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Fr. Rector's Message



UK Branch 2017

The much looked forward event, or rather as your Chairman-Media, Publicity & Souvenir, Susantha says your "flagship event" the Annual Dinner Dance which this year is named "Pearl Night" is going to be one rollicking, frolicking affair.

He is justified in saying so, because. He tells me that "we will be dedicating it as a fundraiser to the 'SKY RIM' project. I understand you are kept abreast of our achievements in sports. Our crowning glory was winning the All Island Inter Schools Rugby Knock Out Tournament. Our first piece of silverware in a major event. In Swimming we reign supreme for the 14th consecutive year as the All Island Champions. We have also won at Basket Ball and Football.

I am certain all of you will make this a night to remember in view of the cause. Yes, I may be pardoned if I say that we have reached a new high both in sports and academia. There is a special page which will show you our achievements in the latter. Do enjoy your selves. As usual your spouses, family and friends will join in the merriment which, I can confidently assume will go on till early dawn. I thank the Branch Committee and membership for their ready response to the needs of the College.

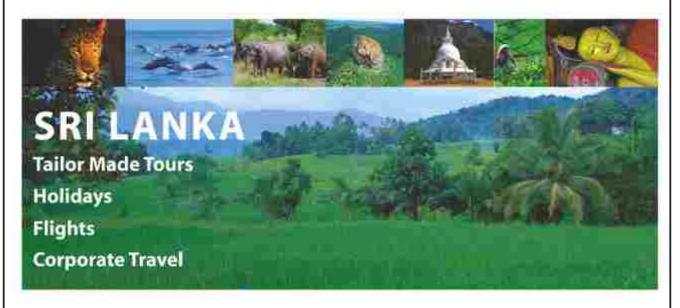
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PROGRAMME FOR THE NIGHT

6.00 PM	RECEPTION & WELCOME DRINKS
7.00 pm	WELCOMING OF GUESTS
7.30 pm	DINNER COMMENCES
8.00 PM	Presidents Speech followed by the College Anthem
8.30 pm	DANCING COMMENCE TO THE MUSIC OF SKY HIGH
10.00 рм	MUSIC TAKING OVER BY ABBA MAGIC
11.00 PM	DANCING CONTINUES
12.00 AM	THE RAFFLE DRAW
12.55 AM	NATIONAL ANTHEM
1.00 AM	CARRIAGES

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St. Joseph's College OBU - UK President's Message

It is my great honour to extend a very warm welcome to you for the Annual Josephian Blue and White Ball, especially as this is the 30th Anniversary of this event.

In my short tenure with the Association as a Committee member and now President I must compliment the Committee; The 'A Team', compromising several ex- Presidents, namely the stalwarts Susantha, Delikan and Rohana for their immense support, advice and cooperation in putting this 'show' on the road. It's difficult to single out any one member's contribution but one individual deserves special mention...my old class mate at SJC from 2nd Standard right up to 'A Levels' namely Victor Wickramasinghe, who, for the past 30 years has been the Capstan of our Association, guiding it through thick and thin in his own inimitable manner... Many Thanks Vic... In this context I also wish to thank Joe Selvaratnam our Treasurer who with astute acumen has steered our finances successfully. Last year's Treasurer Report was exceptional in clarity and precision.

My gratitude also to the President of past two years, Nelanka Peiris who, with patience and diligence led this Association admirably when confronted with adversity; completing the major project of the Computer Lab for A Level students and having a very successful Presidency in all of the Association's activities. I am glad to mention that the Lab is functioning extremely well, it is a tribute to the perseverance of the SJC OBA UK with Nelanka at its helm.

This Association's activities try to emulate those at College especially in Cricket. Unfortunately this year we were unable to produce any winnings at the FOC, Joe-Pete or Saints Quad. However we excelled in the Shooting Competition and look forward to put on a good performance next year.

