buildings housing about 3,200 students.

Love to you, Alice, Maryann & Theresa.

A.G. Bennett

P.S. Sorry for the mistake below. Don't want to rewrite, as this is the only card of its kind I have and I want you to see it. The address is my sisters, Mrs. D. A. Killick, Dundas 2117, NSW, Australia. AGB

St. Joseph's, Naini Tal Hill Station Holiday

15 Sept. 1997

Dear Chris,

“Br. R. Dermot Barrett is stationed in India, but he travels abroad to places that require his services as a Scripture Specialist. If you were praying for the repose of Br. F. Paulinus Barrett's Soul in Heron Road, Ottawa, we were doing the same here in our Chapel in St. Joseph's.

Mr. L. R. Goyal has retired, but he faithfully sends a greeting card every Christmas, as do Owen Amore from Australia and Duncan Collie (Teacher) from Wales, UK. Derek D' Souza (Tinkle) is the successful coach of a Mumbai (new name for Bombay) Soccer Team, Mafatlal, I think. He has brought his team here to Delhi for the Durand Football Tournament on two successive occasions, and on each occasion he was thoughtful enough to give me a look-up in St. Columba's. Trevor Gilby (London) and Duncan Collie, both here on business, also visited me, as did two earlier “Exes”, Carl McCann (Camb. S.C. 1945) from New Zealand and Leslie Mahon (Camb. S.C. 1944) from England, both back to look up relatives and friends.

Br. F. P. Barrett was a good ten years younger than Br. Stan. I'm eight months into my 85 year, Br. Comber is a year younger. I was surprised to learn that you have had cataracts in both eyes necessitating “implant” operations. I hope this second one is as successful as the first. About 20 years ago I was told that I had the beginnings of cataract in both eyes. Shortly after, your class-mate, Mohiuddin Khan, now a highly qualified doctor, visited me and gave me some very simple anti-cataract exercises which have proved very successful. Sight in my left eye is 100% perfect, in my right 70%, but I thank God that they have remained steadily that way since Mohiuddin's visit.

Best wishes to each and every one

AGB”

Shanti Nivas, Goa

02 March 1998

Dear Chris,

“It's great that you've taught yourself to type and use it freely. At one time I was quite an efficient “touch” typist with my own machine, but gave it all up, and regret my decision now, as I'm too old to start all over again.

Very interesting too is all the information you give about our fellow pupils of the past. I was deprived of the means of keeping in touch with them when I was in Naini Tal last year. I go up to our school there, St. Joseph's College, to get away from Delhi's dreadful summer heat. In a drawer of my table I keep a tin box containing, on slips of paper, the addresses of relatives, friends, acquaintances, pupils past and present, etc., etc. Some young St. Joseph's pupil, or pupils, had on one occasion, taking advantage of my absence from my room, to enter and rifle my drawer, including the tin box, and extracting from it most of the pieces of paper, thinking that they carried stamps, for which they had often asked when meeting me on the school premises.”

“Please take good note of my New Address, for that it will be from now on. In our campus they have built a new house to serve as a residence for retired brothers. It has been in operation for 3 years, during which it was occupied by two brothers, one of whom died. Two of us from the Delhi Community, a colleague Br. Finton and I, decided to end this brother's loneliness and left in early January (1998) to join him, and so here we are.

If I do have the occasion to meet or write to the Brothers you know, I shall certainly convey your good wishes.

But for the present I should like this letter to convey to you, Alice, Maryann and Theresa my kindest regards and best wishes.

A.G. Bennett.”

January 1999 Thank You Card

Dear Chris,

Many thanks for your Christmas New Year greetings from you, Alice, Maryann & Theresa. Please receive mine in return for a very happy New Year.

Yes Trevor (Pearce), like you remembers me in a few lines now & again, and he kindly sent his lovely daughter to spend a happy hour or so with me.

Some Abu "exes." Have also been kind enough to visit me. Perhaps the only one of them you may remember is Newton Carvalho (He has not grown much, by the way !) But he certainly has a big heart. The others were before your time, Aloysius D' Souza (later Science Master) and Keith Fernandes and Brian Lobo.

I'll always remember
With gratitude and fondness, what
You've done for me.
With Appreciation

Love & best wishes to you, Alice, Maryann & Theresa.

A. G. Bennett

11 March 1999 Regina Mundi, Goa

"Goa is rather out of the way, even though, because of its excellent beaches, it is very attractive to foreign tourists who like to get away from the cold, wet conditions of their countries. However, because of its rather remoteness we don't have many of our Brothers coming this way. That is why I have not seen Bros Barrett & Murray for instance for quite some time. Bro. Murray is stationed in St. Joseph's Naini Tal where he has been for quite a number of years though he along with the boys & Brothers, was compelled to evacuate the school for some time, when parts of the building were completely destroyed during a very violent hailstorm. It took 20 days to repair the damage and for the Bros & Boys to return. There's no danger of that sort of thing happening here thank God.

You are not the only one who keeps me in touch with Canada. I have a brother in Coquitlam (BC) a suburb of Vancouver, I think, and a cousin in Alberta. The latter, being a woman is more communicative & keeps me informed of things Canadian.

God bless all of you in turn & my regards & best wishes to you, Alice, Maryann & Theresa

Yours affectionately,

A.G. Bennett'

25 April 2000 Regina Mundi High School

Dear Chris,

Many thanks for your two beautiful cards, conveying greetings for my Feast day & Easter respectively and, of course my gratitude for your thoughtfulness must include Alice, Maryann and Theresa. The two girls have my prayers and best wishes for success in their exams and grade.

