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## LAMPETER SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT 2011

**T**HE SOCIETY HAD A GOOD YEAR IN 2011. The highlight, as it usually is, was the Annual Reunion which took place over the weekend of 22nd, 23rd and 24th of July and was a great success. Feedback forms, of which there were more than usual, were unstinting in their praise, with the catering staff excelling themselves for the Dinner. Unfortunately, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Medwin Hughes, was at the very last moment unable to attend the Dinner but his place was ably filled by Gwyndaf Tobias, the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Finance), who gave the answering address to this year's speaker, Chris Townsend (grad. 1971). Once again, as it did in 2010, the Reunion coincided with the Lampeter Food Fair, providing attendees with an additional focus. The only downside to this was that the Croquet players were forced off the lawns in front of OB. I suspect Bill Fillery will never forget having to play on what he described as "a bog". The Reunion raffle raised £154 - it could have raised more but we ran out of tickets! We aim to do better this year! Trish Hughes (grad. 1971) and Lynne Norris (grad. 1971) have volunteered to do the raffle again this year, so do come prepared...

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- **16 Club 40th Anniversary**
- **2011 LamSoc Reunion**
- **2011 Link Extra**

The London Branch Dinner, organised by Richard Haslam (grad. 1994), was held on the 3rd of June 2011 and whilst the number attending was down on previous years an enjoyable evening was had by all and a warm welcome was afforded to Professor Densil Morgan, Provost of the Lampeter Campus, who gave an excellent and upbeat talk outlining current successes and the challenges that lay ahead. The 2012 dinner will be held on the 8th of June 2012. Details of the venue etc. can be found on the 'flyer' which will be included with the Link and posted on the website.

The Society Business Committee urges those living in other regions, such as Severnside, Swansea etc to revitalise their local branches and to report back on any events held.

The Society has continued with its grants to the Lampeter Campus of the University: £10,000 to the Landscape Project, £1000 to the Library, £250 to the Chapel and support to the Students' Union, notably the updating of the SU Presidents' Honours Boards. One annual event, the Public Speaking Competition held for Students each March, did not, however, take place in 2011. We regret this, and hope to have it reinstated.

Officers of the Society continue to play an active part in the Governance of the University. Our Chair, Rachel Whitty (grad. 1986), is an external Trustee of TSD's Students Union and thus is in close contact with the student body; Peter Bosley (grad. 1967), Vice Chair, is a member of the University Council and also sits on the Estates Committee. He is also a member of the newly developed "Continuity Review Group", a small subcommittee of the Council which is tasked with ensuring that the Council and Senior Managers stay close to the day to day activities on both campuses. Bill Fillery (grad. 1969), local Society

Liaison Officer is also a member of the University Council, a Pension Trustee, and a further member of the Continuity Review Group. It is worth pointing out that Andrew Curl (grad. 1974 and Guest Speaker at the 2008 Reunion), although not an officer of the Society, is also on the University Council and has become a member of the group looking to take forward the merger with Swansea Met and the University of Wales.

It is likely that the Vice Chancellor will be at the July Reunion this year, for both the AGM and the Dinner, in which event attendees will be updated regarding the position of the University in Wales. Suffice it to say now that the original merger between UWL and TUCC is going from strength to strength with record numbers of students enrolling on both campuses in October 2011. For the future, it looks as though the merger with Swansea Met is progressing smoothly towards its completion. Discussions with the University of Wales are moving much more slowly but one development has occurred: when the merger does occur it will, happily, be under the original 1822

Lampeter Charter.

It is also likely that when the 2012 Reunion takes place in July much of the considerable building work being undertaken on the Lampeter Campus will be complete. The Arts Block will have been enlarged and remodelled and the Sports Hall will have been hugely improved. It should also be pointed out that the students' sports facilities have additionally been improved by the recent opening of all-weather pitches at Lampeter School. Funded by the University, this shared facility brings with it floodlit tennis courts and access to the swimming pool for TSD students. Meanwhile work continues on Canterbury and remains on track for opening in the 2012/13 academic session.

The Lampeter Landscape Project appears at last to have got underway. This was launched by the Vice Chancellor at the 2010 AGM as a means of landscaping the Dulas Valley to complement the new building about to commence on the Campus. Welsh Assembly Government grants had been made available as part of the merger package for new buildings, and major refurbishments but none of this could be spent on landscaping. Many individuals and groups of individuals have contributed or pledged money for the project. The Society early committed itself to a £10,000 grant from its funds to this scheme. At a Council Estates Committee meeting in January 2012 it was announced that work would start; let us hope that in July we can see signs of its progress. It should be emphasised that the money involved in this has come solely from donations for this specific project and nothing has been drawn off from other funds.

Steps are being taken to refine the administration of the Society with members of the Business Committee being given particular

responsibilities. One area where this has been developed most fully at this point is Finance. Chris Webber (grad 1960 and 2011!) has liaised successfully with the University Finance team, identified the officer who has been given the responsibility of dealing with Society Funds, and hopes to be able to produce regular financial statements. It is also worth remembering that Chris has been responsible for devising the "Campus Fund" by which any subscription in excess of £10 pa (yes, some people do pay more than the minimum!) is siphoned off into a separate fund to permit the Society to consider financing other schemes. We hope to build on Chris's success and improve our administration and our liaison with the University in other spheres.

2012 marks the 75th anniversary of the Lampeter Society. This year the Reunion coincides with Degree Day on the Lampeter Campus. Society members are always involved in the Ceremonies and, in addition, man the Society stall. Here we sell "memorabilia" and hope to sow the seed of membership to the new graduates. Perhaps attendees at the Reunion could try to arrive early to help with this work, and to show the Society in action!

Peter Bosley (grad. 1967)  
Lampeter Society Vice Chair

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## A CHAPEL CLERK IN THE 1950s

I, LIBERAL AND METROPOLITAN, was surprised and flattered by my nomination by the Principal to be one of the two clerks from my year. The other was my thereafter life-long friend, Ryland Oliver, evangelical and Welsh speaking, and to me a more suitable appointment. The arrangement was that there was a complement of four clerks: two second year students and two, the senior clerks, from the third year. The senior clerks instructed the former who automatically succeeded them the following year.

The office seemed to me to be one of responsibility at the centre of the college's corporate life at a time when, with few authorized exceptions, all students and dons regularly attended chapel. A contemporary, Sulak Sivaraksa, a devout Buddhist, attended regularly though licensed to do otherwise. Obligatory attendance for a heavy preponderance of ordinands did not strike me as being unreasonable. A spur in the direction of order and rhythm of life I spotted as rational rather than duress.

Thus though the college numbered little more than 180 students the chapel was de facto its lively and crowded hub. In retrospect, it cannot be doubted that the chapel's impact was significant: not simply in the important matter of religion, liturgy and belief, but as a sociological instrument shaping the institution. Surely significantly, it was in the chapel, rather than elsewhere, that the greater part of the college, students and dons, would actually regularly assemble and where, in those days, graduation ceremonies took place. The rituals and indeed dramas played out in the chapel were crucial: the pulpit witnessed controversy in theological matters and intellectual collisions between our clerical dons, in particular, at the crowded Sunday morning service. That service witnessed the general wearing of surplices and the full complement of dons, in academic dress and seated in their appointed places. Sometimes, there would be a visiting bishop or a prominent figure from the outside world who contributed to giving the moment a sense of occasion. At the conclusion of the service, to the accompaniment of some vigorous organ voluntary, we would file out, each in his appointed place. The clerks would restore order. After a short delay of good natured chat in the cloisters and quadrangle, we would go into hall, to the exceptionally long Latin grace, and lunch, invariably it seemed, embracing pork and crackling, and ale.

The clerks, during the week, distinctively attired in cassocks and undergraduate gowns, played a supporting part in all this, literally recording attendances, ringing the summoning bell, unlocking and

locking the vestry and the Board Room [ the room at the foot of the stairs to the Founders' Library, wither priests robed], preparing the elements, laying out the vestments, lighting and dowsing candles, serving at the altar, displaying hymn and psalm numbers, supervising the distribution of prayer books and hymnals, conducting the Sunday collection and, when scheduled students failed to attend to read the lessons, stepping into the breach. Too cowardly to 'wing it,' I would check the text beforehand. This paid dividends when it fell to me to read the beginning of Genesis 14, a passage posing a reading challenge with a rather obscure spiritual message.

Though some of the above features of chapel life would yet have their contemporary counterparts, there were actually, by the norms of to-day, surprising omissions. A choir did not exist and there were no discussion, study and meditation groups formally associated with the chapel or organized by the chaplain. This is not to say that such activities were absent from the college. Indeed, the Society of Saint David's, the Richard Hooker Society, and the Student Christian Movement were amongst the many societies that flourished in a student body that, as noted, was so small. There was a sense, of course, in which functional division between the chapel and the rest of the college neither existed in theory nor practice.

I now realize that it was at the end of an age: a Lampeter that consciously sought and succeeded in being collegiate, a common life of students and dons, living, studying, praying, eating, and socializing together, for good or for ill [and it was mostly the former]. It was accompanied by costumes and rituals, suits and ties, gowns, and formality in relationships between staff and students. It was challenged, it is true, but, for the most part accepted, possibly facilitated by Lampeter's relative isolation from a world adopting greater informality. What cannot be doubted is that the chapel was the essential element in the collegiate structure giving it coherence. Even those who rebelled can hardly deny its lasting impact or doubt that it was part of a generally fondly-remembered special experience, unlikely even then to be found elsewhere.

Bob McCloy, chapel clerk, 1954-56  
*[Also past Chairman of the Lampeter Society! Ed.]*

## DAVID CELYN EVANS

CELYN WAS BORN ON THE 13TH OF AUGUST 1935 and died in Clatterbridge Hospital on November 30th 2011.

He attended Ruthin school as a dayboy where he was a prefect, and was awarded the Victor Ludorum for sports, captained the school Rugby XV and won the Connell Cup for the most distinguished character.

