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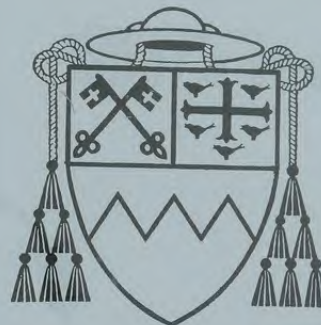
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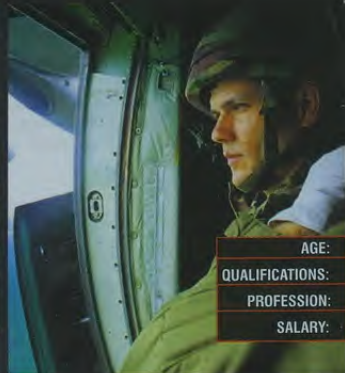
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'A GLANCE BACK' AND 'WHITHER TOMORROW?'

ABBOT CUTHBERT MADDEN OSB

Three years ago, in 2002, the monastic community of St Laurence and its friends celebrated the bicentenary of its arrival at Ampleforth. Two years from now, the brethren will commemorate another milestone, the fourth centenary of the arrival of the first monks at Dieulouard, in Alsace-Lorraine, to form the community of St Laurence the Martyr. It is an appropriate moment, then, to look back towards the origins of that Community and its aspirations and to look forward to the largely unknown future.

The precise reasons why a particular group of monks should have come together to form a community in north-east France are lost in the distant mists of history. We do know for certain that England had a rich monastic history and even in those early penal times there were English Catholics who desired to live the monastic life. They found themselves in various monasteries on the European continent – in Spain and in the newly-reformed monasteries of Italy in particular. We may guess also that among them were some who were well aware of the influential role of monks – Cuthbert, Columba and Aidan in the north, Augustine and his brethren in the south – in planting Christianity among the people of this land. In their monasteries, some of these monks longed to return to their native land to plant anew the seeds of the Catholic faith and, perhaps, to plant the first seeds of a renewed English monasticism.

In the early years of the seventeenth century, groups of such monk-missioners were formed at Douai in Flanders (St Gregory's, now Downside), Dieulouard (St Laurence's) and Paris (St Edmund's, later at Douai and now at Woolhampton, Berkshire). From these continental monasteries a steady flow of monks returned to England to work among the remaining Catholics and to draw others into the fold of Peter.

Each of these communities developed a school both to educate the sons of the gentry who were able to afford to send their sons abroad to receive a Catholic education and also to prepare men to enter the monastery and later be ordained to go on the missions. The school at Dieulouard was not the large institution we know today; in fact, it was a very small affair essentially for the education of monks. It continued to serve that purpose until 1793, in the aftermath of the French Revolution, the community of St Laurence was ejected from France, losing almost everything it possessed. After 10 years of wandering from place to place, the tiny community of three monks eventually found a home in Ampleforth Lodge and settled down to the now traditional business of educating boys and forming a centre in which some sort of monastic life could go on. Eventually, monk-missioners were sent out from Ampleforth Lodge to what were slowly becoming parishes.

This is not the place in which to give an exhaustive history of the monastery of St Laurence – that has already been done admirably in a number of publications. But it is appropriate to remind ourselves that the work of educating young people and serving the needs of the English mission are deeply traditional in our Congregation and have been for centuries. Although the demands of the educational and missionary apostolates create tensions within the monastic life and observance, these tensions have been present for 400 years and, if managed carefully, can indeed be a source of vigorous life for our Community.

A glance back at numbers provides an interesting snapshot of development. In

1957, two years after the Laurentians made their foundation in St Louis, Missouri, the Community numbered 145 monks serving in three schools, 28 parishes, St Benet's Hall and a new foundation. Today, the Community numbers 89 monks serving in two schools, 17 parishes, St Benet's Hall and a new foundation (Monte Cassino, Zimbabwe). The numbers speak for themselves and at the start of this, a new abbacy, it is essential that the Community takes a careful look at the demands being made of it and how best it should face the future.

I think it goes without saying that the world of 1957 was very different to the world we encounter today. Twelve years after the Second World War, rationing was at an end and people in England and Europe were beginning to taste the benefits of the industrial reconstruction which had taken place following the second terrible war of the 20th century. In many respects, it was a simpler and more orderly world than the one we encounter today. In the Church, Pope Pius XII was still gloriously reigning and English Catholicism was increasingly filled with a new confidence in itself and in the future. Churches were well filled and there seemed to be no shortage of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

This apparently well-ordered time was followed by the political and cultural tumult of the 1960s and it is not surprising that the rapid changes in the world outside had their effect upon *all* religious denominations. Many of you, like me, will remember this unsettling period when anything to do with the Establishment was called into question, but also the hopes for the future that were expressed in the 1960s and 1970s. However, in these years, the number of men joining the monastery greatly diminished, and in particular the steady stream of boys from the school into the monastery dried up, and consequently the scope of our involvement both in our schools and in our parishes was curtailed.

Now, in 2006, Ampleforth finds itself in a new situation: the headmaster of the school was not educated in the College; the Abbot of the monastery was educated at a local comprehensive in Stevenage and did not enter the monastery until he was 29. About half the Community are Ampleforth-educated, with the other half coming from a wide variety of backgrounds and other life experiences. What are we to make of these changes and where will they lead?

I think it is clear enough that this Abbot will need to guide the brethren through a careful re-evaluation of the various works we undertake and the way in which we do so. Many of you, Old Amplefordians and friends of the Community, have already seen many changes in the way we do things and I expect that there will be more changes in the future. But any changes will be, I hope, well-judged and well-planned, seeking above all to strengthen the Community for the future.

Whither tomorrow? That is difficult to say with any certainty, because the future does not lie entirely in our own hands. God's providence and the works of man will have their own part to play in determining our future, but my expectation is that we shall seek to shape and give direction to the changes already afoot in our society.

First and foremost, it is essential that the brethren work together to strengthen the resident Community. Monastic life depends on having a strong resident Community committed to the Liturgy of the Hours in the monastic choir – what St Benedict calls the *Opus Dei* – and the common life as it is described in the Acts of the Apostles and the *Rule* of our Holy Father. This resident Community must find ways to support itself through a number of worthwhile works, even though we are well aware that historically monastic communities have to a greater or lesser

extent depended on the generosity of benefactors. I find it hard to imagine that one of these works will not include the education of young men and women – for as long as our numbers and the political situation make this possible. Indeed, I would go further and say that one of my dearest wishes would be to find myself in a position to be able to extend the scope of our educational apostolate, but only in so far as our resources will allow. It is critical, in my view, that the education experience we offer should be deeply and distinctively imbued with the values of the Gospel and the *Rule of St Benedict* which gives a particular 'shape' or 'flavour' to the Gospel way of life. In our educational apostolate, we seek to enable young people to reach their full academic potential and at the same time we also seek to impart to them the values of community living, so that in their life after school they are not concerned simply with their own material success, but also with the well-being of those with whom they share their lives. We would hope to play some part in acting as a leaven in society, helping to produce a better, more God-centred world.

It is also my view that we still have some part to play in the mission to the English people. Quite what shape this mission will take, it is difficult to say. In many of the dioceses in which we presently serve, there is a radical re-shaping of the parochial apostolate and it is inconceivable that we, as a Community, will not be affected by these changes. The reduction in active manpower, which is a clear catalyst for change in many dioceses, impacts on Ampleforth, too, and so we must respond mindful of our own changing circumstances too. At the same time I would have to say that it would be most unfortunate for the Community and detrimental to its well-being if we did not have a wider view of life than what happens in the Holbeck valley in North Yorkshire. As a Community we have sought always to be responsive to the needs of the Catholic Church in this land and I, as Abbot, have already been consulting with the bishops in whose dioceses we work in order to discern what part they hope we will play.

It is clear, I think, that we cannot look towards the future in 2007 in the same way our predecessors looked forward in 1957. Then an optimistic Community was still growing, following the dearth of vocations during the war years. Today, it is easy to look back towards some sort of 'golden era' and become downcast. I wonder, however, whether the past was as 'golden' as we sometimes perceive it. An examination of history suggests that for most of our past the Community of St Laurence was a comparatively small one – the increase in numbers only really occurred in the years following the First World War and culminated with a 'bulge' in the 1950s, a 'bulge' in numbers experienced by nearly all the religious Orders and dioceses. Now we are settling back to our more usual size. But the decline in numbers does mean that in all our various works we need to take stock of what we are doing and how we are doing it. In the past, it was easy to imagine that we had sufficient talent within the Community to be able to do almost anything, with all the necessary expertise 'on tap'. Now we find ourselves as a Community richly endowed with a variety of talented monks, whose energies and desire to serve must be channelled creatively before they are dissipated by overwork.

Let us focus for a moment on the school. At the beginning of the last century, when the school was perhaps 120 strong, it was perfectly possible for the small resident Community to be intensely involved there and provide for all or most of its educational and pastoral needs. As the school and resident Community grew, this situation continued. Lay men and women were employed first of all to fill the gaps

where there were no suitable monks who could teach, but now the situation is very different. In order to be successful in providing a well-taught and varied curriculum, the school needs to be of a certain size, with the majority of teaching staff being well-qualified lay people. It is clear that if our school is going to continue to be successful there must be a thoroughly professional partnership between the Community and lay staff. It is also clear that in areas of governance and professional advice we must seek the help of well-qualified lay experts. At the same time, however, if our school is not to become just another independent school educating young people as best it can, the monks must make their own distinctive and irreplaceable contribution by sharing the riches of the monastic tradition with students, parents, teachers and other lay staff. It is difficult to see how we can be a Benedictine school if monks are not visible within the life of the school on a day-to-day basis.

I believe that the same is true in all our works. Whilst it is clear that as a Community we need to work with our friends and supporters, it is equally clear that we must ensure that our influence does not become so diluted as to have entirely lost its savour. This means that over the coming years the Community must undertake a discernment process in order that we may carefully judge from which areas of its work we must withdraw in order to do what remains to the best of our ability. I think that we would prefer to have a smaller number of well-run parishes with precious resources concentrated within them rather than a large number of brethren unable to make any distinctive contribution because the demands made on them are too great. By the same token I would prefer to see a well-run and well-staffed Christian Theology department in the school containing a number of good monks, together with an influential school chaplaincy, rather than seeing monks scattered in isolated or different parts of our schools unable to make a distinctive contribution. The challenge, which you can see, is to plan for the future and then communicate that vision to all those with whom we work. Change is always difficult: well-communicated change is possible and even desirable.

ST BENEDICT OF NURSIA

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A paper delivered to the Chevotagne Group, May 2005

It is a privilege for me to be celebrating the memory of a saint who is revered in the monastic traditions of both East and West. Indeed, he is in a special way the bridge between our two traditions, since his achievement was to translate the style and teaching of Anthony, of Pachomius, of Evagrius, of Basil into a form of monastic life which became accessible and attractive to Western society during a period of political turbulence and change.

Perhaps we Western monks and nuns may give the impression of being too 'uniform', of relying too much on the influence of one monastic saint. There is, after all, a certain Roman instinct to unify and to legislate from the centre. But we monks are clever people. You will notice that our habits are in some ways the same but in other ways different. We share the tradition of St Benedict, but we live it in many different ways. Although we belong to what we call 'orders' and 'congregations', some of them national, some of them international, we still value what we learned from you in the East many centuries ago – our independence from central control, what we call our 'autonomy'.

The English Congregation, within the Benedictine Order, to which I belong is the only one which has preserved the ancient hood of the Spanish monks – what we call our 'elephant's ears'. You will know that elephants are famous for their long memories, and what I want to do today is to celebrate the long memory which takes us back to Benedict and, beyond him, to the great monastic founders who were his inspiration.

Before talking about Benedict himself, I ask one simple question: Why has the influence of Benedict been so dominant and so enduring in the West? The question may be simple, but the answer is complex.

Benedict was born somewhere around the year 480, and died 60 or 70 years later. He lived at a time when there were many founding abbots in Western Europe, each of whom drew up a rule, a style of life, for his own monastery. All of them were based broadly on what had been learned from travels in the East. So *the Rule of Benedict* was one among many, and it was not until much later (perhaps 100 years or more) that it became widely known and accepted. The influence of the desert fathers, of Athanasius's *Life of Anthony*, of Pachomius, of Basil, was being widely spread in different ways.

There was also, in what is now called France, the growing influence of St Martin of Tours, of the monastery of Lérins founded by St Honoratus (who had learned his monasticism in Greece). Other powerful inspirations came from Roman Africa through the tradition founded by St Augustine, and from Britain and Ireland through the strong ascetical practices of the Celtic monks and their foundations in Gaul. For a long time the figure of the Celtic St Columbanus was far more widely revered than Benedict.

It was into this very varied monastic world that the influence of Benedict gradually spread, but in the end it was as a result of the wider political situation that *the Rule of Benedict* became the dominant force in Western Monasticism. After centuries of instability and violence, which had led, amongst other things, to the destruction of Benedict's monastery at Monte Cassino not long after his death, the new Holy Roman Empire was established under the Emperor Charlemagne at the

beginning of the ninth century, and it was the Emperor's centralising power which imposed the *Rule of Benedict* as the official rule for all monasteries.

However, it is clear that, even before this political intervention, the influence of Benedict was already widely established. There had been two main reasons for this. The first was the intrinsic quality of the Rule itself, and the second was the growing cult of the saint himself as a result of the story of his life which was widely circulated more than a century after his death. These two factors, the Rule and the life, are in some ways separate, but in others complementary.

The *Rule of Benedict* is remarkable mainly because it represents a bridge between the heroic idealism of the desert fathers and the not very heroic temperament of the candidates for monastic life who were now offering themselves in the West, in great numbers, at a time of social confusion. Benedict may have started his own monastic life in a very heroic way as a hermit, but his encounter with the realities of cenobitic life turned him into a man of pragmatism and moderation. As an abbot, he realised that he was dealing with sinners, not saints; he speaks of the monastery more as a hospital than as a paradise. I shall return to this theme later. At this point I must refer to the particular influence that helped him to be what I have called a bridge between East and West.

Benedict himself never travelled in the East or anywhere in particular. He was very much a Roman. But the source that influenced him most was different. John Cassian was born about a century before Benedict. Although he lived all of his later life in Gaul, and founded two monasteries, one for men and one for women, in the area of what is now Marseilles, he was born in the Balkans, where he learned both Latin and Greek. As a young man, he became inspired by the monastic ideal, and travelled, first to Bethlehem and then to Egypt and Constantinople where he learned the wisdom of the great solitaries, in particular of Evagrius. Around the year 400, he was in Constantinople, and was ordained deacon by St John Chrysostom. He subsequently returned to Gaul, where he founded his monasteries and wrote the Institutes and Conferences, which became, along with the writings of Basil, the decisive influence on Benedict. It is significant that Benedict in the last chapter of his Rule, in which he refers his monks to the sources from which he has drawn his doctrine, does not specifically mention Cassian. He takes him for granted. He does, however, mention Basil, and it is evident that his own emphasis on the centrality of the cenobitic life relies heavily on the Pachomian tradition that was so warmly embraced by Basil.

It is worth commenting on the emphasis placed by Benedict on reading and on *lectio divina*. This emphasis on the centrality of Scripture and of the Fathers had an ascetic rather than a cultural intention. At a time of social instability, however, it coincided both with the Eastern and with the Celtic insistence on the importance of reading and of learning, and led to the huge influence of the monasteries in the cultural and civic development of Western Europe. One of Benedict's contemporaries in Italy, Cassiodorus, was in fact more of a librarian than a monk: his main wish, at a time of social disintegration, was to found a sacred university rather than a monastery. The monasteries, and their libraries, became both the preservers of old civilisations (both sacred and secular) and the focus of a new one. In my own country, many of our modern cities were first built around monasteries. The monastic movement in the West was paradoxical: it started by fleeing from the city into the desert, and ended by turning the desert into cities. In Germany, at the time of Boniface's mission, there were no cities and no bishops, and the monastic

foundations at Fulda and elsewhere were really the only centres of ecclesial and cultural life.

In his Rule, Benedict remains entirely anonymous. He is a nameless abbot speaking to the monks of his own monastery. He does not think of himself as being the founder of a movement; he knows that many other abbots are doing something similar, and (when thinking about the future) specifically says that it will be the role of the abbot to decide on details 'according to local conditions'. What was it, then, that led to his later renown as 'the father of Western monasticism'?

The answer is suggested by the Liturgy which, to this day, our monasteries celebrate on the Feasts of Benedict and of his sister Scholastica. The daily readings, on ordinary days, focus on the chapters of the Rule, which are read regularly every evening. But the liturgy of the great Feasts is drawn from the *Vita*, the life of Benedict, which forms Book II of the *Dialogues of Pope St Gregory the Great*. In the Christian East, Gregory is known as the 'Dialogue', because the Greek translation of the Dialogues made in the middle of the eighth century became well known in Orthodox monastic circles. In the West, Gregory is called 'the Great' because he remains one of the most important figures of the Church – a monk-pastor who had been Rome's Ambassador in Constantinople and who remains another bridge figure – in this case a bridge between the Patristic age and what we in the West call the Middle Ages, and a voice (like that of John Chrysostom or Augustine) which still speaks eloquently to us across the centuries of the tensions between the contemplative search for God in the desert and the cares of ruling the city. The association of his name with that of Benedict was deeply influential. Gregory, born about a century after Benedict, a Roman monk who was called from his monastery to become Pope, converses with the deacon Peter about the holy exploits of the great monastic founder. This work echoes Athanasius's *Life of Anthony*, and is a hagiographical work intended to describe the monastic way to God and to attract its readers to the monastic life by describing the sort of life which Gregory himself would like to have lived.

There is, at present, some dispute about the actual authorship of the *Dialogues of Gregory the Great*, but this need not concern us here. The fact is that the *Life of Benedict*, when it was widely circulated more than a century after Benedict's death, coincided with the rapid spread of the Rule and made a huge impact on the popular imagination. Monks and others were able to give a human face to the phenomenon of monastic growth. Benedict became the exemplar of the monastic way to God which had become such a powerful focus for the search, not only for holiness, but for civic stability.

The *Life* presents Benedict as *Vir Dei*, the man of God, whose personal and spiritual journey represents all the classical features of what Benedict himself, in his Rule, calls the 'Search for God'. The intention of the writer was, in the fashion of the time, hagiographical rather than historical. Although many of the details (Benedict's birth in Nursia, his studies in Rome, his flight to Subiaco and then to Monte Cassino, his encounter with the invading Goths) have the ring of truth, this is not the real point. The only real point is to capture the popular imagination, and to inspire potential monks and nuns, by creating a portrait, (even an icon), of monastic sanctity which echoes both the Scriptures, particularly the life of Jesus himself, and the lives and sayings of those Eastern monastic saints who were well known in the West.

There was a certain sense in which the West, during the two centuries that followed the death of Benedict, when monasticism was spreading so fast, lacked a

central figure like Anthony or Basil. There were many monastic saints, many of them celebrated in the Celtic or Gallic tradition, but there was no great central and personal focus for the great tide of cenobitic monasticism which was increasingly dominating the culture of Western Europe. The *Life of Benedict* provided this.

The *Life* presents Benedict passing through the classical stages of monastic growth – renunciation of the city, confrontation with the temptations of pride, sexual passion and anger, a stage of stability in which the saint is able to work miracles and to prophesy, and a final period in which his life is transfigured by visions of paradise. The saint also passes from a period in which the emphasis is on his own personal self-conquest to one in which he is the father of disciples and the guide of a community. In this respect, the influence of Pachomius is as marked as that of Anthony: from the time of Benedict onwards, the emphasis in the West is very much on the centrality of the cenobitic tradition.

The stories of the temptations and miracles of the saint, whatever their foundation in historical fact, are intended above all to evoke the Scriptures and to echo Athanasius's *Life of Anthony*. The temptations obviously echo the temptations of Christ himself, and of Anthony in the desert. Benedict, like Moses, strikes water from the rock; like Elisha, he recovers an axe that has fallen into the water; like Peter, his disciple Maurus walks on the water.

There are other examples, but I concentrate on one in particular. It is one which plays a large part in the liturgy of the great Benedictine feasts, and which defines in a special way, the purpose of the writer of the *Life of Benedict*. This is the story of Benedict and his sister Scholastica – a remarkable story in itself, as it is a rare example in monastic history of a deep encounter between man and woman which is wholly positive.

The essential shape of the story is this: Scholastica, who 'has been consecrated to God since her youth', visits Benedict at Monte Cassino. They spend the day together, at a house outside the monastery enclosure, 'singing God's praises and conversing about the spiritual life'. When evening comes, Benedict starts to return to the monastery, but, in answer to Scholastica's prayers, God sends a great storm which prevents Benedict from leaving. Benedict rebukes her, but they are able to spend the night together. The author of the *Life* comments: 'We need not be surprised that in this instance the woman proved mightier than her brother. Do we not read in St John that God is love? Surely it is right that her influence was greater than his, since hers was the greater love'.

There is some important moral and monastic teaching here. The human laws about monastic enclosure (represented by the man) are less important than the divine law of love (represented by the woman). It is in itself rather surprising that the saint who is the subject of the hagiography should be criticised for lack of love. However, if we look deeper, we see that the story is not only a moral one; it is also an allegory, a symbolic representation of the real meaning of monastic life.

The names themselves – Benedict and Scholastica – are significant. In the *Dialogues of Gregory*, there are many names which are symbolic, almost impersonal, rather than particular and personal. A monk at Subiaco is called Romanus (a man from Rome). A blind bishop praying for a miracle is called Spes, or Hope. There are two Roman nuns who have the colourless but significant names of Romula (the feminine of the founder of the city) and Redempta (or 'redeemed one'). The name Benedict – *Vir Dei Benedictus* – simply means blessed or holy; we should remember that the author of the *Rule* is entirely anonymous, and that we owe his naming

entirely to the author of the *Life*. The name Scholastica is even more significant. It has its roots in the Greek concept of leisure, of an idleness devoted to learning or culture, and in the monastic context it has the sense of the words used in another part of the *Life* to describe Benedict – '*scienter nescius et sapienter indoctus*' – learnedly ignorant, and with a wisdom that had not been taught. Scholastica means 'one who has withdrawn from the world to have leisure for contemplation'.

At this level, the meeting between Benedict and Scholastica represents the saint's encounter, which is deeper than the rules of monastic observance (and therefore takes place beyond the enclosure of the monastery) with the true heart of monastic wisdom – the contemplation of divine love. It also echoes a very important passage in the *Rule of Benedict* (ch 20), where he is speaking of prayer. 'Let us be sure that we shall not be heard for our much speaking, but for purity of heart and tears of compunction. Our prayer, therefore, should be short and pure, unless it is prolonged by the impulse and inspiration of divine grace'. The prayer of Scholastica illustrates the meaning of this.

The encounter with contemplation is also a preparation for Benedict's return to the monastery and to his responsibilities for his community. This tension between withdrawal and evangelical engagement represents a complementarity which is central to the cenobitic tradition. It not only echoes the teaching of Origen and Pachomius, but also, and above all, the same tension and complementarity in the life of Christ. Jesus withdraws to the desert to be tempted before choosing his disciples and preaching his gospel of repentance; and in Matt. 13 we read, 'Jesus withdrew alone to a remote place; but large numbers of people heard of it, and came after him . . . When he saw the crowd, he felt pity for them, and he healed those who were sick'. A similar tension was also a central feature of the *Life of Anthony*.

The *Life of Benedict* has three aims – firstly, to show that the monastic way of sanctity is deeply rooted in the Bible, especially in the life of Jesus himself; secondly, to show that the cenobitic tradition which was developing in the West is in direct and authentic continuity with the great fathers of the East; and thirdly, to provide for the Latin monasteries the same sort of vivid stories, miracles and sayings as were already such a feature of the Eastern tradition. To this day, many editions of the *Rule of Benedict* are illustrated with images taken from the *Life*.

The fact remains, however, that for monks and nuns in the West who belong to the tradition of Benedict, and increasingly for many lay people (oblates and others) who base their personal, family and professional lives on the same spirituality, the essential document is the *Rule of Benedict*. Although it is penetrated by the monastic wisdom which Benedict drew from his many sources, it has to be said that it is a very Roman and Latin document. It is relatively brief, consisting of 73 chapters, many of them very short. It contains no stories and few images. It is systematic and detailed, and represents a sort of well-ordered summary, designed for cenobites, of classical monastic teaching, combined with detailed recommendations for the organisation of daily routine. Benedict has no specific teaching on how monks should develop their personal life of contemplative prayer. His teaching on prayer is largely indirect and is implied in his emphasis on *lectio divina* of the Scriptures and of the Fathers, and in his careful description, for instance, of what sort of person the Abbot (and hence, indirectly, the monk) should be.

Time does not permit me to give a detailed account of the *Rule*. I shall simply give an outline of the main themes. A Prologue (which opens with what one might call the key word of the whole *Rule* ('*Obsecuta*' – Listen) summarises his deepest

theme – that the monk who wishes to make his journey to God must do so primarily by the way of Obedience, and that this obedience, which is hard at first, will eventually bring him to ‘an expansion of heart, in which he will run sweetly in the way of God’s commandments’. There is here an essential underlying philosophy about the relation between discipline and inner liberty.

The central themes are then treated one by one. The role of the Abbot, who is ‘Christ in the monastery’; how he should exercise authority, remembering that he has care of a wide variety of ‘weak souls’ and that the making of decisions calls for delicate and careful consultation. Then the essential monastic virtues: Obedience, Silence, Humility, reverence in Prayer, how to correct brethren who stray from the path, how the monks must recognise the face of Christ, not only in the Abbot, but in the poor, in pilgrims, in the sick and in the guests; and, above all, fraternal love – a theme which he summarises at the end of the Rule.

It is worth quoting the whole of chapter 72: ‘Just as there is an evil zeal of bitterness which separates from God and leads to hell, so there is a good zeal which leads to God and life everlasting. Let monks, therefore, exercise this zeal with the most fervent love. Let them, that is, give one another precedence. Let them bear with the greatest patience one another’s weaknesses, whether of body or of character. Let them compete in paying obedience to each other. Let none follow what seems good to himself, but rather what is good for another. Let them practise fraternal charity with a pure love. Let them fear God. Let them love their abbot with sincere and humble affection. Let them prefer nothing to Christ. And may he bring us all alike to life everlasting’.

I have cited the whole chapter, partly because it is everyone’s favourite chapter of the Rule, and partly because it is a clear example of how deeply Benedict’s words are rooted in Scripture. It is almost as if he had the second chapter of Paul’s *Letter to the Philippians* open in front of him as he wrote – the passage that leads up to his urging us to ‘have the mind of Christ’ and to the great celebration of the *kenosis* of Christ, his acceptance of the condition of a slave, ‘even to death on the Cross’. To have the mind of Christ, and to echo his obedience and his self-emptying, is the way to create a monastic climate in which fraternal love and joy can flourish.

Many of the shorter chapters of the Rule are concerned entirely with the daily organisation of the prayer and work of the monks, but all the chapters which concern monastic doctrine are punctuated with hidden references to sayings from Scripture. The style may be pragmatic and Latin, but there is, as Benedict himself says, a total hidden continuity with the lives and sayings of the Eastern tradition. Benedict is trying to make the sanctity of Anthony accessible even to an ordinary Scotsman like me. His Rule is a bridge between the desert of Egypt and the cities of the West.

Benedict was aware of the difficulty of his task. His admiration for the saints of the East did not prevent him from creating a monastic doctrine and a monastic ethos which are remarkable above all for their moderation. In his chapter about whether monks should drink wine, he remarks, ‘We do indeed read that wine is no drink for monks; but since, nowadays, monks cannot be persuaded of this, let us at least agree upon this, to drink temperately and not to satiety’. He seemed to sense that the growing appetite for monastic life could only be met, in the West, by a certain spirit of compromise and moderation. He was a realist, and maybe his enduring influence is due to this. At the end of his Rule, he refers to it as ‘a little Rule for beginners’. We

are all, after all, still beginners as we travel, both with pain and with joy, along the monastic road which leads us towards God. Here, today, it is my joy and my final duty, as a Benedictine monk from a remote corner of the Western monastic world, to acknowledge our debt to the Eastern Church, the cradle and origin of a tradition which we share and which we all love so much. Thank you, and, in the words of Benedict, ‘may Christ bring us all together to everlasting life’.

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THE GOLDEN JUBILEE WEEKEND AT SAINT LOUIS ABBEY
15-16 OCTOBER 2005

TIMOTHY HORNER OSB (C38)

On 19 October 1955, three Ampleforth monks arrived at 3.50 pm at Saint Louis Union Station. The temperature was in the 80s and we were wearing heavy woollen suits and overcoats. The one thing we wanted was to reach our new home and get comfortable. Instead there was a reception committee on the platform along with photographers. We were then whisked off to a cocktail party to meet a large crowd of our future friends, and it was not until about three hours later that we reached Saint Louis Priory, our new home. The golden jubilee of this event was celebrated at Saint Louis Abbey on 15-16 October 2005, a Saturday and Sunday.

The first event, at 10 am, was our Conventual Mass. It was a votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Mediatrix of Grace, asking for her continued intercession. The Ampleforth monks had chosen Mary as the patron of the new monastery under the title of Mediatrix of Grace, since it was through her that Jesus, the fountain of all grace, had come into the world. As Abbot Thomas Frerking of Saint Louis Abbey noted in his homily, we had for some years wanted an outside shrine or grotto in Mary's honour. Thus when Ceil and Michael Pulitzer offered to commission a statue for us and asked us to choose a subject, Our Lady of Grace came at once to our minds. So Philip Howie of Catskill, New York, made us a wonderful bronze of Our Lady, carrying her Child on her shoulder and sheltering representatives of the Abbey family with 'a mysterious, a marvellous cloak'. The statue stands just over six feet tall and is outdoors on the south-west side of the church.

At the end of Mass, Philip Howie told us of some of the influences on the final statue, more Italian and Spanish than northern European, and how he had tried to 'adhere to the basic principles of strength, openness and grace'.

Then we had the blessing itself, with the prayers said by Abbot Thomas and the sprinkling done by Fr Timothy, our initial liaison with the Pulitzers. Then there was a reception.

At 3.00 pm we gathered in the Kline Theatre to hear a lecture by George Weigel, the noted Catholic commentator, and biographer of Pope John Paul II, on *Revolutionary Papacies: John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and the Church in the Twenty-first Century*. Besides his biography of the late pope, Mr Weigel covered for the major media his death and funeral, and the election and inauguration of his successor. His main comments on Pope John Paul II painted him as a revolutionary, but in what he called the Polish sense of going back to the roots, not in the political sense of overturning what was there and starting afresh. But before that he said that the late pope was an optimistic reaction against the view, not uncommon after the reign of 'the perfectly prepared Pope Paul VI', that the papacy was becoming a job too big for one man. Pope John Paul turned away from the CEO model back to a New Testament model of witness, evangelizing (30 shelf-feet of teaching, providing a key to the interpretation of Vatican II), unity, and even martyrdom. He listed ten revolutionary aspects of John Paul II's papacy (of which his emphasis on ecumenism in general and relationship with Judaism in particular; his theology of the body; his involving the papacy in aspects of international policy; these may be the most significant) but, as he said, he did not have time to comment at length on them. This was a pity, but his list served as a guide to his excellent but lengthy biography.

He saw Pope Benedict XVI as hoping to lead the world, especially Europe, back to a sense of the sacred; a theologian well equipped to deal with problems of medical, scientific and sexual ethics. But would he be able to challenge a Europe with a rapidly falling birth-rate, a continent, he thought, dying of spiritual boredom stemming from the conviction that the God of the Bible is the enemy of human progress.

He thought there might be, under the new pope, a new approach to inter-religious dialogue with Muslims: Can the Catholic Church from its own experience help Islam to educate its extremists out of violence towards political persuasion and civility? There might be a more theocentric understanding of our liturgy, stressing it as our participation in the heavenly liturgy. There might be reform of the Church, with a leaner administrative structure in Rome. Prophecy is always interesting, especially for those who will live to see it fulfilled or otherwise. After time for questions, there was a reception.

At Vespers on Saturday evening Abbot Cuthbert of Ampleforth reminded us that the basis of that hope for which so many are looking is, for us, fidelity to our monastic way of life. It was good, he said, to have some of the founding monks still with us because they reminded us that life based on the Gospels would produce good results, but also because they could be seen to be ordinary men like ourselves, which gave us hope. We rounded off that day's celebration with a special dinner given us by Food Service, our regular suppliers of food for boys and monks.

On Sunday we had the main event, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Raymond L Burke and attended by a sell-out crowd of the Abbey family. In his homily Abbot Thomas reminded us that as we give thanks to God for the blessings that he has given us, whose results we can see all around us, we must also and equally rededicate ourselves to his service. He asked the Archbishop to accept this rededication. A monastery is truly a school for the Lord's service, where we learn to serve the Lord and, having learnt, serve him. Great and wonderful are the works of the Lord.

After Communion, Archbishop Burke accepted the rededication offered by Abbot Thomas and added kind and observant words of his own. He approved the mission and aims of the Priory and Abbey in education, and later in pastoral work, and believed that they had been well carried out. He showed remarkable familiarity with our early history, and especially with the bond that had existed from the earliest days, and still exists, between the laity and the monks. We felt that his words were much more than a routine tribute, and came from the heart. We were encouraged.

After Mass, there was a short break, and we then embarked on a marathon of speeches, seven in all, from the Abbot of Ampleforth, Mr James D Switzer, Abbot Richard Yeo, Prior Gregory Mohrman, Abbot Thomas Frerking, Abbot Luke Rigby and Prior Timothy Horner. The last two are the two survivors of the original three of 1955.

Abbot Cuthbert Madden, Abbot of Ampleforth, spoke of the heritage bequeathed by Ampleforth to Saint Louis: first, a great love of the Gospel and of *the Rule of Saint Benedict*; secondly, a spirit of hard work, but without becoming workaholics; and thirdly a spirit of friendship and hospitality, a genuine attempt to see Christ in the other, as the Rule urges. That is surprisingly similar to what our very first brochure outlines as our aims and our heritage.

Mr James D Switzer, nephew of the first President of the Catholic Preparatory School for Boys, Incorporated, noted as admirable the achievements of the first 50

years but added that, to his mind, the most significant development had been the Abbey family, a group of thousands of individuals and families sharing one common characteristic - this Abbey and its monastic community are a significant part of their lives.' For students and their parents the link continued long after graduation, and for parishioners and other friends it was no less durable. He found the origin of this in the remarkable, reciprocal trust that existed from the very beginning between the monks and their supporters. The original covenant was that the monks would found a monastery and school and that the supporters would take care of their material needs. Each party had done so faithfully and generously. He believed that this would continue far into the future.

Abbot Richard Yeo, Abbot of Downside and President of the English Benedictine Congregation, spoke next. What monks are is more important than what they do; they may teach or farm or run hospitals, and may be very busy with these affairs, but they are not teachers or farmers or doctors; they are monks. He quoted Pope John Paul II, 'All Christians are the light of the world . . . However, the monastery . . . radiates a more intense and constant light . . .' It does this by showing the world the beauty of God. In Croatia the word for a Benedictine nun is 'koludrica', etymologically connected with the Greek 'kalos', beautiful. The beauty the monk shows the world is not his own but that of community life and especially of our life of worship. At its centre may be an empty space in which the beauty of God can appear and shine intensely and constantly so that the world may see it.

Abbot Richard was followed by the Prior of Saint Louis Abbey, Prior Gregory Mohrman. The Catholic world of 1955, he said, was very different from that of today. There was then what could fairly be called a Catholic culture that touched the whole life of a Catholic: worship, morality, social *mores*, politics, art and so on. It smacked somewhat of the ghetto, but it was also a centre, a base, a mooring, a security. In the '60s and '70s much of this faded or disappeared. It may be our great challenge 'to create an authentic manifestation of 'Catholic culture' for the people of our time and place.' This would not be a nostalgia for a golden age but a Spirit-filled expression of the meaning of being a Catholic here and now. Our school and parish could be a fine workshop for such an experiment, and our monastic life of prayer, worship, work, community and stability could provide excellent resources on which we could draw.

Abbot Thomas then paid tribute to our founders, so many and so various, lay and monastic, and mentioned in particular the original three Ampleforth monks. He asked us especially to remember in our prayers Prior Columba, our first Prior, and then to stand and recognize the other two, who were present. This was done, and Fr Gregory introduced Abbot Luke Rigby.

Abbot Luke was our first Procurator, was appointed Prior in 1967, then elected Prior in 1973 when we became an independent Priory, was re-elected in 1981, and elected Abbot in 1989. He retired in 1995. It was no mean physical effort for him to be there at all, and his speech was short. He told of an alumnus who had been a bit of a rogue in the school, but had attended a class reunion and made a speech there. Fr Luke remembers thinking at the time, 'If I never hear another word in praise of . . . this place, what he has just said has made it all worthwhile . . .' The applause and standing ovation showed how glad everyone was to see Abbot Luke there.

Fr Timothy Horner, our first headmaster and later first Benedictine pastor of Saint Anselm Parish, followed him. He started by saying that as everything pious,

uplifting, inspiring and edifying had already been said, he would not add to it. If you bear in mind that what you have read so far is only a summary of what was said, you may see his point. He thanked the Archbishop, who had had to leave, for his kind words and observed that so many people had done so much for our development in these 50 years. He noted the importance of the liaison between Fr Columba and Fred Switzer, and in general between the monks and the laity. He told of his conversations with Abbot Herbert at Ampleforth, which culminated in the phrase, 'Father dear, I'm going to uproot you'. Earlier the abbot had asked Fr Timothy whether he wanted to go to Saint Louis. Fr Timothy said no, but it made no difference. He commented on two sub-plots in our story here: the problem of language and the providence of God, giving examples of each, and concluded by answering the question, 'Would I have been happier if I had stayed at Ampleforth?' He thought that, had he stayed, he would have grown with Ampleforth and been happy there. As it was, he knew that he had grown with Saint Louis and, despite rough spots, been happy here. He too received a standing ovation. For both 'survivors' this was the third in one day; a first and assuredly a last.

That evening Abbot Richard spoke at Vespers: in our celebration we had recalled in prayer those who had died during our 50 years here, especially the four solemnly professed monks. They had completed the journey which started with the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, continued with their vows and ended with the last word of the Rule, *pervenies, you will arrive*. There was a solidarity between them as they took part in the heavenly liturgy, and us as we took part in ours on earth. They were praying for us and also with us, just as we were praying for them and also with them. After Vespers the Keller family, who had already provided us with spiritual and intellectual sustenance by making possible the presence of Mr Weigel, now provided culinary sustenance in the shape of a wonderful concluding meal for the monks and their guests.

Three publications were produced at the time of the Jubilee weekend: the Mothers' Club *Jubilee Calendar for August 2005 through May 2007* (\$10), *A School for the Lord's Service* (\$25) and *Christ - Our Love for All Seasons* (\$16.95). The *Calendar* includes full-page illustrations for each month. *A School for the Lord's Service* contains essays or photographs by each of the monks followed by an album of 58 pages of photographs arranged by decades of our existence. It covers both Abbey and School. *Christ - Our Love for All Seasons* by Fr Ralph Wright has the sub-title *A Liturgy of the Hours for Everyone*. It starts with a selection of Fr Ralph's poetry, followed by an arrangement of hymns, poems, psalms and readings for each season of the year.

It remains only to add that all the events were followed by Receptions - they really deserve a capital letter - arranged by the indefatigable Ladies of our Hospitality Committee. It is fitting to end with gratitude to them.

The Community, with their places of residence if not at the Abbey, in September 2005:

Rt Rev Cuthbert Madden *Abbot*
 Very Rev Colin Battell *Prior*
 Rt Rev Ambrose Griffiths (A46)
Bishop Emeritus, Leyland
 Rt Rev Abbot Patrick Barry (W35)
 Abbot of Lindisfarne *St Louis*
 Rt Rev Timothy Wright (T60) *Rome*
 Fr Bede Leach *Subprior*
 Very Rev Fr Benet Perceval (W34)
 Cathedral Prior of Durham
 Very Rev Fr Dominic Milroy (W50)
 Cathedral Prior of Chester
 Very Rev Fr Henry Wansbrough (W53)
 Cathedral Prior of Norwich
 Fr Edward Delepine *Colwich*
 Fr Martin Haigh (E40) *Leyland*
 Fr Theodore Young (D40) *Grassendale*
 Fr Edmund Hatton (O40) *Osmotherley*
 Fr Benedict Webb (A38)
 Fr Justin Caldwell (B47)
 Fr Augustine Measures (W45) *Brownedge*
 Fr Aidan Gilman (A45) *Plantation House*
 Fr Geoffrey Lynch (D44)
 Fr Adrian Convery (O49) *St Benet's*
 Fr David Herbert O'Brien *Brownedge*
 Fr Rupert Everest (E50)
 Fr Charles Macauley (D50) *Easingwold*
 Fr Mark Butlin (O49)
 Fr Michael Phillips (E52) *Workington*
 Fr Gerald Hughes (C47) *Grassendale*
 Fr Edward Corbould (E51)
 Fr Dunstan Adams
 Fr Anselm Cramer (O54) *Archivist*
 Fr Piers Grant Ferris (O51)
 Fr Alban Crossley *Zimbabwe*
 Fr Stephen Wright (T56) *Workington*
 Fr Francis Davidson *Brownedge*
 Fr Gregory Carroll *Plantation House*
 Fr Gordon Beattie (D59) *Parbold*
 Fr Alberic Stacpoole (C49)
 Fr Aelred Burrows *Brownedge*
 Fr Leo Chamberlain (A58) *St Benet's*
 Fr David Morland (H61) *Grassendale*
 Fr Jonathan Cotton (H60) *Leyland*
 Fr Felix Stephens (H61) *Warrington*
 Fr Bonaventure Knollys (C53)
Novice Master

Fr Matthew Burns (W58) *Infirmarian*
 Fr Edgar Miller (O61) *Steward*
 Fr Richard Field (A59) *Zimbabwe*
 Fr Francis Dobson (D57)
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Abbey, USA (Study)
 Fr Justin Arbery Price *USA*
 Fr Alexander McCabe
 Fr Peter James (H69)
 Fr Cyprian Smith
 Fr Bernard Green *St Benet's*
 Fr Terence Richardson (J72)
Osmotherley, Prior
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 Fr Hugh Lewis-Vivas
 Fr Bernard McNulty *Osmotherley*
 Fr James Callaghan *St Edward's &*
St Wilfrid's
 Fr Barnabas Pham *Zimbabwe*
 Fr Paul Browne *Workington*
 Fr Andrew McCaffrey
 Fr William Wright (A82) *Choirmaster*
 Fr Raphael Jones *Brownedge*
 Fr Kentigern Hagan
 Fr Robert Igo *Zimbabwe, Prior*
 Fr Gabriel Everitt *Headmaster*
 Fr Cassian Dickie *Brownedge, Prior*
 Fr Xavier Ho *Brownedge*
 Fr Anthony Marett-Crosby (O87)
St Helier
 Fr Luke Beckett *Deputy Head, Gilling*
 Fr George Corrie *Knaresborough*
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AFTER THE CHAPTER OF AUGUST 2005 Fr Abbot made changes among the officials. Fr Colin Battell became Prior, Fr Cassian the Prior at St Benedict's, Brownedge, and Fr George left the Prior's office after eight years – the longest tenure since Fr Anthony Ainscough (1960-75) – to become parish priest of Knaresborough, Fr Bede became Sub-Prior, Fr Matthew the Monastery Guestmaster, and Fr Adrian Chaplain at St Benet's Hall.

This year we have several jubilees, Abbot Patrick (whom the doctors now discourage from travelling very far from St Louis) marks 70 years as a monk, and 50 as a priest. Fr Alban Crossley and Fr Thomas Cullinan celebrate 50 years since Clothing, and (though not counted as a jubilee) 40 years as priests.

The winter provided the Community with significant elements in its history. The normal four-yearly Visitation fell in November, this time, after nearly 20 years, with a new President, Abbot Richard Yeo of Downside. His recommendations included suggestions about improving our preparation for the Abbatial election. According to the EBC Constitutions this was due on 25 March, but this date was already occupied by Good Friday: the election was accordingly anticipated and held during the School's half-term break in February. Meanwhile, in early January, we took advantage of the school holidays to follow Abbot Yeo's recommendation, and invited the Abbot of Pluscarden, Dom Hugh Gilbert, and the Abbot of Glenstal, Dom Christopher Dillon, to come and talk to the Community about 'what sort of man the Abbot should be' – words familiar from the title of Chapter Three of St Benedict's *Rule*. In general Abbot Hugh took as his theme what the Abbot should be and do, and Abbot Christopher talked about the experience of being an Abbot, what was expected of him and what service he could offer the Community. It was generally agreed that the day was well spent. It was particularly useful that both Abbots were from monastic traditions different from that of the English Benedictines: this helped both to liberate and to clarify our thinking.

Abbot Richard Yeo of Downside, as President, presided over the election on 14-15 February 2005. The Constitutions provide for a *Tractatus* on the first day, and election on the second. They must be on separate days. In the *Tractatus* any name which meets certain qualifications may be put forward, each one leaving the room (together with any brothers or cousins in the Community) while his qualities are discussed. This process surprises new members of the Chapter because it is at once penetrating and restrained.

The actual election is moving and impressive. There is strong sense of the Holy Spirit working among us, but nonetheless in what appears to be an entirely human way. And the moment when the election is announced, though by this point no longer a surprise (previous scrutines generally give a clear indication), brings a powerful sense of the finger of God picking one man out. Thus a newly-elected Abbot is already special by the moment – almost immediately – that he indicates to the President his consent. So a mere six weeks later we could readily enter imaginatively into the process of electing the Pope: we knew what it was like.

There was more monastic business in the summer. At the beginning of July the General Chapter of the English Benedictines met for a week at Buckfast Abbey, Devon. In a strict sense the EBC only exists to the full when General Chapter is in session (though we have always managed well at other times). However, this year it seems to have made no changes, but did spend time discussing papers on how to revive our monasteries, for undoubtedly the Congregation in general is not in a notably energetic state, and in particular lacks vocations. One element in the

Congregation's affairs which is likely to affect our own Community, but to an extent yet unclear, is the planned move by the nuns of Stanbrook Abbey from their Victorian home near Worcester to Crieff Farm on the hillside above Wass, almost directly above the ruin of Byland Abbey. Their move is planned for spring 2006, but as can be imagined, planning and financial difficulties have lurked in their path. It is too early to estimate the outcome.

After 34 years the Abbey has a change of organist. Simon Wright has retired (to go and do interesting things elsewhere), and it may be for a while that some aspects of life will be duller. But we can take confidence from his successor (once his pupil), who appropriately enough is William Dore, whose father was the Abbey organist before Simon. If we are sad to see (or perhaps hear) Simon depart, we can be glad that Abbot Patrick's policy for music when he was Headmaster has come to fruition in that William is a product of our own school (D82).

Towards the end of the academic year – in fact just after the end of term – there was held at Ampleforth another Shia-Catholic conference. Fr Wulstan, who co-edited a book of Conference papers from the previous meeting, participated with Abbot Timothy and Fr Bonaventure in the sessions of the conference held at Ampleforth on 10–13 July. St Benedict's feast as Patron of Europe (in fact the senior patron) fell on 11 July, and the guest stalls were well filled by interested Muslim clergy for Pontifical Vespers, and also by Abbot Mark Serna, lately Abbot of Portsmouth, who was one of the visiting speakers.

It was not till April that Fairfax House was finally ready, nearly five months late. The builders did have at one time a lot of rain to contend with, but a larger part of their problem was that the whole country, it seems, is building, and in consequence the skilled building trades are in short supply. Thus a contractor working in the depths of rural Yorkshire – Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty though it be – stands at the end of the labour queue. But now St Margaret's (eastern end) and St Hugh's are fully settled in. Two features of the building are novel: it has a completely flat roof covered in a special grass, and the main heating system is a special boiler burning wood chips, which are themselves grown and chipped on the Estate. The new building, which is very long, holds two houses of 70 students (or, as recently, participants in a summer-school). Behind it, what was once the lower tennis courts is now a much-needed car park. In an earlier age it was the site of the gas works, which supplied our light until 1923, and it was on the grounds that this area was polluted that we were compelled to place the building so far down the slope.

It is now several years since the former St Cuthbert's building was taken as part of the monastery. The process of adaptation and conversion has been gradual, and is not yet complete. There are now rooms for the Headmaster and four monastic Housemasters, so that they have somewhere to which they can retreat. There is a one-bedroom flat, or Bishop's Room, and at the western end a number of monastery guest rooms. On the ground floor there is a section of the Library, a room for meetings or watching videos (formerly the house Refectory and kitchen), and the old Common Room is now an Oratory, occasionally used for an Office if something special is happening in the church.

In January another group of Chileans from the Manquehue Movement came to stay for two months, while they experienced something of the monastic way of life, and made valuable contributions to the work of the School Chaplaincy, and also at Gilling (St Martin's Ampleforth). As there were seven of them, and some

were girls, they were placed in separate accommodation: Juan José-Melevo, Alvaro Guzmuri and Antonio Amenabar lived in the monastery, and Alejandra Valle, Consuleo Verdugo, Maria Paz Ringeling and Josefina Labra lived in the eastern end of Alban Roe House. (This was once the Junior House, though built as the Preparatory School – what once was familiar as JH is now nearly as familiar as ARH.)

