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#### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The image on the front cover was submitted by John Loaring (1967). He bought it on eBay for £3.99, where it was described as an “original Victorian print.”

The image on the back cover was kindly found by Nicky Hammond, the new Special Collections Archivist who has taken over the role from Sarah Roberts. It shows a photograph of the Old Library in the 1950s. Nicky notes:

*In the archive we have the Library Visitors Book (1910 -1944) which shows that the library attracted visitors from throughout Wales, as well as from London, Bristol, Essex, Leicester, Bolton, Cornwall, Scotland and Ireland. More surprising are the entries of individuals from France, Germany, Switzerland, America, Australia, South Africa and Cairo. Those visiting included former Students; church, group and family outings; a couple stranded by a railway strike; and J.H. Michael Burgess, ‘collateral descendant of Bp. Burgess’ (24 June, 1931). There is a lovely selection of Comments, ranging from “very interesting”, “truly edifying”, a “grand sight”, “inspiring”, “absolutely tophole”, to the more lyrical – a “Temple of Delight”. The most moving is from 10 September, 1926: “Old alma mater still dear and fresh to memory”.*

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## ERRATA

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With regard to *The Link* LXXIII (Winter, 2018–19), we owe apologies to:

- \* Rev. Malcolm Foy; on page 13, his name is erroneously given as “Michael”
- \* Llywela Harris, whose surname was mis-spelt on the same page
- \* Isabella Anton, for mis-spelling her name on page 17
- \* John Ward, for omitting the following sentence from his report entitled ‘Book Signing at Lampeter....’ on pages 17–18: “Although it is not yet possible to order the book online, if you wish to purchase a copy, email Bella at [ibellaanton@gmail.com](mailto:ibellaanton@gmail.com)”.

## EDITORIAL

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Welcome to the first Summer edition of *The Link*. The main focus this time is not on features but on items of news, reports of events and Reunion reminders (the forms for attending the Annual Reunion this July – which we hope as many members as possible will attend – are included at the back). Nonetheless, there is a fascinating item on the history of The Boar’s Head Club (revived recently) and another on the ‘second alumnus’ – both well worth a read.

Meanwhile, we have been asked to state our editorial policy. It is as follows:

*Like all Editors, we reserve the right to insert or not insert items sent to us for possible inclusion in The Link and, moreover, those that we do include we reserve the right to alter in the interests of accuracy, conciseness, clarity, and relevance to the readership. Notwithstanding, our policy is to make as few changes as possible – though virtually all items are edited to some extent on the basis of the above principles.*

# REMINDER – LAMPETER SOCIETY REUNION, LAMPETER, 19–21 JULY, 2019

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Plans are being finalised for this year's Lampeter Society reunion, 19–21 July!

We have two exciting additions to the original programme given in the Winter edition of *The Link*. Firstly, we are delighted that Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Fenwick, former Bishop of St Helena in the Anglican Province of Southern Africa, will be preaching at this year's Commemoration Service. He will also be giving an organ recital just before it during which music from Germany, England and France will feature, with pieces by J.S. Bach, John Bull, Jean Langlais and Charles Piroye.

Secondly, following on from the talk last year given by Chris Deacy on *Nostalgia and Lampeter*, on the Friday evening in the Founder's Library Chris will be chairing a session on 'Reminiscing'. There will be no formal input, just an opportunity for

attendees to reminisce about their Lampeter years. Bring a piece of your own Lampeter nostalgia to share with the group – a photo, essay, bus ticket etc. – and be prepared to re-live those Lampeter years!

Other highlights include:

- \* the Second Great Lampeter Treasure Hunt
- \* round two of the Intergenerational Games (can Team 70s be defeated?)
- \* a free barbecue and pub quiz
- \* a talk and exhibition on the works of English poet and cleric, John Donne
- \* a Saturday night disco in the Union (by our resident Alumni DJs)
- \* a relaxing Sunday morning walk to the Falcondale (perfect for clearing fuzzy heads).

Thus we have a weekend packed full of activities for you to join in should you

wish. As ever, you will be able to tailor the weekend around your interests, so join in with as much or as little as you like. However you do it, you won't regret coming along!

As last year, the University has developed an online booking system in order to reduce paper and speed up the booking process and we would encourage you to use this link to book your place: <https://forms.uwtsd.ac.uk/view.php?id=214134>

However, the paper booking forms are still available and are reprinted at the back of this issue; just complete them and return them to The Conference Office at the University.

**The closing date for bookings – whether online or paper – is Monday, 8 July.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## ADVANCE NOTICE – LAMPETER SOCIETY REUNION, 2020: 17–19 JULY

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### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

**2020 Lampeter Society Reunion:  
Lampeter, 17th – 19th July**

Spend the weekend catching up with old friends, re-living those Lampeter years or just chilling in the bar. This annual weekend is definitely not to be missed!

**More information in the next edition of the Link!**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## From Pushka Evans (1974)

In *The Link*, LXXIII, reading about taking one's driving test in Lampeter sparked some memories. I learned to drive there, in a dear little red mini (Cribyn driving school, taught by, I think, Lee Jones). I have a photo of the car somewhere. I took my test there too, slightly hampered by the fact that, while lying on my front to watch the cricket the day before, the backs of my legs got thoroughly sun-burned! I think learning to do hill starts on the hill leading up to St Peter's probably stood me in good stead; it must have been something like 1:3 or 1:4 and meant that ever since I've never had any qualms about that aspect of driving!

## From Bob Fonow (1979) – via Facebook

### First letter

First of all, congratulations to the editors of *The Link* for an excellent production. I enjoyed reading most of the commentary but would like to clarify one issue in Jeremy Smith's introduction [*Winter, 2018–19, p4 – Ed.*].

It would be fair to mention that at least one Chin Kung organisation is reportedly illegal in the People's Republic of China – and perhaps also to point out that this organisation has issues with LGBT, which is only in existence in Western cultures apparently. If you want to promote this organisation, that's your right, and in light of Lampeter's tragic situation I can understand why the truth might be positioned in a certain way. On the other hand, Chin Kung is a wealthy and influential organisation with many adherents outside of China. They also have a right to be heard, and we can welcome their participation in College life. After all, Lampeter graduates are taught to weigh evidence, so all of it should be presented.

Disclaimer: I live in Beijing and have a long association with Greater China and Asia. I'm not without prejudice on this issue.

## Second letter

News from China: Ross Webster-Salter gave me a special present at dinner last night.



Ross has carved out a very nice niche for himself in Beijing by hard work and taking advantage of opportunities. He is with Daimler Benz and getting a solid foundation in international business. Lampeter graduates with grit and perseverance make their way in the world. The Gaudeamus wine label is a reminder of one of the College Club's greetings. Thoughtful. It would be nice to see some profiles of other younger graduates doing well [*Excellent idea – send to me please – Ed.*].

## From Nick Groves (2000; 2008)

I am writing in response to your call in *The Link* for ideas to celebrate the bicentenary of Lampeter – and the 85th anniversary of the Lampeter Society.

In 2000, the College produced a booklet I wrote dealing with the history of the academical dress of St David's College. It has not been available for some time. I am asked for

copies on a fairly regular basis, and have to say 'sorry, but I don't have any'.

Since then, I have been able to do a great deal more work on the history of the robes, as well as examining documents held in the archive. As 2022 will also be the 170th anniversary of the institution of the BD degree in 1852, I wonder if a revised edition might be one way to mark these anniversaries?

I remember that the late Peter Allison oversaw the production of the original booklet (and his BA hood and gown now reside in the [Burgon Society's](#) collection); I think the funds came from proceeds of the alumni credit card, but I'm not sure.

If the Lampeter Society Committee feel this might be worth pursuing, then I'll be happy to put my work into shape [*the Business Committee has approved Nick's rewrite and will fund it – Ed.*].

## From Paul Hamlet (2004, 2012)

### Contributions to *The Link*

In response to the request for copy for future editions of *The Link*, Adrian Gaunt's photograph 'Gateway to Learning' in the Winter 2018/19 edition leads me to suggest that photographs taken out and about around the campus in different seasons could become an occasional – or even a regular – feature. Perhaps alumni could be invited to submit their favourite photograph(s) [*Please do – Ed.*]. I have taken a number over the years, and I include three herewith. Incidentally, does anyone know if the angel over the gateway has any particular significance?



Old Building – the Quadrangle



Old Building – the Gateway, with the angel above it



Part of the grounds in Springtime – the River Dulas

*[or is it the Teifi at this point? – please let me know – Ed]*

The *Spotlight on the Lampeter Campus* in recent editions is a welcome addition, and helps to keep alumni informed about happenings in their University. Perhaps it would be possible for each edition to focus another spotlight on the work of one department, with more information about recent and on-going research, plans for the future and so on? This

would probably involve canvassing articles from current academics, postgrads and other students, and may be difficult to organise from a distance, but nothing ventured ... *[Good idea – we will see what can be done – Ed.]*

I enjoyed reading the 'Afterword' on The Sending Down Rites and hope that occasional articles about the earlier history of St David's College will continue to be published *[We will do our best – Ed.]*

With regard to the appeal for suggestions for the **Bicentennial Celebrations of the College by the Lampeter Society...**

The chapel service during the 2022 Reunion week-end will presumably be a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for both the Bicentennial of the College and the 85th Anniversary of the Lampeter Society. I imagine that the University will have its own celebration of the Bicentennial separately. However, given the contribution made by Lampeter to the life of the Church in Wales, *in addition to* celebrations on campus, should it be suggested to the University and to the diocese that it might be appropriate for there to be a service in the cathedral?

