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WELCOME

I am struck by a message recorded by Pope Francis for Italian pilgrims walking to Loreto some years ago: "Pilgrimage is a symbol of life", the Pope said. "It makes us think that life is to walk, it is a path. If a person does not walk and stays still, it's no good; it accomplishes nothing. A soul that does not walk in life doing good, doing the many things



that must be done for society, to help others, or who does not walk through life seeking God moved by the Holy Spirit from within, is a soul that ends in mediocrity and spiritual misery. Please: do not stand still in life!"

There is little 'standing still' in this edition of the *Diary*! Here you can read about many aspects of the journeys, pilgrimages, undertaken by those connected with the Ampleforth family: from the monks moving back from their temporary home in Bolton

House into the refurbished monastery; to the College pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Fr Henry in April and the Ampleforth Society

pilgrimages project; and the changes and developments in our schools.

One of the pilgrimage 'highlights' for Ampleforth and one of the most important works of the community

is the Ampleforth Lourdes Pilgrimage, which this summer saw 400 pilgrims travel to Our Lady's shrine to experience, as one pilgrim noted, "a peaceful pilgrimage alive to the spiritual needs of all pilgrims, young and old". In recording our gratitude to all those involved, we pray that all those who were in Lourdes may benefit from the grace of their time in that holy place.

In faith we believe that it is God who is calling us through life, inviting us to set out on a path which is not easy,

but a path along which he accompanies us, just as Christ accompanied the disciples on the road to Emmaus. In the many twists and turns along that path, each of us has to make certain choices as we respond to God's call in our own personal and professional journeys. In reading about the journeys, the choices that people may have made, let us pray that the voice of God may be heard, particularly as we draw close to the start of the year devoted by our bishops to the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks', a year of sharing, living and celebrating God's Word, beginning on 1st December 2019.

Finally, may I beg your prayers for vocations to, and for the life of, our monastic Community, that the voice of the Lord calling young people to a life of prayer and service may be heard; and be assured that you will be remembered in our prayers here at Ampleforth.

Fr Gabriel Everitt OSB
Prior Administrator

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RIP Fr Leo Chamberlain, OSB

1940 - 2019

Fr Leo Chamberlain OSB, Benedictine monk of Ampleforth Abbey and former Headmaster of Ampleforth College, died in the monastery infirmary at Ampleforth Abbey on 23rd November 2019, at the age of 79.

He was born in Tonbridge in August 1940 and educated at Gilling Castle and Ampleforth College. He joined the monastic community in September 1961 and was ordained priest on 7th July 1967.

For forty years Fr Leo worked in the school in a variety of roles: in 1972 he became Housemaster of St Dunstan's boarding House and a year later he was also appointed Senior History Master. Throughout the 1980s Fr Leo launched a number of initiatives providing support for persecuted Christians in Eastern Europe, working with the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need and Keston College, on whose Council of Management he was a member from 1986-2003. In 1990 Fr Leo set up the first major international conference on Believers, Society & State in Central and Eastern Europe hosted by Ampleforth. From 1992-2000 he was also a member of the Bishops' Conference Advisory Committee on Europe.

In September 1992, Fr Leo was appointed Acting Headmaster of Ampleforth College, and Headmaster from January 1993 – December 2003. That eleven-year period was one of major change as the school responded to the conditions of the time and prepared for the 21st century with a comprehensive £20m redevelopment programme. Many of the achievements were listed by Fr Leo in his final Exhibition speech in May 2003: the refurbishment of the kitchens and refectories in the Upper Building, the refurbishment of all teaching facilities, the extension of the curriculum and improvement in academic performance. Fr Leo also guided the school's move towards co-education, with girls introduced into the Sixth Form in 2001, and their introduction at 13+ starting in September 2004.

Fr Leo retired from the school in December 2003 at the age of 63, and in September 2004 was appointed Master of St Benet's Hall, a Permanent Private Hall in the University of Oxford. In the three years in post, he led the administrative reform of the Hall and co-operation with other Catholic institutions in Oxford.

In 2008, Fr Leo was appointed Cathedral Prior of Gloucester Cathedral, a title dating from pre-Reformation times, when Benedictines formed the chapters of nine of the cathedrals of England. Although today such titles carry no jurisdiction, they have been traditionally bestowed on Benedictine monks since 1633.

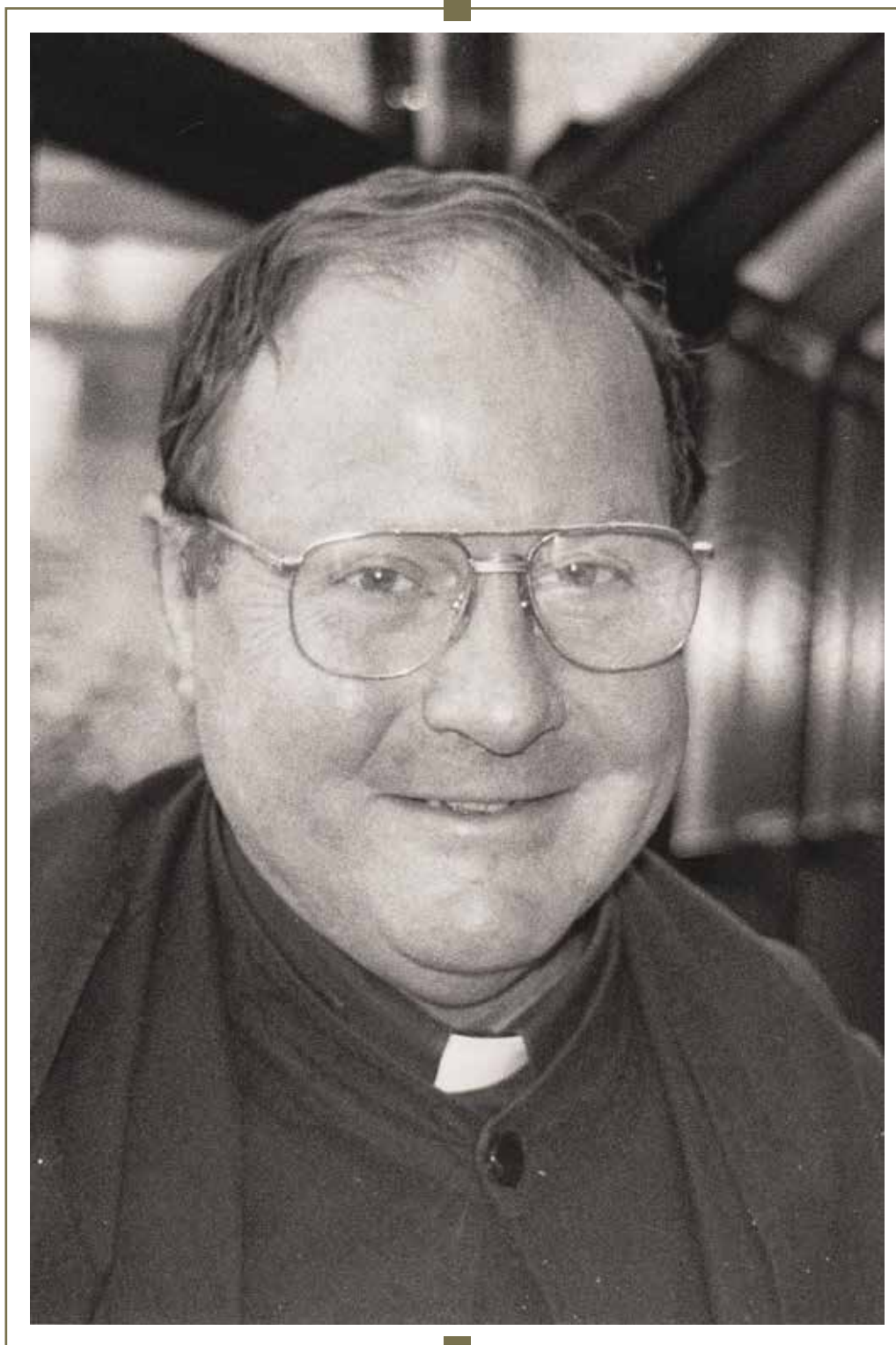
In April 2008, Fr Leo was appointed parish priest of St John's, Easingwold. In a ten-year period he was responsible for the extensive refurbishment of the church and priory.

Increasing ill health and lack of mobility forced Fr Leo to return to the monastery infirmary in Ampleforth in April 2018. On 8th July that year he returned to the parish to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his ordination and the completion of the church refurbishment.

In November 2019 his health deteriorated significantly and he was admitted to York Hospital, but returned to the monastery infirmary where he died peacefully on 23rd November 2019.

Fr Leo's body was into the Abbey Church at Ampleforth on Thursday 5th December. His funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday 6th December in the Abbey Church, followed by burial in the Abbey crypt. A Memorial Mass will be arranged in 2020, further details to be confirmed shortly.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Fr Leo to support the works of Ampleforth Abbey and College please contact the Development Office – development@ampleforth.org.uk



Ampleforth Society

Report of the Trustees

Ampleforth is always on the move these days. Many of the Ampleforth family have been on global journeys, including to Lourdes, the Holy Land and on tour with the Old Amplefordian sports clubs. The monastic Community has completed its journey from the original Monastery building to Bolton House and back. Meanwhile, Ampleforth's leaders continue to travel their professional and vocational paths.

Ampleforth is no stranger to spiritually and physically challenging journeys in which pilgrims are forced to face their human limitations and confront their spiritual discomforts. When pilgrims dare to share their stories with other wandering congregations, they become more vulnerable, creative, innovative and compassionate.

The changing face of the Ampleforth leadership is witness to this as some finish their journey with Ampleforth, while others begin. We offer a warm welcome to Robin Dyer, Head of Ampleforth College, and to Edward Seymour, who replaces Ian Little as Director of Music. Our best wishes and prayers also go out to the new trustees of the St Laurence

Education Trust as they take on their new challenging offices.

The Society's journey continues. As we approach our 150th Anniversary, we need to be sure of our role and direction in these changing times.

We have established that the Society is a 16,000 strong global community of all those for whom Ampleforth has been a significant part of their lives. We are fortunate that St Benedict has provided us with a set of rules on how to conduct ourselves. We have a clear mission, derived from the original 1875 establishment documents, to build and strengthen the Ampleforth family, to support Ampleforth Abbey and promote the Catholic faith, and to advance education at Ampleforth and St Benet's Hall.

The question we are now asking concerns our vision for the future of the Society. Our thoughts are that, first, the Society should be the spiritual and emotional home of the broad Ampleforth family, as well as its administrative home. In turn, this will help individual members to contribute their goodwill and resources for the long-term growth and well-being of

Ampleforth and the members of the Society.

Secondly, we would like the Ampleforth Society to become more integrated with the Monastery and College, supporting, advising and facilitating Ampleforth's plans and developments.

Finally, we recognise our apostolic intentions and would aspire to become increasingly outward-looking in service to the Church and Society at large.

We are already taking steps in these directions.

At Fr Gabriel's generous invitation, I addressed the Monastic Chapter in August. I talked to the Community (who are, of course, all members of the Society) about our ideas and plans for the Society and am grateful for the very positive and encouraging reception I received.

We are establishing an Ampleforth Society Council, with a remit to consider how to provide support for and greater integration into the Ampleforth institutions. We have had initial meetings and are opening up dialogues with other Ampleforth leaders.

We visited Wellington College in September at Wellington's kind invitation to learn from their successful experience in running alumni and parents organisations. Representatives of the Development Department and the Marketing and Admissions Department were with us, so we could all learn from the experience of another school.

