



## Stay Home & Stay Safe



Welcome to Week 2 of our "Keeping In Touch" Bulletin. Thanks to everyone who got in touch with us and please keep your comments and suggestions coming in.

As we all come to terms with life in lockdown, if anyone is feeling particularly isolated and would like to chat to one of us, please drop a line to our email below with your phone number and we'll arrange to call you.

You can reach us at: [alumni@staloyusius.org](mailto:alumni@staloyusius.org)

## College Update - Exams are Cancelled!

Although the College is closed for teaching, our teachers are conducting lessons using an electronic platform and are exploring innovative ways of engaging with our young people. Exams have been cancelled and instead, pupils sitting their National 5s, Highers and Advanced Highers are likely to be graded on the basis of electronic assignments, prelim results and teachers' assessments which will be submitted to the Scottish Qualifications Authority.



## 'The Morphies



Last week's vintage photo brain teaser was "Any ideas why The Chess Club, founded by Fr Ambrose, was called "The Morphies"?"

The correct answer is that The Chess Club was named after **Paul Morphy**, considered to be the greatest Chess Master of his era, who studied at a Jesuit College in Alabama.

The correct answer came from James Kelly (1951), and here it is in his inimitable style:

"*Paul Morphy* was one of the greatest chess players who ever lived. He was born in New Orleans in 1837 of ancestors who were apparently damned sure they were never going to be confused with any non-Irish Murphies, like the Bulgarian or Sumatran Murphies, (say it aloud and you'll see what I mean). You name them, he beat them. He was considered the unofficial world champion and got so fed up winning he found it boring to play anybody without giving them a pawn and a move start. He retired very early indeed and died aged 47 through taking a bath in ice water on a very hot day, which anyone who has been in New Orleans can understand.

"After the war the Chess Club at the College re-started, and was taken by many members of Staff and others, one of the first being Mr Tom Quinn, English teacher turned mathematician, who became a leading figure in the New Math of the Sixties, and whose textbooks were sold internationally. He could also put through Lower Mathematics those whose mathematical skills had been limited by evolution, and who had only ten fingers, like the writer."

## This Week's Brainteaser

Thanks to Jamie Muir (1958), here's a [safety message from the Fab Four](#), and it's inspired us with this week's brain teaser:

**Q:** The Beatles were recorded in an early studio-based interview for Scottish Television in April 1964.

Can you name both the programme and the building where the recording took place?

Answer at the bottom of the page.

## On This Day ...

Happy birthday to any of our OAs who celebrate their birthday today, 1st April. Other eminent "Aries" personalities who share the same Fire sign are Susan Boyle and Otto Von Bismarck

Did you know that, on this day, in the year:-

- 1918 The RAF is created from the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps
- 1968 Debut of BBC Scotland's national news programme 'Reporting Scotland'
- 1979 Iran becomes an Islamic republic by a 99% vote, officially overthrowing the Shah
- 1989 Margaret Thatcher's new local government tax, the Community Charge (commonly known as the "poll tax"), is introduced in Scotland

### Joke of the Week:

I went to the butchers to buy a leg of lamb. "Is it Scotch?", I asked. "Why?" the butcher said in reply. "Are you going to talk to it or eat it?". "In that case, have you got any wild duck?". "No", he responded, "but I've got one I could aggravate for you".

*Chic Murray*

### Laugh of the Week:

[How many candles?](#)

## Reflections



The 19th century poet Emily Dickinson provides us with a wonderful image of hope. Gentle and constant, speaking to us in adversity and providing us with spiritual sustenance.

*Hope is the thing with feathers*

*That perches in the soul,*

*And sings the tune without the words,*

*And never stops at all,*

*And sweetest in the gale is heard;*

*And sore must be the storm*

*That could abash the little bird*

*That kept so many warm.*

*I've heard it in the chillest land,*

*And on the strangest sea;*

*Yet, never, in extremity,*

*It asked a crumb of me.*

Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

Next week we will be sending out the Easter edition of Hill Street News, so please look out for your "Keeping in Touch" bulletin the week after.

Until then, stay home, stay safe and keep well.

In the meantime, please pray for members of our community who are unwell or have the coronavirus.

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Answer to Brainteaser: The programme was called Roundup and the recording took place in The Theatre Royal, Glasgow.

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