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LAMPETER SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT 2010

THE LAMPETER SOCIETY has continued its traditional programme of activities during 2010.

The Students' Union Public Speaking Competition sponsored by the Society took place in February in the Cliff Tucker Theatre and was well supported

both in respect of contestants and also the audience. The adjudicators were Peter Bosley and Bill Kenwright, the latter subsequently providing an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the students' presentations. Prizes to the value of £260 were awarded. A further indication of involvement with current students is that Rachel Whitty, now Chair of the Society, has become a Trustee of the Students' Union.

Support for the College Chapel (£200) and the Library (£1000) was maintained. The Society has agreed to continue with its funding of the necessary updating of the SU Presidents' Honours Boards.

The Lampeter Society AGM was held on 24th July 2010. On this occasion Rachel Whitty was elected as Chair and Peter Bosley became Vice Chair. The event was most notable for the presentation to the Society by the Vice Chancellor, Medwin Hughes, of the Lampeter Campus Initiative. In this he outlined an ambitious scheme to raise £250,000 to remodel the Lampeter Campus, a self-evidently necessary challenge and one which he hoped could be funded by alumni and friends of the university. He reminded the meeting that the sum of money allocated to the new university by the Welsh Assembly Government did not cover the landscaping of the campus. A number of alumni, or groups of alumni have pledged to support this project, and the Society itself stands ready to allocate some of its funds to further the scheme. The Society hopes that wider advertising will give rise to more people associated with Lampeter taking up the challenge.

The 2010 Reunion in July was well attended with a number of newcomers, and one or two reviving their participation after an interval of several years. The guest speaker was the Venerable Randolph Thomas, Archdeacon of Brecon. His close association with both the University of Wales Lampeter and Trinity University College meant that he was able to provide a remarkable insight into the progress towards the union of the two Institutions. In his reply, Dr Medwin Hughes, now Vice Chancellor of the new University of Trinity Saint David, enthused the audience with his vision of the future of Higher Education in West Wales.

Alumni have participated in the University Degree Day

celebrations as usual and manned a stall with Lampeter memorabilia to ensure that new graduates are reminded of the Society and its work.

The Society Business Committee has met four times this year to plan its programme. As well

as the activities listed above it has commenced a review of its involvement with University Prizes, and given thought to addressing problems with regard to two of its previous actions: the restoration of the Old Hall benches and the deterioration of the panels which present a pictorial history of St David's College and its subsequent incarnations. These panels which the Society funded would, in any event, have needed to be updated to reflect the creation of TSD but have

now been damaged by the action of the sun. The committee asked the questions whether or not the panels were bought on the understanding that they were weather resistant, or whether they were insured. It is the Society's intention to replace or renovate and update the history. We intend to pursue this matter in the coming months.

A project put forward by Chris Webber to create a fund to finance specific projects at Lampeter was put in train. Subscriptions to the Society would be fixed at £10 pa with an option to give more. Any sum in excess of this would be put in the new fund. Individual one-off payments have also been received and the result after a few months only has been encouraging.

Another, much longer term, project is to work towards the restoration or replacement of the Chapel organ.

Alumni, but not necessarily as alumni, have continued to play a part in the governance of the Institution, as members of the University Court, the Council and its committees.

Finally, and very importantly, contact has been made with colleagues from Carmarthen to try to ensure that Alumni activities develop in parallel. We are aware of the differences in respect of alumni activities in the two constituent parts of the new university but are prepared to work to ensure that over time a rapprochement can be achieved to the benefit of all.

Peter Bosley (grad. 1967)

Lampeter Society Vice Chair ❀

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A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

LAMPETER GRADUATE KARL McCARTNEY MP was deeply involved in a campaign aimed at recognising the contribution made by Battle of Britain hero Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Rodney Park GCB, KBE, MC & Bar, DFC. As the Campaign Director he also turned to Robert Prior, a Lampeter contemporary, to build & maintain the supporter database and to manage all print & internet communications.

In the first year, the Campaign sought to secure permission rapidly for a temporary 15ft statue on the 4th plinth in Trafalgar Square from November 2009 through to May 2010. This result was quickly followed by Westminster City Council's decision to allow a permanent 9ft bronze statue designed by sculptor Les Johnson to be installed in Waterloo Place. This was unveiled on Wednesday 15th September 2010 as part of the 70th Anniversary celebrations and commemorations of the Battle of Britain.

Marshal of the RAF Lord Tedder, said of Keith Park in 1947: "If ever any one man won the Battle of Britain, he did. I don't believe it is recognised how much this one man, with his leadership, his calm judgement and his skill, did to save not only this country, but the world."

Karl says, *"It was a great honour to serve as Campaign Director from the outset on the request of Mr Terry Smith, Chief Executive of Tullett Prebon (a University of Wales History Graduate), who instigated and funded the Campaign. We quickly gained huge public support with many well known and respected individuals who lobbied at every opportunity on our behalf. It was also an honour and very humbling to meet Park family members along with many veteran pilots and those who supported them and who had served under Sir Keith Park during the Battle of Britain, in the summer of 1940."* ❁