Also, in the past, memorabilia have been made for the Lampeter Society,

and the range of possible items – both useful and decorative – is wide (although perhaps disproportionately tilted to the masculine interest): plates, tankards, mugs, prints of the University (a new one would be nice), cuff-links, ... etc. Some years ago, when we were still 'The University of Wales, Lampeter', '1822 cuff-links' in black and gold were produced. They bore the University's then logo and the date '1822'. Perhaps these could be re-issued, or something very similar commissioned, maybe with the old logo replaced by the cinquefoil found on the old University flag and on its present coat of arms, or some other appropriate device *[another good idea which we will try to follow up – Ed.]*

Furthermore, here is an idea for the University rather than for the Lampeter Society to consider: an Exhibition of photographs, prints and pictures and artefacts – not sure where – cloisters perhaps, or spread over several sites, or in the museum? – illustrating the people, the buildings and the life at Lampeter over the years, indeed centuries. There must be a wealth of photographic and other material in the University's archives. *[Indeed there is. Thank you for all your suggestions, Paul – Ed.]*

### From Llywela Harris

I was delighted to receive my copy of the *Link* yesterday – what a handsome edition, and I recognised the cover



photograph straightaway, so I've attached a favourite postcard acquired from the College Library, entitled 'A Visit to Cader Idris', also from *Cambria Depicta*, which I dare say you've seen already.

It was so kind of you to include our correspondence about the Canterbury Building, 'Singing around the Tank' and the W H Harris (x2) connection – thanks very much.

There was lots to interest me in this edition. Of particular note were the memories of Fred David (I'm in touch from time to time with his daughter, Penny, whose books I much admire); a mention of next month's event to mark International Women's Day and the history of women graduates at Lampeter; and the report on the strengthening of the College's historic link with Oxford by means of the development of a BA in Celtic Studies (my father, who had also been a student at Lampeter, went on to Jesus College.)

A happy coincidence – when I spotted Margaret McCloy's report on the 2018 Swansea Meeting and Lunch, I'd just been reading reviews in last week's *Church Times* of two new publications. The first was *Education Across the United Kingdom 1944–2017*, edited by Robert McCloy, and the second, accompanied by a photo of Lampeter Old Building (before 1938 – so minus the Royal Coat of Arms, but partially covered in luxurious creeper), *Godly Communities of Sound Learning: A Study of how ten new colleges were founded to provide professional training for clergy of the Church of England, 1800–1850*, by Trevor Park.

Our celebrations for St David's Day start next Sunday with the broadcast of Radio 4's 'Morning Worship' from the Cathedral, so it's not too early for me to wish you *Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus* [*Happy St David's Day – Ed.*].

### From James Ogden (Assistant Lecturer, St. David's College, 1961–63)

I enjoyed reading your Winter, 2018–19 issue. To me, the most interesting items were the photo of Canterbury Building and Roger Brown's letter; his article on the Revd. Fred David; the reminiscences of Bruce Parker; and your article on league tables – I should like to comment on these.

Firstly, as Roger Brown says, Fred David did not do enough to be made a Professor, but he was an able man in his way; I recall a letter from him in, I believe, *The Sunday Times*, on the value of 'General' as opposed to 'Special' Honours degrees. Secondly, Bruce Parker recruited me to write for *Gownsmen*. Finally, as for the league tables, they are always interesting, but only when favourable should they be taken seriously! – but that is not exactly a joke; in my experience of student assessments, only students who understood my aims as a teacher had anything helpful to say.

### From Paul Richards (2003)

I was recently invited by a Lampeter resident and fellow alumnus to visit him for a few pints at the Lampeter Beer & Cider Festival. We had an excellent day, but on my return I was swarmed by comments on social media that other fellow alumni weren't aware that this event exists. It has in fact been a recurring one for five years now. Having joined the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) after graduation, I saw this as a perfect opportunity to meet up with some fellow alumni over a few drinks.

The festival is organised by the Lampeter Round Table to raise money for local charities, and in its first year the organisers had to run

to the Co-op for extra supplies! This year's event was in mid-February and had over twenty different beers served in the Arts Hall from breweries across Wales, and there was a great selection of Welsh cider too. All the drinks came with tasting notes in a commemorative festival programme, and a souvenir glass was also included in the £3 admission fee.

Some of the beers that we tried included a hoppy golden beer called Rock Steady from the Mantle brewery in Cardigan and a copper-coloured ale named Hot Tin Roof from 9 Lives Brewing in Ystradgynlais. There was also an odd concoction of green tea and apricot infused into a pale ale named Goucho to mark the Welsh-Patagonia landing in 1865. Our firm festival favourite though had to be a marshmallow porter from the Tiny Rebel brewery in Newport named Stay Puft – the aroma was gorgeous!

Alongside the beer and cider were performances from local bands who played a mixture of well-known pop songs as well as their own material. It certainly got people singing along and it was great to see a good mixture of both students and visitors soaking up the atmosphere. Hot snacks and sandwiches were available in the Arts Hall foyer but we opted to finish our day with an excellent Chinese meal at Ling Di Long. It was a great day out and my only regret was that an event of this nature didn't take place during my time as an undergraduate!

For more details of the festival and future events, keep an eye on the helpful festival website: [www.lampeterbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.lampeterbeerfestival.co.uk). This year, the hourly Traws Cymru T1 service between Aberystwyth and Carmarthen was free on the day of the event. If you're a fan of *cwrw*, I highly recommended a visit. *Iechyd da!*

# SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE COLLEGE BY THE LAMPETER SOCIETY – A REMINDER

2022 will be the bicentennial of the Foundation of the College – and also the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Lampeter Society! We would welcome suggestions as to possible ways of celebrating these two momentous events! In addition to ideas mentioned in the letters above, others received so far include:

- \* inviting to the main celebrations / the Reunion Dinner HRH the Prince of Wales and the descendants of the other original families who contributed to the Foundation (such as those of Harford and Burgess)
- \* a competition to win a free dinner at the Reunion
- \* a free dinner for members attending the Reunion
- \* the Reunion dinner to be provided at cost.

*Keep the ideas flowing! – please submit to me.*

Editor

## NEWS

### STOP PRESS

Alan Foster (1966) was the first to point out to us that Trinity St. David was placed 57 out of 121 (up from 86) in the 2020 League Table within *The Guardian University Guide 2020* (June, 2019). Full details will be in the Winter, 2019–20 issue.

Editor

### REVD. CANON DR. WILLIAM PRICE, DD

I am delighted to report that in July, 2018, William Price was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity from UWTSU. Many of you will fondly remember Canon Price who taught History at Lampeter from 1970 until 1997. He wrote the much-acclaimed two-part History of St. David's University College, and was a huge inspiration to me during my undergraduate years, 1991–4, when he lectured and ran seminars in both History and Theology. None of us will forget his very dry wit and unflappable dedication to the life and soul of Lampeter.

On the Saturday before Christmas, 2018, I had the privilege of catching up with William at his home in Shropshire in order to interview him for a podcast series I am undertaking

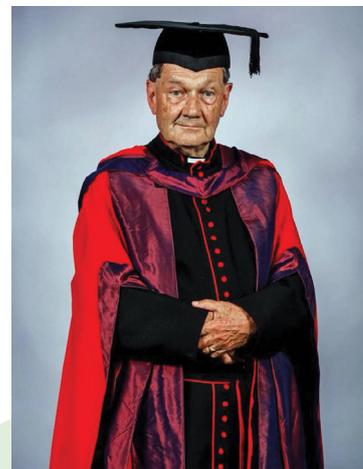


Canon Dr. William Price – photograph taken by Chris Deacy during the interview in Wem, Salop.

on Nostalgia. That podcast can be accessed here: <https://audioboom.com/posts/7162959-william-price>.

In this hugely insightful conversation he talks about how he was attracted by Lampeter's Anglican tradition and saw the job as a chance to revive his Welsh. We talk about how Lampeter is a unique town and William recounts how at one point he knew every academic colleague by name. He also discusses how he rode 'two horses' in

that for 25 years he followed both an academic and a clerical profession. We also discover why William is mentally very curious, why he is a forward-looking sort of person, and why his family is at the centre of his life.