From time to time we are visited by younger men who are curious about the life of a monk, or who are exploring the possibility of some sort of vocation: some, indeed, have found their call elsewhere – this we gladly support. Fr Bede has been making the arrangements, and keeps in touch. We have come to realise that in our time the whole process of discovering and responding to a religious vocation (and, it may be, to other vocations) has become much more slow and gradual. Given the observable shortage of vocations, it is surprising how many men are now looking openly at the question, but there is some gap between what is needed to become, and to remain, a monk and what our present age seems able to bring to bear. There is a need for careful (and not rapid) assessment, and perhaps too a need to fill in some of the gaps in what we might call the Catholic mind. If faith is not supported by sufficient understanding, people have some leeway to make up. Thus time is needed. While this has its drawbacks, it seems to work quite smoothly.

PEOPLE

BISHOP AMBROSE GRIFFITHS is now retired from his Diocese and has settled back at Leyland but is active, we hear, on committees, and as a spare bishop: for instance he came to the Abbey to ordain Fr Kieran on 3 July. Fr Prior (Fr *George Corrie*) has been very busy since the Prior's job now extends further than used to be the case, by the administrative work connected with modern ideas about Child Protection, which lie in his zone. Abbot *Patrick Barry* finds himself a bit limited by problems of failing sight, but those who have met him recently speak much of his welcoming cheerfulness. The doctors advised him not to return for the Abbot's Blessing, so Abbot Cuthbert went over to see him soon after the election. In more recent weeks he has been in hospital and has problems with a form of cancer; at the time of writing the doctors are hopeful. Abbot Timothy had been asked to work in Rome under Archbishop Fitzgerald in the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue, with particular reference to relations with Islam in Africa and Asia. He will live in the Abbey of St Paul's (where the new Abbot is Dom Edmund Power of Douai). There are now, however, doubts about the extent to which this arrangement will be enacted. Fr *Jeremy Sierla*, Sub-Prior, has been working hard at the Abbey Shop, as well as at the Abbey and College website. Anyone who has been to the shop in recent times will know how it has been enriched, and it is widely used as a source for book orders by people living elsewhere. Fr *Benet Perceval* is not as active as formerly, and has health problems, but remains as alert as ever in practical matters. Fr *Dominic Milroy* has continued with his particular apostolate, giving retreats and talks, so he is away from the Abbey for quite some time each year. He was recently in Belarus at a meeting of the Chevetogne Group, a monastic ecumenical gathering which seeks to improve relations between East and West church traditions (as noted elsewhere in this *Journal*). He also recently preached the retreat to the Cistercian community at Lérins in the south of France. Fr *Henry*

Wansbrough has moved away from Oxford and is now teaching theology both within and without the monastery. He is also preparing a new edition of the Jerusalem Bible, which is intended to fit the sacramental lectionary more exactly. He is still taking a daily run.

Fr *Edward Delepine* continues as Chaplain to the nuns at Colwich. This is the Community which was founded in Paris in 1651 (from the Cambrai which later became Stanbrook). However, the Archbishop of Paris insisted that he be their superior, and so they had to leave the English Congregation until the last century. They on their side contrived to go on obtaining confessor-chaplains from the English Benedictines, so Fr *Edward* continues a long line. He recently had a successful operation for cataract. Fr *Martin Haigh* remains based at Leyland, and keeps up his painting as well as helping in the parish: he has recently been reported as painting in Rome. Many will have seen his video on the Shroud which is now widely available. Fr *Theodore Young* is still the Chaplain at the Catholic comprehensive near Grassendale, unchanged despite its change of name (or patron) from the local St John Almond to St Benedict. This does not seem to have affected the charisma of the chaplain. He remains in general well. Fr *Edmund Hatton* is at Osmotherley, where he helps with the neighbouring parish at Stokesley, and works with local prisoners in the monastery garden, which is now in good order. He also bakes extraordinarily good bread. Fr *Benedict Webb* is regularly in Choir, indeed usually the first there, but he now finds walking and balancing demanding. Fr *Justin Caldwell* runs the chess in both the College and at St Martin's Ampleforth (what used to be called Gilling), and helps with chaplaincy work there. Fr *Augustine Measures* lives in retirement at Brownedge (St Benedict's), where he helps with Masses and keeps a sharp eye on *Zenit* and other Internet sources of church news. Fr *Aidan Gilman* is resident hermit at Plantation House in the valley, but comes to the Abbey on Sundays, and occasional other days. Since having a heart by-pass operation last year Fr *Geoffrey Lynch* has to be less energetic about Gilling parish duties, and other activities, but remains an active participant in Community life. Fr *Adrian Convery* has been looking after the Headmaster's guestroom in the Refectory Block, and keeps an eye on the that part of the considerable guest accommodation actually called the Guest House. For some months he was also once again Choirmaster, while Fr *William* was on a course in Rome. Fr *David O'Brien* at St Benedict's is involved in inter-faith affairs in south Lancashire.

Fr *Rupert Everest* is the parish priest of Ampleforth, but has recently had to go easy while medical men attended to an incipient heart condition. After the same operation as the Prime Minister, he spent time at Osmotherley recuperating. Fr *Charles Macauley* at Easingwold has also had health problems, being prone to develop pneumonia which requires hospital treatment, followed by residence in our Infirmary (which means we have seen more of him lately). Fr *Mark Butlin* is indefatigable in travelling to countries ordinary tourists do not reach, but Fr *Mark's* work for Aide Inter-Monastère consists in encouragement, assessing material needs and giving retreats and talks to any monasteries in English-speaking parts of the world outside Europe. He has recently been a lot in east and southern Africa. Fr *Michael Phillips* is parish priest in Workington, and continues to supervise all the parish accounts, fulfilling the function if not the name of *Economus* of the Mission Fund. In theory this no longer exists, but the funds undoubtedly do, as do their accounts. Fr *Gerald Hughes* continues at Grassendale, where he has the special care of the adjacent primary school. Fr *Edward Corbould* now runs a non-territorial

mission in the UK, and maintains his extensive field of contacts, which is much appreciated, especially by strangers who meet it for the first time. Fr *Dunstan Adams* remains at the Abbey, and helps as far as health allows. Fr *Anselm Cramer* collects information for the *Journal* as Community Notes, and other information for the Abbey Archives, making some of it available in specialised publications, and other elements as lists or databases on the Internet or the Abbey & College Intranet. He was also Monastic Guestmaster for most of the year, and unlike his recent predecessors has some actual guest rooms available, converted by the energies of the Estate Department in the western end of the old St Cuthbert's. Fr *Alban Crossley* is now Bursar in Zimbabwe: in the summer of 2005 he was in England and at the Abbey for some weeks, when he celebrated 50 years in the habit. Fr *Stephen Wright* lives at Workington but looks after the parish at Warwick Bridge, staying there each weekend. This means that there are usually three monks at Workington, which enables community life. Fr *Francis Davidson* is parish priest of Brownedge but, being on the Abbot's Council, regularly visits the monastery. He is also still in charge of such affairs of the Fort Augustus community Trust as are still in process. Fr *Gordon Beattie* looks after Parbold, but retains links with both St Benedict's and the *Benedictine & Cistercian Monastic Yearbook*.

Fr *Alberic Stapoole* looks after Helmsley (a subset of Kirkbymoorside), but he is active in the affairs of the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin, and of the Ryedale Christian Council. Fr *Aelred Burrows*, parish priest of Brindle, lives in the community at St Benedict's, Brownedge, where he also gives some of the talks held in that monastery, whose community now numbers nine. Fr *Leo Chamberlain* has now been Master of St Benet's for a year, and has introduced refinements and improvements which are still in progress. Fr *David Morland* took over the charge of the parish in Grassendale when Fr *Justin* went to America. Here he works with Fr *Theodore* and Fr *Gerald*, and together they play a notable part in the Catholic life of southern Liverpool. Fr *Jonathan Cotton* had a spell of sickness and an operation, but is now back as parish priest of Leyland. He also took part in the Shia-Catholic conference at Ampleforth, for he was the original contact with Mohammed Ali Shomali in the Shia side in Manchester about five years ago. Fr *Felix Stephens* looks after the city-centre church of St Mary's, Warrington, the only remaining Benedictine presence in a town where 50 years ago there were 11 monks in four parishes. It is however fair to say that conditions are entirely different, much of the older population having moved to areas surrounding the town. Currently some 2000 new homes/apartments are being built within the parish boundary as the old trend is reversed. He is a Governor of three schools: an independent school, a V1th form college and a state secondary school. He continues as the *Journal's* longest-running Editor. Fr *Bonaventure Knollys* is Novice Master: he is at present (but not for too long, we hope) without novices. He took part in the recent theological contacts with the Shia Moslems, and is a consultant to Fr *Abbot* in matters of pictures and church art, and at the invitation of that Community was the Assistant to the President at the recent regular Visitation at Douai. Fr *Matthew Burns* is monastery Infirmaryman, but in the recent year this task has not been an onerous one. He also has taken on the 'gardening' of the Monks' Wood. Fr *Edgar Miller*, as well as looking after the church in Oswaldkirk, is 'Steward' of the monastery: this means that he does many of the things he used to do when he was years ago the Estate Manager. He takes a particular interest in furniture.

Fr *Richard Jffield* has now been two years in Zimbabwe, his activities being

recorded elsewhere. Fr *Francis Dobson* is much involved in the Ampleforth Society, the affairs of Old Amplefordians young and old, and the production of the coloured *Diary* three times a year, which neatly balances the news from Abbey and College.

Fr *Christopher Gorst* has been in Dublin doing the same course as Fr *Richard* did (described below), which he enjoyed, but it has not resulted in the recovery of health which was hoped, so Fr *Abbot* has asked him to withdraw from Africa, and meanwhile to concentrate on recovery, which we hope will be soon. Fr *Justin Price* has been enjoying a sabbatical doing pastoral work in the States, which he knows well. He is a Chaplain at Rice University, Houston. Fr *Alexander McCabe* plays the organ in the Abbey for many of our Offices, works in the School teaching Spanish and is part of the Kirkbymoorside team ministry, set up and led by *Abbot Timothy*. Here he runs a choir and has persuaded the parish to sell its organ and purchase a more modern one. Fr *Peter James* has not been well, but remains with the Hospitality Department, where he is in frequent demand as a party guide. Fr *Cyprian Smith* lives in the monastery, and has had health problems, but these do not seem to prevent his continued activity as a cantor, as any Sunday visitor will be able to testify. Fr *Bernard Green* was finally awarded his doctorate for his work on St Leo the Great in the autumn of 2004, and is now tutoring at St Benet's, and also in Theology at Christ Church. The University Press have indicated that they would like to publish his work on St Leo, which will require some adaptations. Fr *Terence Richardson*, as well as remaining Prior of Osmotherley, was this year elected the Community's Delegate to General Chapter.

Fr *Anthony Hain* is not able to get about much, although his general health has held up well. He quite often acts as a cantor, helps with the Shop and keeps track of collections and Mass intentions. Fr *Hugh Lewis-Vivas* is joint manager of the Shop with Fr *Jeremy*, a demanding and constant task. Fr *Bede Leach* works in the Hospitality and Pastoral team, and gives retreat talks, here and away. He is a favourite with the nuns. He has devised resourceful variations on the concept of Retreat, such as Beach Prayer Walks and a visit to Iona. After Chapter he was appointed Sub-Prior. Fr *Bernard McNulty* is at Osmotherley, where he helps with work of the monastery and parish. Fr *Cuthbert Madden* found himself elected *Abbot* in February, as described above. Fr *James Callaghan* looks after St Wilfrid's House, and teaches French and German in the School: if one of his contemporaries was chosen as *Abbot*, the other, Fr *Barnabas Pham* has now been nine years in Zimbabwe, where he is preparing to be Novice Master. There is more about this growth below.

Fr *Paul Browne* helps Fr *Michael* at Workington, where, not being a driver, he is seen about the town on a bicycle, once the curate's only friend. Fr *Andrew McCaffrey* has taken a lot of trouble over the refurbishment and improvement of various smaller rooms in the Library, and has steadily built up the book stock: he also supplies at Grassendale. Fr *William Wright* is Choirmaster, but spent three months in the spring taking part in the monastic renewal course in Rome run by Fr *Brendan Thomas* of Belmont and Fr *Mark*. Fr *William* was thus in Rome itself at the time of the death of John Paul II, and the election of the new Pope, itself a lesson in, indeed experience of, Church history in its most concentrated form. Fr *Raphael Jones* remains at Brownedge (St Benedict's), but is an Assistant in the Leyland parish. Fr *Kenigern Hagan* by much labour achieved Primary teaching qualification without diminishing his activity at SMA (Gilling) or in the parish at Kirkbymoorside. Fr *Robert Igo* was appointed during the year to succeed Fr

Christopher as Prior in Zimbabwe, having also been the latter's predecessor. He expects to reduce his external commitments in the Zimbabwean Church in order to find time for Christ the Word.

Fr *Gabriel Everitt* is now fully settled in as Headmaster of the College, and his style is reflected in the various developments. We see a bit more of him because he lives in the monastery West Wing (formerly St Cuthbert's House). Fr *Cassian Dickie* has been parish priest of Knaresborough for three years, but is now moving to become Prior at St Benedict's in Brownedge. Fr *Xavier Ho* looks after the parish at Lostock Hall, while living at Brownedge, where St Benedict's garden gains from his experienced attentions. Fr *Anthony Maret-Crosby* is on loan for the sake of his health to the principal parish in Jersey, St Thomas's in St Helier. There are only three other priests on the island, and the parish is enriched by a large Portuguese-speaking community from Madeira, who are drawn by the hotel and related businesses. There is Mass in Portuguese every Sunday afternoon, and there are two big churches in the parish. Fr *Luke Beckett* continues as the Deputy Head and also Chaplain at St Martin's Ampleforth (Gilling). Fr *Oswald McBride* is the present Housemaster of the remaining boys in St Bede's, and (from September 2005) the actual Housemaster of St Dunstan's, Gerald Guthrie having retired. Fr *Chad Boulton* looks after St Oswald's and has returned to the teaching of history. Fr *Damian Humphries*, also in the Brownedge community, is assistant to St Mary's parish, Bamber Bridge and also does chaplaincy work.

Fr *Colin Battell* has been Prior at Brownedge (St Benedict's), filling in gaps whenever they occur, for the Community there is responsible for the whole of the three large parishes Bamber Bridge (historically Brown Edge), Lostock Hall and Brindle, and in part Leyland. He is also Chairman of the Abbey Justice and Peace Commission, and retains his links with southern and eastern Africa. He and the community recently entertained Archbishop Neube of Bulawayo (Zimbabwe) to lunch.

Fr *Paschal Tian* provides life and energy at Osmotherley, especially with anything happening at the Lady Chapel: he was in the late summer at Medjugorje. Fr *Kieran Monahan* was ordained on 3 July 2005, by Bishop Ambrose, as our own Bishop was already committed on that day. Fr *Edwin Cook* is our chief Fire Warden but also helps Fr *Charles* at Easingwold, as well as teaching in the Design & Technology department. Fr *Sebastian Jobbins* is teaching in the school and active in the Chaplaincy department. He took a small party to the recent Papal World Youth Day in Cologne: an account appears elsewhere in this *Journal*. Fr *John Fairhurst* is Chaplain to the new St Margaret's House (that is, St Margaret Clitheroe) which started the year in the old St Edward's end of Bolton House, but after Easter was able to settle into the far or eastern end of the new building, Fairfax House, at the foot of Aumit (Bathing Wood) Hill. Fr *Nathanael Black* has spent the year at St Benedict's, Brownedge, where his particular skills with computers, and his experience with sign language for the deaf have enhanced his help in the pastoral work of the parishes (St Mary's and Lostock Hall). Fr *Rainer Verborg* has been teaching Maths at SMA (Gilling), and has been Assistant to Fr *Rupert* in Ampleforth village. He has also taken up the revival of the Orchard, enthusiastically supported by the labours of *Abbot Timothy*. A development which may well arouse interest is the planned diversion of the main apple crop into Abbey cider, and also cider brandy (much stronger). The latter, however, remains inaccessible while it matures in its bonded warehouse (under the supervision of HM Customs), an

unexpected use for our disused farm buildings. Fr *Wulstan Peterbus* took over St John's House when Fr Cuthbert was elected Abbot: he was already Head of Christian Theology. (This is what Religious Studies must now be called, because this term is now in general use in our secular world to mean something much too diffuse.) Fr Wulstan was co-editor of the book of conference proceedings produced after the previous Catholic-Shia conference in 2003, *Catholics and Shi'a in Dialogue: studies in theology and spirituality*, ed. A Mahony & al, 2004.

Br *Cosmas Wilson* spent the year in his native America, where (among other things) he played the organ for the liturgy in more than one church. Br *Philip Rozario* is at St Benet's, following a degree course in Theology: he has another year to do. Br *Columba Moujing* was simply professed on 6 September 2004 and has been following the usual pre-theological studies with great energy. He has also (with Br Miles) been half the manpower available for the church and sacristy. Br *Brendan McEntee* returned to lay life at Christmas, in Ireland. Br *Miles Atfield*, our most recent novice, made his First or Simple Profession on 3 September.

THE MISSION

The Community's involvement in the Mission has now lasted 397 years, during which time it has varied in size. At present we are responsible for 16 missions or parishes in England, if Gilling and Oswaldkirk are regarded as separate. We serve 23,700 Catholic people, of whom 4,500 are regularly at Sunday Mass (19%), but in the last year there have been just under 300 baptisms. The average size of mission is just under 1500, and the average Mass attendance is 32%. The largest mission is Leyland (6,000), followed by Bamber Bridge (3,750), Grassendale and Lostock Hall (2,500). The smallest is Oswaldkirk (65). Osmotherley (53%) and Easingwold (45%) have the highest Mass attendance, although this is exceeded by the 'town-centre' church of St Mary's, Warrington (310) with an attendance figure of 108%. Figures are what you make them: but the real position is that 23 full-time priests look after 23,000 people in 13 full parishes, and that baptisms (288) exceeded deaths (263) by nearly 10%. It is the Lord who gives the increase.

ST BENET'S HALL

In the academic year 2004-2005, there were 42 undergraduates at St Benet's, and three graduate students. At the same time that Fr Leo Chamberlain became Master, Fr Bernard Green completed his DPhil with distinction (publication is being considered by OUP) and was appointed Tutor and Director of Studies in Theology. There were three monks in the undergraduate body. It is pleasing to record that the nine members of the Hall who took their final examinations this summer, one monk and eight others, had good results: all took 2.1s. Our lay American graduate student successfully completed his Diploma in Theology, also with a 2.1, and can now enter for the MSt. All freshmen passed their first public examinations and two were awarded Distinctions. Only one member of the Hall, a second-year man on his third attempt, failed in this examination, and has had to go down. This good academic record has been matched by success on the river. The Hall VIII, which included a Blackfriars man, and had no reserves, achieved four bumps both in Torpids and Summer Eights.

The resident community, with notable support from some of the laity who have habitually attended Mass and Office, have celebrated a spoken office, and a sung Mass daily; Latin vespers has been sung whenever we could gather enough competent singers. For the monks, this has been helpful and important; and it is something that we have such adult lay support. The appointment of an organist has much helped the dignity of the liturgy on Sundays. There are some active Catholics among the freshmen, and their support of the University Catholic Chaplaincy has been welcomed; the Master has become the Senior Member of the Newman Society.

Few monks now come to the Hall to take first degrees in secular subjects. We should be able to attract a few DPhil students, and we may also find that the Master of Studies degree, a one-year introductory course in research, is attractive to some. With the Erasmus scheme within the European Union, one-year exchanges between universities are now possible, and this might lead to good developments in Europe. For the Americans, the Second BA degree at Oxford continues to be an attractive option, and we must be in touch with the large Benedictine congregations in the USA. But there are fewer younger monks today in any Congregation. St Benet's might also be helpful to older men, due for a sabbatical period, either for independent study or else to take a further degree. In such a context, the presence of lay students could still be attractive, but we might move more towards graduate entry.

Payments and accounting is now done through the Procurator's Office. Once a system is firmly in place, we will get a clearer financial overview and more accurate budgeting. The use of the Hall for summer schools and other external occasions makes an essential financial contribution. With the advice of Conference Oxford, charges have been increased, although a monastic and academic concessionary rate has been maintained. Even with steady overwork on the part of the Master, the appointment of staff could not be avoided. We now have a Senior Tutor, Dr Santha Bhattacharji, who will work half-time for the Hall in the coming year, and a College Secretary, full time, in the course of appointment. We are fortunate in these appointments. In the domestic area, the company Sodexo was appointed in January 2005 to take over catering and domestic supervision, and provide the professional back-up needed to ensure regular staffing and fulfilment of health and safety standards. In the garden, OU Parks are now responsible for regular maintenance. Provision for IT has been much enhanced, with a new hub for access to the university system, the introduction of a firewall in accord with university requirements, the provision of some better equipment for the computer room and the adoption of OLIS, the standard Oxford system, for library cataloguing. Here we are indebted to the efforts of our volunteer librarian, one of our graduate students. University requirements have been met with the provision of separate broadband access for visiting groups and conferences.

The Hall's provision of accommodation is well below current College standards: most Colleges now provide a much higher proportion of rooms within College. Any solution to this problem rests in the first place upon realistic financial assessments of the best size of the Hall. In regard to the Collegiate University, and in particular the Conference of Colleges, the Master of St Benet's is in an almost unique position regarding the number of committees he may attend, and indeed needs to attend. While the private Halls carry little weight in the University at large, this kind of work is essential if we are to be in touch with affairs. As in other

respects, the demands for administration in this area have increased greatly over the years. The maintenance and even increase of some teaching provision in the Hall is important whatever be our shape. Historically, St Benet's has mattered very much to Ampleforth, and our small contribution to Oxford has been appreciated. But things change. Financially, we do not even know yet what might be a viable size in the medium term. Educationally, to provide for the needs of indifferently agnostic or atheist undergraduates should be no part of our mission, though we may hope to provide possibilities for those in search of values for their lives. On the other hand, the Catholic presence in Oxford is remarkably strong, and there may be possibilities for a continued significant contribution: it is not often understood that in taking six undergraduates for theology, St Benet's takes three times as many as the largest College, Christ Church, with a galaxy of post-holders.

OSMOTHERLEY

Community life in Osmotherley benefited from the addition of Abbot Timothy, who was based here during the first part of his sabbatical. We have continued to develop our hospitality, welcoming people to stay in our guestrooms and providing guided retreats for a few priests and religious sisters. We have had a few visiting monks, mainly from Ampleforth, but also Fr Leo from Downside. One of our local Methodist ministers is a regular visitor to work in our library. Feeling the need of some training in retreat giving, we were assisted by a one-day workshop on spiritual direction led by Susie Sheldrake. We have continued to take turns to give a monthly conference and to hear the confessions at the Poor Clare Abbey in Darlington, and now also to assist Abbot Timothy with the monthly confessions at the Carmel in Darlington. Fr Edmund has continued to work in the neighbouring Stokesley/Great Ayton parish on Sundays, where his pastoral gifts are most appreciated. He is also in charge of the garden in Osmotherley, and works methodically. Much of the heavy work is done by prisoners who come five days a week from HMP Kirklevington Grange. They are typically unskilled and so need a great deal of direction if good results are to ensue. And when he has some spare time, Fr Edmund makes delicious bread. Fr Paschal and Fr Terence have continued to run the kitchen and to try (often unsuccessfully) to eat all the vegetables that Fr Edmund grows. Fr Bernard does much of the cleaning in the house and answers the telephone.

Fr Edmund, Fr Paschal and Fr Terence are members of the Osmotherley Garden Club, and participate in the monthly meetings and benefit from the advice that is available. On Mondays the local Doctor continues to hold his surgery in the house, and once a month we have the Baby clinic here too. These are valuable links with the village community. Fr Terence has been involved with the preparation of the Osmotherley Village Plan and is a member of the Steering Group. The website www.ladychapel.org.uk has been run for some years by a parishioner, but now with the expertise of Fr Paschal we are able to link it to our weekly parish newsletter, and a special event section that enabled us to feature the timetable for the G8 summit, for example. More developments are planned. All the Community are in some way involved in the parish and in the wider life of the diocese. We attended the Bishop's Jubilee Mass, and help with Reconciliation services in our pastoral area and beyond. The Sacramental life of the parish has continued steadily. Fr Paschal has

done all the baptisms and about half the weddings.

One of the highlights of the parish year is the annual picnic. To this we invite people from Port Clarence, a very deprived area of Teesside. This year we put on two coaches to bring them to join us, and all went well until one of the dads broke his leg playing rounders too enthusiastically. Fr Edmund and Fr Paschal, together with a local Imam, blessed a massive consignment of medicines as they left for the Children's Hospital in Baghdad. This made the front page of the local newspaper. Over £30,000 was raised in the parish and the local area for this good cause. And this is only the first consignment. The Parish has also started a local group to support Street Child Africa, the only UK charity working exclusively with children in Africa who live on the streets. Several thousand pounds have already been raised. As with the Baghdad initiative, this charitable work is entirely led by lay people, but the monks are of course supportive. There is also a scheme to raise money for a new school in Vietnam. This project is led by Fr Paschal, but much of the work is being done by parishioners, and we have also received valuable advice and assistance from the Development Office at Ampleforth. Ecumenical links remain strong, at both local, parochial, level and regional level: Fr Terence is a newsletter secretary of Churches Together in the North York Moors (the local intermediate body). This year we seem to have had more pilgrimages than in previous years, and an increasing number of private visits. Every First Friday we have a special afternoon Mass with Exposition and devotions. And there is a regular Mass on Saturday afternoons (sometimes we have 100 people!) and on Bank holidays.

The critical condition of the world's poorest countries was well publicised before the G8 summit meeting in early July. People went to Scotland in their thousands to show their solidarity with the most marginalised of our brothers and sisters round the world, pressing hard for change. Before the meeting we received information about steps to end debt in the poorest countries. It was not enough: we wanted more. Fr Terence, with the support of local Church leaders, proposed a three-day vigil of prayer during the G8 meeting, starting with Morning prayer at 9.00 am and ending with Compline at 9.00 pm. It was advertised locally, and all men and women of faith were invited. In support of this initiative Churches Together in the North York Moors contributed enough money to cover the expense of a marquee, large enough to provide for varied events. The weather was not good: a wet first day kept the prudent indoors, but a little sun on the second and third days encouraged many to come. By the end several hundreds had made the walk up to the shrine. This vigil achieved its aim of bringing people of different faith traditions to pray together, and together they witnessed to the power of prayer in changing minds. The continuous prayer for three days was impressive: it was a different approach to these intractable problems. In the light of faith we know our human problems can only be solved within the will of our loving God, whose being is love, and we, each of us, are part of that love.

ZIMBABWE

In May it was announced that Fr Christopher would not be returning to Zimbabwe. As we begin this report we would like to acknowledge with gratitude the contribution he has made to the monastic foundation here in Zimbabwe. Many will miss him, especially for his faithful service on the Justice and Peace Desk and Executive of the Conference of Major Religious Superiors.

Over the past year the community has continued providing a wide range of retreats and other activities both in Zimbabwe and elsewhere. We have tried once again to create opportunities for those living with HIV/Aids to come on retreat and for carers to find a time to reflect and relax. We have also given more spiritual assistance to the Sisters of Jesus of Nazareth at Mariachiedza, a group of indigenous women who are seeking recognition from the Archbishop of Harare and desire very much to adopt the Rule of St Benedict. Our other regular commitments of monthly days of recollection to the sisters here at Monte Cassino and the Missionaries of Charity in Harare have also continued.

Alongside the daily round Fr Richard has preached retreats to the Poor Clares in Namibia, to the Dominican Sisters in Harare and the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood in Bulawayo. He has accompanied various individuals in directed retreats and a group of six Spiritan Juniors, who at present are doing theology at the new Holy Trinity College at Tafara. Throughout the year he has given generous service as guest-master with its many demands, especially from casual callers needing help and assistance. We also have him to thank for the many practical repairs that are done inside and outside the monastery. Last, but certainly not least, he has become an invaluable link with the University of Zimbabwe in Harare and Africa University based in Mutare. Each term he arranges a Sunday when he can celebrate Mass at the Universities; these occasions are very much appreciated by the students and it has led to some of them coming on retreat.

Fr Alban continues to keep us financially on the straight and narrow, a task that is far from easy in the prevailing economic climate. He too has contributed to the retreat work by giving a preached retreat to a local congregation of sisters in Masvingo, a pre-ordination retreat to some Carmelites and individually guided retreats. In March he spent a week with the community at Mariachiedza, guiding them through St Benedict's understanding of the *Opus Dei*.

As ever, Fr Barnabas has kept us well fed by tirelessly looking after the vegetable garden and the livestock. With chickens, rabbits, ducks and geese to monitor, it is a full time occupation feeding, weeding and calculating their reproductive cycle. Despite this heavy commitment he has found time to give a preached retreat to a local congregation of sisters in Driefontein Mission, spent a week at Mariachiedza helping them with *lectio divina* and sharing his knowledge from the formators course in Rome. He too has guided several individuals in retreat.

Due to the commitment of being acting Prior, Fr Robert tried to reduce some of his outside commitments. In January 2005 he organised on behalf of the Health Desk a one-day theological symposium on the topic, *Where is God in the context of HIV/Aids?* He has written various articles on the subject of HIV/Aids and religious formation and in September a long-awaited manual on Pastoral Counselling will be published and launched by the WCC in Geneva. He hopes that the long-awaited payment might come soon after! He gave a preached retreat

to the Missionaries of Charity in Madagascar in December 2004 and will go to South Africa in October to give a retreat to the Poor Clares. He has also been invited to assist the Conference of Religious in Zambia to focus their attention on the issue of the theological implication of HIV and Aids in formation programmes.

When not providing ministry to others, we have as a community had a series of fruitful community discussions in which we have tackled important issues such as our future building needs or policy on charitable giving, and have brought to conclusion the first stage of our formation document, *A Life of Transformation*. At present the community is in good heart and we feel excited about the future prospects of vocations and the task of having to build a new monastery. In the near future further community discussions will be held on formation, with the advice and experience of those who have been formators for many years. Our first candidate, Denis Dinala, will arrive in January to start the process of gradual integration into the monastic life. Simba Mavura, our other aspirant, is preparing for his O Levels in December and his future plans will be dependent on the outcome of these exams. In September 2004 we were gratified that a 'vocations club' from Chegutu were keen enough to travel nearly four hours to spend the day with us; many of the young people having started the day at 3.30 am in order to attend. In August three young men will be having a 'Benedictine Experience' and we await their reaction to monastic life. There is therefore a possibility that more than one candidate will enter in January 2006.

Since the last report to Chapter we have had three abbatial visits. In November we welcomed Abbot Richard Yeo for his first experience of Africa. During his short, seven-day visit he blessed our new altar and presided at Sunday Mass for the School. He then gave the community a three-day retreat and visited the Sisters of Jesus of Nazareth in order to advise them on the procedure of being recognised as a Benedictine community. Following this visit he met with the Papal Nuncio and Archbishop of Harare to advise them on the way forward. Abbot Richard was extremely encouraging and his visit and conferences were greatly appreciated. In January 2005 Abbot Timothy paid his last visit to us and had the opportunity to meet with our two aspirants. In May it was the turn of Abbot Cuthbert, with Fr Bede, to pay us a two-day visit. In that time they met with the architect, discussed the proposed building project with the community, saw the sires and met individually with each member of the community. The visit was short but we were deeply gratified that they were prepared to come for such a short time despite the long journey.

The media back in England have shown some interest in the events in Zimbabwe of late, and Africa in general has drawn attention due to Gleneagles and the summit of the G8. While we do not wish to diminish the significance of the initiatives of Blair, Brown and Geldof and their well-meaning desire to make poverty history in Africa and cancel certain countries' debt, it is necessary to galvanise Africa's leaders themselves to take seriously Nepal's challenge for genuine 'peer review' and end corruption from within. Developed nations can cancel as much debt as calms their particular consciences but ultimately one wonders whether the people most in need will see any benefit, especially if the question of fair trade is not honestly discussed. In Zimbabwe the result of the parliamentary elections in March 2005 were by and large expected, but what came as a real shock was the unleashing of the operation to clean up urban, and now rural, areas of so called unsuitable housing and local informal trading. The Chief of Police described

the operation in this way: 'We must clean the country of the crawling mass of maggots bent on destroying the economy'. This 'Operation Murambatsvina' has little to do with improving living standards and the quality of housing; rather its aim is to suppress elements in society that the government consider to be undesirable. This 'grave crime', carried out by 'inhuman means' as the Zimbabwean Catholic Bishops described it, has left millions without homes, food and livelihood. All this is at the worst possible time of year, winter, and at a time when the World Food Programme estimates that six million Zimbabweans will require food aid. The Catholic Bishops were quick to issue a statement in which they warned 'all the perpetrators of this crime that history will hold you individually accountable. People's dignity and human rights are being violated.' This strong statement was followed a week later by a pastoral letter outlining six important principles, Human Dignity, Basic Rights of the Human Person, the Promotion of the Common Good, the Option for the Poor, Subsidiarity, and Solidarity. We are grateful that our Bishops have found their voice after much silence, a voice that is strong and unequivocal.

Space does not permit an in-depth analysis of the political and economic situation in Zimbabwe. Life is far from easy and the hardship is real, but Zimbabwe is much bigger than the difficulties that we experience. Few of the many inspiring and uplifting features of life here are reported in the international media, whose own accounts of Zimbabwe often border on the sensational and at times are simply inaccurate. Zimbabweans are resilient and have a noble patience, which is breathtaking when one recognises the depth of suffering. They try as best they can to go about their normal lives and there are still amazing examples of self-giving. We are fortunate in our retreat work in coming into contact with religious and lay people who are at the cutting edge of pastoral care. While the world at large may look to the big aid agencies such as Cafod, Oxfam, WHO and WFP, the unsung heroes and heroines of faith-based groups struggle daily to bring relief to situations and people that the better-known organizations have not even noticed or cannot reach. In 1990 we were invited to Zimbabwe by the Conference of Bishops to be a spiritual resource, so that by our own monastic presence we could support those on the front line. It would seem to the community resident in Zimbabwe that our presence here is even more necessary than when we responded to the invitation, when things looked far more promising. In our daily life of prayer we witness to the God who proclaimed to the Israelites: 'I have seen the suffering of my people. I have heard their cry. I know their suffering and am come down to deliver them.' (Ex 3:7)

THE CHEVTOGNE GROUP

Fr Dominic belongs to an international monastic ecumenical committee, the Chevtogne Group. It recently met in Grodno, Belarus, about 200 miles west of Minsk and quite near the Polish border. It was hosted by the Orthodox Convent of the Nativity of Our Lady, whose Abbess is a member of the Group. There is a strong Polish Catholic presence. Relations between the Churches are fairly cordial but there is little in the way of active ecumenism. There is a huge culture-gap. Although the political regime in Belarus is dictatorial and Soviet style, the Government's attitude to its two main Churches is fairly benevolent, especially

towards the Orthodox Church. Both Churches have experienced a strong revival since 1990. The Minsk Metropolitan area of the Russian Orthodox Patriarchate is probably the most open of all the branches of the Russian Church. This is largely because of the style of the Metropolitan Filaret of Minsk, who is not only a considerable theologian in his own right, but is also vigorously progressive and ecumenical in spirit. His attitude to the Chevtogne Group is enthusiastic and hospitable, and he attended and addressed the opening session, along with the Catholic Bishop of Grodno. Fr Dominic gave a paper on St Benedict (printed elsewhere in this *Journal*) and papers were also given by Abbot Michel van Parys (ex-Abbot of Chevtogne) and by Fr Andre Louf: the presentations tended to alternate between Catholic and Orthodox. The programme was a bit overloaded and exhausting, but was also fascinating. In the common heritage of monastic and patristic spirituality, the antiquity of St Benedict, Cassian and St Gregory the Great means that they are regarded as belonging to both traditions. This meant the dialogue which took place during the meeting was real and comfortable rather than in any way forced. This made it possible for the atmosphere to be agreeable, open and even light-hearted.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2005

We have received the following account of World Youth Day 2005.

The Twentieth World Youth Day took place in August 2005 in Cologne, Germany and proved to be the success that those of us involved in these events have come to expect. Over a million young people gathered from every part of the globe to share and celebrate their faith and to welcome our new pope who kept this appointment with the youth of the world made by Pope John Paul four years ago. It was particularly poignant to participate in Pope Benedict's first journey to his home country since his election last April.

The whole festival lasted ten days and began with the young pilgrims dispersed throughout Germany as guests of the various dioceses and parishes. Benedictines took the opportunity to gather together at the abbey and school of Koenigsmueenster, Meschede. Students and teachers from Benedictine schools in the various continents enjoyed the remarkable sense of familiarity we share through our common Benedictine character. These days were filled with workshops and activities which reflected both spiritual and cultural interests from *lectio divina* to traditional African dancing.

In preparation for the arrival of the Holy Father we all moved towards Cologne on the feast of the Assumption. Such was the number of international pilgrims attending that the festival was divided between the three nearby cities of Cologne, Bonn and Dusseldorf. Only once were all able to come together in one place, on the final day at the former mining fields of the Marienfeld.

When Pope Benedict set out for the World Youth Day, he was greeted as though he was Pope John Paul. The element of celebrity was much in evidence as we cheered and chanted his name. Two days later, a new pope stood before us. A pope who is not an actor as John Paul was, but a teacher; not a philosopher as John Paul was, but a theologian. A teacher who was in his element with young people and who simply communicated by his manner, the fact that he was instructing. What he said was substantial and apposite, but it seemed to me that the World

Youth Day only encompassed the whole work of evangelisation with young people when the Holy Father chose to do an extraordinary thing. Having delivered his brief teaching, he prayed with us. Oddly, I have never noticed this before. At previous World Youth Days I have always remembered Pope John Paul speaking to us. Of Cologne 2005 I remember the Holy Father in a golden cope kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament as, behind him, one million young people hushed each other to complete silence. It was as though the Pope had recognised that there is much he can say, there are many words we can use to understand our situation, but ultimately, what makes us different is that we believe that Christ is alive. *'Dear young people, the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face; it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist. Only he gives the fullness of life to humanity!'*

The theme taken for the World Youth Day was the Journey of the Magi whose relics are said to lie in Cologne Cathedral, a theme which turned out to be appropriate for the spiritual condition of many young Christians who are asking the same question as those seekers from the East, *'where is the infant king of the Jews'* (Matt. 2:2) even it is expressed differently. This question is most often asked critically with a cynical sneer at a Church and Christians who promote a lifestyle which has become disconnected from its vitality. The more perceptive young person will see this for the hypocrisy that it is. The witness of Catholics who keep their heads in the sand so as not to offend or seem to be different from anyone else in our society, who openly mock the Church for being out of date and urgently in need of coming into line with the rest of our rational, informed Western thinking. Catholics who take it upon themselves to adopt the enlightened life choices that they presume the Church will eventually come to accept for itself. In other words the consumer Catholicism so popular with a generation of Western European Catholics. A lifestyle which rightly does not attract young people, who ask, what is the point of being a Catholic if you are able to do whatever you like?

The Pope closed the festival by announcing that the next International World Youth Day would take place in 2008 in the archdiocese of Sydney.

DUBLIN

Fr Christopher Gorst spent the year following the Religious Formation Course run by the Irish Missionary Union in Dublin, and previously experienced by Frs Bede, Richard and Kieran. All stayed with the Marist fathers at Mount St Mary's in Milltown. This year there were 27 participants on the course from 18 different countries. There were 10 from Africa, nine from Asia, five from Europe, three from Oceania. There were 13 men and 14 women from various Congregations and all were involved in leadership or formation, or likely to be so. The course is intensive and has six elements, Human Development, Theology/Scripture, Skills, Group Work, Pastoral Ministry and Spirituality/Prayer. This included pastoral ministries in the city of Dublin, through which he was involved with patients at an HIV/Aids unit at Cherry Orchard Hospital. There was also an eight-day individual retreat under the Jesuits at Manresa. At Easter six participants from six countries came with Fr Christopher to the Triduum at the Abbey, which further widened their experience.

ARCHIVES

As is normal in archive collections, accumulation exceeds indexing and shelving, but as archivists are an unhurried lot this is merely an annoyance. Even unordered material can be used in two centuries' time, which is the kind of timescale usual in archives: those who work with them (contrary to the popular, dust-laden, view) live in the future, not the past. It must be admitted, however, that there is a fair amount of genuine 20th century dust as well. The process of making various catalogues and lists available on the Internet is slower than we would like, but no one who has worked with computers will be unfamiliar with at least the substance of Cramer's Second Law, which states, 'Any operation involving the use of computers takes between 10 and 15 times as long as planned.' When completed, the site will enable anyone to see the Library catalogue, periodicals index or various lists and indexes of past monks or pupils. But there is still work to be done.

By the time this account is in print (itself subject to the same law) we should have available copies of M. Butler, *Holme Eden: the muns of Fort Augustus* (2005). This is a substantial and valuable history of the former Benedictine convent which was originally founded by the first, German, Abbot of Fort Augustus, which moved after the First War to Warwick Bridge, Carlisle; for want of numbers it finally dispersed in 1983. The book outlines more of the early history of Fort Augustus Abbey than is now available, and adds much detail about the life and experiences of the community, such as much sickness and financial anxiety, spirituality faithful to both the English and Continental traditions, and much family and social history of the time. There are some unusual incidents, too: few convents have had a Hurricane fighter crash (without warning) in front of the front door, nor experienced so many ceilings falling down without injuring a single nun. Numerous names familiar from the contemporary history of Ampleforth and Downside make appearances, and the Appendix includes much information about the other Benedictine convents not elsewhere to be found in one place. There are about 450 pages and numerous historical photographs. Anyone who wishes to learn more about this interesting book should consult with the Archivist at the Abbey (archive@ampleforth.org.uk).

CIDER BRANDY

The top orchard with its East-Malling rows can produce a good crop (average approx. 16 tons) of good eating and cooking apples. About one third of these can be sold straight off. However, picking apples is labour-intensive and more than 60% of the Ampleforth apples are rejected by the customers, due to size or blemishes. Sales do not cover the cost of maintaining the orchard and picking the fruit. Making it into a professional business by utilising the unsaleable apples was the main aim when the Ampleforth Cider Brandy venture was started in 2003. Without major input no further increase can be expected. The trees produce a good crop even in an average year, but it is not possible to harvest all apples without some mechanisation. To convert the apples from perishable produce to a more stable product, they can be juiced and either pasteurised as simple apple juice or fermented to cider, which in turn can be distilled into cider-brandy. The brandy then can be sold as a premium product after it has been cask-aged. To house the maturing spirit (duty suspended) and the machinery necessary for the apple

processing (electric food-mill, hydraulic press, pumps etc), one of the farm buildings, formerly used as the yoghurt plant, was brought back on line. Refurbishment of this building has also allowed juicing and fermentation to happen under one roof. The first batch of cider was shipped to a Somerset distillery in May 2004 and the next batch followed in July 2005. Some of the cider from the 2004 harvest is available for sale to the public, thus starting to return some of the initial investment. The first brandy will be available for sale only in August 2006. Some development of the orchard may prove possible, into meadows with widely spaced high trees, by the old Gilling fish ponds, or on the disused Junior House cricket field. Some capacity of the apple-press and in particular of the pasteuriser is made available to the public, who can present their home-picked or dropped fruit for pressing and receive in return juice at a cut-price.

HOLME EDEN ABBEY THE NUNS OF FORT AUGUSTUS

by Moira Butler

Much helped by Abbot Smith of Ampleforth, and the parish fathers of Warwick Bridge



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The Abbey was first founded in 1891, the community moved to Holme Eden after the First World War and closed in 1983. The work is very thorough and contains a great deal of source material. There is an extensive appendix and an index, and there are a number of photographs.

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GLOBALISATION AND POVERTY

CHRIS BAIN, DIRECTOR OF CAFOD

Chris Bain, the Director of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) since July 2003, gave the 187th Headmaster's Lecture, and the first lecture in its 25th Year [2005-2006] on 16 September 2005. In 2004 to 2005 CAFOD had an annual turnover of £47 million. CAFOD is closely associated with Caritas International, the Catholic Church's global network of humanitarian relief agencies. Before coming to CAFOD in 2003, Chris Bain was Head of Programmes for Asia, Pacific, Eastern Europe and the Caribbean for Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), Head of Campaigns at Oxfam [the department responsible for Oxfam's development, education and regional fundraising] and, before that, a VSO volunteer in Fiji.

CAFOD is an international development agency; we were founded by Catholic women over 40 years ago and are now the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. More than 70% of our income - £47m last year - comes from the catholic community in England and Wales.

I've been asked to talk about globalisation but in fact this talk is about poverty in an era of globalisation. Not surprising, since my passion is the fighting of poverty, especially poverty in its extreme forms that afflicts over half the world's population. This talk is also about the Church's response to globalisation - a response rooted in compassion and solidarity. Again, not surprising, as it is my faith that underpins and drives my passion. Finally, it's about the response of the UK and global community, particularly over the past year with the *Make Poverty History* campaign, the G8, and the Millennium Summit, and where we go from here.

Globalisation means different things to different people - there are mountains of newspaper articles and miles of bookshelves full of contradictions, polemic and apologetics. Liberal economists saw it as a positive phrase indicating the total dominance of capitalist theory and free markets. Fukuyama famously saw it as the 'end of history' - the ideological battle of ideas was won. Of course, this is nonsense - the history of ideas, like the rebooting of a PC, starts again post 9/11, and again with China's rise as a potential superpower, and again following the fallout from Katrina.

More often today, globalisation is a catchword that is shorthand for a lot of criticism directed to how the world economy is run, implying it's a root cause for all of today's problems. This sort of labelling may be useful for raising public awareness but can be a block to understanding and critical for me - a block to action on behalf of the poor.

Globalisation is primarily an economic phenomenon - the rapid economic integration between countries by removing obstacles to the global movement of capital and the production of goods and services. Its ideological parent is neo-liberalism and it is oiled by new technology, especially IT. Its supporters have pointed to the creation of unprecedented wealth globally, the creation of hundreds of thousands of jobs; mainly in selected Asian countries where poverty levels have sharply reduced. Its critics point to the ever-widening gap between the rich and poor countries and between rich and poor people, even in the north.

Another complication is that economic globalisation spills over into the social and cultural arena more than ever before. Think of the impact of instantaneous communications - mobile phones, the web, CNN, BBC World. Even people can

travel pretty much anywhere within hours. We consume global brands – Coke, Nike, MTV, McDonald's and Disney – even, sadly, Manchester United! These are accessed pretty much in every major city of the world.

And, we have the emergence of global organisations and networks – Greenpeace, development agencies like Caritas; the one CAFOD belongs to, faith groups and even protest movements against globalisation. These use the same technology and media that help consumer brands be everywhere. At the anti-globalisation rallies you often see banners like 'Support the worldwide campaign against globalisation', with no recognition of irony present! Finally, we arguably witnessed earlier this year our first global humanitarian crisis with the Asian tsunami.

The Jesuit theologian Peter Henriot who lives in Zambia, refers to globalisation as the maximizing of structural relationships – economic, political, cultural – that interconnect us more and more; and the *minimizing* of the realities of time and space through instant media and rapid transportation. [Peter Henriot – *Why must we educate for a global world?*]

The fact is that wherever we live in the world – in this global village – we are strongly affected by the process and the outcomes of globalisation. In other words we are globalised whether we like it or not. I am one of those who believe that globalisation, even in its economic sense, can be a force for good as well as a force for evil. Yet there is no doubt in my mind that the current structures of trade and finance, of commerce and capital, are impoverishing millions of people, especially in sub-Saharan Africa.

And this means it is critical to see the human face of poverty and to listen to poor people. We must see the big picture of global poverty to set alongside the big picture of globalisation. For CAFOD, as a catholic organisation, we must also see globalisation and poverty through a theological and pastoral lens: our encounter with God comes first and foremost through our encounter with people, especially poor people.

Just over a year ago I was sitting on a hilltop overlooking an area called Mayzeg in the famine-prone region of Tigray, Ethiopia. Ahead of me was a landscape of interlocking valleys of barren, rocky land. Earlier I had spoken to Josef, whose family farm a few acres in one of the valleys. His story is typical. He and his wife plant crops in the stony soil, though it's back-breaking and drought has meant the yield is only enough for four months. Rain, when it comes, is torrential and causes erosion. They are absolutely on the edge of existence and would starve if it were not for a food aid safety-net which keeps mass starvation in Ethiopia at bay. There is no school for the three children and the health centre is miles away, but they cannot afford medicines anyway. Two other children died of disease before they were five.

The Catholic Diocese, the regional government and other agencies are working on a number of schemes which provide watershed management, deep wells, dams and terracing and irrigation – and crucially skills-training. Josef and other families at Mayzeg are part of an innovative 'Watershed' scheme. The project is part 'cash for work', where the local community is paid to help develop the land for farming. They clear fields of stone, and build dams and terracing that help retain water and lessen erosion.

On the completed hills the scheme has an amazing impact on the first group of 300 families. What was once barren hillside becomes green terracing. The training in horticulture and marketing means the villagers now sell off any surplus in the

regional capital. There will be 13,000 people who directly benefit in Mayzeg, but the Watershed scheme will benefit in some way more than 100,000 people in total.

A few days later I met another woman called Amane and her family in the southern district called Meki. They had a small plot of land but absolutely nothing else – no school, no clinic, and for six months of the year she too had to live on food aid from the Government. To pay for medicine for her daughter she sold her livestock; she does not even have a lamp since hers broke. Like Josef, she is one of the 28 million people in Ethiopia who live on less than 25 pence a day. I have never witnessed such depth and breadth of poverty in all my travels as I did in her village. And yet soon hers will be one of 6000 households benefiting from an irrigation, seeds and livestock scheme set up by the local Catholic diocese and funded by CAFOD.