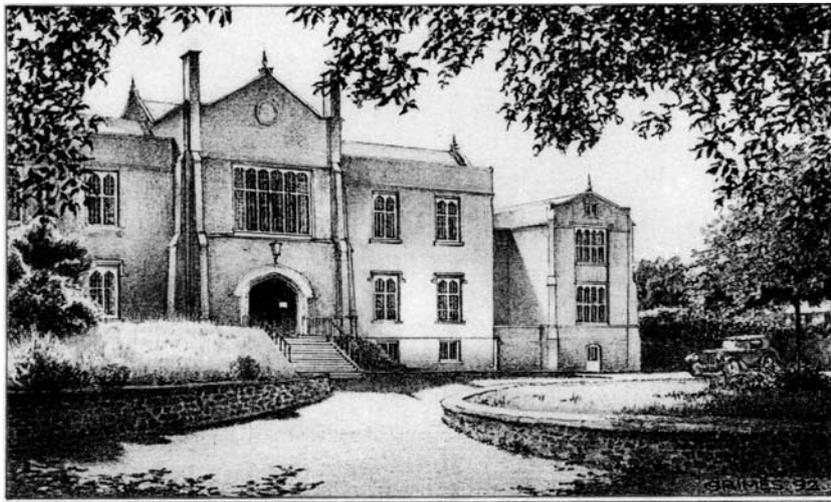
Karl McCartney MP, Secretary of State for Defence - Rt. Hon. Dr Liam Fox MP & New Zealand MP and Minister of Defence the Hon. Dr. Wayne Mapp at the Waterloo Place unveiling on Wednesday 15th September 2010.

IN SEARCH OF AN ARTIST

ALWAYS ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR IMAGES of the Lampeter campus which readers might enjoy, I came across the attractive monochrome picture below of the rear of St David's Building (O.B.). The picture is signed 'Grimes'. We have been unable to trace the artist and would be very grateful if anyone could put us in touch with him or her.

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Pushka Evans (grad. 1974), Link editor ❁



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HERALDRY AT LAMPETER

WITH THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A GRANT OF ARMS for the University of Wales Trinity Saint David now well advanced, it seems an appropriate time to offer some notes on parts of our heraldic heritage at Lampeter. The arms of King George IV, which adorn the tower, were the subject of an article in *The Link Extra* in 2008.

It was George IV who, in 1830, made a Grant of Arms to Saint David's College. The warrant is held in the University archives.

A full achievement of arms usually displays a shield (properly called a "coat of arms") surmounted by a crest and a helmet of rank, together with a wreath, mantling, supporters and a motto. However, it is not necessary for all of these to be used, and the arms of Saint David's College include only the shield and the motto. The shield is blazoned (the heraldic term for "described") as:

"Sable between four Cinquefoils in Cross Or a figure representing Saint David standing in his Archbishopial Robes in a Niche under a Canopy holding in his dexter hand a Crozier and in his sinister a Book All Gold together with the Motto Gair Duw Goreu Dysg."

That is the shield is black (Sable). Between four gold (or) cinquefoils in the form of a cross, standing in a niche under a canopy, is a figure representing Saint David in his archbishop's robes. He holds a crozier in his right (dexter) hand and a book in his left (sinister). All is in

gold. The motto, in Welsh, is "The word of God is the best learning."

The cinquefoils are an allusion to the arms of the diocese - of which the colleges's founder, Thomas Burgess, was bishop - on which a gold cross is charged with five cinquefoils. Cinquefoils represent flowers having five leaflets, and are a commonly seen heraldic device. They are usually said to symbolize hope or joy. The significance of the figure of Saint David, which replaces the central cinquefoil of the diocesan arms, is self-evident.



The Arms of Saint David's College

and gold. The early bishops of St Davids were the barons of those manors, which may help to explain why a gold cross on a black ground, although with cinquefoils on the cross, came to form the arms of the Diocese. The simple gold cross on a black ground, bearing no charges (shapes or objects placed on a shield), which in modern times has come to be regarded as "the flag of Saint David," is derived from the diocesan flag (not vice versa).

The flying of the diocesan flag is a reminder of our continuing links with the diocese, the Bishop of which is the Visitor of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, as he was of the

University of Wales Lampeter and of Saint David's College before it.



The Flag

Paul Hamlet (grad. 2004) ❀

In a "farewell to arms", so to speak, we thought it appropriate to illustrate this year's Link front cover with the old St David's College/Coleg Dewi Sant arms. Ed.

NIGEL BRYAN

VICTORIA TOMLINSON, daughter of the late St David's College/St David's University College Principal Lloyd Thomas has told us that the Reverend Nigel Bryan, a 1950s Lampeter graduate, died on 10 October 2010. His funeral took place on Wednesday 20 October in Monkton Church, Pembroke.

Nigel Bryan was a Pembrokeshire boy who initially graduated from Lampeter in 1961. He then continued his theological studies at the Bishop Burgess Hall and was ordained in 1963 to a curacy in Llansadwel. In 1969 he joined the Royal Air Force Chaplains Division and served there until 1994 in many different postings. From 1994-1998 he was a parish priest in Oxfordshire and then returned to Pembrokeshire to be Vicar of Newport, retiring in 2005.

John Morrison-Wells ❀

70 YEARS A CLERGYMAN

APOLOGIES FOR THE HEADING ABOVE which misquotes the title of "Lord" George Sanger's autobiography "70 years a Showman"... However, it seems apposite and readers might be interested to hear that the Lampeter Society's most senior member, Maldwyn Lloyd Jones (whose 90th birthday we celebrated at the 2007 Reunion) remarked - during a telephone conversation at the end of 2010 - that he has now been a clergyman for over 70 years! ❀

VINCENT MCKEOWN

READERS MAY RECALL that Steffan ap Dafydd reported, in last year's Link, the death of his friend and fellow Lampetarian Vincent McKeown, in November 2009 after over twenty years of suffering from MS.

Steffan has contacted us again this year. He describes Vincent as "one of life's natural anarchists" and goes on:

"He was born in Maidstone, Kent, studied English at Lampeter (he had rejected Magdalene College, Oxford, as he wanted to study Modern English Literature, particularly poetry). Later he taught at a secondary school at Lytham St Anne's, the American University Beirut (his escape in the Irish Ambassador's limo from the Lebanese civil war is a story in itself!) and Oxford Poly. He also wrote poetry and plays."

