

Heard on the Street

News from former residents

John MacArthur (52-53) retired as a director of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson in 1987, to set up MacArthur and Co., his own consultancy in the City specialising in corporate finance. He lives in Norfolk, with his wife, Anita. They have 4 children. His nephew John Langley is also studying economics and is currently a resident of Netherhall.

Neil Clarke (1952) was head of Consolidated Gold Fields and the Coal Board. He now lives south of London, and came up to give a talk to the residents of Netherhall a couple of years ago, together with his wife Sonia. He is one of the Patrons at Netherhall House.

Dick Stork (52-61) serving as director from 1956 to 1961, was ordained in 1965 and is now living in London, having been Regional Vicar of Opus Dei on two occasions, coinciding with the formal opening of the new buildings in 1966 (by the Queen Mother), and in 1995 (by the Duchess of Kent).

Andres Vazquez de Prada was one of the team running Netherhall when it opened in 1952, and stayed closely involved until he returned to Spain and then Italy in the early 1970s. He obtained many of the paintings and decorations which continue to adorn the House. He now lives in Spain, but maintains an active interest in Netherhall.

Fr Juan Antonio Galarraga, the priest of Netherhall for much of the early years, returned to Spain in 1972. In 1994 was able to visit the newly completed buildings, and was delighted to see that the style was exactly as it had been when Netherhall House first opened its doors in 1952. He will be 80 years of age next January 29, and let's hope he can visit Netherhall again in the new Millennium. As a layman, Fr John was the first member of Opus Dei to come to London in 1946 to start "the Work" in Great Britain. He was ordained a priest in 1953, and became the first Regional Vicar of Opus Dei in England that year.

Ron Winstanley (53-54) has recently retired from a distinguished career in dental surgery in Manchester. He has been the warden of Greygarth Hall, Netherhall's counterpart in Manchester, since it first opened in 1961.

Peter Haverty (53-54) was ordained a priest in 1962, and is now living in a centre of Opus Dei in Didsbury, Manchester.

Ray McIntyre (1952) is living in San Francisco.

Ray Donnelly (54-60) retired from a successful career as a surgeon. He is currently running the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Research Centre in Liverpool, successfully raising over £5m to set it up. He has five children and several grand-children.

Roger Daly (54-55) was ordained a priest and is now the head of the marriage tribunal in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. He is in touch with Fr Peter Haverty (53-56), now living in Manchester.

Denis Ryan (55-60) is married with 3 children. He lives in London.

Cornelius O'Leary (56-60) passed through Netherhall 6 years or so ago, and is still remembered for his phenomenal memory. He has now retired from his professorship in Belfast.

Kevin Kelly (56-61) and Sonia have lived in New Jersey, USA since their return from a long stay in Brazil 20 years ago. Three of their four children are still the New York/New Jersey area, while younger

son Patrick has been in Netherhall as assistant director for the past three years. Kevin passed through Netherhall in 1998, and ran into Fr Joseph Gabiola, who remembered him from a meeting in Nairobi almost 40 years ago.

Ben Whyte (59-68) is still living in London and is a regular visitor to Netherhall. He plans to return to Spain later this year, after many decades in England.

Pepe Sellers (59-61), who, together with Stephen Reynolds, Fr Cormac Burke and Dick Stork spearheaded the 1966 extension of Netherhall (designed by architect Ramon Doderó, now in the Philippines) has been back in Spain since the 1970s, but maintains a close interest in all developments at Netherhall, and calls in almost every year.

John Henry (60-64), then director from 67-69 and resident again from 70-76, is now back on site at Rutland (a centre of Opus Dei adjacent to Netherhall), and working as Professor of Accident and

Requiescant in Pace

Michael Richards: was the first director of Netherhall. He became a priest of Opus Dei in 1959, and after spending some time in London, he moved to Bangor, Wales, to set up the chaplaincy at the university there. He died of a heart attack on 23 August 1977 while visiting his sisters. He and Fr Philip Sherrington are buried in Gunnersbury Cemetery (west London) in graves next to each other.

José Lopez Navarro was— together with José Ramón Madurga —the chaplain of Netherhall in 1952-53, the first year of the residence. He died in Madrid on 16 July 1982.

Richard de Alarcon, a psychiatrist from San Salvador, was secretary of Netherhall from 1953-1959. He worked in England, and died in the 1980s.

Anthony Moorehouse, a resident in 1952-53, served as a

Commissioned Officer in Egypt, where he was kidnapped and killed during the Suez crisis of 1956.

David Pickersgill, a resident in 1953-54 while doing articles at a firm of solicitors, died a few years later in his lodgings in London due to a gas leak.

Johann Spalek, an Austrian resident in 1953-54, died in Switzerland in 1996. He has a son who is a priest of Opus Dei.

Santos Amer lived at Netherhall in 1957 after completing a PhD in Cambridge. He taught at Strathmore College in Nairobi, and died in a car accident in 1963.

Carlos Casas, a resident in 1953, returned to his native Colombia to work as an economist, and died there in the late 1960s.

Marc-Marie Imperiali a resident who stayed briefly at Netherhall in 1957, died in 1960.

Emergency Medicine at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington, part of Imperial College.

Jim McLoughlin (1960) is married with 3 children, living in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He works in education.

Michael Shanks (1962) is a lecturer in Ethics at the University of Marseilles. Prayers are requested for his brother Alan, who died in mid-June.

Stephen de la Bedoyere (1960s & 1970s) continues his teaching career, and lives in South London.

Prayers are requested for **Peter McDermot**, (62-63) who is currently in Colindale Hospital in a coma. He taught at Strathmore College in Nairobi for many years.

Terry O'Neill (1962) came to a Netherhall reunion over a decade ago.

David and **Monica Clifton** (1963) have 2 children, and live in Arundel, Sussex.

Joe Millington (63-67) is working in computers. He has 11 children and lives in Crowborough Sussex. His third son Michael has just finished a degree in finance at City University. While acting as bursar of Netherhall during 98-99.

Brian Healy (64-67) is a barrister specialising in matrimonial law, and lives in Solihull. His brother Michael, an accountant, also lives in Solihull.

Alfred Diette Spiff (1965) was studying Naval Architecture and later returned to become Governor of Rivers State, Port Harcourt, Nigeria. One recent Nigerian resident, **Tadaerigha Puyate** (96-99), was surprised to hear that the former Governor of his State was an old resident of Netherhall.

Bob Gacheche (1965) one of the earlier Kenyan residents, lives very close to Strathmore College, the interracial boys school set up by members of Opus Dei in Nairobi in the early 1960s.

Chris Emeka Onyiuke (1965) visited Netherhall from Nigeria some years ago and was very proud to take a picture of his daughter in front of his portrait which is in the Reading Room (one of the 9 portraits). Still in contact and corresponds via Christmas cards.

Gilbert Onwu (1965) is a Professor in Ibadan University in Nigeria and in contact with the Opus Dei residence there

Jo Maduekwe (1965) was a senior figure in the Nigerian railways when Neil met him in the early 1990s.

Michael Hogan (65-67) is living in London. He married Heather this year, following the death from cancer of his first wife Sue. He is in contact with Fr Robert Farrell.

George May (66-68) is married, living in Alton, Hampshire, and has two sons. He stays in touch with Fr Andrew Byrne.

When Prince Akpabio (1966), a dentist

who features in the Netherhall film, went to stay at Chief Edu's house in Lagos, Nigeria, he was most surprised to hear that Chief's son, **Ademola Edu** had stayed at Netherhall. It was one of the coincidences which prompted Prince Akpabio to say in the Netherhall film that wherever he goes he seems to meet old boys of Netherhall.

After a period working in Spain, **Anthony Tam** (1967) is now a doctor in London. Clarence, his son, went frequently to Kelston Study Centre, and is now graduating from university.

Anoop Radia (67-70) is living in London. He and his wife Rashmi have recently organised an international Hindu festival in London and Leicester. His brother **Atul** (71-74) is living in Uganda having recently started a company called Opus International.

Augustine Boon (67-74) lives in London with his wife and two daughters, one of whom is now at Oxford University. He is a regular supporter of the Netherhall concerts, and for a few years helped out with the Netherhall accounts.

Easily picked out in old group photos with his turban, **Sohan Tandi** (1967) was working with the Inland Revenue in the UK. Last seen recently at Finchley Road tube station.

Houshang Zaheri (67-68) now lives in Connecticut, USA running an import-export business. When Neil and **Vincent Ang** (1967) were celebrating Vincent's 50th birthday, they decided to phone Houshang (who was their room-mate): he was delighted, and said he remembered Netherhall every week, and thought his period there the best in his life. He was sent a copy of the Netherhall video, which he loved.

Jean-Marc Harel (1967) runs a prominent accountancy firm in Mauritius, as well as a five star hotel, and various ventures in Africa. A fairly regular visitor to London and occasionally to Netherhall House, as his son Jason is a current resident.

Offiong Essien (1967) lives in Lagos and he is still in touch with Anoop Radia.

Peter Sinabulya (67-68) left Uganda for a while to go to the Middle East, but has now returned to Uganda to set up his own hospital. He was the first East African to gain the Fellowship in Ophthalmic Surgery.