And yet, despite these schemes, according to CAFOD partner Ammanuel Hadera, from the Catholic Diocese of Adigrat, 'The poverty is getting worse. You can read the hunger and suffering from their faces.'

This is because while patchwork schemes like this mean that food production is increasing in Ethiopia at 1% a year, this is not keeping pace with the country's population growth of 3% a year. That more people are trying to live off a hostile land does not seem to add up. As we shall see later, this is a trend throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

As you heard earlier, I have spent most of my life working in international development. I have met many people like Yosef and Amane. In January, it was Fatima in Western Sudan, before then Maria in El Salvador. Real people, real issues, not statistics. And what unites them, apart from the fact they are being helped by CAFOD, is that their poverty is avoidable, it is man-made, it simply need not happen! The poverty that kills 30,000 people a day from preventable diseases, poor water, malnutrition, and AIDS is not inevitable, it can be prevented: 30,000 people a day – that's equivalent to a disaster on the scale of the Asian tsunami – every week. In a global population of six billion, a billion people cannot read or write; 900 million have no access to any form of health service. This is not only morally wrong, it can be put right.

Yet it's looking at comparisons of wealth and consumption between rich and poor that hits hard. And this isn't the politics of envy, as some would like you to think. It's just manifestly unfair. In a world where half the world's population live on less than £1.20 a day, the average European cow gets subsidised by about that amount and the US cow by £2.00! What can we conclude: three billion people in the south would be better off living as cows! The fact is that in the era of globalisation the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. According to the latest UN Development Report, the 25 richest Americans have as much income as two billion of the world's poorest people. For an economic system that's meant to be raising global wealth, something's wrong when 19 African countries had negative growth rates in the 1990s.

Our response

CAFOD believes the effects of globalisation need to be measured against key principles in catholic social teaching – in short, upholding the dignity and rights of every human person, working for the common good of all humanity, and when there are choices to be made, and sides to be taken, making an option for the poor.

It was the late Pope John Paul who said that in the poorest person, we meet Jesus Christ in disguise.

The church's response to economic globalisation is to call for global solidarity – solidarity based on love – loving others for what they are, affirming their dignity, respecting the principle of justice. This love for others also recognises the duty to share. Love causes us to share what we have with others. It's not fashionable to talk of love of course. Perhaps we've debased and devalued the word. It's become passive and pastel shaded. But love is a powerful and awesome word. It's the source of our solidarity, our hope, and our thirst for justice.

It's the kind of love that gets us angry and passionate about a child, *Josef's child*, dying every three seconds from a preventable disease. It's the kind of love that brought a quarter of a million people to Edinburgh a couple of months ago to demand justice for a fifth of humanity who live in obscene and absolute poverty, day after day. This love demands that everyone has the right to the fullness of life and basic human dignity; and rages against the exploitation and disempowerment of the world's vulnerable and marginalized. This kind of love appears absent in a morally bankrupt global society that tolerates and reinforces absolute poverty when it has the wealth and technology to eradicate it; where resources can easily be found to double aid and cancel debt – but are spent on agricultural subsidies and arms instead; where trade justice could yield hundreds of billions of dollars every year – but selfishness and corporate power win out.

Solidarity built on love is about a fundamental change in the way we relate to each other, but in particular about how we relate to the poor and disadvantaged. It recognises the interdependence of people – do unto others as you would have them do unto you – but goes further – and demands compassion – the sharing of suffering, sharing of resources, the preserving of life.

If this is what the church is about then it is not surprising that it supported the Millennium Summit in 2000, where every world leader, every international body, almost every single country, signed up to the Millennium Development Goals. In the words of Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, they 'made a commitment to right one of the great wrongs of our time'. World leaders from the smallest and the biggest countries made an historic declaration to transform the lives of the world's poor by 2015. By 2015, they promised, all primary children would have a school to go to. By 2015, two-thirds of avoidable infant deaths would be prevented. By 2015, extreme poverty would be halved.

Now to be honest, CAFOD is not really satisfied with the ambition to reduce poverty by half. It doesn't quite tally with the radical understanding of solidarity I've just outlined as central to our faith! Our mandate is to eliminate poverty and achieve social justice. But we acknowledge the Millennium Development Goals are achievable steps in the right direction. We certainly are not happy that the achievement of the goals depends on global averages. The growth rates in countries like China and India mean the global halving of extreme poverty is likely. No, the acid test of the Millennium Development Goals will be progress towards the goals in sub-Saharan Africa. And the picture there, as I saw in Ethiopia, is bleak. The promises are being broken.

Listen to this tragic litany about sub-Saharan Africa – a region blighted by conflict, poor governance, HIV and Aids, net outflows of money, marginalized from world trade, and forced to open markets:

- Sub-Saharan Africa is the only group of countries with negative per capita growth during the last 20 years.
- On current trends, sub-Saharan Africa will be the only region in the world where the number of poor people, ie those living on less than a dollar a day, will be higher in 2015 than in 1990.
- On current trends, universal primary education will not be reached by 2015 but by 2130; the elimination of avoidable and needless infant deaths not by 2015 but by 2165. And the halving of poverty – not by 2015 but by 2150.

But projections they are, and that means there is nothing necessary about them. Provided that Africans themselves can bring an end to conflict and ensure good government and good policies – and that is a big if – and provided that rich nations can fulfil their promises and supply the resources and fair trade policies, and that African governments, civil society and donors can work together to put those resources to work, then there is every reason to hope that in the ten years remaining before 2015, the Millennium Development Goals can be achieved.

And that is what the current *Make Poverty History* campaign is all about: ensuring the UK government, and the rich governments of the world, do all in their considerable power to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. First of all, we are asking them to increase the amount of the aid they give to poorer countries and ensure that it is effective and fair; then that they should cancel the crippling debts. This could mean in Ethiopia millions of dollars more now for roads, schools, hospitals and clean water, and irrigation to grow food. Lastly, we are asking that there should be justice in the way poor countries are forced to trade with rich countries. With more and better aid, cancellation of debts, and fairer trade, we can go a long way to making poverty history.

Make Poverty History is about the people of Britain making a difference in 2005. It's about the people of Britain urging/telling the Government of Britain to make a difference. It is a coalition of NGOs, churches, trades unions, civil organisations all working together in 2005. *Make Poverty History* is also part of the huge *Global Call to Action* of civil society and churches from countries all over the world.

I'm going to talk a little more about two elements of the *Make Poverty History* agenda: aid and trade.

Aid

Aid as a proportion of national income is still properly regarded as a measure of a country's commitment to development. Unlike debt cancellation or trade negotiations, which are the subject of difficult and protracted negotiations, the percentage of the budget that a country devotes to development assistance is a unilateral decision for the government alone. Aid can be increased literally at the stroke of the Chancellor's pen.

Thirty-five years ago the Pearson Commission – chaired by Lester Pearson, a former prime minister of Canada – recommended that within five years industrialised nations should allocate 0.7% of national income to development aid. The rationale for this remains both familiar, if somewhat depressing, because it is 35 years old. I quote: 'The first is a moral reason and is based on the universally accepted proposition that it is the duty of the fortunate to help those who need. Enlightened national interest, expressed in terms of an interdependent world

community, is the second reason. It suggests the necessity for partnership.' The report asks, 'Who can now ask where his country will be in a few decades, without asking where the world will be?'

In 2005 only Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, the Netherlands and Luxembourg are meeting the 0.7%. In 2003 the average for donor nations is a dismal 0.25%, with the US and Italy bringing up the rear with 0.14% and 0.16% respectively.

And yet, as sub-Saharan Africa gets poorer, the rich countries have never been richer and never been meaner. In 1960 income per head in rich northern countries was \$11,000 and we were giving \$61 in aid. By 2002 our income was \$28,000 in real terms and we were giving \$67 in aid.

The current global aid is about \$50 billion a year. In a report for the UN, Professor Jeffrey Sachs estimates that this will need to rise to over \$120 billion if the Millennium Development Goals are to be met – and to be honest, this would have been easily achieved if just the G8 countries meeting in Gleneagles last July all gave 0.7 of the GNI in aid.

The UK itself has some way to go. Although aid is now increasing, and the government must be congratulated for this, it is still only 0.4% of GNI. Before the G8 summit Gordon Brown committed British aid to rise to 0.47% in 2007/8 and to 0.7% by 2013.

Make Poverty History is demanding that we make much quicker progress – that £2 billion should be added to the UK's aid budget next year and the date for reaching 0.7% should be 2010. Why not? The UK is seeking to assume the moral leadership of the G8 on development. Our arguments would be so much more persuasive if we were leading emphatically by example.

One of the slogans of the students who demonstrated against De Gaulle in 1968 was 'Let us be realistic. Demand the impossible.' But we know that the impossible can become real. We were told that no government could ever fix a timetable for achieving 0.7% because governments cannot make commitments for future governments two or three elections away. But we in the UK now have a timetable, and in an unprecedented and welcome commitment, the Conservatives have pledged to honour it. Let us continue to demand that £2 billion now and 0.7% of GNI by 2010.

Trade

For poor countries, trade is not an end in itself, it is a means to an end – to livelihoods, to flourishing economies and societies, to human development for all. The argument, then, is not between 'is trade good?' or 'is trade bad?' – it is about how developing countries maximise the opportunities that the global economy and increased trade offer them. And how can they best be enabled to cope with the many problems that trade presents them? The rules of trade, therefore, are critical.

Left to free market forces, trade can be grossly unfair. You always want to buy at the lowest price and sell at the highest and if you have power, if you set and break the rules, you always get what you want. And the rules of world trade are scandalously unfair, set by the powerful in Europe and America. It's a bit like the rugby team from your prep school playing against the All Blacks, on a sloping pitch, and the youngsters are always playing uphill!

Current trade rules are set by the World Trade Organisation and have not benefited Africa. Why? Because Africa is in not a position to take advantage of the

opportunities they promise, nor is it in a position to cope with the challenges the trade rules create. Negotiating imbalances, a skewed agenda and little attention to development implications led to the outcomes from what were the last complete World Trade Organisation negotiations – known as the Uruguay Round – that, according to studies by the World Bank and the UN Development Programme, actually made Africa worse off. [A World Bank study estimated that sub-Saharan Africa was worse off as a result of the terms of trade effects generated by the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations. The UN Development Programme estimates that, under the World Trade Organisation in the period 1995 to 2004, the 48 least developed countries will be worse off by \$600 million a year, with sub-Saharan Africa worse off by \$1.2 billion.]

According to the UN in a report released last month, an increase in international trade for the world's poorest countries has not led to any real reduction in poverty in those countries. It found that trade rarely increased the incomes of the people in the world's 50 least developed countries. [*The Least Developed Countries Report 2004*, UNCTAD.]

In the last 25 years, sub-Saharan Africa has seen a 2% growth in its trade relative to its GDP. However Africa's share in world exports fell from about 6% to 2% in the same period. [Trade Performance and Commodity Dependence, pg 1.] In trade, Africa has been going backwards: to meet the Millennium Development Goals, trade policy needs to change direction.

So what needs to happen? CAFOD and partners in the Trade Justice Movement has targeted the UK government on a number of areas:

First, is the hypocrisy of the current trade policies. The rich country policy has been based on the single highly effective maxim: 'Do as we say, not as we do.' Liberalisation and market forces for you; subsidies and protected markets for us.

We have exposed time and again the current obscene levels of northern subsidies eg that through the Common Agricultural Policy, Europe spends twice as much on agricultural subsidies than the total value of African agricultural exports.

Subsidies have turned the European Union from a net importer of food, into the world's second largest agricultural exporter. And, despite the rhetoric of the European Union over its recent reform attempts, subsidies remain on an unprecedented scale. In the EU, the CAP budget is increasing, not decreasing. It will rise from its current level of €43 billion to €50 billion by 2013.

At the World Trade Organisation, the organisation which, remember, makes trade rules, rich countries have negotiated an effective opt-out for their lavish farm subsidy programmes, which has increased rather than decreased since the start of the Uruguay Round.

We are asked to believe in a world in which poor countries are told to grow their way out of poverty, yet the only available route they are given is blocked by the rich.

This is a contest poor countries cannot be expected to win. The average EU farmer receives the equivalent of US\$16,028 annually in agricultural support [producer support estimates per European farmer 1998-2000, *Agricultural Policies in OECD Countries, Monitoring and Evaluation* OECD 2001], a hundred times more than the average income of the rural poor living in sub-Saharan Africa.

The same hypocrisy is on show in rich country barriers to developing country imports.

Did you know that the UK grinds more cocoa than Ghana, the world's biggest

producer? Or that the US collects more tariff revenue from Bangladesh than it does from France? Does this seem fair?

The products of most concern to developing countries remain the most highly protected in the rich west. Agriculture and labour-intensive goods face much higher tariffs than manufactured goods; whilst developing countries then face tariff escalation, based on the value-added they give to their products. So in the European Union the average tariff on processed commodities is 2.75 times higher than on unprocessed commodities. Again a path to development is blocked by the actions of rich countries.

Second, it's not just a level playing field that is needed. Poor countries and poor producers are not currently in a position where they can take advantage of the opportunities that trade could provide for them. They are certainly not in a position to open their markets to the winds of global competition. Debt relief and more aid will help build their export capacities and infrastructure but we have to campaign for trade rules that reflect the need for preferential access and the right of poor countries to protect those particularly important sectors for poor people.

This is particularly so in agriculture – the source of livelihood for over 70% of Africans. Even without subsidies, European agriculture – capitalised and efficient – in a free market – would devastate lives of the poorest. African agriculture, low yields, inefficient, lacking technology, needs investment and capacity building. The major problem for African producers is the lack of access to local and domestic markets, let alone being in a position to trade with Europe. [*The Role of Agriculture in Pro Poor Economic Growth in Sub Saharan Africa*, Kydd, Dorward, Morrison and Cadisch 2003.] It is critical trade rules allow poor countries to protect domestic agricultural producers on the grounds of food security, livelihood security and sustainable rural development.

The specific aim of the *Make Poverty History* campaign is to get the UK government to do all they can to stop the international institutions of which we are leading members from pressuring developing countries to open up **their** markets any further at the expense of their poor people.

The Government can have an influence in the following forums this year 2005:

- The World Trade Organisation's ongoing discussions in Geneva and at the meeting of Trade Ministers in Hong Kong in December – in particular for poor countries to have a right to self-select an unrestricted number of agricultural 'special products' which will be exempt from liberalisation.
- Through negotiations through the EU direct with poorer countries in the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific regions; these quite aggressively promote liberalisation of their markets.
- Through the World Bank and IMF – to stop liberalisation and privatisation being conditions for aid and debt relief.

It has been estimated that achieving the pro-poor agreement promised at previous world trade talks at Doha could give rise to gains for developing countries for as much as \$350 billion and we could lift between 120 million people out of poverty by this one act. We must make it so.

So, where are we now?

In the context of this lecture, my argument is that if the demands of the *Make Poverty History* campaign are realised it would help globalisation work for all and significantly reduce poverty. It would transform the lives of Josef, Amane and millions of others like them. It could increase aid flows to help supply side issues which could enable countries to compete in trade markets. It could improve terms of trade, stop dumping subsidised products, and allow countries to determine their own pace of liberalisation.

So what has happened over the past eight months? Firstly, there has been the biggest anti-global-poverty coalition ever – both in the UK and around the world. In the UK, over 500 organisations formed *Make Poverty History*, a quarter of a million people rallied in Edinburgh. *Make Poverty History* impacted on all levels of public and political life. Globally, 140 million campaigners took some sort of action to lobby their governments.

The first significant political event was the G8 Summit in July where the leaders of the world's richest countries had development as one of its biggest issues. Whether it was successful depends on where you sit. For the British government, and many independent commentators, the agreements on aid and debt exceeded political expectations. For CAFOD and other campaigners it was a disappointment – some have called it a betrayal because so much was promised. This week has been the second big political event – the Global UN Summit in New York. Again, I have to say we are disappointed. Together, this seems to be what has been promised by world leaders:

On aid, we asked for an additional \$50 billion of committed aid in 2006 – it has been 'promised' for five years later in 2010 and will only come to 0.35% of rich countries' GNI. There has been no global commitment to reach the 0.7%. Partial debt cancellation has been granted to just 18 countries. To be fair, instead of budgets shrinking they are now continuing to grow. This extra money will pay for more doctors, teachers, new schools, schoolbooks, hospitals and medicines. There has also been a clear commitment to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment and care by 2010.

On trade, we wanted the current trade system to stop forcing poor countries to open their markets at any cost and guarantee their right to determine their own trade policies and development priorities. We seem to have vague statements of principle that sell trade liberalisation as the only option and provide no guidance on how to achieve trade justice to enable countries to overcome poverty. Again, being fair, President Bush has signalled the US will end agricultural subsidies if other nations do, but there is no date set.

And so to my conclusion and the campaign pitch. What the G8 achieved was a beginning – a beginning that will spur us to continue to push for trade justice, more debt cancellation and further immediate increases in aid that reach those who need it most. A push for globalised solidarity to counter globalised economies and globalised poverty.

On trade we will need to work hard to ensure that the poorest countries can win the safeguards they need to protect vulnerable groups in a world that is moving inexorably towards free-trade. We will be working with our sister agencies across Europe to lobby the European Commission, which negotiates at the World Trade Organisation on behalf of all 25-member states, to go the extra mile for the poorest countries.

This year *Make Poverty History* helped put Africa at the top of the political agenda. It is on the lips and in the conversations of millions of people around the world. Africa and its people have been given a voice through extensive media coverage and for the first time the leaders of the world's richest nations have sat up and taken notice and made a small step forward.

CAFOD's campaigners recognise their announcements as simply that - a first step - and one that falls far short of the brave and historical leap that was needed to lift millions out of poverty. But that is why the campaign did not end when the G8 leaders packed up and went home and will not end when world leaders leave New York this weekend. We will continue to push for more money sooner because it is needed now to undertake the massive investments in health, education and infrastructure that are needed now to lift people out of poverty and, yes, to save lives.

World leaders should be in no doubt that, however much we recognise the shift in their rhetoric on ending poverty, we will be there keeping a close eye on them to ensure their promises are converted into effective aid that will reach those who need it most.

White bands - the symbol of the campaign - will continue to adorn landmark buildings in the coming months and be worn with pride by millions of people. CAFOD campaigners will also carry on taking part in actions around the United Kingdom. Join us in this global solidarity!

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OBITUARIES

Derry McCaffrey

Dermot William McCaffrey; born 6 December 1928; St Aidan's House September 1942 - July 1946; Trinity College, Dublin 1946-49; civil engineer; married Cinnia (four children); died 20 August 1986.

A letter from Roddy McCaffrey (A48) received on 1 September 2005 notified us of the death of his elder brother Derry. This note is largely based on this letter.

Derry was the elder of two brothers in St Aidan's House, the son of Major McCaffrey. Derry enjoyed Ampleforth, and achieved success both as a leader and on the sports field. Going on to Trinity College, Dublin to the School of Engineering, he continued to show his sporting prowess as a brilliant oarsman of the Trinity Senior Eight as stroke. He competed in the Henley Regatta on several occasions. Later he became coach, on a voluntary basis, to the Garda Síochána (Irish police) Rowing Club. He worked as a civil engineer, and was an active member of the Engineers of Ireland, and a member of the Rotary Club. He was Project Manager for the construction of a major extension of St James' Hospital in Dublin.

He married Cinnia and they had four children. Derry's happiness at school is evidenced by the fact that he was so anxious to introduce Cinnia to the scene of his education, that he included a visit to Ampleforth on their honeymoon as a first stop en route from Dublin to Norway. He was devoted to his family, always enthusiastic about their education, and joined them in recreation with characteristic zeal. He was a member of the Royal St George Yacht Club, and raced his boats in Dublin Bay - he was Class Captain of the Dublin Bay Glen Class.

Denis Fairhurst

Denis Irving Fairhurst; born 1 April 1918; Junior House 1931-32; St Cuthbert's House September 1932 - July 1936; business in electronic industry; tea estates in Ceylon; The Royal Scots Greys; married Manuela (one son); died 17 January 2004.

Denis Fairhurst was an avid sportsman, especially a fine cricketer. He was once described by the *Yorkshire Post* as being one 'of the three really great Ampleforth wicket keepers, along with Burge [later Fr Bede Burge (OA30, died 1960)] and Waddilove [later Fr Denis Waddilove (O32, died 1981)]'. He had been captain of cricket in the Junior House. On entering St Cuthbert's House in 1932, he was in the school Colts team for both rugby and cricket. Later he was Vice Captain of cricket and was awarded his school half colours for rugby. After leaving Ampleforth he kept wicket for the Hampshire Club and Ground XI (Hampshire's 2nd XI), and also for the Hampshire Frogs and Emeriti.

Denis had careers in electronics, business management and tea-growing, as well as war service in the Army. He was a radio expert and after leaving Ampleforth in 1936, he became connected with Philips of Eindhoven, the famous radio and electrical company. During the war he was commissioned into the Royal Scots Greys cavalry regiment where he spent much time in Egypt, The Sudan and India. After the war he continued his radio engineering career with Philips, working in Holland - Philips, founded in 1891 in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, is a supplier of



Lt Col John Bean

John R Bean: born 16 January 1913 India; St Augustine's, Canterbury; St Oswald's House September 1926 – December 1931; Ampleforth Captain of Cricket 1931; Army 1931-1956; dry-cleaning business 1956 – early 1970s; retired officer's staff job mid-1970s; married Sheila Waters 1940 (one son); died 27 August 2004.

John Bean was a notable cricketer. He was in the Army for 25 years, before running his own business.

John Bean was an outstanding cricketer, being both a notable right-handed batsman and a right-arm leg-spinner. At prep school, at St Augustine's in Ramsgate, he scored his first century aged 11. At Ampleforth he was in the 1st XI for four seasons from 1928 to 1931, and was made Captain in 1931. The 1931 *Ampleforth Journal* says this XI 'was considered by many to be the best which has played for Ampleforth', besides John Bean it included Charlie Grieve (B33, died 2004), JA Waddilove [Fr Denis] (O31, died 1981), Paul Amscough (B31, died 1989), Donald Nelson (B31, died 1999), JF Barton [Fr Hilary] (B32, died 1974) and Thomas McKelvey (O31). The *Journal* said that John Bean 'was seen at his best when making 131 against MCC [3 July 1931]. He is an aggressive bat, and full of interest, for he has an attractive style' – in this innings he 'played brilliantly and made 80 of his runs by boundary shots, with drives and well timed cuts'. He was also 'a very keen fielder, and inspired his team. He also gave them a good example of the spirit in which the game should be played. He is very encouraging to the other bowlers, and managed them well'. He took 30 wickets that year at 17.33, including 5-47 against Sedbergh and 4-26 against the MCC. For the whole season he won the award as Best All Rounder and for the Highest Score.

He still holds many 1st XI records, as recorded in *The Ampleforth Journal* by Fr Felix Stephens (H61) in 1993. He took 149 wickets [average 17.5] in his school career, more than any other player. In his first season of 1929 he took 51 wickets

products, systems and services in, among others, the fields of electronics and information processing and the company has national organisations in over sixty countries. From Holland, Denis then managed the offices of other international companies in The Sudan, British Guiana, Jamaica and Hong Kong. His last position before retiring was that of managing director of an Inchcape company and director of a finance company in Hong Kong, which he created between Inchcape and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. He also owned and managed tea estates in Ceylon, before retiring to the Canary Islands.

Denis married Manuela; they had a son, Anthony. Denis was the younger brother of Francis (C33), and the uncle of George (T63) and Charles Fairhurst (T67).

[only Tony Huskinson (O61, died 2002) in 1961 and Finbarr O'Connor (B77) in 1977 have taken more]. He shares with four others in scoring three centuries [only Charlie Grieve (B33, died 2004) scored four centuries]. With Charlie Grieve, John Bean holds a 5th wicket record stand of 158, made in the innings already mentioned v MCC in 1931. He captained the English Schools at Lord's. After leaving Ampleforth, he captained the Combined Services and the Army for a number of years and played two games for Kent.

After Ampleforth, John joined the Army, serving for 25 years until 1956. After training at Woolwich and joining the Royal Artillery, he was posted to a mountain battery in India, serving there as a subaltern from 1937 to 1939. He spent the war years in Palestine. After the war, he rose to Lieutenant Colonel, being in command of a regiment of the Royal Artillery – he served in various places, including two tours in Egypt, and he retired in 1956.

From 1956 until the early 1970s he ran his own dry-cleaning business, and then had a retired officer's Grade 2 job at Winchester Barracks for about five years with the Greenjackets. He retired in the late 1970s and went to live in Weston-super-Mare. He married Sheila Waters on 1 January 1940 and they had one son, Jonathan (A57), and three grandchildren.

Adrian Millar MBE

Adrian Christopher Bamford Millar: born 27 September 1925; Avisford; St Wilfrid's House September 1939 – December 1943; Irish Guards 1944-45; advertising 1945-52; cotton industry in Bombay 1952-78; awarded MBE for charity work in India; married Rita Mountford 1959 (died 1995) (two sons); married Sue Younghusband 1996; died 1 December 2004.

On leaving Ampleforth Adrian Millar was commissioned in the Irish Guards for the later years of the war. From 1945 to 1952 he worked in advertising in London. From 1952 to 1978 he was in Bombay working as a cotton broker. In India he did much charity work, in particular being the Chairman of the British Relief Association, and for this work he was promoted to MBE.

In 1959 Adrian married Rita Mountford and they had two sons Peter (E79) and Richard (E80) – and three grandsons: Declan [son of Peter and Debbie], and Eddie and Harry [sons of Richard and Gail]. Rita died in 1995. In 1996 he married Sue Younghusband; Sue and Adrian had known each other since Adrian was aged seven in Woking, Surrey. He was a keen cricketer. He was for a number of years President of the Bombay Gymkhana, a very famous sports club in Bombay. Adrian was the brother of Anthony (W47, died 1993).

Oliver Backhouse

Oliver Richard Backhouse: born 18 July 1941; Gilling Castle; Junior House 1953-55; St Edward's House September 1955 – July 1959; Sandhurst 1959; Army (Royal Artillery) 1960-64; Articled Clerk – Chartered Accountant 1964-69; Stockbroker early 1970s-1999; married Gillian Lincoln 1970 (two children); died 10 December 2004.

After Ampleforth, Oliver went to Sandhurst in 1959, and was then commissioned in the Royal Artillery, serving in Hong Kong, Aden and Germany, resigning his commission in 1964. From 1964 to 1969 he became an articled clerk, studying to be

a chartered accountant with Spicer and Pegler (now merged into Deloitte). By the early 1970s he was a stockbroker, working with L Messel and Co as Finance Partner; after the Big Bang in 1986 (the liberalisation of the London Stock Exchange), L. Messel became part of Lehman Brothers and he became Executive Director. He retired in 1999.

In 1970 he married Gillian Lincoln. They had two children: Emma (born 1975) and William (born 1977). He was a keen sailor, and had a cruising yacht in earlier days. He had many interests: walking and the countryside, computers and gardening (such as building pergolas). He was a home-maker; his home was his castle. He was a good swimmer. He was clever. He was a person of much integrity. He died unexpectedly on 10 December 2004. He was the younger brother of Sir Jonathan (E57). He is a cousin of Henry Bedingfeld (E62) and of his sons Richard [Br Benedict] (E93) and Tom (E94).

Martin Vanheems DSC

Martin Sidney Vanheems: born 30 June 1914; St Benedict's School, Ealing; St Oswald's House September 1927 – July 1931; London Polytechnic after 1931; The House of Vanheems 1931-39, 1945-79; RNV/R 1938-45; married Margaret D'Arcy 1937 (died 2003) (four children); died 12 December 2004.

The Vanheems were a Flemish Catholic family who lived in Bavinchove in Northern France, where they were middle-class farmers; one of them became Mayor of Bavinchove. In the 1790s the youngest son of the family went to Lyons to learn tailoring, and on return amidst the Revolution, he was imprisoned in Paris, but escaped, reaching Dunkirk and crossing the Channel as a kind of illegal immigrant. In 1793 he started an ecclesiastical tailoring business, Vanheems and Wheeler, which in 1900, when Wheeler was bought out, became The House of Vanheems.

Martin Vanheems came from this devout Catholic family; his parents instilled in him a firm devotion to the Faith which endured throughout his life. He was the younger brother of Edward [Fr Oswald Vanheems (OA20, Housemaster of St Dunstan's House 1935-68, died 1968)]. After going to St Benedict's School in Ealing and then to Ampleforth, Martin joined The House of Vanheems, studying tailoring while working at the London Polytechnic. In 1938 he trained with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve [RNV/R], and in 1939, just as his training was finishing, he was called up in the RNV/R for the war. He served in HMS Coventry and was stranded in North Africa with his landing craft and crew when the ship was sunk. In 1944 he took part in the Normandy Landings, delivering troops and armaments, and ferrying the wounded back to the ship. In 1945 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross [DSC].

Martin returned to The House of Vanheems from 1945 to 1979, working first with his father until he retired in 1955, and then running the business on his own without a holiday for the next eight years from 1955 until 1963, when his son John joined him [Adrian joined in 1967]. He retired in 1979 when he was aged 65. [The House of Vanheems closed in 2002.]

He had a lifelong interest in rowing. He rowed for his Polytechnic. In more recent years he would attend regatta week in Henley, sitting 'on the balcony with his binoculars and a copious supply of gin enthusiastically watching all the races'. After the family moved to Henley in 1964, he bought a large double-sculling skiff,

Euphoria, and would cajole friends to row with him; his son Adrian describes one such weekend when his 'unfortunate crew was made to row 50 miles in one day'. He kept a log of miles rowed, places visited, pints consumed and behaviour of the crew. He would enthusiastically encourage the crew.

Martin married Margaret D'Arcy in 1937. They had four children: Jennifer (born 1938), John (born 1940, B57), Virginia (born 1942) and Adrian (born 1949, B66); there are ten grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. In later years, he enjoyed painting and walking, but was frustrated by deafness. The death of Margaret in 2003 was a blow, leaving him to cope on his own. He died after a short illness on 12 December 2004, aged 91.

Alexander Adams

Alexander Francis Lucas Adams: born 17 April 1916; St Aidan's House September 1930 – December 1934; St John's College, Cambridge 1935-38; Merchant Navy 1939-45; teaching North Devon 1945-51; Headmaster and founder Forton House Prep School in Somerset 1951-66; married Margaret Tibbets 1940 (died 1996) (three children); died 31 December 2004.



Alexander Adams was a poet, teacher and sailor. At Ampleforth his friends included Francis Critchley (A33, now in Australia) and Richard Coghlan (A33). He was taught History by Tom Charles Edwards, who remained a friend and was godfather to one of his children. He went up to St John's College at Cambridge from 1935 to 1938, reading history and representing the university over two years at boxing (although not gaining a Blue by boxing in a Varsity match with Oxford). He sailed in a schooner to Ireland and decided he wished to go to sea. His eyesight was poor and this prevented him from joining the Royal Navy. So instead he joined the Merchant Navy and travelled all over the world in the war years, delivering vital supplies. After the war he went into teaching, first in north Devon from 1945 to 1951, and in 1951 he founded his own prep school of Forton House in Somerset, being its Headmaster for 15 years until he retired in 1966. Alexander Adams married Margaret Tibbets in 1940, and they had three children: Susan, Jennifer (died) and Michael (D62). After retirement in 1966, he and Margaret travelled around Europe. He was a fine poet, although he never published any of his writings.

Thady Ryan

Thaddeus Francis Richard Ryan; born 25 September 1923 Dublin; Junior House 1935-37; St Aidan's House September 1937 - July 1941; Master of the Ampleforth Beagles 1940-41; Master of the Scarteen Hounds late 1940s-1986; emigrated to New Zealand 1986; autobiography published 2002; married Anne Peter 1953 (six children); died 8 January 2005 New Zealand.

For nearly 40 years, Thady Ryan was Master of the Scarteen Hounds, described by the *Daily Telegraph* [29 January 2005] as 'Ireland's most famous pack of hounds'.

Thady Ryan came of an ancient Irish Catholic family. At Ampleforth he was in St Aidan's House with two housemasters: Fr John Maddox (until 1938) and then Fr Terence Wright. He was the elder brother of John Ryan-Purchell (A46, died 1991). Thady was a close friend of Owen Hare (A42): as he wrote in his autobiography 'We were similar in height and appearance and were frequently appointed acolytes and altar servers at High Mass on Sundays'. Owen and Thady would often run across country 'kicking a tennis ball as we went'. He recalls Fr Paul: 'His appearance at the top of the Long Passage [Big Passage] steps, with the whole school before him as he led us in prayer every morning before study, is a treasured memory'. There is a photograph of Fr Paul visiting Thady and the hounds at Scarteen.

Thady was Master of the Ampleforth Beagles in 1940-41, with Jack Welch as 'our brilliant kennel huntsman'. He recalls that 'in our hallway now hangs the mask of a hare killed on 20 February 1939 at Rudland Chapel ... a treasured memento awarded to me at the end of an epic run by John Smyth' (OA40, killed on active service 1944) - the brother of Julian Smyth (W46), later Thady's best man.

On leaving Ampleforth in 1941, he returned to help his 70-year-old father (he lived to 1954) on the farm on the Limerick-Tipperary border in Ireland. Quality shorthorn bullocks were bought in the autumn, out-wintered on high ground and sold in about May, being taken by rail and ship to Birkenhead. At the cattle fair in Tipperary, the dealers would meet the sellers at the bank at 10 am and pay in cash, and pockets would be bulging with £100 notes.

But he also returned to Ireland to keep the Scarteen Hunt going. There had been hounds in the family for almost four centuries, and the Scarteen had been the Ryan family hunt since the late 18th century; the hounds were thought to have originated from Spain. They would hunt twice a week, sometimes three times. He was to be the Master of the Hunt until 1986. Thady was chairman of the equestrian committee of the Royal Dublin Society. He was *chef d'équipe* of the Irish Olympic three-day team at the Tokyo and Mexico Olympics. In 1972, he was a founder member in Ireland of the Horse Board, set up to improve horse breeding.

In June 1953, he married Anne Peter who came from New Zealand [they were married in New Zealand, in the Sacred Heart basilica in Timaru] but was descended from the ancient English Catholic family of Petre. Anne and Thady had two daughters and four sons. Their youngest child, Claire Bernadette, contracted cancer - they took her to Lourdes, but the disease spread and she died: Claire 'had been gifted with a serene acceptance of God's decision and became the soul of courage and prayerful resignation to her sufferings and disappointments'. When in 1986 Thady retired from being Master of the Scarteen [his son Chris took over], he and Anne emigrated to New Zealand - but he still returned regularly to hunt. In 1988 he formed The Irish Horse Society New Zealand to promote and perpetuate the Irish

Draught breed in New Zealand. In 2002 his autobiography *My Privileged Life with the Scarteen Black and Tans* was published, and as the obituary in the *Daily Telegraph* [29 January 2005] notes, 'This portrays a sunny man of great humanity who is essentially untouched by the modern world'. He sent a copy to Fr Adrian at Ampleforth, writing from Limerick [12 August 2003] 'I would like to think that it would look well on the table in the guests' sitting-room' and there it rests, and it has been used in writing these notes.

Thady had a deep Catholic faith. In about 1993 he went on an Irish pilgrimage to Medjugorje, and recalls watching the sun 'boiling with a variety of brilliant colours', and experiencing with others both physical and spiritual healing: 'Our seven days in Medjugorje were all too short'. He writes of a deep devotion to Our Lady.

Basil Rooke-Ley

Basil Rooke Ley; born 2 February 1917; St Cuthbert's House September 1930 - April 1933; went to South Africa 1936; Army during war [Madagascar, India and Burma]; in South Africa 1946-1964; returned to Britain 1964; married Albertha Ingram 1961 (one son and one daughter); died 10 January 2005.



Life for Basil Rooke-Ley almost always seemed to be a struggle, a struggle with his lack of money, a struggle with his health and for a time a struggle with the political threat of the apartheid system in South Africa - but Basil's life was one of deep faith and of a sense of service.

Basil was one of three brothers. His elder brother Paul (A29, died 1994) preceded him to Ampleforth, and his younger brother Henry did not come to Ampleforth. His family had suffered much financial loss in the economic crash of the late 1920s and early 1930s. Basil was at Ampleforth for eight terms, from the age of 13½ in September 1930 to the age of 16 in April 1933. Leaving Ampleforth without training, he seems to have then found a variety of jobs, often doing menial tasks such as digging up the road. When the war came in 1939, he joined the Army as a foot soldier with the Royal Sussex Regiment, becoming a Staff Captain, and later serving with the South Lancashire Regiment, ending the war as a Major. He went to South Africa, going from there to take part in the capture of Madagascar, and then on to India and to Burma. At the end of the war he went back to South Africa, being discharged in Durban.

He spent 18 years from 1946 to 1964 in South Africa, doing various jobs, living a difficult life. For a time he was a salesman in Johannesburg. He wrote a letter to a newspaper about the Nationalist Government and their culture, showing sympathy for Africans: that morning when he went to work he lost his job - as soon as you did

that, you were marked out as 'a communist'. He got a job writing advertising copy for *the Star* [the largest circulation paper], an evening paper in Johannesburg. As he had been left a small legacy at this time, he was able to visit England in 1961, seeing his mother for the first time since before the war. Returning to South Africa, he married a South African, Albertha Ingram, that same year. In 1964, after the sentencing of Nelson Mandela to life imprisonment, security police swooped across the country. Basil and Albertha had known Bram Fischer, a highly principled Afrikaner advocate who built underground structures for the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party while defending resistance leaders in court. [He was later jailed for life and died of cancer after prison officials delayed his medical treatment.] A group of friends who attended a party together had been raided by the police and one good friend, Doreen Tucker, had been held and tortured under a 90-day detention order, then re-arrested as she was released for another 90-days. It was in these circumstances that Basil and Albertha felt threatened under police surveillance, so in 1964 they used the little funds they had to leave South Africa and come to England. The threat was too much.

Returning to England at the age of 42, Basil had little money and no qualifications or obvious skills. However he got a job in advertising with IPC over the next 18 years, retiring in 1982 and, later in retirement, doing a few part-time jobs. He looked forward to retirement, to walking the dog and going to the art gallery – but his health soon declined and his lungs became infected. For 14 years he was chair-bound, while Albertha went out to work until she was aged 74. By late 2004 they were both in hospital, and he had pneumonia. He died on 10 January 2005. Albertha is now at home.

Basil was much devoted to the Faith and to the nearby Dominican Priory of St Dominic in North London. He attended Mass each day at St Dominic's, opening the church each morning until he could no longer walk – later he would just ring the bell, and later still, as illness prevented him going to the Priory, he received Holy Communion at home on Sundays, brought to him by his school contemporary Fr Columba Ryan OP (O34) and then by lay Eucharistic ministers. Through 14 years of illness Basil never complained. Every day he said the Office and he became an Oblate of Ampleforth. He was concerned for others, whether it was the Dominicans in Zimbabwe, a parish in South Africa, some friend in need – helping them not so much with money (as he had little) but with concern and prayers, sharing in their prayers and their struggles of faith. Each day was in effect a journey or pilgrimage of sharing the Way of the Cross.

Basil and Albertha had one son, Sebastian, who is also ill. Basil's nephew is Antony Rooke-Ley (A54), also ill, who is the son of his brother, Paul.

Robert Perceval

Robert Westby Perceval: born 28 August 1914; Junior House 1927-29; St Oswald's House September 1929 – July 1933; Balliol College, Oxford 1934-38; barrister 1930s; Royal Artillery 1939-45; Clerk's Office of the House of Lords 1938-39, 1945-76; married Rosemary Clerk 1940 (dissolved about 1946) (one son); married Joanna Littleton 1948 (three children); died 18 January 2005.



Robert Perceval was the second of five children of a barrister and wine merchant, Major FW Perceval. His younger brother is Peter, now Fr Benet (W34). The family lived in Eltham in South London, for a time in a house in which Charles Stewart Parnell lived. After Ampleforth he read Greats at Balliol College, Oxford and also studied for the Bar, taking his Bar exams and eating his dinners at the Inns of Court – although he never completed his qualification. In about 1938, he joined the Clerk's Office of the House of Lords – but this was interrupted by the war. He served in the Royal Artillery, in Persia and in Britain. After the war he returned to the Clerk's Office of the House of Lords, eventually reaching the second-top position of Clerk Assistant until his retirement in 1974. Perhaps he might have become Head of the Department, but events

following the retirement of Harold Macmillan in 1963 led to a different appointment. He played a significant role in the founding of the Council of Europe, going to many meetings in Strasbourg. He was Secretary of the Society of Clerks at the Table in Commonwealth Parliaments, and was very well versed in Commonwealth Parliamentary affairs. He was an authority on House of Lords procedure, and he wrote an unfinished book on the history of the House of Lords which has so far remained unpublished.

He was an enthusiast for improvising with wire netting, plastic sheeting, and concrete. He made a concrete silencer for his 1933 Rolls Royce, reinforced by wire netting. He used to drive to the office in this old Rolls Royce until he had an accident on the Bath Road – and he then went to the opposite extreme, driving a mini van.

Robert Perceval married Rosemary Clerk in 1940, and they had one son, Charles (W61) and one grandson, Peter Perceval (O89). He was away in Persia during the war, but at the end of the war this marriage was dissolved. He married Joanna Littleton, the daughter of Lord Hatherton in Staffordshire, and they had three children: Antony, Sara and Diana and two grandsons, Edward Burden (EW04) and Archie Burden (EW). From 1948 until 1977 he lived at Datchet near Windsor, and then moved to Staffordshire, to Pillaton Hall, a medieval house with a chapel and a dry-moat, near the M6. In his last year or so he suffered from Alzheimer's Disease, and died in January 2005.

Peter Coope

Peter Ronald Coope: born 5 July 1919 Nottingham; Waverley School in Nottingham; St Wilfrid's House May 1933 – December 1937; Army 1939-45; prisoner on Burma Railway 1941-45; chartered accountant; married Rosalys Torr 1951 (two daughters); died 24 January 2005 Nottingham.

Peter Coope was a chartered accountant. He was for over three years a prisoner of the Japanese, working on the Burma Railway.

Born in Nottingham in 1919, Peter was the son of a chartered accountant. He went first to the Waverley School in Nottingham. When he was aged about 12 or 13, his mother was killed in a road accident – and at this time, his father decided to send him to Ampleforth, where he joined St Wilfrid's House. His school days were very happy, making up for his uncertain start – he was a school monitor and probably Head of House [the records are not clear].

After leaving Ampleforth in 1937, he was articled to study as a chartered accountant with Price Waterhouse in London. In October 1939 he enlisted with the Officer Training Unit at Catterick and was commissioned in the Royal Artillery, joining the Lanarkshire Yeomanry. He went to India, then Malaya and was involved in the retreat to Singapore. It was at this moment that he fell ill and was taken to a field hospital, from where he was rescued by an Australian doctor and taken to a Singapore hospital, Alexandra Hospital, on an upper floor. When the Japanese arrived, they massacred those on the ground floor of the hospital, but then suddenly retreated and so Peter survived. Shortly after, he was taken prisoner by the Japanese, being taken Changi Jail in Singapore. He was a prisoner for three years, working and being starved on the Burma Railway. He weighed barely six stones when he came out of captivity in 1945.

Returning to Britain, he returned to Price Waterhouse to complete his accountancy finals, qualifying as a chartered accountant. He then joined his father's accountancy firm in Nottingham, W Ronald Coupe and Sons, working there until he was aged 80 or more. After retiring from the firm, he continued to look after the financial affairs and give advice to a considerable number of friends and relations. As one person wrote, he was 'trusted and respected ... this man of infinite patience, integrity and good council'.

He married Rosalys Torr in 1951 at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in Chelsea, with Canon Francis de Zuleta officiating. They had two daughters: Clare and Helena. From 1951 onwards, for 54 years, they lived at Epperstone in Nottinghamshire. Peter did much voluntary work. He was Treasurer of the local branch of the Royal British Legion. He was keenly interested in tennis, and was much involved in the Nottinghamshire LTA, becoming Treasurer and later (like his father) President. For many years he audited the accounts of the village church.

Adrian Brennan

Adrian Patrick Joseph Brennan: born 25 March 1940 near Leeds; Gilling Castle; Junior House 1951-53; St Wilfrid's House September 1953 – July 1958; Corpus Christi College, Oxford 1959-62; Chairman Associated Textiles 1963-70; Roiaadraw 1970-5; Sloane Fellowship 1975-6; Midland Bank Export Trade Finance 1976-82; joint owner Kingsmead Cards 1984-92; owner Oakwood Cards 1992-2005; Treasurer Old Amplefordian Cricket Club 1964-78 [Chairman 1978-86, President 1986-99]; President Wadhurst Cricket Club; married Caroline Bunkall 1972 (four children – Lawrence (E91) Amanda-Jane, Joseph (E96) and Edward (E99)); died 26 January 2005 Norfolk.



Adrian Brennan died quite suddenly on 26 January 2005. Miles Wright (T62) who succeeded him as President of the Old Amplefordian Cricket Club and was a friend for over 40 years, writes the following appreciation at the request of his family.

Adrian Patrick Joseph Brennan was born at Brenaire Park, Rawdon, near Leeds on 25 March 1940, the first born son of Joseph and Mary Brennan. Joseph ran a successful wool trading business in Bradford and had married Mary Morris in 1936. They had four children – Adrian (W58), John (W60), Brendan (W62) and Terence (W65) – sadly missing a daughter, Angela, who died at birth.

The Catholic tradition into which Adrian was born became as important to him as it was to his parents. Joseph practised his Catholicism by supporting organisations for the deaf and blind, St Bede's School in Bradford, of which he became Chairman of the Governors, and actively served, over many years, the Diocese of Leeds, for which he was made a Knight of St Gregory. He even took his nephew Donald under his wing, sending him to Downside. Don Brennan was an outstanding amateur wicket keeper and played for England. How intriguing it is that Irish genes should produce so much cricketing talent in one family!

Adrian's early years thus took on a natural pattern. Joseph's business and social friends were wide and varied. The decision to send Adrian to Gilling came about through a close friendship with another successful Yorkshire and Ampleforth family, the Fattorinis.

So, in September 1947 Adrian, aged seven, ascended the somewhat awesome steps to the main entrance of Gilling Castle Preparatory School to begin his 11 years of education in the Ampleforth Valley. Four years at Gilling were followed by two in the Junior House under a great cricketer, Fr Peter Uley (OA24, died 1968). It was here, in his first year, that Fr Walter Maxwell Stuart (C32, died 1994) – much better known for his prowess with the Ampleforth Beagle pack than with the cricket ball or bat – picked Adrian's out of a sea of raised hands answering the request for a volunteer to keep wicket. Adrian's career behind the stumps had thus begun. He entered the Upper School in September 1953, joining St Wilfrid's House, then

under the charge of Fr Patrick (later Abbot Patrick) Barry (W35). Adrian's career in the School is well documented, much involving sport and by any standards successful. He excelled at boxing, was in the rugby 1st XV for two years as hooker, including a winning side against Sedbergh – a rarity in those days – and was selected for the Yorkshire Schools XV. He was in the 1st XI cricket team for three years as wicket-keeper and left-hand bat, and captained the School in his last year, combining the job with that of Head of House. If his active interest in rugby died when he left the School, cricket became one of the most absorbing aspects of his subsequent life.

Ampleforth's lasting influence on its alumnae is, not surprisingly, varied. Many leave with a great empathy with the Catholic, Christian ideal and tradition that the Benedictine monks practise and try to inculcate into the boys under their care. Monks become lifelong family friends and the Benedictine spirit of welcome towards old boys on visits to the School is like a return to home. For Adrian his period in the Ampleforth Valley laid down roots which became a central part of his life, not just the physical establishment of Ampleforth, but his devotion to his Faith and to the Mass, which had been sculptured by the years spent under the care of the monastic community, amongst whom he had so many friends.

Ampleforth to Oxbridge was a natural next step. So Adrian sat the Oxford entrance exams and gained a place at Corpus Christi to read History – a subject very much in the Ampleforth tradition – which was deferred for a year, giving Adrian a gap year, common in today's world but unusual at the time. This gap year was spent, on his father's direction, at Leeds University, studying the family business – textiles.

In October 1959 he took up his place at Corpus Christi College. At Oxford part of the 'education' is involvement in the social life of the University. This can take many forms – from joining the numerous societies, playing an active part in politics, sport, or the Union, or evenings in the local pub with friends one had made in the course of one's 'journey'. The ability to become involved in the wider social aspect of life, to involve oneself in the friendship of the more affluent, was inevitably aided by having the means to do so. The fast car always helped and Adrian took advantage and spent much time enjoying what the University had to offer, which included playing a lot of cricket, becoming a member of the Oxford University Authentics Cricket Club – the Oxford University Second XI Club – and dashing off on a Saturday or a weekday evening to enjoy dances and parties in the London Season and elsewhere. If not quite Brideshead, it was a life full of enjoyment in the meeting and making of friends – playing hard and working enough.

Adrian graduated from Oxford with an honours degree in History in June 1962. But the somewhat leisurely life-style was soon to come to an abrupt end. Joseph Brennan died in 1963 after a long battle with cancer, leaving the family business to his four sons. As the eldest, Adrian suddenly found himself Chairman of Associated Textiles (as the company was now known) a company whose business he hardly knew and for which he had hardly been trained. In addition, he stepped into the breach as head of the family to support his mother in running Breinare and maintaining the family unit. John was in Spain learning Spanish, Brendan had just left school and Terence was still only half way through his Ampleforth career.

