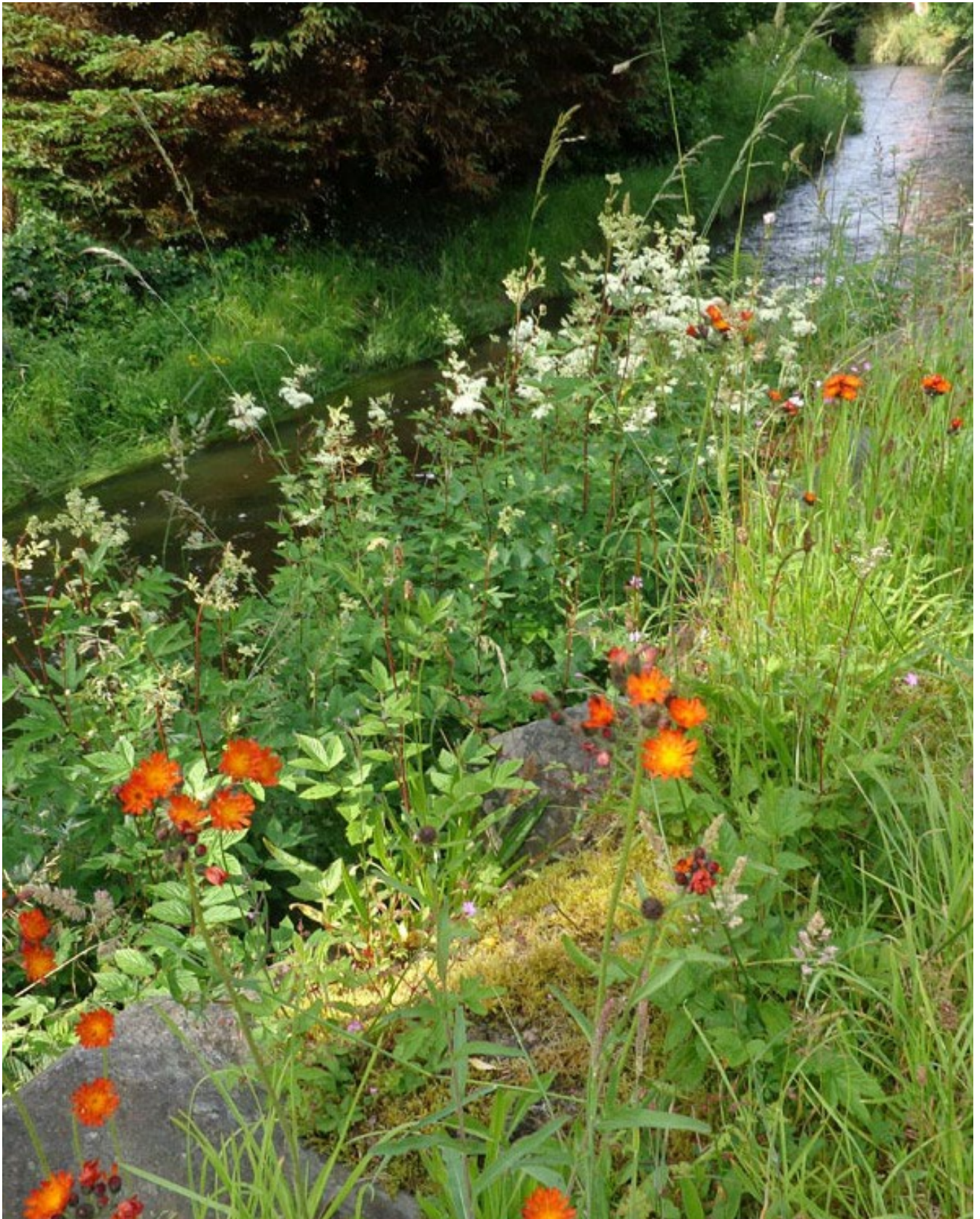


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LAMPETER SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT 2012

I FEEL THAT ONCE AGAIN THE SOCIETY has had a good year.

The 2012 annual Reunion which ran over the 13th, 14th and 15th of July was marked out because it coincided – for the first time at least in my memory – with the Lampeter Degree Day. The Society Business Committee debated the wisdom of this at length but against the possible disadvantages of strain upon the accommodation and catering (although we were assured that this was not a problem for the University) and the fact that members might be overwhelmed by the number of graduands and their parents (this was a minor problem in the Cloisters on Friday afternoon) we opted to select the Degree Day date because we might be able to attract new Graduates to the Society, and we might be able take advantage of the Vice-Chancellor's presence at the Degree Ceremonies to facilitate his attendance at a number of the Reunion events over the weekend. Despite one or two hiccups (e.g sheeting rain on Friday 13th), the Reunion weekend was a success. Activities undertaken included the adoption of a new Constitution for the Society (many thanks to Chris Webber for his work on this) and the presentation to mark the 75th anniversary of the Society of an engraved glass bowl by the Vice Chancellor, Dr Medwin Hughes. Further details of the 2012 Reunion weekend can be seen in a separate item in this edition of The Link.

At the 2013 Reunion, Alumni will be able to see not merely the refurbished Arts Block, and the very effective renewal of the area between that Block and the Refectory, but also the third incarnation of Canterbury Building and the excellent work done on the Sports Hall. The buildings on the Campus would appear to be in a better state than they have been for many years. Many thanks to all those concerned. The Society appreciates its contact with the Student Union, does what it can to facilitate its work (for example, the continued updating of the Presidents' Honours Boards), and, in return, benefits from its support by its opening of the SU shop over the Reunion weekend. Our Chair, Rachel Whitty, allocates a lot of her time to supporting the SU of TSD as an External Trustee, and feels that the time is well spent. Another key event in the year is the London Dinner, organised as always by Richard Haslam. Richard notes the slightly smaller attendance at the London Dinner in 2012 but records the excellent meal provided at the Liberal Club and the highly entertaining speech given by Gwyndaf Tobias, the university Pro Vice Chancellor (Finance). This is traditionally a first rate event and anyone who is able to attend in 2013 should contact Richard (for details see elsewhere in this edition of The Link)

I feel it is necessary – unfortunately – to report the fact that the College Chaplain Matthew Hill is moving on to pastures new. Mathew has been a very effective Chaplain, incredibly accessible to all who need him, and a very good friend to the Society. Bill Fillery reports that

Matthew is to become Vicar of Llanfihangel, Cilcennin and Trefillian which he will combine with being Secretary of the Church in Wales Doctrinal Commission. We wish him well, and hope that he will continue to support the Society, not least at subsequent Reunions.