Philip Cheal (67-69) is married with 3 children, aged 8, 17 and 19. He lives in West Hampstead and works for Cable & Wireless in London.

Quentin Chases (67-69) is a well-known set-designer for TV. If you have watched "election night" you will have seen some of his designs. He drops into Netherhall from time to time and is in touch with Bill Boardman.

Vincent Ang (1967) has been working at St. George's Hospital, Tooting, and lives in south London. He is a leading expert on carp.

Granville Styler (1967) is now a Circuit Judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Francis Awogboro (1968) is chairman of Ark insurance brokers in Nairobi.

Ghulam Rahman (1968) is chief Financial Controller for the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, UAE. He met Neil two years ago and has not changed that much! His son, **Sam**, was in Netherhall in 1993 and now works for ING Barings in Boston.

Hassan Mostafavi (68-72), a former chairman of the House Committee, is living in Tehran with his two children, and working for the Agricultural Development Bank of Iran. He keeps in touch, sending us a Christmas card every year.

Clive Ashby (69-73) is well-remembered as headmaster of the Netherhall summer course, which must have stood him in good stead when he became Headmaster of The Elms School near Malvern. He still maintains his interest in horses and Land Rovers!

Kanit Muntarbhorn (1969) is a professor of Otolaryngology at the Ramathibodi Hospital in Bangkok.

Godfrey Kassim Owango (69-71) is in charge of Milligan & Co in Nairobi. He was head of the agricultural society of Kenya. He is currently President of the chamber of commerce. His two older sons both stayed in Netherhall during their school vacations. One is studying in Nottingham, the other has a flat in London.

Nanda Amarasekera (1969) is now President of the Ceylon College of Physicians. John Henry had been invited to Sri Lanka to give a talk on poisons, and...who should be in the audience but Nanda who was surprised that it was the same John Henry who had been Director of Netherhall when he was a student.

Panuchat Tongudai (69-71) is married with one daughter, Palm, and after many years as local head of T.I Engineering (Thailand), is now freelance. He still lives in the same house in Bangkok as given on his Netherhall application form from 30 years ago, which is how Neil was originally able to locate him. As chairman of the House Committee at the time, he has a very good memory of many co-residents and is in touch with some, like **Clive Ashby**.

Sam Courban (69-73) has finally had to sever his links with Sierra Leone because of the troubles there, and is now living in Brighton. He keeps in touch with Anoop Radia, Stephen Reynolds and others.

Sergio Carlo Maresca Tew (69-74) is currently on the international lecture circuit, giving corporate motivational seminars. His wife, Maryanna recently gave birth to a baby girl. They are living in Australia.

Wilson Mugerwa (1969) is a doctor in Uganda, who keeps contact with Strathmore College in Nairobi.

Michael Farmer (1970) is a QC on the Cheshire circuit, though he now works in London.

Prof Kyung-hoi Lee (1970) is now Dean of the Department of Architectural Engineering at Yonsei University in Seoul. His son John stayed in Netherhall in 97-98. He remembers very well Michael Leung (now a paediatrician in H.K.) who was living in the room next to his in Netherhall, and who looked after him when he was ill.

Sailoisi Kepa (71-74) was for a time Fijian High Commissioner in London, then Attorney-General. He is now the Ombudsman of Fiji. His nephew stayed at Netherhall a number of years ago, and presented a gift of a warrior's spear and paddle, both of which are now securely fastened to the walls of the lounge. Sailoisi introduced **Anu Patel** (73-75) to Netherhall, who in turn introduced **James Sabharwal**. Anu became a Senator in Fiji, and now enjoys fishing.

Bill Boardman, an on-again off-again resident of Netherhall since the 1960s, is now living at Greygarth Hall in Manchester, and writing historical novels.

Tony Day (71-73) is an architect living in London with his wife.

Jesus Prieto (72-74) has had a distinguished medical career in Spain and is now head of internal medicine at the University of Navarre.

"Inspector" **Ong Ah Hing** (69-73)

Miss Valerie Morrissey is well remembered by all who lived at Netherhall from 1972 until 1994 when she retired as bursar. Over 22 years, she managed to extract the fees from the most recalcitrant students (especially the accountants, she would say!). She now lives in St John's Wood, and is a regular at the Netherhall concerts. She recently gave her 1971 Volkswagen Beetle as a gift to the House.

now lives in Auckland, New Zealand.

Dr Maliki Owili (1973) is a dermatologist in the Aga Khan hospital in Nairobi. He remembers very well his stay in Netherhall, especially the football matches on the Heath. He invited Neil Pickering to his home in Nairobi. Sadly, one of his sons died whilst studying in England.

Francis Anthony (1973) is now a lecturer in South Africa. On the death of Isabel Dorthiez (the former Netherhall receptionist), Francis was very happy to give up his first option of her grand piano to Netherhall as a gift.

James Nyarenchi (1973) works as chief technician in the radiology department of Kenyatta Hospital, Nairobi.

John Kekovole (1973) he is a director of statistics in Nairobi; he also met up with Neil.

Max Walumbe (1973) is in charge of Geomax engineers in Nairobi.

Philemon Onyango Oguny (1974) is a doctor in Nairobi.

Mohamed Nanji (1974) is working as a doctor in Guy's, and in regular touch with John Henry and Neil, both of whom visited him in hospital recently when he had kidney problems. He is now on dialysis. Hopefully the triple victory of Manchester United has helped him through. He has promised to take a group of Netherhall residents around the Ismaeli centre in S.Kensington.

Santiago Corcuera (1974) is an international lawyer in Mexico. He managed to convince the director of Netherhall to let him into the residence even though he was not yet a university student. He recounted the story to Neil and **Javier Castanon** when they went to see him recently in Cambridge, where he is a Visiting Fellow; over here with his three children.

Soori Santhiapillai (1974) spent several years in Australia, but now lives in Daventry with his wife and three children, all still at school.

Suthena Songkhla (1974) is head of the department of Nuclear Medicine at Siriraj Hospital Medical School, in Bangkok.

George Konstantopoulos (1975) was manager of the Macedonian Thrace Bank when he came to the 1995 opening of the new Netherhall buildings by the Duchess of Kent. He brought his wife to see his old place, and his son Bill stayed in Netherhall a few years ago.

Felix Ta (75-79) is now firmly based in North Ridge Australia, working for the Post Office. He is still not married, while his older brother **Louis** (70-75) married recently.

Peter Bradley (1975) continues to give concerts, and was recently sighted in London. **Toshi Ozawa** was over from Japan and met Peter in Bath earlier this

year.

Rupert Hanbury, an osteopath, says **Jo Livingston** (1975) is now Secretary of the Osteopathy Association. He will be glad to hear that there are several current residents at his old school on Netherhall Gardens.

Lars Nilsson (1976) is in regular contact with activities organised by Opus Dei in Sweden. He is now married, with a family.

Peter Mbunu Kigira (1976) is currently in charge of one section of Kenyan railways.

Tom Ivory (1976) is a barrister in London.

After spending what seemed to be a life-time getting all kinds of degrees, **Jojo Mariano** (77-84) is Dean of Arts & Sciences at the University of Asia and the Pacific in the Philippines, an institution which developed from CRC, an initiative of members of Opus Dei and others.

Mohan Ranaweera (1977) is a freelance lecturer in law in Colombo, Sri Lanka, with two daughters and one son. He came over to the U.K. for the first time for over 20 years in the summer of 1998, and was able to visit Soori with Neil, and renew the contact.

The "Count of Evera" **Eric Wreding** (1977) is remembered for always enhancing "national dress" days by wearing the kilt from his Scottish clan. No longer in Scandinavia, he now lives in London, and continues his hobby of playing the organ.

Gustavo and **Alfonso Romo** (1977) are now running a large conglomerate in Mexico.

Jose Carlos Carbonel (1978) is in Barcelona, working as a lawyer, and is an expert on credit card law. He is married with five children.

Mario Rodrigues (1978) lives in Epping, Australia, with his wife and family.

Paco Verdera (1978) is now working as a lecturer in History at the University of Navarre, Spain.

Rolando Ossowski (78-82) was working for the World Bank in Washington, when we last heard.

Somphon Pituck Lilapirom (1978) runs the family business in Bangkok – Sian Thai & Sons, a furniture emporium.

Ubegi Ojora (1978) is principally based in Nigeria, but has a house in St. John's Wood. He is still very keen on fast cars.

Alastair Dougall (79-83) started a legal recruitment firm, Quarry Dougall, but left to pursue an academic career in Southampton University.

Anthony Wild (79-81) is a Catholic priest in the Shrewsbury diocese.

Eddy Tandela (1979) now lives in Batan, Indonesia, just a one hour trip from

Singapore. He introduced his brother-in-law to Netherhall – **David Bingei** (1997), who has been over several times to the U.K., finishing his degree at the London Business School.

Benny Thomas (1980) is working as a doctor in Liverpool.

Charles Perrot (82-84) is married to Sarah, and is working in Oxfordshire as a GP.

Dermot Grenham (82-83) is working in Glasgow as an actuary with PWC. He is also the assistant director of Dunreath, the centre of Opus Dei in Glasgow.