Canon Dr. William Price in academical dress

Chris Deacy (1994)

## NEW VICAR OF LAMPETER

Following the appointment of the previous Vicar of Lampeter, Canon Andy Herrick, a Lampeter graduate, as Archdeacon of Anglesey, a new Vicar was appointed in December, 2018. The Revd. Dr. Marc Rowlands graduated from Aberystwyth with a B.Sc. in Geology in 1984, and was ordained in 1999 after training at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, from where he obtained a Diploma in Ministry. In the meantime he had obtained two degrees from Lampeter – an M.Phil in 1989 and a Ph.D in 1995.

His first curacy was in Ammanford, and he was then Curate of St. Peter's, Carmarthen, before becoming Vicar of Llanpumpsaint with Llanllawddog in 2001. In 2006 he moved to the Gwendraeth Valley as Vicar of Tumble, where he remained until last December.

His M.Phil dissertation was entitled *Contemporary Christian Authors and Darwinian Evolution* and the title of his Ph.D thesis was *Five Scientists in an Age of Doubt: religious beliefs in the nineteenth century at the cutting edge of science*. He has also published two geological works – *Mining plans of Cardiganshire: the human dimension* in 1998, and *Cerrigy traeth: a field guide to Cardiganshire beach pebbles*, which he co-authored in 2006.

**Bill Fillery (1969)**

## UPDATE: TRAWS LINK CYMRU

*Traws Link Cymru (TLC)* – the West Wales Rail Campaign – was formed in 2013 with the aim of reinstating the rail link between Aberystwyth and Carmarthen via Lampeter. Since then, the group has conducted a vigorous campaign to have the railway rebuilt. TLC has consistently argued that there is a need for improved public transport in West Wales, and while a better bus service provides part of the answer, this would be compromised by the inadequacies of the current

## OLD BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Work has begun on renovating OB.



Recent photograph by Esther Weller (1999)

road network. A rail link, by contrast, would provide a rapid and effective means of transportation between the two principal towns of Aberystwyth and Carmarthen, as well as serving the major communities along the line. The railway would also stimulate the tourist industry (a mainstay of the regional economy); provide new job opportunities; attract inward investment; help stabilise population; reduce transport poverty; and be more environmentally friendly than increasing car usage. The line would also connect four university campuses (Aberystwyth, Lampeter, Carmarthen and Swansea) and five major hospitals (Aberystwyth, Carmarthen, Llanelli and two in Swansea).

Public meetings have been held in all the major centres along the line, and the reaction has been overwhelmingly favourable. A petition in support of the reopening of the line now has almost 20,000 signatures, and support has also come from the universities, the health boards, the two county councils, and almost 50 town and community councils. The campaign has received the backing of Plaid Cymru, the Liberal Democrats and the Green Party, while a number of Labour and Conservative MPs and AMs [*Assembly Members – Ed.*] have expressed their support. TLC has

also had meetings in London with ministers from the Welsh Office and from the Department of Transport, and these have been both positive and encouraging.

In 2015, the Minister for Business, Economy and Science in the Welsh Government (Edwina Hart) allocated £30,000 towards a scoping study into the reopening of the line, and this was carried out by the engineering consultants, AECOM. Their remit was to produce a report that would provide technical advice setting out all the issues to be considered under a full feasibility study, and outline a scope, programme and cost for that investigation. The scoping study was published in September, 2015, and can be accessed online – [www.trawslinkcymru.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015](http://www.trawslinkcymru.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015)

In the following year, the Welsh Labour Government (in an agreement with Plaid Cymru) allocated £300,000 to fund a full feasibility study into the engineering aspects of the line. This was subsequently carried out by the international consultants, Mott MacDonald Ltd., under the aegis of Transport for Wales. Their report, published in September, 2018, estimated the cost of reopening the line at £775m, of which £288m

would be direct construction cost, the balance being made up of a combination of design, project management and compensation charges, together with a contingency provision of £276m. Over 90% of the new line would be on the original trackbed, of which less than 3% is built over.

The report proposes an hourly service between Aberystwyth and Carmarthen, with intermediate stops at Llanilar, Tregaron, Lampeter, Llanybydder and Pencader (for Llandysul). It forecasts attracting 370,000 annual trips initially rising to 425,000 after 3 years, with a further increase to 489,000 after 10 years. The journey time would be 85 minutes compared with the current T1 bus time of 140 minutes.

Three major engineering problems were identified in the report. Access to Aberystwyth cannot be along the original route of the railway around Dinas Head as so much of the former trackbed has been built over. Instead, a 1 km tunnel to the east of the town is proposed, with the new railway linking in with the present Aberystwyth to Shrewsbury line near the industrial estate. A second potential problem is the SSSI [*Site of Special Scientific Interest – Ed.*] of Cors Caron (Tregaron Bog) and careful and sensitive construction work will be needed to circumnavigate this important wetland site. The third problem lies in the access to Carmarthen station, where new bridgework and modification to the flood defences will be required. None of these difficulties are insurmountable, however, and solutions to each are fully-costed into the engineering estimates. Finally, the current trackway of the Gwili Railway will form part of the new route and so the heritage Gwili Railway will have to be relocated. Again, funds for this are included in the costings. While the study was not tasked with examining the wider strategic and societal outcomes of reinstating the line, it concluded that from an engineering perspective that it is certainly feasible. The full report can be accessed at <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-10/aberystwyth-to-Carmarthen-rail-reinstatement-feasibility-study.pdf>

It is important to appreciate that while rail franchising and other rail matters are devolved to the Welsh Government, rail infrastructure is not (unlike in Scotland), and hence if the railway is to be rebuilt, funding will have to come from Westminster and not from Cardiff. The finance will thus have to be provided by the Department of Transport, and the project probably implemented by its arms-length public body, Network Rail. Accordingly, having succeeded in its initial aim of delivering a full feasibility study, TLC's strategy is now to bring pressure to bear on the politicians. The feasibility study has shown that the railway *can* be built; it is now a matter of political will to ensure that it is.

In early February, 2019, therefore, a meeting was held in Lampeter between representatives of TLC and the four Plaid Cymru MPs and Welsh Assembly Members (AMs) who represent the constituencies through which the railway runs (see photo). These are Ben Lake (MP Ceredigion); Jonathan Edwards (MP Carmarthen East and Dynefwr); Elin Jones (AM Ceredigion and Presiding Officer in the Welsh Assembly); and Adam Price (AM Carmarthen East and Dynefwr and Leader of Plaid Cymru). This meeting was extremely positive and was followed on 29 February by a single issue debate in Westminster Hall, instigated by Jonathan Edwards, on the reopening of the Aberystwyth to Carmarthen railway. During the course of the debate, there were supportive contributions from a number of MPs. The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport responded on behalf of the government. A full transcript in Hansard can be found at: <https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2019-02-20/>



**Members of Traws Link Cymru and MPs and AMs from Ceredigion and Carmarthen after the meeting in Lampeter on 8 February, 2019.** From left to right: Ben Lake MP; Jonathan Edwards MP; Mike Walker (TLC); Dylan Lewis (TLC); Elin Jones AM and Presiding Officer of the Welsh Assembly; Adrian Kendon (Chair TLC); Adam Price, AM and Leader of Plaid Cymru.

When *Traws Link Cymru* was formed in 2013, few could have imagined that the campaign would have come this far. To have persuaded the Welsh Government to allocate £1/3m to a full feasibility study in these times of tight governmental budgets is a singular achievement in itself. Of equal importance, however, is the fact that the reopening of the railway, which many regarded as nothing more than a pipe dream, is now being seen as a genuine possibility. Moreover, the matter is currently being considered at the highest political levels.

What is now needed is for pressure to be brought to bear on the Welsh Government to commit to the reopening of the rail link, and to demand from Westminster funding for a scheme that is a major transport priority for Wales. If that happens, then a time may well come when we can travel in comfort from Aberystwyth to Carmarthen, sipping a cup of coffee from the trolley, looking out of the window, and enjoying the unparalleled beauty of the scenery of West Wales.

**Mike Walker, *Traws Link Cymru*  
Emeritus Professor of Quaternary Science, University of Wales, Lampeter;  
Honorary Professor, Aberystwyth University**

# REPORTS – YEAR GROUP REUNIONS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS EARLY IN 2019

## ANNUAL LAMPETER SOCIETY-FUNDED LECTURE, 8 MARCH

For International Women's Day, 2019, the University hosted a number of events around all its campuses, but two highlights were certainly in Lampeter. These were the exhibition organised for the library by current students, and the Lampeter Society lecture given by Dr Barbara Wilding, CBE QPM, for which the Lampeter Society made a grant of £300.

After an introduction by the Lampeter Society Chair, Esther Weller, Dr. Wilding spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in the Founders' Library about the history of women police – from the first female visitor in 1883, to the Edwardian matrons, through to her own appointment as Chief Constable of the South Wales Police. Dr Wilding spoke most vividly about her own experiences within the police – starting with joining the force on Jersey, and then the changes brought about through the Equal Pay Act (1970) and the Sex Discrimination Act (1975). These allowed her, and others like her, to serve alongside and as 'equals' to men on all shifts, starting in 1973 (although their shifts were only for 7½ hours and for 10% less pay). She highlighted that prior to the integration of the police force, the Women's Branch had specialist skills in handling complicated cases involving women and children, particularly regarding the taking of children into care. Dr Wilding emphasised the disregard for this work left gaps in the service that needed to be re-invented later, but that in the meantime a great deal of specialist knowledge had been lost.

