

**ISTD is approaching its diamond jubilee. In 1931, a group of eminent psychiatrists met to pool their knowledge to see how their skills might help young delinquents.**

The Psychopathic Clinic was set up two years later and with few resources but much vision a handful of dedicated individuals experimented with psychiatric methods in the new uncharted waters of criminality. The revolution of those early years has long since passed and the Institute has changed beyond recognition. The Clinic was handed over to the NHS in 1948 and is now the Portman Clinic in Hampstead which specialises in working with sexually deviant behaviour. ISTD then entered a second lease of life, founded the British Journal of Criminology and started running inter-disciplinary training events - something of a rarity in the 1950s.

Whilst forensic psychiatry has only quite recently established itself as a subspeciality of psychiatry, psychiatric study and treatment of delinquency was at one time virtually synonymous with ISTD.

Although the Institute is increasingly establishing itself as a credible modern voluntary organisation it cannot, nor would it wish to, forget its past. Everyday, as I am wading through the practical details of organising conferences, visits and other ISTD activities, I have a constant companion; Dr Edward Glover, one of the Institute's founding fathers is forever with me. His bust sits on top of a filing cabinet in my office and from this vantage point he keeps an eye on the 'new ISTD'.

I hope this issue on forensic psychiatry would please him. And I hope you enjoy it too.

*Martin Farrell*

## Nominations to the ISTD Council

The Institute's constitution allow for a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 100 Council members; as there are 15 members at present there is plenty of space for new recruits. If you would like to nominate someone (who must of course be a paid-up ISTD member) or would like to nominate yourself, please contact Martin Farrell at the ISTD office. Nomination forms must be returned by 5pm Wednesday 24th October.

## No more ISTD membership cards

If the thought of not receiving your annual membership card (which we send to ordinary, student/unwaged and joint members) appalls you, contact Irene Frost in the ISTD office and tell her so. The sending of cards imposes something of an administrative burden so from September onwards we will only be sending them to those who specifically ask for them. Save time, save money, save paper.....

## Obituary

**The Rt Hon Lord Gardiner** died on January 7th at the age of 89, having been one of the great reformers of his time. He became Lord Chancellor in 1964 having held many high offices during his illustrious career. As Vice-President of ISTD from 1970 until his death he had been a highly valued supporter of the Institute's work.

## ANNUAL DINNER

**Proving yet again that the ISTD attracts the biggest names in crime, the guest speaker at this year's annual dinner was Lord Justice Taylor, author of the Hillsborough Report. To hear a preview of his findings was an opportunity for which most journalists would have sold their editors into bondage. Fortunately, the reporter's mortgage remained unpaid and the discretion of the ISTD remained un-sullied.**

Kicking off enthusiastically, his Lordship welcomed his host's policy of all seated, all ticket events; the only crowd disorder he would tolerate was cointhrowing. The criminological crowd remained politely ordered throughout.

*'There is spontaneous crowd disorder and disorder motivated to subvert the order that others try to impose',* said Lord Justice Taylor of the problem of hooliganism at football matches. Spontaneous violence was caused whenever there was an aggregation of people at an event where there was limited space, for example at a pop concert or in the tube at rush hour. His Lordship highlighted the need for research into this phenomenon. He emphasised that Hillsborough, where so many people were crushed to death, was a bad ground and there had been a bad policing operation — the crowd's behaviour was not to blame for the disaster. However, against spontaneous eruption of violence, there was planned disorder, *'Recreational violence is a pursuit for its own pleasure for some people and where a crowd is out of control, they try to make it more out of control'*.

For this situation there were a number of preventative measures already in operation: the use of video cameras by

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