A lifelong friend described Adrian as being 'an entrepreneur wanting to get out', to run his own business – perhaps a touch of his father's own entrepreneurial spirit came out. So after seven years heading Associated Textiles, Adrian decided on another 'career move'. In 1970 he handed the reins to his brother John and came south to pursue other interests. He had always had one foot in London since Oxford

so the attractions were obvious. He had money invested in certain companies, especially in a toy company called Rotadraw. He decided to take a more active interest in his investment. It was while at Rotadraw that another chance encounter was to bring about a huge change in Adrian's life. One day he went to Hamleys in Regent Street to check on sales and took particular notice of the young lady demonstrating the Rotadraw toy near the entrance to the store. Caroline, who was on a two-month temporary job earning some Christmas money, initially thought he was a salesman! But two more visits and a hesitant suggestion of lunch in a rather ordinary diner round the corner, suggested his interest was more than in the numbers! Adrian's life moved onto a new level. On returning to his flat he told his flatmate 'I am in love'. The rest is history, as they say; Adrian married Caroline Bunkall at Farm Street on 2 March 1972. Caroline, of course, had already noticed that in Adrian's flat in Porchester Terrace, Bayswater, the only room that had not received the renovation treatment was the kitchen. Adrian had absolutely no ambitions as far as the kitchen was concerned. This clearly defined how he expected things to run in the future.

In 1974, he and Caroline, with first-born son Lawrence (E91) now one year old, moved from Bayswater to Wadhurst in East Sussex. Pennybridge House was to be their home for the next 26 years.

In 1975 Adrian's direct interest in Rotadraw came to an end – although he still maintained a financial interest in the company. He took up a Sloane Fellowship – a sort of MBA – and then, in 1976 he joined the export trade finance operations of the Midland Bank in the City. After six years he realised that working for a large organisation was really not for him so he gave up the job and finally set up his own business. In 1984 Kingsmead Cards was established as a successful company, printing and selling Christmas cards. On the death of his business partner in 1992, he renamed the business Oakwood Cards, which was still running at the time of his death. It was a successful venture for Adrian, fulfilling his entrepreneurial desires and giving him the freedom to be his own master.

We all tend to judge 'success' in material terms – position, influence, power, decorations, wealth and so on – and that is entirely right. But there is success in other aspects of the human endeavour which is not so public but which is equally laudable. Adrian's successes, with Caroline, were in his family, the upbringing of his four children, the standards that needed to be maintained, his friends, young and old, his sports, and his business. He devoted much time to all these, especially to his growing family. Amanda-Jane was born in 1975 and Joe (E96) in 1978. In 1980 Edward (E99) appeared.

The Pennybridge House years were the great years for Adrian: the period of active involvement of so much that was dear to him; the family unit growing within a tradition that mirrored everything he had been brought up to. Caroline was the perfect partner for this. He adored her. She was the rock upon which he built his whole life and his family. Yes, Adrian was a traditionalist who espoused traditional values. His strong belief that what you were brought up to was an article of faith governed his attitudes in all his life. Caroline was not a Catholic but she knew that Adrian's deep faith was a part, no not just a part, rather something quite tangible in his being, what made him and his commitment was what she loved about him. It was a moment of great joy for him when Caroline was received into the Catholic Church in 1999.

Of course there were other aspects of Adrian's background and upbringing that

Caroline had to adjust to, although it was no problem for her. The Brenaire Park upbringing had imbued Adrian with a keen sense of what was the right order of things, the right thing to do. Anyone who visited Pennybridge House could not but be impressed by the style, the great taste and orderliness of the place – a country house that met the highest standards. It exemplified Caroline's ability in this area. There was also something of the Victorian in Adrian's attitude. Things financial were his business alone, not for discussion or approval. He did discuss and seek family views on his potential Christmas card selection for any one year but he alone paid all the bills. Caroline's role was the running of the house, in the manner and style to which he had been brought up, of Brenaire. He had nothing to offer in the kitchen. But he was great at lighting barbecues and devoted much time to his garden at Pennybridge and latterly at the Old Rectory in Caston, Norfolk where he and Caroline moved in 2000. The sense of perfection abounded. At Pennybridge the tennis court and swimming pool became part of the enterprise, as did the billiard table. Indeed members of the OACC who stayed at Pennybridge during the Club's southern tour often referred to it as the 'Sports Centre' because it offered so much. Caroline has superb at managing the house in the way he wanted, entertaining a constant stream of guests.

As the family grew, education became a topic but it was not a subject of great discussion. For Adrian there was only one establishment, one valley that his children were to be schooled in. Caroline accepted the inevitable but was somewhat relieved in recent years to hear her children discussing their enjoyment of their time at Gilling. The three sons went through the Valley as their father had done and all became proficient at the 'beautiful game'. Amanda-Jane went to Woldingham but I have no doubt had Ampleforth been taking girls at the time A-J would have been on the train north too. Adrian himself only ceased playing cricket when Edward left Ampleforth in 1999. With the OACC he was able to play against his boys in the Club's annual games against the School. He had a talent for teaching and would often be seen demonstrating how a wicket keeper should take a ball, or where a bowler should bowl or a batsman play a shot. There was a touch of Yorkshire grit, of the professional attitude to the game but always there were words of encouragement and wisdom on his lips and if there were times in these last years when he saw standards slip on and off the field – and there were some – he would make his point quietly. There was no shouting, just the odd comment to first slip.

Adrian saw the Old Amplefordian Cricket Club as another tangible contact with Ampleforth and the monks. He devoted much time to its affairs, serving in all the major posts apart from Honorary Secretary. He succeeded James Bamford (W46), who had tragically died in the Innsbruck air disaster in 1964, as Treasurer – a post he held for 14 years. He became Chairman in 1978 and in 1986, on the untimely death of Basil Stafford (C44), President. He retired from the presidency in 1999. Of course, the OACC was not the only Club he played for. Indeed his wardrobe held 50 club ties at his death! He was a member of, and played for, inter alia, I Zingari, Free Foresters, Emeriti, Yorkshire Gentlemen, The Saints, the Bluemantles and in Sussex the Grannies and his home team Wadhurst in whose affairs he also took an active interest. He became President of Wadhurst and encouraged his boys to play for the club in the local leagues so that they could gain experience at that more intense level. His enjoyment of the game served as a conduit for all that mattered most in his life – commitment, high standards, friendship. Adrian was not an extrovert, rather the opposite in fact. He preferred the informal rather

than formal and was not comfortable on the big occasion. But in whatever situation he greeted friends and strangers alike with a warm welcome.

He was an avid golfer, a member of Rye Golf Club and played much with the Old Amplefordian Golfing Society. He enjoyed shooting with his old school friend Geoffrey Jackson (C58) at Dolanog in Wales and with the Staffords at Swynnerton as well as in Norfolk, where he had a gun in a syndicate near Thetford. His life was full with all that he and Caroline could enjoy especially with his children. He was justly proud in their successes and achievements, especially on the cricket field.

So what and who was Adrian Brennan? What were the qualities of the man whose memorial service at Farm Street last April – where he and Caroline had been married 33 years before – attracted hundreds of all ages so that this large church was filled to overflowing? They did not come 'to be seen' or noted in *The Times* memorial services listings. They came because at some time in their life he had 'touched' them, become a friend, a supporter of their Club or they had received hospitality at Pennybridge House or at The Old Rectory, where he would listen to the conversations of his children and their friends, or had given advice and support. Caroline has received hundreds of letters, many from the young. They express gratitude for what Adrian meant to them. Adrian was such a powerful exponent of goodness, of high standards, of generosity and Christian (one might say Amplefordian) belief. There was no ceremony, no attitude, nothing haughty or pompous. Just a great human being remembered for his hospitality, his high standards, his generosity, his deep interest in his fellow human beings, his Catholic belief and that endearing and unforgettable smile. May he rest in peace.

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Dodi Ferro de Garamy

Henry Gordon Ferro: born 9 December 1937 Malta – later changed name to Dodi Ferro de Garamy; Gilling Castle; Junior House 1949-1951; St Thomas's House September 1951 – July 1955; postulant in the Hermits of Mary Immaculate in the French Pyrenees; emigrated to Australia 1972; teacher in Adelaide from 1970s onwards; travelled in many countries; married Inge Brigitte Rannamae 1977 (dissolved 1989) (six children); died 26 January 2005 Australia.

Born in Malta in 1937, Henry Ferro was one of two children – his only sibling, his younger sister Elizabeth, died in 1997 in Malta. In later years he changed his name – as he wrote [email 12 July 2004] of himself 'who was known at Shack [most modern interpretations rightly or wrongly write Shac] as 'Henry Gordon Ferro', but who has since changed his name – by going back to the original Italian version of 'Gordon' and dropping the 'Henry' and adding his mother's Hungarian family name to the 'Ferro'. Henry (as he was then) had been in St Thomas's House with Fr Denis Waddilove (O32, died 1981) as Housemaster, leaving in 1955. In this same email, noted above, he referred to the time when he was a postulant in the Hermits of Mary Immaculate in the French Pyrenees, presumably in the late 1950s or maybe the 1960s. Bede David (E45) recalled his visits to their family farm in Wales, writing: 'He was a very endearing character. He had an absolute passion for the Faith, a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and also to Padre Pio whom he visited more than once. He was a highly talented man who found it supremely difficult to find a common way with people generally. I shall remember with gratitude his enormous zest for life and his great affection and kindness.'

His second eldest daughter Anna (now aged 26) wrote [7 November 2005] about her father: 'My father came to Australia in the early '70s (I think it was 1972, but not 100% sure). He studied to be a teacher in Adelaide, which is where he met my mother. He taught high school level religion, languages, English and art. I suppose the things that characterised my father were his strong Catholic faith and his interest in languages and music. He took a lot of inspiration from St Padre Pio, whom he met in San Giovanni Rotondo in Italy. Before my father came to Australia, he travelled, lived and studied in many countries, including Israel, France and Holland. He was fluent in Italian, French and Dutch. Other languages he was familiar with were Spanish, Latin, Maltese (the language of his country of birth) and Hebrew (which he studied at university in Israel and France). He did some work as a translator at one stage and was also an accomplished piano player.'

He married Inge Brigitte Rannamae in Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, Adelaide, South Australia on 21 May 1977 (the marriage was dissolved in 1989). He and Inge had six children: Rafael [born 1977], Anna [1979], Sharbel [1981], Gabriella [1983], Filomena [1985] and Benedict [1989]. He had one grandchild, Jonah, son of Gabriella, who brought him much joy. One son, 22 year old Sharbel, joined a Benedictine monastery, Our Lady of Clear Creek in Oklahoma about six months before Dodi died – Dodi wrote [12 July 2004] 'Isn't it a wonderful grace to see one of my sons accepted into the great family of St Benedict?' But at the same time, he wrote about the beginning (or recurrence) of his own illness: 'I myself developed a tumour in the throat and would have died – the doctor said I was two days away from death without the tracheotomy that followed. I do a lot of walking, gardening for which I am very grateful – I am grateful for time to repair my past.' Dodi died in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia after what his daughter Anna describes as 'a short battle with cancer' – a recurrence of the throat cancer he had two and a half years earlier.

OA *Obituaries Editor notes*: Dodi Ferro was a cousin of Richard Ferro (O).

David Norton

David Stephen Norton: born 31 August 1950 Hitchin, Herts; St Francis School, Letchworth 1955-58; St Bede's, Stafford 1958-63; St Aidan's House September 1963 - December 1968; studied in Florence 1968; Bristol University 1969-72; worked in New Zealand 1977-79; Financial Planning profession in the UK 1980-2005; married Julia Savage 1975 (two children); died 28 January 2005 Bristol.

David Norton was a leading figure in the rise of financial planning as a profession. He was instrumental in bringing the principles of this profession from the USA to the UK. He was Chairman of the Institute of Financial Planning from 1993 to 1996 and then President from 1996 to 1998 – serving on its board until 2004. In 1997 he addressed the Japan Association for Financial Planners' Annual Conference and in 1998 was keynote speaker at the Financial Planning Association of Australia's annual convention in Cairns. Kevin O'Donnell, head of editorial strategy for the *Financial Times* Business's retail finance division, was quoted by the *Financial Adviser*: 'David helped put financial planning on the map in the UK and his legacy will live on. He was dedicated to his profession, an excellent speaker and intelligent and amusing company'. Another in the profession, George Kinder of the Life Planning Institute,

said that David 'was one of the finest men I knew ... his profession and caring, his support, his humour and integrity were immediately evident to everyone'. His own firm, Norton Partners, was set up in 1980. From 1981 he was a regular broadcaster on Radio Bristol on financial matters.

He had many other interests. For 17 years, from 1988, he was race commentator at the Keynsham Road Race. His 50th birthday (and 20 years of Norton Partners) was celebrated in 2000 with a murder mystery party. For 23 years, from 1982, he produced an annual film for the local church fete.

In 1973 he met Julia Savage over an adding machine at work, and they married in 1975. They had a daughter Rosemary (born 1980) and a son Philip (born 1983). He was diagnosed with a brain tumour on 22 December 2004, celebrated a happy and memorable Christmas and died peacefully on 28 January 2005.

Dr Noel Murphy

Noel Francis Murphy: born 21 December 1915 Britain; St Bede's House September 1927 – July 1933; MIT in Boston 1933-34; medical student in London, graduated 1942; Royal Air Force (medical officer) 1943-1945; doctor in Newfoundland; member of the House of Assembly in Newfoundland; Mayor of the City of Corner Brook; Knight of Malta; Leader of the Opposition in Newfoundland 1965-69; Newfoundland Cabinet 1971-72; married Edna Grace Kieks (she died earlier) about 1943 (two daughters); died 10 March 2005 Newfoundland.



Described by the Attorney General of Newfoundland as a 'Renaissance Man', Dr Noel Murphy was a servant of the Newfoundland community as doctor, politician, journalist, broadcaster and supporter of many local projects – in many ways a pillar of the community. The Newfoundland *Evening Telegraph* [12 March 2005] had a main front-page headline: 'A City mourns: City's 'greatest citizen' Noel Murphy dies at 89'. A large section of the city of St John's was named after him as 'Murphy Square'. National and provincial honours were bestowed upon him, and the Premier of Newfoundland said 'he was a beloved figure right across Canada and contributed greatly to the country he dearly loved'. He was a dedicated member of his local Catholic parish.

Born in Britain in 1915 at a time when his parents, Dr John and Elsie Murphy, were posted to Britain. Noel went to school first in Newfoundland, at St Bonaventure College in St John's before crossing the Atlantic in 1927 aged 12 to come to Ampleforth, joining St Bede's House. After leaving Ampleforth in 1933, he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT] in Boston for six months of electrical engineering. He returned to Britain and graduated in medicine from London Hospital in 1942. As a student he ran a

band, Spuds Murphy and the Boys. In 1943 he joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve and was assigned to 125 (Newfoundland) Squadron, serving as its medical officer until 1945 and reaching the rank of Flight-Lieutenant Surgeon. It was at this time, in about 1943, that he married Edna Grace Kicks and their first daughter, Edwina, was born in 1943. While he was serving in England, on Christmas Day 1944, he received a letter asking him to come home and run a cottage hospital in isolated western Newfoundland – obtaining his release, Noel and Edna, with their young daughter Edwina, set off in a convoy of 122 vessels to cross the Atlantic; in mid-Atlantic, they heard of Roosevelt's death and reached St John's in Newfoundland two days after VE Day. Thus from 1945 to 1954 he was medical officer in charge of the Bonnie Bay Cottage Hospital – the town had a population of 600 and the hospital served 7,000 Newfoundlanders – he was the only doctor on the staff, working in surgery, as the anaesthesiologist, in the emergency department and in taking X-rays. To reach patients he travelled by horse and sleigh, by a dog team pulled by two St Bernards, by a Bombardier snowmobile capable of 60km/h and in summer by aeroplane. He said he once landed on a piece of water no more than 100 yards long, using 'his feet as landing brakes'. Their second daughter, Gerine, was born in this time. In 1954 he entered private medical practice, specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology, and his work as a family doctor is well remembered.

Dr Noel Murphy was active in politics, being a member of the Newfoundland House of Assembly. In 1962 he won the Newfoundland Riding of Humber East for the Tories, and was Leader of the Opposition between 1965 and 1969. In 1971 he was appointed Minister without Portfolio in the last Cabinet of the Liberal Prime Minister of Newfoundland and Labrador, Joseph Smallwood. When Joseph Smallwood lost his position (Prime Minister April 1949 – January 1972) in January 1972, Noel Murphy's period as a minister and as a member of the Assembly also ended. He served for three terms as mayor of the City of Corner Brook. The Attorney General, Tom Marshall, said that he was 'a great mayor', and 'he represented our area and the city very well'. He spoke of 'someone so eloquent and distinguished as Dr Murphy representing us'. Tom Marshall described him 'as an example for the youth of our region'. 'There's a huge amount of respect in this community for Dr Murphy and there always has been. That stems from his dedication, his commitment to Corner Brook, his work effort and his involvement in this community – it's huge. Everywhere you look you see something that he's had something to do with'. He was involved in many organisations: the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, St John Ambulance, the Victorian Order of Nurses, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, an officer of the Red Cross, and many others. He was a Knight of Malta and a Commander of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

He was a radio pioneer and well known as a regular broadcaster. In 1959, he helped launch the Humber Valley Broadcasting Company and became its President. Corner Brook CFRB went on air in 1960 and by 1975 it had 10 radio stations. For 47 years he hosted a special Christmas morning show in which he phoned Newfoundlanders living abroad and also communities named Newfoundland. He was Canadian Broadcaster of the Year in 1984.

Noel Murphy had a committed Catholic faith. He was a Knight of Malta. The parish priest, Fr Edwin Gale, recalled a man of great faith. When lay readers were introduced after Vatican II, he was the first lay reader at the Cathedral in Newfoundland. Fr Edwin said: 'There couldn't have been an organisation here in Corner Brook that Noel Murphy either didn't start or help on its way ... he was a man who faced the

truth and lived with it'. He visited Ampleforth in September 2002 to celebrate the bicentenary of the arrival of the monks and school in 1802 and 1803.

Handsome and congenial, Noel Murphy was a person with many interests. He had a 15-metre cabin cruiser, *Tinker Bell*. He went hiking and climbing. He was a history buff, played the timpani, enjoyed Noel Coward, always owned a dog, and was a photographer. He published *Newfoundland Magazine*, a monthly, and in 2003 he published *Cottage Hospital Doctor*, a book about his experiences in Bonnie Bay. He received an honorary doctorate from the Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1975 and the Order of Canada in 1988.

In addition to the photograph printed here, Dr Noel Murphy appears in these notes in a photograph of Clif Walter, who died on 7 August 2005.

Gerald D'Arcy

Gerald Wilfrid D'Arcy: born 5 September 1938; St Aidan's House January 1953 – July 1955; died 23 March 2005.

Gerald D'Arcy was the youngest of five brothers at Ampleforth: the others were Patrick (A46), Sam (A47), Dominic (A53) and Michael (A55). He died in Florida in the USA.

4th Baron Rankeillour

Peter St Thomas More Henry Hope: born 29 May 1935; St Mary's, Crawley; St Oswald's House September 1949 – July 1952; farmer in Scotland; 4th Baron Rankeillour 1967; Member of the House of Lords 1967-1999; died 12 April 2005 Scotland.



length against the proposal [a video was found of this speech]; it was noted by the Government minister who followed that he had certainly travelled on this railway

Peter Hope was a farmer in Scotland and for many years a member of the House of Lords. He was the only son of Henry John Hope, 3rd Baron Rankeillour (1899-1967) and Mary Ricardo (1917-2000). He was in St Oswald's House at Ampleforth, first with Fr Stephen Marwood [to December 1949] and then with Fr Bernard Boyan. After leaving Ampleforth, Peter became a farmer in the west of Scotland. On the death of his father in 1967, he succeeded to the title as 4th Baron Rankeillour and took his seat in the House of Lords. He was a member of the House of Lords from 1967 to 1999. Although he rarely spoke, he attended regularly, and took an active role in the Committee work of the House. On the occasion of the proposal to close the West Highland railway link in 1995, Peter spoke with eloquence, courtesy, knowledge and at

more than any other members of the House. In 1999, when 90% of hereditary peers lost their right to sit in the House of Lords, he lost his seat and returned to Scotland. In the years that followed he did not travel south, and his health increasingly deteriorated; he died on 12 April 2005. Peter was the brother of Anne, who in 1958 married Stephen Dobson (O50, died 2004). He was the uncle of Dominic Dobson (W77).

Jim Beveridge

James Michael Beveridge: born 1 August 1929 Kingston, Jamaica; St Joseph's, Ipswich; St Gerard's, Bray; St Dunstan's House September 1943 – July 1947; University College, Dublin 1947-50; Shell International 1950 onwards; married Olga Fisher 1960 (two children); died 30 April 2005.



Jim Beveridge was the eldest of five children, including Brian (A51), Hugh (W55, died 2004) and Clare – who married Captain Jeremy Elwes (A39, died 1999); he was thus the uncle of Gervase (B73), Giles (B75), Robert (O79) and Hugh Elwes (O81). Born in Kingston, Jamaica where his father, then Major Arthur Beveridge RAMC, was working as a medical officer, his childhood was spent in several different places, including Salisbury, Singapore, Colchester (where he attended St Joseph's College, Ipswich) and then Dublin, where he went to school at St Gerard's, Bray. At St Gerard's he became good at music and German, being well taught by an Austrian refugee, Lothar Fuchs.

During the early part of the Second World War, his father was stationed at Pocklington, visiting Ampleforth for Mass most Sundays. A good friendship developed with Fr Paul Nevill, as a result of which Jim came to Ampleforth from Ireland in 1943, entering St Dunstan's House under Fr Oswald Vanheems (OA21, died 1968, Housemaster 1935-68). In 1944, he took part in what became known as 'The Revolution' or even 'The Red Revolution' in St Dunstan's, when amongst others, Paul Corcoran (D49, Fr Kieran, died 1992) led a large group of the House down the valley to The Brook rather than attend breakfast, as a protest at the quality of the food and it seems other issues; the subsequent somewhat draconian punishments which followed created a certain camaraderie in the House. Academically Jim did well in his School Certificate and Higher Certificate, taking French and German as his main subjects. He was also leader of music in St Dunstan's for two years, before leaving in 1947.

From 1947 to 1950 he attended University College, Dublin (UCD), obtaining a BA in Modern Languages, majoring in French and German. He shared the Browne Prize, awarded each year to the top undergraduate of the National University of Ireland (which included the colleges in Dublin, Galway, Cork and Maynooth) – for proficiency in spoken German and French. Both at Ampleforth and at university, he

took part in drama; and at UCD he became director of the Dramatic Society – in the winter of 1949 the Society toured English universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, performing the traditional Irish repertoire.

From 1950 onwards, he worked for Shell International; an uncle who worked there had advised him to join. He was to serve successively first in Malaya and Thailand, then Haiti (in the Papa Doc era – quite a creepy time and place, as it still is), then New Zealand, Holland, South Africa, Switzerland, the USA and London, before his final appointment as Chief Executive of Irish Shell.

He married Olga Fisher in 1960, who had become a Catholic shortly before. They had two children: Louise (born 1962) and Johnny (T82, born 1964). In retirement, Jim and Olga lived first in Wimbledon and later at Petworth in Sussex, where amongst other things he became an organist to and pillar of the parish. During 2002 Jim developed cancer, and although at first it seemed to have been successfully treated by surgery, it recurred, leading to his death on 30 April 2005.

Jim was a naturally gregarious bon viveur, with many interests and friendships. He loved beautiful things, music and art – all a far cry from the petrol pumps. An accomplished piano player and organist, he often played at liturgical functions, especially when the official organist was away. He would often visit and enjoy art exhibitions, concerts, opera and theatre. Apart from his travels for Shell (often in themselves to pretty shady places like Haiti), he and Olga travelled widely for fun – visiting Siberia, Alaska, Antarctica, Brazil, Argentina, Chile and many other countries. He was much respected and loved throughout his immediate and extended family, deriving much joy from his four grandchildren, playing a patriarchal role, and also by many friends, all of whom will regret his passing.

Col Michael Astley Birtwistle TD DL KSG



Michael Albert Astley Birtwistle: born 4 April 1920 Pleasington, Lancashire; Ampleforth Prep School 1929-30; Gilling Castle 1930-31; Junior House 1931-33; St Wilfrid's House September 1933 – December 1938; Commissioned East Lancashire Regiment (TA) May 1939; Indian Army 1941-45 – Gurkha regiments; severely wounded in Central Burma March 1945; War Office 1945; Birtwistle & Leigh 1946-64 [Chief Executive 1959-64]; United Kingdom Textile Manufacturing Association – Deputy Chairman 1958-64; Viyella International 1965-67; Courtaulds Ltd 1968-82 [Deputy Chairman 1980-82]; Burnley Building Society 1980-83 [Director]; National & Provincial Building Society 1983-90 [Director]; appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire 1976; High Sheriff of Lancashire 1978-79; Knight of St Gregory 1983; married Glen Craig 1950 (three children); died 10 May 2005.

Michael was the eldest of eight children of James Astley Birtwistle and Muriel (*née*

Marwood). Although his father was not a Catholic, he honoured his marriage promises and all eight children were brought up in the Faith by his mother. She was a strong Lancashire Catholic whose faith, as she said, was that of the shepherds and not of the wise men. Michael was imbued with a strong faith initially by her and then by the monks at Ampleforth, especially Fr Stephen Marwood and Fr Columba Cary-Elwes. His mother's four brothers went to Ampleforth – Basil (OA01), Cyril (OA02), Reggie (OA07, died 1950) [Fr Stephen Marwood] and Gilbert (OA09) – so it was natural that Michael and his three brothers should also go there – Edmund (W42), David (E43, died 1998) and Anthony (E46). Michael went to Gilling under Fr Basil Mawson (OA about 1897, died 1955), then Junior House, and on to St Wilfrid's under Fr Clement Hesketh (OA1905, died 1948) and then Fr Columba Cary-Elwes (OA1922, died 1994), who had a great influence on him and became a lifelong friend. Michael captained the 2nd XI and XV, often playing for the first team, and was a good runner as well. He was Head Monitor in his last term.

On leaving Ampleforth he worked at his late maternal grandfather's Crown Cork firm in Blackburn and at the same time joined the TA, being commissioned into the East Lancashire Regiment. At the outbreak of war he was called to the colours and during the 'phoney war' moved around to various locations in the UK where he guarded these places with antiquated and ineffectual weapons. In spring 1940, his regiment went to join the BEF in time to join the evacuation at Dunkirk, where he showed much gallantry and was mentioned in Dispatches (many of his brother officers considered he should have had a much higher award). After some time in England he decided to go to India where he joined the 7th Gurkha Rifles under General Bill Slim. His Company was planning to attack a Japanese-held village near Meiktila and Michael was up with The Gunner OP. The first salvo landed on the OP, killing the artillery officer and nearly killing Michael – he was badly wounded and was flown to base hospital by a brave American airman. The other momentous event in India was meeting his future wife Glen Craig, whose brother Derek (B45) was killed on Sutton Bank on Goremire Day 1945. Glen was a member of the Women's Auxiliary Corps (India) and worked for Peter Fleming in South East Asia Command.

After the war Michael joined the Birtwistle family textile firm and eventually rose to become managing director; he presided over the negotiations with Vyella who took over the firm. He continued to work for the new firm for a few years before joining Courtaulds. Michael joined the Duke of Lancaster's Yeomanry as a Squadron Commander and eventually commanded the Regiment and on retirement became Hon Colonel DLOY. He was a keen countryman and enjoyed shooting. He immersed himself in the County of Lancashire and was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in 1976 and was High Sheriff in 1978-79.

Michael was blessed with a happy marriage and was devoted to his wife Glen and their sons Mark (W70) and Jeremy (W72 – now living in Australia, but with two sons at Joey's, St Joseph's College in Sydney, having close association with Ampleforth) and to his daughter Deborah. Michael was a keen Amplefordian especially with regards to cricket and his visits there were always eagerly awaited for his great generosity. Many of the community were friends, such as Fr Anthony Ainscough (OA25, died 1986), Fr Denis Waddilove (O32, died 1981) and Fr Terence Wright (OA22, died 1957).

John Garrett

John Francis Garrett: born 1 February 1945; St Dunstan's House September 1958 - December 1962; Gillette 1962-89; Rank Organisation 1989-95; married Patti Pinnington 1966 (four children); died 28 May 2005.

John Garrett was the second of three brothers in St Dunstan's, the other two being Patrick (D60) and Kevin (D64). Between 1962 and 1995 he worked firstly for Gillette and then with the Rank Organisation. He spent 27 years with Gillette (1962-89): working in turn in Lancashire (salesman covering the Midlands), Newcastle (running the Sales Team), London (1969-78: Sales Manager), Boston, USA (1978-80), Melbourne (1980-86: in charge of the Asia-Pacific area) and London (1986-89). He spent the next six years (1989-95) with the Rank Organisation in London. After 1995 he retired, but was on the board of about four companies.

John was a keen sportsman. He was in the Ampleforth rugby and cricket teams. He had four horses competing in National Hunt racing, most successfully with Count Campini [named after the head waiter at Castle Coombe in Somerset]. He married Patti Pinnington in 1966. They had four children: Joanne, Patrick, Kimberley and Jenni – and three grandchildren.

Andrew Brown

Andrew Patrick Brown: born 12 September 1929; St Edward's House September 1941 - July 1942; Downside 1942-47; Magdalen College, Cambridge, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford; doctor - general practice in Oxfordshire 1950s-1990; married Anne Sawyer 1952 (killed in car accident 1970) (three children); married Beverly Atkinson 1970 (three children); died 5 June 2005.

Andrew Brown was at Ampleforth, in St Edward's House, for three terms when he was aged 12, in the academic year 1941-42, and then went to Downside. He went to Magdalen College, Cambridge to read medicine, doing his practical training at the Radcliffe in Oxford. After qualifying as a doctor, and doing some locums, he was in general practice in Watlington in Oxfordshire from probably the mid-1950s to 1990, when he retired. He married Anne Sawyer in 1952 and they had three children; she was killed in a car accident in 1970. He then married Beverly Atkinson in 1970, and they had three children. He was a woodcarver and an avid reader.

The Hon Patrick Pakenham

Patrick Maurice Pakenham: born 17 April 1937; St Wilfrid's House September 1949 - April 1955; Magdalen College, Oxford 1955-58; called to the Bar 1958; barrister in practice 1958-68; married Mary Plummer (three children); died 8 June 2005.

Patrick Pakenham (he was always known as Paddy) was the third of the eight children of Frank and Elizabeth Longford, the 7th Earl and Countess of Longford. His brothers and sisters include Thomas Pakenham (E51), Lady Antonia Fraser, Lady Rachel Billington, Sir Michael Pakenham (W61) [Ambassador to Poland 2001-2003] and Kevin Pakenham (W65) [an investment banker] and Catherine [died in a motor accident in 1969].

Two incidents may have affected Paddy's mental state, and led to mental breakdowns. In his late teens, there was the ruthless treatment received in the first six

weeks of National Service. In his mid 20s, he was at sea off the Sussex coast in a small boat when two friends were drowned; although he acted with courage, he suffered mentally.

He was called to the Bar in 1958, but his career as a barrister was somewhat erratic. He was intelligent and articulate, and had a strong and attractive voice, but in the words of *The Daily Telegraph* [22 June 2005] 'his boisterous nature and bouts of mental illness rendered it impossible for him to adhere to the routine required to sustain his position at the Bar, and he retired after 10 years' practice'. He had many delightful qualities. He had a marvellous gift for loyalty, and countless friends in many walks of life. *The Daily Telegraph* obituary also noted that he 'had an exceptional memory and [that he] could be wise and compassionate'. He was generous and loving.

Paddy was an exceptionally fine golfer. After his death, the TV golf commentator and golfer Peter Alliss paid tribute on the radio to Paddy's golfing skills. He once won the Bar Golf Tournament at Rye. He was a colourful member of the Sunningdale Golf Club. In his autobiography, the golfer Sam Torrance describes Paddy turning up wearing different coloured socks or different shoes or no socks; his trousers would be held up by a tie.

He married his nurse, Mary Plummer. They had three sons. He died of cancer on 8 June 2005.

Dr Bryan Abbot

Bryan William Abbot: born 13 September 1939; St Dunstan's House September 1953 – July 1958; Trinity College, Dublin 1958-65; National Maternity Hospital, Dublin 1965-67; GP in Staffordshire from about 1967; retired in North Yorkshire late 1990s; married Marie (Renee) 1967 (three children); died 23 June 2005 York.

Bryan Abbot was in St Dunstan's House from 1953 to 1958. He studied medicine in Trinity College, Dublin for seven years, probably from 1958 to 1965, qualifying as a doctor. These were years of rugby and friends, and visits from school contemporaries such as David Connolly (B57, died 1996) and Ivan Scott-Lewis (O57). After qualifying as a doctor, he worked for two years at the National Maternity Hospital in Dublin. Then in about 1967 he returned to Staffordshire to join his father's practice in Rugeley; here he worked in general practice for many years, being a much loved and popular doctor. He married Marie [Renee] in 1969 and they had three children – Juliette, Caroline and BC [Bryan Christopher] (T01 – now a medical student in Leeds). In the late 1990s Bryan and Marie retired to North Yorkshire. He had suffered from motor neurone disease over the past year. He died in St Lawrence Hospice in York. His contemporary in St Dunstan's, Fr Gordon Beattie (D58), celebrated the funeral Mass. Many remembered his concern for others and his delightful welcome to visitors. He was always interested in motor cars and had a sports car.

Hugh Fattorini

Hugh Thomas Fattorini: born 15 July 1934 Ilkley; Moorfield School, Ilkley; Gilling Castle; Junior House 1946-48; St Oswald's House September 1948 – July 1953; National Service 1953-55; Trinity College, Oxford 1955-58; family mail order business from 1958; Executive Board of Skipton Building Society 1974-92; Administrator of Skipton Castle from late 1980s; married Frances Robertson 1967 (four sons); died 25 June 2005.

Hugh Thomas Fattorini, company director, rare book collector and administrator of Skipton Castle, was born in Ilkley on 15 July 1934, the younger son of Wilfred Fattorini and Molly (*née* Spencer), both of Skipton. He was educated at Moorfield School in Ilkley, where the family first lived, before they moved to Addingham in 1940. He later attended Gilling Castle Preparatory School and Ampleforth College. He was a successful athlete and enjoyed rugby and cricket. As a school librarian he developed his interest in books, which was to last throughout his life.

National Service followed in 1953; he was commissioned in the Royal Artillery and served in the Anti-Aircraft Regiment, training at Oswestry and Tonfannau in Wales. He was stationed finally at Edinburgh Castle, where one of his duties was being in charge of the One o'clock Gun. In September 1955 his mother died, shortly before he went up to Trinity College, Oxford to read History. Following his graduation, in the autumn of 1958 he began working with his elder brother Tom in the family mail order business in Manchester, which took its name from the family, while their father oversaw the badge, medal and insignia works, Thomas Fattorini Ltd, in Birmingham, which is now being run by the sixth generation of the family, having been established in 1827 in Skipton.

In 1967 Hugh married Frances Robertson, the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Robertson of Ilkley, in St Stephen's Church, Skipton. Their first home was in Cheshire, where their two elder sons Andrew (O86) and Tim (O88) were born. In 1971, the mail order business having been sold, the family returned to Yorkshire. The following year they moved into Skipton Castle, which had been purchased by Hugh's father Wilfred Fattorini in 1956. Here Hugh's two younger sons, Richard (O92) and Julian (O94), were born.

Settling in Skipton, Hugh began collecting and dealing in antiquarian books, his special interest being British ornithological books with hand-coloured illustrations, about which he became an authority. The collection was sold in 1995. For 18 years, from 1974-1992, he served as a non-executive director on the Board of Skipton Building Society, and he served from 1984 to 1987 on the committee of the Society for the History of Natural History at the Natural History Museum in London. He was also a Patron of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society.

Hugh became Administrator of Skipton Castle in the late 1980s, in charge of the day-to-day running, succeeding his father, who died in 1992. Hugh was deeply interested in the history of the castle and the historical figures associated with it. He wrote and published the first colour guidebook and arranged for the illustrated tour sheet to be translated into eight languages. He was honoured to give HRH The Prince of Wales a tour of the castle during the Prince's visit to Crayen in 1988. Hugh was keen to preserve the castle for future generations to enjoy and it gave him great pleasure to welcome visitors from around the world and share with them his knowledge of the castle and his love of the Dales.

Above all, he was a faithful member of the Catholic Church and was a regular worshipper at St Stephen's Church with his family. He is survived by his wife and their four sons.

Emmet McAvoy

Francis Emmet McAvoy; born 18 November 1938; St Martin's Prep School; St Aidan's House January 1953 – July 1955; British Gas; magistrate; married Felicity Booth 1966 (two children); died 2 July 2005 Bath.

Emmet McAvoy was in St Aidan's House. He played rugby for the school (though not in the 1st XV), loved the game and could remember being yelled at by the coach, Fr Basil Hume, in practice sessions. His career was spent working in the field of personnel and development, most recently for British Gas, although he retired in his late 50s due to ill-health. From 1989 he worked diligently and faithfully as a magistrate for the Bath & Wansdyke Bench. He remembered his time at Ampleforth fondly, although even then his health was not strong. His wife Felicity recalls: 'He took me to visit the school when we were first married and showed me round with great pride'. Emmet married Felicity in 1966 in Sheffield and they had two children, Christopher and Laura. He died on 2 July 2005 in the Royal United Hospital, Bath, after a long and complicated illness.

Dick Hadcock

Richard Neville Hadcock; born 11 November 1928 Hexham; St Oswald's House September 1942 – July 1946; deHavilland Aeronautical Technical School 1946-50; deHavilland Aircraft Company 1950-66; Grumman in Long Island, New York 1966-1990s; married Mary Hayes 1955 (four children); died 14 July 2005 Long Island, New York.



Dick Hadcock was a distinguished aeronautical engineer over almost 50 years, being a leading authority on structural analysis and composite materials in aircraft design and manufacture.

Richard Hadcock (always known as Dick) was the son of a distinguished historian and the grandson of a distinguished industrialist. His father, Dr Neville Hadcock, was a medieval historian who wrote with Dom David Knowles *The Religious Houses of Medieval England*, and who produced maps of medieval monasteries in Britain and Ireland [all his maps were destroyed when Southampton was bombed, and he had to draw them again after the war]. His grandfather was Sir George Hadcock, the Managing Director of Vickers Armstrong in Newcastle. He had two younger twin brothers: George (O49) and Michael (O48 – who left early to go to Dartmouth). He and his brothers were in St Oswald's with Fr Stephen Marwood. At Ampleforth he excelled in mathematics and won a prestigious mathematics prize, the Milburn Prize [all the novels of Jane Austen]. Although he was awarded an Exhibition for Caius College, Cambridge, he chose instead from 1946 to 1950 to go to the deHavilland Aeronautical School at Hatfield in Hertfordshire.

From 1950 onwards, Dick worked in the aeronautical industry. From 1950 until 1966 he was at the deHavilland Aircraft Company in Hatfield where he concentrated on structural engineering. After the two Comet crashes in 1954, he did the mathematical calculations to discover the cause of the accidents. From 1966 until the 1990s he was with an American company, Grumman in Long Island, New York, becoming Director of Advanced Development; he participated in the design of the F-14 Tomcat aircraft and was a lead inventor of the Patent for Integrated System for Aircraft Crack Detection which was awarded to Grumman in 1991. After retirement from Grumman, Dick started his own consulting firm, working on aircraft composite structures with a variety of international firms including the US Airforce and NASA Langley Research Center. He served on several BASA committees and the National Research Council Advisory Board. He was a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society, the Institution of Structural Engineers and Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics.

Known as the 'Father of Advanced Composites', Dick travelled the world to countries as diverse as Japan, Israel, Sweden and Greece, delivering lectures and giving professional advice. He was the author of more than 50 technical papers and reports on structures and materials. Since 1999 he had been writing a book on the history of the development of aircraft structures and materials in the twentieth century, and the book was nearing completion when he died.

Richard was a Renaissance man in every sense of the word. He loved art, becoming an accomplished water colour painter. He loved history, becoming President of the Scipio Society of Naval and Military History. He loved music and he loved gardens. For 20 years he was a Boy Scout Leader and a Eucharistic Minister for St Patrick's Church, Huntington. Dick Hadcock became a US citizen in 1972. In 1955 he married Mary Hayes. They had a daughter and three sons. He was the uncle of Charles (W83) [the son of his brother George], and Nicholas (O77) and Mark (O81) [the sons of Michael]. Dick died of cancer on 14 July 2005 at his home in Huntington on Long Island.

John Lee

John Brian Lee; born 5 May 1929 Middlesbrough; St Bede's House September 1942 – July 1947; RAF; BP in Persia; Roan Consolidated Mines in Northern Rhodesia [Zambia] 1952-83; Cape Town 1985 onwards; married Ann Margaret Atkinson 1952; died 23 July 2005 Cape Town.

Peter Lee wrote [July 2005]:

My father was born in Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, and brought up in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. At Ampleforth he was Master of Foxhounds, and developed a lifelong fondness for beagling. He joined the RAF and was in Berlin during the Airlift. He worked for BP in Persia, and then, in 1952, he settled in Northern Rhodesia [Zambia], working there for 31 years for Roan Consolidated Mines. In 1985 he came to Cape Town, and worked for the City Council until his retirement.

Anyone who knew him would know that he was a good, kind and gentle man. He treated people with respect and was always ready with a helping hand. He was friendly and sociable, he liked people and they liked him. He told wonderful stories and enjoyed a joke. He had integrity and was held in high regard by all who knew him. It is not possible to talk of my father without speaking of his courage. When he

got married he was 23, strong, adventurous and athletic. At 25, with a wife, small son and a new baby on the way, he contracted polio that paralysed his left side and left a legacy that would affect his health ever after. But he did not go through life embittered or feeling sorry for himself. It robbed him only of his athleticism – the optimism, strength of character and adventurous spirit remained intact. He travelled, he fished, he sailed; he liked cars, boats, motorbikes; he liked nature, animals and birds. He took up carpentry and mastered e-mail after his retirement. He was up for anything and interested in everything. He was a remarkable man, and a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. We cannot imagine life without him and would not have changed him for the world. He was proud of our achievements, as are all parents, but what was exceptional was that he was proud of us when we achieved little or even nothing at all.

Next month, on 27 August [2005], my parents would have been married for 53 years. They had a wonderful life together, handled problems as they came along and their marriage was one of great friendship and loyalty. His loss was very painful, but he had told my mother that when the time came, given a choice, he would like a few days to think about it and we are glad that he was given that. We are glad that we could be with him and were blessed to have him as long as we did. We are grateful for every moment of his life and will cherish our memories of him. We love him and will always love him and we ask God to bless him.

John was a staunch Catholic. He had the gift of faith and believed strongly in the power of prayer. He was a good man and a fine example of how to live. We have no doubt he is bound for Heaven but he was less sure about it and has requested not one but "several" Requiem Masses, saying he might need them. It was important to him that long after today we should pray for his soul and we would ask all of you to do so also. He would appreciate it very much.

Tim Cotton

Richard Timothy Mariano Cotton: born 10 December 1940 Delhi, India; All Hallows; St Wilfrid's House January 1955 – December 1958; Hong Kong Bank 1960-87; married Allix Dunn 1968 (three children); died 3 August 2005 Cambridge.

At his funeral Mass at Our Lady and English Martyrs Church, Cambridge on 10 August 2005, Tim's son Lawrence (191) spoke. This is an edited text of what he said:

Over the past weeks we have received countless messages and the one quality which has stood out has been his enthusiasm. My father, Tim, was a great lover of life.

One of his great loves was India, the country of his birth, and of six generations of Cottons before him. Starting life as a tiny baby weighing just two pounds, in Delhi in 1940, he must have learned the fighting spirit that we have seen throughout his life and especially throughout his illness over the past nine years. He lived in India for seven years with his father, an army Colonel, his mother, his sister Joanna and brothers Julian (W56) and Tony (H60 – Fr Jonathan).

Tim's firm Christian faith was the basis on which he lived his life. He was grateful for his education and recently set up Ampleforth College Bursary Fund in order for others, not as fortunate as himself, to be able to benefit from the schooling they offer.

His childhood overseas inspired in him a desire to learn of different countries and cultures. His working life began in the Hong Kong Bank which he joined at 19.



He spent the next 27 years with them at overseas postings in New York, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, The Philippines, China and Pakistan. In each posting Tim always made the best of things, throwing himself into the culture, attempting to learn the language, and making lifelong friends with local people as well as with those in the expat community. Tim and Allix took every opportunity to explore all the countries that they lived in. One such adventure took them by train from Shanghai to Urumchi in the heart of the Gobi desert in north-west China, in 1981.

His greatest joy came from the immeasurable love he felt for his wife Allix and his family. At the age of 27, nearing the end of a long leave from Asia, Tim fell in love with Allix and within two months, he was living in Japan with his new wife. He found a new purpose and meaning in life, and was devoted to her. He wished for nothing more than to create a warm, loving and stable family. He was selfless in the decisions he made, which were always taken with Allix and his family in mind and he wanted nothing more than for us to be happy and secure. He gave us all such praise, support and encouragement in everything we chose to do. Despite his illness, he summoned the strength to fulfill his dream of walking Sophie down the aisle on her wedding day just a month ago and in his last days he mentioned that this had been the happiest day of his life.

Tim brought such magic and wonderment into the lives of children, and was proud to be considered an adopted grandfather to several of his friends' children. Wherever he went, Tim made many true friends who couldn't fail to be touched by his infectious enthusiasm, his sense of humour and his great concern for others. His love of walking took him, with his close group of hiking friends, on many adventures including crossing the Pyrenees, the Cradle Mountain in Tasmania, the Routeburn Trail in New Zealand and the Hindu Kush mountains on the Pakistan/Afghanistan border, and completing the Tour de Mont Blanc. Another of Tim's great passions was running, completing five marathons after the age of 40 and being an enthusiastic member of the Hash House Harriers throughout Asia. Here in Cambridge he was responsible for founding the Cambridge University Hash, affectionately known as a drinking club with a running problem. In Cambridge Tim also established two other exclusive clubs: the Shed Club, the sole criterion for membership being ownership of a garden shed; and the Curry Club, which meets monthly in the Sweet'n'spicy Pakistani Restaurant in Mill Road. Both of these are mainly excuses to hang out with mates for a beer and a yarn. Bee-keeping became an absorbing hobby for him when the family settled in Cambridge 18 years ago, and he was on the committee of the Cambridge Beekeepers' Society for a few years. He kept hives in his own garden as well as in those of friends around Cambridge, and pretended to know each bee by name. Over the years he produced thousands of jars of honey.

Tim's most recent interest has been his letter-cutting, which he took up just two

years ago, and he has been prolific in the production of beautifully carved works of art, two of which are here in front of the altar today. This newly-discovered talent gave him great pleasure, and he fulfilled his desire to complete his work in commemoration of the birth of his newest grandchild, Hazel, just weeks ago. The unfinished stone here in the church was begun in his final days when he was no longer strong and was unable to see clearly – yet another example of his determination and courage.

Tim faced his illness with dignity and was always so appreciative of the medical treatment and support given him by the doctors and nurses at the surgery, Addenbrookes Hospital and Arthur Rank Hospice.

Tim was the perfect example of a true gentleman and was always so modest about his many achievements. Tim's indomitable spirit, profound character and love of life were an inspiration. There is no doubt that he has left a positive mark on the world. Nobody who ever met Tim could fail to be enriched by his friendship.

OA Obituaries Editor writes: Tim and Allix had three children: Anna, Sophie (Smith) and Lawrence (191). They have three grandchildren, the daughters of Lawrence. Tim's cousin Johnny was the father of Tanguy (188).

John Daniel

John Illtud Daniel: born 28 July 1937; St Mary's College; St Aidan's House September 1951 – December 1955; New College, Oxford 1958-62; National Service (Royal Navy) 1962-64; teaching philosophy Aberystwyth University c1964-66; DPhil Oxford University work c1966-67; seminary for the Diocese of Menevia – in Paris and Upholland c1967-69; teaching philosophy Bangor University 1969-1985; teaching philosophy Lampeter University 1985-2003; Welsh patriot; translator and author; married Catrin Gapper 1970 (died 5 June 2005) (six children); died 3 August 2005.



John Daniel on the descent from the Mountain Cnicht in 2005

John Daniel was a Welsh patriot, a Catholic, a philosopher, a political activist, a linguist and a person of outstanding qualities, humour, dignity and faith.

He was the eldest of five children of a Welsh-speaking Catholic family: the others being Huw (A57), Anna, Gwennllian and Iestyn. John's first language was Welsh, and he learnt English at school and learnt French from regular visits to a family in Brittany. At Ampleforth he was a friend of Philip Smiley (D41), a laymaster who came to stay on several occasions at the family home in the village of Bodfari in the Vale of Clwyd, a notably beautiful area – and later Philip and John went to Greece together a couple of times. Ampleforth contemporaries included David Pool (A56) and Adrian Whitfield (155).