Dr Wilding then spoke of her variety of roles, and her ability to stand for and demand what she rightfully deserved – but she was determined to always be in operational policing and took steps to ensure that that remained the case. This allowed her to continue to move up the chain of command, as her considerable skills were always valued.

Dr Wilding addressed some of the issues of raising children in a house with two police officers. For example, both she and her husband were involved in identifying bodies after the sinking of the cruiser Marchioness in 1989. Inevitably, this led to many conversations at home about the process. As a result, on one occasion one of her daughters asked if anything other than bodies floated in the Thames! She also spoke of the reaction of bringing her children into the police station and the hostility that often existed when that happened.

Finally, she closed her talk with a few worrying statistics about the decline in the number of female officers in the

last ten years and the gap in the development of senior female officers. She asked for more research into what can be done to encourage a diverse police force. Before dinner, she took a series of questions about the force and the future of policing.

**Kyle Erikson**  
Assistant Dean, Faculty of Humanities and  
Performing Arts

## MAY BALL

On Saturday, 4 May, 2019, 30 people attended the third May Ball in Lampeter, the spiritual successor to the Formal Hall events of the previous two years. It was a wonderful black-tie event with a candle-lit dinner in the Old Hall followed by ballroom dancing.



Dinner in the Old Hall



May Ball, 2019 – the alumni who attended. In alphabetical order by surname: Bob Bannister, Anne Henry, Tony Henry, Rod Jaques, Patricia Jones, Ruth Milburn, Mike Senior, Vivien Warren, Margi Washington-Jones, Niall Washington-Jones, Bill Webb, David Young, Lesley Young

We were joined by Staff, Students and Alumni – some of whom were at Lampeter in the 1960s (including two of the very first female students), and others who had travelled from New Zealand to meet their friends. It was a great success and brought back many memories and created new ones for all those who joined us.

Formal Hall and the May Ball have been parts of an ongoing project to bring together such groups from different generations in a formal and delightful setting. We hope to see more such events in the years to come.

**Rufus Malim**  
(third-year student of Anthropology)

*[Rufus has been the lead organiser of the Formal Ball and now the May Ball for the past three years, with the Alumni Office taking over from now on – Ed.]*

**[NOTE: The next May Ball will be on Saturday, 9 May, 2020 (£30 Dinner only; £50 Dinner and accommodation). To book, please contact the Alumni Officer – [gemma.russell@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:gemma.russell@uwtsd.ac.uk); +44 (0) 1570 424776 – Ed.]**

## LONDON DINNER

Friday, 10 May, 2019, once again saw the London Branch of the Lampeter Society hold its annual dinner at the National Liberal Club overlooking the Thames.

Despite a threatening weather report in the days up to the dinner, the clouds parted at the last moment and we were able to gather on, and enjoy, the terrace before a bumper crowd of thirty-three of us sat down for dinner.

Joining us for a second time as our guest speaker was Dr Aude Dhas, Executive Dean and Head of the London campus.



One of the tables – photograph courtesy of Kevin Gilbride, via Facebook

Dr Dhas gave an enlivening overview of his work and the direction of both teaching and research at the campus, which is going from strength to strength. Diners were astonished (especially those who were unaware that there even was a London campus) to hear that it now boasts over 1600 students enrolled on a variety of postgraduate courses.

After a short session of challenging questions, which Dr Dhas answered truthfully and in great depth, we retreated to the bar (which is truly a marvel of Victorian opulence and splendour) and then later to the terrace, as it was still warm and agreeable enough to allow us to take one last drink in the night air before heading our separate ways.

It was an especially good night for me on a personal level as a number of alumni from my year of graduation (1994) were able to attend and celebrate 25 years since we graduated. None of us had changed a bit!

I am assured that everyone who attended had a great time and I look forward to welcoming both familiar faces and new attenders again next year.

**Richard Haslam (1994)**  
London Branch Convenor

## ‘OLD CODGERS’ / LATE 80s REUNION



All the SDUC and Old Codgers combatants

The SDUC Old Codgers’ weekend is a great event and is growing in popularity every year: a large group of alumni, predominantly from the early-, mid- and late-80s, rolls in to Llambod to have a catch-up with contemporaries. Harshly nicknamed the ‘Beer Disposal Team’, it is alleged that we drink way too much beer and make too much noise. Also, many of us desert the benefit of our 50+ years of experience, wisdom and common sense on the touchline when we run on to play rugby against the current crop of Black and Ambers.

This year proved to be more of the same, with bells on, when on Saturday, 27 April, the Old Codgers took on a very strong College side at Lampeter RFC, a venue that has had a transformation a few years back and now boasts fantastic facilities. As fate would have it, the Old



Owain Leonard and Freddie Bell look on as Kevin Wesley leads yet another attack into college territory supported by Old Codgers skipper, Ieuan Davies

Codgers only managed to field a 15-man team due to some members having work commitments – the majority of the players were over 50 years old (though with a few ‘ringers’ [imposters! – Ed.] thrown in).

Once again, our front row, now with a total age exceeding 165, were older than the whole of the college pack! With the crowds cheering, the students ran on to the pitch to AC/DC’s *Back in Black* (and amber), while the Old Codgers aptly jogged (or walked) on to Dafydd Iwan’s *Yma o Hyd* [Still Here – Ed.].

It was a very proud day for Old Codger Anthony Colcombe, one half of the famous Tonypandy Twins, who played the whole game at full back while watching his son Ross run riot for the Old Codgers with back row partner Kev Wesley, the other Tonypandy Twin. Also, John and Sarah Bell, both alumni, proudly watched their son Freddie boss the outside-half position all afternoon. The other Old Codgers who played were Dai Dulson, Neil Dale, Simon Richardson (formerly Alcock), Neil ‘Coco’ Courtney, Dai Watson and myself.

It is a great relief to report that we all played the whole match – and, more importantly, that we all came off mostly

unscathed. Huge thanks must go to our ‘ringers’ – scrum half Owain Leonard, Wales U18s, Cross Keys and Newport Gwent Dragons; Callum Harvey of Glasgow Hawks, Watsonians and Scottish Universities; Tom Wells, Market Rasen & Louth RFC; Stevie Roberts, Tregaron RFC; and Alex Paes – who was playing in only his second-ever game of rugby. The game was brilliantly refereed by the WRU’s Phill Peckstone.

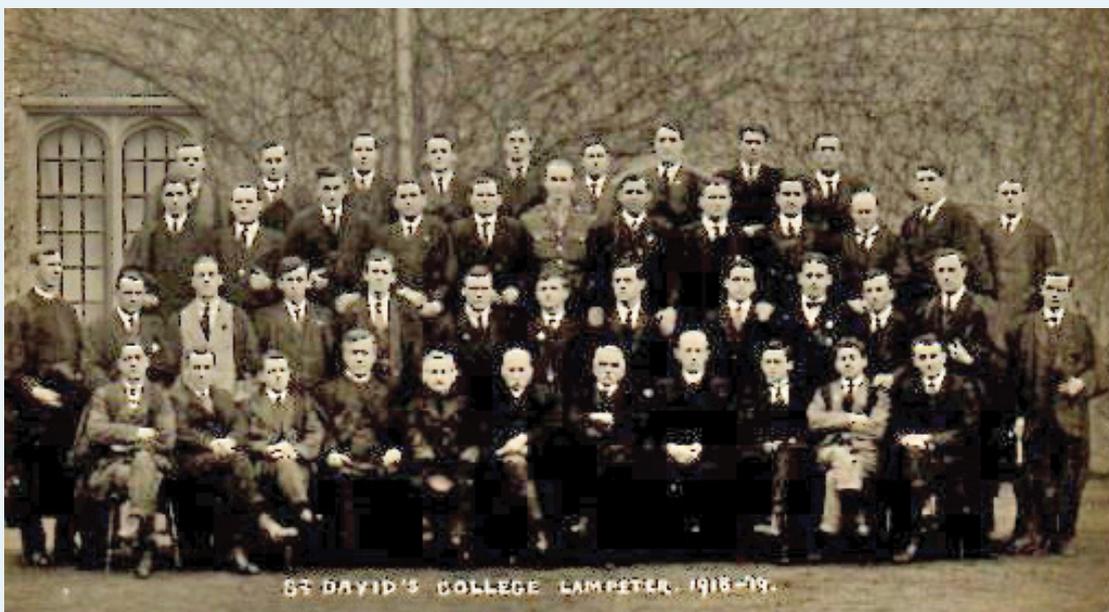
The evening celebrations began with an auction of rugby and College memorabilia and culminated with the sale of a 2019 season All Blacks rugby shirt signed by the man himself, Richie McCaw, New Zealand’s most famous and successful rugby captain, capped 148 times (110 times as captain) and twice-winning captain of the Rugby World Cup. The shirt was snapped up by an alumnus for £350 and although final figures are not yet available as expenses still have to be paid, the event will have raised several hundred pounds for the St John’s Ambulance charity [very well done to all concerned – Ed.].