Nick Boughton (82-83) works as managing editor of Latin American publications for Business Monitor International in London, and as of June, is happily married to Ute.

Philip Groves (82-84) is in Brussels working for the EU, on secondment from the Post Office. He has a house in the Docklands.

Pravin Thevathasan (82-83) is a consultant psychiatrist working in Shrewsbury. His wife recently gave birth to a boy.

Sean Nolan (82-83) is working as a lawyer in Dublin, and is married to Eimar with 3 children: Connor, Emma and Orlagh.

William Nolan (83-85) is a lecturer in chemistry and fellow of Robinson College, Cambridge.

Willy Wilkinson (83-92) left Netherhall for Aberystwyth, Wales in October '92 to take up a lectureship in the Physics department. In 1995 he married Hilde Herbots in her home parish in Belgium. They have two girls, Elizabeth and Hannah, aged two and two months, respectively. He is now lecturing in Astronomy at the University of Sussex in Brighton, and is about to move to Purley in south London.

John Black (84-91) is still working for the MOD at Malvern and is in touch with Willy Wilkinson by e-mail.

Andrew Soane (84-85), who excelled as treasurer of the House Committee, qualified as a chartered accountant in 1989. After a few years with Binder Hamlyn accountants, he now runs the Information Office of Opus Dei in Great Britain.

Michael Lower (84-85) lives in Didsbury, Manchester, and lectures in the Faculty of Law at John Moores University in Liverpool.

Alvaro Martinez (85) is married with one child, living in Madrid and working as a stockbroker.

David Exon (85-90, 96-97) qualified as a surgeon and married Susan in 1997. Peter Brown (85-99), current director of Netherhall, was best man at his wedding. He is currently working as a surgeon in hospitals in north London.

David Thomas (82-83), wife Clare and 4-year-old son George live in Brussels. He is working as a journalist,



currently as EU correspondent for Bridge News, a financial news agency. His brother **Nick** (84-99) lives at Netherhall and works as a medical physicist at Guys Hospital.

After a few years as lawyer with Wall Street firm Skadden Arps, **Bill Kipp** (84-85) is now director of the centre of Opus Dei in Pittsburgh, USA.

In-Keun Lee (85-87) is working for the metropolitan government in Seoul and is in charge of the directorate of engineering review. He and his wife Hyun-Kyung have three children. He attended Fr. Paul Diaper's ordination in Rome.

Jacob Kaimenyi (1985) is a dentist in Nairobi, and lectures at the university there. He is on the Board of the Commonwealth Dentists Association, started by Prince Akpabio (who features in the Netherhall video).

Luis Zaldua (85-92) lives in San Sebastian and writes: "I run the international student exchange programmes, at the Faculty of Engineering in the University of Navarre. I have been doing this for the past 5 years. Throughout these years I have kept playing 5-a-side football: a pale reflection of the wonderful and unforgettable football matches we used to play on Primrose Hill!"

Nello Pasquini (85-86) is a lecturer in law at University College London and is also a qualified solicitor.

Phil Oswald (85-88) has worked for virtually every bank in London and continues to pursue a successful career in finance.

Carlos Bastero (86-87) continues as

head of the School of Engineering of the University of Navarre in San Sebastian.

Chris Rouse (86-97) holds, together with Nick Thomas and Willy Wilkinson, the distinction of being the longest-serving resident at Netherhall, having outlasted three directors. He was also the only resident to live through the building works in the summer of 1994, with Peter Herbert, architect Javier Castanon and secretary Michael Lowenthal. Chris still calls in regularly to order his vegetarian-no BB/CC (no baked beans, cottage cheese) diet.

Jack Moran (86-87) writes: "I just had a wonderful visit back to the house several weeks ago. The place looks great! I'm now working as Assistant Professor of Political Science and International

Relations at Kennesaw State University, Georgia. Completed PhD last year at George Washington University. Assignments at US Mission to UN (New York) in 1998 and US Embassy in Moscow, Russia in 1997. Happily married and about to buy a new house (the pick-up truck with a gun rack and the big ole yella dog - required items in Kennesaw, Georgia - will be purchased shortly)! Saw Santiago Copello several years back in Washington, D.C. - he was doing well. I'd love to hear how others are doing - where is Julio D'Escrivan? Ali Rahman?"

Jeremy Cross (86-87) is working for the Waterloo Redevelopment Project, an urban renewal project in London.

Peter Damian-Grint (86-87) completed his doctorate in medieval French literature a few years ago. He now lives at Grandpont House in Oxford and does some tutoring at the University.

Anthony Adamthwaite, briefly a resident in 1987, is a professor of history at University of California, Berkeley.

After his degree in Geology **Robert Jones** (87-89) is working for the VSO as a physics teacher at a school in Nigeria.

Michael Flaherty (88-89) attended recently-ordained Paul Diaper's Mass of Thanksgiving in Teddington in May (see separate piece). He is a solicitor working in Portsmouth.

Mike Delaney (88-89) is working as a medical GP in Walthamstow, London.

Roland da Silva (88-89) finally has his own embossed business cards. He is currently working as an analyst for AT Kearney in Madrid, and plans to settle per-

manently in Spain now that he has managed to exchange his Zambian passport for a Portuguese one.

Yasuo Iijima (88-89) is back in Japan, working as a university lecturer after finishing his doctorate in International Relations at Oxford.

Colm Duff (89-91) has just completed a MBA in Dublin and is currently living on the Emerald Isle. He came over for the Netherhall 2000 dinner in June 98.

Curro Echanove (89-90), is now working for a French bank in Madrid, after completing a masters in finance.

Fritz Phillips (89-90) got married to Cecile in July 1998 in the west of France.

Hugo Dawid (89-90) is now an English teacher in Gaztelueta, a secondary school founded by members of Opus Dei and others in Bilbao.

Javier Peralta (89-91) has been living in London since leaving Netherhall, and works for an agricultural import-export company. He will do a MBA at Manchester Business School next year.

John Baldwin (89-90) is still working as a barrister in Liverpool specialising in personal injury work. He is involved with the local Gilbert & Sullivan society. He attended Fritz Phillips's wedding in France last year.

Alex Fider (90-91) married Maria Karina, a Columbia University MBA, in 1994. They have 2 children: Maria Josefina Alessandra (3 yrs.) and Maria Angela Amelia (2 yrs). He is a partner at the law offices of Angara Abello Concepcion Regala & Cruz in Manila

Carlos Frazao (89-90) lives in Oeiras, near Lisbon, and works as a scientist in a research institution. He is married to Magarida (also a scientist) and has 3 children.

Luis Montuenga (89-91) is back in Pamplona Spain, after working for some years at the National Institutes of Health (USA). He is professor of cell biology and chairman of the department of histology and pathology of the School of Medicine of the University of Navarre. His research area is the cell biology of cancer.

Eduardo Fernandez (89-91) went back to Chile to work in a construction/real estate company. He married and returned to the UK for a few years, studying classical Greek literature at Oxford for a while.

Roberto Mayor (89-90) has been appointed chairman of the biology department at the University of Santiago, Chile. His research area is Developmental Biology.

Jack Banks (a.k.a. Javier de las Rivas) (89-90) often returns to Netherhall. He has been working at the University of the

Basque Country in Bilbao for many years as assistant Professor of Biochemistry. He recently won a position as a research professor at the CSIC (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas) and is researching protein chemistry in Salamanca (Spain).

Charles de Tilly (90-95) works in Paris selling telecommunication services for a competitor of France Telecom. He says he hopes to come to London to work someday.

Graham Knowles (90-91) is in criminal practice as a barrister in Manchester. He married in April.

Nayan Pattni (1990) has now started his own accountancy firm, called Enpeyz in Wembley.

Humberto Gonzalez (91-95) is working in Sweden. He is in touch with Peter Herbert, who writes that Humberto went to Richard Foo's wedding in October 1998 and stayed for the honeymoon as well.

Iain Clarke (91-94) is currently in Australia working for a Big Five accountancy firm.



Rick Allen (91-93) writes: "I'm still at USA TODAY in education programs and online stuff. Joana gave birth to our fourth child in April. So far, Philip, 4; Emilia, 3; and Rosemary, 1. They keep us pretty busy, but they're great fun! Please relay my warmest regards to my *compadres* at Netherhall (They are now video stars, in a manner of speaking...)"

Andreas Reinhold (92-93) and Helga announced the arrival of their first child Christina in November 1998.

Christopher Parker (92-93) has qualified as a barrister in Ireland and is living in Belfast.

Joe LaPorte (92-93) is happily married to Carmelita and is the proud father of 3 children: Francis Lawrence (3), Emily Carmen (1), and baby Michael Sean.

Arrigo Triulzi (93-99) is approaching Chris Rouse's record for longevity at Netherhall. He has set up the Netherhall Network, an impressive array of computers with an operating system that only he

can figure out. He continues to order low cholesterol diets and consume half a platter of dessert pudding

Eduardo Urrejola (93-95) is in Chile, working as an economist. He returned to London in 1997-98 to do a course at LBS. He is married, with one child.

