

Changes in our Communications

The Editor

As I mentioned in my *Editor's Notes* last month, this is the final issue of *Lasallians - Great Britain and Malta*. (Incidentally, it has become apparent that not everybody reads that part of the Magazine every month!)

Br Michael Curran has provided the following explanation of the plans for the future:

"Coming out of discussions at the recent District Chapter a magazine Working Party was formed. After considering its recommendations it was decided to refocus our communications. For the Brothers only we will have an email newsletter that would enable them to keep in touch with what has happened in the District. i.e. Community notes and reports of meetings, and to know what is happening in the future, i.e. the District diary. Other articles of special interest to the Brothers may also be attached. Brother David Robinson has been asked to take on this new development, and all present correspondents are asked to continue to supply him Community Notes etc via the present email address: lasallegbm@yahoo.co.uk All previous articles for the last two years of the Lasallian Magazine will remain on the Lasallian website: www.delasalle.org.uk

For the wider Lasallian Network, it was decided to have a magazine, to be published twice a year, which will inform all those in the network of what is happening elsewhere. Brothers Laurence, John Deeney, Nicholas, Ben Foy and Michael Curran have been asked to form the initial editorial team, Michael being the Chair of the team. We have not decided upon a name for the new publication, so if anybody has a good idea of what to call it, please let Michael know via the email address below. The aim is to make the new magazine very visual with plenty of pictures and with a mixture of light and serious articles that are relevant to the members for the network. One of the regular features will be 'Around the Network' which will illustrate with pictures and a few words what has happened during the previous six months in the schools, projects and meetings. The magazine will be financed from the money we would normally spend upon producing the District Calendar (which has now ceased) and we hope to have the first issue pub-

lished during the summer term. The email address for the new magazine is: magazine@lasalle.org.uk "

When the two Districts joined together in 1988 their respective magazines, the *Monthly Circular* and the *De La Salle Newsletter*, were combined to form *De La Salle – Great Britain*. This in its turn was replaced in July 2004 by *Lasallians – Great Britain*. In the following March the title became *Lasallians – Great Britain and Malta*. The aim of new magazine was to appeal to the wider Lasallian family, partly by the absorbing the LACE magazine.

Since 1988 the District magazine has been edited by Br David Leo (who had edited the *Monthly Circular*), Br Ambrose Gwynne and Br James Carragher.

In January 2005 Br Benet took over as editor of *Lasallians* on a temporary basis (he was already heavily involved in the LAMB project). In February I asked if there was anything I could do to help in the production of the magazine. Result . . . I was asked to take over the editorship myself! Br Benet introduced me to the job in March and the May issue was the first I produced on my own.

During the nearly four years for which I have done the job I have relied heavily on the assistance of several Brothers in the Oxford community. For all that time Br John Davies has been responsible for postage. Br Damian used to do the labelling until he moved to Clayton Court. Proof reading, folding the magazines and inserting them in the envelopes has been shared by Brs John and Damian and also by Br Matthew Sasse. For the last two issues Br David Scarpa has also assisted. I am very grateful to them and any other Brothers who have been roped in from time to time. Without all this assistance I would have had to spend at least one additional day each month in Oxford.

For the future I shall edit the new email newsletter (as yet without a title). This of course I will be able to do from Bournemouth without the need to spend three or four days each month in Oxford. Besides the help detailed above I have always appreciated the hospitality of the Oxford community as a whole. However, I shall still have the pleasure of visiting Oxford every couple of months or so for the Finance Committee meetings.

My final thanks must, of course, go to the many people who have contributed to the magazine over the years and who will, I hope, continue to support the new magazine and the email newsletter.

And a happy New Year to you all!

The Editor.