

the end of the letter, as usual destroy this letter. Concerned about it he questioned RC-A597 about it but RC-A597 became very distraught and wouldn't explain it to his father. His father then went to see Father David about the letter but RC-A597 does not know what the outcome of that meeting was. (see: Father of RC-A597 statement).

After their Friday meetings Father David would play a game he called "posting" whereby he would "post" a present down RC-A597 trousers, mainly money or sweets and on occasions when posting he would touch RC-A597 genitals. This posting continued all through his school years and continued to when he went to DPA university.

RC-A597 went to DPA between September 1995 and June 1999. There were 12 terms during this period of time and Father David visited RC-A597 approx 7-8 times, when they would go out for dinner. Father David also gave RC-A597 £150 a term to help him with buying books etc, he asked RC-A597 not to tell his parents that he gave this money to him. He would "post" this money to RC-A597. He also asked RC-A597 to write to him regularly and tell him about his activities and friends/girlfriends.

After University Father David continued to e-mail him. The last time he received an e-mail from him was in the Summer of 2006 when he told him about the court case saying it might come out in the press.

Father David has always asked RC-A597 to destroy the letters that contained intimate information but he didn't have to destroy ones that were not intimate. When RC-A597 queried why he had to destroy them he replied "People wouldn't understand. There was nothing wrong with what they were doing but it was better to be safe than sorry". With regard to the tapes, there were 4 in total, 1, RC-A597 in Junior School, 2, RC-A597 tape, 3, Child christening and the 4th one was entitled RC-A597's special tape that Father David kept that had intimate conversations/interviews that RC-A597 had done and videos of him in the bath. Again RC-A597 queried what would happen to this tape and Father David said not to worry if anything happened to him it was in an envelope and would be delivered to a friend to destroy.

Police were made aware of victim 2 after Father David's arrest, his room was searched and an envelope was found addressed to a male in DPA. Inside the envelope were hand written letters to Father David from RC-A597 there was no covering letter just the letters. Police traced RC-A597 and he then came to see police regarding the above allegations. He was aware of the previous allegations made by RC-A6 but didn't feel confident about coming forward to police, he became aware of this investigation as he had seen it on the BBC internet as had made tentative enqs about coming to police when we contacted him.

Victim 3: RC-A594 dob: DPA /1965 – also an ex-pupil from St Benedicts School. He was contacted by police after his details had been given to police by the Abbott of St Benedicts. He apparently contacted the school after the first case of sexual assault on RC-A6 had been reported in the press, he did not contact police at that time.

He started St Benedicts aged 7-8 years old – approx 1972. He wasn't sure what role Father David played at the school when he first started but he remembered his name on the school reports.

His memory is not as clear as VIW 1 & 2.

He remembers having to go to Father David's office, he said it was at the top of a building in a dormer office. He said it was an attic room quite dark. This is where he had to go for punishment.

He remembers being made to take his clothes and pants off and to sit on Father David's knee. He was also made to strip naked for punishment, Father David would cane him on his bottom and on his knuckles and afterwards he had to sit on his knee. He remembered that Father David would smile when he was caning him.

On other occasions he describes as having to take his shorts and pants off – not top clothing to be caned by Father David. He states that he was quite young at the time and he did what Father David told him to do.

He complained to his parents because he didn't like Father David smiling and asking him to be naked when he was caned, apparently his parents went to the school to complain and they were told it was just a clash of personalities.

The occasions when Father David striped him and caned him happened about 3-4 times.

Admits he was caned or hit by other teachers, either caned over the knuckles or with a leather shoe but no other teacher asked him to be naked when he did that. He was very rebellious at school, was aggressive towards teachers.

He has had trouble in his past and has had a breakdown, believes a lot of it stems from his problems at school.

He states that every time he hears Father Davids name mentioned it brings back bad feelings and makes him want to cry but he can't explain why it is.

States he contacted the school 2004-6 when he had heard about Father David and spoke to Abbott Shipperlee as he wanted to know what happened to him.

Victim 4: [RC-A11] dob [DPA] 1968 – was also an ex-pupil at St Benedicts School attended between 1974 and 1981.

Mr [RC-A11] states he suffered from PTSD, he has had several breakdowns and had alcohol and drug addictions and has had counselling.

His interview is quite disjointed.

He alleges sexual assault by several priests at St Benedicts, Mr Maestri, Father Lawrence Soper and Father David.

He states that all of the priests used to masturbate under their robes, whilst in the classroom with the children. He states that he saw Father David doing this.

He said that Father David used to run the Combined Cadet Force. They used to meet in sheds off the playground. He states he saw Father David take the boys in there for 45 - hour and they would come out crying and pulling their trousers up. He said the boys were between 11 and 14.

He said that Father David would get him and other children in the class to sit on his knee whilst they read to the class or he wanted to have a word with them about their homework. He said Father David would put his hand at the top of his inner thigh when he was sitting on his lap.

He also states that he knew of 2 pupils that were having sex with Father David but didn't name anyone.

He goes on to give graphic descriptions of sexual abuse at the hands of Maestri and Soper.

Victim 5: [RC-A596] dob [DPA] 1964 - was also an ex-pupil at St Benedicts School attended between 1970/71 until 1982. Finished school aged 18 years.

Become aware of the allegations against Father David from BBC web site in first week of February 2008, was unable to approach police until recently.

He first met Father David when he was ordained in maybe 1973 –1974, when he was approx 9-10 years old. He remembers the ordination as he sang in Ealing Abbey Choir. When aged 10-11 years, Father David started to teach him RE/History. When he was called to his office Father David would sit next to him with his hand on his leg and move up to touch his genitals.