



St Bartholomew's News

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Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated on Thursday, 15th June with a Solemn Eucharist followed by a Parish Barbecue. It was decided at a recent Vestry meeting to start earlier so that all involved could enjoy the evening and get home at a reasonable hour.

The Preacher for the Solemn Eucharist was Fr. Charles Mullen, Dean's Vicar of St. Patrick's Cathedral. It was most encouraging to see a larger than normal congregation present this year.

After the service, there was a brief presentation ceremony outside the Church to honour Malcolm Wisener and to acknowledge his twenty years as Organist and Choirmaster. Bobby Barden made reference to many letters from choristers and parents thanking Malcolm for all his encouragement and support over the years. On behalf of everyone Bobby presented Malcolm with a book of French paintings together with a small token of our collective appreciation.

Malcolm thanked everybody for their generosity

and messages of goodwill, and in particular the parents of the choristers who have given their time over the years to ensure that St Bartholomew's Choir has been able to maintain a very high standard.

bread for the occasion, and Amos McGrath for his selection of desserts and a wonderful cheeseboard which was enjoyed by many. There was a great array of salads, savouries, and other delights sup-



Presentation to Malcolm Wisener following the Solemn Eucharist. [Photo: Richard Bannister]

After the presentation, we all enjoyed a sumptuous feast at the Parish Barbecue. Many thanks to all involved in the organisation, and especially David Jones, who provided the meat, the means to cook it, and a mini marquee. We also thank, Julie Heather of Lumley's Bakery who supplied all the burger buns and

plied by various members of the congregation, to which we say a collective thank you.

Later in the evening, the choir boys presented Niamh Harty with a bouquet of flowers to acknowledge our gratitude for all her work in the organisation of choir trips and events over the past year.

Robin Heather

Corpus Christi (continued)

The following is the text of the brief address made by Bobby Barden:

"The music in St Bartholomew's is hailed all around Ireland and further afield. The great number of boys, and more recently girls, who have been introduced to the Anglican tradition and have wonderfully benefited from that experience are on record. How often have we seen the quiet, or maybe somewhat shy child, being turned into a confident musician, from the great services and concerts to the quieter evensongs where the numbers are small the same dedication and care is taken. One person alone is responsible for these wonders of Christian musical worship and that is Malcolm Wisener. This evening we determined that we would let Malcolm know how appreciative we are of his dedication."

Malcolm has asked that we note the following:

"I would like to thank everyone who generously contributed to the presentation on Corpus Christi. It was completely unexpected, but was a very kind gesture by the organizers. I have not yet decided on how to spend the money, although it will not be on anything sensible."



Photos: Richard Bannister, Mark Dargan

Wedding in Clongowes Wood College

A small contingent of the choir travelled to Clane in Kildare on Saturday June 3rd for a rather upmarket wedding (tails and fashion) in the Boys Chapel of Clongowes Wood College.

The college is a spectacular castellated building approached along a tree-lined avenue with impressive gardens. Originally Castle Brown, it was purchased by the Society of Jesus in 1814,

when it became the famous boys' school. Our assistant organist, Eoghan Ward, is in fact a former pupil.

The Rector of the College, Reverend Father Michael Shiel SJ, made us all welcome. With just three hymns to sing it was not a particular musical challenge, but we let go for that 'most English' of all hymns, *Jerusalem*.

Bobby Barden

Random Photo



The only time Robin Heather will ever hold a major sports trophy!
[Photo: Ivan Keaney]

Emmet Kiberd

Emmet Kiberd sang the part of "The Youth" in the recent performance of *Elijah* by the Culwick Choral Society in the National Concert Hall.

He will no doubt be profoundly embarrassed by us repeating this in this newsletter; *The Irish Times* said in its report said he sang "with bell-like clarity".

Emmet has been in our choir for more than seven years, the last few of which have been spent as a Head Boy.

Malcolm Wisener is chorus master of the Culwick Choral Society.

Bobby Barden

Called to the Bar

On Friday July 21st *The Irish Times* featured a photograph of three new barristers who had been called to the Bar the previous day. One of them was Des Ryan from our tenor line, who joined the choir as a boy around 1995. We congratulate Des and wish him all the best in his career.

Bobby Barden



Photo courtesy The Irish Times

Robert Hilliard

Robert Hilliard, our longest serving alto and official ski instructor to the choir, is now embarking on a four year Physical Education Course at the University of Limerick. He will be taking Mathematics as his classroom subject.

At the end of the course he will be qualified to teach both physical education and maths to secondary school level.

Robert hopes he will be able to continue his membership of the choir, which he joined in 1988, by coming up to Dublin most weekends. We wish him every success in his course and future career.

Richard Bannister

Wedding of Peter and Esther Barden

A small contingent of the choir sang at the wedding of Peter and Esther Barden on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 9th. Bobby would like to thank all those who took time out from their holidays

to come and sing.

The ceremony took place in a mixture of English and Spanish, with the vows being repeated in both languages. Following Spanish tradition, there was also an

exchange of thirteen coins.

The music included two anthems by Elgar, and the Goodall setting of the Lord is my Shepherd.

Richard Bannister



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