Education has also been the main focus of our attention these days and was one reason for holding up the answer to your cards. Up till now "Shanti Nivas" has been merely the residence for a few old retired Brothers like myself, but a scheme is afoot to make it the centre of operations of our entire Region, so that it becomes the HQ of the Regional Leader and his two Councillors and also the residence of the six or seven Brothers who will help in their operations.

I was finding Delhi a difficult place to live in so, when a colleague suggested Goa for a change, I thought I'd give it a try. That was on the 8th of January 1998 and, from the time of my arrival here next day up till now, I have had no reason to regret my decision. Delhi is a very cosmopolitan city, so the social atmosphere is rather cold and distant, but the people here are very warm and friendly and the gently undulating countryside is beautifully forested with a variety of trees and shrubs, but coconut palms and cashew trees predominating. The very close proximity to the Arabian Sea has a very moderating effect on the climate, and is partly responsible for the very extensive, beautiful beaches that attract tourists from all parts of the world. The

same sea, while drenching the entire area with well over 100 inches of rainfall during the Monsoons from May end to September end, keeps it pleasantly cool.

A sudden, unexpected stoppage of our electric supply made me completely forgotten to use your long, interesting letter which I had mislaid. However, I promise to remedy the oversight as soon as possible. Meanwhile, my kindest regards and best wishes to you, Alice, Maryann and Theresa.

Yours affect'ly

A.G. Bennett

09 August 2000 Regina Mundi School, Goa Last Letter before Passing On 29 Nov. 2000

Dear Chris,

The photo enclosure was indeed a very pleasant surprise. Many thanks for both letter and photo. Alice and the two girls have figured so much in your letters, that I came to know them very well, but since I did not know what they looked like, that knowledge was still rather vague in a way. Now that their appearances are a reality, I shall have a happily satisfying picture of them. Both Maryann and Theresa are very talented, and I must congratulate them and their good parents for producing such geniuses (shall I say!?)

For the sakes of you and Alice, I shall try and give you the information concerning lawyers and estate agents but, since it'll take some time, in another letter. I'm ashamed to confess that, in this age of highly advanced development, especially in tele-communications, I have a very great dislike of the phone and use it only when I have to answer a call ! ?

I agree with your opinion of Abu. I spent 14 years there and, though living there then was primitive, they were the happiest years in my life. I always welcome news of past pupils, so I was cheered to read mention of Keith (Finnimore), Lloyd (Gilder), Gordon (Clarke), Owen (Amore), and Michael (Rooke), and I do hope you go ahead with your plans for travel next year. Owen and Gordon were regular Xmas time correspondents. For some reason Owen has dropped off, but Gordon still continues.

One of my earlier pupils in Abu was a youngster named Jim Stuart. At one time we Brothers from St. Joseph's College, Naini Tal, used to spend our winter holidays in a beautiful spot in Old Delhi called "Kingsway Camp" what was our pleasant surprise when we found that our nearest neighbour was Jimmy (now married) and his family ! They emigrated to the U.K. and settled down in Leeds, Yorkshire, from where his wife began (and still continues) a regular correspondence with me, because Jimmy was first a helpless invalid and then died. In her most recent letters of some of the ex-pupils who attended an "Abuite Get-together" I was delighted to see again names like Ashley Shemain, Mohiudin Khan Malik and his brother Sikander, Duncan Collie, all former pupils of mine.

My kindest regards and best wishes to you and Alice & the Girls.

A. G. Bennett

Br. Sebastian of Regina Mundi School informs me of the passing away of Brother Archibald George Bennett, in Shanti Niwas Goa, on 29 November 2000 aged 87 years.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, May His face shine upon you, Be gracious And bring you peace.

June 2001 Wimbledon, London UK Hand Delivered Letter From Torpe (Trevor Pearce)

Per Kind Favour of Br. R.D. Barrett

Br. A. George Bennett-Memorial Plans/Suggestions

Dear Chris

I hope that this letter finds all of you in good health as we are at the moment.

Br. Barrett is down in England and so I am taking this opportunity of writing as he will be meeting you in a few days and I can hand him this letter.

Well Chris I have been rounding up the Mt. Abu lads at this end and so far have collected Pounds Sterling 75 (Br. A. George Bennett – Memorial Plans/Suggestions) and will hand it over to Br. Barrett and he can send it to Newton Carvalho and accordingly the various arrangements can be carried out. So far the ones who have contributed are Mohiuddin Khan Malik, Ronnie Ferreira, Duncan Collie, Roger Marten and Myself (Trevor Pearce).

Tomorrow I have invited Br. Barrett along with another 11 boys from Mt. Abu for the day. My wife is quite a good cook and has been working hard preparing various dishes. I am sure everyone who comes will like what she has prepared.

I keep in touch with Duncan (Collie), Roger (Marten), Mohiuddin (Khan Malik), Ronnie (Ferreira). Roger will be coming tomorrow and it will be the first time I will be meeting him since 1956. Duncan wanted to come but he could not get time off.

Well Chris I shall wind off here as it is early in the morning and my eyes are closing.

Best wishes,

Torpe (Trevor Pearce)

Class of 1956 - Photographs of Class Mates Some 45 Years Later



Perth Harbour, WA - Chris & Alice Joseph with Rose & Owen Amore



Sydney NSW Michael Rooke with Theresa, Maryann, Ingrid Rooke & Alice Joseph



Melton South, Victoria - Gordon Clarke, Chris Joseph, Lloyd Gilder, Capt. Keith Finnimore



Mapusa, Goa Dec. 2003 Chris Joseph and Newton Carvalho



Ashley Shemain with son Ashley Jr.



Proud Parents The Shemain's Brandon, Ashley Jr., Althia, Marie & Ashley, Brent Novak & Leslie Shemain-Novak



Dr. Mohiuddin Khan Malik (Mayo) with Chris Joseph, London UK, Jan. 2004

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