One of the best ways we can build and strengthen the Society is to arrange journeys for members. Pilgrimages create powerful bonds, born out of camaraderie and struggle, as any Lourdes pilgrim will tell you.

We have therefore asked Jane and Cassian Roberts (J80) to arrange the first Society pilgrimage to the Holy Land in April 2020. As parents, you may have heard about this pilgrimage from your children who joined Fr Henry in the Holy Land during Year 12. It is right that pilgrimages become a regular and popular Society event. After all, what is more appropriate than taking members of the Ampleforth family into the heart of Christendom for a week of spiritual reflection, exploration and fun.

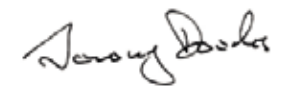
In recognition of our apostolic intentions and in

pursuit of our aspiration to become more outward-looking, we continue to strengthen our relationship with the Catholic Union. Our very successful May Ethics Forum was a joint venture between the Society, St Benet's Hall and the Catholic Union. We aim to hold our next forum at Ampleforth in the Autumn of 2020.

The Ampleforth Schola was founded in 1970. Schola membership has been a formative influence and personal achievement for many OAs, as it continues to be for today's Schola. Planning has begun to run an engaging Schola weekend at Ampleforth between the 20th and 21st of March 2020 and a memorable concert in London in the Autumn to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. We hope many past members of the Schola will join the current Schola for these events.

Along with music, sport has always been an essential part of Ampleforth, and we will hold our second Sports Weekend next March. The last Sports Weekend was an outstanding success, in spite of the sleet and snow, and we look forward to seeing the return to Ampleforth of many Society members for this repeat event.

Finally, it is with real pleasure that I thank my fellow Trustees and the staff in the Development Department and the Marketing and Admissions Department for their help in running the Society. Nothing we have done or will do could have been achieved without their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment. Thank you.



Jeremy Deedes (W73)
Managing Trustee
Ampleforth Society



FROM THE HEAD

After three months in this job, I can honestly say I am much enjoying life in the Valley. An immediate impression has been the warmth and passion for Ampleforth College that members of your Society display; this has been confirmed at events in Edinburgh, Newcastle, London, Harrogate and of course at the recent Ampleforth Society weekend. Thank you for your loyalty, offers of support and advice. My intention is to connect with you frequently to ensure that you are fully up to speed with the dramatic pace of change at the College. With your help I know we can get this extraordinary school back to where it belongs, as one of the preeminent public schools in the UK.

The initial phase of my tenure has been about professionalising and modernising the leadership structure and the internal workings of the College. I have appointed Hannah Pomroy as Deputy Head, and Jon Mutton (Deputy Head Pastoral), John Ridge (Deputy Head Safeguarding), John Devitt (Deputy Head Academic) and Harriet Langdale (Director of Admissions, Marketing and Communications) have all joined the Senior Leadership Team. These talented colleagues have joined Fr Ambrose as Dean and David Moses as Head of St Martin's Ampleforth to form a high-quality team that can lead us into an exciting new era for Ampleforth, with a fresh and attractive vision for the future.

The first step has been to make us properly safe, secure and compliant. As I have said before, inspectors and regulators are our friends; minimum standards should never be seen as problematic in a school that genuinely lives by Benedictine values and believes sincerely in the distinctive and unchallengeable benefits of a forward-thinking Catholic education. With good leadership now in place throughout the organisation we will undoubtedly reach and exceed the standards required of us.

The next stage of the project at the College will be to focus on the experience of students in all areas of life here. The question we

will be asking ourselves is: does the education we deliver at the moment really provide a platform from which Amplefordians can step confidently and successfully into a world that is increasingly competitive, requires flexibility and demands skills that are centred on independent thinking and coping? Are we genuinely helping current students acquire the skills and attitudes that will be relevant to their lives? To be honest, I can't wait to find the answers to these key questions, identify where things need to improve,

and promote a vision for the future that is coherent and exciting for staff, students and parents alike. We know that an Ampleforth Catholic education, with its strong adherence to powerful Benedictine values, and the warmth and friendliness this place engenders, creates alumni that are grounded, thoroughly decent people. Once we have proved that this school has the necessary professionalism and that it is now a safe and caring environment, it will be wonderful to spread the news

far and wide that Ampleforth is on the way back to a position of real strength. At that point we can build on our current robust pupil numbers, creating a new momentum, which will see us able to strengthen and grow. I know I can count on your support in spreading this message. And I welcome dialogue with you – don't hesitate to contact me if you have any views or ideas that you think we need to hear.

Best wishes

Robin Dyer
Head of Ampleforth College



TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS TO SLET

I am delighted to be writing to you as the recently appointed Chair of Trustees.

I took over at the beginning of July from Claire Smith, who, together with Jim O'Neill, retired at the end of their terms of office. We are very grateful to them for their expertise, advice and efforts over the last nine years. Mine is an interim role as I expect to hand over to Edward Sparrow (see below) at the end of 2019. Since the last edition of the Ampleforth Diary we have made several new appointments to the Trustee Board, their details are set out below.

You will see that we have increased the number of trustees and drawn them from a wide range of different backgrounds. This will provide the Board with a much greater breadth of expertise and also increase the Board's capacity for oversight.

Christopher Adams, Interim Chair of the St Laurence Education Trust

● Christina Fairhead

Christina started nurse training 41 years ago and since qualifying as a state registered nurse (SRN) has enjoyed a very varied and interesting career. Examples of some of these roles are; General Nursing, School Nursing, Health Visiting and Specialist Practice Nursing.

Since 2005, Christina has held senior NHS roles in the field of safeguarding children which included managing the Safeguarding Children services within a Health Trust. These included the Safeguarding Children Team, Health Team for Looked After Children and the Sudden Unexpected Death In Childhood (SUDIC) Service.

Whilst working in safeguarding children, Christina successfully completed a Master's Degree in Child Welfare and Protection along with various courses in management, safeguarding leadership (NHS England) and safeguarding supervision (NSPCC).

Since 2010, Christina has worked within health

commissioning organisations as a Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children. This is a statutory role and is described by the Royal College of Nursing as *"The Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children provides safeguarding, child protection expertise and leadership throughout health and multiagency partnerships. The role is pivotal to complex case management, improved partnership working, strategic planning, quality assurance and performance monitoring"*.

In June 2018, Christina took early retirement and returned to her post on a part-time basis, becoming an Independent Safeguarding Children consultant.

Christina has extensive experience in all aspects of safeguarding children and continues to be a member of a Local Safeguarding Children Partnership in the area of her work.

In June 2019, Christina was awarded the title 'Queen's Nurse' for *"Continued commitment to improving standards of care in the community and to learning and leadership"*.

● Barbara Matthews

Barbara Matthews was educated in the United States and moved to the United Kingdom in 1988.

Her career began first in law, as international council in both the steel and offshore oil and gas industries, working for FT 100 and Fortune 500 companies negotiating contracts throughout Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Secondly in 2007 Barbara moved into politics as political assistant to the Conservative Group on the City of York Council.

From 2010 to 2016, she was a non-executive director for one of the region's largest NHS mental health providers. Barbara's daughter was educated through the Ampleforth system, including St Martin's Nawton, SMA and the College.

She has been married to David since 1988 and her interests include politics, literature and equestrian sports.



Christina Fairhead



Barbara Matthews



Kieran McLaughlin



Martin Rigby



Edward Sparrow



Lynn Cooper



Meg Baines



Richard Tams

● Kieran McLaughlin

Mr Kieran McLaughlin is Durham School's 53rd headmaster and joined the School in September 2014. He is married with three young sons, all of whom attend the School.

Mr McLaughlin was born and raised in Liverpool and studied at St Edward's College, a selective boys' school in the city before reading Natural Sciences at Jesus College, Cambridge, eventually specialising in Physics and Theoretical Physics. Following his PGCE, he taught in London at a number of academic schools before becoming Head of Physics at City of London Girls' School. He then moved to Sevenoaks School as their Head of Science and Technology, where he spent four years.

Prior to joining Durham, Mr McLaughlin was academic deputy head at the world-famous Rugby School for five years. His wealth of experience means he has a clear understanding and knowledge of the important role that top UK boarding schools play in educating the next generation,

and the inherent importance of traditions and history.

During his career, Mr McLaughlin has been involved with a number of national curriculum initiatives, as well as delivering INSET on behalf of HMC and the National College of School Leadership.

In the past, he was the bass player in an obscure Liverpoolian rock band, as well as pursuing the ancient martial art of Ju-Jitsu to black belt level. His current interests include the arts, travel and family life.

● Martin Rigby

Martin Rigby was educated at Ampleforth before reading history at New College, Oxford, graduating in 1978. He was a regular army officer for seven years before a career in venture capital investment initially at 3i plc and then at ET Capital Limited - a technology venture investment firm based in Cambridge which he founded in 1992. He is a non-executive director of several technology and venture investment

businesses and is chair of the Morris Education Trust, a multi-academy trust educating over 2,500 pupils in primary and secondary schools in north west Cambridgeshire. He has an MBA from Cranfield and a BSc in Computing and Information Technology from the Open University.

● Edward Sparrow

Edward was educated at Ampleforth and Lincoln College, Oxford where he read history.

His whole working life has been spent at Ashurst LLP (formerly Ashurst Morris Crisp) an international commercial law firm in the City of London. Until his retirement in April 2018, Edward had been a partner there since 1981, specialising in corporate and banking disputes and financial and professional regulation. He is now a part time consultant to the firm.

His other roles include:
 • longstanding Chair of Governors at St Catherine's School, Twickenham, an independent day school for girls

- from nursery to sixth form;
- Chair of the City of London Law Society: the local law society for solicitors and firms practising in the City of London and Canary Wharf;
- a member of the Bank of England's Enforcement Decision Making Committee; the body responsible for decisions in relation to contested disciplinary cases involving firms regulated by the Prudential Regulatory Authority and other arms of the Bank; and
- a trustee of Care International UK; the UK member of the Care federation which is an international humanitarian charity.

Edward has been married to Jay for more than 40 years. They have seven children, including three boys who all went to Ampleforth. His spare time is spent with his grandchildren, travelling or assisting in the garden.

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● **Lynn Cooper**

Lynn Cooper was educated at City of London School for Girls and Girton College, Cambridge, reading history and then law. Under her professional name (Lynn Johansen) she worked as a lawyer at Clifford Chance for 27 years and was a partner for 15 years in the finance group, specialising in advising and setting up financial markets and advising on financial services regulation, particularly for commodity and energy market businesses. She worked with Government Departments and regulators and was a member of a Bank of England advisory committee. She was the partner for graduate recruitment and development for 4 years

responsible for the marketing campaign, building relations with students and universities in the UK and India and for trainee development and training. She was a director of the firm's pension fund trustee company. She is currently a non-executive director of ICE Clear Europe Limited, a financial institution in the City of London. She has served on the Evelina Children's Hospital Appeal Committee and is currently Under Sheriff of Greater London. Both Lynn's husband and son were educated at Ampleforth College.

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● **Meg Baines**

Meg Baines, Cert Ed BA MBA NPQH FRSA, is a retired head teacher who lives with her husband in North Yorkshire. Currently Vice Chair of Governors of a state secondary school and a Diocesan Section 48 Inspector for Middlesbrough, Hexham & Newcastle and Leeds & Bradford Dioceses, she was previously an ISI Section 5 Inspector. Meg was a teacher for 38 years in both state and independent schools across the country. She began her career in 1977 at St Augustine's School, Scarborough, moving to Leeds, Bromley and Crystal Palace where she spent the last 10 years as head of an independent Prep School. Meg has a wide range of teaching experiences and had success as a teacher of PE, RE and History in Walthamstow, Ilford and Bromley. Meg gained an MBA in educational management from Leicester University before becoming deputy head teacher in an all boys school in Ilford. Previously a governor on a number of governing bodies in Sussex and London, Meg was

designated safeguarding lead and has recently completed head appraisal training with North Yorkshire County Council. Meg was a member of Independent Schools Association Council for 6 years, representing London South and remains an honorary member. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA) since 2005, Meg is keenly interested in educational innovation. She retired from teaching in 2015, but remains a section 48 Inspector and was recommissioned by the Bishop of Middlesbrough in November 2018. Meg is an active member of the parish community, a mother of three grown up children, a doting grandparent and an avid amateur detectorist.

