



## Prime Minister Congratulates Martin

A notorious school has been hailed as the most improved in London, 14 years after its headmaster Philip Lawrence was stabbed to death. Philip Lawrence, 48, was killed as he tried to protect one of his pupils at the front gates of St George's Catholic school in December 1995. Now St George's School in Maida Vale has been named as the most improved in the city since 2005 and the fifth most improved in the country. Prime Minister Gordon Brown invited headteacher Martin Tissot to Downing Street to mark his success. Martin, a brother of **North London Circle** and head of the mixed 600-pupil school for 11 to 16-year-olds since 2006, said their achievements meant the school could have a "new story".



Martin with the Prime Minister

He added: "I want to move away from the school being seen simply as the one where the headmaster was murdered. I have been at the school for three years now and we have made some important changes that are showing some great results." A strict school uniform code, revision classes out of school hours and strict discipline mean St George's is fast becoming over-subscribed. The school is boosting computing facilities in a £14 million scheme and is set to take on another 150 pupils.

## 'Passing the Parcel' in Coventry

Congratulations were due to Ken Stone, **City of Coventry Circle**, on becoming a great grandfather again. The family celebrated at the Circle's January Ladies Informal and the baby came too. The photo shows Ken holding baby Eirlys with mother Imogen and grandmother Felicity looking on. It is very rare to have a 10 day old at a Catenian dinner and there was great demand by the ladies to hold the baby. It was like 'Pass the Parcel'.



## Well Deserved Medal for Leo

The Papal Benemerenti Medal for service to the Church and the Catholic community has been awarded to Leo F Casey, secretary of Broughton Catholic Charitable Society for the last 15 years. Leo is also Secretary of **Oldham Circle**. One of Britain's oldest charities, the Broughton Society was founded in 1787 to help farming families ravaged by smallpox in the Fylde area of north Lancashire.

Today it dispenses charity to needy people and causes throughout the world, this year a record £26,200 was disbursed. A former detective in Greater Manchester Police, Leo and his wife Veronica are parishioners of Christ the King, Walkden, in Greater Manchester.

Commenting on the award, Leo said, "It was really for the work of the Broughton Society and all its members."



Pictured with the award are, from left to right, Broughton Society Vice-President, Past Grand President Brian Hargreaves; Leo Casey; Chairman Fr Peter Birmingham; Veronica Casey; and President John Charnock

## Dublin Catenian Awarded Institute Medal

Chris Kane, the former Secretary and General Manager at BordFailte, and a member of **Dublin Circle**, was awarded the President's Medal by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in January.

The President's Medal is awarded on an annual basis to acknowledge the efforts of a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession.

Chris, who was presented with his medal at the Institute's Annual Dinner held at London's Guildhall, has been a keen advocate of the ICSA since he became a member in 1976. He served as President of the ICSA Republic of Ireland Region from 1990 to 1993, President of the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland and Associated Territories in 2002 and International President in 2008.



Chris Kane (left) receiving his award from Andy Cowe, ICSA's President