In the near half-century after leaving Ampleforth, he studied and taught, did his

National Service and tried his vocation to be a priest. After Ampleforth, he went to New College, Oxford, reading Classical Greats and Mods, gaining a Double First; it was a sadness that his father (who himself gained a triple First) was killed by a drunken driver shortly before John gained his double First in 1962. Between 1962 and 1964 he did National Service with the Royal Navy, working with naval intelligence, and at this time also learning Russian. He taught Philosophy at Aberystwyth University in the medium of Welsh. One of his students from this period, Fr John Fitzgerald, wrote a tribute in Welsh after his death. In about 1967 he decided to try his vocation for the priesthood, studying for the Welsh Diocese of Menevia, firstly at *L'Institut Catholique de Paris*. Thus John was in Paris in May 1968, the May Events, when a wave of violent student riots led to a general strike by ten million French workers, provoked unrest in many other countries, and eventually culminated in the resignation of General de Gaulle as President of France. The events of May 1968 also gave John his first taste of journalism, when he was co-opted by the BBC, as one of the city's few Welsh speakers, to report in his native tongue in these epoch-making riots and strikes for BBC Radio Wales. In about 1968 his Diocese transferred him to continue his studies at the seminary of Upholland in Lancashire, but in 1969 he left the seminary, perhaps because he did not find there the sense of freshness and renewal which he had expected following the Second Vatican Council. So from 1969 until 1985 he taught Philosophy at Bangor University. When in 1985, the Government of Mrs Thatcher made cuts in university teaching and he had to leave Bangor, he was offered posts by the universities of Southampton (he would not go to a non-Welsh university), Swansea and Lampeter, and he chose St David's College in Lampeter University, teaching Greek Philosophy, the Philosophy of Religion and Morals, the Philosophy of Logic and Language and Politics, and continuing there until he retired in 2003.

He was a Welsh patriot. He was a member of the Welsh Language Society, becoming its Chairman in 1962; the Society sought equality for the Welsh language with English, and was ready to resort to civil disobedience in pursuit of this goal. Eventually it achieved *The Welsh Language Act of 1967*, giving a measure of recognition to the Welsh language in administrative matters in Wales. He was a member of *Plaid Cymru* (Welsh National Party), and took an active role in canvassing for the party in elections. He worked with an ecumenical team of scholars on a new Welsh translation of the Bible. He edited a Welsh philosophical journal.

John Daniel was tall and slim, dark and good-looking, unassuming and humble, un-ambitious and un-judgemental, gentle and unemotional. He was a moral person, wise, with a good sense of humour; he loved to laugh. His favourite pastime was walking in the Welsh mountains with his family. He was a keen and a good photographer. He was a demon driver, driving an old car like a Ferrari.

In recent years he was writing a biography of Simone Weil (1909-43), the French philosopher and mystic, whose quest for social justice and for the essence of Christianity, mirrored many of his own concerns as a political activist and a Catholic philosopher. His book remained unfinished, but he published several articles on Simone Weil in a Welsh language philosophy journal *Efrjdiau Athronyddol* (Philosophical Studies).

In August 1970 John Daniel married Catrin Gapper. They had six children, all born in the 1970s. When Catrin died suddenly in June 2005, John had already been diagnosed with leukaemia and less than two months later he died, on 3 August 2005. He faced death with dignity, fortitude and faith.

Help in compiling this note came in conversations with two of his children, Andreas and Catherine [22 December 2005], his brother Hugh (A57) [27 December 2005], his sister Anna [27 December 2005] and from Paul Lewis (E55) [10 January 2006].

Clif Walter

Clifton Ignatius Walter; born 19 January 1921 Mauritius; lived in Mauritius 1920-26, in Kenya 1926-33; Junior House September 1933 – July 1935; St Dunstan's House September 1935 – December 1938; RAF in war; dental surgeon in Croydon and Adelaide; married Muriel Walker 1951 (died 8 December 1999) (three sons); died 7 August 2005 Adelaide, Australia.



Fr Benet Perceval (W34), Dr Noel Murphy (B33, died 10 March 2005), Clif Walter (D38, died 6 August 2005) and Fr Columba Ryan OP (O34) at the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the first arrival at Ampleforth, on 21 September 2002.

Clif Walter's father had emigrated to Mauritius aged 19 in 1896, and it was there that Clif was born in 1921. In 1926 the family moved to Kenya, where he went to school for a time. In 1933 he came to Ampleforth, first the Junior House with Fr Illyd Williams (OA05, died 1964), eventually entering St Dunstan's House when it was founded with Fr Oswald Vanheems (OA21, died in September 1935). He was in the school cricket XI, once scoring 94. After leaving St Dunstan's House in 1938, Clif Walter did war service, being a dispatch rider. In 1940 he had a bad car crash and was for some time in the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. When he had recovered, he went to Canada to learn how to fly Hurricanes. Later, after the war, he became a dental surgeon, working in Croydon in Surrey for 20 years. In the 1960s he went to Australia and practised as a dental surgeon in Adelaide. He married Muriel Walker [she died in late 1999]. They had three sons. He once entertained the OACC on their tour. In September 2002 he came to Ampleforth for the bicentenary

celebrations. He died in Adelaide on 7 August 2005. He was one of seven brothers – five brothers went to school with the Jesuits in Grahamstown, South Africa while Clif and his older brother Lindsay (W35) came to Ampleforth.

Noel Horn

Noel James Horn; born 9 December 1912; Fort Augustus Prep School 1920-24; Ampleforth College (before the House system) September 1924 – July 1926; St Bede's House September 1926 – July 1930; Glasgow University; chartered accountant; married Madeleine Brown 1940 (five children); died 20 August 2005.



Noel was born in Glasgow, the second of four brothers. He outlived his brothers. Jack (B28, died 1985), the oldest, was a founder member of St Bede's House in 1926. Robert (B32, died 1997), three years Noel's junior, followed them. Noel's upbringing was both Scottish and male-dominated, which two factors probably explain that, outwardly, he showed little emotion, although he was both gentle and sensitive. At the age of eight he boarded at Fort Augustus, progressing on to Ampleforth. He was a classical scholar and expected to go on to Oxford. Shortly before he was due to leave Ampleforth, his father died and money became short. Instead he went to Glasgow University and was articled to Peat Marwick and Mitchell. Soon after qualifying as a chartered accountant, he asked to be transferred to Peat's London office.

Aged about 25, living in digs with a fellow Scottish accountant, and playing rugby weekly for one of the lesser London Scottish teams, he attended a parish dance in north London, meeting a young woman with whom he was greatly smitten. Soon after, war broke out, and he tried, twice, to enlist in the Navy, being rejected both times on account of poor eyesight. Meanwhile, he was pursuing Madeleine, and eventually succeeded in persuading her to marry him. They were married in the Benedictine parish in Cockfosters, Hertfordshire in July 1940. So began their 65 years together.

Five children were born between 1941 and 1956 including John (B58) and David (O69), Alison dying a few weeks after her birth. The family moved from London to the Midlands for most of the war, where Noel worked for the Iron and Steel Corporation in Warwick Castle, returning to London in 1945.

Soon after the war, Noel moved on from being a professional accountant to working as an accountant in industry, but he never earned a lot of money. He and Madeleine deprived themselves of much in order to send their sons to Ampleforth and their two daughters to Mayfield. In the late '40s and early '50s, Noel was an active Catenian. An essentially quiet man, he thoroughly enjoyed the Catenian social life. He was also liked very much, becoming president of the Southgate Circle. His presidential year was a great success, a major factor being the hospitality and glamour

contributed by his young wife. He was governor of two Catholic schools, one at Poplar in east London, with which Ampleforth was then associated.

In 1956, having worked for several years as chief accountant/company secretary of a large London store, Noel was asked by the parent company to sign off on a set of accounts, which, in honesty, he refused to do. Soon after, he was fired, about the same time as Alison died. It was a low time, yet he soon got a good job in Kingston, Surrey, for which reason the family moved south of the Thames, to Cobham. He and Madeleine lived there together for the next 49 years.

By 1968, all but David had left school. Ann, who had a beautiful soprano voice, took up a scholarship with the Royal Academy, but she contracted leukaemia and died in February of that year. Madeleine was absolutely devastated, and remains greatly affected to this day. Noel had to cope with his own grief and also had to support his wife. It was a difficult time, but he was a rock and, after a year, life more or less returned to normal.

Noel kept working to 65, and then started a long and happy retirement. He supported Madeleine in her bridge teaching and the running of a Cobham community bridge club which they began some 20 years earlier, and which still continues today. Whenever one visited them he always had a cheerful word, was nearly always immersed in a book, and his parting comment was always to question when was one coming again, before he settled back into his book. Such words became exchanged with grandchildren, as well as children, as the years went on.

One of the great events, 15 years ago, was their 50th wedding anniversary. About 40 extended-family members came from Canada, Scotland and Belgium, as well as from closer to home. It was staged without the knowledge of the principals. There are wonderful photographs of this quiet man responding to the toast to the two of them. At 77 he stood erect and relaxed, and with a great twinkle in his eye. One can see in the photographs, out of focus, some of his audience laughing.

He was a practising Catholic all his life. An erudite man, he read enormously, but mostly vast quantities of detective novels. Nevertheless, only in 2002, he re-read all the Waverley novels of Walter Scott – more than 20 of them. He continued to take a great interest in sport, especially in Queen's Park, the Scottish amateur league side which he had supported as a young man. He loved the cricket too, perhaps most of all, and it is a shame that he was not really able to appreciate the 2005 Ashes series, although still emotionally interested. When informed that we were beating the Australians in the Third Test Match in mid-August 2005 and threatening to go one up, he retorted: 'I don't believe it!'

In the last few months, especially the last few weeks, looking after him was demanding for Madeleine, which she stuck to with great love and devotion. One evening before the funeral, she said two things about him quite spontaneously. The first, that in 65 years of marriage, she did not ever remember him grumbling at her; the other, that there was nothing artificial about him. In trying to encapsulate his many qualities, one could add his integrity, his humility, his wise counsel whenever it was sought, his stoicism, his love for his family (as well as his utter devotion to his wife) and his humour. He was often teasing, but always kindly. He was great fun and people loved to meet him and be with him. The world was a better place because he lived in it.

John Horn

OA Obituary Editor notes: His grandson is Julien Horn (196), son of John.

Jimmy Sturup

James [Jimmy] Vincent Sturup: born 21 August 1935; Gilling Castle; Junior House 1947-49; St Dunstan's House September 1949 – 1 April 1954; National Service [Intelligence Corps] 1954-56; Lincoln College, Oxford 1956-59; marble importing business 1959 onwards; opera enthusiast; married Rosemary Brown (three daughters); died 30 August 2005 Maidenhead.



Jimmy Sturup was the eldest of four children of George Sturup [died 1970] and Carmen Sturup [died 1993]. George had come from Spain and they lived in Wimbledon Parkside, Jimmy was the brother of Edward (D58), Margo [Brown] and Maria Cristina [Connolly]. Maria Cristina married a near contemporary at Ampleforth who lived almost next door at Wimbledon Parkside, David Connolly (B57, died 1995).

At Ampleforth, Jimmy went to St Dunstan's House under Fr Oswald Vanheems. He was at this time a notable hurdler. He did his two years' National Service mainly in Germany in the Intelligence Corps and then went to Lincoln College, Oxford. After Oxford he ran the family business, Icona, importing marbles from Spain, working much with his contemporary in St Dunstan's House and

future brother-in-law Christopher Brown (D54) – they provided marble in the building of the Hilton Hotel in London. Later he worked in finance.

From an early age Jimmy's abiding interest and passion was choral music, especially opera. While a teenager he was known to wait all night outside Covent Garden for an opera ticket. One memorable moment was for him finding himself in the next seat on a plane as Placido Domingo, one of the Three Tenors. His interest in opera was undoubtedly enhanced by having Fr Oswald Vanheems as Housemaster, but it pre-dated that event. Also, his friendship with the Ampleforth laymaster Tony Davidson was no doubt enhanced by a mutual interest in opera. Jimmy would often go to Covent Garden or Glyndebourne, and also went to operas around Europe and, in 1976, in the United States.

Jimmy married Rosemary Brown, the sister of his contemporary in St Dunstan's House, Christopher Brown (D54); thus Christopher and his younger brother Adrian Brown (D61) were brothers-in-law of Jimmy. Jimmy and Rosemary had three daughters: Cristina, Louise and Isabel. In 2002 Isabel married Andrew Beck (E83). Jimmy and Rosemary have seven grandchildren: Maria, Isabel, Ayrton, Oliver, Elisa, Sofia and Clemency. He had a wonderful sense of humour, gentleness, courtesy, and respect for each person. In his illness over about four years he never complained, showing much bravery and concern for others. His family have spoken of their pride in their father.

He had a wide range of friends, always showing a sense of delight at seeing and welcoming others, with respect and good humour. Jimmy could get on with anyone

– in the pub (the Queen Victoria) or just with friends. Jimmy was always interested in cricket. In earlier years he had a great interest in bullfighting.

Jimmy was always a loyal Catholic. He died on 30 August 2005 at home in Maidenhead. In 2001 he was diagnosed with cancer, but until the late summer 2005 he was doing well and enjoying life. It was appropriate that Jimmy's funeral Mass was at the Convent of Our Lady of Pity, St John's Convent, in Maidenhead because it was to this Convent that Jimmy and Rosemary came regularly to Mass, to live their deep faith.

He was a first cousin of Anthony Umney (A57), John Umney (C66), Anthony Medicott (D57), Peter Nares (O58, died 2002) and Paul Medicott (E65) – and therefore a cousin of Stephen Medicott (D81), Peter Medicott (H87), Henry Umney (C87), Andrew Medicott (J94) and William Umney (T95). He is the uncle by marriage of Paul Brown (H84).

Reginald Townsend

Reginald Philip Townsend; born 19 March 1920; Prep School; Junior House 1931-33; St Bede's House September 1933 – July 1938; Army 1940-45; London University after the war; electrical engineer; died 20 September 2005.

Reginald Townsend was an electrical engineer who worked on projects all over the world.

He was the son of Colonel Cuthbert Townsend and Margaret Townsend. At Ampleforth he was in St Bede's House, and was one of the projectionists in the Box in the Theatre. He was in the Army from 1940 to 1945, earning an S/S Commission in 75 Company RASC, eventually becoming a full Lieutenant – he served in the Western Desert, in Libya, Egypt, Palestine and Jordan, and then in 1945 in Germany. When he came home he went to London University, gaining an Honours Degree in Electrical Engineering. He moved to the Middlesbrough area and eventually obtained a senior position with the North-Eastern Electricity Board. Later he worked on the technical specifications for the construction of hydro-electric dams and sub-stations in Tehran, Egypt, Nigeria, India and Australia.

Returning to the north-east of England, he was a member of an amateur dramatic group in Darlington. He knew much about railways, their construction and how they operated – in fact anything that ran on steel wheels, whether it was Stockton and Darlington or the Bluebell Line in East Sussex. In about the mid-1960s he moved south to Hove. He joined the Mid-Sussex Cine Club, being on the committee and for a time Chairman – here he was back in the projectionist's box, showing, talking about films and judging films.

He had an excellent mathematical brain. He was an outward-looking individual, a good mixer, and had a wonderful sense of humour. He was a first cousin of The Lord Trimlestown [Raymond Barnewall (E48)].

Christopher Fogarty CB

Christopher Winthrop Fogarty; born 18 September 1921; Prep School; Junior House; St Oswald's House September 1934 – July 1939; Christ Church, Oxford 1940-42; war service (Lieutenant RA) 1942-45; civil service 1946-81; CB 1973; married Elizabeth Margaret Ince 1961 (died 1972); died 23 September 2005.

Christopher Fogarty worked as a civil servant from 1946 until 1981. He started in the Treasury [1946-56] and then, in 1956, he went to Nigeria for three years as Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance. In 1959 he returned to London and to the Treasury, first as an Assistant Secretary [1959-66], then as Under Secretary [1966-67]. From 1967 to 1972 he was the Treasury's Representative in South Asia and the Far East. From 1972 to 1976 he was Director of the European Investment Bank, and from 1976 to 1981 he was Deputy Secretary of the Overseas Development Administration, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He was the brother of Michael Fogarty (A34, died 2001).

Professor Bill Inman FRCP FRCM

William Howard Wallace Inman; born 1 August 1929 Banstead, Surrey; Junior House 1941-43; St Bede's House September 1943 – July 1947; Gonville and Caius, Cambridge 1947 onwards; contracted polio in 1950, leaving him paralysed and in a wheelchair for the rest of his life; qualified 1956; medical staff at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge 1956-59; medical adviser ICI's pharmaceutical division 1959-early 1960s; adviser to the Committee on the Safety of Drugs, Department of Health from early 1960s-1980; set up the Drug Safety Research Unit at Southampton University 1980; Professor of Pharmacology-epidemiology, Southampton University 1984; consultant to the World Health Organisation 1966-1980; medical vice-president of REMAP from 1994; married June Maggs 1962 (four daughters, one of whom died in infancy); died 20 October 2005.

Bill Inman died on 20 October 2005, aged 76. At the age of 21, while taking pre-clinical studies exams, he got polio and was in a wheelchair from then on. For a while, he worked for the pharmaceutical division of ICI in Cheshire, and director friends of the family suggested that if he could possibly qualify as a doctor it would make a huge difference to his job satisfaction and salary.

Feelers were put out to the medical fraternity in Cambridge, and he became the first 'through student' at Addenbrooke's Hospital well before the founding of the University Medical School. He qualified in 1956 in his wheelchair, and after three years of House jobs at Addenbrooke's he returned to ICI on their medical advice team, from which he was invited by Sir Derrick Dunlop, Chairman of the Committee on the Safety of Drugs to advise on the development of a new system for detecting adverse drug reactions after the thalidomide disaster.



The result was the 'yellow card' system of collecting information from health professionals and patients. Over the years, around half a million reports were received, revealing the potential toxicity of some anti-psychotic drugs, some beta-blockers, the anaesthetic halothane and the high-oestrogen pill. After some years in the Health Service he became convinced that a back-up scheme was needed independent of government and the pharmaceutical industry, and, getting no support from the Health Service, he went it alone and founded the Independent Drug Safety Unit with the help of Southampton University. He went to America to raise funds, to find that many American firms had been advised by their British counterparts to have nothing to do with him. The Americans had more sense, preferring to know early on of any troubles before expensive litigation started. He got the money in a month, and from then

on the bulk of his funding came from the USA.

Despite his disability, he lived a full life, being socially active. He learned to fly a glider, went wildfowling in a fibreglass punt, went fly-fishing and was active in his greenhouse. In 1980 he published a textbook *Monitoring for Drug Safety* and in 1999 a somewhat impish résumé of his travails with the medical and official worlds called *Don't tell the Patient*.

In 1962, he married June Maggs, who survives him with three daughters, another daughter having died in infancy.

JCLI (B49)

OA Obituary Editor notes: Bill Inman was the eldest of three brothers at Ampleforth, being followed to Ampleforth by Chris Inman (B49) and Hugh Inman (B52). He had four nephews in the school: Roger Inman (T82) [son of Chris], and Charles (T88), Mark (T89) and Nicolas Inman (T95) [sons of Hugh].

Peter Spratt

Peter Stanley Spratt: born 25 November 1935 Dublin; St Gerard's, Bray; St Cuthbert's House January 1950 – July 1953; tobacco industry training in USA 1953-c55; National Service 1955-57; tobacco trade; international removal business to 2005; married Lydia Seton mid-1960s; married Sara Jane Harker 1983 (two daughters); died 26 October 2005.

An Irishman, born in Dublin in 1935, Peter Spratt remained loyal to his Irish roots although he left Ireland at the age of 18 in 1953. His father worked in the tobacco industry in Dublin. On leaving his prep school in Ireland it was decided that he should be separated from a cousin – so his cousin was sent to Downside and Peter to Ampleforth. He was in St Cuthbert's House with Fr Sebastian Lambert. On leaving Ampleforth in 1953, he went to the USA to learn the tobacco industry, but when he returned a couple of years later, his family firm in Ireland had closed. He did his

National Service with the Irish Guards and settled in England. After National Service, he worked first in the tobacco industry and then, until 2005, in the international removal business, often transporting corporate industry across continents.

Peter was an enthusiastic sportsman. He shot for Ampleforth at Bisley in the schools' shooting competition each year for about 25 years until 2004 [in May 2005 he rang Michael Pitel (B50) to say he was not well enough to come]. He was a real enthusiast, a loyal long-term supporter, for whom playing the game rather than winning was all important – but his skills increased over the years and eventually he won a cup, the Rosary Gardens Cup. He had a passionate interest in rugby. Until an injury in his mid-30s he played for teams at Osterley and at London Irish – and it was on the ground at London Irish that his ashes were scattered on what would have been his 70th birthday. He would watch much international rugby and when he died he had already marked the calendar for the 2006 international season, noting visits to overseas matches. He was a keen bridge player.

In about 1965 he married Lydia Seton. Later, in 1983, he married Sara Jane Harker and they had two daughters: Clare (born 1983) and Philippa (born 1988). In about 1987 he had suffered serious illness, but had recovered. In 2005 he became ill again, and cardiac amyloidosis was diagnosed. He continued to work until 31 July 2005, the next day going for the first of three visits to hospital. He died less than two months later on 26 October 2005. Cardiac amyloidosis is a disease only partially understood but it needs to be treated at an early stage.

Fr Fabian Binyon OSB



Robert Giovami Bertram Binyon: born 23 September 1921; Avisford; St Oswald's House September 1935 – July 1939; Army 1939-45 – including service in Burma; worked in London 1945-50; Monk of Prinknash 1950-2005; first Warden of the old monastery, St Peter's Grange; Procurator General and Pro-Visitor of the Philippine Province [Assistant to the Abbot President of the Subiaco Congregation] 1980-1988; Prior Administrator St Michael's Abbey, Farnborough Abbey May 1990 – December 1990; Prior Administrator Prinknash Abbey 1993-1994; died 7 November 2005.

Robin Binyon was the son of an opera singer at Covent Garden. He had one elder brother, Mario, who went to the Oratory School (a great cricketer) and two younger sisters. After early years living in Torrington in Sussex, the family moved to Italy for some years, later returning to live in Sussex. He went to Avisford prep school; once in about 1933 or 1934 his father gave an opera recital to the boys, and afterwards, as a kind of encore, Robin himself sang. At Ampleforth he was in St Oswald's House under Fr Stephen Marwood. He was good second- or third-row rugby forward in the House team. He

is remembered as always being smartly dressed with a handkerchief in his top pocket. He was taught mathematics by the monk-musician Fr Laurence Bevenot (OA1919, died 1990), who, according to the obituary notice sent from Prinknash Abbey 'retained an affectionate, though penetratingly accurate, regard for him'. On a visit to Prinknash, many years later, Fr Laurence described Fabian with a Latin tag: *Ubi Fabianus, ibi luxuria*, which, according to Prinknash Abbey, 'certainly had more than a grain of truth to it'. In the war Robin served in the Royal Worcestershire Regiment, being in the Mule Brigade in Burma, a particularly arduous location. Between 1945 and 1950 he worked in London, with Hele Brothers on the Tottenham Court Road as a salesman and interior designer; here he gained an unerring eye for quality furniture and household goods.

In 1950 he joined the community of Prinknash Abbey near Gloucester, a Benedictine monastery of the Subiaco Congregation, and was clothed there with the monastic name Fabian. In 55 years as a monk he was to serve in many roles. He was Guest Master.

Being well versed in the fine arts, sculpture, porcelain and furniture, and with a huge store of anecdotes at his disposal, he was the ideal 'front' person for the monastery, which led eventually to his becoming the promoter of Prinknash Pottery at home and in the United States. The success of the famous pewter-glazed ware owed much to his efforts. He was the first Warden of the old monastery, St Peter's Grange. From 1980 to 1988 he was in Rome, at the Subiaco monastery there of St Ambrogio, as Procurator General and Pro-Visitor of the Philippine Province of the Subiaco Congregation - his travels in these capacities introduced him to the wider world of the Subiaco Congregation, and he is remembered also with affection by the nuns of Tor de'Spechi Convent, Rome, to whom the curial fathers are chaplains. From May to December 1990 he was Prior Administrator of St Michael's Abbey at Farnborough. Returning then to Prinknash, he was Prior Administrator there from 1993 to 1994. Abbot Denis described Fr Fabian as *un homme de coeur avec élégance*, which somehow beautifully encapsulates him. In later years back at Prinknash he edited *Pax* [the Abbey publication], looked after the archives, and ran the monastic bookshop with much success.

Fr Fabian was made in a generous mould. He enjoyed life in its diversity and partook gladly of the hospitality that was readily offered him by friends who loved him dearly. That love was seen most clearly at his funeral, when his friends packed the Abbey Church at Prinknash to capacity. He had the rare gift of being able to make small talk on a whole range of subjects with people with whom he had never met. He once said that he had hesitated a long time before committing his life to God, but one morning, lying on his bed, had made a complete surrender and decided to join the monastery.

Fr Edmund Hatton remembers him as retaining a great love for Ampleforth; he would visit from time to time, often coming when his Abbot visited, and in 2002 in the celebration of Ampleforth's 200 years, he attended the Mass at Westminster Cathedral and Dinner at the Royal Hospital on the Feast of St Benedict, 21 March 2002.

In compiling this obituary note, thanks are due for assistance from Abbot Mark Hargreaves of Prinknash Abbey who as Editor of Pax (the Abbey publication) provided much of the above text, Abbot Francis Baird [Abbot of Prinknash since 1995] in a conversation on 20 December 2005, to Fr Fabian's sister-in-law Carol Binyon in a conversation in November 2005 and to Fr Edmund Hatton in a conversation on 20 December 2005.

John Magrath

John Patrick Magrath: born 21 July 1920 Alexandria; St Bede's House January 1934 - July 1939; Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge 1939-1940; Army service 1940-1946; Shell International 1946-1970; University College, London 1970-1974; teacher (including Woking Boys' Grammar School, Woking College) 1974-1984; married Margaret Cramer 1955 (two sons, three daughters); died 9 November 2005.



After the early death of his father and a somewhat unsettled childhood, John Magrath found at Ampleforth the sense of continuity and stability he needed to flourish academically. On this firm social, intellectual and spiritual foundation, he built a long life that included a distinguished war record, managerial success in a corporate environment, and a complete change of direction later in life when he embarked on an ambitious new career as a teacher. Woven through the tapestry of his life were two indelible strands: his deeply felt Christian belief and his dedication to his family.

John's father, Gerald, had grown up in Leamington Spa, where the Magraths, having come over from Ireland, had a wine business. Having joined the Army, Gerald was seconded to the Egyptian Coastguard Service in Alexandria where he met and married Irma Hellmann, an Italian girl from Venice who was living in Egypt with her sister. John, their second son, was born in 1920. After Gerald died of TB in 1924, Irma, John, an older brother, Laurence and a younger, Reggie, led a somewhat peripatetic existence, living at different times in Italy, France and England. It was John's English godmother, the redoubtable Aunt Lee Magrath, who eventually took him under her wing, got him into (and supported him at) Ampleforth, after prep school at St Augustine's, Ramsgate.

Whilst at Ampleforth he also benefited from the mentorship, *in loco parentis*, of two of its most distinguished lay masters, Walter Shewring and Robin Athill, who between them instilled in John a lifelong love of art and books. Both became friends, and kept in contact.

He went on to Cambridge, where his mother was now living, and completed the preliminary year of a degree in Italian and French at Fitzwilliam House, before leaving in 1940 to join the Army. Though he joined up as a private and later claimed to have enjoyed life in the ranks, his linguistic abilities and continental background made him a logical choice for the Intelligence Corps, with whom he served as an officer in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Greece. And though he was generally reticent about his wartime exploits, there was one incident, during the liberation of Italy, for which he was Mentioned in Despatches and about which he later published the following account:

'In August 1944, the General [General AWW Holworthy DSO MC, commander, 4th Indian Division] asked me, his Intelligence Officer, to discover with

all speed whether Urbino was in enemy hands. I accordingly drove swiftly to the base of the city's walls, hid my motorcycle in the gorse and cautiously walked into Urbino. Fortunately the first person to spot me was not a German but a young resident, amazed at having his first sight of a British officer. He told me, to my relief, that the Germans were on their way out. He led me to the Mayor of the town, Avvocato Giorgio Pagi, then having lunch at home with his family. His daughter Giuliana handed me a plate of spaghetti while her father drew a map of where the German new positions were going to be. As quickly as possible I conveyed this information to General Holworthy, who was able to maintain the speed of his advance towards the Gothic Line, the enemy's last line of defence before the Po valley.

Typically modest, he does not point out just how courageous it must have been for him, dressed as a British officer (he was by then a captain), to wander into what might well have been enemy territory; nor how his daring scoop enabled the city of Urbino to be liberated without incurring the heavy civilian casualties and the destruction of its historic buildings which its bombardment and capture would inevitably have involved. Instead, he concentrates on the charming detail of the young Giuliana offering him a plate of pasta.

There is a sequel. Nearly 60 years later, in his retirement, he returned to the city of Urbino on holiday and was not only received with honour by the current Mayor and feted in the local press as 'Il capitano coraggioso', but was also able to find, and partake of a commemorative dish of pasta with, Giuliana.

After the war, John was offered a place at Trinity College, Cambridge to resume his studies, but with his widowed mother and two brothers still to support, opted instead to go straight into business. He joined Shell International, spending seven years in Brazil, and having become fluent in Portuguese (and enough of an expert in Brazilian literature to write articles about it for the *TLS*) was an obvious choice for a later posting to Angola. In between, and afterwards, he was based in London, his office consisting of a room with a view in the iconic new Shell Tower by the Thames at Waterloo.

In 1955 he had married Margaret Cramer (sister of John Cramer (039) and Fr Anselm Cramer (054)). They settled in Woking, from where in due course they sent their two sons, Paul (B76) and Stephen (078) to Ampleforth and their three daughters, Marion, Priscilla and Emma, to Woldingham.

Ultimately, corporate life failed to satisfy John's intellectual leanings and in 1970 he took early retirement from Shell in order to complete, at University College, London, the degree in Italian and French which the war had interrupted, and to retrain as a teacher. He then spent ten years teaching at Woking Boys' Grammar School and Woking College, the coeducational sixth form college formed by the merger of the boys' and girls' grammar schools. A lifetime's interest in language and literature and an unquenchable intellectual curiosity in a wide range of subjects now came to the fore and enabled him to become a respected and successful teacher as well as an inspiring and understanding parent. In teaching he had found his true *métier* (very much the sort of word he would have used himself) and even after his retirement from the school he continued to give lectures, eg to the University of the Third Age and members of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS), on subjects as diverse as the history of Port and the influence of Arthurian legends on late romantic art, opera and literature.

In the 1990s he and Margaret moved to a smaller house in Petworth, Sussex

where they soon established themselves with a network of friends, old and new. They involved themselves in local parish and charitable activities, organised bridge parties and enjoyed visits by their growing number of grandchildren. Having finally given up lecturing, John began to delve into his family history, in pursuit of which research he undertook a series of trips to Ireland and Italy (including the triumphant return to Urbino mentioned earlier).

In his final two years, his movements were increasingly restricted but for the most part he bore his incapacity with good humour and with unflinching gratitude for Margaret's tireless care and devotion. He died at home, gently, in his sleep; and after a funeral in the church of the Sacred Heart, Petworth on 15 November 2005, he now lies buried in the nearby parish graveyard at Dunton.

John's life was long and varied and his many friends and relations will remember him in all sorts of different ways, depending in what context they knew him: as a courageous soldier, a perpetually curious scholar, a practical businessman, an inspiring teacher, an avid book collector, a gregarious host and, above all, a loving Christian husband and father.

Paul Magrath (B76)

Rudolf Jurgens

Rudolf Constant Maria Jurgens; born 30 November 1928 in Nijmegen, the Netherlands; Avisford; St Wilfrid's House September 1942 – July 1946; career with Unilever; married Marije Blomjous 1960 (three sons and a daughter); died 23 November 2005 in Rotterdam.

Rudi Jurgens was the eldest of six children, three sisters and two brothers, of whom Wilfrid (W50) was also in St Wilfrid's House. All his life, from a young age, he seemed to love everything mechanical, technical or electronic. At the age of 14 he had a nasty skull fracture from a toboggan accident which – all his life – caused him bad headaches, from time to time. He was a clever person, strict with himself and sometimes with others. He loved shooting and was a superb shot. He lost his eldest son at the age of four, from leukaemia. This was a great blow to him. After military service he had a technical career in Unilever in German and Belgian margarine factories, and in Holland. In retirement he did much good work for the poor, elderly and displaced persons. He died a few days before his 77th birthday, at home after courageously having fought, for several years, a creeping cancer which finally got the better of him. He is survived by his wife, Marije, and two sons, Mark and Luke, and by his daughter, Miriam.

DEATHS

Hugh G Watson	OA30	16 July 1989
David AA Hill	B60	23 November 1998
Peter JM French	C40	15 December 1990
Lt Col John R Bean	O31	27 August 2004
Timothy MS Birch	T55	6 October 2004
Alexander FL Adams	A34	31 December 2004
Thaddeus FR Ryan	A41	8 January 2005
Basil Rooke Ley	C33	10 January 2005
Alastair MH Villiers	C57	13 January 2005
Robert W Perceval	O33	18 January 2005
Peter R Coope	W37	24 January 2005
Adrian PJ Brennan	W58	26 January 2005
Giordano (Dodi) EM Ferro de Garamy (prev Henry G Ferro)	T55	26 January 2005
David S Norton	A68	28 January 2005
John C Brodie	A45	2 March 2005
Robert F Hewitt	O37	7 March 2005
Dr Noel F Murphy	B33	10 March 2005
Gerald W D'Arcy	A55	23 March 2005
The Rt Rev Mgr Michael J Keegan	D43	5 April 2005
The Lord Rankeillour	O52	12 April 2005
Jim M Beveridge	D47	30 April 2005
Col Michael AA Birtwistle TD DL KSG	W38	10 May 2005
John F Garrett	D62	28 May 2005
Andrew P Brown	E42	5 June 2005
Hon Patrick M Pakenham	W55	8 June 2005
Gilbert W Phipps	B45	12 June 2005
Dr Bryan W Abbott	D58	23 June 2005
Hugh T Fattorini	O53	25 June 2005
The Hon David AR Emmet	O45	26 June 2005
F Emmet McAvoy	A55	2 July 2005
Richard N Hadcock	O46	14 July 2005
John W de Gaynesford	T49	21 July 2005
John B Lee	B47	23 July 2005
R Tim M Cotton	W58	3 August 2005
John I Daniel	A55	3 August 2005
Clif I Walter	D38	6 August 2005
Noel J Horn	B30	20 August 2005
Jimmy V Sturrrup	D54	30 August 2005
Reginald P Townsend	B38	20 September 2005
Christopher W Fogarty CB	O39	23 September 2005
Professor Bill HW Inman FRCP FFCM	B47	20 October 2005
Peter S Spratt	C53	26 October 2005
Gerard JW Lardner	D39	28 October 2005
Rev Fabian Binyon OSB	O39	7 November 2005
Michael G Leatham	A41	9 November 2005
John P Magrath	B39	9 November 2005
George RW Howell	A38	14 November 2005
Rudolph CM Jurgens	W46	23 November 2005

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Richard F Macmillan	E54	17 December 2005
Anthony PJ Rochford	C80	17 December 2005
Keith D Armitage	D81	20 December 2005
Major Rodney T Elliott	O40	26 December 2005
Nicholas F Martin	E54	27 December 2005
Justin P Bond	B40	31 December 2005
Jerry M Hartigan	W49	9 January 2006
Dr Anthony H Willbourn	W38	28 January 2006
Denis G Howard (formerly Waterkeyn)	C47	29 January 2006

BIRTHS

2000	
20 Mar	Marie and Dick Twomey (B49) twins, Owen Luke and Marie Stacey
6 Apr	Helen and James Mander (D82) a daughter, Emily Susannah
19 Apr	Charlotte and Edward Elgar (E86) a son, Laurence
5 June	Gail and Richard Millar (E80) a son, Henry (Harry) Jonathan Bamford
12 July	Françoise and Mark Inch (W67) a daughter, Thalissa
23 July	Meredith and James Stuart-Smith (A77) a son, James Henry Matthew
8 Sept	Kate and Bill Browne (C88) a daughter, Amelia Mary
25 Sept	Karen and Edward Perry (C80) a daughter, Eleanor
21 Nov	Alex and James Daly (E83) a son, Milo Peter Dermot
2001	
20 May	Constance and Peter Grace (A72) a daughter, Anne Dorothea Shen
2 June	Rachel and Nicholas Blackledge (E78) a daughter, Elizabeth Angela
3 Oct	Jessica and Christopher Burnand (D88) a son, Sydney William David
13 Oct	Alice Corbett and Lawrence Dallaglio (T89) a son, Enzo Louis
10 Dec	Juliette and Stephen Jefferson (J70) a son, George Christopher Emile
2002	
16 Mar	Damian and Amanda Hampshire (née Wilcox, OA83) a son, Michael
18 Mar	Maria and Rory Ferguson (E86) a son, Harry
26 Apr	Claire and Charles Irvén (C92) a son, Luke James
28 May	Rachel and Ben Elwes (D83) a son, Theodore Richard Augustine
12 July	Kate and Chris Twomey (C77) a daughter, Ava Flora
27 July	Martina and Simon Hume (T84) a daughter, Rachel
22 Oct	Helen and James Mander (D82) a son, John Sebastian
3 Dec	Elizabeth and Simon Allen (A80) a son, Benjamin Baraka William
19 Dec	Catherine and Henry Umney (C87) a daughter, Sophia
2003	
10 Jan	Joan and Stephen Strugnell (W81) a daughter, Sophia
11 Feb	Julia and Tom Verdon (O82) a daughter, Madeleine Grace
27 Feb	Sarah and Charles Anderson (O71) a son, Max James
4 Mar	Marie-Louise and Eamonn Hamilton (A90) a daughter, Olivia Victoria Spencer
4 Mar	Polly and Tommy Shillington (E90) a daughter, Martha Margaret Alice
9 Mar	Sarah and Peregrine Towneley (O79) a son, Cuthbert William Alexander

16 Apr Louise and Nick Hughes (C90) a son, Alexander George Pennington
 7 May Louisa and Inno van den Berg (O84) a daughter, Charlotte Grace
 18 May Louise and James Simpson (D89) a daughter, Mia Frances
 11 June Clare and Rupert Cotterell (E87) a daughter, Rose Harriet May
 11 Sept Alison and Alexander Garden (T92) a son, Harry James
 12 Sept Kay and Mark Whittaker (J86) a son, Thomas James
 12 Oct Kate and Bill Browne (C88) a daughter, Elizabeth Genevieve
 6 Nov Debbie and Jeremy Pilkington (E80) a daughter, Isabella Angel
 30 Nov Victoria and James Morris (O90) a son, Thomas
 24 Dec Charlotte and Edward Elgar (E86) a daughter, Emily

2004

8 Jan Emily and Hamish Campbell (C89) a daughter, Isabel Jane Margaret
 27 Feb Wavinya and Dominic French (W76) a daughter, Heather Mutindi
 11 Mar Sarah and Ben Simonds-Gooding (B87) a son, Alfred Hamilton
 17 Mar Claire and Charles Irven (C92) a son, Samuel Charles
 20 Mar Dominique and Mark Moorhouse (H73) a son, Joseph Luke
 27 Mar Belinda and Frank Hume (J78) a daughter, Olivia
 5 Apr Alida and Bobby Christie (H99) a daughter, Floriana Maria Nieduszynska
 14 May Jennifer and James Willcox (E86) a daughter, Jemma May
 16 May Georgina and Peter Sayers (W81) a daughter, Isabella Scarlett
 24 May Sara and Edward Burnand (D87) a daughter, Alice Mary
 15 June Cynthia and Andrew Sparke (D83) a son, Alexander Frederick
 2 July Paula and Richard Gorst (O74) a son, Henry Alexander
 20 Aug Lucy and John Holmes (A95) a daughter, Charlotte Mary
 11 Sept Marlene and Tom Richardson (B77) a son, Bernard Patrick Cedd
 8 Oct Julia and Tom Verdon (O82) a daughter, Genevieve Patience
 21 Oct Pamela and Christopher Bailey (W84) a daughter, Hannah Kathleen
 25 Oct Sandra and Dominic Baker (B89) a daughter, Harriet Isabella
 31 Oct Hester and Mikus Lindemann (W84) a daughter, Cara Anna Rose Apricot
 4 Dec Marie-Louise and Eamonn Hamilton (A90) a daughter, Florence Isabella May
 10 Dec Emily and Andrew Lodge (J87) a son, Charlie Michael Christopher
 11 Dec Kim and Richard Ford (A80) a daughter, Annabel Elizabeth
 16 Dec Sarah and Ralph Jackson (H84) a daughter, Emma Heather

2005

3 Jan Helena and Oliver Gaisford-St Lawrence (C83) a daughter, Rosanna Clare
 6 Jan Nina and Benedict Blake-James (H88) a daughter, Sophie
 13 Jan Susannah and Paddy McGuinness (T81) twins, Benedict Francis Leif and Magdalen Jilly
 16 Jan Cara and Lawrence Cotton (J91) a daughter, Hazel Emma
 20 Jan Barbara and Christopher Noblet (H89) a daughter, Sarah Sophie-Mary
 26 Jan Gillian and Edmund Ward (T80) a son, Euan Edmund Bruce
 27 Jan Marie-Louise and John (Sean) Leonard (W86) a daughter, Anna Kathleen
 9 Feb Zoe and James Browne (D91) a son, Edward Marne
 20 Feb Camilla and James Elliot (E88) a son, Patrick Alexander
 20 Feb Muriel and James Moore-Smith (T83) twin daughters, Joy Susannah and Arabella Gabrielle

27 Feb Isobel and Charlie Grant (O89) a daughter, Eleanor Bridget
 6 Mar Rebecca and Ralph Foljambe (O93) a daughter, Jemima
 9 Mar Monika and Auberon Ashbrooke (E74) a son, Hendrik Auberon Albert Edward
 10 Mar Lisa and Daragh Fagan (B87) a son, Henry Miles
 21 Mar Hayley and Charles Brain (T90) a daughter, Georgina Elizabeth
 24 Mar Susanna and Ben Ogden (T92) a son, Thomas William Robert
 30 Mar Eva and Graham Shepherd (B82) a daughter, Kinlira
 7 Apr Sarah and Peregrine Towneley (O79) a daughter, Amabel Virginia Mary
 12 Apr Beth and Hugh Bailey (E75) a daughter, Daisy
 16 Apr Ruth and Peter Savill (J65) a son, Patrick Benedict
 28 Apr Sarah and Ben Simonds-Gooding (B87) a son, Louis Oliver
 2 May Emma and Mark Kendall (C90) a son, Henry
 3 May Clare and Christopher Ghika (E88) a daughter, Alexandra
 15 May Clare and Rupert Cotterell (E87) a daughter, Camilla Nancy Ellinor
 19 May Alison and Sebastian McKinlay (H87) a son, Edward Albert Aldridge
 26 May Iona and Benedict Lawson (E89) a daughter, Kinvara Honor
 31 May Nicola and James Heffron (A86) a daughter, Finty Erin Lauriston
 3 June Sarah and Andrew Elliot (E86) a son, Jacob Robertson
 5 June Eleonore and Filip Francqui (O92) a son, Leopold
 6 June Jo and Mark Hadcock (O81) a son, Charles (Charlie) Thomas
 8 June Abby and Edward FitzGerald (E93) a son, Joseph
 8 June Fleur and Shane Galloway (C91) a son, Victor Hubert
 11 June Charlotte and Matthew Wilson (T91) a daughter, Elizabeth Fiona Jane
 13 June Polly and Henry Morland (W87) a son, Samuel Edgar
 17 June AnnMarie Alexander and Grant Denny (J97) a daughter, Clíodhna Marie
 26 June Caroline and David Mitchell (E83) a son, Charles Jock Robert
 15 July Georgia and Guy Jackson (J93) a daughter, Imogen Harriet
 16 July Louise and Andrew Lazenby (B83) a daughter, Sophie Alexandra
 18 July Krisztina and Timothy Harris (O93) a daughter, Fiona Elisa
 27 July Lucy and Hugh Martin (J86) a son, Freddy
 2 Aug Clare and Jeremy Leonard (W91) a daughter, Emily Ann
 11 Aug Polly and Tommy Shillington (E90) a son, Nico Thomas Lorne
 16 Aug Samantha and Patrick Hartigan (W87) a son, William Milo George
 16 Aug Kate and James Honeyborne (B88) a daughter, Jemima Rosamund
 16 Aug Louise and Nick Hughes (C90) a daughter, Jemima Lucy
 23 Aug Catharina and Roderick Brenninkmeijer (H96) a daughter, Mathilda
 24 Aug Louise and James Lough (J84) a son, William Thomas James
 2 Sept Emily and Michael Killourhy (H89) a son, Samuel James, who sadly died on 12 September
 8 Sept Niki and Geoff Daly (J72) a daughter, Abigail Maria
 9 Sept Louise and James Simpson (D89) a son, George Harry
 12 Sept Emily and Charles Johnson-Ferguson (E91) a daughter, Olivia Anna
 13 Sept Katie and Tom Shepherd (H96) a daughter, Amelie Janey MacEwen
 14 Sept Nicola and Justin Birkett (D84) a son, George Herbert
 21 Sept Leanne and Chris Flynn (J84) a son, Joseph James
 23 Sept Helen and Jonathan Coulborn (J88) a son, Rufus Henry Montague
 29 Sept Emily and Hamish Campbell (C89) a daughter, Georgina Charlotte
 29 Sept Harriet and Damian West (C84) a daughter, Phoebe Gloria

- 11 Oct Cynthia and Andrew Sparke (D83) a daughter, Emily Georgette
 17 Oct Maria and Rory Ferguson (E86) a son, Paddy
 21 Oct Lucia and Mark Bridgeman (E86) a son, Benedict
 27 Oct Andrew and Karen Goodwin (née Dawson, OA90) a daughter, Rosie Amelia
 7 Nov Iona and Marcus Macmillan (W85) a daughter, Dominica Sophia Alice
 18 Nov Tabitha and Alastair Adamson (B94) a daughter, Scarlet Daisy
 18 Nov Elizabeth and Edward Melotte (O84) a son, Aubrey Yvo Michael Christopher
 21 Nov Liz and Other Windsor Clive (C76) a daughter, Emily India Suzanna
 29 Nov Caroline and Richard Keatinge (J83) a son, Finn Leander
 30 Nov Catherine and Tim Reid (O92) a daughter, Emily Kate Birnie
 30 Nov Lucy and Joseph Shaw (E90) a daughter, Agnes Lucy
 2 Dec Siobhan and Christopher Leonard (J89) a daughter, Rebecca Siobhan
 6 Dec Kirstie and James Pace (C91) a son, Alfred (Freddie) Laurence Mackenzie
 8 Dec Jo and Rupert Vitoria (W92) a son, Frank William
 9 Dec Mills and Bill Jackson (C87) a daughter, Theadora Alice Ruth
 16 Dec Fiona and John Shipsey (T82) a son, William Edward
 22 Dec Rachel and Ben Elwes (D83) a son, Hector Julian Mark
 28 Dec Caroline and Benedict Hall (E85) a daughter, Phoebe Matilda Dalton
- 2006
 7 Jan Sally and Dominic Cheetham (T84) a son, Luke Joseph
 15 Jan Tamara and Michael King (T92) a son, Harry James

ADOPTIONS/BIRTHS

- 2002
 28 Jan Pamela and Christopher Bailey (W84) a son, Matthew Harold
- 2003
 10 Mar Pamela and Christopher Bailey (W84) a son, Marcus Jonathan

MARRIAGES

- 2001
 27 Jan Charles Anderson (O71) to Sarah Mitchell (Paarl, Cape Province, South Africa)
 1 Sept Nick Hughes (C90) to Louise Pennington (St Peter's, Winchester, Hampshire)
 8 Dec James Simpson (D89) to Louise Rudolph (St James, Spanish Place, London)
- 2002
 18 Jan Tom Verdon (O82) to Julia Conway (St Helier, Jersey)
 16 June James Pace (C91) to Kirstie Mackenzie (Assisi, Italy)
 10 Aug Filip Francqui (O92) to Eleonore van Rijckevorsel (Jenneret, Belgium)
 30 Nov Shane Gallwey (C91) to Fleur Neyens (Our Most Holy Redeemer & St Thomas More, Cheyne Row, London)

- 30 Nov Rupert Vitoria (W92) to Jo Sanderson (St Nicholas's, Dunnington, North Yorkshire)
- 2003
 14 Feb Frank Hume (J78) to Belinda Ellis (Northwich, Cheshire)
 3 May Peter Sayers (W81) to Georgina Scale (Pembrokeshire)
 9 Aug J-P Pitt (T93) to Kate Bailey (The Oratory, Oxford)
 5 Sept Malcolm Dougal (E56) to Diana Blade (Holy Ghost, Basingstoke, Hampshire)
 6 Sept Andrew Sparke (D83) to Cynthia Coleman (St Luke's, Chelsea, London)
 4 Oct Mark Hadcock (O81) to Joanne Thomas (Bishop Thornton, Harrogate, North Yorkshire)
 6 Dec Bobby Christie (H99) to Alida Maria Nieduszynska (Buckfast Abbey, Devon)
 20 Dec Mark Simons (W91) to Matilda Stevens (All Saints, Long Sutton, Hampshire)
- 2004
 17 Jan Charlie Grant (O89) to Isobel Byrne Hill (Our Lady of Loreto and St Winefride, Kew Gardens, London)
 24 April James Gilbey (T96) to Teresa Martinez-Arteaga (Madrid)
 8 May James Lough (J84) to Louise Bench (St Michael's, Basingstoke, Hampshire)
 17 July Kirsty Cragg-James (OA89) to Steven Murphy (Queen Mary's, Baldersby Park, Topcliffe, North Yorkshire)
 24 July William Howard (W95) to Stephanie Garnon (St Meubred, Cardinham, Cornwall)
 24 July James Tate (T98) to Lucinda Marie Lungo (Dumfries)
 30 July Ashton, Viscount Clanfield (E95) to Matilda Aykroyd (Ripon Cathedral, North Yorkshire)
 Aug Rory Fagan (B90) to Panthera (Dew) Chuamkaew (Thailand)
 11 Sept Michael King (T92) to Tamara Sear (Esher, Surrey)
 18 Sept Mark Kendall (C90) to Emma Little (St James's, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire)
 18 Sept Peter Ogilvie (E00) to Jessica Russell (St Mary's, Blakesley, Towcester, Northamptonshire)
 16 Oct Hamish Ogilvie (E90) to Catherine Davis (Allerton Castle, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire)
 6 Nov Edward van Cutsem (E91) to Lady Tamara Grosvenor (Chester Cathedral)
 Dec John Garbett (B80) to Miranthen Pierangeli Mudannayake (London)
 4 Dec Alex Ogilvie (E94) to Joanna Kirton (St Andrew's, Aldershot, Hampshire)
 4 Dec Alexander Scrivenor (A90) to Victoria Burnham (Troon, Ayrshire)
 18 Dec John Goodall (E88) to Caroline Campbell (St John the Evangelist, Belfast)
 29 Dec Roger Evans (C92) to Anita Gallagher (St Dunstan's, Kings Heath, Birmingham)

- 2005
 19 Mar Oliver Mathias (C93) to Katherine Smyth (St John's, Malone, Belfast)
 2 April Mungo Chambers (E95) to Rebecca Galvin (High Ackworth, West Yorkshire)
 15 April Patrick Badenoch (O95) to Nicky Duschnitz (Greenwich, London)
 30 April James Hall (D86) to Wendy McDonagh (Christ the King, north London)
 7 May Richard Ainscough (O96) to Amy Carol Smith (Stockton, California, USA)
 14 May John Kennedy (D94) to Sasha Bradbury (St Peter's, Winchester, Hampshire)
 21 May Ben Pridden (C92) to Georgina Lethbridge (Exton Chapel, Oakham, Rutland)
 28 May Other Windsor Clive (C76) to Elizabeth Wallis (St Mary's, Bromesberrow, Gloucestershire)
 4 June Richard Dove (A93) to Catharine MacLeod (St Mary's Eskadale, Strathglass, Inverness-shire)
 4 June Hugh van Cutsem (E92) to Rose Astor (Burford, Oxfordshire)
 11 June Damian West (C84) to Harriet Gosling (Stratton Audley Parish Church, Bicester, Oxfordshire)
 17 June Edward Melotte (O84) to Elizabeth Alice Allanson (Guards Chapel, London)
 18 June Piers Butler (W88) to Frances Drummond (Ervie Kirkcolm Church, Stranraer, Dumfries & Galloway)
 18 June Nick Irven (C91) to Kate Levy (St Peter's, Marlow, Buckinghamshire)
 24 June Piers Sudell-Eccleston (T89) to Bernadette Ann Wilby (Lilleshall Abbey, Newport, Shropshire)
 25 June Harry Sherbrooke (E96) to Tara Freeman (Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire)
 2 July Andrew Freeland (J92) to Joan Gilbey (Guernsey)
 9 July James Whittaker (J89) to Joanne Frost (Ampleforth Abbey)
 15 July Jon Christie (J69) to Neelam Jennifer Ben-Haque (Barnet, London)
 23 July Dominic West (H96) to Lisa James (St Mary the Virgin, Tetbury, Gloucestershire)
 20 Aug Mike Cavendish (O86) to Katharine Emma Knudson (St Nicholas, Nicholaston, West Glamorgan)
 27 Aug Kenneth Crichton-Stuart (E91) to Kaye Smith (Mayfair, London)
 10 Sept Nicholas Derbyshire (J88) to Katie Jane Nicholson (Christ Church, Bath)
 10 Sept William Loyd (O91) to Anna Lees (St Oswald's, Bellingham, Northumberland)
 7 Oct Jamie Goodhart (E88) to Samantha Fletcher (St Mary's, Masham, North Yorkshire)
 22 Oct Charles Ingram Evans (D93) to Hannah Brough (St Mary & All Saints, Dunsfold, Surrey)
 5 Nov Ben Warrack (W89) to Charlotte Manisty (All Saints, West Alvington, Devon)
 26 Nov Piers Hollier (H96) to Rachel Fothergill (St John's, Bath)
 10 Dec Ben Simonds-Gooding (B87) to Sarah Mole (Wimbledon, London)
 31 Dec Charles Strickland (C95) to Victoria Vargas (St Mary the Virgin, Cottingham, East Yorkshire)

OA NOTES

High Sheriff

LORD STAFFORD (C72) was appointed High Sheriff of Staffordshire for 2005. He is the first Peer to be a High Sheriff since 1371 - while peers were members of the House of Lords (as of course all were until 1998), they could not also serve the Crown by being High Sheriff. Fr Edward was his Chaplain.