I must take this opportunity to thank all returning Old Codgers and the students’ Ladies and Gents rugby teams for cutting their Easter break short to come back in time for this fixture, as well as Lampeter RFC for allowing us to use their fantastic facilities, and at no cost.

The result? Oh yes! On this occasion, despite being in the lead at the 70th minute, the Old Codgers ran out of steam at that point and were defeated 30 – 17 by a determined, exciting and free-running college side. This means that the series is delicately poised at 2-2 so there will have to be a decider. The victors? St David’s College Rugby Club without any doubt; the score was merely academic – we are all Black and Ambers and we were all winners on the day.

Watch this space for the date of the next fixture in April, 2020; it would be wonderful to see a crowd of alumni coming back to cheer us on.

Ieuan Davies (1985)



From the archives

# FEATURES

## HISTORY OF THE BOAR'S HEAD CLUB

For much of the following article I am indebted to the late **Tony Brothers** (b.1938, arrived Lampeter 1964 where he taught Classics, d.2011) whose personal memorabilia, now preserved in the College archives, provided much of the information. **John Loaring** (1967)

The Boar's Head Club was founded in 1964 and was the brainchild of **Tony Brothers**, **Jimmy Rogers** (grad. 1966) and **Bob Kennedy** (grad. 1966) – all three of whom are now, sadly for us, imbibing vintage claret in Valhalla.

In the words of Jimmy, who drafted the Club's rules:

“The Club has been formed with several objects in mind. Firstly, there is obviously a need in S.D.C. for some sort of dining club where people can enjoy a good meal, good wine and good company, without the accompanying chaos of a college meal. If during such a repast it is possible also to improve Senior Common Room/Junior Common Room relations, then this again seems desirable, so approximately one-fifth of members are to be from the SCR.” The Club met once a term with membership (strictly by invitation only) limited to 25.

The founder members were, from the SCR, **Tony Brothers**, **Les Griffiths** (now Rev. Dr. Lord Griffiths of Burry Port, b.1942, arrived Lampeter 1964 as Lecturer in English [specialising in Anglo-Saxon and Middle English], played full-back for the College rugby team [he became a qualified WRU referee], was apparently sent-off in one match for swearing at the referee, was ordained a Methodist minister, and left the College in 1967 to study for his MA in Theology at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge), **Don Jones** (b.1933, arrived Lampeter 1961 as Lecturer in History, d.2016), **Dr Arthur John Ryder** (b.1913, arrived Lampeter 1962 as Lecturer in History, became Senior Lecturer in 1969 and Reader in 1976, d.1993 [?]), and **Charles Tyzack** (b.1932, at Lampeter 1964–1968 as lecturer in English, author of *Nearly a Chinese: A Life of Clifford Stubbs*, and during National Service qualified as a Russian interpreter), with **John Barnes**, **John Cade**, **Ken Davies**, **J.D. Eadie**, **Mike Hodgekiss**, **Rob Hollingdale**, **Alan Jenkins**, **Bob Kennedy**, **M. Law**, **Jeff Pritchard**, **Dave Wyn Roberts** (grad. 1968), **Terry Robinson**, **Jimmy Rogers**, **Bob Spencer**, **Bob Tweddle**, and **John Wolfe** of the JCR.

Where are they all now? From the SCR, only Charles Tyzack and Les Griffiths survive; Don Jones, Jimmy Rogers, Bob Kennedy and Dave Roberts all passed away too soon. The rest are part of the Lampeter 'diaspora' around the globe, enjoying happy retirement.

The inaugural dinner was held in the Maesycrugiau Manor on 8 March, 1964. This splendid mansion, built in 1903 on the site of an Elizabethan castle destroyed by fire in 1902, was the former home of Sir Courtney Mansel. It provided an ideal setting for the bacchanalian pursuits of the club.



Maesycrugiau Manor

Mine host that evening was the delightful Mrs Lyn Davies, ably assisted by her daughter, Carina. Behind the bar was David Goddard (who John Cade refers to as the best barman he had ever met – though away from the bar he worked at an abattoir in Carmarthen!)

The menu reads like something from a culinary history book:

Melon  
Hors d'Oeuvres (accompanied by sherry)  
Consommé  
Poached salmon (accompanied by a German Riesling wine)  
Steak (accompanied by a red Médoc wine)  
Baked Alaska  
Cheese and biscuits  
Coffee and Fresh Fruit  
Port

– a far cry indeed from the usual stodgy fare served up by Mrs Rook and her staff (God bless them all) in the College dining hall! Nonetheless, in those days before the introduction of breathalysers, it remains a mystery how 25 besozzled diners managed to get back safely to Lampeter without killing either themselves or a stray cow or two.

The speaker at that inaugural dinner was Don Jones, and his speech was certainly far more interesting and comical than his history lectures. That evening also saw the start of a long-term relationship between John Cade and Carina Davies, which only ended when John departed Lampeter for Leeds Carnegie three years later.

The Club continued to use the Manor as its base for the next six years until a change of ownership forced the Club to look for a new venue. The first to be tried was Blaendyffryn Hall in Llandysul; the Club's seventh anniversary dinner was held there on 17 February, 1972 (it is now a care home).

Philip Butcher was now Secretary and he wrote after the 1973 Michaelmas dinner : 'Bit of a raucous evening – letter of apology sent to girls of Harford 1. Bill bent and Sammy fined.' One can only imagine what they had been getting up to! Things had begun to deteriorate and perhaps the nadir was reached when the 1974 dinner was held in the Mile End Cafe – not quite the opulent splendour of the Maesycrugiau Manor. The Club secretary wrote: 'Only 10 present. Drinks in Black Lion until the landlady threw us out into the cold night air. Joined up with the 16 Club in the Plough – confusion and ill-feeling throughout. Advice for next year's secretary – avoid having dinner on the same night as the 16 Club!'



**Here is a photograph of the Club members in 1968 – on it are (in alphabetical order):** *Dave Bennett, Tony Brothers, John Cade, Andy Collins, Tom Giles, Jeremy Hawthorn, John Hurst, Roger Humphris, Don Jones, Mike Kellaway, Simon Lunn, George Repath, Dave Wyn Roberts, John Rowlands, John Ryder, Dick Tressider, and Dave Young.*

There was something of a revival in the late 1970s with the Club enjoying fabulous evenings in a number of different venues. However, thereafter, things seemed to go downhill again. It was back to Lampeter, this time to the Black Lion, for the next dinner.

It is clear that the Club was moving away from its original objectives of fine dining, good company and fostering better relationships with the lecturing staff. It is significant that

Howard Jones, lecturer in philosophy, had declined an invitation to join the Club the previous year. It seems that the Club was just becoming an excuse for a good booze-up – and there were already many other excuses for that.

The Club struggled on until the end of 1983. Then in June 1984, the Secretary wrote rather controversially: "No further meal has been held since last December, much to my chagrin. The Lent Term meal had to be cancelled due to the fact that only three students were able/willing to attend. My own personal viewpoint is that attempts to raise standards are bringing the wrong sort of person to university: where academia benefits, social life suffers. Where are all the wastrels of yesteryear? Contemporary students seem over-concerned if not with work, with finances."

Nonetheless, I think that the Secretary of the time was being rather harsh when he suggested that Boar's Head Club members had been 'wastrels'. From my own experience, student members had always been able to achieve a good balance between studies and pleasure and most went on to achieve good results. However, times change and the Boar's Head Club had probably become something of an anachronism. One has to bear in mind that the Club had been founded when Lampeter was still an all-male college, with a large percentage of students destined for the Church, and since then there had been a radical change, not only in College life but also in society generally.

To end on a more optimistic note though, I am delighted to say that the Boar's Head Club, after several years of inactivity, was resurrected in 2015. The driving force behind this revival was Norrie Parmar (1974), a former president of the Students' Union. After a career in education, Norrie retired to Lampeter for the fishing and the company, and is heavily involved in college life once more. The first dinner of the revived Club was held on the 6 February 2015, almost 51 years after the date of the Club's inaugural dinner. The venue on this occasion was the College refectory, far removed from the splendour of the Maesycrugiau Manor, but the spirit and bonhomie remain the same. The Club now meets regularly once a term.

So I raise a glass – of Australian Merlot and certainly not Yugoslav Riesling – to the cherished memory of the past members of the Boar's Head Club, and to its current ones.

**John Loaring (1967)**

## THE 'SECOND ALUMNUS' – PROF. ARTHUR BARRETT (1836–1898)

Arthur Barrett was born in 1836 to John and Martha Richardson and was baptised at St. David's in Pembrokeshire. Arthur had one brother, John, two years his senior, and the family lived in The Valley at St. David's. His father was an organist and music professor but he died when Arthur was still in his teens, leaving Martha a widow and an annuitant.