However the main gist of his missive is to let Link readers know that a group of Vincent's carers at Crossroads Care Oxford have set up a website dedicated to him and a book is being published to fund arts for carers and the cared for. He urges everyone to take a look at the website:

<http://www.vincentfund.org.uk/> ❀

SOME MEMORIES OF DOING PHILOSOPHY AT LAMPETER, 1994 – 2001

MANY, MANY YEARS AGO, an old friend – he was a Methodist Minister – said, on looking at some research I had been doing on painting and music, ‘Hmm, I’ve seen PhD’s a w a r d e d for less than this’. This remark sowed the seed which came to fruition in July 2002 when I graduated with a doctorate in Philosophy at Lampeter.

My father, a philosopher by nature although not by profession, had always nurtured in me a love of ideas; ‘Read this’, he would say, handing me Helen Waddell’s translations of Boethius, a piece by David Jones on Welsh Prosody, or an excerpt from Hindemith’s writings on composition (much more interesting than his music, I always thought.)

So, in 1993 I went to see Bob Sharpe with a convoluted, rather over ambitious idea for a PhD on the relationships between the different arts, which was by now becoming if not an obsession then at least an overriding interest. I was fortunate enough to have many poets and musicians as friends, who were always ready to discuss matters of mutual concern. So I came to philosophy not from an academic standpoint but as a practitioner in one of the arts, fascinated by the family relationships between them all. Many years later I was pleased to discover that Suzanne Langer upheld

this idea that philosophy of the arts should at least begin in the workshop and not in the library. When I tentatively handed Bob my reading list at our first

meeting, the fruit of my father’s eclectic recommendations, he remarked ‘Well, this is not the reading of someone who’s been through the mill of a Philosophy department – but none the worse for that.’

Bob then said a few words on the role of the supervisor: ‘Very soon students should come to know more about their specialist subject than the professor. But the professor will always have a wider knowledge of the general field, and so be able to anticipate pitfalls and guide the student towards things they should read, and how to disagree with them if necessary.’ Bob was also a gifted pianist, and wrote widely on the aesthetics of music, and so was often, and generously, able to give me

views and information on the subject. He had the gift of challenging without criticising, or undermining tentative ideas in gestation. A less sympathetic and perspicacious supervisor could have shredded someone embarking on this ambitious enterprise – I hadn’t written an essay in 30 years. Bob unfailingly seemed to know how much – or how little – to say and I always came away from our meetings with some relevant and constructive insight into how the



work was progressing.

The Philosophy Department was then housed in the Bryn, and in the 90's was a marvellously rich and eclectic place, with opportunities to study almost any aspect of the subject. The Wednesday evening colloquia with visiting speakers were always well attended and the Friday afternoon postgraduate meeting was lively and stimulating. I also attended Bob's undergraduate lectures on Aesthetics, as well as a memorable course he devised on the Philosophy of Science. To attend his seminars was always rewarding; his breadth of knowledge enlivened every discussion, and he took delight in a vigorous exchange of views. He had a way of letting students find their own way while shepherding them discreetly from a distance, knowing always the right comment which would stimulate their own ideas.

A glance at the 1998 Undergraduate Handbook for the Department (which I illustrated with sketches of people in varying attitudes during lectures) illustrates the richness and diversity of the programme available at that time. I was extremely fortunate to be there.

Elizabeth Haines (grad. 2002) ❁



*Elizabeth Haines is a painter living in Pembrokeshire and her work can be seen at www.elizabeth-haines.co.uk She has contributed to various academic journals – the Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism, the David Jones Society Journal and New Thesis. Her thesis, *The Web of Exchange*, can be*

*seen in the University Library. Readers may recall two of her pictures which appeared in *Link Extra 2010 - Ed.**



O TEMPORA! O MORES!

(Or how the rustication of a future cleric came to light in later years.)

WHEN I BECAME AN UNDERGRADUATE at St David's College, Lampeter in 1949, one of my contemporaries was Gerwyn James.

He was well built, good looking, immaculately dressed, spoke English with a flawless cut-glass accent and Welsh with bardic elegance.

Most importantly from my point of view he played rugby with reckless enthusiasm, and from my position at full-back I could see how much he relished the hurly-burly of the set scrums, the

mauls and the rucks. Consequently I used to see a lot of him in the Michaelmas and Lent terms but very little during Trinity. Like me he was probably trying to catch up on lost time!

After ordination Gerwyn disappeared into the diocese of St David and became a curate in Haverfordwest where he earned the reputation of someone who was not to be 'messed about with'. Evidently, so the ecclesiastical grapevine informed me, whilst out visiting in the parish, he was confronted on the doorstep by a belligerent parishioner who, having rudely told Gerwyn what he thought of the church and its clergy, proceeded to slam the door in his face. Whereupon Gerwyn stuck his foot in the gap, shoved the door open, and to the parishioner's surprise, demanded an apology, which history relates he got!

Happily Gerwyn kept in touch with me over the years, sometimes with a 'phone call and sometimes literally appearing at my side. And so it has been over the years. However, I could not help noticing that with the passage of time, he grew more authoritative and more conservative in his ways, not least towards his family and particularly his grandchildren.

Some three or four years ago when one of his grand-

daughters told him that she hoped to read history for her degree he suggested that she might consider Lampeter as a possible choice of university, which she did (graduating in July 2010 with a 2:1 in History). In the course of her studies, by chance, whilst browsing through the College archives, she came across

the minutes of a College Board meeting held in November 1950 and was intrigued to find her grandfather's name. She photocopied the minute, had it enlarged and framed, and sent it to Gerwyn as a Christmas present. I am happy to record

that it now hangs in a position of honour on his study wall.