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● **Richard Tams**

Richard was educated at Ampleforth College (1981-1986) and went on to study Law at Cardiff University. After 27 years working for British Airways in a wide variety of countries in Europe, North America and Asia, he now runs his own business consultancy in the aviation and travel sector, Tailwind Advisory Ltd. Before leaving the airline in 2018, Richard was posted to Beijing as Executive Vice President Greater China for British Airways and Iberia Airlines of Spain and, prior to that, he was Head of Sales & Marketing in the UK, based at BA's Heathrow Head Office. He has sat on a number of boards including British Airways Holidays, BA Cityflyer and British American Business Inc. He is an accredited professional coach and also a regular member of the annual Ampleforth Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Newman

John Henry Newman has been described as 'one of the great and indisputable geniuses of the nineteenth century'. In terms of literary output, his collected works run to thirty-six volumes and include thousands of letters addressed to a wide variety of correspondents. Born into an Evangelical household in London (1801), his spiritual journey brought him – at the age of fifteen – to the famous conviction that for him there were 'only two luminously self-evident realities: myself and my Creator'.

Having studied at Trinity College, Oxford, later becoming a Fellow of Oriel College, he entered Anglican orders as deacon (1824), then priest (1825). The eight volumes of his *Parochial & Plain Sermons*, delivered when he was vicar of the University Church of St Mary the Virgin in Oxford between 1828 and 1843, have been called 'one of the undoubted classics of Christian Spirituality'.

His first published book *Arians of the 4th Century* [1833], laid the groundwork in his search for the authoritative basis of Christianity, leading him to the

conclusion that the Church of the Apostles was in unbroken continuity with the Church of Rome. After a failed attempt to reconcile the Anglican and the Catholic positions in a hypothetical *Via Media*, Newman seemed to be moving inexorably away from allegiance to the Established Church.

The public imputation by Rev. Charles Kingsley that Newman had been dishonest in posing as an Anglican when he was in fact a crypto-papist led Newman to undertake his most famous work, the *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* [1845]. Written during a period



of great anguish for him, this comprehensive rebuttal was to become one of the most signal achievements of his legacy. After a European sojourn that brought him to Sicily – where he wrote his most famous hymn *Lead, kindly light* – and later through Rome, he came into contact with the world of St Philip Neri, the 'Apostle of Rome' through

whose spiritual influence and with the encouragement of Pope Pius IX, he was to found his first Oratory in England. He was received into the Catholic Church by the (now Blessed) Passionist priest Dominic Barberi in 1845, to be ordained deacon and priest in the Basilica of St John Lateran just two years later.

In the year of his reception, Newman published the (still influential) *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, a powerful elaboration of the way in which truth must express itself in new ways in order to remain the same.

One of Newman's greatest aspirations was to found a Catholic University in Ireland and this became reality in Dublin in 1853 with Newman as its first Rector. However, he was soon drawn back to the Oratory he had established in Birmingham, which he saw as his first priority. He continued to live and work there until Pope Leo XIII decided to elevate him to the Cardinalate in 1879. He died on 11 August 1890 and was buried in the Oratory Retreat House at Rednal near Birmingham.

Cardinal Newman was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI at Cofton Park in 2010 and canonised on 13th October 2019 by Pope Francis in Rome. As one Newman authority has written: "[Newman's] legacy may still be greater than we realise.' [Newman, *the Heart of Holiness*, by Roderick Strange].

Fr Alexander McCabe OSB

Monastery Move Spiritual & Process

From early-2016, the monastery refurbishment project team had been planning the detailed works required to upgrade the monastery's lighting, heating, bathroom facilities and décor. In December 2018, when there were less than six months of the refurbishment work remaining, it was time to begin planning for the Community members to move home, from their temporary monastery at Bolton House.

Quotations were obtained from removal companies and furniture was sourced to replace pieces which would not fit in the monastery or which needed replacing. As early as December, the Community members were preparing which furniture would be taken back to their rooms and preparing room plans. Well-rehearsed in room planning and removals, due to the move to Bolton House in the Autumn of 2017, the Community used their manual labour sessions to pack up the Bolton House library in April 2019, ready for its removal to the newly extended monastery library. The group packing sessions were immensely beneficial, both in terms of the practical work for the move and for Community building. By 23rd

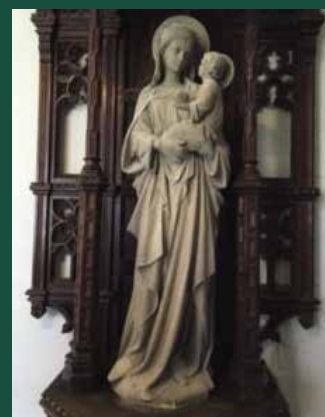
May, the day of the Monastery Blessing and Dinner, the 70+ bookcases of books from the Bolton House library had already been transported to the new library and the 750 boxes of library books which had been packed up in on-site storage for 20 months, were being carefully unpacked, initially by the removal team.

Between the 3rd and 10th of June saw the removal of the monastery offices first then the Community members who had lived at Bolton House. On 11th June careful work took place to move the Community members who reside in the infirmary, to bring them home to the refurbished infirmary, the contents for which had been carefully planned by the Matron and infirmary staff. The joiners worked assiduously during this time to put shelves up, hang pictures, fit door hooks, and answer very many joinery requests. The estate team plumbers and electricians were plumbing in washers,

dealing with an unexpected leak and meeting the requests for lamp repairs etc. The temporary office, set up as the coordination hub for the move, was soon filled with shelf brackets, shelves, bedding and every item which did not initially have a home. The kitchen was well stocked with donations of biscuits and refreshments for

the many team members who were pulling together to make the removal process work smoothly. The cloister became a temporary furniture store - for the selection and exchange of wanted or unwanted furniture. We were fortunate to have the large area of the Cloister to use for furniture planning but it was important to try and keep this area quiet once the Community moved back in. With the inevitable toing and froing of furniture deliveries, and despite our best efforts we were not entirely successful in keeping it tidy or quiet! By 12th June, in just eight working days, everyone was back home

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in the monastery, thanks to the efficient and dedicated work of the Duggleby's removal team.

Aside from room contents it was important to do one further important removal in the Cloister. The very heavy, stone statue of Our Lady, encased in an ornate wooden casing, which needed to go back to its home in the Cloister. A team of six men carefully transported the statue by hand, then the casing, back to its position in the Cloister. We watched on with bated breath as they inched it into place. We need not have worried; it reached its destination unscathed!

The offices were quickly back in full swing and after the Community members had

each set up their rooms, once again there were group manual labour sessions to complete the unpacking of library books. The Community members were fortunate to have the help of staff members and volunteers to assist in this task and within a few days the library was once again fully stocked. The library is an important place in a monastery and it was a great joy to see it back in use.

From 5th June, the Community began to use their new refectory, which for the first time was within the monastery. On the same day, the Community returned full-time, to having all Offices in the Abbey Church. It was a special day in the Community's history

at Ampleforth. In preparing the monastery refurbishment, the project team and the refurbishment contractors, Moody's Construction, worked tenaciously at keeping costs down and even postponed some of the works to make cost savings, while still delivering a clean, refreshed home next to the Abbey Church, which has been uplifting for those who live and work here. Our thanks to the construction team, the project team, the removal team and the many members of staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly to support the Community in moving home.

Julia Brooke
Coordinator for the
Monastery move

MONASTERY BLESSING AND DINNER

On Thursday 23rd May, the Community invited the monastery project team, supporters and friends to partake in a blessing of their newly renovated home.

The evening began with Vespers and group tours, followed by a dinner which, in order to accommodate all of their guests, was rather unusually hosted by Ampleforth brethren in the Cloister.

During the evening, Fr Gabriel emphasised the Community's boundless gratitude to everyone who has helped to realise the refurbishment; through their contributions, encouragement, hard work and prayers, and made special acknowledgement to dear friends and project colleagues who were not present for the celebration.

Those who joined the tours were witness to a fully functional and revitalised building that - with thanks to a dedicated project team and the wonderful support of donors - now meets sympathetic and acceptable living standards.

However, as is often is the case with 'opening evenings' and 'first nights', not all may go entirely to plan. For our evening in May, a lift malfunction presented adventure for Fr Paul and his guests, as their tour was halted between the basement and ground floor. Attempts were made to interpret the Greek help instructions, before our amused guests were released by a prompt team of friendly firemen.

Needless to say building trouble-shooting and snagging is now complete. All fixtures and furnishings have been returned to their rightful place in the monastery and the monks of Ampleforth are delighted to be home once again.

Overall there was recognition from attendees and monks alike, that the evening, amongst the kindness and warmth of friends, was a once-in-a-lifetime occasion that will be remembered and cherished by all.





Oblates: Uniting Monastery and World

St Benedict observes in his Rule that monasteries never lack visitors. Sometimes a visitor may find that an elusive ‘something’ continues to draw him or her back. Experience of the Divine Office and of a community of men or women – despite their human limitations – seeking to follow the mystery of God’s call in a life of prayer and community also resonates with their own desire to live in greater faithfulness to God’s call as married, single, or widowed individuals. This desire for a continuing relationship with an individual monastery has led to the development of wider ‘spiritual families’ – allowing those who identify with a specific spiritual tradition to grow in their faith, through God’s grace working through prayer and the support of others; helping them to live the principles of the Rule in ways appropriate to their own lives.

In the Middle Ages, *oblato* were children or young persons ‘offered’ or given to the monastery as monks, in contrast to *conversi*, adults who chose to be ‘converted’ and to leave the world for the monastery. However, the term *oblato* was soon used to describe lay people who wanted to work with monks, and at various times they actually did so, living near or in the monastic enclosure, and working as craftsmen or administrators. Given modern transport options, oblates of Ampleforth need not live geographically nearby. However, they remain

attached to ‘their’ abbey by daily praying some of the Office, and by remaining in touch – returning where possible for an annual retreat.

In an increasingly confused and unstable West, many Catholics of all ages find encouragement and focus from being part of a living monastic tradition extending over 1500 years; able to receive and offer mutual encouragement. This may increasingly be attractive e.g. for university students or recent graduates and others seeking to nurture and deepen their understanding of the Faith and grow in confidence in witnessing to Christ to the wider world.

Those interested in learning more are invited to contact the Oblate Master. After – typically – a three month pause for reflection, one wishing to proceed requests admission as a Candidate for one-year. Those proceeding to Oblation make their promise at the Community Mass. If their circumstances change so as to make this untenable, they may terminate their Oblation in writing.

Non-Catholic Christians similarly interested in affiliation to the Abbey are welcome to seek admission as Associates of the Abbey.

For further information, please contact:
Fr Philip Rozario, Oblate Master,
philip@ampleforth.org.uk



THE
GOD
WHO
SPEAKS

The Christian faith is not a 'religion of the book'. Christianity is the religion of the 'Word of God', a word which is 'not a written and mute word, but the Word is incarnate and living'.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 108



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Although it is impossible to obtain exact figures, there is little doubt that the Bible is the world's best-selling and most widely distributed book, with an estimated 5 billion copies sold and distributed. Some would say the Bible is the best-selling book every year!