After school he was a student at Lampeter from 1955 to 1958. Here he took a full part in college life, running for the Harriers, playing in the cricket XI and the rugby XV. He was captain of the rugby team for the year 57-58. His close friend and best man Elfed Lewis and I played in the rugby XV with him. You know what real friends are when you put your physical health and well being on the line for them with every tackle you make and receive. Like many of his contemporaries he was a more regular attender in Leno Conti's cafe than in lectures. After his successful debut in the Freshmen's concert telling jokes with Dai Joseph, the two of them went around various old people's homes and other venues bringing happiness and laughter in their wake.

His greatest success, however, was being the lead singer of a Skiffle group he started with Elfed Lewis, Dai Joseph (both piano), Mervyn Boit (washboard), Barry Wallace (guitar), and later Colin Hodgetts (clarinet). They played at many public dances and in college events. A memorable performance in the Victoria Hall in Lampeter to enthusiastic girls got the group an article in the Carmarthen Journal. I still remember his excellent vocals in "Singing the Blues" and "Peggy Sue".

When he left Lampeter he did National Service in Woolwich, SE London and in Germany becoming a radiographer in the process. He really loved this work.

In January 1960 he married Miss Jocelyn Roberts and they celebrated their Golden Wedding just 24 months ago.

His father was a clergyman for over 50 years, lived to over 100 running several parishes and driving a car into his late 90's. Before this he had completed a full career as a policeman.

Celyn followed his father into the police being a highway patrol officer in the Birkenhead area for 25 years. Although seeing some unpleasant incidents he always made light of the job and delighted in recounting amusing and bizarre events that occurred to him and his fellow officers.

He always enjoyed the present moment. Whether it was at work, shopping in the supermarket, be it in England, France or the USA he was in there talking and joking with complete strangers. In a hotel in France he came out one day highly delighted saying "Jocelyn's broken the toilet" and again later in our house "Jocelyn has broken your toilet". We had great fun mending it, he making the whole thing an enjoyable experience.

In 1997 Peter Allison (also a contemporary of Celyn) was seeking donations for a copy of a painting of Old Building that is in the Library to be permanently hung in the Cloisters. Celyn said that he would pay the whole cost which he did and the picture was unveiled there in a ceremony during that year's reunion. It still hangs there with an appropriate inscription crediting Celyn.

He will be greatly missed and we send all our condolences to his wife Jocelyn and children David, Jane, Kate and Eira. His funeral was held at St John the Evangelist Parish church, Great Sutton on Dec 8th and he was buried in the churchyard. Parts of me still cannot accept that he has gone.

A bright light that shone in the world for 76 years has gone out.

John Drew SDC 1956-9

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## THE RT REVD ALAN MORGAN OBE 1940-2011 – THE COALFIELD BISHOP

LAMPETER MAN THE RIGHT REVEREND ALAN WYNDHAM MORGAN, Bishop of Sherwood 1989-2004, died on 24th October 2011 at the age of 71.

Alan Morgan hailed from Swansea and graduated in 1962 from what was then St David's College, Lampeter, in philosophy and history. He then went on to St Michael's College, Llandaff, for his theological training and was ordained deacon in 1964 and priest in 1965 in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. He served two curacies in the Swansea and Morriston areas (the second with Lampeter Society committee member Bill Fillery). Alan then moved to the Diocese of Coventry, to the Coventry East Ministry Team as a Team Vicar. In 1978 he became the Bishop of Coventry's Officer for Social Responsibility and was appointed Archdeacon of Coventry in 1983. His passion for the Church's social responsibility was reflected in his involvement with a range of organizations. He was chair of the National Council of Voluntary Organizations, a trustee of the national AIDS trust and a trustee of the Charities' Aid Foundation, as well as linking with a whole range of other church and voluntary groups from Family Life and Marriage Enrichment to social housing groups.

Alan was appointed Bishop of Sherwood in 1989 - the Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. He became known as the 'coalfield bishop' as he made a huge contribution to working for regeneration of the coalfield areas across the country and was part of the Government's Coalfield Task Force headed by Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott.

The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, The Rt Revd Paul Butler, said "Bishop Alan was a tireless campaigner on behalf of the marginalised and the poor and his time in the Diocese was marked by his passion for justice and single-minded efforts to bring people together. He was also someone with a real human touch and compassionate approach to those of much faith and those of little."

We send our sympathy to Alan's wife and family. Requiescat in pace.

John Morrison-Wells.(1965)

## 16 CLUB 40th ANNIVERSARY

**T**O MARK THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 16 CLUB the Gentlemen Returners, ably organised by our RMO Mr A Holdsworth, planned a magnificent convocation in Lampeter.

From the wondrous celebratory Polo Shirts (thanks to Mr E Morris) to the finely tuned menu (courtesy of Mr Holdsworth and the College Kitchen) no stone was left unturned in providing the finest celebration seen in Lampeter.

The Gentlemen began with a fine Charabanc outing to the Cei Bach beach to perform rituals, refresh and prepare for the events of the night to come. With splendid views up and down the coast, and a beautiful long sandy beach, it was a gorgeous place and a lovely day for a spot of swimming and some 'touch' rugby on the sea-shore. Afterwards we made our way into Aberaeron to enjoy some chips and beer at one of the fine pubs the small town has to offer.

The AGM was held in the Old Library and included a presentation by Trinity Saint David Vice Chancellor, Professor Medwin Hughes, about the plans for TSD. This was attentively listened to by the Gentlemen of the Club. As a Club we are considering how we move forward following his words. It was good to see

that he has a great enthusiasm for Lampeter.

The Club then adjourned to prepare for the great event of 2011 – the Anniversary Dinner in the Old Hall. An excellent meal and scintillating conversation followed, with perfectly matched wines to complement the culinary expertise of Lampeter catering. The VC attended as an honoured guest (in full academic dress), as did the President, the Right Reverend J Wyn Evans. Following a brief interlude, the Gentlemen continued the tradition of the Jokemaster and other Mysteries of the Club.

Tired and exhausted from the overexcitement, the Gentlemen then headed toward the Union Bar for some much needed refreshment.... Others better placed than I may remember the events of the remainder of the evening, but I shall maintain a dignified silence.....

Thanks to Holdsworth, Stephen Raj, Webster-Slater, Slater and Morris for their organisation, and amazement at Messrs. Jopling, Wallace and myself who were present at the first Dinner of the Club.

Stuart Tilley (1973)  
Keeper of the Electronic Abacus



*The gentlemen of the Club gather before the 40th anniversary dinner together with their two honoured guests*

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## LINK EXTRA 2011 AND BEYOND

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

## ANTHONY JAMES BROTHERS MA, MPhil (Oxon): 1938 -2011

**M**ANY READERS WILL PROBABLY ALREADY BE AWARE of the sad death of Tony Brothers on Tuesday 25 October 2011, after several years of ill health. He came to Lampeter from Oxford as a bright young thing in 1964 and served the institution with distinction and dedication for getting on for half a century. As well as being a Lecturer in Classics he was also involved in research in Roman comedy, Greek and Roman architecture, Roman religion, and in the care of artefacts preserved within the University's Special Collections.

Generations of students will remember him with affection, recalling field trips to the Naples region, his architecture lectures, and above all his enormous enthusiasm and passion for all aspects of Classics. He kept teaching Latin after retirement for the Summer Workshop in Greek and Latin and it is testament to his commitment to the subject and devotion to his students that he kept up this connection with the summer school even when his health deteriorated.

He was also curator of the University's Art Collections for many years, a role which he enjoyed tremendously and took very seriously. We are all indebted to him for the enormous efforts he made to safeguard the institution's many historic plans, paintings and other artefacts. A highly articulate, deeply knowledgeable and extremely amusing speaker, many readers will have enjoyed the talks he gave in the course of several Reunion weekends about his conservation work on some of the institution's treasures, and about the history of various items.

The Lampeter Society was, happily, able to co-operate directly with Tony on some of his projects, such as the production of state of the art digital copies of some of the original Cockerell plans for St David's Building (for display in the Wolfson Room) and of original portraits of founder Bishop Burgess and library benefactor Thomas Phillips (for display in the Roderic Bowen Library).

Some will recall individual merry meetings, convivial dinners and civilised teas with Tony, including wide-ranging conversation both erudite and interesting, (plus amusing and naughty!).

There will be many other fond recollections too - for example, LamSoc Chair, Rachel Whitty, tells me that the legend of Tony was such when she was there in the mid 80s, that her five a side football team was called The Tony Brothers... despite the fact that none of them were taught by him!

Ex German Lecturer at Lampeter, Hinrich Siefken, also has warm memories of Tony, who was one of the first new friends he made when he arrived in Lampeter in 1967. Tony took him under his wing, affectionately calling him "Hinnners", introducing him to college life and customs and regaling him with wickedly humorous anecdotes. His kindness extended over the years to all the Siefken family and "Uncle Tony" was a frequent visitor at their home.

Leslie Griffiths, another contemporary of Tony's, tells us: "It's hard to convey for those who weren't there the heady Lampeter days we lived through in the mid-1960s. A whole bunch of us landed on an unsuspecting Cardiganshire by rail – Dr Beeching soon put a stop to all that nonsense. Charles Tyzack and I brought our skills to the English Department, Andrew MacIntosh joined the Theology Department and Tony Brothers became Ian Barton's right hand man in Classics. We were young turks and soon found the best eating places within twenty miles of Lampeter. Tony was a dedicated teacher, meticulous about detail, and an enthusiast for his cause. The Senior Common Room was always enlivened by his presence. He cared greatly about Lampeter (at that time entering the University of Wales under the watchful eye of Cardiff). During our time, the University Grants Committee

began the task of investing in the Saint David's College infrastructure, extending its premises, building its numbers and enriching the range of its courses. Women were admitted during our time and the new library was opened (by the Duke of Edinburgh). Heady days indeed! Tony was a committed advocate of all these happenings which, of course, explains his happiness to spend the rest of his life there. His conversation was always animated, his friendship loyal, and his spirit seemed invariable optimistic. Lampeter has lost one of its greatest partisans."

Tony's funeral was held in the University Chapel on the Lampeter campus at noon on Saturday 5 November. Very appropriately, donations in lieu of flowers were made for the benefit of the Roderic Bowen Library and Archives. The service was taken by Chaplain Matthew Hill and many old friends were there – The Reverend Canon William Price, for instance, led the intercessions. After the service refreshments were served

in the Lloyd Thomas Hall.