Fermin "Toddy" Francisco (1993) is now a vice-president of corporate finance with the Exchange Capital Corporation (a Jardine Fleming affiliate) in Makati, Philippines. He came to the 1997 reunion in Manila.

Paul Callaghan (92-94) is working as an employment lawyer with Speechley Bircham. He plans to quit and go travelling for 3 months in South America starting in September.

Tim Watkin (94-95) is now working as a patent agent in London and hopes to become a partner of his firm in October.

Abbas Esmail (94-95) is working for Coutts bank in financial control.

Zumma Mohiudin (94-95) is a telecommunication engineer for Nokia in Switzerland. He will return to England in September to start his MBA at Oxford.

After completing a MBA at ESADE Barcelona, **Jose Contreras** (94-95) has returned to Netherhall, and is now working for Paribas Bank in London.

After graduating from Imperial College in civil engineering, **Matteo Farina** (94-96) worked for Ove Arup in London for the past two years. He is leaving to take over the secretary's job at Netherhall from Michael Lowenthal.

Andrés Merino (94-96) is in London as a management trainee with British American Tobacco. He returns to Netherhall as part-time assistant director this September, while continuing to work at BAT.

Christopher Ainabe (1994) is now working with his father's shipping company. He called into Netherhall earlier this year and went for dinner with Neil Pickering.

Fernando ("Tato") Roger (94-97) is living in Barcelona, although he hopes to return to Valencia. He works as a SAP consultant for Gedas, an I.T. Services company owned by Volkswagen and SEAT.

Javier Sanchez (94-95) is working in Mexico City for the law firm of Estrella, Algaba, de Haro, Galvan Duque. He visited Netherhall for three days last year, and introduced **Rodrigo Anciano** (98-99), another budding lawyer, to Netherhall.

Kai Eberspacher (94-97) is working for Royal Dutch Shell in Amsterdam.

Nick Ostler (94-96) fresh from a year abroad studying in Germany, writes: "I am

returning to England to complete my studies at the University of Kent at Canterbury. I am still in contact with Gustavo Ron, Chema, Fernando, Javier Sanchez, and hope to see them some time shortly!! Still a very keen sportsman (so what else is new?), and still mowing people down in football."

Carlos Torredemer (95-96) is now working for his father's paper manufacturing business in Barcelona. He is the agent responsible for England, Germany and France. He called in to Netherhall in May 1999. Carlos is fondly remembered for setting fire, with Juan Cardenal, to the linoleum tiles on the fourth floor.

Chema Arriola (95-97) is helping to set up a business in Bilbao that provides products for the handicapped.

Diego Miranda (95-99) is still eating healthily and continues to be the star of Sunday morning football at Primrose Hill. He has landed a plum summer placement at Cazenove, but hopes to stay on for a Master's degree next year.

Ezra Mugisa (95-97) is currently back at Netherhall finishing his doctorate in Computer Sciences. He had spent the past two years (97-99) as a lecturer in Computer Science at the University of the West Indies (Mona), Kingston, Jamaica, "trying very hard to help Caribbean youths make a future for themselves. Not an easy task, as you know."

Phil MacMillan (95-97) is rapidly settling down, having recently started work at PWC in London doing international corporate tax. He has also bought a house in Purley, south London. A Volvo estate and five children are not far off...

German Sastre (95-96) writes: "I'm doing research in Computational Chemistry at the 'Instituto de Tecnología Química', a prestigious research chemistry lab belonging to the Spanish Research Council. In my free time—which is a lot since I am Spanish—I run a sport and cultural centre in Xirivella, a famous suburb in Valencia. We do everything from football tournaments to catechetical instruction for people aged 8-88. We organise barbecues, paellas, and excursions in the Valencian mountains and more. All Netherhall residents are invited to visit, but please give me one month's advance notice: gsastre@itq.upv.es."

Gustavo Ron (95-97) is working as a scriptwriter for a company named Aurum. He writes: "I'm finishing a script called *Soplando Estrellas* that will be turned into a film by February 2000. After this I will start pre-producing a documentary about the Spanish Civil War. That will take the whole summer, and then I'll go back to writing another story." He made a surprise appearance at Netherhall in May for Fr Gerry's 40th birthday, playing the guitar

and singing until I am.

Jason Harel (95-99) is still at Netherhall aiming to pass his chartered accountancy exams this autumn.

José Miguel Noites (95-96) is working for Siemens in Germany. He called into Netherhall last summer.

Luis Blázquez (95-96) has finished a law degree in his native Madrid and will be doing military service next year.

Motoharu Yamakazi (95-97) is living in Tokyo. He is in charge of ozone layer protection as a Deputy Director of the Wide Area Atmospheric Protection Office of the Environment Agency. He recently visited German in Valencia (see separate story).

Paul "Braveheart" Drake (95-96) will qualify this year as a doctor. He is living in Glasgow, and has no plans to go back south of the border.

Robert Upton (95-96) got married and is now doing a PhD at the University of Arizona.

Scott Stengel (95-96) is married. He holds the distinction of forcing Michael Lowenthal to buy a LCD thermometer to prove how cold the fourth floor gets on winter nights.

Sebastian Huergo (95-96) was married in April and has been offered a place at London Business School's part-time MBA starting January 2000. He will be moving from Argentina back to London with his wife, who will be studying at the LSE.



Simon Perry (95-97) is studying for the priesthood in Scranton, Pennsylvania (USA).

Theo Lampros (95-99) is about to begin his fifth year at Netherhall, as he starts a Masters in Modern Greek History. During this period he has seen *Speed* with Keanu Reeves over 20 times, and is still not tired of it.

A.P. Bartolome (96-97) has just graduated from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business. He attended the Netherhall reunion in the Philippines in 1997.

After two years as bursar at Netherhall, **Claudio Signore** (96-99), has moved to Italy while he finishes his part-time degree at Birkbeck College in London. His antics on the football pitch will be missed. His email is godoffootball@hotmail.com

Paul Sheridan (96-97) went to teach

English in Rome for one year after finishing his degree in Philosophy. He is now back in Norfolk with his family, at present working in a chocolate factory as head of quality control. The firm apparently supplies Marks & Spencer with some of its chocolates.

Dan Mulhall (95-97) has just graduated from City University. He will return to Netherhall and hopes to start working in an IT job in the City. He is still playing the keyboard.

Adam Walker (95-99) will be leaving Netherhall this year when he marries Dan Mulhall's sister Anne-Marie. He still works for consultancy firm Barnet Waddingham and hopes to complete his training as an actuary in the very near future. His last months in Netherhall will be spent trying to find successors to take over presentations of the Netherhall House Annual Awards and to marshal the House Manchester United Supporter's Club.

Leszek Zabielsky (96-97) finished his PhD in mathematics at Imperial College and is in London until September doing postdoctoral research. He is married with a son.

David Bingei, an occasional resident during 96-98, is now with ABN AMRO Bank in charge of the Structured Finance Unit for Indonesia. He and his wife Tina have two children: 3-year old Saskya and 1-year old Gabriel. "I was touched by the way people in Netherhall took care of me when I was very sick in Autumn 1997," he writes.

Emmanuel Rigaux (96-97) left his job with Boston Consulting Group in Paris, and now works for a French cement company. It's not as bad as it sounds. He writes: "I'm basically touring the world (I've already 'done' Scandinavia, the US and Italy). Apart from tourism, I am meant to give feedback to the Executive Committee of Lafarge on our various entities to help them to improve their processes. It's 50% business consulting and 50% police investigation. Right now in Italy, though, it's more like 80% police investigation."

Francesco Salerno (96-97) is in Rome, sweating it out at an American law firm, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, concentrating on antitrust and capital markets. In the previous months he has been in such diverse places as Shanghai and Berkeley. He writes: "As to wife and children, situation is pretty stable, meaning I am still a (merry?) bachelor and set to be so for a while since we work crazy hours at the firm..." He may come to Netherhall in October this year, while doing a PhD at LSE.

Gurpreet Brar (96-97) married Navjot, a nurse, in Punjab, India on 15th August 1998, and they are expecting their

first child in September. He works in the USA as a technology support engineer for MicroStrategy of Vienna, Virginia. "I have been in contact with Aidan Morley and German. Rest is fine. Life here is very busy," he writes.

Henning "Super Mario" **Richter** (96-98) has fully recovered from a slight bout of malaria contracted during the Uganda workcamp. However, it is taking him a bit longer to recover from Bayern Munich's 2-1 loss to Manchester United in the Champions League final in May.

Ioannis Goutos (96-98) is entering his 4th year at Royal Free medical school. He has ceased complaining about the food after being subjected to the rudimentary fare at a University-run hall for the past year. He will be in London for at least another 3 years.

Manuel Roca (96-97) reminisces: "In my stay at Netherhall I had the opportunity to share the experience with some other friends of setting up a special club in Phil McMillan's very tidy room. During this time in London many things changed in my life. I started playing golf (London has amazing golf courses), had the first experience of being outside all the night long completely frozen, wearing just a shirt in mid-December (I think Otto shares the same memories) [ed. note: sorry, Manuel, Otto] and many other experiences which I remember with a lot of affection. I found a job with Deutsche Bank in Barcelona and also got married to my beloved girlfriend Blanca in July 1998. Many things have changed from the 'Manolo loco' (the name Peter Brown baptised me with, though I still wonder why he chose this adjective, as loco = crazy in Spanish) who left Netherhall one day with very happy memories which I am sure will last all my life."