Queen's Birthday Honours 11 June 2005

NORMAN MacLEOD (B57) was appointed as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire [OBE] for his services as Honorary Legal Advisor to the British Consulate in San Francisco.

MATTHEW PROCTER (W80) was appointed as a Member of the Order of the British Empire [MBE] for 'services to disadvantaged children in Bosnia Herzegovina'. Since 1993, Matthew has worked in Bosnia Herzegovina and in particular Mostar with a charity called Miracles, based in Littlehampton in Hampshire. He intends to build a prosthetics centre and houses for the displaced. In addition he supports orphanages, special needs education and the provision of books and meals for school children. Matthew is based in Mostar. Support for Miracles can be channelled through Face-Faw, Ampleforth College, York, YO62 4EN - tel 01439 766797.



Matthew Proctor at the Investiture with Her Majesty The Queen on 2 December 2005.

New Year Honours 2006 - 31 December 2005

Rear Admiral JAMES C RAPP RN (A70) was appointed a Companion to the Military Division of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath [CB] - for services as Director of the Royal Navy's *Trafalgar 200* activities in 2005. He left the Royal Navy on 1 January 2006.

Sergeant at Arms in Ordinary to Her Majesty - serving the Speaker

Major General PETER GRANT PETERKIN CB OBE (J65) was appointed Sergeant at Arms in Ordinary to Her Majesty, and as such serves The Speaker of the House of Commons as well as the entire House. He has served in the Queen's Own Highlanders, with spells in Germany, Belize, Hong Kong, the Falkland Islands and Northern Ireland. He was also managing director of the Organisation for Security and Co-Operation in Europe's mission to Kosovo.



Major James Eyre RHG/D (O87), Sergeant at Arms Major General Peter Grant Peterkin CB OBE (J65), The Rt Hon Michael Martin MP (The Speaker of the House of Commons), The Rt Hon Michael Ancram MP (W62) and Lieutenant Colonel David O'Kelly GH (C81) at a dinner in Speaker's House in March 2005 for the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme whereby the three services host Members of Parliament.

Sheriff of the City of London

KEVIN KEARNEY (D58) was one of the two new Sheriffs of the City of London admitted to office at the Guildhall, London on 28 September 2005. The Sheriffs are elected for one year only and technically have a legal duty to enforce writs in the

City. The office of Sheriff, which dates back to the Middle Ages, is of much importance in the government of the City of London. The duties of Sheriff include attending the Lord Mayor in carrying out his official duties. He also attends the sessions at the Central Criminal Court in the Old Bailey and he presents petitions from the City to Parliament at the Bar of the House of Commons.

Appointments

MARTIN BLAKE (O71) was appointed a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

ANDREW WRIGHT (O75) was made a Knight of St Gregory on 22 July 2005.

Chairman of the CBI in Scotland

MELFORT CAMPBELL (C75) was made Chairman of CBI Scotland in September 2005. This appointment runs for two years. He has also been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration by the Robert Gordon University, which he collected on 9 December 2005. Melfort Campbell's original venture, Water Weights, was established in 1985 and is now part of Imes Group Ltd which employs over 240 staff and has an annual turnover of £14 million with partnerships in 17 different countries including India, China, USA, Holland and Australia. Melfort has been an active member of the Scottish business community. He was recently appointed to the Tax Reform Commission and he has served on a variety of CBI committees and on the Board of Directors of Scottish Enterprise Grampian. In recognition of his services to industry in Scotland he was awarded the OBE in 2005. He has been a Governor of Robert Gordon University since 2003. Melfort is Chief Executive of Imes Group Ltd.

Trooping of the Colour - carrying the Colour of the Irish Guards

2nd Lt BEN PENNINGTON (B96), carried the Ensign, the Colour of the Irish Guards at the Trooping of the Colour on Horse Guards Parade on 11 June 2005. The BBC commentator Martyn Lewis spoke of Ben as follows: 'He will carry the Colour down the rank. He is a former teacher, he is 27 and he has been in the Irish Guards some 21 months.' Ben Pennington was shown in film talking about his experience: he spoke of his 'enormous excitement and honour of being the Ensign to the Colour'. The commentary on BBC1 was led by Martyn Lewis, and assisted by Lt Col Gerald Lesinski, father of Harry Lesinski (J02) and James Lesinski (J03); Ben is married to the daughter of Col Michael Hardy (A45, died 1994). Major General SEBASTIAN ROBERTS (J72), Major General Commanding the Household Division and General Officer Commanding London District, was also on parade, as was Sebastian's son, 2nd Lt JULIAN ROBERTS (W/J99), a subaltern No 2 Guard 1st Battalion Irish Guards.

General Election 2005

MICHAEL ANCRAM (W62) was re-elected as Conservative MP for Devizes in the General Election on 5 May 2005, with a majority of 13,194. After the election, he was appointed Shadow Defence Secretary and remained Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party; he retired from the Shadow Cabinet after the election of David Cameron as Leader on 6 December 2005. JOHN BURNETT (B63) retired at the General Election, as Liberal Democrat MP for Devon West and Torridge, the largest

constituency in England. He has been MP since 1997. He had been Liberal Democrat Legal Affairs Spokesman.

Internship at Westminster - the Office of the Leader of the Opposition

HISHAM AL-GHAOUI (A01) has been working on an internship at Westminster in the office of the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition in the House of Commons. As such, he worked for Michael Howard until he left office on 2 December 2005, and then for David Cameron after his election as Leader of the Conservative Party. Hisham is a student of International Relations at Hull University.

David Blunkett resignation - tipping the balance

An interview by SIMON MCGEE (B93) has been widely credited in Westminster to have 'tipped the balance' in the latest David Blunkett crisis, prompting his resignation. As the *Yorkshire Post's* political editor and lobby correspondent, Simon was knee-deep in the Blunkett saga when he secured a chat with LORD NOLAN (C46), the former chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life. Lord Nolan, who was responsible for the Ministerial Code of Conduct over which the then Work and Pensions Secretary found himself in hot water, said the Prime Minister was wrong to have let Mr Blunkett stay in his job after admitting to breaching strict anti-sleaze rules. He added that Tony Blair's government could pay the price of being thrown out of office by voters if they were seen as dishonest and unwilling to play by their own rules. The following morning [2 November 2005] Mr Blunkett resigned. *The Evening Standard* reported on the same day that Mr Blunkett made up his mind to quit when he was informed by aides that Lord Nolan was calling on Blair to sack or demote him. BBC 1's *Daily Politics*, BBC Radio 4's *World At One* and *PM*, BBC 2's *Newsnight*, and Sky News coverage stressed that the *Yorkshire Post's* story had provided the only fresh twist in the Blunkett tale, speculating that the story may well have been the reason Mr Blunkett finally opted to give in to the pressure on him to go - or a key reason why the Prime Minister decided to sack him. On the day after Mr Blunkett's departure from the Cabinet, Downing Street sources told *The Independent* (Deputy Editor: Ian Birrell (J80)) that Simon's story had rattled the Prime Minister's aides. The newspaper reported: 'As Tony Blair's aides prepared to brief him ahead of Prime Minister's Questions, they initially judged that newspaper headlines about David Blunkett, the beleaguered Work and Pensions Secretary, were not too bad. Only the *Daily Mail* had made the controversy engulfing him its front-page lead. But another story worried the aides much more: in the *Yorkshire Post*, Lord Nolan, the first chairman of the anti-sleaze Committee on Standards in Public Life, had told the paper: 'Blair should insist on ministers obeying the rules. I think that if anyone breaks the rules, they should be disciplined.' Mr Blunkett had admitted breaching the ministerial code by not getting clearance for three posts he took up after resigning as Home Secretary last December. Downing Street is adamant that Mr Blair did not sack Mr Blunkett, but Lord Nolan's comments certainly helped to tip the balance against him. 'Nolan was not the decisive factor - but he was an important one', one insider told *The Independent*. Was it a sacking or resignation? Although the official version of events was that Mr Blunkett resigned and Mr Blair was reluctant to see him go, Downing Street's jitters about Prime Minister's Questions suggest it was a bit of both. The intervention of Lord Nolan was significant.'

Commercial pilot

ANTHONY MOLLINGER (C03) graduated as a commercial pilot on 11 November 2005, from Cabair College of Air Training at Cranfield Airport in Bedfordshire, after a 20-month course. He has gained two qualifications: a multi-engine commercial pilot's licence with instrument rating and a frozen airline transport licence. At his graduation he won a prize as the Most Improved Graduate. He was trained at the College on multi-engined aircraft and also in bad weather conditions. His final test was flying in what is called Instrument Rating, with screens covering the windows, without reference to the ground for two hours, going to Cambridge and back - passing this test first time although most students fail first time. He has become a Member of the British Air Line Pilots Association [BALPA], the pilots' union. After a holiday in Australia and New Zealand over Christmas and the New Year, he returned to seek employment with an airline.

Military news

BEN WARRACK (W89) is Officer Commanding C Squadron the Light Dragoons. He was promoted to Major in 2002.

British forces in Iraq



RUPERT KING-EVANS (T94) has been in Iraq for most of 2005. He writes [24 November 2005]: 'I have managed to score a place on one of their very rare Operational Deployments! I am currently in Al Muthanna Province in Southern Iraq with 5/7 Royal Australian Regiment. Life is routine but can get quite exciting as we get mortared or rocketed on an increasingly frequent basis.'



JAMES JEFFREY (C97) was intending to run a marathon in Iraq, probably at the Shaiba Logistics Base near Basra, in January 2006. He had hoped to run in the New York marathon on 6 November 2005, but he was called by his unit to undertake training and to return with the Queen's Royal Lancers: A Squadron to Iraq in December 2005. James supports a monastery and a school in Ethiopia. In 2000 James spent six months teaching at the monastery of St Joseph in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and its attached school, St Mary's School. In November 2004, during leave from Iraq, he returned and, in his own words 'found that [although] the children and

teachers were as ridiculously charming and hospitable as ever ... in the four years that I had been away little had changed at the school as far as improvements in resources or infrastructure were concerned. The school has about 1500 pupils, boys and girls, and also runs evening classes for adults who are catching up on the education that they may have missed when they were younger. You can help by giving through Face-Faw on-line: <http://www.justgiving.com/jamesjeffrey>

[By 30 Nov 2005, £1534 had been donated.]



RICHARD MacLURE (J99) is with the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards D Squadron at Shaiba Logistics Base near Basra in Iraq.

Captain MARTIN HICKIE (J95), Captain JAMES HUGHES (C93) and Captain J-P PITT (T93), all in the Scots Guards, were in Iraq for seven months until May

2005. Since then, J-P Pitt has become Adjutant University of London Officer's Training Corps (until September 2007), [taking over from Captain JUSTIN MAXWELL STUART (C92), also Scots Guards, but since retired], Martin is in Germany with the Battalion and James works in the MOD.

Ordination

On 13 July 2005 Bishop Terence Brain of Salford ordained JOHN FLYNN (H93) to the diaconate in Rome. He is half-way through a Licence (Masters) in philosophy: much Aristotle and Aquinas, particularly in anthropology, metaphysics and ethics. He is due to be ordained to the priesthood in 2006.

Account of the election of Benedict XVI on 19 April 2005

John Flynn was the English College Diarist for the year 2004-05. Hence he recorded the election of Benedict XVI on 19 April 2005 as follows: 'At 5.49pm [4.49pm London], greyish puffs turn to clear white, the bells at St Peter's toll and indeed the Church has a new pope. That we have a pope is the first cause of excitement. It is strangely difficult to be a Catholic in the days when there is none. But to have Cardinal Ratzinger! It is absolutely brilliant. He will put into practice the work that John Paul II started. A humble man, full of love for the people and concerned for the salvation of the world - what more can we ask for? These are days of extraordinary grace. The College is alive with excitement.' [Others in St Peter's Square on 19 April 2005 included Fr Mark Butlin (O49) and Fr William Wright (A82).]

School Chaplain

SEAN EVANS (T90) was appointed full-time Chaplain to St Peter's Catholic Comprehensive School in Guildford, serving the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, as from 27 June 2005. The school has in excess of 1,050 pupils including its sixth form. He is currently living in Streatham, SW16 and continues to work during the evenings for his local parish church there.

Family retreat at Ampleforth

THE GILBEY FAMILY had a family retreat at Ampleforth from 17-19 June 2005. This retreat is every two years and has happened for at least 25 years.

Mill Hill Missionaries in South Africa

FR JOHN MELLUISH (W68) moved in April 2005 to work for the Mill Hill Missionaries in the Diocese of Rustenburg in the North West Province of South Africa. He left Kenya in July 2004.

Raleigh International

CRISPIN VITORIA (W90) is working for Raleigh International, organising their corporate events in Borneo which helps to raise funds for the charity.

Tsunami relief work in southern India



FREDDIE SHEPHERD (J04) has been working as a volunteer in tsunami relief work. 'I am working as a volunteer with a company called Teaching and Projects Abroad. My voluntary placement is aimed at trying to alleviate the suffering and restore normality to those whose lives have been turned upside down by the destruction of the tsunami.' He helped in a small fishing village called Muttom near the town of Colachel, in the Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu state in southern India. Contributions to Freddie Shepherd's appeal can be made through Face-Faw [Friendship and Aid to Eastern Europe - Friendship and Aid for the World] at Ampleforth - cheques to Face-Faw, Ampleforth Abbey, York, YO62 4EN. Gift Aid forms can be provided.

Gap years

MICHAEL CUMMING-BRUCE (O04) worked in a village school in San Fernando, just south of Mexico City [Jan-June 2005], teaching English. He is now at St Benet's Hall, Oxford.

NICK SCOTT (D05) is on a gap year, singing in Gloucester Cathedral choir. He has just been on what he calls 'a very successful tour to the USA'.

University news

MICHAEL BRENNAN (H61) is Emeritus Professor, University of California. He is past President of the American Finance Association and was Editor of *the Journal of Finance*.

TOM CADOGAN (W94) was awarded his PhD in November 2005 at SOAS in London (the School of Oriental and African Studies), on education in East Africa - entitled *Students and Schools in the southern Highlands: Education in Tanzania - 1890s to the present*. Tom now works for a gap-year organisation in Tanzania, Student

Partnership Worldwide. His mother, Catherine Cadogan, is the organist at the Ampleforth parish of Osmotherley.

PATRICK DUNCOMBE (AO00) was awarded the Gaisford Prize for Greek Language and Literature at Oxford University. Patrick is in his final year, reading Classics at Oriel College.

PETER FANE-SAUNDERS (W96) in July 2005 was awarded a Master of Philosophy degree in Architectural History & Theory by Lord Tugendhat (E55), Chancellor of the University of Bath.

JACK RUTHERFORD (T02) achieved a First in Literae Humaniores (Classics) Mods at Brasenose College, Oxford in May 2005.

Persimmon

DUNCAN DAVIDSON (T59) is to retire as non-executive chairman of Persimmon plc in April 2006. He founded Persimmon in 1972, a company that became the biggest house-builder in Britain. He has been invited to become Life President of the company. He will be farming his estate in Northumberland. His horses are ridden by his daughter Rose, the leading woman jockey in National Hunt and point-to-point racing.

The British Library

OLIVER URQUHART-IRVINE (O92) was appointed in October 2005 to the staff of the British Library to deal with cultural restitution and repatriation issues.

Live in Languages

JAMES WILLCOX (E86) established Live in Languages Ltd in 1997. The school uniquely combines full-board accommodation in teachers' homes with one-to-one English language tuition. Courses are available throughout the UK as well as in Seattle, USA and Vancouver, Canada. OAs with non-native English-speaking friends, colleagues or clients who need to improve their English language skills rapidly, should visit www.liveinlanguages.com. James now lives in Seattle with his wife and two young children.

The Legal and Judicial Department United Nations Mission in Liberia

ALEXANDER EL JUNDI (T96) worked in Sierra Leone on war crime trials in 2004, and then moved to work for the Legal and Judicial Department of the United Nations Mission in Liberia [Monrovia-Liberia].

Greenhouse Schools Project - Wormwood Scrubs Sports Fair 2005

The Wormwood Scrubs Sports Fair 2005 for Greenhouse Schools Project was organised by JOZEF MYCIELSKI (O90) who works for the charity which uses sports and the arts to teach vulnerable children life and social skills. On 1 December 2005, over 150 inmates, officers and members of the public (including CHARLIE GRACE (O91) took part in triathlon, running, rowing and cycling events. The event, attended by Leicester and England Rugby star Austin Healey, was expected to raise over £40,000 for the charity. For information about Greenhouse and the 2006 event please contact Jozef through www.greenhouseschools.org.

Books

ROBIN BLAKE (A66) has written *George Stubbs & the Wide Creation* [Chatto & Windus, June 2005] - this was reviewed in *The Tablet* on 17 September 2005. He is the joint author with Malcolm Warner of *Stubbs & the Horse* [Yale University Press].

NICHOLAS COGHLAN (A72) has written: *Far in the Waste Sudan: on Assignment in Africa*. Nicholas was the first Canadian diplomat to be posted in Khartoum. He offers an insider's view of war-torn Sudan at a turning-point in its history. [Cloth 0773529357, 30 September 2005.]

Dr ALICK DOWLING (O39) has written *Enjoy Eating Less: A DIY Common Sense Guide to the Logic of Non-Diet Slimming*. The book is produced in co-operation with JOHN RYAN (O40), whose drawing of Captain Pugwash appears on the front cover. [Available from Clifton Bookshop, 84 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, BS8 2QP.] The book was featured in *bma news* [3 September 2005] - this mentions Captain Pugwash in his new role, *bma news* notes: 'Written by 85-year-old retired GP Alick Dowling ... it slices through the endless puff produced by the bloated diet industry ... With the cover illustration provided by Captain Pugwash creator John Ryan as a favour - he and Dr Dowling have been friends since school - the book was initially produced as a series of letters written to Dr Dowling's granddaughter. She wanted to lose weight and had seen her grandfather do just that.' The original prototype book was briefly reviewed in the *Daily Telegraph's* medical column on 11 September 2001 [when everyone's attention was on New York], but eventually he found a publisher. Alick Dowling writes to us: 'It is probably relatively uncommon that two old boys who first met when we joined St Oswald's House in September 1934 should be cooperating in a book in their mid-eighties.' A third link to Ampleforth is DR JAMES LE FANU (B67) who has been supportive, as indicated in the Preface of the book: Alick Dowling writes in the Acknowledgments that James Le Fanu's 'support and commendation ... encouraged me to persevere.'

ADRIAN GILPIN [formerly Slattery] (B72): *Unstoppable - the Pathway to an Inspired Life*.

PROFESSOR FRED HALLIDAY (T63): *The Middle East in International Relations* [Cambridge University Press, spring 2005] and *100 Myths about the Middle East* [Saqi Books, spring 2005]. Fred Halliday is Professor of International Relations at the LSE, where he has been a member of the Council, and director of the Human Rights Centre. For the academic session 2004-2005 Fred Halliday is Visiting Professor at Fundació CIDOB, Barcelona. He is the author of several books on international relations theory, the Middle East, and the role of revolutions in international affairs.

Jung Chang and JON HALLIDAY's (T58) book *Mao: the Unknown Story* was published at the beginning of June 2005. *The Independent* [3 June 2005] [reviewer Julie Wheelwright] noted that the book 'is not so much about toppling the myth of Mao as the benevolent creator of modern China, as setting it aflame. Based on painstaking and often dangerous work in archives in places ranging from Albania to Washington, the book uses sources they have unearthed that reveal Mao as a psychopathic leader, responsible for the deaths of 70 million'. *The Guardian* [4 June 2005] [Michael Yahuda] said that 'Mao now stands revealed as one of the greatest monsters of the 20th century'. 'This magnificent book' and 'stupendous work ... one hopes ... will be brought before the Chinese people'. On *Channel 4* [4 June



2005] it was suggested that it would reach China, at least in some pirated form. Jon Halliday is a Russian historian and former Senior Visiting Research Fellow at King's College, University of London. He has written a biography of the filmmaker Douglas Silk and edited seven other books. Jon's wife, Jung Chang, is the author of *Wild Swans*, an account of three generations of her family through 20th century history up to the Cultural Revolution; *Wild Swans*, published in 1992, sold 10 million copies and was translated into 30 languages, but it remains banned in China. Jung Chang was born in 1952; both her parents were committed communists. In the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s she was briefly a Red Guard, a 'barefoot doctor', a steelworker and an electrician. She studied at Sichuan University; in 1976 she came to York University and there became the first person from the People's Republic of China to receive a PhD in Britain. There were television and radio presentations of Mao; for example *Channel 4* [4 June 2005] and *Waves* [BBC Radio 3, 26 May 2005]. *Mao* was read as the *Book of the Week* on Radio 4 in June 2005. *Mao* was chosen by *The Week* [18 December 2005] as one of the six books of the year.

MARK LE FANU (B67): *Mizoguchi and Japan* [British Film Institute Books, 2005].

ANDREW MANGEOT (O73) two poetry selections: *Natural Causes* [Shoestring Press, 2003] and *Mixer* [Egg Box Publishing, 2005].

Professor NICHOLAS RODGER (W67) has won the British Academy Book Prize. His book *The Command of the Ocean: A Naval History of Britain 1649-1815* beat five other short-listed titles.

EDWARD STOURTON (H75) *John Paul II, Man of History*, [Hodder and Stoughton, 3 April 2006].

FR NORMAN TANNER SJ (H61): *The Church and the World: Gaudium et Spes - Rediscovering Vatican II* [Pauline Press, November 2005]. Norman Tanner traces the

evolution of the Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes*, from its beginning to its promulgation at the end of the Council in December 1965. He reviews its reception by the Catholic Church and by other Christian churches. In addition there is a short treatment of the Council's decree on the mass media, *InterMirifica*. Norman Tanner has been Professor of Church History at the Gregorian University in Rome since 2003. He has been described as 'the foremost authority on the decree'. *Gaudium et Spes* has been described as the 'crown jewel' of the Council. It created a new chapter in council history because for the first time a general council sought to tackle a wide range of problems that affected the life of Catholics: human rights, society, marriage and the family, culture, politics, economics, international relations, and war and peace.

CRISPIAN VILLENEUVE (J67): *Rudolf Steiner in Britain* [2004].

MICHAEL WALKER (D72): *Hitler's Foundation*.

JOHN WETHERELL (T60): *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi: An Examination of the Ethos of the Tridentine Mass and that of the Novus Ordo of Pope Paul VI* [2005].

Lex Orandi, Lex Credenti - the Law of Prayer is the Law of Belief - draws on the work of Michael Davies (1936-2004), teacher, writer and valiant defender of the Tridentine Sacraments, the ancient liturgy of the Catholic Church codified at the Council of Trent. It aims to bring his many publications to a wider audience. Cardinal Ratzinger said in November 2004: 'I have been profoundly touched by the news of the death of Michael Davies. I had the good fortune to meet him several times and I found him to be a man of deep faith and ready to embrace suffering.' *Lex Orandi, Lex Credenti* is a short, easily readable book trying to make sense of the liturgical changes in 1969. It has some beautiful illustrations. [£9.99 plus £2.50 postage and packing per copy (until April 2006). Three copies, post free, £29.97. ISBN 0-9550707-0-8. Hardback, illustrated. The Saint Joan Press, Chancton House, The Wharf, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9PX.]



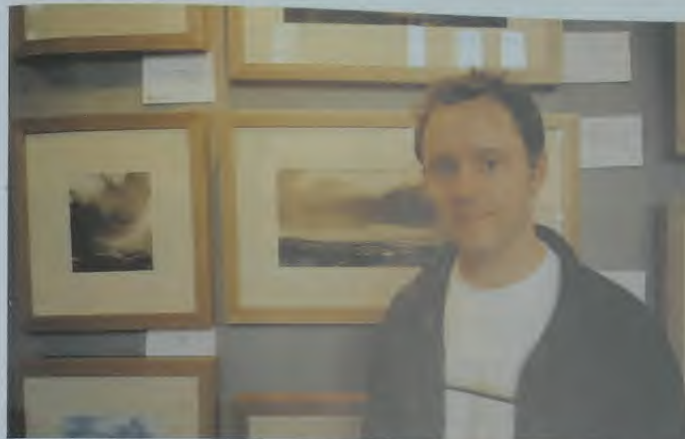
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Art



BRENDAN KELLY (D88), winner of the De Lazlo Award at the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, came to Ampleforth to open an exhibition organised by Art for Youth North on 18 April 2005. The proceeds went to UK Youth, the largest youth work charity in the country; it supports 750,000 young people and 7,000 youth groups. The exhibition was held in the Big Study and, in opening it, Brendan Kelly recalled that he used to do detention in that room.

RODERIC O'CONNOR's (OA1878) paintings have been selling for more than £500,000.

Photography

HUGO FIRCKS (H85) and his wife, Alice, are holding an exhibition of photographs in London - *Black & White Elephants*. This will be in Cork Street, Piccadilly, from 24 April 2006 to 29 April 2006. Hugo spent his childhood on a farm in the north of Zimbabwe. This early experience of space, and the freedom to explore, strongly influenced his later decisions to work outdoors: firstly, five years in the British Army, followed by ten years tobacco farming, and now pursuing elephants throughout Africa. It is from this experience with the elephant that he creates his canvases, combining painting with black and white photography. While at Ampleforth (1980 - 85) he discovered his love of photography, spending many hours in the dark room; he had an image published in *Country Life*. After Ampleforth, Hugo spent a year travelling in the USA, followed by a few months in Dubai before being commissioned in August 1987 into the Life Guards, where he served for five years. Hugo married Alice at Belmont Abbey in 1990 in a snowstorm. In 1992 they left England to farm in Zimbabwe, where they remained for ten years until the middle of 2002 when the farming industry was closed down by the Zimbabwe Government. They have three children: Zoe, Ivan and Dima. The political events in Zimbabwe led to the loss of the farm, along with a stint in jail,

because of his support for the opposition. This made Hugo think carefully about his next career. While farming, he had often thought about combining the colour of oils with black and white photography and using the elephant as the main subject matter. Three years on, Hugo has held two successful solo exhibitions in the Arndean Gallery in Cork Street, London and has also exhibited in New York, Dallas, Reno, Zimbabwe and Cape Town. He supports conservation and the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation. In December 2004 Hugo and his family moved to South Africa. www.hugofirx.com

Sculpture



ALEXANDER BREEZE (W01) exhibited his sculpture at an art exhibition, *Art for Youth*, in the Big Study in April 2005. He works in a shed at his family home near Bedale, making bronzes and other medium of animals and portraits. He had an exhibition in London at the Mall Galleries in October 2005, at which he sold four bronze sculptures.

ANTONY GORMLEY (W68) has produced *Another Place*, featuring 100 life-size figures spread along 3km of the shore at Crosby in Merseyside. Contractors spent three weeks lifting the cast figures into place in June 2005. *The Yorkshire Post* [8 July 2005] celebrated the works of Antony Gormley. He recalled going, aged 11, to Ampleforth: 'Going from the privet hedges and confined ersatz rural vernacular of Hampstead Garden Suburb to the open moors of North Yorkshire was like a huge door opening in my imagination.' The feature recalled some of his works: *Field for the British Isles* which won the Turner Prize in 1994; *The Angel of the North* (1998), seen by 90,000 drivers every day on the A1; *Quantum Cloud* (2000) involving a 20-metre-high figure surrounded by a 'cloud' of iron; *Bed* (1981); *Another Place* (1997); and *Domain Field* (2003).

ROBERT HORNYOLD-STRICKLAND (C72) is a sculptor. He had his first London Exhibition in Cork Street. He was until 2004 a company director.

Sculpture tribute to the coal miners of Nottinghamshire



ANTONY DUFORT'S (B66) tribute sculpture to the coal miners of Nottinghamshire was unveiled on 21 March 2005 at Silverhill, near Teversal, Nottinghamshire by John Harris, Chair of the Coal Authority, and Councillors Terry Butler and Dick Anthony, both former miners. Silverhill is a reclaimed spoil tip of the former Silverhill Colliery now converted to parkland and forestry. It is also the highest point in the county. The bronze sculpture is three metres high, including its stone base, and looks out over the coalfields of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Hardwick Hall can be seen a few hundred yards away. The base contains a one-metre plaque listing the 65 principal coalmines in Nottinghamshire working between

1815 and 2005. Of these, only Harworth, Thoresby and Welbeck (recently rerieved by UK Coal) are still in production. Antony Dufort was greatly helped in his research by visits to the coalface at mines ranging from Daw Mill Colliery near Coventry with a 15 ft high coalface (1000 metres underground and the most productive mine in Europe) - and small drift mines in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, with 28 inch seams on a steep incline. The sculpture took 18 months to complete. The tribute sculpture is called *Testing for Gas*. The miner squints into his lamp to detect the presence of explosive methane gas by a change in shape or colour of the flame. All miners, even in 2005, carry flame-safety or 'Davey' lamps despite modern electronic methanometers on their belts. Thus the lamp has a useful, as well as symbolic, value.

Music



CHARLES COLE (T93) is Director of Music at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington and Director of the Schola Cantorum of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School. In late October 2005 he recorded Mendelssohn's *Lauda Sion* at Ampleforth; the CD will be released in early December 2005 and will also include music by Dupré, Dvorak, Langlais, Mawby and Balfour Gardiner. Charles is also Director of Music at St Philip's School, a Catholic Prep school in Kensington. He is a Duty Organist at Westminster Cathedral, and he has just been appointed Director of the Oratory Junior Choir, the children's choir at Brompton Oratory, where he is also an Assistant Organist. www.scholacantorum

ROBERT OGDEN (T91) is an opera singer. He has worked with the Washington Opera, he spent a year with the Netherlands Opera Studio in Amsterdam, and has recently sung in Oslo and in Austria. Robert has also set up his own record company, Landor Records, an independent classical recording company. He has set up a job-search website: www.artsculturemediajobs.com



The Fourth Oxford Lieder Festival

SHOLTO KYNOCH (T98) is the founder and Artistic Director of the annual Oxford Lieder Festival. The Fourth Oxford Lieder Festival was held from 15 to 29 October 2005. Sholto wrote in the Festival brochure that 'With its combination of music and poetry, lyricism and drama, song is in fact the most accessible of art forms'. The 2005 Festival featured Oxford Lieder's first commission, a new work by the composer Martin Suckling. There are numerous events: talks, workshops, master-classes, a jazz evening - with music spanning two continents and five centuries. One reviewer, Dona Mok, wrote in *The Oxford Student* [3 Dec 2005]: 'From the Italian Haydn arias to the English overtones of Grainger's folk tunes, the performers succeeded in captivating audiences to the very end. Each piece was presented with such technical assurance and expressiveness that the audience was lost in a dreamy world of music.' The Fifth Oxford Lieder Festival will be held from 14 to 28 October 2006.

World Music Festival Diaspora Music Village

PAUL HUGHES-SMITH (E60) works as a volunteer with the World Music Festival Diaspora Music Village, and also works extensively for the Palestine Solidarity Campaign. He brought two groups of musicians from the Yemen to festivals in London and Zanzibar. Until 1993, Paul worked with the BBC as an Associate Producer in Arts and then in Education programmes. After that he studied for a degree in Arabic, which he gained in 2003.

Sufi Soul - the Mystic Music of Islam

WILLIAM DALRYMPLE (E83) presented *Sufi Soul - the Mystic Music of Islam* on Channel 4 on 6 November 2005. This was part of series called *Hidden Civilization*. The *Radio Times* text noted that William Dalrymple 'embarks on a personal journey into the mystical and musical side of Islam, charting the traditions of Sufi music in Syria, Turkey, Pakistan, India and Morocco'.

Edinburgh Fringe Festival

Theatrical Theatrics Productions had a successful year in August 2005 at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, producing *Rough Crossing* by Tom Stoppard, which was well reviewed and was awarded an average of four stars overall. The producer, LUCY DOLLARD (A02 - Edinburgh University), writes of the thanks due to the Tullochs and the Dollards 'who had the whole company to stay at some point during rehearsals'. As a result of ticket sales, Theatrical Theatrics Productions donated £4,500 to Face-Faw [Friendship and Aid to Eastern Europe/Friendship and Aid for the World] [the school aid and charity organisation]. Lucy Dollard writes: 'The first-hand experience that some of the company members have had with the Face-Faw project in Northern Thailand last spring [2005] makes this all the more important to the cast. Although the festival was great fun to be involved with, the charity we were raising money for was a main priority during this month of madness.' In addition to Lucy mentioned above, the company consists of ALASDAIR BLACKWELL (D04 - Director), BEN DOLLARD (D04 - Edinburgh University), MIKE EDWARDS (H04 - Liverpool University - a founding member and Artistic Director), DAVE LYDON (J04 - Trinity College Dublin, where he has been stage manager, director, actor and writer), ALICE ROBINSON (A04 - Oxford Brookes University), SAM SWORD (Uppingham, Cambridge), CHRIS BORRETT (D04 - New College, Oxford October 2005) and RICHARD FLYNN (O04 - Oxford University - the company's Manager).

JAMES NORTON (O03) writes [9 May 2005]: 'A few friends and I are setting up a theatre company as a charity venture for Aids support and awareness. We are taking two of the shows that we have previewed on the main ADC stage in Cambridge, to the Edinburgh Festival.' *Growling Monkey* was established in 2005 by a group of students at Cambridge University set on using theatre to challenge, educate and stimulate. Its primary aim is to use the medium of theatre to break taboos and prejudices that still pervade Britain in the 21st century.

RUPERT PROCTER (W79) has worked as an actor since 1995. He is also now involved in writing a new comedy series for television. Since 2000 he has been a nursing assistant at Fulbourn hospital in Cambridge, caring for people with acute mental illnesses.

Mary Poppins, Snobs – theatre, TV, film, novels

JULIAN FELLOWES (B66) has an increasing number of roles. In December 2005 he won the award for *Best Directional Debut* from the National Board of Review in New York for *Separate Lies*. He both wrote and directed this, his first film, which starred Tom Wilkinson, Emily Watson and RUPERT EVERETT (W75) and which was due to open in Britain in March 2006. Also Julian Fellowes' first novel, *Snobs*, was published in the United States in late 2005. He has appeared in more than 40 films and TV shows. He wrote the libretto for the musical *Mary Poppins*; this opened at the Prince Edward Theatre, London on 15 December 2004 – Charles Spencer, the Theatre Critic of *the Daily Telegraph* [17 December 2004] noted that Julian Fellowes 'has worked wonders with the script. He has gone back to PL Travers' original stories, as well as the film, and has come up with something that is richer and more powerfully affecting than either. In his version, *Mary Poppins* becomes the story of one unhappy family's redemption, as they learn the values of love, fun and human kindness from their strict and magical nanny. The film sometimes seemed saccharine. Here the emotion is strong, true and heart-catching.' Julian Fellowes played Lord Kilwillie in *Monarch of the Glen*. He recently wrote a new version of *Vanity Fair* which was filmed in 2003, and is soon to make his first appearance in a film since *Shergar*, the racing film in 1999. It was the writing of the screenplay for Anthony Trollope's *The Eustace Diamonds* that led to *Gosford Park*. Writing *My Week in The Daily Telegraph* [17 December 2005], he described a week in which there were interviews about *Snobs* and *Separate Lies*.

Journalism

PETER BERGEN (W80) continues to work with CNN on international affairs, especially the analysis of terrorism. He visited Afghanistan again in 2004. He has been teaching in the John Hopkins University graduate school of advanced international studies.

PHILIP BOWRING (A60) has been since 1992 a columnist with the *International Herald Tribune*, and a consultant on Asian political and economic issues.

PETER FOSTER (T91) is the South Asia correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*.

MICHAEL HIRST (A96) is Foreign News Editor of *The Tablet*.

DAVID McDUGALL (B91) is a television journalist. He specialises in documentary films and at the time these notes were prepared [September 2005] was working on a series about Italy for the Discovery Channel. Previously he was an Associate Producer on the PBS production of Gavin Menzies' book, *1421 - The Year China Discovered The World*, a BBC series called *Oil: The World Over a Barrel* and the Line Producer of *Afghan Massacre* which won The Sony International Award in 2002. The award is given to a piece of news footage that has an immediate impact on public perception or political policy.

MARK SIMPSON (O84) is a BBC Radio 2 Producer. In September 2005 he started to produce the Steve Wright programme in the afternoon, having been producing the Sarah Kennedy morning programme. He produced radio coverage of *Live 8*. He is Film and TV Critic for BBC Radio Berkshire.

CHRIS TWOMEY (C77) is a journalist – working as Contributing Editor of *TV Listings* magazine.

Career News

PHILIP ALDRIDGE (D78) is Chief Executive of the Court Theatre, Christchurch, New Zealand. He emigrated to New Zealand in 2002, after being an actor (1981-1990) and then in property and finance (1990-2002). CHARLES ANDERSON (O71) is Director of Indocine Living Ltd, sourcing home accessories, fashion accessories, household furniture and decorative furniture. He lives in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. PAUL ARBUTHNOTT (D79) is a Counsellor at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. THOMAS ARMSTRONG (B93) is a business journalist. MIKHAIL ASANOVIC (D04) has been studying the guitar at the Royal College of Music in Manchester since October 2004.

CHRISTOPHER BAILEY (W84) is, since 2001, the owner and founder of Picture This, 'Hong Kong's largest affordable art gallery' (www.picturethiscollection.com). From 1987 to 2001 he was an investment banker in London, New York and Hong Kong. TOM BEARDMORE-GRAY (T79) is Head of New Business, De Beers Group Services Ltd, in London. RICHARD BEATTY (T81) is a director of Washington Business Forms Ltd in Ireland. ALEXIS BILLER (A97) is a Software Engineer with IBM UK Ltd at Hursley Park in Hampshire, and working on a project to design and implement EU Grid Provenance. NICHOLAS BLACLEDDGE (E78) is a landscape architect. SIMON BLACKWELL (C61) and ANDREW BLACKWELL (C64) have a business dealing in metals and chemicals. NICHOLAS BLAKE (C70) is an actor, working at various times with the RSC, the National Theatre, in the West End and on TV. CHRISTOPHER BLOUNT (C64) is Managing Director of Exams Together Ltd, a company set up in 2004 to find examination centres for home-educated students. He worked for 33 years in investment management. ROBERT BLUMER (A80) works with British Airways; previously he worked with British Midland Airways [1999-2004] and Rio Tinto plc [1994-1998]. CHARLES BRAIN (T90) started an MBA at Cardiff University Business School in September 2005. From 2004 to 2005 he worked in Bristol as an accounts manager of a PR firm, and from 2000 to 2004 he was Business Development Manager of SA Brain & Co Ltd. JAMES BRENNAN (O92) is Director of James Brennan Associates, historic building and land surveyors. SEAN BRESLIN (O85) is a General Counsel [lawyer] and investment manager. ANTHONY BROWN (J84) is a solicitor in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. JONATHAN BROWN (J80) is Investment Director of UBS Wealth Management. He lives in Northumberland. He is the founder and organiser of the Ampleforth North-Eastern Counties Annual Dinner in Newcastle. BILL BROWNE (C88) is Managing Director of the family home-furnishing business established in 1890 – Rodgers of York, based at Monks Cross in York. JAMES BROWNE (D91) is a Company Director. ALEXANDER BRUNNER (O92) is Vice President of Production of Spitfire Pictures, a film production company. He lives in Los Angeles. ADRIAN BUDGEN (J81) is a solicitor in Sheffield, being a partner in Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, and a Fellow of the College of Personal Injury Law. ELI BUTLER (W87) works as a designer for a publishing company in Bristol. MATTHEW BUTLER (W89) works in the TV and film business in London. PIERS BUTLER (W88) is Business Account Manager for an IT firm. PATRICK BYRNE (H88) is Computer Games Developer at Frontier Developments Ltd.

IAN CAMPBELL (C60) works in building construction, property development and management with Phoenix Enterprises. NICK CARR (T78) is an airline pilot with easyJet. ANTHONY CARROLL (E76) is a farmer in Northumberland. NICK CHANNER (D81) is CO Oxford University OTC from 5 September 2005. JON CHRISTIE (J69) is Senior Partner, Foulks & Grant, accountants in Ilford. GILES CODRINGTON (W81) is Director and Commercial Broker, A5 Consultants in London. TOBY CODRINGTON (J91) is Business Development Director for a photo marketing company. DAVID COGGON (J68) is Professor of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, MRC Epidemiology Resource Centre, University of Southampton. WILLIAM COLACICCHI (A72) is a solicitor, being a Partner with Browne Jacobson in Nottingham. RUPERT COLLIER (J93) is Software Product Manager, Unipalm, Newmarket. CRISPIAN COLLINS (H65) is an investment manager. He was Chairman of Phillips and Drew from 1999 to 2003 and a Director of UBS Group Managing Board from 2000 to 2003. NEIL COLLINS (W91) moved in January 2005 from Frankfurt to Switzerland to be Head of Sales and Relationship Management for BNP Paribas Securities Services in Zurich. In April 2005 he became a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (FCCA). ANDREW CORNFORD (A59) is a research fellow at UNCTAD [United Nations Conference on Trade and Development]. MIKE COSTELLO (B62) is a Director of Offset and Countertrade with Northrop Corporation in Los Angeles, living in Hampshire. IVO COULSON (D82) is a partner of Tiburon Partners, an investment management group. MICHAEL COX (E46) has worked for the last ten years in antiques and fine art. He was a freelance professional photographer, but working for P&O Orient Line, the National Trust of Scotland, Houses and Gardens and the Horticultural Society. DAVID CRANFIELD (T80) is a solicitor – a partner in Reed Smith, the international law firm. He lives in Northamptonshire. NINIAN CRICHTON STUART (H74) has worked since 1990 on the stewardship of the Falkland estate in Fife in Scotland. Before 1990 he worked in social work and community care. DAVID CRIDLAND (W89) is Head of Strategic Development, New Media with Virgin Radio Ltd in London. Dr STEPHEN CRONIN (O76) is a consultant paediatrician, in Clinical Lead Child Health. He is Chairman of the Clinical Director's Sub-Committee of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, living in Durham. ANDREW CROSSLEY (B93) is a community organiser, bringing together different community groups. CHRIS MIX CRUTCHLEY (H67) has been working in Brittany in France since 1983 as a sound engineer and record producer – working also in Sri Lanka, Holland, Brazil, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Australia, Morocco, Algeria, Luxembourg and Tasmania. Previous to 1983 he was an audiovisual technician at the Cambridgeshire College of Arts & Technology. He recalls the first group in his life with Gerald Russell and the Christies, The Bletch in the Middle Distance. MARK CUDDIGAN (D73) is a land agent. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

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Grande to provide 'Water for Life'. His Majesty KING LETSIE III of Lesotho (W80) [Mohato Seeiso] was the subject of a BBC documentary, *Romancing the Throne*, originally shown on BBC in 2001, was re-shown on BBC4 on 2 August 2005. The film was made over five years and follows Mohato as he takes over his responsibilities as king and as he finds a wife. LUCIEN LINDSAY-MacDOUGALL (T85) is an actor. He is Artistic Director at Gogolia Theatre Company. TOM LINDUP (A95) and MICHAEL KILLOURHY (H89) are solicitors, working two doors apart on corporate law at Sidley Austin Brown and Wood, a US law firm from Chicago in the City of London. JOHN LOCH (C62) is a chartered surveyor working with defence estates – managing army training estates in the south-west. CHARLES LOCHRANE (C71) is a partner in Strutt & Parker, chartered surveyors. IAIN LOWIS (B61) is Scottish Director, British Heart Foundation. FERGUS LUCKYN-MALONE (A93) is ADC to the General commanding Scotland. MARCUS LUCKYN-MALONE (A90) is doing a staff job in the HQ in Cyprus. CHRISTOPHER LYON (A61) works for a small television production company.

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JAMES TATE (T98) is a veterinary surgeon in Cumbria. RICHARD TATE (T85) is Managing Director of Tate Accident Repair Centre in Leeds. He is an amateur jockey with 17 wins. HAROLD THOMPSON (O97) is an investment banker with Deutsche Bank in London. VINCENT THOMPSON (B89) is a partner with MacArthur & Co Ltd. He was previously with Morgan Grenfell & Co (1978-1990) and Hambros Bank (1990-2002). PEREGRINE TOWNELEY (O79) is on the Executive Committee of Agnew Higgings Pickering & Co Ltd in London. TOM TURNER (T88) is Vice President of Marketing, Q1 Labs, Inc. He lives in Massachusetts in USA. FRED TYLER (J91) works in business development with G2 banking software.

