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If you have any photos, stories of times past and where are they now — the school would love to hear from you. 0117 3772165

**Other items raised:**

- Please have consideration for all: When you enter the Church before Mass put aside the distractions of every day life, take time to embrace the stillness of silence, reflect and pray on the wonder of our God. *If you must talk in the Church please keep it to a whisper or better still, keep it for the Narthex.*
- Joan Harris is organising an opportunity for the sister parishes to come together on retreat at Douai Abbey, Berkshire in the last week of October. The cost should be no more than £180 per person. Please see her for more details.

**SVP & Visitors Team Missionary Outreach**

Both teams serve our community in a practical and prayerful way. Our Visitors focus on the household of the parish whilst the

SVP reach out to all in need in the local area, raising money for equipment, making visits and phone calls. Both teams would

welcome new members and new referrals. A **Healing Mass** has been arranged for **3pm Sunday 18th April.**

**Be A Buddy & Put On Some Toast!**

It was an anxious time 12 months ago as we didn't want to lose our school. The campaign was handled well. Our trump card was Bishop Declan's involvement. Crucially, there will be no formal announcement from the Council so **WE must fly the flag and let the local community know that we have a thriving and safe school.** Every credit is due to the parents, teachers and governors who hung in there under

the strong leadership of Tony Halloran. Visitors comment on the calm and happy atmosphere in the school. Attendance, behaviour and academic achievements are all improving so that every child can be encouraged to achieve their full potential.

The School is immensely grateful for the Parish's support. **More volunteers are needed to be reading buddies and**

**for the Breakfast Club.**

In December, Bishop Declan will be joining us to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary. Sarah Ball will shortly put together a committee to organise the day so keep an eye on the newsletter.

Last but not least, thank you to those parishioners who are, or have supported the school as foundation governors.

**Saints Assemble No 2**

**Making Inroads**

Fr Michael and 32 parishioners gathered to hear Deacon Mark present the 2009 Accounts. (Extra copies are available from Carolyn).

The good news is that we are beginning to make inroads into the large overdraft we have had.

Deacon Mark thanked the parish for their generous amount of giving, this despite the current recession. However, every little bit helps so **if you are able to Gift Aid your donation please see Fran Bennett or Debbie.**

We thank the Sartan Club for their continued donation towards our pastoral work.

It has been agreed with the Sacred Heart Finance Committee that they

will contribute £6,000 per annum towards Fr Michael's and the joint parish office costs. In practice this means the costs will appear in the St Pius X accounts.

The main notes on expenditure are the continual £100 loss per month on the minibus, the increase in utility bills and the Diocesan Levy. At the end of 2009, the overdraft stood at £16,500. With continued good housekeeping we will be nearer the black in 12 to 15 months.

£29k + interest remains on the Loan account and we should clear it in 18 months time using the Sartan Club rent. Meanwhile, the Diocese is not charging us interest on the £47k for the roof until we are satisfied the job is

finished. Even so this will only add on 2 more years of payments. The end is in sight!

St David's Centre Accounts remain separate. Money from the CSV rent is being used to meet the Schedule of Works laid out in the Lease. The lease is up for renewal in December and the signs are that the CSV would like to continue to use it.

Deacon Mark particularly thanked Fran for her thoroughness at running the Gift Aid, Bernie Holyoake for her assistance (we hope she gets better soon) and the stalwarts on the Counting Team who are there every Monday morning. Jo Taylor-Hodge gave a vote of thanks to Deacon Mark on behalf of the Parish.

**Special points of interest:**

- Be A Buddy & Put On Some Toast
- Good News— Making Inroads
- Keep it to a Whisper
- Missionary Outreach
- Parish Retreat to Douai
- Sprucing up the Site
- Striking A Chord
- What Sort Of Vehicle Are We?