Arthur attended the local St. David's Grammar School before enrolling at St. David's College in February, 1853, at the age of seventeen. A year later he was elected to the Martha More Scholarship, and was a promising student, but left Lampeter before completing his studies, moving to Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, where he took up the tutoring of four children in the household of a clerk named Francis Houston.

Six years later Arthur had left this position and was living in Bombay where he worked at the University of Bombay and at Elphinstone College, as a teacher and examiner.

Elphinstone College was established in 1827 following the passing of a resolution that an institution for the promotion of education should be established under the Bombay Native Education Society. The citizens of Mumbai collected a sum of Rs.229,636 [about £2,535 using current conversion rates, but that was actually worth over £260,000 taking inflation into account – Ed.] for teaching English Language, the Arts and the Literature of Europe. The college was a precursor to the establishment of the University of Bombay, known today as the University of Mumbai, at which Barrett also taught. The university was established in 1857 and was one of the first three Universities to be established in India, largely thanks to the work of Sir Charles Wood, then President of the Board of Control of the English East India Company, whose despatch to India in 1854 was the catalyst for the setting up of many education and university centres in the country.



Elphinstone College, Bombay, late 19th century<sup>1</sup>

Arthur was listed in *The Bombay University Calendar* for the year 1868–69 as an Examiner in Latin and Greek. The next year he married Marianne Hinsley in Calaba, Bombay, and the couple had two children, Arthur Leonard Barrett, born c. 1872, and Unwin Sankey Barrett, born in 1874 at the Presidency of Bombay. Arthur Leonard went on to become a soldier in the Hong Kong regiment and retired in 1924 after valiant service in the Afghan campaign in 1921. Unwin attended Cambridge University before going on to become Master of the Supreme Court of South Africa.

A year after the birth of Unwin, Arthur returned briefly to St. David's College to take his BA examinations, before returning to India and to his position at the University. By the time of the publication of the *College Calendar* for 1884–85, Arthur had been appointed a Fellow of the University of Bombay and was working as a lecturer in the faculty of Arts; he is listed as 'Arthur Barrett, BA Lampeter, and Professor of English Literature'. A year later Arthur was still a Professor of English literature but also an acting professor in the Deccan College, the third oldest educational institute in India, founded in 1821 by Governor Mountstuart Elphinstone as a postgraduate and research institution. Arthur taught here as acting professor for the next few years but in 1887–88 he changed from teaching English to the position of Acting Professor of Logic and Philosophy. As well as his university duties, Arthur also edited a version of *The Traveller and the Deserted Village* in 1888.

Around 1896 Arthur retired and he and Marianne moved to the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, where Unwin had been living since 1892. Arthur died in Queenstown on 26 July, 1898, at the age of 62.

**Researched and written by Kyle Thomason (MA, 2017);  
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<sup>1</sup> Museum of Photographic Arts, [online] available at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/61498590@N03/7096863739>

# OBITUARIES

## THE VENERABLE GEORGE AUSTIN (1931–2019)

George Austin came to St David's College, Lampeter, in 1950, graduated with a degree in Philosophy in 1953 and then went to Chichester Theological College to prepare for ordination. He was made Deacon in Blackburn Cathedral in 1955 and ordained Priest in 1956. George hailed from Bury in Lancashire and after leaving Bury High School (where he was school captain) he planned a career in the RAF after National Service. However, a previously undiagnosed form of tuberculosis, which gave him no trouble before or afterwards, ended that hope – and so he came to Lampeter.

George's parish experience began in Chorley in Lancashire, then he went to Notting Hill in London. A short time as a chaplain at London University was followed by several appointments in the Diocese of St Albans. His last one was an eighteen-year ministry as Vicar of Bushey Heath and for ten years he was an Honorary Canon of St Albans Abbey. In 1988, he was appointed the Archdeacon of York, an office which he held until his retirement in 1999.

These last years brought George into the public eye on many occasions because of his outspoken opposition both to the ordination of women and to the general drift away from the traditions of the Church of England to a more liberal landscape. He attracted much derision and criticism from many people and he questioned the Prince of Wales' fitness to take his Coronation vows. Notwithstanding, it is said that during this time he and the liberal-leaning Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, did remain on friendly terms.

George died on 30 January, 2019 – his wife, Bobbie, had predeceased him in 2016. He is survived by their son, Jeremy. He merited large obituaries in *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Times* and his ministry, valued by many people, will long be remembered.

*Requiescat in pace.*

**John Morrison-Wells (1965)**

## REV. ANTONY HAIN, OSB, MA (1952–2019)

Father Antony Hain was born Stuart Hain on 4 August, 1952, of Anglo-Scottish parentage.

He grew up in South Ruislip, which in those days was in the County of Middlesex. He enjoyed a very happy family life, but his long-term health problems began in his early teenage years, when he developed Lymphodema [*an incurable swelling of the arms and/or legs – Ed.*]. He underwent three operations to address this, but none was successful.

In October, 1971, he arrived at Lampeter, and within days of joining the College, he confided to some new friends that it was his aspiration, if he were accepted, to join a monastic community and dedicate himself to the religious life.

He entered into student life with enthusiasm, studying English and Theology; Stuart particularly enjoyed reading 19th century novels. He worked hard in the College library, but

made occasional visits to pubs in the town, and enjoyed entertaining friends in his room, and being entertained. Some of these friendships endured for 47 years – for the rest of his life. He graduated in 1974 with a University of Wales degree.

During the following year, he worked as a Library Assistant for the London Borough of Harrow, and as an Assistant Teacher in Twickenham. The following year Stuart was admitted to the teaching order of Benedictine monks at Fort Augustus Abbey, on the shores of Loch Ness, Inverness-shire. He took the style and name of Brother Anthony. Despite his health breaking down three times, he took his monastic vows, and was also ordained Priest in March, 1983.

While at Fort Augustus, Father Anthony served as a Junior Housemaster (1983–1988), a Junior English Master (1984–1988) and a Junior Assistant to the Bursar (1988–1998). However, the demographics of



**Fr. Antony Hain at Fort Augustus Abbey, June, 1983**

a falling number of vocations, and the remote location of Fort Augustus, told against the community, and the Abbey closed in 1998.

Father Anthony then transferred to the smaller community at Nazareth House, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian. However, he was better suited to a larger community, and at the end of 1999 he moved again to the community at Ampleforth on the edge of the North York Moors. Finding that there was already a Father Anthony

at Ampleforth, he adopted the name Father Antony.

Academic discipline and research were very important to Fr. Antony. While at Ampleforth, he registered as a postgraduate student at the nearby College of St John, York. There he completed two research dissertations: one was on Church History (*Archbishop Lanfranc's Interpretation of, and Fidelity to, the Rule of St Benedict*), the other on *Religion and Ethics*. These resulted in the conferment of an MA degree in 2003.

He also enjoyed playing the piano and organ.

In the last year of his life, Fr. Antony developed epilepsy. He underwent surgery in Hull and recuperated in York Hospital before returning to the Infirmary at Ampleforth, where he died of pneumonia on 12 February, 2019. The Prior Administrator, Fr. Gabriel Everitt, celebrated Fr. Antony's Requiem Mass in the Chapel at Ampleforth on 28 February. This was attended by the monastic community, relatives from Scotland, local friends and

others from further afield, including Lampeter alumni who remembered him with great fondness and affection.

The late Fr. Anthony is outlived by his mother (now aged 98), his brother, his nephew and family in Scotland and Australia. He lies interred in the wooded monastic burial ground high above the Abbey.

**Dr Christina Hill Williams  
DL, MA. FRGS, FRSA**



## DAVID POWELL (1955–2019)

David Arnold Powell was born on 24 March, 1955, in Market Bosworth, Hinckley, UK. He was a precocious child with a broad rebellious streak who, all the same, revered and listened to his mother Joan (aka "The Old Dear"), whom he would always pick up from Bingo.

David grew up with his younger brother, Ian, and a half-sister, Wendy, with whom he became close later in life. His childhood was difficult but not without its joys. *Marvel* comics, Garage Rock, The Barwell Folk Club, Stanley Kubrick's filmography, and watching *The Man from U.N.C.L.E* on a neighbour's tv were early formative forces. He was fiercely protective of, loyal to, and proud of his brother, Ian, as he grew up, and remained so throughout his life.

In 1976, after earning his Bachelor's degree in Geography at the University of Wales [*in Lampeter – Ed.*], he moved to Canada to study anthropology at The University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. He then earned a Master's for his thesis *The Trappers and Traders in Keewatin: The Fur Trade as an Agent of Acculturation*. He was ardent in his pursuit of not only knowledge, but of ways of knowing. He felt that a diverse and thorough exploration of the world, its people, and its cultures was the key to unlocking the universe. He was an anthropologist, journalist, ethnobotanist [*someone who studies a region's plants and their practical uses through the traditional knowledge of a local culture and people – Ed.*] and a psychonaut [*an explorer of altered states of consciousness, especially through hallucinatory drugs – Ed.*].

His passion for research, writing, chatting, and information reflected these interests and was evident in his mastery of daily cryptic and other crossword puzzles.