The Lampeter Society has continued its work of supporting the University at the Lampeter Campus. The grants to the Library (£1000) and the Chapel (£500) have been allocated, together with funds to update the SU Presidents' Boards in

the Union Building. In addition, the decision was taken to acknowledge the work of Frank Newte, Lampeter lecturer in Classics from 1938 until 1977, at Bletchley Park during the second world war. Those of you, like me, who knew Frankie Newte will perhaps have been surprised to learn that this utterly withdrawn, hesitant, unobtrusive man should have played a part in such a key operation. To me he was a shy man, eccentric in the extreme, whose piano playing from "Frankie's Tower" could be heard across the Quad, and who relied upon a few chosen

students to do his shopping in the town for him. However, word went around that if you needed to borrow his car (initially a Morris Minor, later a Mini) he would be prepared to lend it....believe me, the Chess Club between 1964 and 1966 travelled in unaccustomed style. The Society has commissioned a plaque to commemorate him which will be unveiled at some point during the 2013 Reunion. It is also worth pointing out that the engraved Bowl presented to the Society by the Vice Chancellor to commemorate its 75th Anniversary will be housed in a display cabinet financed by the Society. Please make a point of looking out for this when attending this year's Reunion.

Unfortunately, the Public Speaking Competition, yet again, has not taken place. The event was started a number of years ago to give students experience of public speaking with the benefit of constructive feedback on their technique by the Society. It was then taken up by the late Peter Allison who set up a fund to provide prizes. Unfortunately, this has always depended upon active support from within the Campus, without which it has failed to get off the ground. We hope to revive it, perhaps with a different format, in the future.

Another, more significant, issue is the Lampeter Landscape Project. I noted in The Link 2012 that this was about "to get underway" but its commencement has been further delayed. As I understood it, approaches had been made to the Contractors working on the new Canterbury Building to request that while their heavy machinery was on site they could – with little or no cost – start the work on the landscaping of the Dulas Valley. Some 18 months later nothing appears to have been achieved. I'm sure I do not need to remind you that individual members of the Society contributed to this Project, as did groups of individuals, and the Society itself to the tune of £10000. I am given to understand that a start on the project is expected in 2013.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Lampeter man heads Royal British Legion Page 5**
- **Lampeter visit by 1960s graduates Page 5**

I am no longer able to provide full information relating to the university, within, of course, the boundaries imposed by the confidentiality required by the University Council. Bill Fillery and I, established members of the Lampeter Council and thence transferred to the TSD Council have found that our services are no longer required. The only graduate from Lampeter on the Council is now Andrew Curl (grad 1974). I am able to say, following the last meeting attended by Bill and me (September 2012), that the link with Swansea Met under the 1822 Lampeter Charter was proceeding apace, while the association with the University of Wales was proceeding but at a much, much slower pace. On this last matter, it appears that the link with the University of Wales would not bring with it all of the advantages originally expounded to the TSD Council; I certainly accept, however, that taken at minimum value TSD's tie up with UW is better for TSD than letting UW fall into the hands of other Institutions.

I understand that TSD, and Lampeter in particular, has been hit by the reduced number of student applying to undertake Higher Education courses. It is inevitable that following on from this, and the attendant loss of fee and accommodation income, further cuts will have to be made. I do hope that an updated review, and one that is fully informed, can be provided for the Society in July 2013.

In terms of administration of the Society, the Business Committee (especially Rachel Whitty and Chris Webber) has striven to refine our approach. Members of the Business Committee have now more

clearly defined roles, the Society's finances and accounting have been overhauled (including a new Bank mandate for subscriptions – I for one found that my Bank had been happily paying my sub (more than the minimum, I hasten to assure you) but that it had not been recorded in the Society's accounts. Almost all of the Society's income comes from members' subscriptions, and without this continuing source of funds the Society would be unable to support the Lampeter Campus. All readers are therefore encouraged to complete the standing order mandate contained in this edition of the Link (and also on the website) and return it to the University as soon as possible. Do not assume, as in my lackadaisical way I had, that old standing orders will continue to get your subscription to the right place!

We are working hard to encourage local Branches – Richard Haslam runs the London Branch, John Loaring has taken over the Cardiff Branch, Margaret McCloy is in charge of Swansea, and Chris Webber is trying to reinvigorate Severnside. Anyone who wishes to start a local branch should get in touch with the Business Committee. A number of local events are taking place, or are in process of being organised. Please contact Society Officers or Branch representatives if you wish to know more, or would like to get something organised yourself.

Peter Bosley
Vice Chair, Lampeter Society

LAMPETER AND RUGBY

We understand that Lampeter was possibly the first place in Wales where Rugby Football was played, introduced by the Rev. Rowland Williams when he became Vice-Principal of St David's College in 1850. Until the First World War the College Rugby Team was one of the strongest in Wales and produced several international players. The first recorded match of the Town Rugby Team was in 1875. In 1871 Lampeter became one of the eleven founder members of the Welsh Rugby Union. Lampeter Society member Chris Webber is currently researching this subject in depth and we hope for his report in a future edition of the Link. He mentions that his early researches have come across the following extract from the 1980 book 'Fields of Praise – the official history of the Welsh Rugby Union 1881-1981' by David Smith and Gareth Williams. In discussing Welsh rugby before 1914 they say:

“For many in South Wales the Church Militant meant no more than the Lampeter College XV, whose brawling ordinands were once headlined in the Carmarthen Journal as ‘Fighting Parsons’.”

Let us look forward to hearing more from Chris about this in due course!

LAMPETER SOCIETY PRIZE IN ARCHEOLOGY 2012

THE 2012 LAMPETER SOCIETY PRIZE in Archaeology was awarded to Olwyn Pritchard – our congratulations to a worthy winner.

LAMPETER MAN HEADS THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LAMPETER GRADUATE (1978) VICE ADMIRAL PETER WILKINSON CB CVO, who gave the after-dinner address following the Lampeter Society Reunion annual dinner in 2009, was appointed National President of the Royal British Legion on 15th October 2012. The Society offers him its warm congratulations and all good wishes.

The Vice Admiral, born in 1956, who joined the Royal Navy in 1975, came to Lampeter, as did many other servicemen, to achieve his degree. During the Cold War years he served as a submariner

and commanded the submarines Otter, Superb and Vanguard. He also commanded the 2nd Submarine Squadron. In the latter years of his career he served as Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Personnel and Reserves) and retired in 2010. He is Chairman of the maritime charity Seafarers UK, Vice Chair of the Forces Pension Society, Vice President of Combat Stress, Patron of 'Soldier On' and the Loch Class Frigates Association, and Trustee of the Armed forces memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

50 YEARS ON: 1960'S REUNION

BACK IN AUGUST 2012, a group of around 20 former SDUC Lampeter students from the sixties met up in Lampeter for a very special reunion. Harold Wilson was Prime Minister, Lyndon B. Johnson President of the USA and Rev J. R. Lloyd-Thomas principal of SDUC when we last got together but we hadn't changed a bit - well the hair (for those of us who still had hair) may have been whiter and the waistlines a wee bit thicker. Many of us had not seen the others for over 40 years, but old friendships were reignited instantly, memories shared and the laughter rang out loud and clear.