Mordi Muorah (96-97) returned to live at Netherhall in 98-99, while he finishes his final year of medical studies.

Pratik Gurung (96-98) is now living in Acton with his brother. He is still a star player on the Royal Free football team, but rarely makes an appearance on the Sunday morning football games on Primrose Hill. He steadfastly refuses to go on any more 30-mile hikes organised by Pat Kelly.

Tony Elofsson (96-97) lives in Belsize Park and commutes to Stockholm on an almost-weekly basis. He has been working in the Scandinavian equities team at Credit Lyonnais Securities since October 96. Despite long hours he does manage to play enough golf to maintain his handicap of 5.

"El Presidente" **José Manuel Restrepo** (97-98) writes from Bogotá: "I am still single, working at Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá as the assistant director of planning. I will also teach Introduction to Economics in the Faculty of Economics, and Microeconomics in the Faculty of Political Sciences. On politics, I am working as a member of the board of the political movement, New People ('Gente Nueva'). "As you can see I am almost the same person. Next year I will take a course on Managerial Development at Universidad de la Sabana and maybe will teach there".

According to our latest intelligence, **Alvaro Echanove** (97-98) is back in Madrid working as an engineer for Teleco and building toy cars. He stays in touch with Peter Brown.

Sources in Navarre tell us **Kristian Leahy** (97-98) is back in his native town, still smoking like a chimney. He stays in touch with Neil D'Souza.

After his MSc in Surgical Sciences at Hammersmith Hospital, **Philippe Ballaux** (97-98) continued his clinical training in general surgery in Kortrijk Belgium for almost one year. On 1 August 1999 he will start training in cardiac surgery in the university hospitals of Leuven for at least three years. He hopes to come back to the UK for one year after that.

Aidan Morley (97-98) is living in Seattle and setting up a sleep-aids business, "iSleep" (www.isleep.org will be opening in September). He, along with many others, is in regular contact with **Gurpreet Brar**, and in occasional contact with **John O'Dwyer**, **Archan**, **Choong-Il Lee**, **John Zhao**, **Ali Budiman**, **Alvaro Ron**, **Manuel Roca**, and **Paulo Pereira**. "Would love to hear from Pat O'Driscoll, Phil Mac, Naveen Sangeelee, Paul Sheridan and any others from that era," he writes.

Alberto Heras (97-98) is working in Barcelona with a Big Five accountancy firm. He is getting married this year.

Alexis Burkhardt (97-98) is in Zurich, finishing his engineering studies. He will soon start working for Credit Suisse in Zurich.

Archan "Dennis" Boon-yanan (96-98) is back in Bangkok, working for an architecture firm.

Arturo Meglio (97-98) is emerging from a legal sweatshop for a 1-year LLM (master of law) at Georgetown University in Washington DC, starting in July.

Choong-Il Lee (97-98) returned to Korea to take up a post in Citibank, though he now works for ABN Amro. On his flight home he met his future wife!

Dean Checkley (97-98) is ecstatic over landing a job at Pricewaterhouse Coopers in London. He has fully recovered after losing ten kilos during last summer's workcamp in Uganda.

Ed Conway (97-98) is currently working in the head office of the John Lewis Partnership, and thoroughly enjoying the subsidized meals served there. He, **Michael Blank**, **Greg Ness**, and **Pat Kelly** occasionally meet up for informal reunions at Maxwell's in Hampstead.

Enrique Apilanez (97-98) is working for his father's company in Vittoria, and looking to do an MBA.

Jeroen van Orshaegen (97-98) is back in Belgium, and - *inter alia* - helping out with his parents' antiques firm; he is still on the look-out for good medals!

John (Jung-Hoon) Lee (97-98) shares a flat in Belsize Park with Ivo Kwee, and is working on a doctorate in operational research at Imperial College.

John Langley (97-99) has recovered splendidly from a serious back operation, and has returned to his role of computer supremo at Netherhall. He has managed to get more computers donated to the House than we know what do with.

John O'Dwyer (96-98) is back in Ireland, lecturing in Waterford, while finishing his PhD.

Koo Wong Park (97-98) left Netherhall when his wife came over. He moved to Cambridge to take his doctorate at Wolfson College.

Last time we checked, **Jose Colucci** (97-98) was back in Toronto, Canada.

Last we heard, **Piotr Osiecki** (97-98) is working for Polish Finance Minister Leszek Balcerowicz, but says he may be back in London soon.

Louis Pang (97-99) recently returned to Hong Kong after finishing his degree.

Manuel Arévalo (97-98) has recently found a job with Banco Santander as the manager of a medium-size branch in Bogotá. He recently spoke with **Carlos Campuzano**, who is in Medellín working

Otto Schiff fans flock to concerts

Monthly classical concerts in the auditorium have become an established feature of life at Netherhall and in the neighbourhood at large. Neighbours and friends make a point of attending regularly to hear splendid young performers.

Elderly Jewish residents from Otto Schiff House across the road are among the dedicated supporters. Last year, the widow of one 'regular' donated her husband's car to Netherhall in appreciation for the great pleasure the concerts had given him.

Requiescant in Pace

Philip Sherrington was a resident in 1963-64 doing his MSc at Chelsea College, and then acting director of Netherhall from 1968 until 1970. He was ordained a priest in 1970, and in April 1976 became Regional Vicar of Opus Dei in Great Britain. He died at the early age of 51 on 27 February 1995, in a hiking accident in the hills of Galway. He is well remembered, and it was fitting that two residents of the late 60s, Hira Singh and Freddie Long, sent flowers from Malaysia to add their sympathy to that of so many.

James Planell was chaplain of Netherhall from 1954-56, and Regional Vicar of Opus Dei in Britain from 1956-1959. Thereafter he moved to the USA and, later, to Kenya, where he died in 1995.

Santi Eguidazu left Netherhall to help activities in Strathmore College, Nairobi. He died in August 1987 in a swimming accident at sea during a school excursion to Mombasa.

John Wu lived in Netherhall in the early 1980s, then returned to Hong

Kong to work as an architect. He married Josephine and they had one child before John was diagnosed with cancer. He died in 1998 after a one-year fight against the disease. Josephine and her son are now back in London.

Stephen Cheong a resident in the early 1960s, was a veteran Councillor in Hong Kong's Legislative Assembly. He died in the early 1990s, at the age of 51, of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife Joan and four sons.

John Rogan, a resident in the early 1960s, died in May 1997 of cancer. His wife and three children survive him.

Isabel Dorthez, a receptionist at Netherhall in the early 1970s together with Edna de Souza, died in May 1999 at the grand old age of 92.

Edwin Lambert, the gardener who started work in 1970 after residents failed to control the growing weeds, remained working until 1993 when building works began. He died on 13 May 1997. His wife comes regularly to tend the garden Edwin loved so much.

in his father's business and still going out with Lina. Manuel also had lunch with **José Manuel Restrepo**, alias El Presidente. Manuel writes: "One of El Presidente's economics students at Universidad La Sabana is my cousin. She told me that Jose Manuel's classes are the most difficult with lots of horrible exercises -imported from LSE. Fortunately she is very clever and came through that nightmare."

Marek Fodor (97-98) writes: "I am still working on my PhD thesis; currently I am at the University of California at Berkeley on a(nother) research stay and I do enjoy California a lot. Number of wives: 0. Number of children: 0. I am in touch with Manuel Roca; also, I will probably meet Gurpreet in D.C. on my way back to Prague."

Mark Relthford (97-98) writes from Boston, USA: "Everything here is going well and I just received a promotion and raise at Scudder/Kemper Investments. I also was on vacation for a week in Curaçao in the Caribbean. Fantastic...I am ready to go back."

Martin Stoffel (97-98) recently spent several weeks doing his military service guarding embassies in Geneva due to the conflict in ex-Yugoslavia. While keeping up with his studies, Martin still finds the time to take part in the annual Corpus Christi celebration in his home village of

Visperterminen, in the foothills of the Alps.

Massimo Araldi (97-98) is sweating it out at Salomon Smith Barney in London.

Michael Blank (97-98) came close to winning 100,000 Deutschemarks in a technology competition organised by the Baden-Wuttenberg government. **Mark Relthford** (97-98) provided some marketing assistance for the "sky-phone" project, which came in fifth out of more than 100 entries. Michael is spending the summer working with Morgan Stanley, and will begin his 2nd year at City University in September.

Murtaza Kazmi (97-98) is still in London, working near Farringdon in computers.

Naveen Sangeelee (97-98) is living in Belsize Park, travelling the world with United Parcel Service. He expects to be in London for a few years.

Our man in Russia last spotted **Yuri Pavlov** (97-98) on Nevski Prospekt in St Petersburg, playing chess and smoking a fag. Further information is not available at this time.

Paul Groden (97-98) is still living in Essex and working at Ford's Dagenham plant, though looking to move, according to **Dean Checkley**, who recently visited him.