When Gerwyn, with good humour, related this story over the 'phone to me, I suggested that he might send me a copy of the 'minute' and let me share it with you – especially those of you who can recall those very happy 'good old days'. I too had a 'College Board' encounter, but not for the same reason as Gerwyn, I hasten to add!

Ron Lloyd (grad. 1952) ❀

Note: the relevant extract of the minutes is reproduced here – for those who may find its manuscript hard to decipher, it records amongst other things that Gerwyn, ("J J G James") was rebuked for having stayed out "later than permitted at a dance in Lampeter, and for failing to return to his rooms in O.B., and for spending the night without permission in the licensed lodgings occupied by..." another student His punishment was to be sent down (rusticated) for the rest of the term! So much for his taking "a more authoritative and more conservative" line with his grandchildren...The other names on the piece have been obliterated to protect the innocent – and indeed the not-so-innocent. Ed

213	6. November 1950. Meeting of the College Board: all present.
Discipline:	The Censor reported J.J.G. James for staying later than permitted at a Dance in Lampeter, and for failing to return to his rooms in O.B., and for spending the night without permission in the licensed lodgings occupied by ===== . The Censor reported ===== for staying too long at the Dance, and for admitting James into his lodgings.
rustication	Both students appeared before the Board. James was sent down for the rest of the term, ===== gated for a fortnight. ===== , ===== , ===== and ===== appeared to answer for bad work in Collections. ===== and ===== were gated a fortnight each, ===== a week.



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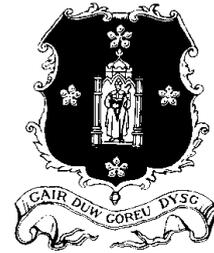
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LAMPETER SOCIETY REUNION PROGRAMME
Friday 22 – Sunday 24 July 2011

Friday 22 July 2011

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, Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall.

5.00pm: Evensong, Chapel, St David's Building.

6.00pm: Vice Chancellor's Reception. Cloisters, St David's Building.

7.00pm: Informal dinner in Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall. (For Business Committee members only, short meeting in the Wolfson Room.)



Saturday 23 July 2011

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.

11.00am – 5.00pm: Lampeter Food Festival on the lawns outside the St David's Building.

11.15am: Coffee, tea and biscuits outside the Cliff Tucker Lecture Theatre

11.30am: Annual General Meeting, Cliff Tucker Lecture Theatre.

12.30pm: Students' Union shop open for members to buy UWTSO memorabilia.

1.00pm: Informal lunch in the Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall.

4.30pm: Roman Catholic Mass with Fr. John Pascoe (grad. 1967), Chapel.

Continuing until 5pm: Lampeter Food Festival

5.30pm: Evensong, Chapel.

7.00pm: Pre-dinner drinks reception in 1822. Wine for the reunion dinner will be available for sale from the 1822 bar.

Raffle tickets will be on sale @ £1 each or 6 for £5 with all proceeds going to Lampeter Society funds.

7.30pm: Reunion Dinner in Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall. Please wear black tie if possible. This year's speaker is Chris Townsend (grad. 1971), outdoor writer, photographer and explorer.



Sunday 24 July 2011

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.

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



Wanted – Copy for forthcoming Links

Readers are cordially invited to submit relevant prose or verse contributions, photographs or other suitable images, for inclusion in future editions of the Link or Link Extra.

Please e-mail any such material either to Pushka Evans or John Ward (pushka.evans@gmailcom or john.ward583@ntlworld.com).

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Swansea
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Please would contributors supply:

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Date of graduation:.....



**LAMPETER SOCIETY
 ANNUAL REUNION
 22- 24 JULY 2011**

BOOKING FORM

Please indicate whether you wish to book for the full Reunion, at **£105**, or for individual events as detailed below.

Meals/accommodation	Price	No. of places	No. of vegetarian meals
Bed & Breakfast: Friday 22 July 2011	£26.00		
Bed & Breakfast: Saturday 23 July 2011	£26.00		
Reception (Friday)	Free		
Dinner (Friday)	£11.00		
Lunch (Saturday)	£8.00		
Reunion Dinner and Reception (Saturday)	£26.00		
Sunday lunch	£8.00		
Full Reunion (all events)	£105.00		
Core Reunion (B&B Fri to Sun and Reunion Dinner)	£78.00		
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.

Name: _____

Year of Graduation (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Name(s) of guests: _____

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, Lampeter, Ceredigion, SA48 7ED by Friday 8 July 2011.

*Please enclose a separate note if you would like additional night B&B, and include the appropriate amount under "Total cost" above. TSD aims to provide additional nights B&B but this cannot be guaranteed.



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Date	

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Telephone	
Graduation Year	

Please return this form to:
**The Alumni Office, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, College Street,
 Lampeter, SA48 7ED. UK.**

Lampeter Society London Branch – Annual Dinner 2011

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 3 June 2011. Please aim to arrive by 7pm to commence dinner at 7.30pm.

I am sure many of you have been following recent developments at Lampeter with great interest, especially the recent merger with Trinity University College Carmarthen and the subsequent creation of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. This monumental shift and the recent announcement of sweeping changes to Higher Education in the UK mean that we are indeed living in interesting times something we entrust our invited speaker will be able to talk us through and shed a little light on what lies ahead for the new institution.

A set menu has been arranged for us and is reproduced below;

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 £32. 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 27 May 2011.

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

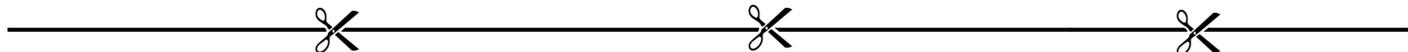
Please send all cheques and correspondence to: Richard Haslam, 29 Gilbert Street, Enfield, EN3 6PD or correspondence by email to rhaslam@hotmail.com

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.