I was, alas, not able to attend. However, LamSoc committee member Bill Fillery, (who arrived at Lampeter in 1965, only a year after Tony), was there, and records that "Tony's funeral was amazing - tearful, joyful, absolutely packed - chapel and old refec, with a splendid reminiscent gathering in Lloyd Thomas Hall afterwards - loads of photographs of Tony, many friends from every generation, all appropriately enjoying a glass of wine as they shared their memories...."

I did not take Classics myself and so never had the felicity to be taught by Tony Brothers. However, ever since I first arrived in Lampeter in 1971, I have always been aware of him as an important and valued part of student life, ranging for instance from his regular contributions to the student handbook to his fame in later years as the fount of all knowledge regarding the institution's history and its many and varied collections. How sadly he will be missed. As a person he is irreplaceable. We can only hope that, as curator, someone equally dedicated and capable will take on his mantle for the future. His will be a difficult act to follow.

Pushka Evans (1974)  
Link Editor



## A LAMPETER LECTURER IN THE 1960s

**I**N 1961 I WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT LECTURER IN ENGLISH at St David's College. As it happened I went up under the watchful eye of the Principal, the Revd. J R Lloyd-Thomas, who emerged from a cloud of smoke at Carmarthen railway station and shepherded me into his first-class compartment. I observed that the branch line had a single track:

“So it has,”

he replied. That evening I had supper with him and Mrs Thomas, and afterwards we watched television, which he said was “a great boon” to the people of west Wales. I thought it advisable not to question this or any other statement he might make. We watched a woman doing a song-and-dance act, and Mrs Thomas observed that she was almost naked:

“So she is,”

he replied. A half-naked woman no more devalued television than a single-track line devalued Lampeter. You had to admire Lloyd-Thomas. It was no surprise to learn that he had masterminded the college's acceptance for funding by the University Grants Committee, and was negotiating its recognition as part of the University of Wales.

I had already met my immediate superior, Professor S C Boorman, at my appointment and later in the seedy basement restaurant of the National Book League in London, where we had tea and crumpets. He explained that I was to teach everything from 1300 to 1700 except Honours courses on Shakespeare, which he reserved for himself. I said that seemed a lot. He replied that when he first went to Lampeter in 1946 he saw H A Harris, the professor of Classics and acting Head of English, and asked him what field he was to cover, and Harris said

“You can have the lot.”

So Boorman thought I was getting off lightly; did I have any other questions? Now at collegiate universities in those days undergraduates were given a “Moral Tutor” to look after their non-academic interests, but Boorman did not know this term, so when I asked if I would have to be a Moral Tutor he went pink, and said:

“Well, we try to set a good example, you know.”

He and I had more serious misunderstandings later, but it was impossible not to like him, and years after his retirement I was pleased when his life's work resulted in a book, *Shakespeare and Human Nature*.

Boorman's second-in-command was Jim Sambrook, who eventually manoeuvred him into doing more teaching, with a scheme written on the back of an envelope. [*Jim Sambrook's musings on his own time at Lampeter have also appeared in a previous edition of the Link – Ed*] Jim was an agreeable colleague and a good scholar – his book on Richard Watson Dixon came out in 1962 – who later moved to Southampton, where he achieved rapid promotion.

My rooms in college were in the old Canterbury Building, now sadly demolished and replaced by one much less attractive. My neighbour was another “bachelor don”, the newly-appointed Assistant Lecturer in History, Donald Jones. He had read about my appointment in a local newspaper, and had been alarmed to find that I had been at Oxford, but was relieved to find that I did not wholly correspond to his idea of an Oxford type. We formed what he called “the Jones-

Ogden entente”; I did not realise that he thought of it as an uneasy alliance between Wales and England, especially as he was not a Welsh speaker. His Head of Department, Professor Daniel Dawson, died suddenly during our first term, after which Donald was even more seriously overworked than I was, though I think he preferred teaching to research.

The Warden of Canterbury was Rhys Jones, the Head of French and an authority on the Symbolistes. From time to time he held soirees in his rooms, and would don his silk smoking-jacket, supply plenty of French cigarettes, wines and liqueurs, and do his best to bring les fleurs du mal to Lampeter. At weekends, driving his black Morris Minor, he ostentatiously sneaked off to Cardiff to see his father, a retired nonconformist Minister, old and infirm but well enough to disapprove of his wayward son's visits to “night clubs”. Rhys felt he was “an unconventional academic”, always in danger of offending our clerical masters, [*the institution, at that time, placing considerable dependence on Church funding – Ed*] hence needing to be discreet about his regular evenings “enjoying a quiet drink” in a public house a few miles from the college.

I quite often accompanied him on these expeditions, and regarded him as a good friend, though I understood him no better than he understood himself. In later life he sought enlightenment through Zen Buddhism, which gave him, as he explained in *Trivium [a college publication – Ed]* “a poetic vision of reality”, superior to that of the Symbolistes.

Resident academic staff were rather expected to grace high table with their presence. Students believed we got better meals than they did, but we shared not only their food but also their jokes about “the piece of cod which passeth understanding” and “the yellow peril” (thought to be made from powdered egg supplied during the Second World War). Only good Fr. John Macdonald, the Warden of Burgess Hall [*where those studying for ordination resided – Ed*], seemed to have a taste for college food. Rhys, Donald and I made an agreement with Mr Morris, proprietor of the “Mile End” cafe (now “The Mustard Seed”) on College Street to have daily three-course lunches and coffee for three shillings (30p). The college Bursar had to admit that he could not compete.

We were soon joined in the “Mile End” by Simon Evans of the Welsh Department. He had been a professor of Welsh at Dublin, but had come to Lampeter as a Lecturer, partly to make sure his son Dafydd was educated in Wales. A nonconformist and a dedicated scholar, he found most colleagues of his own age uncongenial. Years later I would meet him by chance in the National Library of Wales, and he would abruptly demand,

“Are you working?”

meaning, was I pursuing research, and I was glad to assure him that I was.

Lampeter did eventually make him a professor, and I was always welcome to call at his office. On one such occasion he said

“I am working on a subject which will greatly interest you, James.”

So I was obliged to ask him what it was -

“The Comparative Adjective in Middle Welsh,”

he replied, smiling, but serious enough: I have an offprint of the essay published in the *Zeitschrift fur Celtische Philologie* in 1997.

I attended a seminar when Simon was questioned on his religious views by Herbert Richardson, and American Professor of Theology. He said his interest in religion began as a boy in Carmarthenshire, where funerals were a great source of entertainment. He had tried to keep the faith of his forefathers, though he did not fully accept any creed. He approached heaven most closely when engaged in research, though as a scholar he had to say nothing was certain. He did not take himself, or anyone -

“Even you, Herbert,”

too seriously. I wish I had known more academics like Simon.

I had student friends, too, notably Andy Lawrance, a member of my first tutorial group, and Mr Lynn, from Hong Kong, who was my neighbour in Canterbury Building. To Lawrance it seemed absurd to believe in God, and he often said so. To Lynn it seemed absurd to read Coulton’s Medieval Panorama in a glossy paperback, so he dropped it in water and dried it on his electric fire, burning the edges of the leaves. The resulting tome had a medieval appearance but, Lynn said, remained unreadable. Professor and Mrs Harris kindly but ill-advisedly invited Lynn and Lawrance to tea together.

“Mr Lynn lives in a rarified intellectual atmosphere,”

Harris reported at coffee in the Senior Common Room:

“We had him and Mr Lawrance to tea and the conversation was on a higher intellectual plan than I am accustomed to.”

They told me later that they had talked about Dadaism and existentialism, subjects Donald and I easily avoided when the Harrises had us to tea.

While Simon Evans may have been right in thinking some of his colleagues were not “working”, many were quietly getting on with research. Harris may have been suspicious of intellectuals, but was working on a learned study of the Olympic Games. And I heard few complaints about bad teaching, perhaps because many students, especially the ordinands, were happy to prepare for “General” degrees at a respectable but not too demanding standard. They certainly put a lot of work into college societies, performed plays, and produced a regular newspaper entitled Gownsmen. Lampeter could reasonably call itself a university college, as it encouraged varied intellectual effort and hence genuine fellowship.

James Ogden

Lecturer in English at St David’s College/Colleg Dewi Sant 1961 – 1963

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## CHRIS BENDON 1950-2011

**L**AMPETER BASED POET CHRIS BENDON has died at the age of 61; he was suffering from cancer.

Chris was born in Leeds in 1950, and left at 18 to work in London. He moved to Lampeter in 1977, leaving a good job at Swan Hellenic in London, to study for a degree in English.

At University he was involved with The New Rhymers Club, and organised lunch time cultural happenings, which usually involved avant-garde music. He also organised poetry readings bringing famous poets to Lampeter including Gavin Ewart, Ted Hughes and young and up and coming poets such as Andrew Motion.

He was Rag Chairman in 1978 and changed the face of fundraising on campus. Not only a Rag magazine and events, but Rag merchandise including address books and notebooks. He also organised mini bus trips to sell Rag mags in Swansea and Cardiff. Lampeter Rag had never raised so much money, and he was awarded lifelong membership of the students’ union for his achievement. However, all the fundraising damaged his degree and he didn’t get the first that had been predicted. Not that it bothered him, for he was to dedicate the rest of his life to writing.

He published 13 volumes of work in his lifetime with another at proof stage at his death. His early work such as Cork Memory and A Dyfed Quartet were lyrical and pastoral poetry. This was followed by more avante garde work such as The Posthumous Poem, Testaments and Perspective Lessons, Virtual Lines. His work was modernist, erudite yet human. Robert Minhinnick, the former editor of Poetry Wales, called

his work “inventive and brave” and Poetry Review saw it as “energetic, striking and original”.

In 1981 he co-founded the small press Spectrum and published a literary magazine and collections of other poets’ work. He was passionate about promoting new work and published poetry and plays by young and up and coming writers. This in the pre-computer era involved a lot of work, and the use of lettraset. As well as publishing and promoting others, Chris was always writing. His archive of work will be placed in the National Library of Wales.