We met up on Thursday afternoon and after checking in to our palatial rooms in Lloyd Thomas Hall made our way in the general direction of the Black Lion. After a good meal and a pint or three of Brain's beer, it was back to the college and over to the Students' Union. There the surviving members of 'Major Thomson', the college rock band of the mid-60s, played together for the first time in 45 years. Nick Green and Glanville Evans on guitars, Dave Young on drums and Keith Ainsworth on tambourine, rolled back the years and took us through their repertoire of Kinks, Stones, Beach Boys and Bob Dylan numbers.

The following morning we were given a tour of the campus taking in the chapel and Old Library (a first for several in the group), the Arts Hall and Roderic Bowen Library. The weather was beautiful and so most of us drove to Llangranog for the afternoon whilst others played a round of golf at Cilgwyn Golf Club. Back to the Black Lion and then a final dinner in the Shapla Tandoori.



There was a lot of 'whatever happened to old so-and-so', a great deal of laughter and more than a few lumps in throats as we remembered those who could not be with us. Above all we were reminded that Lampeter holds a very special place in our hearts.

Anyone interested in joining us for another 60s reunion in 2013, please contact me. In the meantime,

you can join us on Facebook – SDUC Lampeter Former Students (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/170131336432279/>) - where you will find more photos old and new.

John Loaring (1967)
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HENRY MORRIS (1889-1961) AN EXTRAORDINARY LAMPETER MAN

ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT MEN who passed through St David's College was Henry Morris, who later became director of education for Cambridgeshire. He never took his degree for circumstances that were significant as well as unusual.

When George Ewart Evans, the historian of folk traditions, first met him, when he had been appointed a tutor at Sawston, a Cambridgeshire community college Morris established, he assumed that Morris came from the "top drawer His accent, his demeanour, his clothes and his Trinity Street flat were, or seemed, absolutely in character. Yet he was a plumber's son from St Helen's in Lancashire, who started life as an office boy at the age of fourteen and later became a reporter on a local newspaper."

Coming under the influence of a local vicar, he was soon involved in the life of his church, and it was probably this vicar who encouraged the young Henry to continue his education at the Harris Institute at Preston, and opened up the way for him to be admitted in 1910 as a possible ordinand to read for a degree at what was then St David's College/Coleg Dewi Sant.

His later days at the college were stormy. It appears that the principal, Dr Bebb, posted on the official college notice board a letter inviting the students to sign a petition against the bill for Welsh Disestablishment, which was then proceeding through Parliament. On 27 May a letter appeared in the South Wales Daily News deploring Bebb's action and suggesting that students had been coerced to sign the petition. The next day the principal called the students together and suggested that they would know how to deal with the cowardly writer of this anonymous letter. The student president summoned the students together and invited all those who had nothing to do with the letter to stand up. Morris and another student, Roberts, objected. In the course of an angry discussion Morris apparently declared, "that students at the college were not tied to any religious or political creed and that no interference with a man's opinions should be tolerated."

Interviewed by the South Wales Daily News Morris gave an account of the subsequent events. After the meeting he and Roberts were making their way through the corridor when they were hustled and struck, and both challenged to fight. When they got into the quad the demonstration became more threatening and fearing they might be "tanked" (ie thrown into what is now the fountain) they made a rush to Professor Green's house (he was the college censor), and Green threatened the attackers with various penalties. Later that day Morris took out a summons against six students for assault.

He lost the court case as the magistrates were hostile and all the charges of assault were dismissed with costs. The College Board, with Professor Green alone dissenting, agreed that Morris should be required to sign an apology regretting that he had bypassed the college's disciplinary procedures by taking a case to the law courts, thus "violating the universal tradition of corporate college life."

The newspapers had a field day, and in a final letter Bebb announced that all the college students, bar one, had signed the petition. A letter, signed "Oxonian" replied to this. "Why tell us with a flourish of trumpets that the men under his charge have now come into line – all but one? What was the matter before?"

"Oxonian" was in all probability Morris, who had now been accepted by Exeter College, where he was much influenced by Dr Hastings Rashdall who, paradoxically, had taught for a time at Lampeter.

Before his final schools, Morris enlisted at the outbreak of the first World War in 1914 and held a commission in the Army Service Corps. The War destroyed his faith and thereafter he was an agnostic. Instead of returning to Oxford, Morris took a shortened course at Cambridge, having changed his subject from theology to philosophy, and became an assistant to E. Salter Davies, the director of education for Kent. In 1921 Morris moved back to Cambridge to be assistant secretary for education in the county offices, and after his chief's death in 1922 he succeeded him, aged 33.

Morris remained in this post until 1952, and became one of the most influential figures in education of his day. Though in Cambridgeshire was the first authority to obtain an agreed religious syllabus, and he established the concept of village colleges. These colleges, that provided space for community activities as well as juvenile and adult education, took the place of many small and isolated village schools. Morris insisted that the standard of architecture, the grounds, and fittings (including the latest new technology available), were of the highest possible quality. Impington Village College, for example, was designed by the internationally known architect, Walter Gropius. Original works of art by artists of the calibre of Lowry were bought or commissioned for these schools, though a Henry Moore piece was not acceptable to his committee. These village colleges, copied by many other counties, drew the constant praise of R.A. Butler, then minister of education, and obtained for Morris the award of the CBE in 1942. His achievement was such that Morris advised the Colonial Office about further education in Africa, and was seconded by the Ministry of Town and Country Planning to advise on its new towns policy. His three month tour of West Africa in 1947 prompted one irate alderman to ask him who did his work when he was away from the office so often. He replied, "Precisely the same people who do it when I am not away."

Snobbish (he described his father as an engineer), unpredictable, intolerant, a master of the unpremeditated insult, Morris could also be generous, hospitable, humane and compassionate. A host of friends gathered around him and became the family he never had. He died in December 1961, after a long and distressing illness. Amongst the many who gathered at his funeral were Henry Moore and J.B. Priestley. Today, Morris's achievements are being recognised once more.

Roger L. Brown, Welshpool
(St David's College 1960-63)

SOURCES: ODNB, George Ewart Evans, *The Strength of the Hills: An Autobiography* (London, 1983), pp. 103, 118-9; D.T.W. Price, *A History of St. David's University College, Lampeter* (Cardiff, 1990), pp. 31-2; Harry Rée, *The Life and Achievements of Henry Morris* (London, 1985), pp. 6-12 and 47 in particular.



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TSD WINS GUARDIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR Trinity Saint David won the first-ever Guardian National University Sustainability award, thanks to the TSD Institute for Sustainability Practice, Innovation and Resource Effectiveness project (INSPIRE).