Pietro Rosario (97-99) is back in Naples working as a doctor, but is already

bored with the city and thinking of coming back to London.

Ramon Xifre (97-98) is doing a PhD in Economics at Universidad Carlos III in Madrid.

Richard Winstanley (97-98) is living at home, and has finally passed his driving test.

Sergio Gouveia (97-98) is in Luxembourg, looking for a contract with an NGO to work in a national park in Africa.

Takahiro Sekine (97-98) has just finished his first degree, and hopes to continue his studies in the UK. He still holds the distinction of being the only Japanese resident with a Scottish accent.

Tony Southall (97) graduated from the Stockholm School of Economics, bought a flat, and is working in Sweden for Monitor, a management consultancy founded by Michael Porter.

Ulrich DePrins (97-98) is working in a bank in Brussels as an analyst. He is looking forward to getting married to Rossella.

When we last checked, **Ali Budiman** (97-98) worked for Boston Consulting Group in Jakarta. He got married last year.

According to **Tony Elofsson**, **Henrik Carling** (98) now works as a journalist for *Finans Tidningen*, a financial newspaper in Stockholm.

Fernando Díaz (98-99) left Netherhall very recently to return to Chile and marry. He is now back in London with his wife to finish his studies, and will return later this year to Chile.

Toju Kpere-Daibo, a regular visitor and summer course teacher over the last two years, will be entering his second year of chemical engineering at UCL in September.

HONG KONG

Joseph Chen (1960s) is a busy doctor in H.K., and joined a dinner with John Henry & Neil in the early 1990's.

Ian Carlsson (67-68) moved to H.K. several years ago, having done his pupillage—by coincidence—with a Patron of Netherhall. He is married with one daughter, and was recently appointed a Judge.

Chau Wing (1968) is a well-known surgeon, who is based in more or less the same building as Michael Leung, and if possible will join Michael when Neil comes over. He also attended the Netherhall reunion, hosted by Denis Chang in the Country Club.

Denis Chang, QC (68-69), a Patron of Netherhall, he is now one of the top Q.Cs in Hong Kong. He was Chairman of the Bar Association and also on the (now disbanded) Executive Committee of H.K. chosen by Chris Patten. He is married to Agnes, and has two children, Dominic &

Veronica. He stars in the video on life at Netherhall House.

Michael Yeung (1969) and his wife, Amy, are in touch with John Henry. He continues in law, and spent a little time in U.K. recently.

Michael Leung (1970) is a paediatrician and a very competent tennis player. His children have been educated mainly in the States and are poised to do very well in their careers.

Ho Lig Kang (1971) came to dinner with Michael Leung and Joseph Chen, when John Henry and Neil were in H.K. Continues in his practice in H.K.

Tony Eccles (1972) moved to H.K. many years ago and is a partner in a large legal practice, specialising in intellectual property. He still retains his north of England accent, and is always very welcoming whenever Neil drops in. He went to Netherhall when he passed through London several years ago, and says he found exactly the same friendly atmosphere he remembered from 25 years previously.

Lee Tai Ching (1973) works with his family company, Din Wai Electrical Manufacturing, which often finds him in mainland China, but he was still able to meet up with Neil catching up on people and events, which he enjoyed.

Martin Lau (1973) spent many years in the Chinese University, but is now enjoying retirement.

Terry Lau (1975) is a doctor working at Nethersole Hospital.

Liu Kai Wing (1976) has been working for Harcros (Engineering) and is in touch with **Alec Chan** and **Mak Sai Yiu**.

Alec Chan (1977): A busy G.P. in Tsuen Wan district of H.K. He has two sons at the International School. Interestingly the person who recommended Alec to go to Tsuen Wan, Lord Butterfield, was present at the opening of Netherhall by the Duchess of Kent.

Benny Chan (77-79) holds a senior position with Wharf Holdings in H.K.

Mak Sai Yiu (1977) has recently retired from being Assistant Commissioner of Labour in H.K., and meets up whenever Neil is in H.K., often together with **Alec Chan** (1977). He and his family passed through Netherhall a few years ago.

After working for several years with Jardine Fleming, at one stage in Singapore, **Michael Chan Moon-kee** (1977) moved to set up his own French restaurant in Mid-levels, H.K.

Houdini Ho (1978) was introduced to Netherhall by his "boss", **Mak Sai Yiu**, but had to retire a short while ago because of heart problems, and has now emigrated from H.K.

K.C. Wong (1978) received a lot of

local publicity from his successful exploits in the business and banking worlds, and is now enjoying more time in less stressful endeavours.

Ricky Almeida (1978) is an architect in H.K. He attended the Netherhall reunion in Hunghom. His cousin, **Mario Rodrigues** (1978) is now in Australia.

Albert Lo (1979) is a managing director of Richard Cheng Securities, and keeps very busy, as most in H.K.

Chan Sek-Chung (1979) is working as an engineer in H. K.

Joseph Chan (1982) is practising as a lawyer in H.K.

After his stay in Netherhall, **Fr Stephen Lee** (77-78 and 81-82) went to Rome and was ordained priest in 1987. From there he went to Hong Kong to be the Chaplain at the Opus Dei centre. Fr Stephen is very active in all kinds of priestly & educational ventures, particularly the Tak Sun school in Kowloon where **Peter Herbert** is Assistant Head of the Sixth Form section.

Luiz da Silva Pedruco (1982) is a practising Barrister in H.K., working all hours of the day. In November 98, meeting Neil was only possible in the café of the Court Building. He has been arguing cases in front of another old Netherhall resident, **Ian Carlsson**.

Eddie Chiang (1985) married fairly recently, and is as dynamic as ever, moving jobs and moving places; in touch with Peter Herbert.

Paul Look (1991) is working as a dermatologist just around the corner from Tak Sun College, so he has been able to meet with Peter Herbert

Jacky Wong (1992) came to a Netherhall reunion in H.K. a couple of years ago. He has been working for accountants PWC in Beijing since 1997.

Gerald Ho (1995): is in touch with Peter Herbert in H.K. Neil & Peter met Gerald's father, who left Neil with details of all the H.K. statistics - he heads this department of government.

John Wong (1995) is Senior Government Counsel at the Department of Justice in H.K. He came with his wife and child to a reunion held in HK.

Lee Yu-sung (1995) is senior assistant Legal Adviser for the Legislative Council (Legco) of H.K. It was really nice to see him back for two weeks over Easter 99, together with his son who is looking at the possibility of studying in the U.K. or Canada.

Stephen Lam (1996): the third of a recent trio of "mature students" from H.K. who were all tackling a specialist legal course in London. All three met with Neil and Peter in Nov 98 in a beautiful restaurant overlooking the sea in H.K.

Anthony Chan is now chief pharma-

cist in H.K., and lives in the centre of Opus Dei in Kowloon.

JAPAN

Professor **Paul Kinichiro Saito** (1952) is Netherhall's oldest alumnus from Japan, and the first Japanese resident in the first intake in 1952 and was then a mature student. Now in his mid-80s, he travelled to central Tokyo to meet Neil on two occasions. Remembering his stay in Netherhall with great affection he still has happy memories of those like "Dick Stork", and Andrew Vázquez de Prada. Professor Saito appears prominently in the 1996/97 NEA Report.

Prof Masakuma Joseph Augustine Uchiyama (1953) was the second Japanese resident after Prof Saito. In a Christmas card, a few years ago, he warmly reminisced about his stay in the residence.

Yoshio Augustine ("Gus") **Fujimoto** (1954) was the third in the succession of early Japanese residents. After his studies in London, he became second Secretary in the Japanese Embassy and moved in diplomatic circles thereafter, which included posts as Ambassador in some South American countries. Continues actively in various posts, such as Adviser to Fuji Bank, Senior Vice-Chairman of the International Friendship Exchange Committee, etc.

Minoru Umezu (the "Prof") (1975) is professor of political science in Doshisha University, Kyoto. He is married with children, and lives in the environs of Kyoto. He sometimes travels to U.K. on conferences and keeps in contact with old residents such as James Sabharwal, Gabriel Guckian.

Hiro Tsurushima (1977) is now professor of history in Kumamoto University. He is married with three children. Well remembered for his flair on the guitar, he travels to conferences in Sheffield from time to time, and recently dropped into Netherhall, for which he retains great affection; he continues in touch with one or two old residents.

Toshiaki Ozawa (1977) is married with two children, and they all recently visited Netherhall. Works with Hitachi, and spent a couple of years in Singapore until returning in 1998 to Japan. Whilst over in U.K. he was able to speak again to Clifford Cobb (former Secretary of Netherhall and now Director of the Kelston boys club and Study Centre in Wandsworth), and actually met **Peter Bradley**, who continues as a concert pianist, and was recently giving a performance in London.

After amassing an impressive list of qualifications, **Hiroshi Takahashi** (1991) is based in Seattle, U.S.A., working in

Communicable Disease Epidemiology with the Washington State Department of Health.

Minoru Takada (1993) was introduced to Netherhall by Hiro Tsurushima. He was very pleased to have taken up a lectureship at a university in Kyushu, Japan.