As he wrote:

“The poem’s not expensive, no more than looking in a well,  
Yet it will take your whole life to fill  
A continually empty page.”

He loved art, music and literature and had a voracious knowledge for culture. He would walk or catch the bus and loved the landscape of Wales. He came to Lampeter in 1977, after his mother’s death, determined to be a writer, and in Lampeter, over the next 34 years, he found the hiraeth and community he needed.

His untimely death came just as he was gaining recognition for his work. His daughter, Cara has placed a commemorative bench by the Dulas, in the college grounds, a place he loved.

Lampeter is the less for losing another of its rich characters and his passing is mourned by many.

Cara Bendon & Sue Moules

## COLIN THEODORE FORTUNE SCJ : 1949 - 2010

IT WAS WITH GREAT SADNESS that I learned only at Christmas 2011 that Colin had died suddenly in December 2010. Having contacted several of our peers, it seems that none had realised that Colin's very large light had gone out – hence the belated obituary.

Colin was born in Solihull on 3rd November 1949, the youngest by far of three brothers and, in his opinion, an accidental addition to the family of Olive and Cecil. Living somewhat in the academic shadow of his very gifted elder brother Alan, Colin did very well at school. He developed a wide range of cultural interests and expertise through frequent visits to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (some of them in school time!) and especially to Birmingham Symphony Hall. His particular passion was the music of Mahler and Bruckner and no-one could be in his company for long without hearing extracts, either from his extensive record collection or from Colin himself, booming out this or that theme in his inimitable way. It was a measure of his size and presence that he would enthusiastically imitate a whole symphony orchestra, and convincingly too!

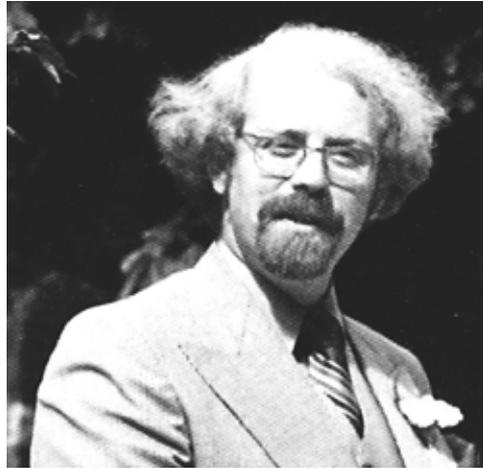
Before going up to Lampeter, Colin worked in a tailor's shop in Birmingham; matters sartorial interested him greatly. For the rest of his life he was meticulous about personal appearance. Unfashionably for the late 1960's, his preference lay in formal wear and it has been said that his taste in clothes were often those of a Victorian Gentleman.

Colin was overjoyed in 1969 to be offered a place in Lampeter to read English. The peculiarities and eccentricities of SDC Lampeter in those days suited him very well. He became well-known and loved in both formal debates and in social gatherings for his ready wit, hilarious impersonations and generous spirit. Always the master of "le mot just" himself, his friends (and indeed anyone around him) could imagine that the word "convivial" had been coined just for him.

Away from his famous bonhomie, Colin was a very private person. The sensitivity which made him such an able master of English could at times make him almost painfully introspective. He was certainly his own harshest critic. However, he always found solace in the spiritual and his deep Catholic faith provided a bedrock for his life, through private prayer, Masses in rooms in O.B. and of course the ministrations of Father Fitz.

After graduating, Colin became a teacher for a while in Birmingham Catholic schools including Archbishop Masterson School. His calling to the priesthood saw him begin training as a Novitiate in 1979 in Garicoits House, Worcester. The next year, to Colin's delight, the whole community moved to Olton Friary which was Colin's home parish. After a spell at the Birmingham Seminary Oscott College, Colin was put onto the 'fast track' and was ordained at Olton at the end of June 1986.

Father Colin, as he now was, went back into teaching at the Sacred Heart College. For the next five years he taught English and RE as well as working in the parish. He moved to St. Joseph's Leigh in 1991 and spent four years as chaplain to St. Mary's Astley, the largest Comprehensive School in the Liverpool Diocese.



Colin moved back to Birmingham in 1995 to take up the great responsibility of parish priest in the large and bustling parish of Great Barr. Always busy, he found time to become Chair of Governors at Stuart Bathurst School, where he could blend his love of teaching with the call of the ministry. These twin posts he retained until his sudden death. Having joined the Congregation of Betharram many years ago, Colin took on extra responsibilities as Vicariate Superior in 2008, another highly responsible and at times difficult post.

A trip to Bavaria when a young man began a life-long love of mountainous scenery and the hearty Alpine diet which goes with it. His frequent excursions, by car,

to the Czech Republic kept the flame alive. He was a true gourmet, with a fine and discriminating palate, ever ready to try new culinary experiences. Colin knew that the consequences for his weight could be serious. As a young man, he had constant battles with his waistline, battles which he fought with decreasing effectiveness as time went by. It is many years now since Colin passed the 20 stone mark, but he remained outwardly cheerful despite knowing the risks to his health – and the family history of heart trouble.

On 1st December 2010, Colin attended another concert of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Birmingham Symphony Hall. During Elgar's Cello Concerto, Colin suffered a massive and fatal heart attack. He was in his native city, in his favourite concert hall, hearing his favourite orchestra play music he found sublime.

Colin's funeral took place in his own parish church in Great Barr on 15th December 2010 before a congregation of 700. Colin was then interred in the Betharramite part of the cemetery in Droitwich.

Colin made a few very close friends at each stage of his life and he remained loyal to them to the end of his days. He was a natural choice as Best Man when I married Helen Loft, also a Lampeter graduate, in 1974. The attached photograph shows Colin in this role. But his life and work touched thousands, bringing erudition, joy and hope in so many ways. He was greatly loved and his huge presence is sorely missed.

Bryan Hill (grad.1972)

## HAD WE LIVED

LAMPETER GRADUATE RICHARD JOPLING (known to all as Jop, and a stalwart of the 16 Club) has written a novel: Had we Lived. The book is fiction but it is based around the real events of the death of Captain Scott on the 29th March 1912, this year therefore being the centenary of his death.

On the 29 March 1912, Captain Scott, wrote these final words:

‘Had we lived, I should have had a tale to tell of the hardihood, endurance and courage of my companions which would have stirred the heart of every Englishman.’

He wrote these words while lying in a tent in the frozen wastes of Antarctica. Next to him, in sleeping bags, were Edward Wilson and ‘Birdie’ Bowers. Within hours, all three men would be dead from cold, exhaustion, scurvy and starvation. They were only eleven miles from a major depot of fuel and food which, if they had reached it, would have given them every chance of survival. Theirs is a haunting tale which has fascinated millions of people for a century and has dug itself deep into notions of what it is to be English.

The world of Scott, Wilson and Bowers was grounded in Victorian and Edwardian notions of Empire and duty, but the Empire reached its peak and then faded in the first half of the twentieth century, and Victorian notions of duty faded with it. If they had lived, how would they have responded to these changes?

Had We Lived has at its centre Aspley Cherry-Garrard, the youngest member of Scott’s expedition. ‘Cherry,’ as he was known, had the opportunity to rescue them but didn’t take it. Cherry lived and returned to England to the comfortable life of an English gentleman. He died in 1959, still regretting having abandoned the men he admired and loved most in the world.

At the start of the dual narrative, Cherry-Garrard’s father fails to save a friend during the Kaffir wars, an event which epitomises the attitudes to empire of Scott’s generation and which also foreshadows his son’s failure to save his friends half a century later.

The first part of the novel explores Cherry’s childhood and young manhood in Lamer, their stately home in Surrey. Cherry’s essentially

English character is formed by events on the estate, at school and at university.

The second part of the novel leaps forward to 1958. Cherry is now old and suffering from physical and psychological damage caused by guilt and regret, feelings which have haunted him since the failure of Scott’s expedition. He encounters a boy from the estate where the family used to live. The strange friendship of the old man and the young boy bridges the worlds of 1912 and 1958, the world of 1958 being still close to world of the previous century and its values, as symbolised by the crumbling house, Lamer.

The two parts of the novel are linked by Cherry’s letters to his sister, Ida. Through his letters, we discover the inner working of Cherry’s mind before and during the time of Scott’s last expedition. He lays bare the full, disastrous story, inter-weaving themes of a Victorian/Edwardian childhood and young manhood. Ida keeps the letters in the family home and at the end of the novel they are discovered by the boy.

Had We Lived explores the British psyche in the period 1850-1959 but implies that the boy lives on and into today. This creates a connection between then and now and will involve readers emotionally with this extraordinary enterprise during the year of its centenary.

About Richard Jopling:

Richard graduated from Lampeter in 1973 and was later awarded an MA (By thesis). He worked for many years at Harper Adams University College in Shropshire where he was Head of Marketing. He is now a part-time teacher of English at Adams’ Grammar School in Shropshire.

He is married to Christine (nee Coppin), who is also a Lampeter graduate and who also holds a BA and MA (By thesis). Christine is Head of English at Adams’ GS. They have three sons.

Richard (alias Jop) may be remembered for his lusty singing of ‘Allouette’ at the SDUC Christmas Dinners and for his loyal membership of The 16 Club and the Lampeter Society.

‘Had We Lived’ is self published in association with YouCaxton books and will be available from Amazon books.

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## SWANSEA BRANCH – LATEST NEWS

THE SWANSEA BRANCH OF THE LAMPETER SOCIETY held a meeting on 18th April 2012. This was a coffee morning given by this year’s Branch Chairman, Margaret McCloy. Mrs. McCloy’s hospitality is much appreciated.

The meeting was attended by about a dozen members of the Society, including Patricia Carter, formerly Vice-Chairman of the College Council at Lampeter. The Branch is grateful for Mrs. Carter taking the time to travel from her home at Lampeter in order to be present. Her

remarks about the progress of the University over the past few years, during and since the merger with Trinity College Carmarthen, were appreciated by those present.

Swansea Branch meetings are open to all members of the Society who want to attend. We hope to hold another coffee morning at some point in September.