Alas, I have to state a bone of contention. Our young Old Joes here in the UK whom we desperately need to come into the Association and take part in its running with interest are difficult to find. The present 'elders' have done more than their fair share over the years. We need young blood with new ideas and enthusiasm to take over. After all, it's for our Alma Mater who taught us all the attributes of "Fruits of Virtue and Knowledge" to be the individuals we are. We owe it something back in return. Therefore a drive to increase the membership in UK is imperative or else the future looks bleak.

Thanks to the Radisson Edwardian Hotel, Sky High Band and all the advertisers and well-wishers for supporting us. And most of all to You All present here today.

Hope you have a memorable and enjoyable evening.

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SHAUKAT MAMUJEEPresident SJC OBA UK 2017



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Dear Fellow Josephians & Well Wishers

This is one MEGA project undertaken by The Sports Council SJC. A state of the art arena is already in place in the Beira grounds to accommodate Tennis & Basketball, It sure it is a masterpiece!

All Josephians will look at this mammoth venture & sure gasp for breath. It is a magnificent Piece of art. I am sure you will be proud of it & will like to be partner to somewhat own it too. The Bold & Brave efforts of The Sports Council need to be applauded. Risks had to taken to deliver the product on schedule. so to bridge the gap Loans were obtained & now it is pay-back time...

Chairman Brian Obeysekera on his visit to London recently did meet up with the Ex co here & thanked us all for the wonderful work done by us so far (specially the HUGE project we did last year, The Computer Lab & made a passionate appeal to us, to do our best to give them a helping hand.

Thereafter the Committee had a productive discussion & decided unanimously to donate £1000. Which is the maximum authorised. Thereafter it was agreed that we do reach out to the Josephian family UK at large to join in with their voluntary contributions. The interest shown by the membership is very encouraging so far. So, we would invite you to be lavish as always!!!!

Please contact us, Make your own choice & send us the £££££!!!!

Thank you.

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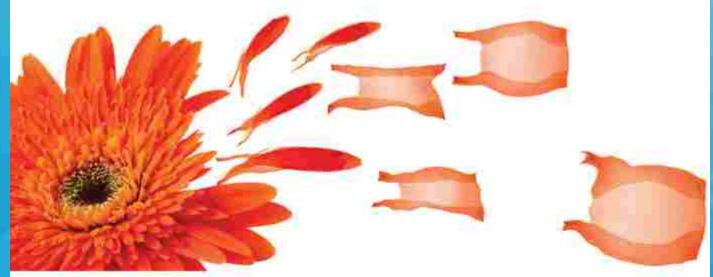






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Captain Mayuraka Perera with the All Island Trophy

The Championship Team



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Rugby - All Island Knock-out Champions 2017



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Individuals

Athletics



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Rugby





Gemunu Chethiya captained Sri Lanka Under 18 team for the Junior Commonwealth Games with Tharindu De Alwis also in the team.

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BIRTH PANGS OF JOSEPHIAN RUGBY

The minion that became a colossus - A worms eye view by loose prop

Rugby union football commonly called Rugger was the preserve of a few in the early 1950's. Soccer was well known, but Rugger hardly understood. Webb Ellis may well have picked up the round ball at Rugby school and sprinted away, but this did not happen at SJC. We as early teenagers often wondered why uprights of goal posts were extended upwards, having never witnessed a game of Rugger.

A few enterprising boys who had come into contact with Rugger got together and started playing the game away from school. Initially they were not organised or skilled enough other than at best mimmick the game. Getting more enterprised they got themselves a coach and started playing at Rugger club grounds. Denied formal recognition by the school authorities, they called themselves Hornets and played a few matches. Among the prime movers was Lalith De Mel who even today with the likes of Manik Pereira and Cuthbert Charles is in the heart of Josephian Rugby.

At about this time the CRFU keen on promoting the game away from the mere handful of schools that played the game welcomed St Josephs and St Thomas colleges in particular to join in. Thus in 1955 the first Josephian Rugger team was formed. A few inter schools games were played that year with Mahendra Dias as captain.