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 £32 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.

LAMPETER SOCIETY REUNION 2010.

THE WEEKEND OF THE REUNION, 23-25 July, seemed 'a long time a coming' but once everyone began to arrive at Lampeter events careered along at break-neck speed. What a welcome! There was a brand new red carpet waiting to greet us as we collected our room keys and Welcome Pack in the cloisters, in fact they seemed to have been transformed into the reception area of a smart hotel. There were many remarks about wet and muddy feet! The carpet went all the way up to the Founders' Library, recently decorated and looking very attractive and welcoming. A little later we were told that HRH the Prince of Wales had visited the University the previous Friday and had opened the re-furbished library.

In the Founders' Library Dr John Morgan-Guy introduced a recent publication Biblical Art from Wales. This is a fascinating piece of research and a marvellous volume has been produced with some excellent illustrations, colour plates and a DVD. This is an example of scholarship for which Lampeter can be justly proud. Having been taken on a virtual tour of churches, chapels and synagogues of Wales, many present bought copies. Following on came the Vice Chancellor's Champagne Reception and a chance to look at the newly decorated library in greater detail.

Saturday saw the Campus positively pulsating with people. It was the day of the Lampeter Food Festival so no croquet or strawberry tea: instead many stalls on the lawn in front of OB and in the quad. A fascinating display of goodies, crafts, music, and drinks- beware of the Welsh Cider!

On Saturday morning Dr Richard Fenwick delighted us with an organ recital introducing us to some pieces from European composers which he titled "Forgotten Lost or Neglected". The Commemoration Service was conducted by the Rev. Stuart Brace (Grad 1974) and the preacher was the Ven. Randolph Thomas (grad 1971), Archdeacon of Brecon and a member of the Trinity University College and Trinity Saint David Councils.

The Annual General Meeting took place in the Cliff Tucker Theatre. Peter Bosley who had been the Chair for many years announced his intention to step down and Rachel Whitty - the Vice Chair - was elected to succeed him. Peter is now the Vice-Chair. The meet-

ing offered him thanks for his tenure and especially for his leadership during some difficult times when the future was uncertain. The other officers were re-elected and a financial report was presented by Dr Jane Norris-Hill. The Business Committee are to look at a suggestion to seek ways to develop the life of the Society and to the time when graduates come from the new joint University.

Dr Medwin Hughes, the Vice Chancellor, spoke about his vision for the future and was very encouraging concerning applications for the new academic year and the funding which the Welsh Assembly had put in place for the new University of Wales Trinity Saint David. He told us the Prince of Wales was taking a great interest in the new institution. He also told us of further developments with Swansea Metropolitan University. His message was one of a bright future concerning particularly the Theology and Religious Studies Department as it was to gain four academics from Bangor as the department there was closing. In two years Lampeter could provide the main theological department for the whole of Wales. Dr Hughes also spoke of Campus development not only the refurbishment of buildings but also a major landscaping project. He did not think it proper for Welsh Assembly Government funding to be used for this and so was hoping to attract fifty donors who would provide £5000 each over six years. Each donor will be called a "Burgess Ambassador" and their names will be recorded on the site.

The Commemoration Dinner took place in the Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall with everyone in their finery. Medals and spurs were not worn! Rachel presented Peter with some suitable liquid gifts from the Food Festival. A presentation was also made to Mr Leno Conti of Conti's Café, in recognition of the care and support he has provided to generations of Lampeter students since taking over management of Conti's Café in 1949. Both the Ven. Randolph Thomas and the Vice Chancellor spoke echoing their themes from the morning. Celebrations continued in the Students' Union bar and disco.

The weekend concluded on Sunday after lunch and some attendees stayed until Monday or Tuesday enjoying further time in Lampeter. Grateful thanks

must go to the University for its hospitality and to the members of the Committee for all the background work in organising the Reunion. Part of the weekend was the regular services in the Chapel and thanks go to Dr Richard Fenwick, the Rev. Canon Ron Lloyd, the Rev. Stuart Brace and Father Matthew Hill the Chaplain. Added to the traditional services has been a Roman Catholic Mass for these last two years, celebrated by John Pascoe (grad. 1967).

The 2010 Reunion was the last one whilst Lampeter is a single institution: the new University of Wales Trinity Saint David, granted its Royal Charter (an amended version of the original St David's College, Lampeter charter) in July 2010, came into existence at the beginning of the new aca-

demical year in September 2010. We hope for a bright future on every front.



The gang's all here!

There was a good feeling amongst all who were there, a good selection of people from many generations, including undergraduates, Student Union officials, from the present era. As usual, as well as the many and varied events, there was time to wander in the town, visit old haunts, and just 'be there.' There was also an official photographer, Adrian Gaunt (grad. 1966) so that events could be recorded in full colour.

John Morrison-Wells (grad. 1965) ❁

LINK EXTRA

FURTHER TO OUR FOND LOOK BACK, in this issue of the Link, to the old St David coat of arms and flag, we aim to look to the future and feature the new Trinity Saint David coat of arms on the front cover of this year's Link Extra in July. Perhaps, by then, we shall also know more about the further exciting alliances etc proposed for Trinity Saint David. ❁

MANY THANKS/DIOLCH YN FAWR

VERY MANY THANKS to all those who have provided text, images, time and general help in producing this Link magazine; the first under the aegis of Trinity Saint David. Special thanks to Mick Manson for his usual wizardry on the layout.