## LAMPETER SOCIETY ANNUAL REUNION 2011

IN 2011, FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING, the Reunion Weekend coincided with the Lampeter Food Festival. This event brings crowds of people into the University grounds, thronging the quad and the lawns between Old Building and Canterbury on Saturday. The stalls are full of delights (keep an eye on the cider!) and many visitors walk around the campus and visit the Chapel. Although this is a very worthwhile venture many Society members hope the Reunion in future will be at a quieter time.

It was sad that because of family health problems neither the Vice Chancellor, Professor Medwin Hughes, nor the President, Dr Brinley Jones, were able to be present this year. However, the University was well represented by The Provost of the Lampeter Campus, The Revd Prof Densil Morgan; Pro-Vice Chancellors Mr Cennydd Powell, Dr Catrin Thomas, Ms Meri Huws, and Mr Gwyndaf Tobias. We heard from them on three occasions: at a Gathering in the Old Hall on Friday evening, during the AGM on Saturday and from Mr Tobias at the Annual Dinner. We heard of exciting plans to renew and re-order some of the buildings, notably the Arts Hall and the Canterbury Building. News came of the relationship between the Lampeter and Camarthen sites, subjects studied and interaction between the student bodies. We also heard of involvement in the town of Lampeter and the University's hopes and plans for local developments. Numbers for the new Academic Year were very encouraging especially in the Classics Department where 180 new students were expected in September. Prof H A Harris will be smiling! My word!

There were a number of well known Lam Soc faces missing this year but nevertheless there was a good attendance and a happy atmosphere prevailed as old friendships were renewed and new ones made. There is a familiarity about the programme which is good and yet each year everything does seem fresh! It is good that the programme now runs until lunchtime on Sunday, indeed many participants remain until Monday and beyond.

We were gowned and hooded for the Commemoration Service at which the preacher was Prof Densil Morgan resplendent in his red Doctor's gown. This year the St David's Chapel Choir led the hymns and sang an anthem. Grateful thanks to them and to their Director Mrs Glynnis Morris. Preceding the Service the Organ recital was given by Merrion Wynn Jones, sub organist of Brecon Cathedral - thanks to him also. Chapel services are always for a number of people an important part of the weekend and thanks go to Lam Soc Business Committee member The Revd Bill Fillery, Chaplain Father Matthew Hill and Lam Soc member Father John Pascoe who celebrates mass for the Roman Catholics present. Bill Fillery also managed to find a suitable lawn for croquet on Saturday afternoon.

The Society Chair Rachel Whitty presided at the AGM. The meeting dealt with a number of matters including a Paper: *Lampeter Society, the Way Forward* which looked at the relationship of the Society with the Trinity Saint David University, and areas of responsibility which the Business Committee will address. The Annual Accounts were received and questions were asked about the Lampeter Landscape Project to which some members were already subscribing as individuals or, in one case, a 'syndicate' of graduates from the 1960s. It was suggested that the Minutes of the AGM might in the future be published on the website, sent out with the reunion application acknowledgements and/or to previous AGM attendees. Greetings were sent to Dr Richard Fenwick beginning his new ministry as Bishop of St Helena and the Ascension Island in the South Atlantic.



*Oldest LamSoc member, Maldwyn Lloyd-Jones (in wheelchair) with past Chair Bob McCloy (on right) and friends.*

On Saturday evening we all assembled in the 1822 bar in preparation for the Annual Dinner which was held in the re-decorated Lloyd Thomas Hall Refectory. This was a very happy occasion at which the main speaker was Chris Townsend who graduated in 1971. His talk was illustrated with some wonderful slides of his life as an outdoor writer, photographer and explorer. Pictures of his travels in the Cairngorms and on the great American Trek were particularly stunning and well received by everyone. During the evening a presentation was made to Ann Jones who had served Lampeter for 39 years as Domestic Bursar and latterly Residential Officer. She had always been a good friend of the Society and we thanked her and wished her well for a long and happy retirement. After Dinner some repaired to the Students' Union Bar for a Disco while others went for a more leisurely 'night cap.'

So much seemed to happen over three days, but always there is ample time to just "be there" and enjoy the ambience. I write this every time I compile this report but I do find it true and it is good just to meander, remember, look at what is happening to-day and learn of the hopes for the future. This was the first Reunion following the creation of the new University of Trinity Saint David, with further changes in the pipeline. There is something still good about the size of the Lampeter Campus. I am reminded of the words of The Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman "a university is.....an alma mater, knowing her children one by one, not a foundry, or a mint, or a treadmill."

Sincere thanks go to all who organised the Reunion, Rachel Whitty our Chair, Peter Bosley, Vice-Chair and all members of the Business Committee who were involved in the arrangements and all they do during the year to care for the life of the Society. July 2012 and a pre-Olympic Reunion gets nearer every day!

John Morrison-Wells (1965)



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**Lampeter Society 75th Anniversary Reunion  
Friday 13th July 2012 – Sunday 15th July  
2012  
Draft programme**

***Friday 13th July: DEGREE DAY***

The first day of this year's Lampeter Society's annual Reunion weekend coincides with Degree Day. The ceremonies will be over by the time LamSoc events begin, but if any members would like to recall the thrill of their own graduations and 'show the flag' to new graduates on behalf of the Society, they are welcome to arrive early. There are three degree ceremonies during the day, the latest of which takes place at 3.00pm. LamSoc Liaison officer, Bill Fillery, will as usual be taking part in the ceremonies, and there will be a Lampeter Society stall.

3.00pm – 5.00pm: Registration in the Cloisters of the St David's Building. Thereafter keys can be collected from Reception.

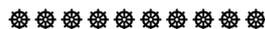
4.30pm: Get-together in 1822, outside the Lloyd Thomas Dining Hall.

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

5.20pm: Presentation in the Founders' Library by TSD Director of Estates, Cenydd Powell, about the Lampeter Campus.

6.00pm: Reception in the Cloisters.

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



***Saturday 14th July***

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, courtesy of ex Organ Scholar Adrian Petty (grad. 1994).

10.00am: Lampeter Society Annual Commemoration Service in the Chapel. Happily, as last year, the choir will attend. To mark the event's special nature, please do wear your academic hoods and gowns if possible.

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

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

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

2.30pm: Croquet on the lawn outside St David's Building, as ever under the benign and skilful guidance of Bill Fillery (grad. 1969).

4.00pm: Strawberry tea in the cloisters, St David's Building.

4.30pm: Roman Catholic Mass with Fr. John Pascoe (grad. 1967), Chapel, St David's Building.

5.30pm: Evensong, Chapel.

7.00pm: Pre dinner drinks reception in the Founders' Library. Wine for the reunion dinner will be available for purchase.

Raffle tickets will be on sale @ £1 each, with all proceeds going to Lampeter Society funds.

7.30pm: Reunion dinner. (Depending on numbers attending, the venue will be the Old Hall or the Arts Block hall.) Please wear black tie if possible. This year's speaker is television presenter Jules Hudson (grad. 1992).



*Sunday 24th July 2012*

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

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

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

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



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Please indicate whether you wish to book for the full Reunion, at **£118**, or for individual events such as the reception and Annual Dinner. Costs break down as shown in the table below:-

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Bed & Breakfast: Saturday 14 July 2012	£32.50		
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Dinner (Friday)	£11.00		
Lunch (Saturday)	£8.00		
Reunion Dinner and Reception (Saturday)	£26.00		
Strawberry Tea	Free		
Lunch (Sunday)	£8.00		
<b>Full Reunion (all events)</b>	£118.00		
<b>Core Reunion (B &amp; B Fri to Sun &amp; Reunion dinner)</b>	£91.00		
<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 on the list.

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**Lampeter Society London Branch – Annual Dinner 2012**

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 8 June 2012. Please aim to arrive by 7pm to commence dinner at 7.30pm.

We are yet to confirm arrangements for a speaker but as in years past I am confident we will be able to secure an excellent candidate to enlighten us with regard to the changing face of Lampeter and how it now finds itself at the heart of a very changed landscape.

The menu for 2012 is yet to be confirmed but the menu from 2011 is reproduced below as a guide to what to expect.

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

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

The cost will be £33. 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 25 May 2011.

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

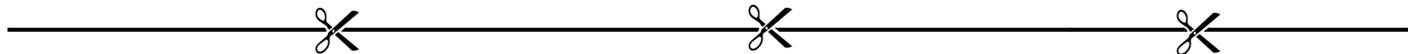
Please send all cheques and correspondence to: Richard Haslam, 29 Gilbert Street, Enfield, EN3 6PD or correspondence by email to rhaslam@hotmail.com

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

Yours sincerely

Richard Haslam, Convener, London Branch (Graduate 1994)

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Name of guest/s if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