Ethelbert Ohlmus a pragmatic and workmanlike person recruited newcomers to the game. H. Numan became the coach and there was a fair turnout at practices which were held at the college grounds. Numan was quick to reject some that were offered to him, saying that a potential scrummager could not even walk from scrum to scrum and a likely lineout hopeful could not even crawl from lineout to lineout. An aspiring wing three quarter was dismissed as being slower than the KV train which with difficulty trundled in and out of the nearby Maradana railway station. Rugger was an amateur game at all levels and the coaches services were purely honorary. Ethelbert Ohlmus captained the 1956 and 57 teams. Bolay Philips who later played for CR & FC played in the 1955 and 56 teams. Numan was a determined man and good progress was made. Ethelbert Ohlmus formed a under 17 team that proved popular. Quite a few cut their teeth at this time. Some matches were played on the school ground. Beira lake ground was touted as a possible practice ground. Even more ambitiously home for the aged next door was to be annexed. These plans did not materialise.

Experienced players emerged and the 1958 team had a few coloursman. C.I.Rajaratnam (captain) and Cedrick Direckze (vice captain) were two of them. The notable achievement this year was that St Josephs beat St Peters for the first time. Rajaratnam and Direckze were selected and played for Colombo schools against outstation schools in the Gratien cup. Rajaratnam went on to play for

the University and Direckze for CR & FC. For the benefit of the uninitiated, matches at Darley Road kicked off immediately after school closed at 3.30 PM with a view of having a captive audience.

Two other Josephians who did not play for St Josephs were Dr. Hubert Aloysius who captained Havelocks to win the Clifford cup and Yasa Ratnayake who as a planter played for Dimbulla.

Cedrick Direckze captained in 1959 and the team attained mixed success. Brian Paul followed in 1960. Cuthbert Charles captained in 1961 and went on to play for Havelocks. During this period St Josephs held their ground and had some notable successes. Cuthbert flew the nest and after sometime was located in the US. While indulging in his new sport of duck shooting, he mistakenly shot down a duck from a protected species. He retained his gun license but not the duck.

Manik Pereira on leaving school played for CR and modelled himself on that legendary scrum half Mahes Rodrigo. Hiranjan Perera and Anton Benedict also excelled for CR and the Police.

Participation by St Joseph's was severely threatened in the mid 70's. It was pulled out of the fire by Lalith De Mel. The Selvaratnam brothers Joe and Tim played their parts during this period.

The game now is very different. A team sheet has 23 players. Substitutions are made tactically or for injury, in the early days we were told when no substitutions were allowed for whatever reason we were to go on playing even if we were dead. Now a contact sport the players are much heavier and a close eye is kept on conditioning and nutrition. The coaching staff are professionals, all this adding to costs. This is where the present day Hornets come in with their financial support and management acumen. These are a far cry from the infant years when the only refreshment available after practice was the free running water from the tap outside the library or the rare orange barley served at CR after a practice session there.

Hats off to the senior team who emerged this year as winners in the Presidents trophy knock out competition. The minion has finally become a collosus.

One anecdote that is reminiscent from the very early days when a converted try was worth 5 ponts, is when we returned after a heavy loss and asked what the score was promptly came the reply 5-2. When challenged, the wag retorted their try was converted but in our case the conversion was allowed but not the try.

"This article was written to remind us of the old adage... Success going forward, depends on having knowledge of what has gone on before...."

Written by Indra R.



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JOES FOOTBALL REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

The St. Joseph's College football team had a 2016 season, never to be forgotten. During the season the under 19 team was able to bring win the division 1 championship and bring back the trophy after 21 long years. St. Joseph's College had many opportunities in the past few years to bring back the trophy but fell short. For example, during the 2014 season, they were the finalists but couldn't add the finishing touches to what a was an incredible campaign by the coach and the players. However, during the 2016 season, the team topped that by bringing home the under 19 division 1 championship trophy. The team was coached by Mr Aruna Sampath who has been the backbone of St. Joseph's College football for the past five years. Mr Ruwan Manjula was the master in charge and, the team was ably led by Master Mayuraka Perera.