Project Director Jane Davidson, former Welsh Government Minister for Education and the Environment, launched INSPIRE in January 2012,



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Medwin Hughes, and Director of INSPIRE, Jane Davidson, collecting the Guardian Award from Reeta Chakrabarti, BBC Education Correspondent and awards host.

aiming to embed sustainability throughout the university's curriculum, community, campuses and culture. TSD's achievement of the Guardian award was announced in a ceremony at Senate House in London.

Pushka Evans (grad. 1974)
Link Editor



THE PHOTOGRAPH ABOVE (provided by Lampeter Society Vice Chair Peter Bosley) was taken some time in the late 1960s. It shows a view that has now changed very considerably. To the left is one of three “Terrapin” halls of residence and to the right, the Terrapin lecture rooms. These buildings were installed as a temporary measure in the 1960s, with an intended timescale of, I believe, something like five years. In the event, they remained in use for about thirty years!

Each hall of residence had ten rooms – light and airy, the largest rooms available on campus. The downside was that all washing facilities were shared, and the sound-proofing was non-existent. I understand that the gentle noise of a kettle being plugged in at one end of the building might well result in a voice from the other end calling out something like “Yes please – two sugars...”

A popular pastime was darts, with a communal dart board being hung on the door to a store room. Unhappily many an enthusiastically thrown dart missed the board entirely so that the door was thoroughly peppered with holes. Those weren’t the only holes in the buildings: the unfilled cavity walls were made of some kind of light fibre (quite possibly asbestos, this being many years ago). Even a fairly light thump could make a crack, and it didn’t take a lot to make a hole. Some students were once hauled up and given a ticking off about the number (well over a hundred) of holes, and were in fear and trembling that they might have to pay for repairs. Fortunately for them, they didn’t.

Mrs Davies, the diminutive person responsible, for many years, for cleaning the rooms, was very popular with the residents, who regularly used to make an effort to clean and tidy the place themselves before her visits were due. A kindly soul, she had been known to wash up dirty dishes inadvertently left lying around (not her responsibility...), and to make cups of tea for a resident who was hampered in his movements as a result of being on crutches following an accident.

Just above the hall of residence in the photo one can glimpse the old original Canterbury Building and of course St David’s Building (O.B.) can be seen in the distance. To the right is a small stone building; can anyone recall what it was used for? Evidently it, like the old Canterbury Building, was demolished not long after the photo was taken.

If any readers have old and interesting shots of the campus that they would like to share with the Link, or any stories about life in the Terrapins or indeed about any other features of the campus which have now disappeared, do get in touch (see the management section for contact details) and we’ll see what we can do.

Pushka Evans (grad. 1974)
Link Editor

LAMPETER SOCIETY AND JOHN WARD PRIZES IN I.T.

THE WINNER OF THE LAMPETER SOCIETY PRIZE IN I.T. in 2012 was Henry Young. He gained a first class degree in Business Information Technology. He was an outstanding student with great potential and he is currently working as a consultant and is in the process of setting up his own IT business in Wales.

The winner of the John Ward Prize in I.T. in 2012 was Liam Daniels. He gained a first class degree in Business Information Technology. He and Henry were very competitive so it made for a great teaching year keeping them motivated and raising the bar to keep the challenges high. He was immediately employed at Swansea University by A-Team, an IT consultancy and they are very pleased with him. He wants to move to Cardiff so he is placing his CV with consultancies

there and I am sure he will be snapped up very soon.

We were able to push these students to use scripting languages and VB to a high level and they completed their IT projects under the Software Alliance Wales (<http://www.softwarealliancewales.com>) project, where they worked with local businesses building new online database systems for them. The businesses implemented their solutions and want more of our students to do work with them in the future.

Roisin Mullins,
Lecturer, School of Business, UWTSO

GETTING IN TOUCH

MANY YEARS AGO (1981, TO BE PRECISE) I lost my address book in the hustle and confusion of moving house. Moving home is of course the worst possible time for such a loss!

In those prehistoric times, before the universal ready availability of electronic information, it took a long weary time to reassemble all those names and addresses and inform everyone of our new details.

Indeed, I never did manage to get back in touch with two Lampeter contemporaries: Linda Jennings and Mike Baldwin.

If either Linda or Mike are reading this: do contact me (see details in the 'management of the Lampeter Society' section of the Link).

Alternatively, if anyone else out there knows Linda and/or Mike, please do let them know that I'd love to hear from them.

Similarly, if any readers would like to regain contact with one or two of their fellow students of Lampeter days, feel free to give the Link what details you can and we'll see whether a regular 'getting in touch' list might be useful.

Pushka Evans (grad. 1974)
Link Editor

LAMPETER SOCIETY REUNION 2012

THE 2012 LAMPETER SOCIETY ANNUAL REUNION weekend (13th - 15th July) was rather special as it marked our 75th anniversary. The Friday of the weekend also coincided with the Lampeter Degree Day, and found the campus thronging with new graduates and their families.

The Reunion began under rather inauspicious circumstances when Friday 13th brought torrential rain, and an unfortunate hitch when that evening's scheduled talk, by Cen Powell (Head of Estates) could not be delivered owing to his being called urgently away to a family emergency. Thereafter, however, the weather relented, attendance was good and all our usual pleasant events could take their accustomed course, plus one or two more unusual, one-off occasions.

There was a truly rousing organ recital on Saturday morning, courtesy of Lampeter graduate and past organ scholar Adrian Petty, followed by a moving and thought-provoking commemoration service, attended by many members in academic dress, and supported melodiously by the Chapel Choir. Our Preacher was the Reverend Professor Densil Morgan, BA, BD, DPhil, DD, Provost of the Lampeter Campus. Very happily, too, LamSoc's oldest member, founder-member Maldwyn Lloyd-Jones (having recently celebrated his 95th birthday) was also present. The Society's well-attended AGM followed, with the re-election of Officers, the adoption of a new Constitution (many thanks to Chris Webber for his work on this), a lively debate on the position in which Lampeter at that point found itself, and the presentation to mark the 75th anniversary of the Society of an engraved glass bowl by the Vice Chancellor, Dr Medwin Hughes. The bowl is going to be displayed on campus in due course: site to be confirmed (either in the Library or in the refurbished Canterbury Building).

On Saturday afternoon the traditional Croquet activity took place under the watchful eye of Bill Fillery. Bill was delighted that the Croquet could be played on a lawn markedly less "bog-like" than the 2011 pitch. It appears that the Student Union officers past and present enjoyed rather a lot of success on this occasion.

A further Saturday event which now seems well established in the reunion programme was the Roman Catholic Mass in the Chapel, a pleasingly ecumenical tradition instigated by Father John Pascoe (grad. 1967).