Anyone with further material or ideas to contribute to future editions of the Link or Link Extra is cordially invited to contact me at pushka.evans@gmail.com (tel. 020 8684 2500) or John Ward at john.ward583@ntlworld.com (we two aim henceforward to share editorship of the Link). ❁



THE REVEREND ANTHONY BAILEY - CELTIC INFLUENCES

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT from Anthony Bailey's contribution to Past and Present Magic of Bro Maenclochog, published in 2006. It describes Celtic Christianity during the Dark Ages, and tells of the saints – Teilo, Brynach and Dogmael – whose lives were interwoven with the Preseli area. Tony was at Lampeter from 1948-1951, and had fully intended to write a special piece for the forthcoming edition of Link. When I came across this article Our Celtic Spirituality again, the opening paragraph seemed to offer at least something of his experiences there, as well as its far reaching influences.

Tony had been Priest in Charge of the Maenclochog Parishes from 1982-1992, after his retirement from Bristol Cathedral, where he was Succentor, Chaplain and Head of Religious Knowledge. As well as being a much loved and respected parish priest, he also made an outstanding contribution to the life of the area both in his research into local history and his work with ARCH, Arts in Churches.

The latter was born of his desire to reconnect church-

es with their communities through the medium of the different arts, creating a spiritual setting for art, and at the same time using church buildings which would otherwise be closed for much of the week. For this he cooperated with a number of local artists and musicians, and ARCH organised many, richly diverse events in local churches over a four year period, as well as at the Catalyst event in 2008 in Carmarthen. He was also the driving force behind the re-opening of Mynachlogddu Church in 1988.

Tony had started his research into the history and culture of the Preselis in the 1990's. He wrote four books, which I illustrated, The Legend of St Teilo's Skull, In the Steps of St Brynach, Stories in Stone and A Preseli Patchwork, and contributed a number of articles to various publications. His care and concern for his parishioners, as well as the dedication with which he pursued these other interests, will be greatly missed.

Elizabeth Haines ❀

Excerpt from Our "Celtic Spirituality"

IN MARCH 1948, ON MY RELEASE from the Royal Air Force, I had then spent three years away from my studies. I was faced with the choice of either waiting fifteen months until October 1949 to take up a place at Oxford, or going up to St David's College, Lampeter, in October 1948. Not wishing to lose any more time I chose to do this and read for a degree in History. From hindsight this was probably not the most sensible course to take, but it turned out to be fortuitous in another way, for it led to three influences which gave me a lasting interest in the Celtic world. First, my History Professor – Danny Dawson as he was known – in one tutorial whetted my appetite for Celtic history with a paper on Owain Glyndŵr. Second, I regularly attended the Welsh Eucharist in the College Chapel, and although I could not speak the language I found the flow and cadence of the words very inspiring.

It was at the end of my time at Lampeter, when an event occurred which made me determined, at some point in my life, to make a study of the Celtic culture.

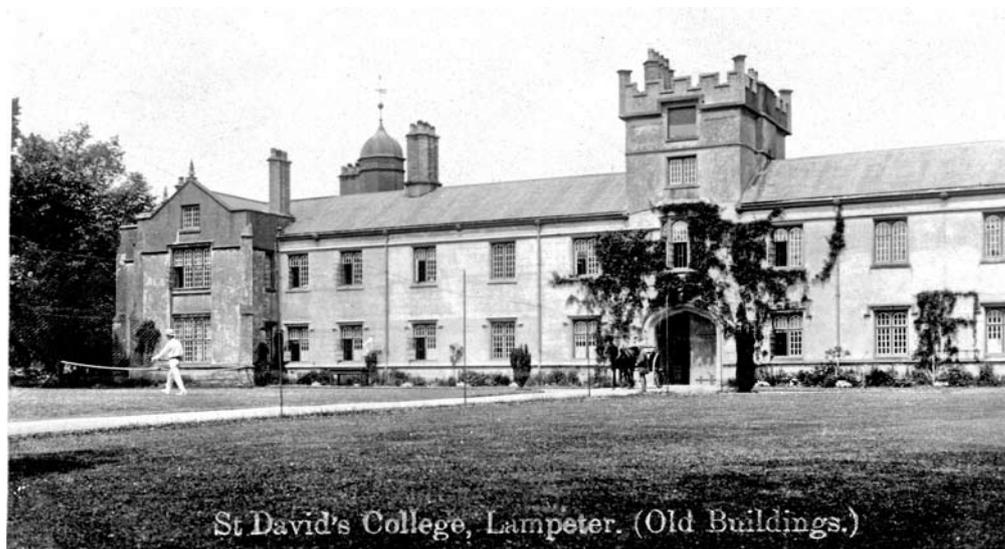
I have no great facility for learning languages but I knew that there was much I could discover without knowing any Welsh. It was in 1951 when a group of students from Lampeter, myself among them, camped out in the Cathedral Close at St Davids, in order to steward at the Festival of Britain celebrations there. The atmosphere of the city and of its cathedral had a great influence on me, and I determined that one day I would have some part in the life of the area.

The late Anthony Bailey (grad. 1951) 1927 -2010 ❀

OLD POSTCARD OF LAMPETER

A well-wisher has very kindly provided the old monochrome post card shown below.

Some time ago a former Lampeterian, Derek Slavin, reported that the Saint David's Building (Old Building) was given listed status before he arrived in 1958 and that it was because of listing that the ivy which had formerly coated the building had to be removed. This fact can be of assistance in dating old post cards of the place! ❀



PETER MILLAM 1936 -2010

The Reverend Peter John Millam was born in 1936 and graduated at Lampeter in 1958. He then went to Ridley Hall Cambridge and was ordained priest in The Diocese of Gloucester in 1964, serving as a curate in Cheltenham. From 1966 -1970 he was Senior Chaplain at Port Stanley on the Falkland Islands (with which Lampeter has had a number of connections – at least three Lampeter clerical graduates have ministered in the Falklands – Peter Millam himself wrote an article about this for Link 2003 – Ed.). In 1970 he returned to England and further appointments in St Alban's Diocese and last of all back to the West Country and Chipping Camden. During his retirement he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (2008).