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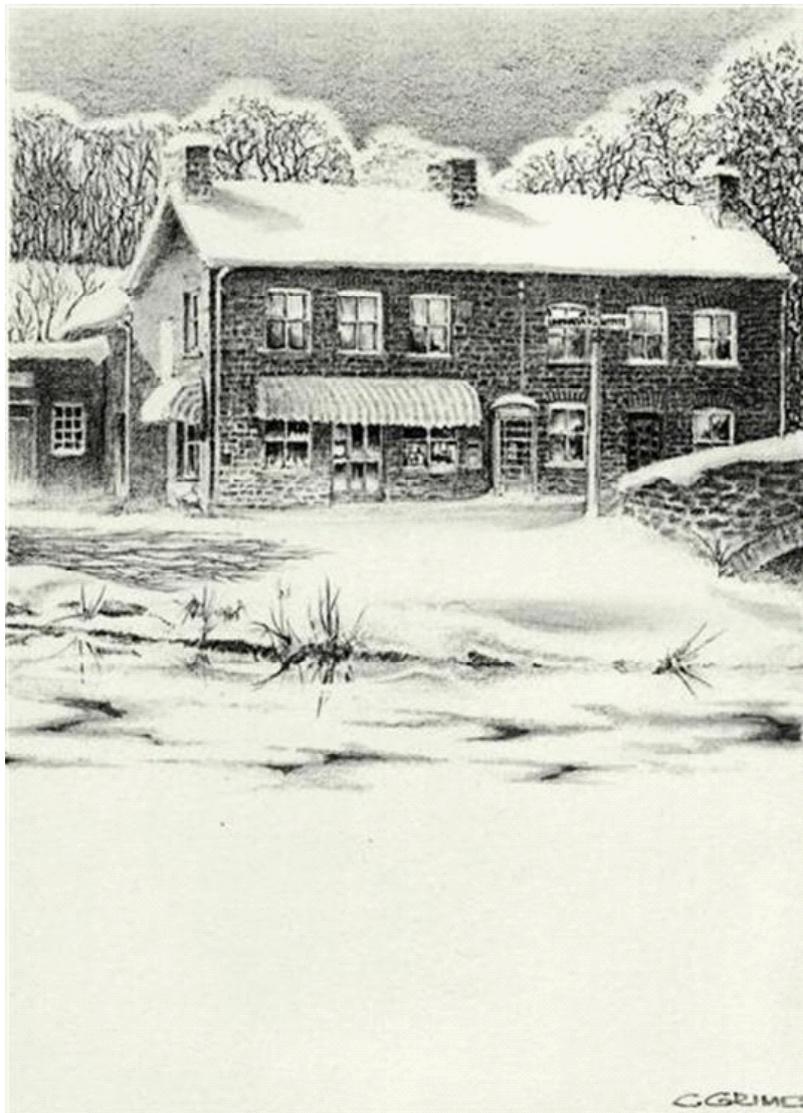
**R**EADERS MAY RECALL THE PICTURE of St David's Building (O.B.) below, published in the 2011 Link, with a request for any information on the artist. Thanks to Society member Andrew Curl we did manage to make contact with artist Colin Grimes. Colin tells me that he was born in 1934 in Haslemere, Surrey. His family moved to London in 1940 but he was then sent off to boarding school back in the Surrey countryside, in order to avoid the London nightlife, produced and directed by Hermann Goering and his friend Adolf!

When peacetime came the family bought a semi derelict house, recently vacated by the army, on the Essex marshes where Colin learned to swim and sail. At the age of twelve he was able to drive the family Austin Ten, sometimes driving his father to and from a local farm! At thirteen when the family moved back to London and having been excused further schooling, he stayed on the marshes making the best of his last years of freedom before moving back to London and employment.

The first ten years of his working life Colin spent as an Industrial

Designer's Assistant, taking part in many commercial exhibitions including the Festival of Britain in 1952. This would have been followed by the then obligatory two years National Service but after six weeks and two days he was discharged as being a threat to the security of our country ... so he says ... in truth it was probably due to the asthma he had suffered as a child.

The next 38 years Colin spent in the Film Industry, after his brother Steven introduced him to the Production Designer, John Box, working his way up from Art Department Assistant, to Production Designer. After retiring in 1990 he moved to Wales where he took up illustrating and designing black and white postcards and then book illustration. More recently and when life doesn't get in the way, he says that he idles away his time painting and sketching from life and his well-fed imagination. He has very kindly provided, for our entertainment, copies of some of his other pictures of Welsh scenes (see below), including a charming Christmas-themed view of St David's Building.



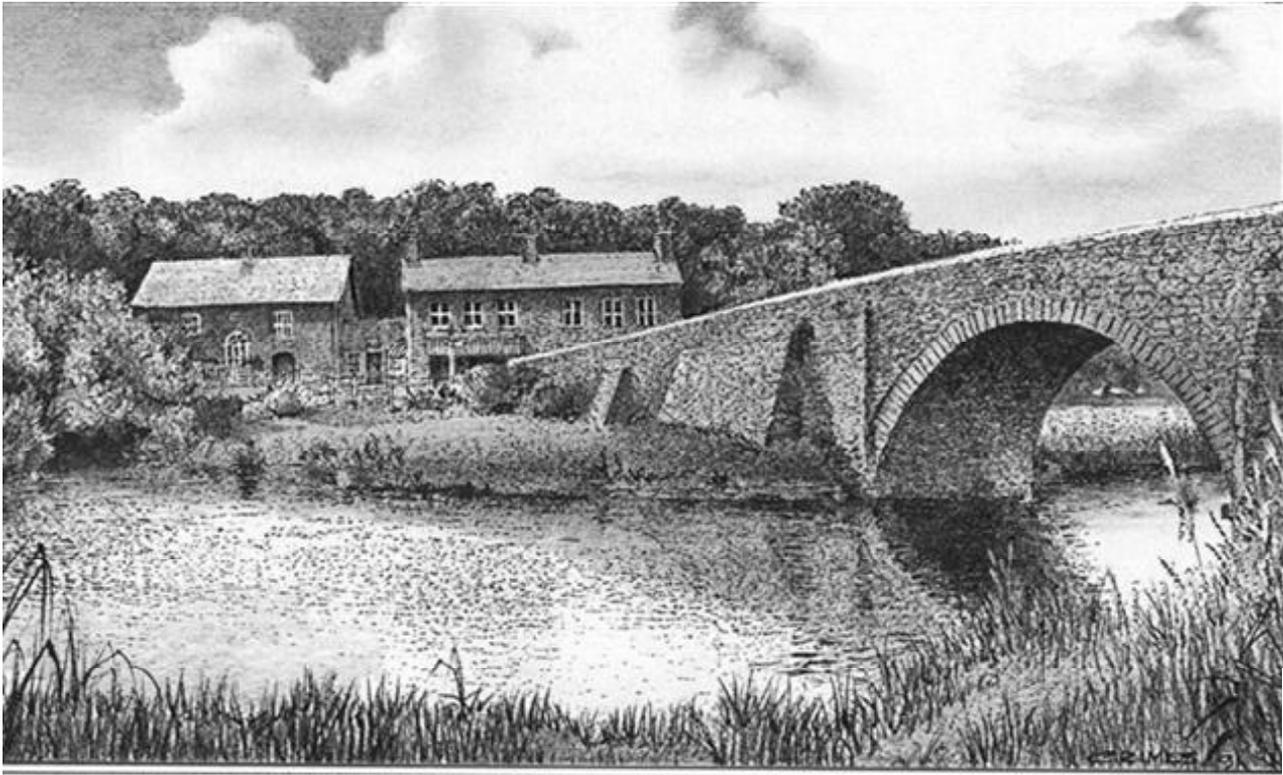
*Llanfair Stores. Winter. 1990 ish.*



*St. David's Building (OB) at Christmas*



*Bridge at Llanfair Clydogau.*



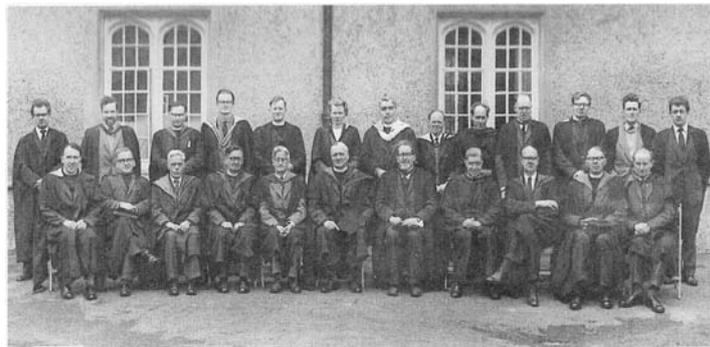
*Halfway. A40. As was in the 80s*

## CHRIS WEBBER

**T**HE LAMPETER SOCIETY is delighted to note that committee member Chris Webber, a Lampeter man of old, continued in his long tradition of studying at Lampeter by receiving his theology Master's degree from Trinity Saint David on Friday 8th July 2011! (His previous Lampeter degree dates from 1960.) Our congratulations and best wishes follow him.



*SDC 1960  
Courtesy of Chris Webber*



The College's academic staff in 1963  
(Back row, l. to r.: G. Eatough, I. M. Barton, P. M. K. Morris, T. E. B. Burke, D. F. D. Jones, R. C. M. Renowden, J. MacDonald, R. C. Rider, W. D. Jones, A. J. Ryder, J. Ogden, A. J. Sambrook, G. D. Jones, front row, l. to r.: G. R. Renowden, F. J. T. David, Prof. V. G. Morton, Prof. T. Wood, Prof. H. A. Harris, Principal J. R. Lloyd Thomas, Prof. S. C. Boorman, Prof. E. W. Hunt, Prof. C. D. Chandaman, D. F. Marks, F. R. Newie)

## A POSTCARD OF LAMPETER



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## A THOUGHT ON THE LAMPETER SOCIETY

**L**AMPETER IS A PLACE MUCH LIKE MARMITE. Some love it, some hate it but few feel indifferent – provided they actually went there in the first place.

I have noticed that there are quite a few societies which represent special interests, among the alumni, usually year groups but not always. Indeed I am a member of at least three.

Let us not forget the Lampeter Society however. It is a place where all graduates can meet and get together and one which will hopefully continue for a long time, longer than some groups which by definition must pass away at some stage, as must their members. Who do you meet up with when you are the only left alive from the graduation year of 1920?

I remember when I joined the Society, being regaled by tales from members who had graduated long before I was born (well, before I was anyway). Now it seems I can do the same, hopefully without boring too many.

I worry that the Link which I put together each year is not getting to enough readers, I would therefore urge you, and others you are in touch with, to include this URL to The Link, held in Acrobat format, whenever you can in postings in the internet: <http://www.sdtcom.co.uk/Link/Index.html>

Mick Manson (1976)  
*Link* Lay-out

## SOME NEWS ABOUT I.T. AT LAMPETER

### Lampeter Society Prize in I.T.

In 2011 we awarded the Lampeter Society Prize to a student named Bethan Sioned Edwards. She was an outstanding student gaining a clear first class degree in a single honours IT programme called Business Information Technology. She was highly motivated, showed a great willingness to learn and test her logic and IT capability and was delighted to win the Lampeter Society Prize.

### John Ward Prize in I.T.

Sadly no John Ward prize could be awarded in 2011. The main reason for this was that the I.T. students were involved as helpers for the WTECH Conference which was hosted at Lampeter last November. The conference was a great success with 126 delegates and 22 speakers in three streams. The aim of the event was to promote I.T. to women as a profession. The students' involvement with the conference, as extra-curricular work, meant that they did not have available sufficient additional time to write and submit separate articles for the John Ward Prize. While this was disappointing, there will be other opportunities to award the prize.