For the first time the Reunion Dinner was held in the Arts Block, the newly refurbished Block providing a first rate venue. The Dinner was marked by good food (thanks to the Catering Staff) enough wine, and a general atmosphere of positive well-being. Our popular and entertaining speaker was Lampeter graduate and 16 Club member Jules Hudson (grad 1991), now a well-known TV presenter. The raffle, ably directed by Trish Hughes and Linda Norris (both grad 1971), was a great success.

Many revellers followed on by visiting the Student Union bar thereafter, dancing (and indeed imbibing) until the small hours. Some of us however managed to get up in time for Sunday breakfast, and Sunday lunch (now becoming well-established as the final item of the weekend) was our last get-together, after which all parted with good wishes and promises to return in 2013.



Lampeter Society Chair Rachel Whitty with partner Toby (left) and Jules Hudson (centre)



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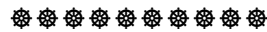
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Friday 19th July 2013

- 3.00pm – 5.00pm: Registration in the Cloisters of the St David's Building. Thereafter keys can be collected from Reception.
- 4.30pm: Get-together in 1822, outside the Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall.
- 5.00pm: Evensong, Chapel, St David's Building.
- 5.20pm: Talk by Student Union President Mattias Eken on the current student experience in Lampeter (venue to be announced).
- 6.00pm: Reception in the Cloisters.
- 7.00pm: Informal dinner in Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall (and, for Business Committee members only, a short meeting in the Wolfson Room).



Saturday 20th July 2013

- 8.00am: Bilingual Holy Communion Service, Chapel, St David's Building.
- 8.00am: Breakfast in Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall.
- 9.30am: Organ Recital, Chapel, St David's Building.
- 10.00am: Lampeter Society Annual Commemoration Service in the Chapel. To mark the event's special nature, please do wear your academic hoods and gowns if possible.
- 11.15am: Coffee, tea and biscuits outside the Cliff Tucker Lecture Theatre.
- 11.30am: Annual General Meeting, Cliff Tucker Lecture Theatre.
- 1.00pm: Informal lunch in the Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall.
- 2.30pm: Croquet on the lawn outside St David's Building, as ever under the benign and skilful guidance of Bill Fillery (grad. 1969).
- 4.00pm: Strawberry tea in the cloisters, St David's Building.
- 4.30pm: Roman Catholic Mass with Fr. John Pascoe (grad. 1967), Chapel, St David's Building.
- 5.30pm: Evensong, Chapel.
- 7.00pm: Pre dinner drinks reception (venue to be announced). Wine for the reunion dinner will be available for purchase.
- Raffle tickets will be on sale @ £1 each, with all proceeds going to Lampeter Society funds.
- 7.30pm: Reunion dinner. (Depending on numbers attending, the venue will be the Old Hall or the Arts Block hall.) Please wear black tie if possible.



Sunday 21st July 2013

8.00am: Breakfast in Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall – for those who can drag themselves out of bed in time...

11.00am: Eucharist, Chapel, St David's Building.

12.30pm: Sunday lunch in Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall and farewells until next year.

All Lampeter graduates, staff and well-wishers are automatically members of the Lampeter Society and are encouraged to subscribe.





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Please indicate whether you wish to book for the full Reunion, at **£123.00**, or for individual events such as the reception and Annual Dinner. Costs break down as shown in the table below:-

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Reception (Friday)	<i>Free</i>		
Dinner (Friday)	£11.00		
Lunch (Saturday)	£8.00		
Reunion Dinner and Reception (Saturday)	£26.00		
Strawberry Tea	£8.00		
Lunch (Sunday)	£8.00		
Full Reunion (all events)	£123.00		
Core Reunion (B & B Fri to Sun & Reunion dinner)	£96.00		
TOTAL COST			

We propose to issue participants with a list of those attending this Reunion. Please tick here if you do NOT wish your details to be included on the list.

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I enclose a cheque for £ _____ payable to University of Wales Trinity Saint David

**Please return to: Emma Evans, Marketing and Communications, University of Wales Trinity Saint David,
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*Please enclose a separate note if you need B&B before July or on/after July, and include the appropriate amount under "Total cost" above. TSD aims to provide for additional B&B but this cannot be guaranteed.

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Dear Lampeter Society Member,

I would like to invite you to the Annual Dinner of the London Branch of the Lampeter Society. This event is open to all alumni, their friends, partners or anyone who feels an affinity with Lampeter. The dinner will be held at the National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2HE on Friday 31 May 2013. Please aim to arrive by 7pm to commence dinner at 7.30pm.

We are yet to confirm arrangements for a speaker but as in years past I am confident that an excellent candidate will step forward to entertain and enlighten us with regard to the changing face of Lampeter.

The menu for 2013 is yet to be confirmed but the menu from 2012 is reproduced below as a guide to what to expect.

Asparagus and Soft Boiled Egg Salad with Crispy Pancetta
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Chump of Lamb with Broad Beans and Tomato Sauce
Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes
-oOo-
English Strawberry Basket with Clotted Cream

A vegetarian option is also available. Please indicate this preference on the booking form below.


The cost will be £30. Wine and other drinks can be purchased with cash on the night. If you would like to attend please complete the section below and return it along with your name, address and a cheque (made payable to Richard Haslam) to the address below. Unfortunately places for the dinner are limited and in order to confirm with the Club in sufficient time I would be grateful if all cheques could be sent to me by **Friday 17 May 2013**.

The Regulations of the National Liberal Club require that gentlemen wear a lounge suite or similarly tailored jacket, collared shirt and tie. (Jeans or trainers are not permitted). Ladies should be dressed in a similarly smart manner.

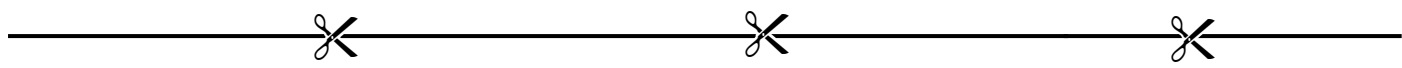
Please send all cheques and correspondence to: Richard Haslam, 29 Gilbert Street, Enfield, EN3 6PD or correspondence by email to rhaslam@hotmail.com

Should you be unable to attend the dinner on this occasion but would like to be kept informed of future events please contact me in order that we are able to keep a record of those interested in the Lampeter Society's activities. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our activities please pass on this information and encourage them to contact me. Further information is also available on the alumni pages on the University's website, various Facebook groups and a number of message boards and blogs. Do look us up!

Yours sincerely


Richard Haslam, Convener, London Branch (Graduate 1994)

Booking Form – please complete and return to Richard Haslam, 29 Gilbert Street, Enfield, EN3 6PD



Name & address or email for confirmation: _____

Please reserve me _____ places at £30 each. I enclose a total payment of £ _____ made payable to Richard Haslam.

Name of guest/s if applicable _____

Please indicate here _____ if your preference is for the vegetarian option or indicate in the section below if you have any other specific dietary preference or any other requirements.