David was an extraordinary orator, amateur musician, and incredible air guitar performer. He could hold court in exotic settings with intimidating people easily but could not suffer fools, those with no imagination, or anyone who failed to recognise the genius of Bob Marley and of The Who. He considered himself handy and would often 'swing a hammer' with varying degrees of success, but always had a willing friend or neighbour nearby to help piece it all together. His enthusiasm was infectious.

He passed away on Monday, 28 January, 2019. He was warm, asleep, and comfortable in his own bed at his iconic home, Funky Kingston. He leaves behind four children: his three sons, Matthew, Kellen and Connor, and his best and only daughter, Aja. Not everyone whose life David entered will remember him fondly, and to say he could be a frustrating human being is an understatement. He spent the last few years of his life reflecting on and repairing many of his relationships, as well as learning to express in healthy and productive ways the fears and pain that he carried privately for so much of his life. He also leaves behind a partner of more than 15 years, Lynn, who helped David learn how to harness his inner light in the darkness. A Celebration of David's Life was held on Friday, 1 February, 2019, at the Capitol Music Club in Saskatoon, Canada.

"The world in which you were born is just one model of reality. Other cultures are not failed attempts at being you; they are unique manifestations of the human spirit." – Wade Davis

Published on 1 February, 2019, in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, Canada

**Submitted by John Loaring (1967)**

# MEMORABILIA

## LAMPETER SCARVES AND TIES FOR SALE

I am happy to say that the first and second batches of Lampeter scarves and ties have proven so popular (and sold out) over the past year or so that we are going back for a third run!

Scarves and ties should be in stock and ready for dispatch by the time you read this, so do get in touch.

The scarves are in Saxony wool, 180 cm. in length and 23 cm. wide. There are nine stripes in black and gold on the front together with the logo embroidered in the central black stripe, whilst the reverse has five stripes in maroon, blue and gold; each costs £25.

Ties are black and gold with the St David logo (like the scarf) and cost £12.

Please contact me ([rhaslam@hotmail.com](mailto:rhaslam@hotmail.com)) for details and availability.

Richard Haslam (1994)

## MAKING BEQUESTS TO THE LAMPETER SOCIETY

Bequests are always most welcome and members of the Committee of the Society would encourage all alumni to include the Society in their wills to ensure that we are able to continue providing a quality service in the future.

Editor



Scarf detail

Tie detail

# MISCELLANEOUS

## THE LAMPETER SOCIETY

**Enjoyed your time at Lampeter? ... help us support the Lampeter Campus.**

The Lampeter Society exists to support the Lampeter Campus of the University and to act as a focus for alumni. All Lampeter graduates are automatically members of the Society and those who give their contact details to the Alumni Officer receive a hard copy of the Society's full-colour, bi-annual magazine – *The Link*, copies of which are on the UWTSD website in the Lampeter Society section.

Our support is given financially or in any other appropriate way and covers the whole range of University life. In recent years we have:

- made annual donations to the Library and the Chapel
- paid to have the Students' Union Officers' Honours Board updated each year
- funded an annual Lampeter Society lecture
- bought a mobile bar for the campus catering team
- contributed towards the cost of the Harmony Garden
- subsidised a Rugby Club tour and kit for the Fencing Club

- purchased four volumes of John Donne's poetry for the Library as well as a book on C.R. Cockerell, (the architect of Old Building)
- supported an international conference on 'Globalism in the Ancient World', organised by the Department of Ancient History.

Some graduates make annual donations to the Society (the minimum requested is £10 – but if you wish to be more generous this would be gratefully received). These are essential to enable us to maintain the range of support we offer to the Lampeter Campus.

The Society's main event is the annual weekend Reunion which takes place in July on campus. It includes the AGM and the Reunion Dinner. Details are to be found on the University website, in *The Link*, and on the Society's Facebook page. This is intended to be a relaxing, informal and enjoyable weekend for catching up with old friends and meeting new people. The programme is completely flexible and you can take part in as many or as few of the events as you like. You are also welcome to bring along other family members or friends.

Other reunions and meals take place in various parts of the country, when there are alumni willing to organise them. The Lampeter Society is always ready to support and publicise these events.



## DATES FOR DIARIES, 2019–2020

### 2019

**Friday, 12 July**

Lampeter Graduation Ceremony

**Saturday, 13 July**

Cardiff Reunion (Park Plaza Hotel)

**Friday, 19–Sunday, 21 July**

*The Reunion of the Lampeter Society in Lampeter*

**Friday, 4–Sunday, 6 October**

Cardiff Reunion for c.1995–1998 Lampeter students  
(via Dee Dixon on Facebook)

### 2020

**Saturday, 9 May**

May Ball (*all alumni welcome*)

**Friday, 17–Sunday, 19 July**

*The Reunion of the Lampeter Society in Lampeter*

Editor

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The deadlines below will have to be rigidly adhered to; copy received after the date stated will, regretfully, not be included.

\* Winter, 2019–20

**Friday, 29 November, 2019**

\* Summer, 2020

**Friday, 24 April, 2020**

**Contributors – please note changed dates.**

Editor

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We would love to have further volunteers to share the work (and to lower the average age even further!) We meet three or four times a year, either at the Celtic Manor Hotel near Newport, or near Cheltenham, and generally on Saturdays to enable those still working to attend.

If you have any general queries about the Society, please write to us at: [lampetersociety@gmail.com](mailto:lampetersociety@gmail.com)

Editor

## THANK YOU

My grateful thanks to all the contributors to this Summer edition of *The Link* – and to everyone for adhering to the copy deadline; to the Link Sub-Editor, Peter Bosley, and to Alan Foster for all their assistance; to Esther Weller (Chair) and Chris Deacy (Vice-Chair) for their support; to Nicky Hammond, Special Collections Archivist at the University, for finding and supplying the image on the back cover; to Jill Sweet for her excellent design work; to Kevin Evans for the printing; and to Gemma Russell for the efficient management of the distribution.

We are now looking for items for *The Link*, Winter, 2019–20 (and subsequent editions); please contribute by the absolute deadline – **FRIDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 2019.**

**Adrian Gaunt (1966), Editor**



## LAMPETER SOCIETY REUNION, 2019 Friday, 19 July – Sunday, 21 July

### PROGRAMME (UPDATED)

This is intended to be a relaxing, informal and enjoyable weekend for catching up with old friends and meeting new people. The programme is completely flexible and you can choose as many or as few of the events listed below as you like - everything is voluntary. You are, of course, welcome to bring along other family members or friends. **(Please note that unless pre-booked, accommodation, the reunion dinner and the barbecue will not be available.)**

#### MAIN EVENTS

##### Friday, 19 July

**3.00 pm – 5.00 pm: Registration** – Cloisters, St David’s Building. Refreshments available. Thereafter keys can be collected from Reception. *The table plan for the Reunion Dinner will be available; please ensure you sign up for a seat before you leave the area as this will give the catering staff more preparation time.*

**5.30 pm – 6.30 pm: Reminiscing** – Founders’ Library. An opportunity for individuals to share personal items and stories regarding their time at Lampeter - there will be no formal input. The session will be chaired by Chris Deacy (1994). *Please bring along appropriate items and reminiscences!*

**7.00 pm: Barbecue, pub quiz and launch of the Annual Great Lampeter Treasure Hunt** - Students’ Union

##### Saturday, 20 July

**8.30 am – 9.30 am: Breakfast** - Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall

**9.15 – 9.45 am: Organ Recital** – Chapel. *Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Fenwick, PhD (Wales), MA (Wales), BA (Lampeter 1966), MA (Trinity College Dublin), MusB (TCD), former Bishop of St Helena in the Anglican Province of Southern Africa, will play a selection of music from Germany, England and France, with pieces by JS Bach, John Bull, Jean Langlais and Charles Piroye.*

**10.00 am: Lampeter Society Annual Commemoration Service** – Chapel. *Preacher – Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Fenwick* - see above. (If you wish to maintain the tradition of wearing academic dress, please do so).

**11.00 am: Coffee, tea and biscuits** - Cloisters, St David’s Building

**11.15 am: Annual General Meeting of the Lampeter Society** - Cliff Tucker Lecture Theatre. There will be updates from UWTSU about the campus, academic programme etc.

**1.00 pm: Informal lunch** - Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall

**2.00 pm – 3.00 pm: Lampeter Intergenerational Games** – outdoor activities – **grass outside Old Building.**

**3.00 pm – 4.00 pm: Short talk - Dr Peter Mitchell, Senior Lecturer in Early Modern English Literature, with a display of the work of John Donne - Special Collections, Roderic Bowen Library**

**4.00 pm – 5.00 pm: Strawberry Tea - Cloisters, St David’s Building**

**6.45 pm: Group photo** – steps near the Library

**7.00 pm: Pre-dinner drinks reception** – outside or inside Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall (*depending on weather*). Bottles of wine for the Reunion Dinner will be available for purchase. (Note: one drink will be complimentary). Raffle tickets will be on sale @ £1 each, with all proceeds going to Lampeter Society funds.