Hisaharu Kushida (1995) is Professor of Chinese Philosophy at Ehime University, and met Neil two years ago in Matsuyama, together with two other former residents. One was **Prof Koshi Higashihara** (1966) who introduced Kushida to Netherhall. He was a contemporary of **Kazumichi Iida** whom Neil met in Kyoto a few years ago and who still had on his desk a photo of the Queen Mother greeting him when she opened the first stage of the Netherhall development in 1966. **Hiromichi Ohnaka** who attended the 1994 English language course at Netherhall, and is working for Toray in the textiles department. He is still a keen sportsman.

A small reunion in Tokyo and an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs Tohmatsu brought together some recent residents: **Haruo Tohmatsu** (1993) who invited Neil to meet his class at Tamagawa University, as well as the President of the University. Haruo manages to find a good excuse to come back to the U.K. from time to time, and revisit his old haunts of Netherhall, Grandpont House and of course the Royal Festival Hall! **Tomo Ito** (1995) who still holds dearly the photograph taken with his idol James Galway, the flautist, taken at the fundraising concert at the Wigmore Hall in May 1995. **Kazumasa Yoshida** (1994) (who is now working for Optec Dai-ichi Denko in Tokyo). **Ichiro Odagiri** is mentioned in German Sastre's dispatch on page 6. **Motoharu Yamazaki** (1997). **Shigeru Ito** (1992), was busily preparing for exams when Neil last spoke to him. **Yutaka Kikugawa** (1994), is now with Unesco and living in Pretoria. An exciting job, as his emails relate. **Santo Oshima** (1987), now an Art Museum Exhibition Officer in Tokyo, is following in some way in the footsteps of his father who is the Director of Setagaya Art Museum. **Prof. Akira Kuroda**, lives in Atami. **Nobuyuki Tanii** (1988), is now hoping to be the next Kurosawa(!) as a film-maker. When in the U.K. he cycled from London to Oxford with **Hong Man Chui** (1988), a Korean resident who runs a business in Kyoto. **Koichi Joe** (1994), since moved to Takamatsu, working as a programme director in the Japan Broadcasting Company, and recently married. Neil wonders if this will curtail his yearning for travel. Finally, **Keichiro Takano** (1997), was former head of the Salesian School in Yokohama and **Aki Yamamura** (1996). It

was good that **Prof. Sawada**, Haruo's former Professor, could come. He stayed at Netherhall for a few days recently and has been helpful in contacting other former residents and in many other ways, including visits to Sophia University with Fr Peter Milward, and of course dinner together with his wife. Added to this were friends, amongst whom were prospective residents such as **Go Kobayashi**, now staying in Netherhall, and **Nao Tashiro** who stayed in Netherhall recently, and hopes to come back soon. He was introduced by **Takashi Ogawa**, friend of Haruo, and he sent his brother recently to study at the Netherhall International College. The links get stronger and stronger.

Others who could not make the reunions include: **Kenichi Kohno** (1974), who has a senior post in the editorial section of the Mainichi Shimbun. **Yoshio Kibata** (1975), a professor of history in Todai University. **Hajime Fukuzawa** (1989), now at the Industrial Bank of Japan, and – as you can imagine – very busy.

Further afield are: **Hideyo Tabata** (1974), who Neil has met on several occasions, more recently in the new Kansai airport, which is not too far from his hometown in Wakayama. **Makoto Ishino** (1979), Director of Health & Environment in Nagasaki, who able to visit Neil in the Seido School there, an initiative of members of Opus Dei in Nagasaki. **Hiro Goto** (1978), a contemporary of Hiro Tsurushima, has just set up a very impressive "coffee shop" in Ashiya, just 200 yards from Seido. **Kuniyoshi Iida**, is based close to Ashiya and is in regular touch with news of his growing family. **Shigehito Miki** (1968), is a surgeon in Tendi Hospital, near Nara.

MALAYSIA

Danny Tan (67-68) is Managing Director of Poly Agency. Neil and Thomas Poh were able to meet his family after a very nice meal close to his home. He remembers how he left a suitcase in Netherhall for a number of years but when he returned one day it had gone the way of other old suitcases, unfortunately: possibly auctioned? He is finding more time for golf these days.

Dr Ong Cheng Seong (67-68) is a orthopaedic surgeon, who runs his own clinic. He is always ready to get together with Neil, and was particularly pleased when John Henry (who was the Director of Netherhall in 1967/68) passed through



K.L. They were all able to get together over dinner, together with Danny Tan.

Felix Lee (67-68) is running a timber plantation near Kota Kinabalu

John Kah (67-68) practiced law in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah since leaving Netherhall. He now has a large practice. One of his partners is another old Netherhall resident, **Peter Paul Yong** (1972).

Nagalingham Patkunam (67-68) is also a contemporary of Dr Ong and Danny, though a little their senior as he was a "mature" student when staying at Netherhall. Lives in Penang and unfortunately not in such good health, with a recent heart problem, though his wife looks after him very well.

Sam Tak Meng (1967) was formerly with HSBC, and has now moved back to Ipoh.

Leow Chai Fah (1968) has a busy legal practice, but finds time to pursue his long-standing interest in opera singing, together with his brother, Siak Fah who both sings in major operas and organises events in Singapore and also Malaysia. On Neil's last trip, Chai Fah and his daughter were able to join him at a concert by Stephen Hough, a Netherhall patron and an internationally acclaimed pianist.

Mah Weng Kwai (1968) has a flourishing legal practice in Kuala Lumpur, and is now Secretary of the Bar Association of Malaysia, a busy job. But still finds time to go trekking with his Land Rover (or equivalent). In regular contact with **Leon Chai Fah**.

Apart from his interest in politics, **Ting Chek Ming** (1969) is principally carrying out his job as a lawyer in Ipoh.

Freddie Long (69-71) has four children, the two older daughters studying in Singapore, just across the Causeway from Johore Bahru where they live, and one son and a younger daughter, all very lively. Freddie has been a Member of the Johore State Legislative Assembly for many years, though he continues a thriving practice as a barrister/lawyer in the centre of

J.B. He says he appreciates a great deal his time in Netherhall which, he says, helped him significantly in his studies and in his now successful career.

Hira Singh (69-70) One of the several famous ex-residents from Ipoh, in the north of Malaysia, where he still lives with his wife and children, the two eldest daughters following in his (and their mother's) footsteps as lawyers. The eldest daughter has just graduated, and the younger one is at Bristol University. A son is almost finishing his studies at school. Apart from the main practice in Ipoh, they have a branch in the centre of Kuala Lumpur. Both Hira and Freddie were residents when the director was Philip Sherrington, who died in a climbing accident in Ireland in February 1995. On his death, it was a very nice thought of both to send flowers for the funeral. Indeed, one of Hira's daughters attended the service in London. He is in regular touch with Neil, he occasionally passes through the U.K.

Henry Lee (1970) has the distinction of being a resident of both Grandpont House in Oxford, and of Netherhall House, and so knows and remembers well a number of old contacts from both centres. Bill Boardman was particularly chuffed when Henry sent him a colourful Malaysian shirt to wear (in the hotter months!). Henry is a lawyer in Kuala Lumpur, but enjoys his orchard just outside the capital city.

Loh Poh Seng (70-71) is another Ipoh lawyer with a practice also in K.L., looked after by a son. He himself is firmly based, with his wife, in Ipoh. He relies increasingly on his strong Christian faith.

The brothers **Loke Yee Seng & Loke Yik Ping** (early 1970s) are both in Kuching.

Chen Ming (1971) is a consultant engineer with Tahir Wong Sdn. in K.L.

R.D. Rajasingham (1971) together with his wife, runs a well-known law practice. We were delighted when he hosted in his home the latest Netherhall reunion. And in addition he invited Neil to give a talk about Netherhall to the Rotary Club of Shah Alam. With extra partners appointed in his firm, he is hoping to make it over again to London and relive some of his memorable stay in Netherhall. He was very happy to be able to renew acquaintance with **Louis Ta** (now Associate Professor in Singapore University) whom he had not seen for over 25 years.

Anthony Wong (1972) works with Kah Motors in Penang.

Paul Chong (1973) is the older brother of **Prof Augustine Chong**, though Augustine was in Netherhall a good ten years before Paul, who has now retired. He lives in Kuala Lumpur and is in regular contact with Thomas Poh.

Tan Seng Giaw (1973) was in Netherhall when studying for his MRCP. His two daughters have recently graduated, from Nottingham and Sheffield, as doctors, which now makes a whole household of medics, as their mother is also a doctor! As absorbing as being a doctor must be, he spends a good deal of time in Parliament as he is an M.P. for the Opposition Party and is a well-known figure in K.L. He has dropped into Netherhall on a couple of occasions together with his family. He came to the recent reunion in Petaling Jaya.

Thomas Poh (73-76) lives in Petaling Jaya (next to Kuala Lumpur) and has five children, Joey, John, Therese, Marianne and James, aged 17 down to 3. Joey is crazy about English football and his eyes nearly popped out when Neil brought him an England shirt actually signed by his idol: "best wishes to Joey from Alan Shearer!". Thomas is chief investment officer of John Hancock (insurance). Thomas maintains contact with a number of former residents in both Malaysia and Singapore.