The St. Joseph's College under 15 football team too had a great year as they were able to win the division 1 championship after 31 long years. The team coached by Mr DhammikaAthukorala was able to beat tournament favourites Al Aqsa MV Kinniyain the finals. The team was ably led by Master Lushane De Silva.

The reason behind the successful Josephianfootball campaign is primarily due to the support received from Rev Fr Travis Gabriel, Rev Fr Milan Bernard and the football advisory committee.





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FOR THOSE BORN BEFORE CIRCA 1950 "WHEN MCDONALD ONLY HAD A FARM"

Article by Dr. Sam

We were born before television, penicillin, frozen foods, contact lenses, cds, dvds and the Pill. We lived before radar, credit cards, split atoms, dark matter, laser beams and ball point pens: before dishwashers, tumble dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent. A 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoatand crumpets we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating and dual careers: when a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins and sheltered accommodation was where you waited for a bus.

We were here before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We had never heard of FM/DAB radios, tape decks, electric typewriters, heart transplants, word processors, yogurt and men wearing earrings. For us 'time sharing' meant to be together, a chip was a piece wood or a fried potato, hardware meant nuts and bolts and software wasn't a word.

The term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams; a stud was something that fastened a collar on a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a bus till it reached the depot. Instant coffee was unheard of. In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable; grass was mown; coke was kept in a coal house; a joint was a piece of meat you had on Sundays and pot was something you cooked it in. Reek music was a Grandmothers lullaby; El Dorado was am ice cream; a gay person was the life and soul of the party.

There were four grades of toilet paper — Sunday Times, Daily News, Daily Mail and the Evening Chronicle. A money box was called a penny gas meter. People had the toilet outside the home and ate their meals inside the home. A porn shop was a pawn shop; a handkerchief was a coat sleeve. Footwear wear was constructed of leather, iron and wood. A disc jockey was a National Hunt Rider with a back injury. The recycling unit was known as the rag and bone man. An alarm was known as a knocker up. Debt and illegitimacy were secret; Central heating was an oven plate or a firebrick wrapped in a blanket. A duvet was your Dads overcoat. The Top Ten used to be the Ten Commandments.

We who were born before 1950 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the ways in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to maje. No Wonder we are so confused and there is a generation gap. But we have survived Hallelujah.

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St. Joseph's Day 2017



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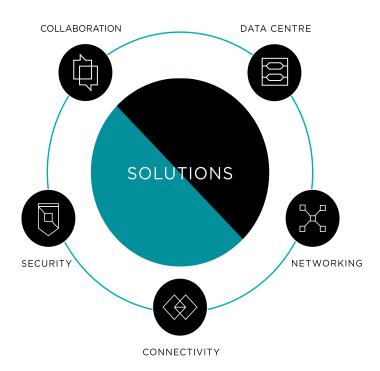






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Shooting Event 2017

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Once again we were up there in the winners board. Nalanda College were the worthy winners Our A Team won the Silver Trophy & The B Team walked away with the Bronze.





2017 Sri Lanka Schools Target Shooting Competition Achievements

Best Riffle Shooter Trophy : Gold Medal : Niroshan Sovis Best Pistol Shooter Trophy : Gold Medal : Sampath Perera

Silver Medal : Sumendra Edward

Team Riffle:

Silver medal Team-I: Niranjan Dias, Dinesh Perera, Mikshan Hettiarachchi Bronze medal Team-3: Sumendra Edward, Niroshan Sovis, Sampath Perera

Shaukat Mamujee, Joe Selvaratnam, Adrian Perera & Victor Wickramasinghe participated in the shooting event.