The School of Business is engaged in a major project called Software Alliance Wales <http://softwarealliancewales.com/>. We are one of the hubs and actively participate in this pan Wales HE project. One aspect of the project is that our undergraduate and postgraduate I.T. students undertake projects with small businesses where they create technical solutions that the business adopts. On this project we also run workshops and training for small businesses which are software developers or which require support in working with technologies that enable their business. We have built up good relationships with business across West Wales as a result of this project and they are keen for our students to do projects with them and to attend more of our workshops across Wales.

The students are encouraged to write a summary that examines the solution they designed and its purpose in translating value for the business. This is an additional piece of work to that which the students normally produce as part of their degree programme and will be eligible for consideration for the John Ward Prize.

### James Greenwood

One of our past students named James Greenwood (who studied I.T. and Classics) wrote to me in November 2011 and I know he would be pleased if I shared this with you. This is what he said: –

“After graduating in 2006 with a Joint Honours degree in Information Technology & Classics from UWL, as it was known then, I undertook teacher training at Huddersfield University and have been teaching secondary school ICT ever since. I was promoted to Head of Department in my first school by the end of my first year there, and this year secured a position as Advisory Teacher of ICT for the government of St Helena, one of the remotest islands in the world.

Unless you ever have the great good fortune to find out for yourself, you'll have to believe me when I say that a Ministry of Defence charter flight from RAF Brize Norton to Ascension Island followed by a three-day sail on the last remaining Royal Mail Ship is more of

a trek than the Welsh B-roads that likely stand between you and the wonderful town of Lampeter.

In my new role, I am responsible for the teaching of ICT from early primary (age 5) through to Further Education (age 18), and am due to start work in earnest on an overhaul of the entire curriculum in its three primary schools and high school. While I knew before I applied to study at Trinity Saint David that I wanted to be a teacher, I never thought that by age 26 I would be shaping the education of an entire island nation.

I feel confident in saying it was not only the depth but the breadth of education I enjoyed at university that has helped me get here. IT & Classics are not exactly subjects that go hand in hand, as indicated by only two universities in the country offering the combination as an undergraduate course when I applied. It shouldn't have worked, but through a combination of my enthusiasm for both subject areas, and much more significantly the support & outstanding teaching of such lecturers as Roisin Mullins and the now-retired Zed Zorichak in IT to Mirjam Plantinga in Classics, it did, and I'm now reaping the benefits, thoroughly enjoying teaching both subjects.

I could not recommend Trinity Saint David more highly. I loved my three years there, and if I get the opportunity I'll be back to learn more.” [*How interesting that we now have at least two Lampeter graduates living and working in St Helena! Ed.*]

On a personal note I enjoy teaching I.T. and my research interests are mainly in systems analysis and design methodologies and modelling data. My recent publication was a joint publication with Faisal Nabi in the Journal of Software Engineering & Applications, 2011, 4, 283-292 “Moving from Traditional Software Engineering to Componentware”. The full paper can be seen at:

<http://www.scirp.org/journal/PaperInformation.aspx?paperID=5067>

I am also involved with a research project at Swansea University College of Medicine with a team lead by Dr Keir Lewis who is the principal investigator, consultant and Reader in Thoracic Medicine. We are using data mining techniques to analyse the Volatile Organic Compounds in Lung Cancer. The intention is to work to develop an early detection system and this is very complex analysis.

So all these different types of projects, research and teaching certainly keep me busy and I hope keep my students more engaged as they learn about how I.T. and its tools and techniques are embedded in business, health and our society.

I hope these notes give you a flavour of what our students and staff in I.T. are involved with.

Roisin Mullins

Lecturer in Information Systems, School of business, UWTSO

## SOME DATES FOR DIARIES

Friday 8 June	London Branch Dinner (see details elsewhere in the Link)
Friday 22 June	Open Day – Carmarthen Campus
Saturday 23 June	Open Day – Lampeter Campus
Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 July	Graduation – Carmarthen Campus
Friday 13 July	Graduation – Lampeter Campus
Friday 13 – Sunday 15 July	Lampeter Society annual reunion (see details elsewhere in the Link)
Saturday 18 August	Open Day – Carmarthen Campus & Lampeter Campus
Saturday 15 September	Open Day – Lampeter Campus
Friday 19 & Saturday 20 October	Open Day – Carmarthen Campus
Saturday 27 October	Open Day – Lampeter Campus
Sunday 18 November	Founder’s Day

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

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

***If you would like to take an active role in helping run the Lampeter Society or indeed stand for a post, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact one of the Business Committee; you don't need to wait for the AGM and there will be some descriptions of posts appearing on the website soon.***

***Equally, if you would to help financially, have you considered leaving a bequest? If so, please contact Chris Webber (Assistant Treasurer and Secretary – see contact details above).***

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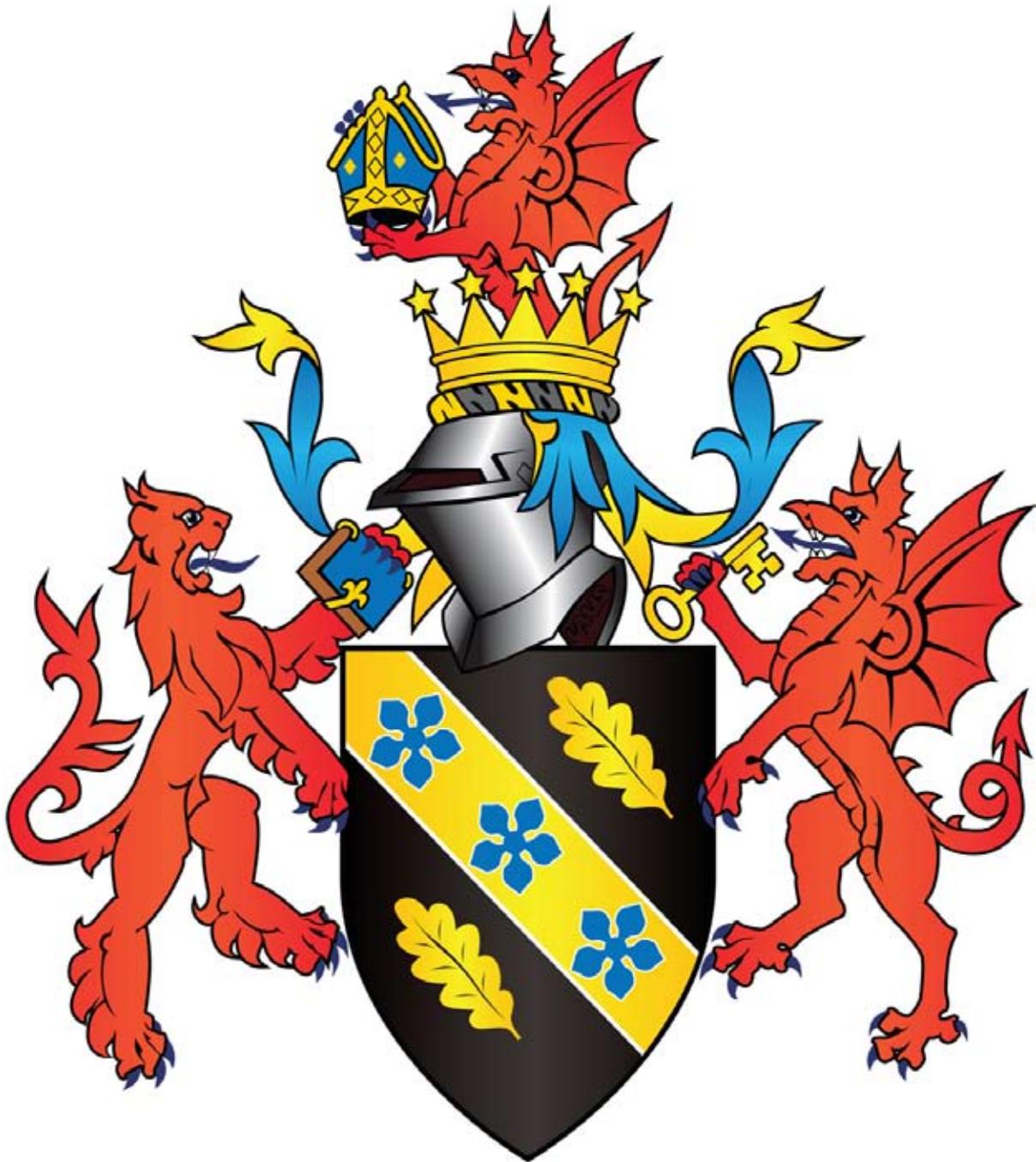
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**THE TRINITY SAINT DAVID COAT OF ARMS**

## A HAPPY EXILE

**A**BSENT FROM THIS YEAR'S REUNION, as he will be 4,000 miles away in the South Atlantic, is Richard Fenwick.

The Very Revd. Dr. Richard Fenwick, who for the last nine years has been Dean of Monmouth, was elected as the Bishop of St Helena on 10 February by the Bishops of the Synod of the Church of the Province of South Africa. He was installed at George, South Africa on 7 May in a service attended by 900 people and lasting three hours which Richard described as having "a gloriously African feel to it".



*left to right: Alg Gaunt, Richard Fenwick, Peter Bosley.*

Richard, who graduated from Lampeter in 1966 and later took a highly regarded PhD under the supervision of Canon William Price, is not a stranger to the diocese of St Helena which also includes Ascension Island. He has been chairman of the St Helena Diocesan Association in the UK and has worked in the island on several occasions. During his last visit he installed a new organ in St Paul's Cathedral, which is in the hills, five miles from the capital, Jamestown. As well as Bishop, Richard will also be Dean in charge of the cathedral parish.

All who know Richard will be aware of his long-standing and hard-working support of the College and alumni as a Council Member of the University and as part of the Lampeter Society's business committee. Our warmest congratulations go to Richard as well as all our best wishes to him and his wife, Jane, for a happy and fulfilling time in his new post.

Mike (Barley) Evans (grad. 1974)  
Lampeter Society Business Committee member



*Richard Fenwick getting ready for work*

## A PRESENTATION

**M**ANY SOCIETY MEMBERS WILL RECALL the late Vernon Fletcher (grad. 1966). He was for many years the Lampeter Society London Convenor, and was also a competent artist. Readers may remember, for example, that we had an exhibition of his work in the library during one annual reunion and, after his untimely death in 2005, held a retrospective exhibition in the Wolfson Room of St David's Building.