But it is not just a book gathering dust on a shelf or hidden in a drawer. It is the living Word of God.

2020 is the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' – and the 1,600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, best known for his translation of the Bible into Latin (the translation that became known as the 'Vulgate'). These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'.

The aim is celebrating, living and sharing God's Word and to explore new ways of responding to 'The God Who Speaks'. The campaign year will start on Sunday 1 December 2019, the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year



WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT ALL AUTHENTIC AND LIVING CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY IS BASED ON THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED, ACCEPTED, CELEBRATED AND MEDITATED UPON IN THE CHURCH. THIS DEEPENING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DIVINE WORD WILL TAKE PLACE WITH EVEN GREATER ENTHUSIASM IF WE ARE CONSCIOUS THAT, IN SCRIPTURE AND THE CHURCH'S LIVING TRADITION, WE STAND BEFORE GOD'S DEFINITIVE WORD ON THE COSMOS AND ON



Throughout 2020, the Hospitality & Pastoral Team will be offering a series of Study days and retreats as part of its celebration of the year 'The God Who Speaks'.

For details, please contact the team on 01439 766486 or email pastoral@ampleforth.org.uk

Let A Child's Talent Shine: The gift of a bursary

"If an education is the greatest gift any child can be given, an Ampleforth education sends young people out from our beautiful valley with something they cannot get anywhere else in life – a particular sense of their place in the world, a compass for life."

Speak to Old Amplefordians of their time at Ampleforth and you will hear the same things time and again: the unique links with the monastery and the spiritual value of their time here, the warmth of an Ampleforth welcome, the friendships they made with others of widely differing backgrounds and experiences and the opportunities open to them through a world class education and network of global contacts.

We support approximately 10% of each year's new intake of children with bursaries. This simply isn't enough and every year we have to turn away talented children due to insufficient funds. We also offer bursaries to those current students whose families are experiencing difficult times. As a parent or past student at Ampleforth you will appreciate and understand the value of an Ampleforth education. You will appreciate the value of excellent academic results opening doors to the best universities and the Ampleforth network which offers contacts across the globe. Couple this with a strong moral and spiritual code means our students leave with the best chances in their adult life.

It costs around £190,000 to educate and care for each student for the full five years of their Ampleforth education. And we are asking for your support in helping us offer more bursaries and widen access for those talented students

whose families simply cannot afford the fees. Following the death of Fr Dominic Milroy this year, the monastic community and his family felt it would be a fitting tribute to Fr Dominic's memory and of his life time of dedication to Ampleforth and the College, to create a bursary fund in his name: Fr Dominic Bursary. The bursary fund will support gifted individuals, enabling them to recognise their unique capabilities and develop their potential. We believe this to be a true reflection of Fr Dominic's principles of an education at Ampleforth.

Many of our existing bursary supporters donate by giving a regular amount of money each month from £5 to £500. Others have given one off lump sums towards the full cost of a bursary.

If you would like to support bursaries at Ampleforth you can make a one-off donation by electronic bank transfer or contact the Development Office via development@ampleforth.org.uk.

Details of the AAT Development bank account

Bank: Barclays Bank
Name: Ampleforth Abbey Trust
Account Code: 30120456
Sort Code: 20-99-15
SWIFT: BARCGB22
IBAN: GB65 BARC 2099 1530 1204 56
Reference Fr Dominic or General Bursary Fund

HEAD'S LECTURE PROGRAMME

For current pupils, the opportunity to hear how Ampleforth's 'Compass for Life' will guide them in practical scenarios is truly invaluable. The Head's lecture programme is one excellent example of where this is offered. Across the academic year, the Head of Ampleforth College welcomes a number of highly esteemed guests to Ampleforth to discuss their own personal and professional development with current pupils; exploring how they have approached difficult challenges and have overcome adversity in their own respective careers.

Recently the College was extremely fortunate enough to host former Holman Fenwick Willan (HFW) partner, OA James Gosling OBE (C73). During his talk entitled "Navigation, Life's Inner Compass," James provided pupils of Ampleforth with a fascinating insight into his own career progression after leaving the College, as well as an examination of the complexity of piracy and ransom payments. Beyond prompting a number of interesting questions about the ethical dimensions of ransoms, the opportunity to hear how James has continued to keep morality at the forefront of his decision-making was an empowering message to all current pupils. Indeed, James' commitment to his 'Compass for Life' throughout the different stages in his career provided a clear illustration of the importance of his education at Ampleforth, which continues to guide him in his own professional and spiritual development.

Maaïke Carter,
Christian Living and Health Education Coordinator

AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Gasps of horror from 23 students greeted the news, delivered after a first late supper at Nazareth, that we would start the holiday with a 'late' breakfast at 7.20. This gave us ample opportunity to enjoy the rich vineyards of the Golan heights, the basking rock-rabbits of the Assassins' Castle of Nimrod and the proliferation of wild flowers as we walked down the baby Jordan from its source at Banias towards the mighty waterfall of Caesarea Philippi – all enriched by the unusually plentiful spring rains. After a quick tour of Capernaum, we finished the day's visits with Mass on the shore of the Lake of Galilee, where our singing was joined by Indians and Japanese. Then back to Nazareth for an impressively thoughtful and appreciative review of the day's experiences, each of the participants contributing his or her particular impressions.

The next day centred on King Herod's great port of Caesarea Maritima, where we also met with Mark Coreth (O77) and his team of aviators, flying for peace in small planes from Eilat to England. Then a tentative

swim in the Mediterranean while lunch was skilfully prepared by a team of our French girls under the guidance of Mrs Carter, before plunging into the grim dungeons of the Crusader fortress of St Jean d'Acre. Day Three took us back to the Jordan, but this time deep down the Valley at the reputed place of the Baptism of Jesus. There was a chance to paddle in that muddy river, joining white-robed Ethiopians in their commemoration of baptism. Lunch at the welcoming little Coptic monastery of St Gerasimos with the legend of his pet lion (later taken over by St Jerome) and their ostrich-farm before penetrating deeper into the desert of Judaea at Qumran. The stringent demands of H&S prevented us climbing right up to the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

On reaching Jerusalem and the comforts of the refurbished Maison S. Abraham we still had time to visit the Western Wall of the Temple and experience the passionate Jewish way of prayer. This perhaps was the dominant impression of Jerusalem – apart from bargaining in the markets – for the Christian sites, and

especially the Holy Sepulchre, were too crowded to be appreciated. These vied with the daunting 500metre-long water-tunnel of Hezekiah, deep under the City of David. By contrast, there was plenty of opportunity to savour the country where Jesus had walked as we trekked down the deserted wadi of the Good Samaritan from Jerusalem to Jericho, refusing offers from friendly beduin teenagers of a ride on their donkeys. More taxing was the next day's thousand-foot climb up to Herod's palace at Massada, completed in impressive time by students not normally known for athleticism, and washed away by a dip in the viscous waters of the Dead Sea.

A more-or-less even-handed view of the political tensions was provided by a visit to the Holocaust Museum Yad vaShem and a lucid exposition during our final visit to Bethlehem by an Armenian Christian of life for Palestinians under Israeli rule. The exhausted students acquitted themselves faultlessly and with full enthusiasm throughout the trip.

Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB

"...there was plenty of opportunity to savour the country where Jesus had walked..."



AMPLEFORTH SOCIETY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE SOLD OUT

AMPLEFORTH SOCIETY HOLY PIGRIMAGES

We are thrilled to announce that the inaugural Ampleforth Society pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB is now sold out. This fantastic trip has been organised by JC Journeys and will allow guests to truly experience the Holy Land; enjoying four nights in Jerusalem and three nights on Lake Galilee.

JC Journeys already run an annual Israel trip for pupils of Ampleforth College and have kindly offered to run one exclusively for members of the Ampleforth Society between the 1st and 8th April, 2020.

Tickets for the trip are priced at £1,695 (exempt of VAT). This is based on two people sharing (single supplement applicable) and includes:

- return flights from London to Tel Aviv
- 7 nights B&B accommodation
- entrance fees
- coach transport within Israel
- expert guides and tour leader

JC Journeys will also be donating a portion of the profits from this trip to the Ampleforth Society.

Please watch this space for further details of any future Ampleforth Society Pilgrimages. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with JC Journeys through 01886 812862 or via jane.roberts@jcyjournneys.com.

Careers

Preparing students for the world beyond Ampleforth is an essential part of the College's mission. Bearing in mind the ever accelerating pace of change in society, whereby traditional linear careers are being replaced by multidirectional careers (many of which don't yet exist), encounters with employers and universities, experiences of workplaces, developing self-awareness, resilience and flexibility, and learning to manage transition are ever increasing in importance. Students therefore take part in a careers curriculum comprising of tutorials, events and activities here at school and are encouraged to gain work experience in the holidays.

We do, however, recognise that career advice, education, information and guidance come from many sources and influences, such as parents, teachers, tutors, housemasters, housemistresses and OAs. We are always particularly delighted to welcome OAs who wish to share their career stories and offer insights and wise words of advice stemming from their experiences of the workplace.

This year, in their bi-weekly careers lectures, Year 12 have taken part in several diverse talks delivered from a cross section of speakers, including several OAs. In September, Rory Smith (H09) spoke about his exciting work as a journalist for Formula E, the world's first all-electric motorsport series, whilst Luke Poloniecki (H99) shared his experiences of his career in banking. In November, Ruben Esposito (A96) enlightened the students on the financial and career benefits of a degree apprenticeship with Goldman Sachs. In January, Barnaby Wiener (E84) spoke to a group of students from a number of year groups about his passion for social enterprise where business meets philanthropy. At the Higher Education Conference in March, Will Bryan (T10) delivered a very inspirational talk about professional services, in particular with PwC and at the Networking Event in May, we welcomed Billy Tumur (C13), Graduate Engineer/Consultant with Jacobs, Paul Dobson (C01) Head of Franchise and Convenience with Morrisons, Jaspur Arena-De La Mora (W03), Vice President of Global Investment Solutions, Rupert Collier (J93), Channel Manager at CONFENSE and Joanna Coghlan (M06), Surveyor at CBRE. Dominic Walsh (D13) spoke to Economics and Business students about his role with Open Europe, a Brexit Think Tank, whilst Felix Ng (B05) came in a recently to speak about his career with JCB.

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed this year and would welcome any other OAs who would like to support current students in this way in the future, whether that be our next OA Careers Event on Friday 8th May 2020, or our Year 12 Careers Lecture programme.

Amanda Toone, Head of Careers



Did you know that Ampleforth continues to offer career support and guidance to its former pupils after they have left the College through the Society's online networking platform: Ampleforth Global? Turn to page 46 to find out more





Welcome Ed
 New Director
 of Music

Edward began his musical career as a chorister at Blackburn Cathedral. He went on to study music at Durham University where he became Director of Music at the College of St Hild and St Bede. His main academic interests were in 20th Century English Song, early music, and experimental vocal music.

Edward moves to Ampleforth from Ripon where for the past five years he had been Director of Music at the Grammar School. During this time the choral and instrumental provision has expanded significantly; choirs have won various awards, premiered commissions, recorded a CD and performed live on Radio. Many of his students have gone on to study music at Russell Group universities and have received choral and instrumental scholarships at Oxbridge, Durham, Birmingham and London universities.