Foong Meng Kong (1974) is working near Ipoh. He was introduced to Netherhall by his brother **Meng Chak** (1968) who is now living in Zug, Switzerland.

Jeffrey Phang (1975) now runs a Institute of Computing and Business in the centre of K.L. – together with his wife. He was able to join his old friend Thomas for a little reunion in Petaling Jaya. He kindly fixed Neil's computer when last in K.L.

Vincent Yeap (1975) met with Neil in 1998 for the first time since he left Netherhall. He had spent some time after his studies in U.K. and has now returned to Malaysia to take up a job there.

D.P. Rajah (1976) is a well-known lawyer in Penang, remembering with affection his stay at Netherhall.

Yeoh Eng Khoon (76, 78-79) is as active as always, both in sports as a strong swimmer and especially in his job as director of Kuala Lumpur Kepong, the largest private palm oil firm in Malaysia, which was set up by his father and a friend. Crabtree & Evelyn is part of KLK, so you can think of Eng Khoon when you are buying specialty soaps, etc! Mainly based in Ipoh, he also works in K.L. and Penang and has to travel quite frequently, even to the U.K. where meets up with his son who is studying medicine. His twin girls are poised to start their university careers.

Jaswant Singh (1978) is a lawyer in Ipoh.

John Chang (79-80) works for Standard Chartered, and after a period in Bangladesh and the Middle East he has

now moved to Accra (so it's not so easy to keep in touch!).

Augustine Ong (1982) is a lawyer in Kuching and in regular touch with **Paul Daiper** (who is now a priest (see separate story). He meets Neil when in Kuching.

Richard Foo (1990) is well remembered as a key player in the Peter Herbert music group, together with **Sam Rahman** (who is now working for ING Barings in Boston). He got married just a few years ago in Ipoh, his home town and now heads a very busy legal practice in the centre of K.L.

Gerard Luis (1992) is now working in Penang.

Jamal Hassim (1992) moved from Singapore to work in NTV7 as Head of Business Development Division, and is now based with his wife in K.L.. Apart from a busy professional life, he also enjoys a game of golf. He keeps in regular touch with **Gerard Luis** and with **Edward Lam** in Singapore.

Stephen Royan (94-98) has recently returned to work as a dental surgeon in Malaysia.

Tan Choo Yin (1994) is based in Penang. His job – in his father's aluminium firm – keeps him travelling, and Neil was able to meet up with him in K.L. in 1998. He remembers well his time in Netherhall, and because this is fairly recent, he manages to keep in touch with a few of old residents. He recently went to Tokyo, and meet several there.

Chong Foo Yeen (1996) is from Ipoh and has recently moved to Brunei to practise law.

Douglas Oh (96-97), **Ignatius Mok**, and **Ken Kwoi** met Neil in K.L. for dinner. They are all starting along their various career paths.

Eugene Lee (1996) is a young lawyer in Johore.

Ignatius Mok (96-97) has recently set up his own law practice in Johore State, S. Malaysia. Just over a year ago, he discovered he had cancer, but thank God it seems to have stabilised and he is on the mend. In November he not only came to the Netherhall reunion in Singapore, but drove



Neil from Singapore to join the reunion in Kuala Lumpur.

Ken Kooi (96-97) is featured in the Netherhall film (he's the one studying in his room in the new wing). Now in the thick of things he is lending his expertise to a major commercial bank in Kuala Lumpur!

SINGAPORE

Augustine Chong (1960) our very first Singapore resident was professor of Physics for many years. He has recently retired. His brother, **Paul**, who postdates him in Netherhall by several years, is living in Kuala Lumpur. He keeps in touch with **Louis Ta**.

Jimmy Wong (67-74) works for the Local Authority in Singapore, although originally from Sabah. His sponsor for his reception into the Catholic Church was **Stephen de la Bedoyere** (see elsewhere).

After over 30 years, **Narendra & Ghanshyam Champaklal** (67-68) still have the same address as appears on their Netherhall application form. They run a carpet business in "Arab" street, a famous quarter in Singapore.

Since graduating from LSE, **Louis Ta** (70-74) has worked in the National University of Singapore. He is now associate professor in the Faculty of Business Administration. He always gets together with Neil, and brings along Mary, his wife, and the two little children (Louis married relatively late – his brother, Felix in Australia, is still single). He is actually helping to check the translation into Vietnamese of *The Way*, by Blessed Josemaría Escrivá, founder of Opus Dei.

After continuing for several years in the UK, **Lim Jen Howe** (1973) now runs his own accountancy practice in Singapore. He looks much slimmer, after discovering that he is diabetic.

After studying at LSE, **Ken Koh** (75-79) returned to Singapore, married, is raising a family, and has very recently changed jobs. He is in touch with Mak Sai Yiu in HK.

Steven Chew (1976) was until recently lecturing at the University, but is now working alongside his wife Alice in Insurance (AIA). He is still a fan of sports, whether tennis, golf... He is in touch with Louis Ta.

Terence Siew (1976) came to the 1998 Netherhall reunion. After Imperial College, he continued in the army where he is now a Colonel. He keeps in touch with (now Fr) **Bernard Marsh**, a contemporary at Imperial College.

Lim Wah Tong (1977) after graduating at LSE, he went to the family company of Phillip Securities Pte, a well known firm in Singapore. On Neil's last visit, they met

up two other old LSE/Netherhall students – **Gopala Menon** and **Peter Heng**.

Chow Kok Fong (1978) is head of projects for City Developments Limited, part of the Hong Leong Group. He was in charge of constructing the tallest building in Singapore (which is quite something). He attended the Netherhall reunion in 1998, and also invited Neil home for breakfast with his wife and children.

Eugene Lim (1979) is a partner with Donaldson & Burkinshaw, the oldest law firm in Singapore. His wife is also a lawyer.

After many years as a professor of business at the University of Singapore, **Joon Eng Chua** (79 & 82) has just retired, but is still active. He came to the Netherhall reunion in 1998.

Peter Heng (1979) works with Straits Trading and is married with one child. He is well remembered as the "projectionist" of films at Netherhall. He will always meet up with Neil, and enjoys the Hawker food!

Amos Tan (1982) is a vice president of corporate banking in DBS Bank, he is also involved with his wife in promoting a Christian mission in Singapore.

Chew Siang Tong (1982) a lawyer in Singapore, introduced Neil to a good friend, Chong, who travels to the UK frequently and meets him there.

Julian Chang (1982) is a busy lawyer, now in a new practice; he is married with three children. He keeps in touch with those from his year.

Peter Choong (1982) spoke with Neil over the telephone and was planning to set up a shop in Wandsworth, aside from his work in Singapore. He remembers very well both Fr. Stephen Reynolds and Bill Boardman.

After Oxford and the Inns of Court, **Mark Yeo** (1985) returned to the Singapore Police Force, and thereafter worked with Schrodgers, his last posting being London where he visited Netherhall regularly with his wife Chin Yee (a student at Netherhall International College) and his young children, Trish & Keith. He is now back in Singapore and working with Credit Agricole Indosuez.

Alvin Yeo (1986) is one of the principal partners in the Wong Partnership. Like most lawyers in Singapore, he is extremely busy, though he still finds time to have a drink with Neil.

Daniel Chia (1986) is from Malaysia, but his professional life has been based in Singapore, where he works as a partner in the firm set up by **Luke Peng**. He came to the Netherhall reunion in 1998.

Luke Peng (1986) set up a legal practice and was joined by another former resident, **Daniel Chia**. He is currently working with Commerzbank International

Trust. He attended the Netherhall reunion in 1998 and also invited Neil to speak about Netherhall to the Rotary Club.

A few years ago **Toh Han Chong** (1986) took his MRCP in the UK; and is currently in the USA for a couple of years before returning to Singapore.

Jonathan Foong (1987), a partner in a legal practice, still keeps in contact with **Luke Peng** and **Daniel Chia**. He always meets up when Neil visits Singapore.

After working as a broadcaster for the Singapore Broadcasting Corporation, **Lewis Koh** (89-90) now continues as a lawyer.

Edward Lam (1990) attended the Netherhall reunion of 1998 with his wife Pearl, and keeps his cheerfulness amidst all the heavy work-load. He keeps in touch with **K.C. Lee**, **Jamal Hassim**, and others.

Tan Tee Giam (1991) married in the last couple of years and has a young baby. He has also just started up his own firm – so plenty of work.

Chan Yeow (1993) spent a short time in Netherhall when at the Royal Free Hospital. He recently married, and is in contact with the equivalent of Netherhall in Singapore.

After leaving the postgraduate LSE course, **Gopala Menon** (1993) returned to the Foreign Office, soon to become Deputy High Commissioner of Singapore in Kuala Lumpur. In December 1998, he moved back to Singapore to become Director of S.E. Asia in the Foreign Office. He is married with one young and active child.

Derek Ayoung (1996) is now working with Standard Chartered. For more info, see German Sastre's "Letter from Valencia" on page 6.

John Zhao (97-98) is now with GE Capital in Singapore and came to the Netherhall reunion in Singapore in November 1998.

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