John Morrison-Wells ❀

THOMAS ARTHUR FOSTER 1923 - 2010

The Link has been advised that Lampeter graduate the Reverend Thomas Arthur Foster died on 20th February 2010. Revd. Foster was born in 1923 and entered St David's College Lampeter towards the end of the Second World War. He graduated in 1947 and then went to rural Oxfordshire to Cuddesdon College for his theological training. His ministry was spent in the Diocese of Monmouth except for a short spell in Winchester. He was ordained in 1949 to a curacy in Risca and served also in Rumney and Cwmtillery. From 1959-1992 he was Rector of LLanfoist and Llanellen. He retired in 1992 and settled near Abergavenny.

John Morrison-Wells ❀

LAMPETER SOCIETY & JOHN WARD PRIZES 2010

There are currently, as far as I am aware, four annual prizes donated either by the Lampeter Society as an organisation or by individual living members of the society.

Lampeter Society Prize in Archaeology

Lampeter Society Prize in Information Technology

John Ward Prize in Information Technology

John Ward Prize in Ancient History

If any other living members of the Society have also donated prizes to the University, and would like details of the current status of their prizes to be included in subsequent issues of the Link, could they please provide me with the details by email to john.ward583@ntlworld.com.

In my article in last year's Link, I described in more detail my endowment of the two John Ward prizes. In response to my enquiries about how these prizes were awarded in 2010, I received the following information.

Lampeter Society Prize in Archaeology

From Dr. Ros Coard, School of Archaeology, History and Anthropology.

i) *Is the Lampeter Society prize in Archaeology still awarded annually?*

Yes we still do award the prize annually.

ii) *To whom was the prize awarded in 2010?*

Ms Nikola Vousden, First Class awarded

iii) *How much interest in the prize is there among undergraduates?*

Students are very interested in awards – not just the financial gain but more the satisfaction of recognition

over and above their academic studies.

iv) *Does the Department regard annual prizes as a useful way of encouraging undergraduates to take a greater interest in this subject?*

We do hold them in high regard – we record such awards at the exam Board Meetings and also on student records. They are useful for staff and student alike, for students it enhances their C.V. and for staff it is extra useful information with which to write references.



Nathan Jorgensen and School of Business staff

Lampeter Society Prize in Information Technology

In 2010 this prize was awarded to Nathan Jorgensen and the photograph reproduced here shows him with staff from the School of Business (from left, Huw Thomas, Dr

Jill Venus, Nathan Jorgensen, Roisin Mullins).

John Ward Prize in Information Technology

From Conny Matera Rogers, School of Business:

We were unable to award your prize this year as there was no worthy winner among the very few IT graduates. However, we are much more hopeful for this coming year as we have asked our students to write an article related to a specific event which takes place in November (WTECH Cymru – Women as Professionals in IT). This should produce a relevant piece of work which will be produced outside of that which is expected to be submitted as an assignment or work placement.

We thank you again for your very kind and gracious offer and trust that we will find a suitably deserving prize winner in 2011.

John Ward Prize in Ancient History

From Magdalena Ohrman, School of Classics

Thank you very much for your message and your continuing interest in the Department of Classics here at Lampeter.

This year, the prize you have so kindly sponsored was awarded to Mr Frazer McCallum, whose dissertation had the topic 'Why was Hannibal unable to win the Second Punic War?'. The dissertation gained a very high 2:1 mark both for making an original contribu-

tion and for handling primary and secondary sources very well. I shall find out whether it is possible to send you a copy. Mr Frazer developed a pronounced interest and aptitude for Roman history in particular while with us, and his lecturers found him a highly suitable candidate for this award. Needless to say, Mr Frazer himself was delighted, and we are very grateful for the opportunity to highlight his achievements with us in this fashion.

John Ward (grad. 1981) ❁

LAMPETER LANDSCAPE INITIATIVE

YOU ARE ALL HOPEFULLY AWARE of the Lampeter Landscape Initiative. The Vice Chancellor, Dr Medwin Hughes, first outlined his vision for an enhanced campus in Lampeter at the annual Lampeter Society Reunion in July last year and attendees were impressed by these ambitious proposals.

The Lampeter Landscape initiative will allow thousands of young people not simply to enjoy a quality university education, but also to experience college life at the very heart of the University. The development of a new landscaped campus will certainly make a difference to thousands of students as they matriculate at Lampeter. Taking action now to reconfigure the campus will have a significant influence on the future of the University.

Following the Reunion and wider dissemination of this vision, a number of alumni, townspeople and others made pledges. However, there is still some way to go before the final figure of 50 Ambassadors is reached and so there is still an opportunity to subscribe and become a Burgess Ambassador yourself.

Donations can be made in either one-off gifts or as regular donations depending on what suits individuals best. Under the Gift Aid scheme, the University

can claim back the tax paid by UK donors on both one-off and regular gifts. The University will also be able to attract 100% match-funding on donations made before the end of July this year.

Becoming a Burgess Ambassador will also help the University to secure its long term future. Higher education is now globally competitive in ways unknown when you were a student and, in today's difficult economic climate, Lampeter - like other institutions - is obliged to make more effective use of its facilities. An iconic landscaped campus will help the University to continue to attract the most able students and staff. It would also allow Lampeter to celebrate its environment and attract non-teaching revenue through becoming a venue for international conferences outside term-time.

Some alumni have grouped together to donate as a syndicate and you are welcome to make enquiries about doing the same.