Edward has maintained a busy career as a professional musician. For six years he was a Lay Clerk at Worcester Cathedral where he also performed in the famous Three Choirs Festival. He has been in frequent demand as an oratorio soloist and recitalist throughout the country, has frequently performed on BBC radio and

toured extensively throughout Europe and the USA. As a conductor Edward has worked with professional singers and orchestral players as well as amateur choral societies, school choirs and youth choirs.

He is married to Libby, an artist and English teacher. Outside of music education Edward's interests are reading, cycling, DIY, baking and classic cars.

On his appointment to Ampleforth Edward says: *"I am delighted to have been appointed to this important position at Ampleforth. I am very much aware of the College and Abbey's great musical reputation and I look forward to working with the dedicated and gifted music staff in maintaining and developing this from September. I am excited to be working closely with the Abbey and to draw on my experiences and skills as a church musician and choral director in this unique role within the past. To arrive in the year when the Schola celebrates its 50th anniversary is wonderful, and it will be a privilege to play a part in this important milestone in the life of the Community and to mark the beginning of the next 50 years too!"*

**Edward Seymour,
 Director of Music**

Calling all past members of the Ampleforth Schola Cantorum
WE NEED YOU!



Please contact Claire Evans, Marketing & Communications Manager, if you were part of the Ampleforth Schola and would be interested in joining in the Schola's 50th Anniversary Celebrations in 2020. claire.evans@ampleforth.org.uk or 01439 766777





"It was such a joyful Pilgrimage. In fact, I think probably the most joyful I have experienced." We have once again been blessed to receive so much positive and encouraging feedback from this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes. That joy was very evident at our Opening Mass in Eglise Ste Bernadette where we invited our Assisted Pilgrims to join the Ampleforth Lourdes Hospitalité, and to receive their 5 and 25 year medals. It had taken many months to arrive at this point and we were so delighted to be giving more than 20 medals to those who have been with us for at least 5 years, and Michael Doherty and Richard Reid received their 25 year medals. The smiles throughout the church were so broad and that joy permeated our whole week in Lourdes. It was then wonderful to see more Assisted Pilgrims amongst the group receiving their 5 year medals before the Mass of Anointing at Cité St Pierre.

Each day the Sanctuaries invite us to support the ceremonies we are attending in a variety of ways: carrying banners at the Blessed Sacrament Procession, the statue of Our Lady and the lights at the Torchlight. We are often asked to provide readers at the International Mass. I am always so proud of the way that we fulfil all these roles. This year Tatiana Hewitt's beautiful reading during the International Mass was appreciated by very many. So too was Fr Ambrose's sermon at the Grotto. Alongside this, Compline at the Grotto has become an established and valued addition to the week, and this year after saying the rosary at the Podium and processing in silence to the Grotto, we almost filled the benches for Compline. Immediately after the Pilgrimage an email found its way to Ampleforth from a Parisian who had been praying at the Grotto and took the trouble to let us know:

"I wanted to tell you I was very impressed by the silence, the respect and the devotion shown by those pilgrims from Ampleforth, young and elder ones."

"It was a pleasure and a comfort to pray the Compline with them."

We had fun too with lots of evening Café Society on the St Frai roof, giving us all sorts of lighthearted entertainment. Richard Tams (J86) and Ben Gibson (C86) did a wonderful job as comperes of the Ward Party, where we were beguiled by William Scrope's storytelling and the Clinical team, once again, wowed us and almost had us dancing in the aisles with their high energy, colourful routine.

At the start of the party Fr Gabriel presented our outgoing chair, Paul Williams, with a pair of Mouseman bookends. Paul was the Ampleforth Lourdes pilgrimage devotedly, as a committee

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member, almost without a break, in many different roles, since 1974 until 2019. We have been fortunate to benefit from his clear thinking and deep knowledge, both of Ampleforth and Lourdes.

I am grateful to Caroline Joy for agreeing to take on the role of Chair. I am enjoying

working with her, and the committee, as we prepare for next year's pilgrimage. I am so grateful to all the existing committee who work so generously to serve all members of the Ampleforth Lourdes Pilgrimage, and who, once again, through their hard work and dedication and with the help of very many of you,

provided a Pilgrimage that was peaceful, prayerful and joyful. Most of all, I want to thank each and every one of you who joined us in Lourdes this summer, for your part in a week that was filled with love and laughter.

**Diana Williams,
Pilgrimage Director**



NEWS FROM ST MARTIN'S AMPLEFORTH

For every action there seems to have been an equal, opposite reaction. Our year started with a change of plan, and we found ourselves frequently on coaches between Gilling and Ampleforth. But then Mrs Moses decided to use that time as rehearsal spaces for the Whole School Christmas Show, and the coaches bounded across the Valley bursting with song and synchronised arm waving.

Having supper in the College Refectories gave our students a chance to get to know some of the kind Y13 who were to have been monitors in EWs; they were caring and helpful, accompanying the kids to their evening clubs in the dark months of November and December. Then one of our students won the whole school Art Animation prize with a stop-animation depicting our daily traversing across the valley in lego - complete with a Dr Moses' with beard, and a bouncy Basil the spaniel.

There were many and great highpoints in this year. Singing in the Messiah - always a highlight of our year - although it was a late night for our youngest choristers. Enjoying our Christmas Dinner in the grandeur of Gilling's Great Chamber, and then appearing in our new EWs house shirts to good advantage in the Christmas Show (having already packed up the majority of our costumes) was great fun. Red and white striped elves helped a red and white striped Santa Claus.

In the Lent Term we had some super wins over other schools despite our reduced number, and at times single teams. Other schools may have had more choice and more teams but our tight-knit SMA were a force to be reckoned with, frequently taking the victory. Some students performed for the school in the da Vinci competition, bringing home a beautiful example of craftwork made by the team under time pressure and with only glue and a book to work

with. Our students had success in the Faraday Maths Challenge, with one of our students performing to Gold standard (in the top 1% of the national competitors). Lent also saw our academic scholars gain Scholarships, and we saw some gain top marks in the school Prize Essay competition. It was impressive to see how much dedicated independent study went into work on projects as diverse as an essay on the relationship between God and the idea of time from a scientific and philosophical point of view, an edgy and insightful critical analysis of I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith, an investigation into how trauma to specific areas in the brain affects emotional and physical behaviour and an epic and wide-ranging study of recurring patterns in nature and art through history.

That term every student in the school learnt 'The Listeners' by Walter De La Mare, and took part in a school competition to recite poetry. Some students also recited poetry in their native language. The winners performed in the final assembly before Easter.

One of the highlights of the year was the May Day trip to the Ryedale Folk Museum, where we learned to do May Pole dancing. There are a plethora of moments which were both fun and educational. Year 6 loved their visit to the Armouries in Leeds. Everyone learned A Midsummer Night's Dream and we performed the whole 'Play in a Day' towards the end of the Summer Term. Year 8's time canoeing the Ardeche was very special.

Somehow, though, the most special of days seemed the final one, not because we were going on holiday, but because the sun shone on our sports' day, and it was so much fun. A super year for a wonderful school, and a fantastic way to finish it.

Dr David Moses,
Head of St Martin's Ampleforth





Remembering Kit Mangles (D19)

8 November 2000-14 June 2018



“Slowly they learned to tell their stories, share their losses, learn the new landscape.”

(Fr Chad’s homily, Sunday 17 June 2018)

Kit joined St Martin’s in September 2011, following his brother, Johnny, who’d arrived a year earlier. Their sister, Helena, joined two years later. Coming from a very small school on an island off Hong Kong meant this was quite a culture shock for them all. However, Ampleforth was very much a family school for the Mangles – Kit was one of eight cousins to attend the school, plus his father, Edward, and an uncle. Kit truly loved his time at Gilling, making great friends, and representing the school at rugby, cross-country, hockey and athletics.

Kit moved across the valley in September 2014, joining St Dunstan’s. This was the ideal

house for Kit and he made very strong friendships, and had close relationships with his housemaster Ben Pennington and matron Marian Rogers. While not relishing all of the constraints of school life, and spending far too many lunchtimes in detention, Kit loved being at Ampleforth with so many wonderful friends. Kit joined the CCF in his first year and had planned to join the army.

A year ago, at Kit’s memorial service, Fr Chad led us in prayer, and said: *“What does life mean in the face of a tragic death? How can we talk of the Kingdom of God, when we are confronted by something that seems so senseless? When we gathered on Friday night, I could hardly sing, I*

could barely speak. This abbey was full of such sadness. But at the end, you stood together, not speaking, not moving, but peaceful in your silence, witnesses to the truth of the promise: Blessed are those who mourn, they shall be comforted. And this was not the result of a cleverly devised service, of carefully researched techniques for tackling teenage grief. This was raw, ‘last minute.com’, a chaotic trusting in something beyond us. The totality of Friday was more than simply the sum of its parts. Jesus called the Holy Spirit ‘the one who comforts’, and that Spirit was at work in that Mass.”

Earlier this year on 21 March 2019, the school celebrated the feast of St Benedict and it seemed the right moment for Kit’s contemporaries in St Dunstan’s to plant a maple tree

in his memory; a living and lasting memorial, and a solace to those who mourn. In early autumn each year, overlooking the cricket pitches, the tree’s deep red colour will pick up the best of the valley sunsets. After the tree planting, Kit’s parents, family and friends were received very warmly in St Dunstan’s by Mr and Mrs Thurman. As we gathered on that day, I remembered Mr Pennington’s words at Kit’s memorial service the previous

July, now mounted on the wall in the Housemaster’s study: *“Kit was exactly the type of boy I wanted in St Dunstan’s and exactly the type of person I’d have wanted as a friend. In life, Kit filled a space; he influenced people all around him. He didn’t sit in the corner and wait for things to happen, he made them happen. He was confident, yet he was fragile and had a deep belief in justice. We can all ask ‘why?’ and try to deal with this terrible tragedy and then bury it for fear of it upsetting us again and again. However, I*

suggest we never forget how it made us feel, how it hurt, because by never forgetting, we will hold Kit close in our lives and allow them to be positively influenced to make us better parents, children, brothers, sisters, husbands, wives and better friends. I think Kit would approve of that.”

We continue to pray for Kit, and also for those who knew him and loved him.

Fr Ambrose, Jilly and Edward Mangles (O85)



Quotes from letters:

Kit was absolutely his own man and a good friend. Wenever school was getting boring, Kit was the one amongst us who knew what to say to make us all laugh ... He was a good friend and I will miss him terribly.

With all the love in my heart, I shall cherish the wondrous memories I have made with Kit. He was the

life and soul of every situation he was in, but it is wrong for anyone to think of Kit in the past, as he remains in every thought of mine – past, present and future.

I see a young, lovely, smiling Kit in my mind’s eye ... and there he will stay. Our son’s great friend and the source of so many stories ... He will

always be remembered for the last four Dunstan’s mad-cap years and by others for so many more years before.

Words cannot express how much we will miss your cheeky, charming and beautiful boy. All we can say is what a pleasure it has been to have had him in our home and our hearts for four years.

SPRING/SUMMER EVENT SUMMARY 2019

One of the fantastic results of expanding the Society's membership base in 2015 has been witnessing the increased variety of guests we have since been able to invite to our events. From recent leavers and their parents, to Oblates and Friends of Ampleforth, we have been fortunate to welcome a truly diverse range of individuals at our events; all of whom share a strong connection with Ampleforth and the Benedictine core values that it espouses. Our 2019 events programme has exemplified this phenomenon.

The 2019 Manchester Hotpot, an annual gathering of OAs in the North West which has continued for over four decades, is one such example. Once again, OA and current parent John Rylands (A73) kindly welcomed the wider Ampleforth family to the Manchester Tennis & Raquet club to catch up with old friends and also discuss how the Society's presence in Manchester could be expanded. Events such as the Manchester Hotpot and the Northern Counties Dinner are also a perfect opportunity for university students to meet and network with other Society members, thus providing several helpful contacts in their new homes.