JOHN PENNINGTON 1951 – 2012 (SDUC 1970-1974)

JOHN USED TO SAY THAT GROWING UP IN WAKEFIELD hadn't prepared him for the diverse group of characters he would meet in Terrapins and their surroundings. These stories have been told and re-told many times and each of us who knew John will have our own blurred and slurred favourite.

'Witty', 'sensitive', 'caring', 'empathetic' and 'loyal' are some of the words the same motley bunch of friends use to describe John.

A year in Verden, near Bremen, gave John a perspective that wasn't Yorkshire or Cardiganshire and proved to be an introduction to the country where he was to spend the rest of his life after Lampeter; apart from a year in Aberaeron where he built on his vacation experiences in Wakefield and secured a job at the Motor Taxation Office in Aberystwyth.

John felt very at home in Germany. Sweeping generalisations aside, he even looked German with his mop of blond curls and certainly appreciated things that worked, functioned and were clean.

Interestingly John's daughter, Julie, seems to have moved in the opposite direction. She lives in London after studying at Reading University.

John went first to Dusseldorf to teach English before moving into programming languages which led him to work for Electronic Data Services in Bochum where he was delighted to find he shared an office with another Neil Young fan.



John, in the course of his 60th birthday train ride, standing outside a carriage and pointing to the sign which says "It is forbidden to stand outside"!

John took early retirement and at his 60th birthday party he was asked how he spent his time. None of us was very enlightened by his answer but we all knew how much time he spent on Facebook where he posted significant amounts of Lampeter memorabilia and witty ripostes to others' comments. He managed to find and persuade several lost sheep to make it back to Lampeter for alternative reunions.

John's funeral was in May in Witten. There was also a gathering in Tynemouth (John had had a passion for the area since childhood) in July where his wife Sabine and Julie gave his ashes to the sea.

John, old friend, rest in peace. We miss you and we will always remember you with great fondness and continue to smile at your stories.

Paul Lamb (grad. 1974)

BETTY DAVIES

CARDIFF BRANCH CONVENOR JOHN LOARING has heard that, sadly, Betty Davies has died. She was Principal Lloyd-Thomas' long-term Secretary and a kindly soul who will be remembered fondly by many Link readers.

THANKS TO OUTGOING LAMPETER SOCIETY MINUTES' SECRETARY

CERIAN LEADBETER, AFTER SEVERAL YEARS as Lampeter Society Committee Member and Minutes' Secretary, has decided to step down.

We thank her heartily for all her hard work on our behalf, wish her well in her teaching career, and hope that she will soon be fully recovered from the accident which seriously affected her mobility some time ago. We shall miss her cheerful and helpful presence at Committee meetings but shall hope to see her at Society events such as the Annual Reunion.

Pushka Evans (grad. 1974)
Link Editor

SWANSEA BRANCH

THE SWANSEA BRANCH OF THE LAMPETER SOCIETY enrolled quite a few new members in 2012. The branch met at the chairman's house for lunch at the beginning of September 2012. About twenty people were present. Luckily it was a hot, sunny day so some could sit outside on the balcony.

We were delighted that the President of Trinity St David, Dr Brinley Jones and his wife Stephanie were able to attend. He gave us a stimulating talk to keep us up to date on life at the University. No gossip to be repeated here!

A venue for the 2013 St David's Day Dinner on Friday March 8th 2013 was determined by the committee and welcomed by all. The restaurant at Swansea Metropolitan University on Town Hill was chosen, not only for its great food but to celebrate the fact that they would soon be part of the Trinity St David family. Let's hope we can welcome them into our Society.

Anyone who is living in the Swansea/Neath Port Talbot area who would like to join us, please contact the Chairman, margaretmccloy@sky.com.

NOTE TO SUBSCRIBERS

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING to improve the quality of the data we hold about subscribers as over the years when people have moved we have sometimes, unfortunately, lost touch. If you are reading this then it is probably safe to assume we have at least a decent mailing address. However, we may well be lacking some details and as 2013 sees the launch of a determined initiative to increase membership numbers etc. we are looking to improve the quality of the subscriber database. It would be helpful if you could supply us with, or confirm, the details below to our new email address LampeterSociety@gmail.com or by post to Richard Haslam (London Branch Convenor) address supplied elsewhere in this edition. Please also ask your Lampeter graduate friends to get in touch similarly.

Details Requested:

Full Name, Address, email address, Graduation Year, Degree Studied, Profession

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FRANK MURPHY

VERY SADLY, FRANK MURPHY, who graduated with History honours in 1971 from what was then St David's College, Lampeter/Coleg Dewi Sant, Llanbedr Pont Steffan, died on 28 December 2012. He had been ill for about 6 months before with throat cancer. He left behind a lovely family (his ex-wife, 2 sons and a daughter) and many close friends and colleagues.

His funeral was attended by over 200 people, a mark of the affection and regard he was held with and, as was his wish, he had a Latin solemn requiem mass and burial, not cremation, in the county he loved so much - Wiltshire.

I had known Frank for about 50 years, since our school days in London. We decided together to have a gap year (working not travelling) and then to apply and go to St David's College, which we did in 1968. The following 3 years were memorable for us and opened up a whole new world of self discovery, discussion and good humour.

Frank made many friends at Lampeter, and loved spirited conversation and debate, especially in the local pubs or across the border in the then 'wet' county of Carmarthenshire at the Ram Inn on Sundays. I well remember the first Sunday evening at College in 1968. After one of "Rooky's" suppers with Noel & Trish Hughes, Alan Fairhurst, Malcolm Foy, Owen Jefferies et al, we all decided to walk it off in the direction of Cellan and we all got lost. Frank was too engrossed in the countryside and the chat (or more accurately 'the crack') to notice but Alan fortunately eventually got us back to campus. Frank was an avid walker, indulging in his love of countryside and compensating for the lack of opportunity to do so in London. He was also an active member of the Debating and Catholic Societies, and

had a passion for theological and biblical study discussions – especially with the ordinands of Burgess Hall. He had a clear analytical and open mind and a great sense of humour, but still remained true to his Catholic faith, which sustained him through the tragic times of his life.