DOMINIC VAIL (C81) is a stockbroker – Managing Director UBS Ltd. HUGH VAN CUTSEM (E58) is a farmer in Norfolk. He is Chairman of the Norfolk Committee of the CLA. He is on the Council of English Nature, the Council of the National Trust, Chairman of Norfolk Local Access Forum. He is Secretary General of the British Association of the Military Order of Malta. He is a member of the Jockey Club. TOMVERDON (O82) is Investment manager at Dexia Private Bank, Jersey, an International and Multinational Private company. CHARLIE VILLERS (W04) has been doing an internship with Christie's Wine Department in Paris. NICHOLAS VILLIERS (T57) works in publishing, travel and media; previously he was Chairman of the Royal Bank of Canada International. GARETH VINCENTI (B75) is a consultant and medical director at the Harrogate Clinic in North Yorkshire. GORDON VINCENTI (O74) is Senior Lecturer in Social Work at the Aarhus School of Social Work in Denmark.

ROBERT WADDINGTON (A96) is an investment banker with NM Rothschild & Co Ltd. JOHN WADE (A96) lives in SW London and works in marketing the Government's Keyworker Initiatives in London – developing, marketing and selling schemes to key workers such as teachers and medical professionals. JOCELYN WALLER (A62) is Managing Director of Trans-Siberian Gold plc. DAN WALSH (B00) is a customer service representative with HSCB Bank plc. SIMON WATSON (B88) is a business analyst. LOUIS WATT (D00) is a business analyst with Deloitte.

JACK WEAVER (T72) is Racing Editor for Express Newspapers. ADRIAN WELLS (J85) is senior specialist in derivative documentation at Merrill Lynch. Dr TOM WHITE (O72) is in General Practice in Skipton. MARK WHITTAKER (J86) is Head of Property Investment with Peel Holdings Ltd. He lives in Bury in Lancashire. NICHOLAS WILLIAMSON (T82) is Managing Director Walbrook Trustees (IOM) Ltd. He is a chartered accountant who trained at Deloitte, and was part of the management team that successively bought out Walbrook from Deloitte in 2003. Fr DAVID WILSON (T56) is a priest and member of L'Arche working in Ambleuse in France. JERRARD WILSON (A97) writes [14 February 2006]: 'I am in the process of moving to Bulgaria'. In Bulgaria he is setting up a holiday let company (www.bulgarian-holiday-rentals.com) and a project managing company for English property investors (www.JericoProperties.com). CHARLES WRIGHT (E78) is Senior Consultant of Craigmyle & Co Ltd, charity fundraising consultants.

Lt Col PADDY YOUNG (B82) is with the Army Medical Services, and is Senior Dental Officer, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe.

International Rugby

SIMON EASTERBY (H93) had gained 46 rugby caps with Ireland by early February 2006. He captained Ireland in their match against the All Blacks on 12 November 2005 at Lansdowne Road in Dublin.

LAWRENCE DALLAGLIO (T89) returned to the England fold on 11 February 2006 for the first Six Nations game against Wales after 18 months of international retirement.

World Freediving Championships

SAM STILL (W00) became World Champion in Static Apnea at the World Freediving Championships, held at Renens in Switzerland from 24 to 27 August 2005. With a breath hold of 8:19, he set a new British record in the heats. <http://www.britishfreediving.org>

Old Amplefordian Cross-Country

On 14 January 2006, the School won the annual cross-country match v the Old Amplefordians by 61 points to 26 points. Henry Guiver (H) [Ampleforth] came first [28 minutes 51 seconds], with Robert Rigby (T79) [29.04] second. Then, after Charles Sparrow (EW), Alex Brazier (O), Gerald Williams (EW), Michael Vale (D) and James Moroney (O), the eighth in the race and second OA was Ollie Brodrick-Ward (A97) [30.35], ninth was Crispin Davy (W91) [30.38], 11th was Ben Guest (W91) [30.44], 14th Anthony Arthur (J97) [31.45], 17th Rory Henderson (O01) [32.45], next Adrian Myers (A90) [32.42], 23rd Chris Copping (J76) [36.03], 25th Justin Kerr-Smiley (W83) [37.08], 27th Oliver Heath (E90) [40.02], 29th Pete Thomas (B86) [41.02], 30th Paul Moore (J77) [42.59].

Walking to Santiago de Compostela and supporting Face-Faw

ED ADLINGTON (O02), ROBERT FURZE (O02) and THOMAS MARKS (O02) walked 500 miles in six weeks in summer 2005 from Roncesballes in the Pyrenees near Pamplona to Santiago de Compostela. Thomas Marks raised £335 for Face-Faw at Ampleforth by sponsorship for his walk.

Walking to Jerusalem

JAMES CARTY (H95) is walking on a pilgrimage from London to Jerusalem, a journey of 3,500 miles through eight countries: Britain, France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, the Lebanon and Israel. Setting out on 2 May 2005, after attending early-morning Mass in Westminster Cathedral and then Lauds in Westminster Abbey, he set out to walk to Jerusalem, hoping to reach there by Christmas 2005, and to hear Mass at Christmas in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. However, after five months of walking, he decided to return to London in mid-October 2005 and to resume his walk in April 2006, to complete the final 1,500 miles. He writes of 'falling off cliffs, walking 36 miles through the mountains, pitching my tent on top of an ants' nest'. MICHAEL HIRST (A96) wrote a two-page article on James's walk, *On foot to Jerusalem* in *The Tablet* [11 June 2005], describing James as 'quintessentially English in his university rugby shirt and floppy sun hat'. Michael hopes to walk with James on the final stages into Jerusalem in 2006.

Libyan Desert

KIT CONSTABLE MAXWELL (O57) undertook an expedition across the Libyan Desert - 'a desert raid across the Awbari Sand Sea' - in early November 2005. The Awbari Sand Sea is a sweeping tract of dunes, curving and weaving at the whim of the desert winds. We spent days picking our way between huge dunes, driving across dune valleys and mounting perpendicular dune crests. The Akakus Mountains occupy a rocky plateau some 800m high, and we drove up one of the few passes into a landscape of eroded pinnacles, weird formations, rock arches, caves and dunes. We examined Neolithic rock art sites, many over 5,000 years old. A few Touareg families are settled in this area.

Trekking to the South Pole - following Scott of the Antarctic

SIMON DALY (E83) was part of a five-man team that reached the South Pole on Saturday 14 January 2006. They arrived at the South Pole after a 170-mile journey over 17 days across the Antarctic, called the Numis Polar Challenge. They were re-enacting the last expedition of Captain Robert Scott in 1912, dressed in exactly the same clothing as the members of Scott's expedition, down to the beaver-skin mitts and reindeer boots, and using exactly the same equipment. After several days at the South Pole, they were picked up by plane, and eventually returned to London on 24 January 2006. The Numis Polar Challenge was made up of five friends who were hoping to raise £1 million for three English charities.

Circling the Isle of Wight in a rowing boat

JAMES DIL (D02) took part in a charity challenge to row around the Isle of Wight in July 2005. He writes [20 July 2005]: 'This is in support of a friend of mine who has suffered losses in his family as a result of a debilitating disease called haemochromatosis. This is, however, only one of the many charities for which we are raising money and awareness.' The row took 13 hours. 'We are also awaiting confirmation about two possible records set during the challenge: we have been told that we are almost certainly the first lot to row it clockwise as well as from mainland back to mainland.' He is in his second year of studying Maritime Leisure Management at Southampton Institute. He has been made President of his University Boat Club for 2005-2006.

Marathon des Sables



RALPH FOLJAMBE (O93), DOMINIC ROBERTSON (W92), IAN ROBERTSON (W92) and HUGH VAN CUTSEM (E92) ran the Marathon des Sables [MdS] in April 2005, a six-day/151 mile (243km) endurance race across the Sahara Desert in Morocco. Ralph Foljambe (O93) [left] writes: 'On 9 April [2005] approximately 800 competitors reached the first camp, five hours' drive into the Sahara desert south of the Moroccan town of Ouarzazate. The race requires that each competitor reach a town called Tazzarine, 247 kms west of this first camp, arriving on 16 April [2005]. The rules are very strict: once you become self-sufficient at 6am on the morning of 10 April [2005] each competitor must gather what he or she will need for the next seven days into a rucksack and that is it, you are

on your own. Bottled water is supplied every 10 kms up to a maximum allowance of 9.5 litres per day. From this allowance you must drink, cook and wash. The race is split into daily stages and each stage must be completed within a specified time limit. At the end of each stage the competitors must bivouac in teams of eight in open-sided Berber tents. We experienced two sandstorms during some nights of the race and consequently no sleep was had on those nights. The terrain for the race changes enormously within each daily stage. The ground covered consisted of flat desert plateau, many, many sand dunes and mountains of up to 2,800 ft in height. The average temperature over the week was a wilting 44 degrees centigrade. Of the 800 or so runners to reach the first camp, 730 made it to the finish line in Tazzarine. I completed the race in 53 hrs 23 mins to come in 557th overall and collect my medal. I suffered blisters on top of blisters, infected toes and the loss of two toenails, but compared to some I came off very lightly indeed. During the race it was common to see oxygen and IV drips being administered to suffering competitors. One competitor collapsed with heart problems and quite a number were in wheelchairs for the two days following the race. Best aspect: the bond with other competitors and the sense of achievement. I imagine this to be one of the last proper adventures around which is open and available to anyone. There can't be many of those left in this day and age. Worst aspect: the relentlessness of the race. There is no respite mentally; you are low on sleep, physically exhausted and in pain. Refreshment is like drinking hot bath-water and you have sand in every conceivable place. The highest temperature of the week was 52 degrees centigrade; that heat can only be described as nightmarish.

Hadrian's Wall

JOHN MARTIN (H97) and OLIVER BRODRICK-WARD (A97) were walking 90 miles along Hadrian's Wall in February 2006 – crossing England from the east coast to west coast over four days. They were raising funds for children to go to Lourdes with the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust [HCPT] during Easter week.

Expedition to Madagascar 2006

On 8 January 2006 JULIAN MURRAY (H76) went on a 10-week charity expedition to Madagascar, with the charity Azafady; they run projects in rural south-east Madagascar supporting environmental, humanitarian and sustainable development projects. Julian was planning to live in village communities.

London to Paris cycle

PETER THORNTON (B00) is undertaking a sponsored bike ride in July 2006. Peter writes: 'I am riding from London to Paris on behalf of Action Medical Research. This is roughly 300 miles and will be done over four days. Over the last 50 years, Action Medical Research has helped to fund research that has resulted in various breakthroughs, including the UK polio vaccine, ultrasound scanning in pregnancy and the hip replacement operation.'

Old Amplefordian Cricket Club played 19: won 4, lost 9, drawn 6



Sebastian Phillips (C00), Hugh Murphy (J98) and Benedict Constable-Maxwell (E94) at the Pavillion, Exhibition 2005.

Old Amplefordian cricketers have a long history of playing together as a Club, 2005 was the 75th anniversary of the first OACC Southern Tour (the forerunner of our present tour in August). The Club celebrated this milestone at the Annual Dinner on 1 December 2005 at the Turf Club in London. The Club we know today was really formed following an Ampleforth Society meeting in 1934 at which it was proposed that a formal Old Amplefordian Cricket Club be created and a Southern Tour be organised. This took place in 1935 and was based in Bournemouth: five

fixtures were played against Lymington, Poole Park, Weymouth, Downton and South Wilts. In the same year, in the game against the School, the Club played under the style of the Old Amplefordian Cricket Club for the first time.

2005 OACC Tour: played 5: won 1, lost 2, drawn 2 (3 rained off)

On the Tour, the Club scored runs as usual (1178 runs at an average of 236 runs per game) but sadly good totals were not converted into victories. Indeed we scored a remarkable 262 runs in both the games we lost which suggests the team was perhaps too generous in the field. The Tour continues to attract young OAs and remains the centrepiece of our season.

Cricketer Cup 2005: In the Cricketer Cup first round the Old Brightonians won the toss on a fast-scoring wicket, elected to bat and reached a formidable 322-5. The OACC chased with good heart but fell short at 267-7. Richard Wilson's (H92) young team competed well against a good Cricketer Cup side and will improve over the coming years. If both our northern and southern based players could be available for every game, the team would be much stronger.

Season Report: Across the season no player dominated with bat or ball, unlike recent years. Dom Spencer (H93), Pete Gretton (J01) and Ben Fitzherbert (E02) each scored centuries for the Club in games which, remarkably, were all lost and there were fewer five-wicket hauls. If one puts a bit of 'spin' on the statistics it might be said that more players are contributing to the team effort. The player of the season has to be Chris Harding – the Comeback Kid. After playing a few seasons of league cricket, Chris has returned to the OACC a much improved bowler and useful lower-order batsman. Pete Edwards (E99) had some good games. Also Nick Lamb (C91) deserves a mention for finally finding some form with the bat after years dining out on an Exhibition ton scored in 1991. Well done the class of '91.

SJE (Hon Sec)

2005 OACC results

2 May – Lost

OACC	194 (S Phillips 45)
Hampstead	200-8

28 May – Lost by 8 wickets

OACC	217-6 dec (S Phillips 80, H Murphy 61)
Ampleforth	220-2

29 May – Drawn

Ampleforth	263-2 dec
OACC	160-9 (D O'Kelly 47, N Lamb 42)

30 May – Drawn

OACC	244-5 dec (B Fitzherbert 111, H Hickman 41)
Yorkshire Gents	159-6

5 June – Lost by 137 runs

Felsted	274-9 dec (C Shillington 3-49)
OACC	137 (S Phillips 55)

12 June [Cricketer Cup First Round] – Lost by 55 runs

Old Brightonians	322-5
OACC	267-7 (P Gretton 105)

19 June – Won by 26 runs

OACC	276-5 dec (T Codrington 66, N Lamb 60)
	H Murphy 58, P Cartwright-Taylor 50)
Radley Rangers	250 (J Kennedy 3-57, J Troughton 3-43 C Williams 3-61)

9 July – Drawn

Old Georgians	249-7 dec (C Harding 4-76)
OACC	71-9

11 July – Lost by 69 runs

Old Wellingtonians	171 (P Edwards 4-19)
OACC	102

20 July – Won by 4 wickets

Old Westminster	152 (E Brennan 5-35)
OACC	153-6 (S Evans 46)

23 July – Lost by 5 wickets

OACC	243
Guards	245-5 (P Edwards 3-86)

13 August – Drawn

OACC	261-7 dec (S Harle 76)
Band of Brothers	54-0

28 August – Lost by 7 wickets

OACC	125
Staffs Gents	126-3 (R Wilson 79*)

4 September [Limited overs] – Won by 7 runs

OACC	224-8 (S Harle 49, P Edwards 50)
Old Etonians	217-8

OACC Tour

31 July – Drawn

OACC	205 (T Stanley 58, W Freeland 56)
Yellowhammers	154-8 (T Pinsent 3-38)

2 August – Drawn

OACC	178-9 dec (D Spencer 48, H Hickman 48)
Bluemantles	173-8 (C Harding 6-45)

3 August – Lost by 4 wickets

OACC	262-7 dec (D Spencer 130)
Old Rossallians	263-6

4 August - Won by 26 runs

OACC 271-8 dec (P Cartwright-Taylor 86, H Scrope 46)
Grannies 245 (P Edwards 4-106, E Brennan 3-33)

7 August - Lost by 8 runs

Stragglers of Asia 270-5 dec
OACC 262 (N Lamb 67, A Codrington 62)

Diary of OA Events

6 February 2005 London: Ampleforth Sunday

The one-day retreat was given at 23 Kensington Square, W8, by Fr Edward Corbould. This was organised by Peter Griffiths (B79) who has been organising these events, known as the Ampleforth Sunday, over the last few years.

30 April 2005 Rome: 46th Pasta Party

Following a now customary programme, we first met at noon for Mass in the complex of the church of the Gesù through the ongoing kindness of Fr Joe Barrett SJ (C30), now 92. Mass was celebrated in the rooms of St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Order, by Fr Mark Butlin. We remembered in our prayers the intentions of the new Abbot. After the Mass we walked the short distance to the Polese restaurant for lunch. At lunch 12 sat down, composed of eight Old Amplefordians and four guests: the OAs were Fr Joe Barrett SJ (C30), David Maunsell (O46), Fr Mark Butlin (O49), John Morris (D55), Paddy McGuinness (T81), John Flynn (H93), Andrew Roberts (W/J95) and Justin Bozzino (C97). Among our guests was Carla Clifton, an ex-matron of St Thomas's. The traditional card was signed by those present to be sent to the organiser of the Manchester Hot Pot from which we owe our origin and with which we are twinned.

John Morris

16 July 2005 London: 1980s Leavers Party

23 September 2005: OAs in Property Lunch

A buffet lunch was organised with the Old Gregorians (Downside alumni) at the Guinea, Bruton Place by Alexander Hickman (D90).

15 October 2005 Ampleforth: informal lunch for Sedbergh match

21 October 2005: 4th London City Luncheon

Mass was celebrated at St Mary Moorfield in the City, followed by a luncheon in the Crypt under the church, at the invitation of the Parish Priest, Fr Peter Newby [an old boy of Downside]. About a dozen attended the luncheon. At the end of the luncheon, Damien Byrne Hill thanked Fr Peter Newby on behalf of those there, and Fr Peter Newby announced that the next luncheon would be on 5 May 2006.

4-6 November 2005 Ampleforth: OA weekend

The AGM [noted elsewhere] took place on 5 November. In the evening there was a dinner, at which Arthur French (O51) proposed the Toast of Ampleforth and Fr Abbot replied. John and Pauline Willcox were guests of the Society.

12 November 2005 Rome: 47th Pasta Party

Our principal guest was Abbot Timothy Wright (T60). On the morning of our lunch Fr Joe Barrett SJ (C30) had a serious fall in his room, and was unable to attend; subsequently he is convalescing very satisfactorily and was looking forward to 5 January 2006 when he will be 70 years in the Society of Jesus. Mass was presided over by Abbot Timothy. Afterwards at the Polese Restaurant, 19 sat down to the meal (in the open) of which 11 were OAs: Fr Andrew Bertie (E47), John Morris (D55), Abbot Timothy (T60), Fr Norman Tanner SJ (H61), Louis Marcelin-Rice (T64), Francis Kelly (T64), Tim D'Souza (J92), Rev John Flynn (H93), Br Felix Merrode (E94 - in Rome with the Legionnaires of Christ), Tom Walsh (A95) and Andrew Roberts (W/J95).

John Morris

15 November 2005: Edinburgh Dinner

This was held at the Chaplaincy in Edinburgh. It was organised by Alistair Campbell (T71), Peter McCann (A58) and John McCann (A63).

23 November 2005: Manchester Hot Pot

Instead of Sam's Chophouse, the Hot Pot was held at the back room at Thomas's Chop House, a short walk away from Sam's. It was organised by Jonathan Mather (J78).

24 November 2005 Newcastle: OA Northern Counties Dinner

This was organised by Jonathan Brown (J80) at the Northern Counties Club in Newcastle.

Adapted and abridged Minutes of the 123rd Annual General Meeting of the Ampleforth Society Saturday 5 November 2005, 11.00 am, the School Library, Ampleforth Abbey

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2004 were approved.

The Hon Treasurer, Michael O'Kelly (C45), commented on the annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2004. A satisfactory investment performance and the Abbey's decision to pay for the *Journal* were significant factors in generating a healthy surplus for the year of £41,734 - a net gain of 11 1/2%. During 2005 our investments had continued to prosper and the Society's finances had also been boosted by the influx of funds from members choosing to take up the new option of life membership for £50. In these circumstances the Trustees had agreed a significant increase in the bursary level for 2006 to £72,000. It was agreed that this was a satisfactory fulfilment of one of the Society's principle purposes.

The Hon Treasurer reported on behalf of David Craig, Adviser to the Trustees on Investments, on the investments of the Society. He noted that in the course of the year 2004 a net £50,000 had been invested [£111,596 additional investments, £61,596 disposals]. The cost value of investments at 31 December 2005 was £302,904, £244,679; the market value [the value shown in the accounts] was £302,904, £244,679; the market value [the value shown in the accounts] was £302,904, £244,679 compared with £235,841 on 31 December 2003. At the time of the Trustees Meeting [November 2005], the market value of investments was £325,000, a seven

per cent increase in just over nine months since 31 December 2004. He said that the portfolio of investments remains strong.

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the meeting.

The Hon Secretary, Fr Francis (D57), said that the Society needed to pay tribute to the support it had received from the Development Office – in particular the support from John Russell who had died in May 2005. In addition, all the support received from the members of the Development Office should be recorded: Bobby Cook, Claire Evans and, especially in her work for the Society and for Old Amplefordians in particular, Anne Thackray. On the latest figures [a few days before the meeting] there are 8,704 living Old Amplefordians on the database – of these, 4,276 are members of the Society and the remaining 3,788 are not members. Of the 3,788 non-members, we have no address for 1,543. The 4,276 Society members consisted of 3,532 life members, 521 annual subscribers and eight honorary members. In the course of this past year the Society changed the basis of its membership fees. The Trustees [1 October 2004], the General Committee [1 October 2004] and the Annual General Meeting [2 October 2004] decided on a membership scheme that would, it is hoped, safeguard the charitable status of the Society, increase its membership and increase the contributions of the Society to the Headmaster to provide funding for bursaries. This was made possible by the decision of Abbot Timothy, agreed by the Council, to finance the supply of the *Ampleforth Journal* for members of the Society. This meant that the Society would in future be able to devote most of its funds to providing bursaries for the use of the Headmaster, thus increasing the amount of bursary funds available and safeguarding the charitable status of the Society and its position with the Charity Commissioners. The life membership subscription of the Society was reduced from £200 to £50, while the annual subscription was increased from £12.50 to £15. Since 1995, leavers have automatically become life members, without payment – this is financed by a payment to the Society by the school of a half per cent of fees. The Secretary mentioned some activities amongst Amplefordians.

Miles Wright (T62), Jonathan Mather (J78) and Fr Justin Caldwell (B47) were elected to the Committee for three years.

The President, Fr Abbot, reported to the Society. He noted that in the evening of 9 August 2008 it would be 400 years since conventual life began at Dieulouard on 9 August 1608. Thus this would be 400 years since the birth of this monastic community. He wondered how we should celebrate this event. He spoke of the progress of the community in Zimbabwe.

PILGRIMAGES

LOURDES 2005

Pilgrimage 15–22 July 2005

Not only is each pilgrimage to Lourdes unique in itself, but also each pilgrim has a separate experience of faith and conversion. A Pilgrimage to Lourdes should perhaps be considered in the context of the messages of Our Lady spoken to Bernadette at the Grotto in 1858.

Firstly, there is the message of invitation and welcome, the starting point of the pilgrimage. At the second of the 18 apparitions [Sunday 14 February 1858] Our Lady invited Bernadette to return to the Grotto: 'Will you do me the favour of coming here each day for 15 days?' This gracious invitation to Bernadette 147 years ago is also the invitation to each pilgrim now. The response of each pilgrim to this invitation is different, and the memories of the pilgrimage week each reflect the individual response of faith. As one of the hospital pilgrims, Josie Christie from London, reflected some months later: 'everything was lovely'. And for some the highlight of this week is just being at the Grotto in silence, and praying at the site of the apparitions of 1858. Mark Colacicchi, a hospital pilgrim [who as noted later in these notes, died later in the year], wrote in the *Ampleforth Lourdes Hospitalité Newsletter* [September 2005] of the invitation that came from Richard Murphy (C59) and 'lurked on my desk unanswered for about three weeks, and when I was admitted to hospital in April [2005] for some radiotherapy for the prostate cancer I have, I took it with me' – it was here that Richard Murphy visited and that 'I agreed



Two doctors in the Domaine, across the River Grave opposite the Grotto in Lourdes: Fr Benedict Webb (A38) and Dr Hamilton Grantham (H93)

that I would come'. Others will recall going to the Grotto, especially for the Mass there on Sunday morning, 17 July 2005, shared with the Archdiocese of Glasgow and Archbishop Mario Conti. Mark Colacicchi recalled being driven past the Grotto on the first day, while Mass was being said by another pilgrimage: 'It did make a big impact on me, as apart from the photograph of the Grotto in 1858 in the book *We Saw Her* by BG Sandhurst, I had no picture of it in my mind's eye.' Then there was the Mass at the Citie St Pierre on 20 July 2005, with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick – it was a perfect summer day, neither the searing heat nor torrential rains of some years. Mark Colacicchi recalled being pulled up the hill by Richard Murphy, and at the Mass being anointed with the sacrament of the sick by Fr Alberic Stacpoole (C49): 'part of that anointing process involves the priest laying his hands on the pilgrim's head and saying a prayer. That moment will live with me for a long time. I really could feel the power flooding into me.' Some will recall the Lourdes party. Others will remember the Blessing of the Pilgrims in St Pie X [underground basilica], and the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament – or the evening Procession of the Rosary or Candlelight Procession.

Secondly, there is the message of *Penitence* [not to be confused with penance or at least not limited to that word], a message of change and faith. At the eighth apparition [Wednesday 24 February 1858] Bernadette called to the crowd of 350 three times '*Penitence Penitence Penitence*' and next day, at the ninth apparition [Thursday 25 February 1858], a day of a cold, misty dawn with a crowd of 400 persons present, Our Lady revealed the Spring and invited pilgrims to come and wash in the water. As Bernadette scratched the muddy ground and chewed the grass, her friends began to abandon her. The visit to the waters either at its spring at the back of the Grotto or at the Baths itself will be a significant moment of pilgrimage. The grasping of the inner meaning of a pilgrimage to Lourdes and the sharing in Christ's Cross will be found by many at this moment. Some of the young *brancadiers* and lady helpers served in the work of the Baths, and others came to pray and go into the waters. Going to the Baths with the Ampleforth Group on 19 July 2005, Mark Colacicchi wrote later that 'the most impressive practical aspect as far as I was concerned was the attitude of the 'helpers''. He also recalled going up the Stations of the Cross, the path up the rocky hillside above Lourdes, and being pushed there in a wheelchair by Kim Roberts and Joe MacHale (A69), 'a Herculean effort as it was hot and steep and I am no lightweight' – here Fr Paddy Bluett led the group, and each read a passage, and 'then we try to make practical applications to our own lives'.

Thirdly, and perhaps for many most significantly, there is the invitation to be the People of God, to be the Church. At the 15th apparition [2 March 1858], Our Lady said to Bernadette: 'Go and tell the priest to build a chapel here and to have people come in procession.' As Bernadette walked to tell the Parish Priest, Fr Peyramale, the immediate purpose seemed to be to build a church [the building of the Crypt was the first response] and many also see a call to be the People of God, to be the Church. Many on the Ampleforth Pilgrimage will find much significance in the sharing of life with others and in this sense being the Church. Memories of people and experiences – sitting talking to other pilgrims in Saint Frai or in a café, sharing in the nightly experience of Café Society on the roof of the Saint Frai Hospital [right up on the fifth floor], the experience of pulling *voitures* (or pushing from behind), or of pushing stretchers down to the Domaine or up the hill to the Citie St Pierre. For many young there are wilder moments, not least at the helpers' party at a remote club outside Lourdes with strange games involving standing on chairs, and



Gavin Williams (EW03) helps in Lourdes

they will remember the generosity and dedication and faith they shared. They prayed in the week for sick pilgrims, and for the victims of the bombs in London on 7/7. The depths of friendships with the sick pilgrims and amongst pilgrims of all ages will be one of the special gifts of Our Lady to a pilgrim to Lourdes, and one that will often draw a pilgrim back again. Mark Colacicchi recalled the many he met in Lourdes: 'hospital pilgrims ... doctors, nurses, floor sweepers, washers-up, people who were going to pull me all over Lourdes in a *voiture*'. James Bentley remembers the most significant factor of the week as 'friendliness – everyone really warm and welcoming and accommodating'. This was a week of inspiration and faith and of sharing of hope. As much as in any year and perhaps more, 2005 was remembered with much affection and appreciation by almost all pilgrims.

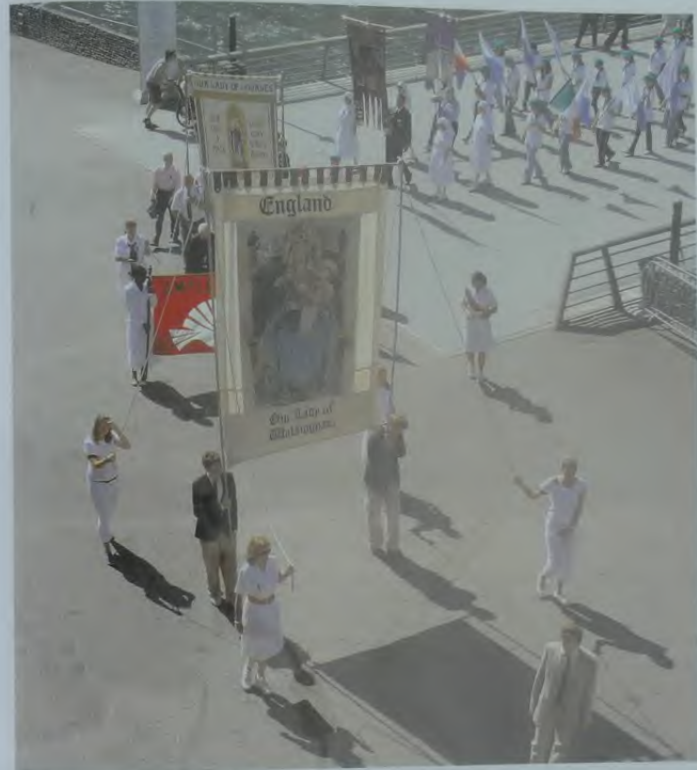
This 2005 Ampleforth Lourdes Pilgrimage, stretching over eight days from 15 to 22 July 2005, was the 50th Ampleforth Pilgrimage to Lourdes [2003 was the celebration of the 50th year of Pilgrimage, but this was the 50th Pilgrimage] and it was the 52nd year of pilgrimage since 1953. There were about 380 pilgrims, including 88 sick pilgrims staying in Accueil St Frai. The year 2005 had the pastoral theme *Come to me all you who suffer* (Mt 11.28). The pilgrimage had been organised largely through the inspiration of Anna Mayer, the Chairperson of the Hospitalité Committee and of the Pilgrimage Group. Mike Thoms [brother-in-law of Richard Tams (J86)] was the *Chef des Brancadiers*, now officially called *Responsable des Brancadiers* – he retired from this post after the 2005 Pilgrimage and Rupert Plummer (W80) will be *Chef des Brancadiers* in 2006. Lucy Rowan Robinson [mother of Henry Rowan Robinson (T97)] is Chief Handmaid, assisted by Clare

Armour [wife of Mark Armour (D71)] - besides organising the lady helpers and in fact the helpers in general, in 2005 Lucy Rowan Robinson, working with Clare and with Mike Thoms, acted as a sort Government Chief Whip to encourage the young, as it were, into the voting lobbies. In all this she was of course much supported by the Group Leaders. Bregje Dawson, back in London, organises travel and all the bookings. John Dick (O77) is the Liaison with the Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes. Caroline Thoms is the Administrator of the Hospital Pilgrims. Sue Martin is the Pilgrimage Treasurer, taking over from Tory Godsall who has gone to work in Africa with *Médecins Sans Frontières* (MSF). Fr Sebastian was in charge of Liturgy. Mark Pickthall (B76) runs the music - his wife Winkie is the daughter of Peter and Virginia Dagnell [Virginia died 2005] and the sister of Peter (T67) and Harry (T71, died 1999).

The number of Amplefordians on the pilgrimage in 2005 was 84 [2003: 101; 2004: 52]. This number of 84 consisted of 43 [2003: 35; 2004: 13] in the school or just leaving and 41 Old Amplefordians [2004: 39] - seven monks and 34 laymen. The 34 Old Amplefordian laypersons were Pat Gaynor (D43) with Thyrsa, Donall Cunningham (A45), Dr Christopher Petit (W47), David Tate (E47), Dr Julian Smythe (E49) with Diana, Patrick Leonard (B51) and Andrea, John Morton (C55), Dr Robert Blake James (D57) with Rowan, Anthony Angelo-Sparling (T59), Richard Murphy (C59) with Mary, Col Michael Goldschmidt (A63) with Margaret, Mark Shepherd (B63), Philip Conrath (B68), Joseph MacHale (A69), Philip Westmacott (O71) with Sue, Rupert Plummer (W75), Mark Pickthall (B76) with Winkie, John Dick (O77) with Fiona, Richard Plummer (W80), William Martin



The founder of the Pilgrimage in 1953, Fr Martin Haigh (E40) in Lourdes in 2005.



The Procession of the Blessed Sacrament crosses the Domaine on its way to St Pius X Basilica for the Blessing of the Sick. The Procession is led by Ampleforth.

(J87), Richard Tams (J87), Dick Murphy (C89), Dr Hamilton Grantham (H93), Harry Brady (W95), Paul Squire (T95), Tom Shepherd (H96), Edward Hickman (O01), Peter Westmacott (TA02), Ben [Fred] McAndrew (W/EW03), Rory Tyrrell (D03), Freddie Bader (H04), Michael Edwards (H04), William Hickman (O04) and Gavin Williams (EW04).

The 43 currently in the school or just leaving were Alexandra Allcott (A), Richard Ansell (J05), Paddy Baxter (T), James Bentley (O), Miss Joy Boro (M), Ben Charrington (O05), Ewen Christie (H), Michael Cumming-Bruce (O04), Nick Dagnall (O05), William Dawson (H), Stanislas de la Rochefoucauld (C), Aderetti Doherty (B), Eduardo Domecq (J05), Mateo Domecq (J), John Finnegan (J), Tom Gosling (EW05), Sarah Griffiths (A), Henry Guiver (H), Edward Holcroft (EW05),



Richard Plummer (W80) and Elisabeth Goodall in St Fraiia Hospital in Lourdes

Olli Hughes (O05), Joseph Keogh (EW05), Louis Lassus (C05), Matthew Lovat (H), Martin MacHale (EW05), Enrique Maier-Llamas (J05), Henry Muller (H), Reggie Noel (EW05), Alice O'Brien (M), Andrew O'Rourke (T), William Osborne (J), Nick Outred (H), Theo Pembroke (EW05), Vaughan Phillips (T), Ruairaidh Plummer (H), Archie Reid (EW), Matthew Rigg (T), Herman Sequeira (T), Luke Sherbrooke (EW05), Freddie Simpson (J05), Megan Thompson (A), Henry van der Does de Willebois (J05) and Julitta Ward (M).

Monks present were Fr Benedict Webb (A38), Fr Martin Haigh (E40), Fr Alberic Stacpoole (C49), Fr Edward Corbould (E51), Fr Bonaventure Knollys (C53), Fr Francis Dobson (D57), Fr Matthew Burns (W58), Fr Bernard Green, Fr Hugh Lewis-Vivas, Fr Gabriel Everitt, Fr Luke Beckett, Fr Edwin Cooke and Fr Sebastian Jobbins. Other priests included Fr Tony Bluett [Florida], Fr Paddy Bluett [Diocese of Middlesbrough, but since transferred to the Diocese of Limerick in Ireland], Fr Anthony de Vere - and others.

In all there were nearly 400 pilgrims including about 90 sick pilgrims.

Among the hospital pilgrims were three who died in the months that followed: Margaret Cranch died on 21 August 2005; Joop Kramers [the father of Toby Kramers (D82)] died on 7 October 2005; Mark Colacicchi, [the father of James Colacicchi (EW03) and Rory Colacicchi (T05), and the brother of William Colacicchi (A72)] died on 17 December 2005. Imogen Steuart-Feilding wrote of how Margaret Cranch 'was on great form in Lourdes, enjoying many an ice cream in the Terrace and adding her indescribable personality to the week as a whole'.

In 2005 Katie Pfister retired as Lady President of the Ampleforth Lourdes

Hospitalité, aged 93. She has been coming with Ampleforth on 39 pilgrimages since 1967. Maire Channer [for many years Chief Handmaid] and David Tate (E47) have become Joint-Presidents of the Pilgrimage.

Among those on the Pilgrimage were Jane and Kim Roberts - the Alistair Roberts Fund was founded in 2001 in memory of their son Alistair (H01) who came on the 2000 and 2001 Pilgrimages and who died on 19 December 2001. The Fund sponsored 16 pilgrims for the Ampleforth Pilgrimage in 2005.

As to others on the pilgrimage, there were John and Sally Martin [the parents of Hugh (J86), William (J87), Edward (J90) and Henry (J90)]. A year or two ago John edited and published an abridged version of Franz Werfel's account of St Bernadette's story *The Song of Bernadette*. Franz Werfel was a German Jew and a journalist who hid in about 1940 in Lourdes, then as it happened the local HQ of the Gestapo, who were looking for Werfel. Franz Werfel eventually escaped to the USA, there to write his book - published in 1942 and made into a Hollywood film in 1943. Copies of this newly abridged edition are available from the publishers, Matthew James Publishing Ltd, 19 Wellington Close, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2EE - tel 01245 347710.

Other pilgrims can be noted, many with Ampleforth links. George Gaynor [son of Cath and Johnny Gaynor (T70)] has come for many years as one of the sick pilgrims. Ros Wood is the Editor of *the Red Book*, the essential daily guide book to the pilgrimage. Sarah Long [sister of Neville Long (H84) and the daughter of Pamela Long (who taught at Ampleforth until she died in about 1990) was on her 14th pilgrimage [she is doing a Masters at Bath]. Like Katie Pfister, Anne Tuomey from



Fr Edwin Cook

Dublin was on her 39th consecutive Ampleforth Pilgrimage since 1967: she remembers this year 'the good atmosphere, everything a bit being more spiritual, and the sick not being rushed - everything seemed to flow'. There were others who have been on many pilgrimages: Kenya ffield [sister of Bernard ffield (T50), Oswald ffield (H64) and Fr Richard ffield (A59), and daughter of Cyril ffield (OA16, died 1966)], Ros Lynch [27th year on pilgrimage], Peter Markey from Yarm in North Yorkshire, Michael and Felicity Milbourn [the parents of Hugh (B93) and Gervase (B96)], Dr Mervyn and Dr Mary Shipsey [parents of Mark (T76) and John (T82)], Dr Seymour Spencer [father and grandfather of many Amplefordians], Sheila Spencer [aunt of Thyrra Gaynor], Dr Janet Squire [mother of Paul (T95) and Mike (T98)], Lady Morag Stafford [widow of Basil Stafford (C44), mother and grandmother of many Amplefordians, sister of John Campbell (C44, died 2004), Bob Campbell (C46) and Fiona Gray [widow of Ken Gray (C44, died 1996)] - Fiona died 2005. Others included Jane Stein [mother of Johnnie (B03) and Harry (B05), aunt of Tom Menier (T00), sister of John Lennon (D78, died 1998)], Imogen Steuart-Feilding [sister of Tom Steuart-Feilding (A99)], Gaynor Townley [mother of Peter (T91) and Joseph (T96)], Moira Mosley [sister of Pat Gaynor (D43)], Artemis Naughten from Zimbabwe and now Nairobi [the mother of Charlie Naughten (E99)], Dr Priscilla Noble-Mathews [sister of Peter Noble-Mathews (E42, died 2003)], Carol Riley [the mother of William (J97)], Henry Goldschmidt [son of Margaret and Michael Goldschmidt (A63)], Elizabeth Goodall [daughter of Sir David Goodall (W50)] and Fiona Goodhart [sister of John Bowes-Lyon (E60) and David Bowes-Lyon (E65), mother of James Goodhart (E88)].



Philip Cornath (B68) helps Stuart Allison with his meal; Stuart is a 6-year-old pilgrim from Middlesbrough.

At the 16th Apparition [25 March 1858], Our Lady said to Bernadette 'Que soy era Immaculada Conception' [I am the Immaculate Conception]. The Ampleforth Pilgrimage came to the Grotto to pray and believe.

25th Ampleforth Stage Group to Lourdes 11-19 June 2005

[*Second Ampleforth Adult Stage of the modern era*]

The venture of an earlier Stage Group which had begun in June 2004 was repeated in June 2005. Organised by Fiona and John Dick (O77), in addition the group consisted of Fiona Collins, Mike Dawson, Caroline Horsley, Louise Marshall, Inigo Paternina Sunley (W86), Rupert Plummer (W75), Caroline Rock, Sue and Paul Williams (T69) and Ros Wood.

26th Ampleforth Stage Group to Lourdes 7-15 July 2005

On the Ampleforth group John Morton (C55) made his engagement as a *Hospitalier* at the Hospitalité Mass on 14 July 2005. Other members of the group were Alexis Bouvier (J), Andrew Brenninkmeyer (EW) [who excelled with conjuring skills], Fr Francis (D57), Fr Sebastian, Simon Goodall (W96), Niall Khoaz (EW), Julian Muller (H05), Adam Smiley (H), Stefan Tarnowski (C) and Gavin Williams (EW04).

Further Stages

During the Pilgrimage Alice Shepherd, the wife of Mark Shepherd (B63), made her engagement as a *Hospitalier*. A number of others made Stages.

Lourdes Pilgrimage events in Britain

In London the gatherings for First Monday Mass at St Mary's, Cadogan Street followed by a celebration at the nearby inn, the Australian, continue. In Yorkshire, Mark Moorhouse (H73), in conjunction with Fr Alberic Stacpoole (C49), coordinates a three-monthly Mass and reunion, now held at Ampleforth after being held for a number of years in Thirsk. There was a reunion at New Hall School on 18 September 2005. One of the hospital pilgrims over recent years, Richard Reid from Bury St Edmunds, organised with Cath Gaynor a reunion at Hengrave Hall in Suffolk in summer 2005. Anthony Angelo Sparling (T59), Morag Stafford and Suzie Beaverbrook also run regional reunions. There has become an increasing urgency to raise funds to help take sick pilgrims on the pilgrimage. Richard Reid runs [with another of the hospital pilgrims, Michael Doherty from Chingford] the 2000 Club, a scheme to help the Sick Fund. On 8 December 2005 there was a carol service at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More in Cheyne Row followed by a party at the Chelsea Gardener in Sydney Street, raising about £60,000 for the Lourdes Sick Fund - organised by a committee of Alice Murphy, David Tate (E47), Fr Edward Corbould (E51), Gaynor Townley, Edmund Vickers (B87), Mike Dawson and Richard Murphy (C59). There was a retreat for the Pilgrimage at Ampleforth in May 2005.

An Ampleforth Cure in Lourdes in 1926

A newly published book - *Alfred Tollhurst: The Life and Times of a Victorian Entrepreneur* [Marlborough Books 2005] recalls how Charlie Flood (A30, RIP) was cured at Lourdes in 1926. When Charlie came home from Ampleforth at Christmas 1925

aged 14 'all his family remarked how well he was looking'. But when, a week before the end of the holidays, he visited the dentist in Ealing, 'Mr Green was most perturbed to find swelling on his jaw, and recommended he see a specialist as soon as possible. The next day Charlie saw a Mr James who, after an x-ray, took a very serious view of the case. He advised him to have an immediate operation to establish whether it was, as he suspected, an osteosarcoma, a malignant bone cancer. Five days later Mr Green carried out the biopsy procedure at home, which showed this beyond doubt. At Mr James' request he was seen by Mr Handley of the Middlesex Hospital and also by Dr MacDermott, his father's old partner. The question then arose as to whether he should be treated with radium only or whether this should be preceded by the serious operation of excising the mandible or jawbone. All the doctors were agreed that he could not be left and decided on the radium treatment. Mr James said that the most that could be hoped for was two years or so, but the shorter time he lived the better, as it must become more painful.' Radium treatment began, but 'at this point Charlie's brother, Philip, a medical student at St Thomas' Hospital, intervened, refusing to allow further treatment until after a visit to Lourdes.' Returning to England after Lourdes, 'everyone remarked how well Charlie looked ... the next day he was seen again by Mr James and Mr Handley who were surprised at the truly remarkable change in their patient. No further treatment was ever needed and by September [1926] Mr Handley regarded his case as totally cured. Charlie lived the rest of his life without a day's illness.' In the 1960s Charlie spoke to the writer of these notes about his cure, describing how his sore throat disappeared in Lourdes, and he returned to school next term, in January 1926, totally cured.

20TH WORLD YOUTH DAY IN COLOGNE 2005

Fr Sebastian Jobbins went with James Rudge (C) and the Diocese of Middlesbrough to the 20th World Youth Day in Cologne from 15 to 22 August 2005. Others in Cologne included Br Benedict Bedingfeld [Richard Bedingfeld] (E93, now of the Community of St Jean), Br Charles Mary Des Forges (W92, now of the Community of St Jean), Simon Hulme (D95), Adrian Hulme (D00), Dominic Berner (J03), Mark Rizzo (H03), Clemens Reutter (O) and Hugo Seilern-Aspang (EW). Fr Sebastian recalls especially the strength of the Vigil with a million young Catholics and with Pope Benedict before the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday night, 20 August 2005, after which his group prayed the rosary and spent the night in the open, waiting for the Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict on Sunday morning, 21 August 2005, with a million and a half young Catholics, and 10,000 priests concelebrating - he writes in the Community Notes of this *Journal*. Simon Hulme came with three others as leaders of a group from the schools of the Manquehue Movement in Chile - with Christian Destuet [he helped at Ampleforth in 2004], Alejandra Valle [she helped at Ampleforth in 2005] and Isabel Gross - there were about 110 students in all, from San Benito, San Anselmo and about eight from San Lorenzo. Simon notes: 'We headed a group of 110 from the three schools. Half of the group spent the first week at the International Conference of Benedictine Educators; the other half of the group spent the first week in the Days of Encounter in the German Parishes. In the second week we came together in Cologne for the main celebrations of the World Youth Day which included the arrival of Pope Benedict on the river going up



Br Benedict Bedingfeld

towards the Cathedral, the final Vigil Mass and the Sunday Mass at Marianfeld.' James Rudge recalls 'an amazing experience to have so many young Catholics in one place and being inspired by the new Pope'. The theme of this 2005 World Youth Day was *We have come to worship Him* (Mt 2:2). The first World Youth Day was officially celebrated in Rome on Palm Sunday in 1986. It was then repeated in 1987, after which World Youth Days have been held, as rule, every two years at a new central location somewhere in the world. In the intervening years World Youth Day is also marked by celebrations on Palm Sundays in Rome and in dioceses across the world. The origins of the 1986 World Youth Day can be traced to a group of young people meeting in the early 1980s to pray and talk in an inconspicuous side street, close to St Peter's Square - frequently, the German bishop Paul-Josef Cordes would come along, as Vice-President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, and here, in the church of San Lorenzo *in piscibus*, an idea was born. Then Pope John Paul II invited the faithful to Rome to celebrate the exceptional Holy year of the Redemption in 1983/84, marking the 1,950th anniversary of the death of Jesus Christ, and from that came the first World Youth Day - among those attending that first day were Mother Teresa from Calcutta and Prior Roger Louis Schutz-Marsauche, the founder and Prior of the ecumenical community of Taizé - who was to be murdered at Taizé during Vespers at the time of the Cologne World Youth Day. [At Ampleforth, at the Community Conventual Mass on Thursday 18 August 2005, the chief celebrant, Fr Mark Butlin (O49) spoke of the sudden and violent death on Tuesday evening, 16 August 2005, of Prior Roger - and prayers were said for him and for the community of Taizé. Later in the day, Fr Matthew Burns (W58) recalled visiting Taizé in the 1980s and meeting Prior Roger.] World Youth Days have been held at Buenos Aires (1987), Santiago di Compostela [1989], Czestochowa in Poland (1991), Denver (1993), Manila (1995), Paris (1997) and Toronto (2003). After Rome in 2006, the next World Youth Day will be in Sydney in 2007. Shortly afterwards on 22-24 August 2005, Br Benedict Bedingfeld and his brother Thomas Bedingfeld (E94) visited Ampleforth.

MEDJUGORJE

12th Ampleforth group visiting the Parish of St James, Medjugorje

The 12th Ampleforth group to visit the Parish of St James in Medjugorje since 1987 was from 28 December 2004 to 5 January 2005. Eleven earlier groups had visited Medjugorje in December 1987, October 1988, December 1989, December 1990, December 1994, December 1996, December 1998, October 2000, December 2001 – January 2002, December 2002 – January 2003 and December 2003 – January 2004. This group was 15 in total – these included Fr Wally Beale (JH52), John Morton (C55), Mark Rizzo (H03), John Massey (C05), Michael Caddy (B), Nicholas Caddy (D), Fr Francis (D57) and Jane and Kim Roberts [the parents of Andrew Roberts (J95) and Alistair Roberts (H01, died 2001)]. Also in Medjugorje at the same time were Dr Julian Smythe (E49) and Diana Smyth.

One of the group writes: It was a time of blessing and prayer and hope. Once we were in the church of St James on the floor sitting waiting for Mass for eight hours, waiting for the Mass of the New Year and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. We climbed the Hill of Apparitions a couple of times, once in the night saying all 20 mysteries of the rosary, including the new Mysteries of Light. We climbed the Hill of the Cross, Krisevac, praying the Stations of the Cross. We visited communities such as the Cenacolo – the community of drug addicts who pray, fast, live as community and often rise in the night to pray before Christ. We prayed at Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for many hours. We were with the crowd of New Year celebrating sometimes with enthusiasm and sometimes silent in the Mass. We were present at an apparition of Our Lady to Mirjana Dragicevic on 2 January 2005. We visited Fr Jozo Zovko [the parish priest when the apparitions started in 1981] who lives about 15 miles away on a mountain and who prayed and talked with us. We went to the ruined city of Mostar, now slowly recovering from war, seeing Matthew Procter (W80), who lives and works there with refugees. We visited Mother's Village on the outskirts of Medjugorje, sharing with the children there in the rosary and Mass – Fr Svetozar Kraljevic OFM told the remarkable story of Cardinal Kazimir Sviontek of Belarus. We shared many experiences of love and hope. We touched the presence of that love in an experience of faith. We shared in the sacrament of Reconciliation, a moment of lots of prayer. We played football in the street. We sat and ate pizzas and drank wine at *Colombo* and at *Tomato*, two of the restaurants there. We rose early. We talked about coming to this beautiful place between the mountains. We confessed our sins and we received the Body of Christ. We sang the Litany of Loretto at 5.55pm each day in Croatian. We thanked God for many blessings and for our group.