SPOTLIGHT ON: THE 2ND ANNUAL ST LAURENCE ETHICS FORUM

The month of May also witnessed our second annual St Laurence Ethics Forum take place at the IOD in London. Following the success of our inaugural colloquium in 2018, the founder of the Forum, OA and trustee of the Ampleforth Society, Patrick Tolhurst (C99) sought to build upon last year's discussions by exploring "the Ethics of Decision Making." This year's panel of esteemed guest speakers included Dr Brian Klug, David O'Mahony and OA Brigadier Nicholas C. Perry DSO MBE (E91).

Following an introduction from Patrick, each of the speakers proceeded to discuss the theme of ethical decision making in the 21st century by referencing scenarios from their own distinguished careers.

The thoughtful conversations continued long after the official proceedings had concluded, and an enjoyable night was had by all.

"Thank you for organising this insightful evening. We were blessed with highly intelligent and extremely well-spoken speakers who reached far into the depths of morality and decision making. Well done."
OA Joe Vincent (O91)

"Totally agree, a tremendous dissection through 3 purposeful lenses, plus the added benefiting catching up with some '91 legends." OA Captain David Lowe GSC (H91)

The Society's events have also provided numerous opportunities for Old Amplefordians to share their skills and knowledge with current pupils of Ampleforth College. As featured earlier in this edition of the Diary, both the Headmaster's Lectures and the Y12 Careers Lecture Programme have witnessed many OAs share their insights into how the 'Compass for Life' instilled through their education at Ampleforth has continued to guide their actions.

Elsewhere, the Old Amplefordian Golf Day on the 5th of May offered a similar opportunity for keen golfers in the College to face off against members of the Old Amplefordian Golfing Society. Such events display a sense of

both competitiveness and comradery between OAs and current pupils, something which we hope the next Old Amplefordian Sports Day in 2020 will also showcase!

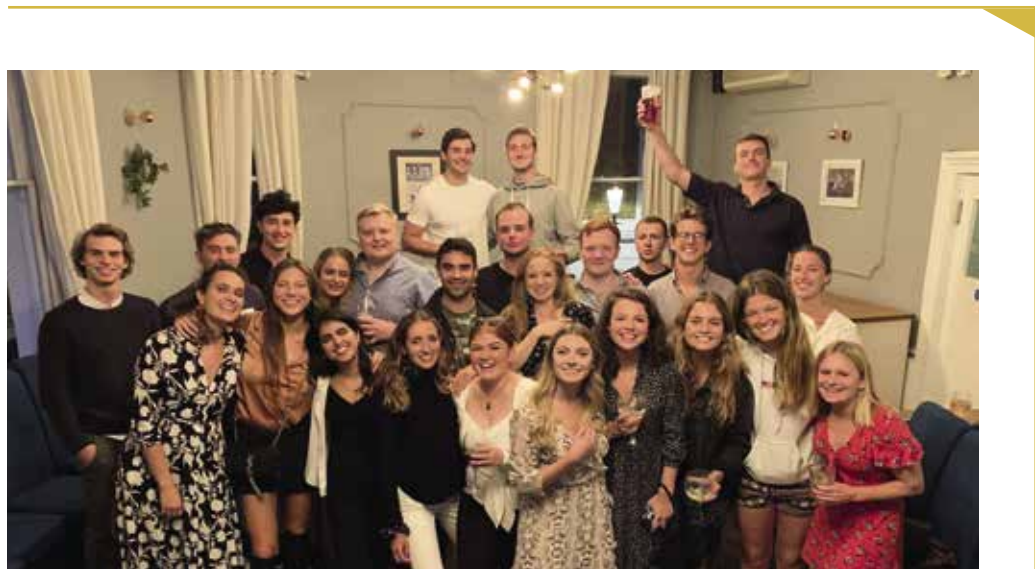
We would also like to thank our OA sports clubs for organising a number of social occasions throughout the last six months which have enabled new team members, young and old, to build their relationships with one another. Furthermore, the frequent networking events run by OA Alex Hickman

(D90) of the 'OAs in Property' group, as well as the series of social events in Hong Kong orchestrated by OA Henry Dalziel (B94) have been further testament to the keen desire of the Ampleforth Society to support one another beyond the Valley.



A number of the Society's recent events have been delivered in collaboration with St Benet's Hall, Oxford. In addition to the captivating lecture on inter-faith dialogue with Lord Alderdice at The Athenaeum Club, St Benet's also welcomed many members of the Ampleforth Society to their annual summer drinks event in Oxford. In addition, both St Benet's and the Catholic Union of Great Britain, who now share an affiliation with the Ampleforth Society, both contributed towards our panel of guest speakers at the St Laurence Ethics Forum, with Dr Brian Klug and David O'Mahony representing their respective institutions.

Our events programme has also accommodated the common suggestion that the Society should organise London pub nights for members of the Society to reunite in an informal setting, something which our recent events at The Northcote in Clapham and The Burlington Arms in Mayfair have also provided. Please do get in touch if you have any suggestions or if you would like to help host an event near you; we would be thrilled to hear from you!



SPOTLIGHT ON: OLD AMPLEFORDIAN 5 YEAR REUNION (2014 LEAVERS)

On Saturday 13th of July, OA 2014 leavers gathered at the Coopers Arms pub in London for their five-year reunion! Many people came representing all Houses to catch up and reminisce with fond memories of school, which seemed like much longer than five years now! Thanks to Will Lyon Tupman (D14) who came from Cambridge, Francois De Decker (D14) who came across from Belgium for the evening and to Sara Varela (B14) who was visiting from Chile! It was so wonderful to see friends who have blossomed since school, thriving at university and in the outside world. Catherine Cranfield has

produced a play performed at The Barbican, Cormac Spence is about to start a PhD in Neuroscience and Laura Douglas has her first term as a teacher starting in September.

Overall, it was truly special to have a group of young people in one room, laughing at good memories and united by shared values, all still following in Ampleforth's compass for life - happy, holy and hardworking! Thank you to everyone for coming and we are looking forward to the next reunion.

Freya and Tamara

SPOTLIGHT ON: AMPLEFORTH IN HONG KONG - MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

The China Club - On Monday evening we were delighted to meet with some Old Amplefordians, former parents, current and prospective parents in the sumptuous setting of The China Club. The China Club is a retro-chic and Shanghai-style club filled with contemporary Art in Hong Kong situated in the financial district. It was with complete delight that we welcomed all ages to join us for some tasty canapes and drinks and heard all about their news and career updates.

Wednesday 18th September - Sadly due to circumstances beyond our control, the race evening at the Happy Valley was cancelled and so we invited the society members who wished to to join us in the bar for a catch up. We then had a wonderful dinner out with Anthony Arthur and George Windsor (T10).

Here are some comments from some of the people who we were delighted to meet at our events. *"Thank you for the Ampleforth reception at the China Club, it is always helpful to hear news from the Valley first hand, and especially encouraging this time to hear how the new Head is settling in. The recent political situation in Hong Kong has obviously had an impact on us all, and Fr Wulstan's talk for ACTS Hong Kong focusing on 'stability' was a timely reminder of the need for calm trust amid troubled times. ACTS Hong Kong is gradually strengthening and gaining momentum, which is helped by our close association with Ampleforth and the support we receive from the school, monastic community and local OAs."*

Carla Basto Clark – Director ACTS Hong Kong – Current parent

As a former novice monk at Ampleforth (back in 1998) it is always good to connect with friends from the Valley. It was good to see Father Wulstan yet again as well as meet Dionne Saville who is doing so much for the community, for friends and former pupils. The Ampleforth gathering at the China Club was a wonderful opportunity for former pupils, parents and friends to hear about news in the valley."

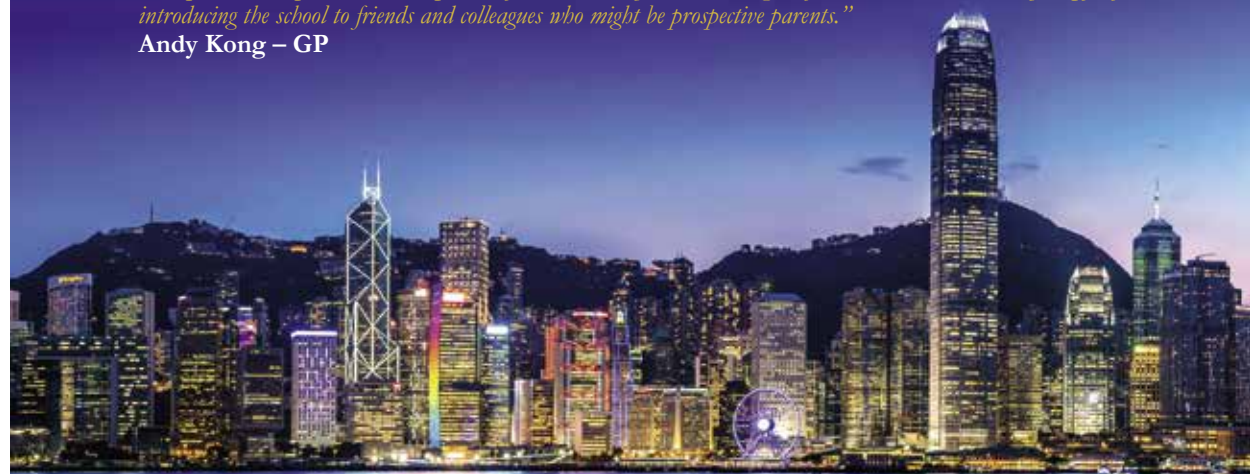
Damian Rhodes – Managing Director of FocusCore

"It is always a great pleasure to catch up with OAs from various year groups and swap stories from our time at SHAC, to hear the changes the school has gone through yet still retain key values and the camaraderie between friends, both old and new, is first-rate. To have visiting members of the staff give us an update from the Valley is an added bonus and it is great to hear that the school looks forward to brighter times ahead. It was wonderful to see new faces from the school and look forward to seeing them all again soon... fingers crossed at the races this time!"

George Windsor (T10) – Senior Associate, Sheffield Haworth

"An "Ampleforth" event always brings back fond memories of my time there. It was really nice to meet up with OAs in Hong Kong from different generations, it was also a great chance for networking. Fr Wulstan and the development team provided some updates of the monastery and the college, information which was really helpful for introducing the school to friends and colleagues who might be prospective parents."

Andy Kong – GP



UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

January

Thursday 30 London Pub Night

March

Saturday 7 Ampleforth College Open Morning
 Saturday 14 Old Amplefordian Sports Day
 Tuesday 17 Paris 'Compass for Life' Reception
 Friday 20 Manchester Hotpot
 Saturday 21 Ampleforth Schola 50th Anniversary

April

Friday 24 Y13 'Welcome to the Society' Dinner
 Tuesday 28 Malta 'Compass for Life' Reception

May

Saturday 2 Ampleforth College Open Morning
 Friday 8 Old Amplefordian Careers Event
 Thursday 14 London 'Compass for Life' Reception
 Thursday 14 Drinks reception at The Merrion Hotel, Dublin

June

TBC London Summer Drinks
 TBC Edinburgh Summer Drinks

July

TBC 1990 Leavers' Reunion

October

Saturday 10 Old Amplefordian Armed Forces Dinner
 Friday 16 – Sunday 18 Ampleforth Society Weekend

For more information and to keep up to date on new events as they are announced, please go to the Ampleforth Society website or Ampleforth Global. If you have any questions about upcoming Ampleforth Society events, please contact Bron Bury, Ampleforth Society Coordinator via societymail@ampleforth.org.uk or on 01439 766884.