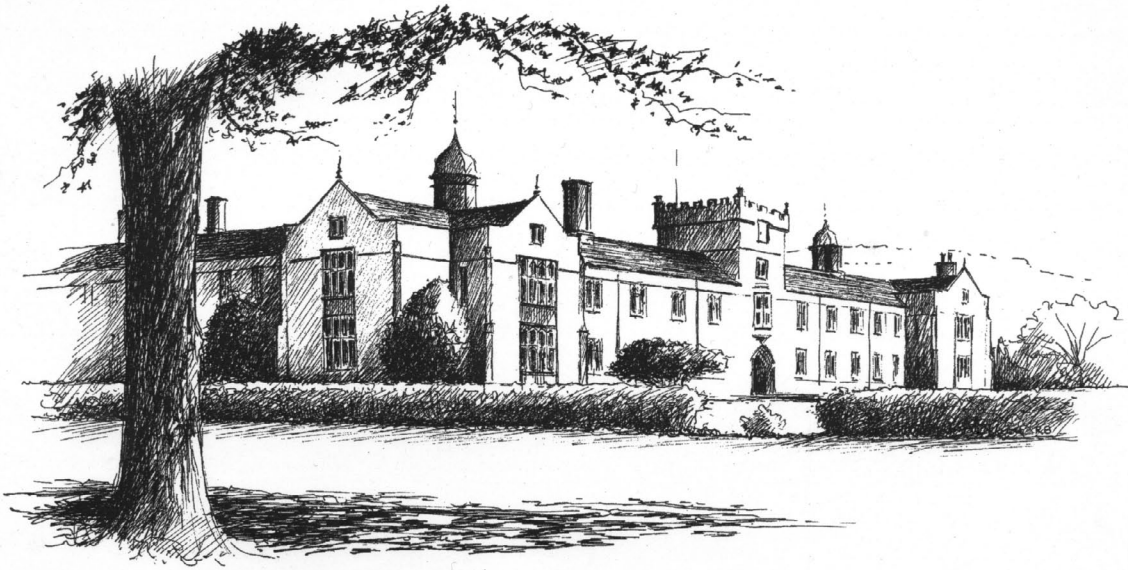
Frank Murphy at Gloucester Docks

After leaving College Frank worked for a short while at Gabitas & Thring then Crown Agents before studying for and sitting his Bar exams at the Middle Temple and settling into a career in Law as a lecturer at Bournemouth College then as a senior officer at the Crown Prosecution Service in Wiltshire and Gloucestershire before retiring in 2009.

Frank was a loyal and steadfast friend and devoted to St David's College and its later incarnations as St David's University College/Coleg Prifysgol Dewi Sant; University of Wales, Lampeter/Prifysgol Cymru, Llanbedr Pont Steffan; and finally Trinity Saint David's/Drindod Dewi Sant, a change he regarded as right and fitting. He hardly ever missed a reunion. He was also very ethical and protective of individual rights. For example, Frank led the challenge to the 'hearties' and student revolutionaries at College and their bullying of quiet students with pranks such as the flooding of their rooms.

We will all miss Frank. May he rest in peace.

Brendan McSharry (grad. 1971)



A LINK READER came across a reproduction of this rather pleasing line drawing of St David's Building, but has no knowledge of the artist. Can anyone enlighten us? If so please do get in touch with a Lampeter Society Officer or the Link Editor (for contact details please see the 'Management of the Society' section).

LINK EXTRA 2012 AND BEYOND

A FOUR-PAGE LINK EXTRA publication has for a good many years been issued to those who attend the annual reunion event at Lampeter. It has been suggested that it is a pity this is not seen by a wider audience. Therefore we are, this year, again re-issuing last year's Link Extra material at the back of this year's Link.

SOME DATES FOR DIARIES

Lampeter Campus

Saturday 22 June 2013	Undergraduate Open Day
Friday 19 – Sunday 21 July 2013	Lampeter Society Annual Reunion (See details elsewhere in the Link.)
Saturday 17 August 2013 (Clearing Applicant only)	Undergraduate Open Day
Saturday 14 September 2013	Undergraduate Open Day
Saturday 26 October 2013	Undergraduate Open Day

Carmarthen Campus

Friday 28 June 2013	Undergraduate Open Day
Saturday 17 August 2013 (Clearing Applicant only)	Undergraduate Open Day
Friday 18 October 2013	Undergraduate Open Day
Saturday 19 October 2013	Undergraduate Open Day

Other

Friday 8 March	Lampeter Society Swansea Branch St David dinner, Swansea Met University Restaurant, Town Hill Swansea (See details elsewhere in the Link.)
Friday 31 May	Lampeter Society London Branch Annual Dinner, National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London (See details elsewhere in the Link.)

Further information: see University of Wales, Trinity Saint David latest News and Events webpage
<http://www.trinitysaintdavid.ac.uk/en/news/>

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This is formed of all officers of the Society, plus branch convenors, Link editor and other people co-opted as necessary.

If you would like to take an active role in helping to run the Lampeter Society or indeed stand for a post or start a local branch, we'd love to hear from you! If so, please contact one of the Business Committee: there's no need to wait until the Annual General Meeting in July.

Equally, if you would like to help more financially, why not increase your annual subscription above the £10 minimum (a banking mandate form is provided in this edition of the Link).

You might also, perhaps, consider a bequest? If so, please contact Chris Webber (Secretary and Assistant Treasurer – see contact details above).

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The newsletter of the
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Colour Picture (Tulips) from the Roderic Bowen Library and Archive

Lampeter's Bletchley Park Code-breaker

IN MANY ACCOUNTS OF BLETCHLEY PARK code-breaking during the Second World War, it is assumed that the code-breakers were all Oxford and Cambridge recruits, like Alan Turing. Formally the Government Code and Cypher School, Bletchley Park actually employed hundreds of people. What has not been widely known, until the publication of Asa Briggs's *Secret Days: Code-Breaking in Bletchley Park* (Frontline Books, 2011), was that Lampeter contributed to this endeavour. The second volume of William Price's history of Lampeter claims that Frank Newte left St David's College in 1939 for war service in the Royal Artillery, where he became a regimental sergeant major –somewhat implausibly given his slight build. Nevertheless, he appears in Briggs's book, in which Briggs describes the various out-stations and off-shoots of Bletchley Park, as code-breaking assumed greater importance in the War. One of these was the Shenley Road Military Camp, about half a mile from Bletchley Park itself. Briggs writes:

My closest friend in the Camp was Frank Newte, who in civilian life was a lecturer at Lampeter. Jimmy Thirsk... remembered Newte when he was a corporal at Beaumanor, 'gentle and erudite'. In the mess he was not always gentle. I argued about politics with him at immense length –and passionately. He was the most right-wing friend that I have ever had. Our good relations only just survived the Labour victory at the general election of 1945. He thought that a country that had thrown out Churchill was not worth living in. I was saved only because he thought that my getting a fellowship at Oxford would take me straight into Paradise. Most of the warrant officers and sergeants in Bletchley Park shared my views, not his. (103-4)

In fact a check with the Bletchley Park roll of honour reveals that Newte was not in the Royal Artillery at all. He was in the Army Intelligence Corps and attached to SIXTA. SIXTA was an acronym for Number 6 Intelligence School Traffic Analysis. SIXTA had a chequered past, having started as the Central Intelligence Section of the Intelligence Corps in 1940 with a role of identifying and decoding German signals, its technical wing was charged with examining radio frequencies and

call signs. Number 6 Intelligence School was opened in March 1941 and concentrated on German radio techniques and soon moved to Beaumanor, Leicestershire –which, from Briggs's account, is where Newte served. In May 1942 it was agreed that SIXTA should move to Bletchley Park since its work was vital to the code-breakers in Huts 3 and 6 (the most famous code-breaking units) at Bletchley Park. According to Tony Sale's codesandciphers.org.uk the work of SIXTA 'became vital to the Hut 6 Enigma breaking efforts'.