The Lampeter Society has also pledged £10,000 towards the scheme and we warmly encourage readers to support it as well. ❁

SOME DATES FOR DIARIES

Fri 3 June	Lampeter Society London Branch annual dinner at the National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London. (Contact Richard Haslam, 29 Gilbert St, Enfield EN3 6PD, email rhaslam@hotmail.com)
Mon 4 - Tues 5 July	Graduation – Carmarthen campus
Wed 6 July	Open Day – Lampeter campus (Contact: Emma Evans Tel. 01570 422351, email opendays@tsd.ac.uk)
Fri 8 July	Degree day – Lampeter campus (Contact: Eleri Beynon 01267 676790)
Fri 8 July	Open day – Carmarthen campus (Contact: Lee Lloyd Tel. 01267 676767, email opendays@tsd.ac.uk)
Fri 22 - Sun 24 July	Lampeter Society annual reunion (see details elsewhere in Link).
Sat 3 Sept	Open Day – Lampeter campus (Contact: Emma Evans Tel. 01570 422351, email opendays@tsd.ac.uk)
Sat 10 - Sun 11 Sept	Trinity Alumni reunion – Carmarthen campus (Contact: Heather Thomas Tel. 01267 676767 email alumni@tsd.ac.uk)
Tues 18 - Wed 19 Oct	Open days – Carmarthen Campus (Contact Lee Lloyd Tel. 01267 676767, email opendays@tsd.ac.uk)
Fri 28 Oct	Open day – Lampeter campus (Contact: Emma Evans Tel. 01570 422351, email opendays@tsd.ac.uk)
Fri 18 Nov	Founder’s Day (Contact: Eleri Beynon 01267 676790)

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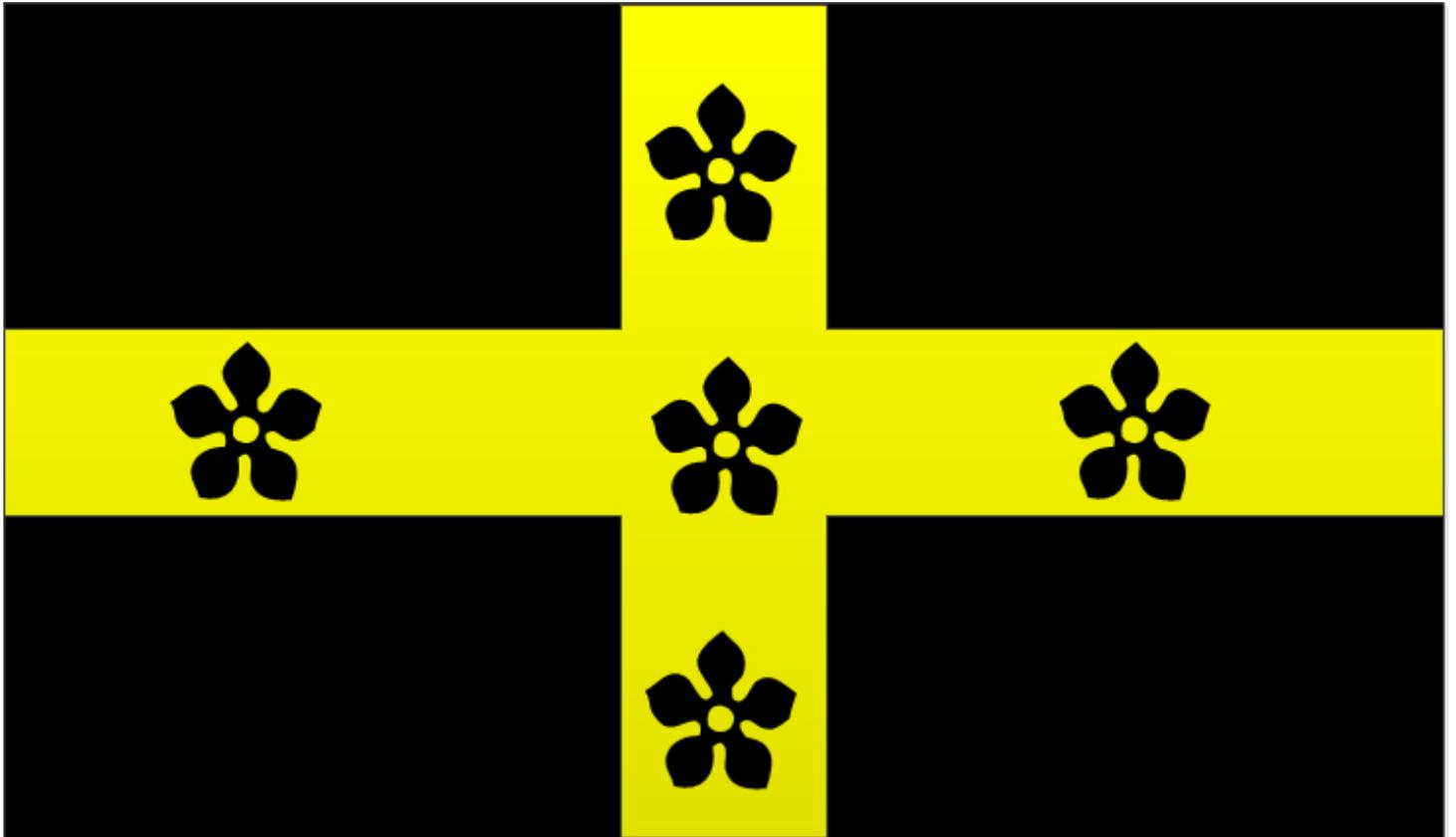
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The Chapel / Y Capel



Flag of St David's College / Coleg Dewi Sant and subsequent incarnations of the institution