OA News

WITEK RADWANSKI (J77)

Anyone who knew Witek Radwanski at Ampleforth would have been aware of his deep passion for his Motherland, and his desire to see a free and independent Poland. He came from a long line of distinguished soldiers and activists fighting the cause of Polish nationhood. His father was a war-time resistance fighter who was liberated from a concentration camp at the end of the Second World War. The Soviet imposed communist regime in Poland prevented him from returning home and forced him into exile. Witek's mother as a child had been deported to Siberia by the Russians at the beginning of the war but was subsequently able to get out, initially to a Polish refugee camp in India and then on to the UK.



After gaining a first-class degree in International Relations from Sussex University and a Masters from Johns Hopkins University in Italy, Witek spent several years of the 80's dedicating himself to bringing about political change in communist and Soviet dominated Poland. Working

as an economics journalist and business consultant, he became an important cog in the running of an underground network of dissident resistance leaders in

Poland and elsewhere in the Soviet bloc. He organised several smuggling operations from the UK, France and Austria providing the network with funds, printing equipment, anti-surveillance

devices, miniature cameras, banned literature and other things needed for underground operations. Avoiding his clandestine activities and movements from being monitored by the security services, he made numerous trips to Poland as a courier and to coordinate underground activities. He became the foreign representative of the first underground independent photographic agency in the Soviet bloc, documenting martial law, regime repression and resistance activities.

The struggle was ultimately successful. In summer 1989, Poland held the first free elections of any country behind the Iron Curtain and the

communist government was toppled. The Berlin Wall fell a few months later and with it the power of the Soviet empire. This change had been brought about by the organised resistance of society and importantly, by non-violent means. In 1990 Witek was able to return to a free Poland with his wife Mary, and has stayed ever since, raising three sons and enjoying a successful business career.

Although his activities were done in anonymity and secrecy, in 2018, on the centenary of the re-establishment of Poland as a sovereign state after the First World War, Witek's past unexpectedly caught up with him. After a thorough review, his exploits in the 80's were properly recognised and he was awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of the Rebirth of Poland (Polonia Restituta). With links to the ancient Order of the Knights of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, this is Poland's second highest honour available to civilians after the rare Order of the White Eagle. It's awarded for 'extraordinary and distinguished service' and was presented to him by the President of Poland.

"The honour was awarded to me for doing 'my duty' all those years ago," writes Witek, "but personally I consider it a recognition for all the members of my family, past, present and maybe future, who took action, persevered, suffered or sacrificed their lives for Polish freedom."



LUKE SANDERS (C87)

On 26th January 2019, I was still feeling rather post-Christmas and considering that some form of mild exercise would be a good idea when an email arrived from Simon Fennell (C87) which was also sent to Chris Seilern (C87) and Toby Gibson (E87). I skimmed the email: '...mid-life crisis....Alps....St Moritz.... July 27th....Davos T88'. A stroll through alpine wildflower meadows sounded like a perfect remedy for my seasonal excesses and so I gratefully accepted Simon's kind invitation.

Turned out the T88 was an 'Irontrail Challenge' from St Moritz to Davos. 85 km, 3640m up and 3877m down. Oops. Anyway, my old friends are an optimistic bunch and promised to get me round and I thought it might be rather fun.

We had some splendid training weekends capped by a lovely

stay with Chris in Switzerland in early June. Lauenen is a stunning place and it was wonderful for the four of us to catch up. Sadly, Chris had picked up a knee injury and was unable to continue to train with us. That did not stop him from recommending a training route on his home range which was unreasonably steep and difficult!

And so, on 27th July 2019, we had to catch an unspeakably early train from Davos to St Moritz. Then at 6am, we left St Moritz and set off for Davos. The Alps are truly beautiful in the summer and once one is above 2000m the temperature becomes bearable. The mountains are, however, larger than one thinks if you have only ever slid down them on skis or been mechanically lifted up them. After a very long morning we managed to get to a late lunch at a place called Bergun (about half way) at 2 pm. A bowl of rather dull pasta and tomato sauce and off we set again. Then we discovered that Bergun is rather low and the Sertigpass is rather high. For six and a half hours we climbed and climbed and climbed. We arrived at the pass at 8.30pm which gave us an hour of daylight to climb down the very steep scree at the top of the other side. The gentler downhill path to Davos then dragged on and on and on.

My head-torch batteries were flat but good old Tobes had some spares. I then twisted my ankle for the twelfth time that day but this time it was different. Ten miles out and I really could only hobble. That is when you need old school friends who are rock solid. Not just physically but also emotionally supportive, confident, careful, kind, funny and beyond stamina. I shall always remember thinking we were nearly home and seeing a sign: '4km to go'. I had a meltdown...4 more bloody km...I can't... In the last couple of miles I said 'Get yourselves to the finish chaps; I will get a taxi'. No they both replied: 'We will get you round'. A mile out from the finish and I started to lose my balance. Simon pulled my right arm over his shoulder and Tobes my left. As we entered Davos, we met great cheers from the crowds outside the pubs. Then an Athletics track with the finish on the far side; more cheering supporters. Finally, after 17hours and 53minutes it was over. Our position was 237/500.

Some advice: Read emails carefully but if you are silly enough to get roped into one of these type of events do it with some good SHAC lads. They will get you round!



HENRY FITZHERBERT (E90)

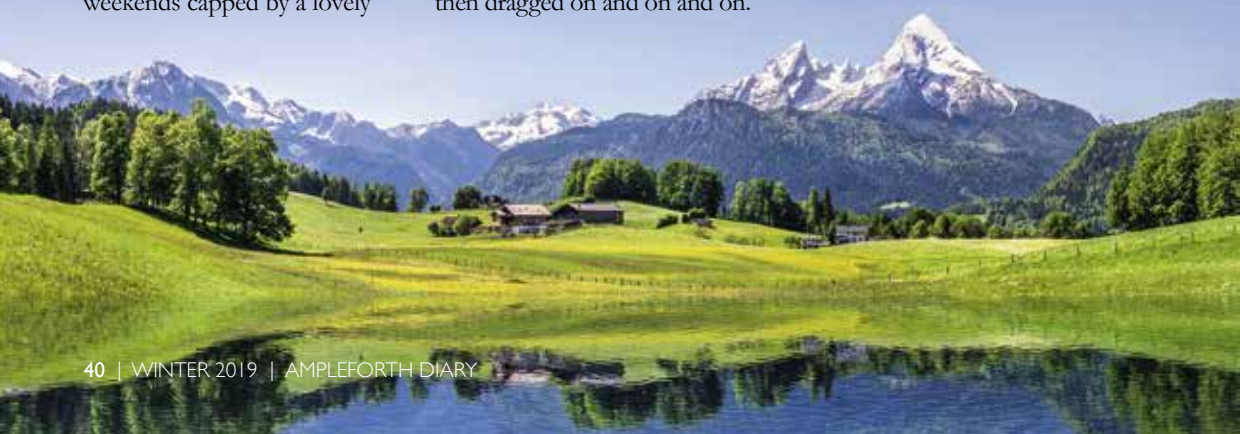
I left Ampleforth in 1990 with dreams of becoming a journalist after publishing my own magazine at school, Outlook. However, my passion lay in film, it just never occurred to me as a remotely plausible career. At Ampleforth, I was President of the Ampleforth Film Society (AFS) overseen by Fr Stephen and at weekends I would rent videos for St Edwards House from the Haxby Video Van.

Managing to combine my journalistic and film interests I became film critic of the Sunday Express in my early 20s and almost immediately began writing scripts. So many of the films I reviewed were rubbish, I wondered: how

hard could it be? Truth is, I thought I was going to be an overnight success. Little did I know it would be 18 years before that would happen.

Then finally in the summer of 2017 the stars aligned, and I had two movies go into production at once. This included a \$20 million historical drama entitled Born A King: a remarkable true story about 14-year-old Prince Faisal who in 1919 is dispatched from the deserts of Arabia to London by his warrior father on a high-stakes diplomatic mission. Directly by the acclaimed Spanish filmmaker Agustí Villaronga, the film recently opened at number one at the box office

across the Gulf and Middle East, enjoying wonderful reviews. Please do take a moment to watch this film and keep an eye out for my next project!





SPORT

OLD AMPLEFORDIAN CRICKET CLUB

The Old Amplefordian Cricket Club has a long history that stretches back to the 1890s. The Club now has arguably the most attractive fixture list of any of the old boys' cricket clubs. In total it plays between 20 and 25 matches a season and are hosted at some of the most well-known grounds in the south of England, including Burton Court, the Hurlingham Club, and Frogmore in the grounds of Windsor Castle. The Club toured Grenada in May 2017 and were hosted by Nigel Slinger (A54). There are embryonic talks of a potential tour to Trinidad and Tobago in the next couple of years.

The Club tour Kent every year in the first week of August which is one of the highlights of the seasons and have been doing so since 1951. The grounds include Sutton Valence and the Nevill Ground in Tunbridge Wells where Kent play one first class match a year. The Tour provides

evenings of team bonding and visits to local watering holes, the favourite being the Beau Nash Tavern. More recently the Tour has been key for encouraging new players to join the Club with most tourists being in their twenties.

The standard of cricket played is excellent. Whilst the club cannot boast to have any first-class players in their ranks, it often comes up against a few from other sides.

The 2019 season has been one of our most successful in recent years. The Club has won 10 fixtures for the first time ever and on top of that we were joint winners in the Emeriti Phillips Cup, organised by our chairman Seb Phillips (C00). The club also won its first round in the Cricketer Cup against Stowe Templars for the first time in a long time. Unfortunately Old Tonbridgians proved to be too strong in the second round.

The Club play Ampleforth's 1st and 2nd XIs on the Saturday at Exhibition and this is the perfect opportunity for players at the school to sign up. There is also a fixture against the Yorkshire Gentlemen on the Sunday. The Club had a successful weekend this year beating the 1st XI and the Yorkshire Gentlemen but coming up short against the 2nd XI. There have been some other notable victories this year against the Guards and the Staffordshire Gentlemen but the highlights after the Cricketer Cup and Emeriti Phillips Cup, were beating the Old Priorians for the first time and Eton Ramblers for the first time in many a year. A strong finish to the season with four wins on the bounce was a great achievement.

Away from the cricket, the Club have an annual fixture against the Old Amplefordian Gold Society at Woking Golf Club and there are end of season drinks after the Hurlingham fixture.

The Club are constantly looking to strengthen the playing base and would encourage any keen cricketers especially those at the school to get in touch. For further details, please contact Ed Willis (EW07), Honourable Secretary, at edwillis159@hotmail.com, Patrick Faulkner (H11), Membership Secretary, at patrickfaulkner92@hotmail.com or Seb Phillips (C00), Chairman, at phillips.seb@gmail.com.

"The 2019 season has been one of our most successful in recent years."





OLD AMPLEFORDIAN RUGBY CLUB

The 2018/2019 season was a transitional season for the Old Amplefordian Rugby Club as we started to say goodbye to a number of long term club members and welcomed a fresh new batch of players. Unfortunately, we struggled to gel in the first half of the season and found ourselves coming into 2019 with no league points which resulted in us being relegated into the Surrey 2 league. However, we found much better form at the back end of the season and have started to build a strong group of young players who are looking forward to the season to come.

Following our influx of new faces and an ambition to enjoy some extended off-pitch team bonding, coupled with the general desire to escape Clapham/Fulham for a weekend, the club decided it was time for a tour. As the OARFC had not been on tour in 5 years, since the 2014 tour to Madrid, there was no shortage of support and so a committee led by Will Theile (C12) set about creating the itinerary.