Briggs's reference to warrant officers and sergeants is explained by the fact that the majority of the code-breakers were not commissioned officers. It might also explain Newte's rank. The claim that Newte served in the Royal Artillery may be, like the stories adopted by many Bletchley Park veterans, simply the cover he chose to explain his wartime secret work –Briggs's book also covers this aspect of life after Bletchley Park.

Newte returned from army service in early 1946 and, like all Bletchley Park staff, remained silent about his role in the War. He remained a lecturer in Classics at Lampeter until his retirement in 1977. He served for a time as librarian but otherwise his service to the College and the country have passed largely unnoticed. Perhaps now is the time to correct it?

William Gibson

[Some readers may remember that Frank Newte lived for many years in the tower above the main entrance to the quadrangle of St David's Building: the tower was indeed commonly known as Frankie Newte's Tower. Following the research undertaken by Bill Gibson, the Lampeter Society now has plans afoot to place a memorial plaque within the archway beneath the tower. – Ed]



A good turnout at the Lampeter Society 50th Anniversary Reunion in 1987.

Bob Fonow

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HEAR that distinguished Lampeter graduate Bob Fonow has been awarded a Fellowship by Trinity Saint David.

Bob is a turnaround and corporate renewal executive with global experience in the international telecommunications, IT manufacturing and services, and human resources sectors. He is managing director of Revenue Growth International Ltd., is on the boards of three companies in China, and is the consulting president of Comrise Consulting China, a US owned Human Resources firm. In addition, he is the elected Executive Director of the Asia Transformation and Turnaround Association (ATTA) for 2012 and co-chair of the Telecommunications and IT Forum of the American Chamber of Commerce in China. One of his major projects involved his serving as Senior US State Department Advisor to the government of Iraq for telecommunications and IT reconstruction, the only internally sustainable reconstruction success in Iraq using its own



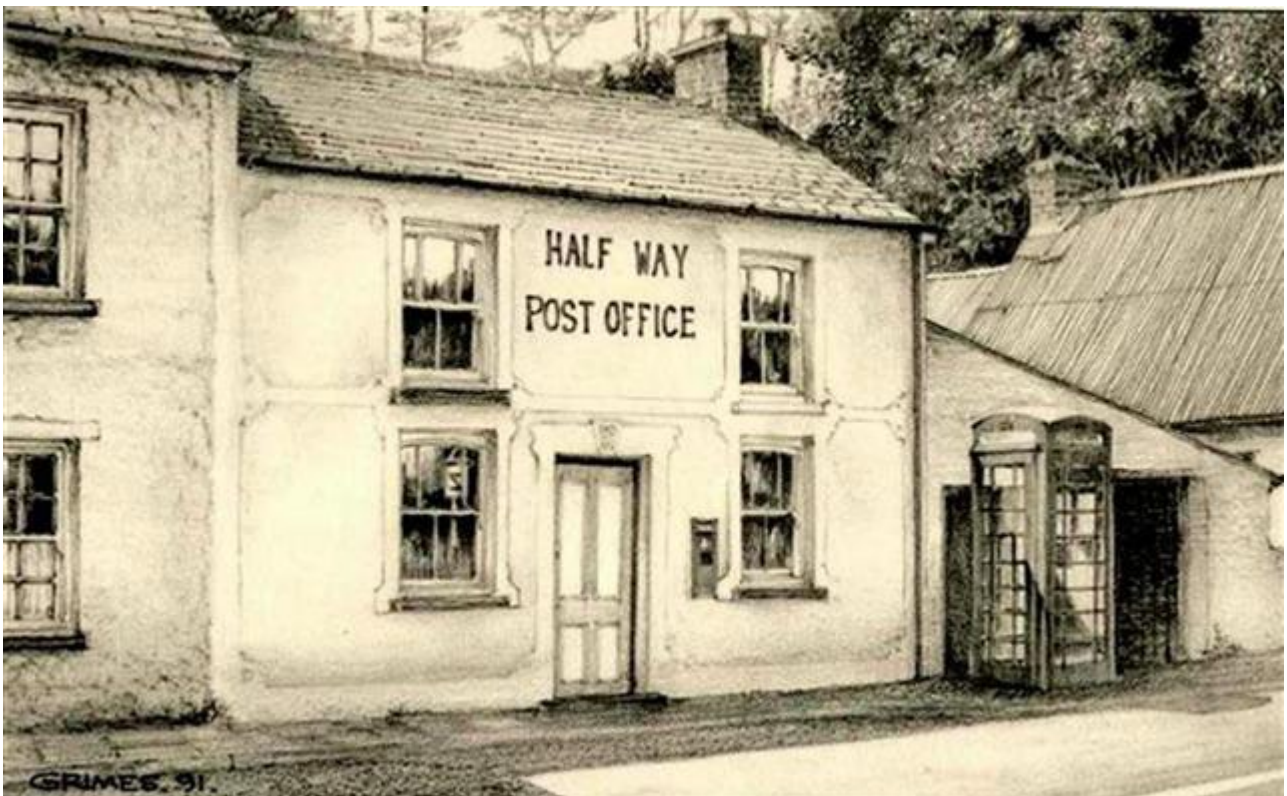
sector revenues for operations and growth. Other projects have been many and varied, e.g. turnaround of Scientific Atlanta Shanghai Ltd. (now part of Cisco) and work as long term revenue growth consultant in China to Infonet Communications Corporation, now British Telecom China.

Following service in the United States Air Force in Japan, Italy and the UK, Bob was awarded degrees by what was then St. David's College/ Coleg Dewi Sant, Lampeter, and by the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has lived and worked in many countries, but tells us that he still looks upon the Lampeter campus of Trinity Saint David as his alma mater. We offer him our warmest congratulations on his Fellowship.

Pushka Evans (grad. 1974)

Colin Grimes' monochrome picture

READERS MAY RECALL that, in error, two copies of Colin Grimes' "Bridge at Llanfair Clydogau" picture appeared in Link 2012, while the promised picture "Halfway, A40, in the 1980s" was accidentally omitted. The missing image is therefore, with apologies, reproduced here.





*Sporting chaps outside the pavilion
Old Boys' rugby team, 2008.*



*Link Extra 2011 (which was reissued with Link 2012)
included an article about the Lampeter Chamber
Orchestra: a photograph of the orchestra is now
reproduced above*



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