**7.30 pm: Reunion Dinner - Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall**

**GUEST SPEAKER – Edmund Simons (Archaeology & Classics, 1990).** *Edmund is a Heritage Management specialist / consultant who has worked worldwide on projects ranging from colonial fortresses on remote tropical islands to great houses and palaces. At one time he was Project Manager for the Heritage Lottery Fund and worked with the interpretation team at Historic Royal Palaces. He is currently developing a whaling station in South Georgia to support a cutting edge new science base and working with English Heritage at Stonehenge on a project in prehistoric food.*

Smart casual wear please (but dressing more formally is perfectly acceptable if you wish!)

After the dinner, the Students’ Union will be open until late, with a disco in the Extension. The first half-hour of music will be chosen by the winning team of the afternoon’s intergenerational games!

## **Sunday, 21 July**

**9.00 am – 10.00 am: Breakfast - Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall** – for those who can drag themselves out of bed!

**11.00 am: Leisurely walk to the Falcondale.** Meet in the Cloisters, St David’s Building.

**12.30 pm: Sunday lunch - Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall,** and farewells until 2020.

*ALSO*...in keeping with Lampeter’s proud Christian traditions, services will be taking place in St David’s University Chapel throughout the Reunion weekend – all are welcome.

<b>PROGRAMME OF CHAPEL SERVICES (St David’s Building)</b>	
<b>(TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)</b>	
<b>Friday, 19 July 5.00 pm:</b>	Evensong
<b>Saturday, 20 July 5.00 pm:</b>	Roman Catholic Mass with Fr. John Pascoe (1967)
	<b>5.45 pm:</b> Evensong
<b>Sunday, 21 July 11.00 am:</b>	Holy Communion



## FFURFLEN ARCHEB

**SYLWER, HEB ARCHEBU YMLAEN LLAW, NI FYDD LLETY, Y CINIO ADUNIAD NEU'R BARBECIW AR GAEL**

**Nodwch isod (a danfon at Y Swyddfa Cymhadledd yn y Coleg)**

- a) nifer y lleoedd a ddymunwch am weithgareddau NEU'r Sylfaen NEU'r Aduniad Llawn  
b) unrhyw ofynion arbennig – fel anghenion bwyd NEU os oes arnoch anabledd ag angen ystafell lawr llawr NEU pe hoffech ystafell teulu (mae ystafelloedd teulu yn gyfyngedig). Pe hoffech chi breswyl ychwanegol, cysylltwch ag Elin Lloyd-Williams ar ltc@uwtsd.ac.uk cyn i chi dalu

Prydau/Preswyl	£ y pen	Nifer
Gwely a Brecwast: Gwener, 13 Gorffennaf 2018	38	
Gwely a Brecwast: Sadwrn, 14 Gorffennaf 2018	38	
Derbyniad (Gwener)	Am ddim	
Barbeciw (Gwener)	Am ddim	
Byrbryd (Sadwrn)	9	
Derbyniad a Chinio'r Aduniad (Sadwrn)	27	
Tê a Mefys	Am ddim	
Byrbryd (Sul)	10.25	
<b>Aduniad Llawn (Gwely a Brecwast Gwener i Sul + popeth)</b>	<b>122.25</b>	
<b>Aduniad Sylfaenol (Gwely a Brecwast Gwener i Sul + Cinio'r Aduniad)</b>	<b>103</b>	
<b>GOFYNIAD ARBENNIG:</b>		
<b>CYFANSWM</b>		

**Rydym yn bwriadu cynnig rhestr o bawb sy'n bresennol i bawb yn yr Aduniad. Ticiwch yma os NA FYNNWCH i'ch manylion gael eu cynnwys.**



Enw: \_\_\_\_\_

Blwyddyn Graddio (os yn addas): \_\_\_\_\_

Cyfeiriad: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Talaf drwy drosiad banc (BACS) – i enw cyfrif Prifysgol Cymru Y Drindod Dewi Sant; c d trefn 20-18-74; rhif cyfrif 30959693; cyfeirnod "Aduniad Cymdeithas Llambled – [fy enw] NEU  
 Rwy'n cynnwys sic am £ \_\_\_\_\_ yn daladwy i Brifysgol Cymru Y Drindod Dewi Sant.

**Os yn archebu'r Ginio, cwblhewch y ffurflen drosodd, os gwelwch yn dda.  
Dychweler erbyn Dydd Llun 8 Gorffennaf fan bellaf i: Y Swyddfa Cynhadledd, Prifysgol Cymru Y Drindod Dewi Sant, Llanbedr-Pont-Steffan, Ceredigion SA48 7ED.**

## BOOKING FORM

**PLEASE NOTE THAT UNLESS PRE-BOOKED, ACCOMMODATION, THE REUNION DINNER AND THE BARBECUE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

Please indicate below (*and send to The Conference Centre at the College*):

- a) the number of places you require for selected events **OR** for the Core **OR** for the Full Reunion  
 b) any special requests – such as for dietary needs **AND/OR** if you have a disability requiring ground-floor accommodation **AND/OR** if you would like a family room (limited in number). If you would like to book extra nights before or after the reunion, please contact Elin Lloyd-Williams at [lrc@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:lrc@uwtsd.ac.uk) to check availability before paying.

Meals/accommodation	£ per head	No. of places
Bed & Breakfast: Friday, 19 July, 2019	<b>38</b>	
Bed & Breakfast: Saturday, 20 July, 2019	<b>38</b>	
Reception (Friday)	<b>Free</b>	
Barbecue (Friday)	<b>Free</b>	
Lunch (Saturday)	<b>9</b>	
Reunion Dinner and Reception (Saturday)	<b>27</b>	
Strawberry Tea (Saturday)	<b>Free</b>	
Lunch (Sunday)	<b>10.25</b>	
<b>Full Reunion (B &amp; B Fri to Sun + all events)</b>	<b>122.25</b>	
<b>Core Reunion (B &amp; B Fri to Sun + Reunion dinner)</b>	<b>103</b>	
<b>SPECIAL REQUESTS:</b>		
<b>TOTAL COST</b>		

**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.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of any guests: \_\_\_\_\_

I will make payment by bank transfer (BACS) to - account name, University of Wales Trinity St. David; sort code, 20-18-74; account number, 30959693; reference, "Lampeter Society Reunion – [your name]"  
**OR** I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

***If booking the Reunion Dinner please also complete and attach the form overleaf.***

***Please return by Monday, 8 July at the latest to: The Conference Centre, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Lampeter, Ceredigion SA48 7ED***



**Name:**

**Number in party:**

Please choose *one* option for each course per person by indicating the number in the box. The meal includes a complimentary glass of wine or orange juice.

<b>Starters</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Homemade tomato and roasted pepper soup (V)	
Cockle, laverbread and smoked bacon in a lime, white wine and cream sauce with fried bread	
Brie, walnut and beetroot tart with rocket salad and citrus dressing	
<b>Main Courses</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Steamed salmon fillet with sauté leeks and hollandaise sauce	
Braised Welsh steak in a bourguignon sauce and creamed potato	
Wild mushroom and pea risotto (V)	
<b>Sweets</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Homemade lemon and lime cheesecake	
Crème brûlée	
Strawberry Eton Mess	
Freshly brewed tea or coffee with After Dinner Mints	

Please note any special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_



**Enw:**

**Nifer yn eich grŵp:**

**Dewiswch *un* opsiwn am mhob gwrs am mhob person drwy nodi nifer yn y blwch. Bydd y pryd yn cynnwys gwydraid o win neu sudd oren.**

<b>Cwrs cyntaf</b>	<b>Nifer</b>
Cawl cartref tomato a phapur rhost (Ll)	
Cocls, bara lawr a chig mochyn wedi'i fyggu mewn saws gwin gwyn hufennog a bara wedi'i ffrio	
Tarten brie, cnau Ffrengig a betys gyda salad roced a dresin sitrws	
<b>Prif Gwrs</b>	
Ffiled eog wedi'i stemio gyda chenyn wedi'u ffrio'n ysgafn	
Stêc wedi'i brwysio mewn saws bourguignon gyda thatws hufennog	
Risotto madarch gwyllt a phys (Ll)	
<b>Pwddin</b>	
Cacen gaws cartref lemwn a leim	
Crème brûlée	
Llanast Eton mefus	
Te neu Goffi Ffres gyda Mintys ar ôl Cinio	

Nodwch unrhyw anghenion diet arbennig: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enw** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cyfeiriad** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rhif ffôn** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cyfeiriad Ebost** \_\_\_\_\_



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Please pay <b>The Lampeter Society</b> the sum of £ ..... (The minimum recommended payment is £10, but if you wish to be more generous, this would be gratefully received.) <b>Date of first payment:</b> ..... (Please allow four weeks from return of the form to the start date of your standing order.)  <b>Date of subsequent payments:</b> 1 March annually	
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<b>Date</b>	

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<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>email</b>	
<b>Graduation year</b>	
<b>Profession/ Occupation</b>	

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 Lampeter Campus, SA48 7ED