Some years before he died Vernon kindly gave the Society permission to use images of his Lampeter pictures for fund-raising or other purposes. As a result many greetings cards, framed prints and post cards have been available for purchase by LamSoc members, raising funds for Society projects. Some of his pictures



have also been used in editions of the Link, for instance as front cover illustrations in 2003 and 2004. In addition, page 13 of Link 2008 displayed a particularly agreeable example of his talents: a monochrome view of St David's Building.

Rob Rosset (grad. 1974) owned the original of that painting and I am happy to report that, in the margins of the recent 16 Club 40th anniversary celebrations, he very kindly handed the painting to me with the request that the Society should present it to Trinity Saint David. Arrangements are now in hand to do this, hopefully during this year's Annual Reunion.

Pushka Evans (grad. 1974)  
Joint Link Editor

## A FAREWELL

**A**NN JONES, LONG TIME DOMESTIC BURSAR (latterly "Residential Officer") at Lampeter, departed in June to start her well-deserved retirement. Lampeter Society Vice Chair Peter Bosley wrote to her expressing, on behalf of the Society, our deep thanks for all that she has done for LamSoc over the years – for example the not inconsiderable annual task of sorting out accommodation and hospitality for the reunion – and wishing her all the very best for the future.

Readers may like to see her response:

"Thank you for your good wishes and I am looking forward to the retirement. The 39 years that I have been here have been very enjoyable and we pride ourselves at Lampeter that we are just one big family, something that all the students are also proud of. As all the "old" staff have left I would very much hope that the "family" atmosphere continues.

I would also like to extend my special thanks to the Lampeter Society for their friendship throughout the years that I have been involved and to wish you growing success in the future. The "College" has been my life and I dearly love the place, a thought that I share with decades of students I am sure. Long live Lampy!

Best regards  
Ann"

We wish her all the very best for a long and enjoyable retirement.

## A VOTE OF THANKS

**W**E ALSO SAY A FOND (AND SAD) FAREWELL to Jane Norris-Hill, who initially served as a lecturer in the (now sadly defunct) Geography Department at Lampeter. She then transferred to the administrative side, which was a great stroke of luck for the Lampeter Society. As part of her remit she was asked to manage Alumni Affairs. This of course included liaison with the Society, and what a delight that association proved to be. Jane's positive and energetic efforts were invaluable in the wide range of subjects which she addressed on behalf of the Society. She became a very highly valued member of the Society's Business Committee and a Society officer: Assistant Treasurer.

The tasks she carried out included, amongst many other things, such diverse aspects as:

- 1) Managing the membership data base and keeping it up to date.
- 2) Financial matters - preparing the annual financial statement and speaking to it when attending the AGM. looking after banking mandates for subscriptions, arranging payments authorised by the Society Business Committee.
- 3) Liaising with Society members over Degree Day, ensuring that the Alumni "stall" was set up and memorabilia was available for sale. Ensuring that a Society welcome "pack" was given to all graduates as part of the Degree Day preparations.
- 4) Attending the annual reunion and ensuring that rooms were available for Business Committee meetings, that the Cliff Tucker theatre was booked and opened up for the AGM, a welcome pack (including the Reunion programme, a list of those attending, the Link Extra, the feedback form) was prepared for visitors, arrangements made for distributing room keys, that College silver was available to decorate the tables for the annual Dinner etc etc.
- 5) Attending LamSoc Business Committee meetings.
- 6) Liaising with the Print Section and the Editor to ensure the smooth publication of the Link, the Society's annual newsletter, and also the Link Extra, produced for the annual reunion.
- 7) Oversight of the Society's pages on the web site, including the publication thereon of the Link and Link Extra.
- 8) Liaising with the Student Union in various respects, such as ensuring the Union shop was open at some point during the Annual Reunion weekend for reunion attendees, co-ordinating the updating of the SU "Presidents' Boards" (paid for by the Society), initiating the planning for the annual LamSoc Student Public Speaking competition.
- 9) Encouraging Lampeter Society branches eg circulating invitations for the London Dinner.
- 10) Attending to the Society notice board in the Cloisters, ensuring that notices were up-to-date.
- 11) Being available to Officers and Society members by phone or email, and very importantly when they visited the Campus.

Her act will surely be a hard one to follow, and we wonder how we are to manage without her! It is not surprising that, at a recent meeting of the LamSoc Business Committee, a Vote of Thanks to Jane was tabled and warmly carried.

## ABOUT LAMPETER CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OUR ORCHESTRA IN RESIDENCE

**L**ampeter Chamber Orchestra was founded early in 2005 by George Lilley, sometime University Librarian at the then University of Wales Lampeter, and Philip Mortlock, to give regular orchestral concerts in Lampeter, and provide opportunities for local players, especially young players, to rehearse and perform the classical music repertoire.

George and Philip, the Orchestra's Leader, had both studied violin in London with the incomparable Sascha Lasserson. It's an amazing coincidence to find two of his ex-pupils living within 5 miles of each other, in rural West Wales. Lasserson's own teacher, at the Conservatoire in St. Petersburg before the First World War, was Leopold Auer, also the teacher of such stars of the violin firmament as Jascha Heifetz, Nathan Milstein and Mischa Elman, all of whom held Lasserson in the highest regard as a virtuoso and teacher.

George came to Lampeter in 1976 as Chief Librarian. By 2005 he had played with numerous orchestras in the area, and gained a wide knowledge of the Welsh musical scene. This enabled him, aided and abetted by Philip Mortlock and Wynford Jones, to gather a hand-picked ensemble which gave its first concert on 2nd July 2005. Young players soon came forward and the Orchestra has regularly featured members of the Three Counties (formerly Dyfed) Youth Orchestra and the National Youth Orchestra of Wales ("The Nash"). Lampeter or Trinity students are of course welcome if of the requisite playing standard (usually Grade VI I I – there are two in the Orchestra at time of writing).

Five concerts are now given annually, in a season from October to July. The Orchestra is valued as making a unique and valued contribution to the musical life of Lampeter and its surrounding area. This recognition took an official form in the Summer of 2009 when we were appointed Orchestra in Residence at the University in Lampeter. At the same time, the distinguished conductor Owain Arwel Hughes CBE honoured us by accepting our invitation to be our Honorary President, and by making time from his busy international schedule to conduct the Orchestra's inaugural concert in its new role. The programme included "Fantasia for Strings" by his father, the conductor and composer Arwel Hughes, a piece the orchestra has since performed several times. Owain Arwel Hughes is of course an Honorary Fellow of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

The Orchestra is deservedly well known for innovative and adventurous programming. As well as the staple "classical" fare of Bach-Handel-Mozart-Haydn-Beethoven, we have featured Brahms, Tchaikovsky and Mendelssohn, Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Holst and Bartok. Highlights have included:

"Peter and the Wolf" - Prokofiev, with Gillian Elisa (S4C) as narrator

"Emperor" Piano Concerto – Beethoven, with international piano soloist Angela Brownridge

Concerto in G minor, for Organ with Timpani and Strings – Poulenc

World Premiere of "A Day on Temperate Earth" - Liz Sharma, with Gillian Elisa (S4C) as speaker.

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## OBITUARIES

1960s Lampeter graduate John Loaring has informed us that, sadly, four dear friends who were his contemporaries at Lampeter died last year:

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### Daphne Hurst (nee Dredge)

**D**APHNE was one of the very first women undergraduates to be admitted to Lampeter in 1966, and married another Lampeter graduate, John Hurst. John Loaring ruefully recalls that while they were all at Lampeter she “went out” with him for a couple of terms before she “saw sense and started seeing John Hurst instead”. He adds that “Daf” was great fun to be with and had a lovely voice – he has vivid memories of her playing the guitar and singing Plaisir d’Amour.

She died from breast cancer on 7th March 2010, two years after having been diagnosed with the disease. Her widower tells us that those two years were spent very positively, that she “continued to look very beautiful and implausibly young” and that, at the last, she was cared for and died at home, surrounded by all her immediate family.

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### Geoff Thomas

**G**EOFF, who graduated in 1968, died on 7th March 2010 after a long struggle with cancer. He was known in his Lampeter undergraduate days as “Wigmore” or “Bongo Billy”. The origins of the former are lost in time but the latter was a reference to his playing bongo drums and guitar in the College rock group, Major Thompson.

A valley boy from the Rhondda, Geoff was not only vocalist/guitarist in the group but also a good all-round sportsman. He excelled at cricket and was a more than useful soccer player. He also turned out for the Cwmann Casuals in the annual rugby match against the College XV!



*Geoff is second on the right*

### Bob Kennedy

**B**OB, an enthusiastic and meticulous teacher, housemaster, sportsman and connoisseur of French wine (and indeed all things French) died very suddenly on 12th September 2010, aged 65. During his time at Lampeter he was an outstanding rugby player, playing outside half or centre.

John Loaring tells us that Bob was possibly the best rugby player that he ever played with: “fast, strong, a great boot and a superb leader.” After graduation, he played for many years for his local club, Fylde. John considers that, but for injury, Bob would surely have challenged for higher honours. He is survived by his sister Myra and his niece and nephew.



*Bob Kennedy*

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### Roger Humphris

**R**OGER GRADUATED FROM LAMPETER in English and medieval literature in 1968; his later PhD in the sociology of education was from Oxford Brookes University.

At Lampeter Roger was a stalwart of the rugby XV – brave, strong and industrious. He played mostly in the second-row but also played prop. He played for the College in the Centenary match against an International XV in 1966.

Roger’s career was as an educator; he commenced early, in his final weeks at Latymer School, by taking some PE lessons to cover a shortage of PE staff. He then taught at the Royal Grammar School and at various university colleges. He was associate professor in drama and theatre at Oslo University College and worked as an advisor to the Ministry of Education in Namibia and then as an international education consultant, mostly in Africa.

Latterly he ran his company, Roaven Educational and settled in Denmark where he leaves behind his wife Inger, and children, Hans and Vivian.