Festival of Cricket 2017





REMEMBERING THE CRICKETERS OF THE 60'S

MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE

Priya Perera - Captain 1960 Best All-rounder That Season, Represented The Sri Lankan Mirror Eleven Against West Indies Touring Team.

Tissa De Soysa - Vice Captain In 1960, He Was Called The Batting Machine

Hilary Marcellene - Captain 1962 Opening Batsman

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Remembered by Victor Wickramasinghe

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I PAUSED FOR A THOUGHT

Yes! I Paused for a thought

St Josephs is already over 120 years old.

On a rough estimate approximately 120
Josephians become 'Old Joes' every year.

This means that for the past120 years there should be over 14000 'Old Joes'. I hope that I am correct approximately.

Yes! I Paused for a thought

Those of us who are in their 70s and 80s problably left College between 1955 and 1965. I may be correct in assuming that there are more 'Old Joes' who have been called to rest than those of us left.

Yes! I Paused for a thought

On this glorious occasion when the 'Old Joes' gather in celebration, it may be most appropriate to remember the thousands of 'Old Joes' who have left us. The College has produced many eminent men in all feilds, in various ranks of life. They all made their mark in society in their own way, big or small. Then there were the possible non 'Old Joes' who have left us having served the College as Ground Boys, Peons in the school office, the Cooks who prepared meals for the staff and boarders and of course the Teachers who made us what we are today.

LET US FONDLY REMEMBER THEM ALL TODAY!

REMEMBERING THE COLLEAGUES OF THE 1966 JOSEPHIAN CRICKET TEAM

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A JEWEL IN THE CROWN



Master Thammitage Francis Onil Vindula Perera is the young man who has brought fame & glory to our Alma Mater this time around. He was placed "Second All Island A/L Commerce Stream 2016" beating over 50,000 candidates, an achievement we all Josephians are proud of. He has been richly rewarded with a placement at Sri Jayawardenepura University.

This young man is no bookworm! He is already part qualified as an accountant (ACCA). A promising cricketer played with the NCC juniors too, in fact cricket is his favourite sport. Led the St Cecilia's choir, represented The world beating Old Joes Choir in Riga, Latvia too.

Vindula, was a Prefect in college rising up the ladder to be Deputy Head Prefect too.



In recognition of his achievement college presented him with a Return Air Ticket to UK to enjoy & gain some knowledge from the western world. We met up with him who was travelling with his mother, took them out for dinner & presented him with a wallet- pocket money to spend.

Our treasurer Joe Selvaratnam was extra generous. He took them both on a tour to Cambridge - the citadel of higher education, perhaps his next leap from Sri Jayawardenapura!!

We also presented him with a memento in recognition of his great achievement. The two of them flew back to Sri Lanka on 29/9/2017.

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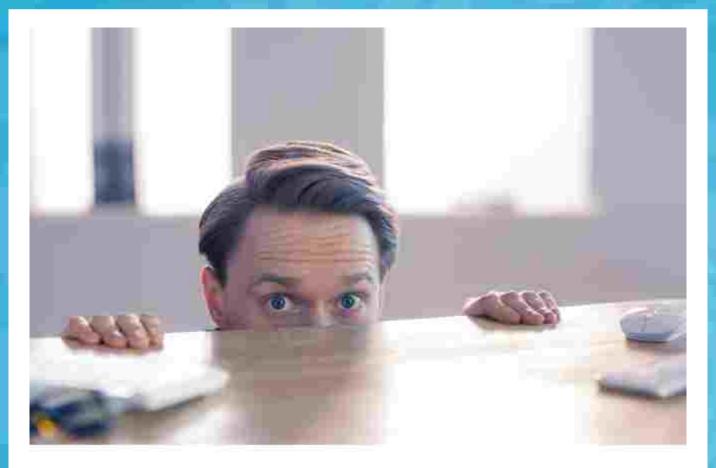


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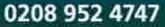
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