And so it was that over the May bank holiday a team of 14 OARFC players and 3 travelling supporters spent a long weekend in Amsterdam.

FRIDAY EVENING

Tour began at exactly 9:00pm on Friday evening, as explained in the incredibly detailed 18 page tour handbook, and everyone was responsible for making their own way to Amsterdam. The slightly more organised club members enjoyed a civilised trip on the Eurostar whilst the rest of us found ourselves crammed into last minute seats on a variety of budget airlines.

After our initial rendezvous at the AirBnB and quick brief on the plan for the next few days we dumped our bags and set out into the night to find a couple of quiet beers.

SATURDAY

I think it's fair to say that 9am crept up a little quicker than we all expected. The team forced down a quick breakfast and headed out of the door for the main event of tour, the game. After a ferry, a train and a taxi we found ourselves at the Rotterdam Rugby Football Club stood on the side of their brilliant 4G pitch, warming up for what proved to be a real battle of attrition.

The game was made up of three 25 minute thirds with rolling subs to allow for the heat and headaches. Rotterdam very kindly lent us a player to make a full 15 and we were underway. The game itself was hard fought and was probably best described as direct, with few balls finding the wing and a lot of heavy upfront running. It was by no means pretty but some true Amplefordian grit saw the OARFC winning the game 24-12 at full time.

After a couple of photos and a shower we spent the afternoon and evening at the RRFC clubhouse with the team who hosted us fantastically. Following our game there was a game between the RRFC women's team the "Rotterdames" and a touring women's team from Barnes RFC which provided excellent entertainment alongside a few hymns lead by our tour Choir Master Digby Walker (T11).



Following the women's game all the teams were treated to a feast of a barbecue to line our stomachs for an afternoon of games and competitions. However, before any of this could take place the entire group observed 2 minutes silence followed by some short prayers in remembrance of the Dutch Liberation Day on the 5th of May 1945.

The rest of the afternoon was spent with at the RRFC clubhouse before moving into Rotterdam to continue the festivities at a local bar. The only slight glitch in planning during the tour occurred on the train ride back from Rotterdam where we had purchased the wrong tickets but this was sorted quickly and gave everyone a chance to get a well earned bit of fast food.

SUNDAY

Following a great Saturday there was no time to sleep, we had another early morning on Sunday as the tour court session began at 10am and was not something anyone wanted to be late for. Court was lead by Lord Justice Jamie Reid (O11). 3 hours and a few fines later he deemed justice had been served and the team had a couple of hours of free time before meeting at the Amsterdam Central Station for a boat tour.

We were ensured Amsterdam is best viewed from its' canals and that booking a two hour trip with a guide in a beautiful boat would be the best way to learn about its wonderful history but in all honesty the team were fairly distracted by the open bar. The sun was shining and the team were in high spirits as glided around the canals and it seemed the perfect time for some more singing. Our boat trip was rounded off by our two resident Kiwis, Joel Bottica and Coel Mahoney, performing an outstanding Haka to fire everyone up for the pub crawl.

After we had re-found our legs we headed into town for a pub crawl around the centre of town to see a few more of the sights we may have missed on the canal tour. The crawl was a success and the team continued into the evening sampling a wide variety of Amsterdam's various watering holes before heading home in drips and drabs.

MONDAY

The AirBnB resembled a bomb sight when we woke up on Monday morning after a long Sunday and even longer weekend. It was quiet as the boys found all of their kit, packed bags and tidied up. We had had a great tour but by Monday morning everyone was ready to get back to London and nurse their heads before work on Tuesday.

FINAL PLUG

The tour was a great success and something we are looking to do a lot more regularly in the future alongside the variety of other social events the club runs. To add to the excitement we are getting a new set of kit and as always looking for any new exciting sponsors.

The OARFC is an inclusive club and we are looking to get as many new players down as possible so if you are reading this and want to get involved in the club please don't hesitate to contact us. Whether it be for the odd game while you are in London, a full season or to simply join our Chairman John Dick (O77) and all our loyal supporters on the sideline for a couple of beers.

If you want to get in touch and find out more information about the club, feel free to contact the Club via their website or through their Facebook or Instagram pages.

Ben Pearce (EW12)

AMPLEFORTH GLOBAL

Ampleforth Global is now live! Join over 700 members of the Society on this exciting platform, exclusive to members of the Ampleforth Society, and begin utilising its array of fantastic features:

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- share exciting news with the wider Ampleforth family
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Please note: If you are downloading the app for IOS devices, please download Graduway Community and then select Ampleforth Global.



Great Taste

We are delighted to share that both Ampleforth Abbey's premium cider and apple juice received great praise at the 2019 Great Taste Awards.

Our wonderful Apple Juice was awarded 3 stars, with one judge describing the juice as "utterly gorgeous." With this award, Ampleforth becomes the only entrant to be awarded 3 stars in the fruit juice class this year.



Our apple juice received an array of other great feedback:

"Oh my Gosh...that apple juice is utterly gorgeous. A nose of intensity. Apple freshness and zing flooding into your mouth and filling it with fruit and acidity at absolutely the right level. Hairs up on the back of our necks deliciousness. One judge was trying to lick out the little glass. Even the smallest drop had the juice's integrity in it."

"Good cloudy appearance with a good apple aroma. Sweet to drink with good sharpness to give a good flavour balance. A fresh apple flavour."

"Deeply fresh and aromatic aroma with a beautiful natural looking golden colour with a pink hue. Freshly picked, green notes with authentic orchard flavours. Mouth tingling and mouth watering with brisk apply length."

"Attractive colour producing a clean fresh aroma. The flavour is complex giving an excellent balance between the dryness and sweetness, giving a fresh clean refreshing juice."

Elsewhere, our premium was also awarded 1 star and received similar high praise:

"Mid yellow-gold, gleaming, slightly sparkling cider. Surprising slight apple notes on a shy nose. Heat from the alcohol at first taste and then at the end of a less bold than expected flavour. Quite palatable for 8% but strangely indistinct. The flavour doesn't develop and the product needs to be better integrated."

"Golden straw colour with light effervescence. This is a well-rounded, smooth cider which moves from a sharp and dry mouthfeel to warmth, honey filtering through. Nicely balanced and refreshing."

"A lovely apple nose, strong and feisty. This is also a feisty cider on flavour and strength. Deep apple notes, well balanced tannin and sweetness. Elements of sourness weave through the flavour. This is a very enjoyable cider with a complexity we enjoyed. Outstanding."

"A lovely golden colour with an enticing aroma of earthy, woody apples. The flavour was really well-balanced between its sweetness and acidity, with wheelbarrows of apple character, clean over all taste and very moreish. Quite a clever balance in this cider. Very refreshing and characterful."

Congratulations Tim and Steven! Why not head to our website or call by the Abbey Shop to purchase some of our orchard's wonderful produce.

Announcements

Old Amplefordian Births

.....2019.....

18th March, Emma and Piers Osborne (J04) a daughter, Ophelia Ethel Florence
5th May, Alexandra and Jamie Lesinski (J03) a son, Max Christopher Gerald
1st June, Michelle and Roger Harle (C01), a son Rafferty Michael Robert
25th August, Sophie nee Ryan (A09) and Nicholas Hirsch, a daughter, Otilie Alexandra Briony
21st September, Georgina and Angus Bailey (T07) a daughter, Coco Nancy Quinn Bailey
18th November 2018, Clare and Andrew McMahon (J00) a daughter, Hettie Matilda

Old Amplefordian Marriages

.....2018.....

20th September, Oliver Wiley (B91) to Christine Wisniewski

.....2019.....

9th January, Simon Irvine-Fortescue (O07) to Clare Power
27th April, Oliver Micklem (O09) to Alexa Jackson
4th May, Julian Adamson (B04) to Rocio Romero Luna de Toledo
25th May, James Venning (B06) to Adrienne Knapp
15th June, Luke Codrington (EW05) to Augusta Maier
20th July, Sarah Coghlan (M07) to Henry Butt

Old Amplefordian Deaths

.....2019.....

On 24th February, Peter Liston (O46)
On 12th March, Patrick Hickey (A41)
On 13th April, Michael O'Kelly (C45)
On 23rd April, His Royal Highness Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg (A38)
On 23rd April, John (Jack) Eyston (E52)
On 28th April, Sacha Lourenco (O93)
On 13th May, James Chancellor (D78)
On 16th May, Peter Watkins (B54)
On 16th June, William Macauley (O70)
On 21st June, Sean Sellars (O55)
On 28th June, Tony Sutton (O40)
On 28th June, Martin Morton (B50)
On 30th June, Patrick Morreau (B52)
On 3rd July, Michael Barry (H60)

On 23rd July, Sir Patrick Sheehy (B48)
On 31st July, Lt Col Robert Campbell (C46)
On 6th August, Patrick Anderson (O68)
On 23rd August, Henry Buckmaster (C73)
On 27th September 2019, Anthony Ryan (A51)
On 28th September 2019, Canon Anthony Griffiths (A43)
On 7th October Francis (Frank) Williams (O69)
On 20th October Timothy Dewey (T54)
On 10th November, Oliver Miles (D54)
On 11th November, Nik Powell (O67)
On 11th November 2019, Edward Cullinan (C49)
On 15th November 2019, Anthony Corley (E52)
On 21st November 2019, Anthony Chambers (C61)
On 23rd of November The Very Reverend Dom Leo Chamberlain (A58)

Ampleforth Community, Parent and Friend Deaths

.....2019.....

24th March, Thomas Mullen (Ampleforth Parent)
26th March, Judith Hind (Ampleforth Parent)
8th April, The Reverend Dom Cyprian Smith (Monk)
9th April, Margaret Hunt (Ampleforth Parent)
14th May, John Martin (Ampleforth Parent)
18th May, Sir Timothy Kitson (Ampleforth Parent)
12th June, Jean Mara (Friend)
30th May, Richard Beale (Friend)
19th May, Joan Hain (Friend)
1st September, Dr Joseph Bozzino (Ampleforth Parent)
17th September, Graham Sasse (Former Staff and Former Parent)
12th September, Christopher Brooks (Ampleforth Parent)
4th October, Peter Ticehurst (Ampleforth Parent)
10th October, Nora Coltman (Mother of Fr Terence)
31st October 2019, Monique Kinsky, mother of Cyril Kinsky (E71)

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If you have an announcement to add to the Ampleforth Society website and the *Ampleforth Diary*, please email Jane.Pillow@ampleforth.org.uk.



→ SHOP MOVE

Come and See“ – John 1:39: this could not be more appropriate for the new Abbey Shop. We have received some fantastic feedback from our visitors so far. There is now a separate ‘Book Nook’ with seating for those wishing to spend a while choosing books; this quiet area has been very well received. It was in this area where I decided to look up ‘change’ in the concordance of a Bible, Psalm 46:2 says ‘Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change’ NRSV.

Of course, the thought of moving the shop was very daunting; behind the scenes we have also moved office and storerooms. Don’t forget that we also have the online shop: <https://abbeyshop.ampleforth.org.uk>

OAs particularly like the ties, see the leavers bow tie newly available on line; and the Ampleforth crested fabric cushions a bespoke version will shortly

be installed in the library due to a very generous benefactor.

We are really looking forward to welcoming customers old and new to the Abbey Shop; our location is now opposite the Tea Room across the Bell Passage corridor.

Georgina Peirson,
Abbey Shop Manager





AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE

OPEN MORNINGS

Saturday 7th March & Saturday 2nd May



*Meet the students,
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of the campus and
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Anna Ogden, Old Amplefordian



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