13th Ampleforth group visiting the Parish of St James, Medjugorje

The 13th Ampleforth group to visit the Parish of St James in Medjugorje since 1987 was from 30 December 2005 to 6 January 2006. The apparitions have now been continuing for almost 25 years [it will be the 25th anniversary on 24 June 2006] – in all (by 31 December 2005) 8,956 days. The first Amplefordian to visit Medjugorje was probably Fr Julian Rochford in about 1983. The first loosely-gathered group of Amplefordians to visit the parish came in December 1987, and since then over these 13 groups, about 250 have joined Ampleforth groups, some on several occasions. As always at the New Year, there were many young present to celebrate the Mass of the New Year and of Mary, Mother of God – this Mass began at 11.15pm with the

consecration at midnight – it followed a period of Adoration in an overflowing parish church of St James. Next night, on 1 January 2006, in rain and mud and dark, many climbed the Hill of Apparitions to be with Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti during an apparition of Our Lady – at the end of the apparition Marija spoke over a loud hailer to everyone, telling them that Our Lady had blessed everyone there. And early next morning, on 2 January 2006, there was the apparition to Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo at the Cenacolo Community – arriving by about 6.30am, the group joined the prayer of those preparing for the coming of Our Lady and were present during the apparition shortly after 9am. Like the other visionaries, Mirjana had daily apparitions at first, but since 1982 has a monthly apparition on the second day of each month; on 2 January 1997 Our Lady told Mirjana that her apparitions would in future be public, and invited the pilgrims to pray with her. Mirjana is married to Marko Soldo, who was beside her during the apparition. Each morning there was the English Mass, one day there was even a sung homily. Those present included Fr Wally Beale (JH52), Jude Chan (B), Ashley Etchells-Builer (C), Stanislas Kuderski (C), David Tate (E47), Simon Tate (W81) and Fr Francis (D57). The group visited both the grave of Fr Slavko Barbaric and the stone on the Mountain marking the place where he died on 24 November 2000. During the days there were visits to Mostar, to Cenacolo and to Mother's Village, the village of the orphans.

Other visits to Medjugorje in 2005

Other Ampleforth monks visiting Medjugorje in 2005 included Abbot Timothy Wright (T60), Fr Edward Corbould (E50), Fr Terence Richardson (J72) and Fr Paschal Tran. Abbot Timothy had spent five weeks or more with the Cenacolo Community in Italy, and later in August 2005 he was in Medjugorje staying with the Cenacolo Community at the time of the annual Youth Festival.

St Laurence the Martyr – a pilgrimage to two shrines 10 August 2005

On 10 August 2005, the Feast of St Laurence the Martyr, the principal patron of Ampleforth, John Morris (D55), Fr Francis Dobson (D57) and Fr Alexander McCabe visited two shrines of St Laurence. First they went to the Basilica of St Laurence at the Campo Verano in Rome, the site of the martyrdom of St Laurence in 258 under the Emperor Valerian. Then they went 50 miles south to the little village of Amaseno where a reliquary containing the blood of St Laurence has been venerated for at least the last 400 years. The Archpriest of Amaseno kindly invited the two monks to concelebrate at the parish Mass of St Laurence that evening in the presence of this remarkable relic. Until the late 19th century and the advent of the Italian Republic, this delightful village of Amaseno was known as San Lorenzo. This is the first time that monks from the Abbey of St Laurence the Martyr had been privileged to celebrate the Feast both at the Basilica in Rome and at Amaseno on the day of the Feast.

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St Thomas's	RA Colacicchi, CA Cookson

GAMES CAPTAINS

ASAC School Dive Leader	FJJ Simpson (J)
Chess	CR Deva (T), VG Palazzo (A)
Cross-Country	OJ Hughes (O)
Equestrian Activities	TWP Poon (C)
Girls' Hockey	CD O'Hare (A)
Lacrosse	LA Thelwell (A)
Netball	JR Staunton (A)
Rugby	LA Codrington (EW)
Shooting	L Lassus (C)
Squash	DW Phillips (D)
Tennis	EHW de la Rue (T)
Librarians:	(Head) RStH Tyrwhitt (D), JC Massey (C), MJW Schramm (C), M Domecq (J), TYR Mak (T), KN Nketiah (B), NXC Caddy (D), DJ Moroney (O), JEJ Cawley (T), A Lamarche (D), MStH O'Gorman (J), ALT Panhlio (C), CH Seilern-Aspang (EW).

The following students joined the school in September 2004:

CB Adam (C), HI Adams-Cairns (H), AJ Allcott (A), JNV Astley Birtwistle (EW), EHBG Adkin-Brenninkmeyer (M), CD Barbor (H), GMW Bentley (O), CG Blakiston Houston (H), ALJ Borg Manduca (J), J Boro (M), T Briffa (B), TH Bucknall (T), MPE Burkinshaw (D), S Buder (M), ARK Calder-Smith (H), O Carter (A), BI Chua (A), M, J Chua (B), GGC Clapham (J), AITB Cochrane (J), CAMJ Codrington (M), EJ Codrington (M), HM Codrington (A), JL Coghlan (M), JM Connolly (H), PT Connors (EW), AF Cookson (T), GAE Coombe (M), PW Cosey (C), JWP Crowley (J), LJ Davies (M), F de Beaufort (EW), WFBLD de Nassau (C), CEC de Rivaz (A), N Delgado (C), SS Deva (C), A Doyne (M), C du Boisbaudry (C), SC Elliott (M), EAW Elwes (M), HM Elwes (EW), PMM Evans (A), DNE Fiamma (EW), JF Finnegan (J), MA Flight (A), FJR Foxley (H), CLN Freeman (M), AC French (M), M Garcia-Sainz (C), CJ Gascoigne (M), FL Geale (M), A Gollcher (H), PJ Gollcher (H), ACM Gore (M), OMH Greaves (J), SL Griffiths (A), FS Grotrian (O), WPD Hall (EW), SJ Harvey (T), FA Hollas (A), AWN Howell (EW), AJ Hoyle (D), P Jackson (M), TP Keegan (O), TWH Kendall (D), EP Kirk (D), LC Laing (M), P Larwongmetee (T), MA Lawless (H), JR Lawson (C), HCL Leeming (H), CKH Li (T), STK Lo (D), EMA Lochrane (M), HJL MacCuish (J), AWD Macauley (D), O Markendale (M), ER Marnham (B), TA Maylunas (O), FH Meynell (EW), OD Micklem (O), MF Miller (C), ELR Moss (M), GWF Moss (H), AJ Newby (M), CW Ng (D), DRE Nice (C), HC Nunn (O), AMM O'Brien (M), AT O'Rourke-Potocki (EW), AV O'Rourke-Potocki (EW), FMA Olley (M), EA Page (O), EMJ Parnis-England (A), AC Pearson (A), HG Pearson (D), AM Pettifor (M), FE Phillips (M), RCA Plummer (H), EC Power (O), NF Power (A), AA Rogers (M), HPG Ronan (J), MT Rudman (O), H Samengo Turner (M), K Sato (T), DPUHI Sielaff (A), RFH Smith (H), LN Spitzky (C), AR Staunton (M), SCB Straker (J), L Straughan (M), HDE Strouts (D), HJC Swinton (H), M Testaferrata Moroni Viani (C), ME Thompson (A), TG Tyrrell (D), JCVenning (B), HG Wadsworth (H), JM Ward (M), CWA Watson (O), VSA Wetherell (M), HD Wilson (M), DKJ Worth (T), G Yepez (J), KC Zastawniak (M).

From St Martin's Ampleforth:

HA Ainscough (H), HMAW Bird (O), M-PRP Brenninkmeyer (EW), RFG Broadfoot (J), E Bryan (M), BTY Cadwallader (J), PLE Chan (C), JG Chick (O), APMG de Chezelles (J), A-B Dixon (M), LG Domecq (J), RN Gilbey (C), AF Grifoni (J), GPJ Hattrell (H), CH Ho (D), CM Kallagher (M), CHP Keelson (C), TJA Kim (C), ES Lamarche (M), T-KF Lau (J), SR Le Gassicke (C), S Leng (D), JC Lloyd-Jones (T), PTM Lydon (J), JSO Maw (O), BJ McGarvey (C), TA Newitt (EW), HM Nicholson (M), FCL O'Hare (H), FS Palazzo (EW), W Pritchard (D), SAT Quinn (D), WJ Rogers (O), CR Simpson (M), DJ Spencer (EW), R Stapley (M), PJM Staunton (D), SH Thomas (M), SE Thompson (M), ME Topham (O), CHB Williams (H), RWP Willis (EW).

The following students left the school in November and December 2004:

St Bede's	P Scheik
St Edward's-Wilfrid's	W Acton
St Thomas's	G Ponce

The following students joined the school in 2005:

April: FE Phillips (M).

The following students left the school in 2005:

June/July St Aidan's CL Anderson, HF Broadfoot, ELSF Clive, EM Coghlan, M-G de Nassau, GE Dickinson, EK Fallon, CS Gore-Booth, CMR Graham, Y-L Huang, SR Kaye, LHE Lumley, RJ McKenzie Johnston, SJ Moore, RE Morgan, EB Noel, CD O'Hare, GML Olley, VG Palazzo, SE Roberts, LR Scrymgeour, JM Simpson, JR Staunton, AC Tarnowska, LA Thelwell, ZS Wu. St Bede's AT Connery, JM Macari, FKC Ng, HM Stein, JM Suarez. St Cuthbert's B Borg, NM Culligan, AT Irvine-Fortescue, JCS Lam, L Lassus, PR Liddell-Grainger, JC Massey, RJ Pisani,

TWP Poon, PD Rich, MJW Schramm, LJ Schumacher, JJI Sciberras. *St Dunstan's* ATJ Bristow, M di San Germano, CB Forbes Adam, WGA Hildyard, SSS Lee, GN Okafor, DW Phillips, GNPM Ruessmann, NE Scott, RSJH Tyrwhitt. *St Edward's & Wilfrid's* LA Codrington, KMF de Klee, ACM Faulkner, TB Gosling, EPC Holcroft, JP Keogh, RC Khoaz, MD MacHale, MR Morgan, FR Noel, TPG Pembroke, WAJ Pitt, NJWC Pohlenz, LLP Sherbrooke, AMC Tso, DA Tulloch, EA van Zeller, IAFFM Wright. *St Hugh's* JE Allcott, MFJ Brincat, RLT Chow, AHJ Kistelewski, AAH Marsden, CJR McAleenan, B Melling, JJR Muller, N Sammut, EGM Sandeman, OT Wadsworth. *St John's* RJ Ansell, CY Chan, EE Domecq, MR Forsythe, J-P Graf von Moy, EM Maier-Llamas, FJJ Simpson, LA Stapley, JHA Van der Does de Willebois, JJ Vaughan, L-L zu Oettingen-Wallerstein. *St Oswald's* CEL Burns, BJE Charrington, NP Dagnall, HD Donoghue, CT Fan, PA Genn, OJ Hughes, MW Leonard, MJ Ramsden, FMM Woodhead, FJ Wyrley-Birch, P Yu. *St Thomas'* HRS Amodio, RA Colacicchi, CA Cookson, DW de Suys, EHW de la Rue, CR Deva, HW Gibson, WLTK Kong, RE Mulchrone, PJ Teague, YFF Wan.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2005

The Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated in the Abbey Church on Sunday 1 May 2005 by Rt Rev John Crowley, Bishop of Middlesbrough who was assisted by Fr Abbot. Nearly 70 students from the College had taken part in a course of preparation lasting most of the academic year. By exploring the significance of both the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, with the help of monks and teachers, they carefully considered what it means to live as people of faith in our school and in our society. Bishop John highlighted in his homily the impression our students had made on him. An appreciation of faith enriched by the blending of many different cultures here at Ampleforth was much in evidence in the correspondence he received from the candidates, as were the many personal journeys of faith as each candidate carefully explained their reasons for seeking the grace of the sacrament. The Bishop encouraged the confirmandi to pray daily for the coming of the Holy Spirit, promising them that God would take them at their word and *'when that happens, you can't help but become more kind, more prayerful, more courageous, more truthful; you'll become more lovable in fact, because you will be letting the Holy Spirit fill your heart with God's love'*.

The students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation were:

Emma Atkin-Brenninkmeyer (M), Jack Blakiston Houston (C), Rupert Broadfoot (J), James Burnford (J), Benedict Cadwallader (J), Daniel Chambers (T), Geoffrey Clapham (J), Charlotte Codrington (M), Peter Copey (C), Hewie Dalrymple (EW), Lucy Davies (M), Ivan de Klee (EW), Theo Dewez (J), Sophie Elliot (M), Hugo Elwes (EW), Jules Emmett (EW), Ashley Etchells-Budler (C), Bertie Fenwick (EW), Charles Foster (H), Patrick Garey (O), Toby Garland (C), Frances Geale (M), Barney Goff (D), Cordelia Graham (A), Sarah Griffiths (A), Timothy Halliwell (O), Mark Hardy (O), Louis Henriot (J), Frances Hollas (A), Alexander Howell (EW), Thomas Irven (T), Phoebe Jackson (M), Laurence Keogh (EW), Jason Kim (C), Stanislas Kuderski (C), Varuth Kuonsongtham (O), Elizabeth Lamarche (M), Samuel le Gassicke (C), Tom MacHale (EW), Carl-Frederick Mack (D), Edwin Maddicott (H), Wayne Mak (C), Ralph Marnham (B), Teodor Matraszek (T), Humphrey McColl (D), Freddie Meynell (EW), Jonathan Natrass (T), Thomas Newitt (EW), Hugo Osborne (J), Alex Panlilio (C), Alice Pearson (A), Natasha Power (A), Dominic Ramsden (D), Joshua Raynar (O), Charles Russell (H), Minnie Samengo Turner (M), Elizabeth Saunders (M), William Simpson (H), David Spencer (EW), Bartie Stagg (EW), George Steger (J), Lydia Straughan (M), Philip Swann (J), Henry Van der Does de Willebois (J), Peter van Maarseveen (J), Mark Webster (D), Hew Williams (EW), Robert Willis (EW), Holly Wilson (M), Tom Wright (T), Matthew Zu (O).

ACADEMIC PRIZES

SIXTH FORM PRIZE SCHOLARSHIPS

Upper Sixth			
Michael Forsythe	(J)	Moritz JW Schramm	(C)
Elaine Huang	(A)	Joanna R Staunton	(A)
Pat Poon	(C)	Jack Yu	(O)
Middle Sixth			
Rupert H Goodway	(H)	Niall LC Westley	(H)
Vaughan PS Phillips	(T)		
Remove			
Michael Poon	(C)		

SPECIAL PRIZES

Scholarship Bowl	St Aidan's
Parker A Level Cup	St John's
GCSE Cup	St Hugh's

STANISLAS PROJECT PRIZE

Set 1 Prize	Samuel JR Irving (D)
Set 2 Prize	David G Pettet (J)

LITERARY PRIZES

Headmaster's Lecture Essay Prize	Anthony Pitt	(EW)
Jonathan Moor Creative Writing Prize:		
Junior	Henry MAW Bird	(O)

HISTORY PRIZE

Chamberlain Prize for Scholarship in History	
Olli J Hughes	(O)

SUBJECT PRIZES

	Senior	Junior	
Business Studies	Benjamin Borg (C)		
Christian Theology	Julian JR Müller (H)	Rupert A Vidovich (J)	
Classics	Anthony Pitt (EW)	Charles AM Sparrow (EW)	
	Lucy A Thelwell (A)		
Economics	Luke A Codrington (EW)		
English	Daisy Tarnowska (A)	Conrad JW Bird (O)	
	Michael R Forsythe (J)		
Geography	Juan M Macari (B)	Edmund JA Tate (EW)	
History of Art	Caroline S Gore-Booth (A)		

History	Richard J Ansell	(J)	Benedict P Connery	(T)
ICT	Juan M Macari	(B)	Emma HBG Atkin-Brenninkmeyer	(M)
Keyboard Skills	Jason A Kim	(C)	Benedict P Connery	(T)
Languages	Daisy Tarnowska	(A)	Charles AM Sparrow	(EW)
			Rupert A Vidovich	(J)
Mathematics	Jack Yu	(O)	Hugo LG Phillips	(T)
Music	Stanley SS Lee	(D)	Michael Poon	(C)
Politics	Harry M Stein	(B)		
Science	Moritz JW Schramm	(C)	James Moroney	(O)
	Francis Wan	(T)	Michael Poon	(C)

ENDEAVOUR PRIZES

These prizes are awarded to those who gained a Headmaster's commendation on every possible occasion over the last two years.

5th Form	Alexander JB Brazier	(O)	U6	Richard J Ansell	(J)
	Patrick B Garety	(O)		Luke A Codrington	(EW)
	Timothy D Halliwell	(O)		Isaiah Fan	(O)
Remove	Benedict P Connery	(T)		Caroline S Gore-Booth	(A)
	James Moroney	(O)		Elaine Huang	(A)
	Hugo LG Phillips	(T)		Stanley SS Lee	(D)
	Michael Poon	(C)		Julian JR Müller	(H)
	Charles AM Sparrow	(EW)		Lizzie Noel	(A)
	Rupert A Vidovich	(J)		Theo PG Pembroke	(EW)
M6	Alex Bouvier	(J)		Anthony Pitt	(EW)
	Jonathan Dobson	(C)		Moritz JW Schramm	(C)
	Rupert H Goodway	(H)		James JI Sciberras	(C)
	Matthew I Lovat	(H)		Joanna R Staunton	(A)
	Henry BK Müller	(H)		Daisy Tarnowska	(A)
	Josephine A O'Hare	(M)		Jack Yu	(O)
	Gareth V Pritchard	(D)			
	Ben W Thurman	(O)			
	Niall LC Westley	(H)			

Alistair Roberts Trophy for Endeavour in Art
Harriet Broadfoot (A)

INDEPENDENT PROJECTS AND PRIZE ESSAYS

SENIOR: ALPHA

Richard J Ansell	(J)	Cromwell's Irish Campaign 1649-50 (S. Mr Berlie, M. Mrs Fletcher)
Stanley SS Lee	(D)	Rhapsody in Hell (S. Mr Wright, M. Mr Dore)
Peter StJB McCann	(O)	Cannabis: Medical Weapon or Scourge of Society? (S. Fr Oswald, M. Mr Smith)
Pat Poon	(C)	Rhapsody for Piano (S. Mr Wright, M. Mr Dore)

JUNIOR: ALPHA

Hamish J Adams-Cairns	(H)	Could Wimbledon Play a Bigger Part in Promoting Tennis in the UK? (S. Mr Billing, M. Miss Fraser)
John M Connolly	(H)	Adolf Hitler: Ruthless Dictator or a Dedicated Family Man? (S. Mr Codrington, M. Mrs Fletcher)
Michael Poon	(C)	Rhapsody for a Piano Solo (S. Mr Wright, M. Mr Dore)
Matthew T Rudman	(O)	Is the Iraq War an Example of American Colonialism? (S. Miss Ennis, M. Mrs Fletcher)
Rory FH Smith	(H)	Can we Justify the Dresden Bombings of 1945 as a Necessary Aspect of War or was it a War Crime? (S. Mr d'Arcy, M. Mr Connor)
Harry JC Swinton	(H)	Can the Taking of Life be Morally Justified? (S. Mr Billing, M. Miss Fox)
Padraig JM Staunton	(D)	Will Shooting Follow Hunting? (S. Mr Torrens-Burton, M. Mr Lloyd)

JUNIOR: BETA I

Jerome Hoyle	(D)	What Environment is Better for Learning, Co-education or Single Sex Schooling? (S. Mrs Green, M. Mrs Fletcher)
Michael A Lawless	(H)	Can Dubai Afford to Keep Growing at its Current Rate? (S. Mr Billing, M. Miss Thomson)
Oliver D Mickleem	(O)	What is Racism and How to Combat it? (S. Dr Weston, M. Mrs Fletcher)
Edmund A Page	(O)	Was Carthage Rome's Greatest Threat? (S. Miss Ennis, M. Mr d'Arcy)
Theo G Tyrrell	(D)	Should Freedom of Speech be Curtailed by Sensitivity to Religious Belief? (S. Br Kieran, M. Miss Thomson)
Henry G Wadsworth	(H)	Yellowstone National Park: Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Geographical Time Bomb? (S. Mr Sugden, M. Mr Leverage)

JUNIOR: BETA II

Marc-Philip RP Brenninkmeyer	(EW)	Should we Wear Nike Clothing? (S. Mr Lloyd, M. Miss Fox)
James G Chick	(O)	Why are Tsunamis and Super Volcanoes Dangerous? (S. Mr Sugden, M. Mr Leverage)
William Pritchard	(D)	Che Guevara - A Real-Life Robin Hood? (S. Br Kieran, M. Mr Billing)

S. = Sponsor M. = Marker

CULTURAL PRIZES

THEATRE PRIZES

Benton Phillips Theatre Bowl	Felix KC Ng	(B)
Grossmith Jelley Senior Acting Prize	Matthew J Ramsden	(O)
Junior Acting Prize (<i>awarded for significant and sustained contribution to acting below the Sixth Form</i>)	Edward TJ Fallon	(C)

MUSIC PRIZES

Detre Music Prize	Andrew T Connery	(B)
McGonigal Music Prize	Anthony Pitt	(EW)
Conrad Martin Music Prize	Michael P Forsythe	(J)
Philip Dore Memorial Prize for Keyboard	Stanley SS Lee	(D)
Adam & Nicholas Wright Outstanding Musician Prize	Michael Poon	(C)
Schola Cantorum Prize	Nicholas E Scott	(D)
Schola Puellarum Prize	Joanna R Staunton	(A)
Music Special Prize	John C Massey	(C)

DEBATING PRIZES

Quirke Debating Prize	Christian McAleenan	(H)
Inter-House Debating Cup	St Cuthbert's	Fergus DP Sinclair-House Dylan Rich

PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZES

Diana Gormley Public Speaking Prize	Senior	Junior
Runner up:	Cordelia D O'Hare (A)	Patrick B Garety (O)
	Michael R Forsythe (J)	

CHESS PRIZES

Both the Senior and Junior Inter-House chess prizes were won by St Thomas's		
Individual Chess Championship	Chetan R Deva	(T)
Girls' Chess Champion	Caroline S Gore-Booth	(A)

BERNARD SUNLEY CENTRE PRIZES

Art

U6	Jackson CS Lam	(C)	Sculpture Trophy
	Lizzie B Noel	(A)	Herald Trophy
M6	Natasha F Power	(A)	Barton Bowl
	Thomas HJ Bromet	(D)	
Remove	Henry MG Dinkel	(J)	
5th Form	Florian de Beaufort	(EW)	
4th Form	Mark E Topham	(O)	

Design and Technology

U6	Felix KC Ng	(B)
M6	Archie J Leeming	(H)
Remove	Antoine Lamarche	(D)
5th Form	Alexander JB Brazier	(O)
4th Form	Katy M Kallagher	(M)

EXHIBITION SPORTS CUPS 2005

These include every House cup and where possible, one cup from every sport played in the two winter terms.

Athletics

Senior Inter-House Challenge Cup	St Cuthbert's	Anka CF Wu
Junior Inter-House Challenge Cup	St Edward's & Wilfrid's	Tom B Gosling

Cross-Country

Senior Inter-House Challenge Cup	St Edward's & Wilfrid's	Martin D MacHale
Junior 'A' Inter-House Challenge Cup	St Edward's & Wilfrid's	Martin D MacHale
Junior 'B' Inter-House Challenge Cup	St Hugh's	Maximilian FJ Brinca

Hockey

Harris Bowl, Senior six-a-side	St Margaret's	Effie MA Lochrane
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Netball

Fitzgerald Netball Cup	Georgina ML Olley	(A)
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Rugby Football

Chamberlain Cup, Senior Inter-House Challenge Cup	St Edward's & Wilfrid's	Theo PG Pembroke
Junior Inter-House Challenge Cup	St Cuthbert's	Jack P Blakiston Houston

Squash Rackets

The Ginone & Unsworth Cup		
Senior Inter-House Squash		
The Railing Cup	St Edward's & Wilfrid's	Reggie Noel
Junior Inter-House Squash	St Hugh's	Alexander HJ Kisielewski

Swimming

The Inter-House Challenge Cup	St Hugh's	Nikol Sammut
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SPECIAL AWARDS

The Sports Cups are special awards for students who have shown levels of sportsmanship and commitment to both school and house sport. The student does not necessarily have to be a top player, but the awards go to a boy and girl who have shown outstanding levels of loyalty, commitment, fair play, respect and support for others and has represented the School and House with equal enthusiasm.

The Headmaster's Sports Cup (Girls) Daisy Tarnowska (A)
Daisy's contribution to sport at Ampleforth has been outstanding. She is a talented sportswoman who excels in many areas and has represented Ampleforth at 1st team level in hockey, netball and rounders. Daisy is extremely committed and is a highly respected team player. She has very high standards. In addition to her contribution to school sports teams, she has always been an integral part of House sport. She is always ready to participate. She always plays sport with fairness, goodwill and positive competitive spirit. She is a superb role model for students of Ampleforth both on and off the field and is a worthy winner of the award.

The Headmaster's Sports Cup (Boys) Harry M Stein (B)
 Harry has shown an exemplary attitude towards all of his games throughout his time at Ampleforth. As a junior boy he played for 'B' teams in the school. His enthusiasm and positive approach was clear to see. He has played rugby, cricket and football for the school and has shown a mature level of leadership with the 2nd XV this year. He led by example in every way and is a good role model for junior students in the school. He was also heavily involved in organising the 'insiders, outsiders' charity rugby match this year for Face-Faw. He has supported all the School and House competitions and is regularly seen helping junior boys in their sporting activities. Harry has been a marvellous ambassador for the school in his conduct both on and off the field. He is an asset to any team, playing with cheerful determination. A worthy winner.

ELWES PRIZES 2005

These prizes are awarded by the Headmaster for sustained and high-quality contribution to school life outside the classroom, in addition to an excellent academic and personal record. The Head Monitor and Heads of Houses are excluded from receiving Elwes prizes.

Richard J Ansell (J)
 He has excelled on all fronts, though none more so than in academic achievement. He was awarded a Sixth Form Prize Scholarship on the basis of outstanding GCSE results - 10 A* and two A grades - and achieved five A grades at AS level, including 100% of the marks available in History. He has also been awarded an Endeavour Prize for achieving Headmaster's Commendations on almost every possible occasion.

In extracurricular activities Richard has been a steadfast participant in the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Scheme, notably in the Service section of the Award, working hard as a teacher's assistant at Amotherby Community Primary School where he has served for a full year with a class of young students. Richard has been a regular member of the College Orchestra and the Big Band throughout his five years at Ampleforth, always attending rehearsals punctually and distinguishing himself as a skilled and a thoroughly reliable trombonist. Despite the pressures of public examinations he is due to take his Grade 8 trombone examination this term. On the sports field he has represented the school in the Sixth Form in the 4th XV and 5th XV rugby teams, as well as in the 2nd XI soccer team. He has also turned out dutifully for a variety of House sporting events and never allowed the fact of being a day student to serve as an excuse for diminished contribution either to his House or to the school. Through his work as a House Monitor Richard has also made an excellent contribution to life in St John's by helping to ensure the smooth running of the community and, most notably, by his personal example of integrity.

He holds a conditional offer to read History at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

Cordelia MR. Graham (A)
 In the two years that Cordelia has spent at Ampleforth she has made a major contribution to the School in many different areas. Her peers and teachers speak of her generosity and her general willingness to help and contribute. She has been heavily involved in the Debating Society, and was a member of the winning team that competed against Harrow. She delivered a convincing speech that not only persuaded her audience but also importantly entertained them. Her dramatic prowess has led to notable features in productions such as *Richard III* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

Her contribution to sport, particularly Lacrosse, has been excellent largely due to her fine attitude. Cordelia has singled herself out by bringing her heart to each game, exerting every ounce of energy and never resigning herself to defeat. If more of her teammates had shared Cordelia's attitude the successes would no doubt have been greater.

A person with a wide range of interests Cordelia joined the Astronomy Society where she soon made her presence felt. She had a very special role in the preparations for the observation of the transit of Venus on 8 June, not least because it was her birthday. Whilst always prepared to do the hard work Cordelia is essential to any party planning and was a key organiser of the Astronomy Society's summer party. Party organising and entertaining is an area where, without doubt, Cordelia excels. In events at St Aidan's Cordelia is more than happy to entertain the others and has a special penchant for mimicry, mastering imitations of the unsuspecting (which were always carried out in a spirit of kindness).

Despite her varied interests and the demands that are made on her time Cordelia has always tackled her academic work with enthusiasm and commitment, never content to give less than her best. She is predicted no less than top grades in all her subjects. A popular person she will be sorely missed by teachers and students alike.

Cordelia holds a conditional offer to read Classics at Durham University.

John C Massey (C)
 One of the unsung heroes of the school, through service he has made a huge contribution to all aspects of life here and has done so with the minimum of fuss. Always cheerful, he has a certain independence which means he ploughs his own furrow while remaining friendly with all about him. A diligent student who habitually gives of his best in academic work, his commitment was amply demonstrated by his spending half of the last summer holiday working on a Nuffield Bursary in the Civil Engineering Department of Leeds University.

John has been an integral member of the Green Room for five years, contributing backstage to innumerable School and House plays, while his involvement in the Panasonic Society has been almost as extensive. He has been a stalwart of the College Orchestra throughout his five years at Ampleforth and has quietly achieved excellence as a solo musician, passing Grade 8 in the French Horn and Grade 7 in piano. For three years he has assisted in the school library and is a School Librarian Monitor. He participates in the school riding group each week and in the Upper Sixth has taken on the challenge of AS Critical Thinking as an extra activity. In St Cuthbert's House he has been fully supportive of his Housemaster throughout.

He holds a conditional offer to read Architecture at Newcastle University.

Felix KC Ng

(B)

Throughout his time in the school, he has contributed wholeheartedly to a wide range of activities and societies. His maturity and determination have secured him a very good academic record throughout his time here, as witnessed by the fact that he has gained a Headmaster's Commendation on every possible occasion this year. Perhaps more importantly, however, he has always tried to use his gifts and talents in the service of the College and of his fellow students.

He has contributed to Sunley Centre activities in an exceptional fashion, giving help and advice to both staff and students alike, and taking responsibility for a variety of organisational and administrative tasks. His expertise and commitment in the field of Design and Technology have been recognised both by his appointment as a Sunley Centre Monitor and by his recent award of the Bamford Scholarship in Engineering. He has brought similar skills and commitment to bear in his work in the Panasonic Room, where he has been a stalwart and effective presence throughout his school career. In particular, he is noteworthy for his role in teaching and encouraging younger students in filming and production tasks. His contribution in the Theatre has been both long-standing and wide-ranging. As a member of the Green Room, he has taken on almost every available role – stage management, sound technician and lighting technician. His contributions were recognised by the award of the Hugh Milbourn Prize in 2004. He is also a keen member of the Astronomy Society.

Within St Bede's House, he has held the position of House Monitor and was recently instituted as a Eucharistic Minister; in his own words, this gave him a new opportunity for service to his community. He has also been House Captain of swimming, shooting and athletics during the course of this year. He has represented the College in the 'A' squad for swimming. Overall, he has been an invaluable presence in both House and College.

He holds a conditional offer to read Manufacturing Engineering with Management at Durham University.

Anthony Pitt

(EW)

A 13+ Scholar, he has an appropriately strong academic record, having achieved one A and 11 A* grades at GCSE and four A grades at AS level; he has also won both Gold and Silver Awards in the National Latin Exam and the National Mathematics Challenge.

Anthony's contribution to the life of the school has not, however, been confined to the academic sphere.

He has achieved the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. In sport he has gained rugby Colours for the Under 14A and Under 15A sides, while in cricket he was a member of the Under 14A and Under 15A teams; unfortunately illness and injury have conspired to limit his sporting opportunities in the Sixth Form, although he has played in the 3rd XV rugby team. Anthony has been a stalwart member both of the Orchestra and the Big Band throughout his five years at Ampleforth and for the last three years has been lead trombone in both ensembles. He has also achieved Grade VIII on the trombone. A diligent thespian, he has been involved in several school plays as actor and co-director and he directed this year's winning House Play. He has, at different times, been editor of both the *Ampleforth News* and *Grid* magazines; in the Sixth Form he has been a regular member of the Forum, Poetry, Debating, Classical and Wine Societies, while in St Edward's and St Wilfrid's he has proved a thoroughly

trustworthy and reliable House Monitor. Despite the handicap of a lengthy illness in the Sixth Form, Anthony has retained his enthusiasm for all aspects of school life and proved a worthy role model to younger students.

He holds a conditional offer to read Classics at St Benet's Hall, Oxford.

Matthew J Ramsden

(C)

Since arriving at Ampleforth at the start of the Remove year, Matthew has contributed energetically to the school's life, nowhere more so than in the Theatre. He has developed into an intuitive and authoritative actor. Among other roles, he took the main part in Shakespeare's *Richard III*, ostensibly a tragedy, though there is much opportunity in the role for a kind of manic clowning, and Matthew took it up with relish. Evidence of his range of ability was to be seen again in the remarkable solo performance of Alan Benner's Graham in *A Chip in the Sugar*, which he also directed. He presented the sad, emotionally retarded character with extraordinary sympathy and in a way that was genuinely moving.

As well as his acting, he has played a major part in the Theatre's life behind stage, this year as Head of Green Room, assisting with set builds and generally being the good natured hub of the social life that is so much the key to the theatre's running and success.

He finds time for sport at a high level. He has been in the Cross-Country 1st VIII for two years, has his Colours for 3rd XV Rugby and is a fine cricketer. He is currently Captain of the 2nd XI, a position he has managed with integrity and competence. Academically he has always worked hard and, organised and industrious as he is, has made great progress, achieving Headmaster's Commendations on five out of the last six possible occasions.

He is a positive and popular member of St Oswald's house, turning his acting skills to amusing use as compère (and indeed winner) of House talent competitions and Punch entertainments; he is a talented mimic, particularly of Headmasters.

Matthew holds a conditional offer to read English and Drama at Glasgow University.

AWARDS

Noteworthy awards and prizes not given out in the prize-giving ceremony

SPORTS TROPHIES – CUP AND PRIZEWINNERS

AUTUMN TERM 2004 & LENT TERM 2005

Athletics

Senior Inter-House Challenge Cup St Dunstan's

Junior Inter-House Challenge Cup St Hugh's

Best Senior Athlete	Patrick WL Baxter	(T)
Best Athlete Under 16	Constantin de Nassau	(C)
Best Athlete Under 15	Samora DA Mailafia	(C)
Best Athlete Under 14	Ernest Chan	(C)
Best Girl Athlete	Cécily J Gascoigne	(M)

Senior Division

100m	Patrick WL Baxter	(T)	12.14
400m	Patrick WL Baxter	(T)	56.82
800m	Henry HL Maclure	(O)	2.19.80
1500m	Alistair McTough	(C)	4.58.01
Steeplechase	Martin D MacHale	(EW)	3.27.41
Hurdles	Alexander F Werhahn	(H)	17.39
High Jump	Michael R. Forysthe	(J)	1.60m
Long Jump	Ben Melling	(H)	4.95m
Triple Jump	Ben Melling	(H)	11.11m
Shot	Thomas A Fox	(C)	11.77m
Discus	Christian JR McAleenan	(H)	26.58m
Javelin	Thomas A Fox	(C)	38.80m

Senior Division Girls

100m	Holly D Wilson	(M)	15.25
400m	Joy Boro	(M)	73.92
800m	Charlotte EM de Rivaz	(A)	2.59.20
1500m	Cecily J Gascoigne	(M)	5.51.53
Long Jump	Cecily J Gascoigne	(M)	3.71m
High Jump	Alice MM O'Brien	(M)	1.30m
Discus	Victoria G Palazzo	(A)	10.85m
Javelin	Victoria G Palazzo	(A)	12.65m

Under 16 Division

100m	Constantin de Nassau	(C)	12.98
400m	Jeremy P Vaughan	(J)	60.97
800m	Freddie JPM Bartle	(H)	2.26.80
Steeplechase	Alistair McTough	(C)	3.15.92
Hurdles	Samora DA Mailafia	(C)	15.88
Long Jump	Constantin de Nassau	(C)	5.05m
High Jump	Angus HG Bailey	(T)	1.82m
Triple Jump	Edward TJ Fallon	(C)	10.52m
Shot	Gabriel R Cookson	(T)	10.24m
Discus	Christopher G Connolly	(H)	24.15m
Javelin	Galceran de Sarriera	(O)	32.26m

Under 15 Division

100m	Mark JAC Hardy	(O)	12.70
400m	Daniel B Chambers	(T)	62.32
800m	Thomas E MacHale	(EW)	2.20.82
Hurdles	Simon HF Fan	(C)	16.54
High Jump	Henry GE Davis	(H)	1.55m
Long Jump	Freddie J Beckett	(D)	4.80m
Triple Jump	Patrick B Garety	(O)	11.04m

Under 14 Division

100m	Ernest Chan	(C)	13.08
400m	John M Connolly	(H)	63.20
800m	Thomas A Newitt	(EW)	2.30.20
Hurdles	Alexandre PGM de Chezelles	(J)	19.40
High Jump	Archie ITB Cochrane	(J)	1.50m
Long Jump	Ernest Chan	(C)	4.64m
Triple Jump	Benedict TY Cadwallader	(J)	8.32m

Relays

Senior 800m medley	St Cuthbert's	1.50.92
Junior Boys 4 x 400m	St Cuthbert's	4.20.58
Senior Boys 4 x 100m	St Thomas's	50.79
Senior Girls 4 x 100m	St Margaret's	59.73
Junior Boys 4 x 100m	St Thomas's	53.83
Boys 32 x 200m	St Edward's & Wilfrid's	15.39.00
Girls 32 x 200m	St Margaret's	19.03

Cross-Country

Senior Inter-House Cup	St Edward's & Wilfrid's
Junior 'A' Inter-House Cup	St Edward's & Wilfrid's
Junior 'B' Inter-House Cup	St Hugh's
Girls House Race	St Aidan's
Senior Individual Cup	Henry AT Guiver (H)
Junior 'A' Individual Cup	Alexander JB Brazier (O)
Junior 'B' Individual Cup	Patrick B Garety (O)
Girls' Cup	Joy Boro (M)
Ampleforth Run Boys' Race	Olli Hughes (O)
Ampleforth Run Girls' Race	Alexandra A Rogers (M)

Golf

Whedbee Prize	Edward HW de la Rue	(T)
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Hockey

Higgins Hockey cup <i>(For the most improved player)</i>	Herman R Sequeira	(T)
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Squash Rackets

Senior Individual	Philipp A Genn	(O)
Junior Individual	Sacha M Pace	(C)
Senior Inter-House Cup	St Edward's & Wilfrid's	
Junior Inter-House Cup	St Hugh's	
Girls' House Event	St Margaret's	

Swimming 2005

Inter-House Swimming Cup	St Hugh's
Individual All-Rounder	Archie JP Reid (EW)
Senior Freestyle (100m)	William GA Hildyard (D)
Senior Backstroke (100m)	Patrick J Teague (T)
Senior Breaststroke (100m)	Alexander NW Kinsky (T)
Senior Butterfly (50m)	William Moore (O)
Junior Freestyle (100m)	Christopher Lam (T)
Junior Backstroke (100m)	Octavian Pilati (D)
Junior Breaststroke (100m)	Mitchell McTough (C)
Junior Butterfly (50m)	Christopher Lam (T)
Individual Medley (100m)	Patrick J Teague (T)

SUMMER TERM 2005

Cricket

Senior Inter-House Cricket Cup	St Edward's & Wilfrid's and St Oswald's (shared)
Junior Inter-House Cricket Cup	St Hugh's

Tennis

House Tennis Cup	St Thomas's
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Soccer

Inter-House Senior	St Hugh's
Inter-House Junior	St Hugh's and St Thomas's

Summer Games Cup	St Hugh's
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Lacrosse Cup	Lucy A Thelwell	(A)
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Most improved player	Victoria G Palazzo	(A)
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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD

Richard J Ansell	(J)	Christian JR McAleena	(H)
Arthur TJ Bristow	(D)	Ryan E Mulchrone	(T)
Rico LT Chow	(H)	Felix KC Ng	(B)
Kyle MF de Klee	(EW)	Victoria G Palazzo	(A)
Alexander T Irvine-Fortescue	(C)	Luke J Schumacher	(C)
Joseph P Keogh	(EW)	Daisy Tarnowska	(A)
Ryan C Khoaz	(EW)	Lizzie B Noel	(A)
Martin D MacHale	(EW)		

NATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

*UK Senior Mathematical Challenge 2004/2005***Gold Certificates**

*Isaiah Fan	(O)
*Jack Yu	(O)
Ewen H Christie	(H)
Christopher G Connolly	(H)
Elaine Huang	(A)
Matthew I Lovat	(H)
Nicholas A Outred	(H)
Hugo LG Phillips	(T)

In addition seven students gained silver and 15 students gained bronze certificates.

(*Qualified for the next round)

*UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge 2005***Gold Certificates**

*D Chow	(T)
*Alexandre PGM de Chezelles	(J)
*Nat Larpwongmetee	(T)
*Kenneth Lo	(D)
*Anthony V O'Rourke-Potocki	(EW)
*Michael Poon	(C)
*Theo G Tyrell	(D)
Kan Sato	(T)
Andy Siu	(O)

In addition nine students gained silver and 12 students gained bronze certificates.

(*Qualified for the next round)

NATIONAL LATIN EXAMINATION RESULTS 2005

Gold Medals

*Theo PG Pembroke	(EW)
Nicholas D Dufton	(D)
Rupert H Goodway	(H)
Edmund A Page	(O)
Charles AM Sparrow	(EW)
Padraig JM Staunton	(D)

Additionally 13 students were awarded silver medals and a further 38 students were awarded special Certificates of Achievement. (*For the fourth successive year.)

NATIONAL INTERNET SPANISH COMPETITION 2005

(Sponsored by the Spanish Embassy)

Senior Award

Michael JG Bombers	Distinction	(T)
Ralph Marnham	Distinction	(B)
Andrew J O'Rourke	Distinction	(T)
Pablo A Barrett	Commendation	(D)
Alexis Bouvier	Commendation	(J)
Adereti C Doherty	Commendation	(B)
John F Finnegan	Commendation	(J)
Alexander RJ Olley	Commendation	(B)
Henry F Hales	Merit	(O)
Julitta M Ward	Merit	(M)

Junior Award

Oliver MH Greaves	Distinction	(J)
Thomas A Newitt	Distinction	(EW)
William Pritchard	Distinction	(D)
William J Rogers	Distinction	(O)
Lydia Straughan	Distinction	(M)
Harry JC Swinton	Distinction	(H)
Robert WP Willis	Distinction	(EW)
Hamish I Adams-Cairns	Commendation	(H)
Patrick T Connors	Commendation	(EW)
Harry CL Leeming	Commendation	(H)
Helen M Nicholson	Commendation	(M)
Francesca MA Olley	Commendation	(M)
Stacey E Thompson	Commendation	(M)
Mark E Topham	Commendation	(O)
Virginia SA Wetherell	Commendation	(M)
Holly D Wilson	Commendation	(M)
Archie ITB Cochrane	Merit	(J)
Himson Ho	Merit	(D)

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 2005

Sixth Form Academic Awards

Anna SH Cox	Glenalmond College
Laura C Criddle	Ryedale School, North Yorkshire
Leonora EV Fane Saunders	Queen Mary's School, Baldersby
Sophie E Morris	Scarborough College
Amelia HE Smith	Woldingham School

13+ Academic Scholarships

Catherine Dobson	St Martin's Ampleforth
Walter F Arbuthnott	St Richard's
Rodrigo T Fenn	St Martin's Ampleforth
Henry D Hawkesworth	St Martin's Ampleforth
Catherine M Fallon	St Richard's
Emma ML Irven	St Martin's Ampleforth
Katie A O'Kelly	Beeston Hall School
Robert J Wallace	Ardreck

13+ Basil Hume Awards (All-rounder)

Johnny WE Armour	Bramcote Preparatory School
Oliver F Cardozo	Sandroyd School
Catherine M Fallon	St Richard's
Sam J Forbes	Bramcote Preparatory School
Sam CF Heward	Bellhaven Hill School
Emma ML Irven	St Martin's Ampleforth
Charles SG Naylor	Malsis School
Alastair CF Smith	Farleigh School
George R Windsor	Witham Hall

13+ Music Scholarships

Jessica SJ Snowball	Terrington Hall
Charity E Mapletoft	The Minster School
Katie A O'Kelly	Beeston Hall School

OXBRIDGE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS 2004-5

Oxford

Michael Cumming-Bruce (O04)	English	St Benet's Hall
Elaine Huang (A)	Materials, Economics & Management	Trinity College
Oliver Hughes (O)	History	St Benet's Hall
Madeleine Rudge (A04)	Classics	Merton College
Anthony Pitt (EW)	Classics	St Benet's Hall (2006)
Daisy Tarnowska (A)	Arabic	Pembroke College
Joseph Thornton (T04)	Engineering Science	St Hugh's College
Jack Yu (O)	Mathematics	Wadham College

Cambridge

Richard Ansell (J)	History	Selwyn College
Theo Pembroke (EW)	Classics	Trinity College (2006)
Moritz Schramm (C)	Medicine	Fitzwilliam College
Freddy Simpson (J)	History	Peterhouse

Exhibition

FR ABBOT'S SPEECH

2005

CUTHBERT MADDEN OSB

Dear parents of our students, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is a great pleasure to welcome you today to Exhibition. This time last year I was safely seated at the back of the Hall listening to my predecessor Abbot Timothy and to Fr Gabriel our Headmaster. It did not enter my imagination that a year later I would be standing here in front of you all – despite all the heavy hints I received from the boys in St John's! Boys will be boys I thought!

For my first Exhibition, Fr Gabriel and I agreed on a slight change of order for this morning: He has asked me to welcome you after your journey to Ampleforth and I do so with great joy. It is wonderful to see you here. I hope that you will see and hear much to inspire you in the course of this weekend.

Besides a new Abbot for the monastic community and the wider Ampleforth family, this year has also seen the opening of Fairfax House which houses St Hugh's and St Margaret's in very fine accommodation. And the year has also seen inevitable changes in the school staff: the beginning of the year brought a number of new members of staff to join us and the end of this year will bring other changes as younger members of staff move on to new jobs with greater responsibility and some older members of staff move on to new challenges or to enjoy a well-earned retirement. I would like to thank all the staff on behalf of the monastic community for their contribution to our life here.

On this joyful day I feel that I must, briefly, strike a sombre note. Many of you will have already heard that John Russell, our Director of Development was taken seriously ill just about a month ago. He died quite suddenly in hospital in Hull as the doctors worked towards a diagnosis. This has been a terrible blow to John's wife, Anne, to his family and to all of us who got to know him over the past several years. I would ask you to keep him and his family very much in your prayers.

It has always been my opinion that the Abbot should keep his contribution to this morning brief and I see no reason to change this opinion now that I am the Abbot. I have my opportunity to speak on important themes tomorrow at Mass in the Abbey Church. At this moment I am looking forward to greeting some of the students who have worked so hard during the course of the year though I am well aware that there are many more diligent students, talented musicians and artists and courageous sports-players who will not have the opportunity to be awarded a prize on this occasion. After the award of prizes I shall listen with attention and interest to Fr Gabriel and then to Sir David Goodall, the chairman of the advisers for the College as they report to us on some aspects of the past year and the future ahead of us. Once this important business is completed I am looking forward, like all of you no doubt, to appreciating the many and varied talents of your children, our students, in the exhibitions of work, in concerts and sporting events which punctuate the remainder of the weekend.

HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

GABRIEL EVERITT OSB

I would like to give my congratulations to all those who have won prizes today. It is a good and impressive list, covering the range of academic, cultural and sporting achievements. But to every pupil here today I would say: I know that this only tells part of the story. Most of the achievements of a school are not of the kind that can be recorded in prize giving; they are more hidden and secret, smaller triumphs maybe and maybe hardly worthy of note. A real turnaround in attitude as yet not showing itself in transformed grades or other measures of recognised success. Small acts of kindness shown to others, and which have made a real difference to a person's life or perhaps just to their day. Maybe your teachers and parents do not know of them, maybe even you have hardly been aware of them. But certainly God will know of them. Each person is a valued and loved individual with the real potential to make a difference.

This is not to say that achievement – academic, cultural and sporting achievement – is not important, just because it is not all that there is. We continue trying to work to ensure that bright students do as well in Ampleforth as they would in any school in the land and that all fulfil, and preferably exceed, their potential. Some of the necessary measures of success are mentioned in detail in the Exhibition programme. I congratulate so many girls and boys of the school on their hard work and I congratulate and thank the hard-working teaching and support staff for their unflinching commitment, true vision and enthusiasm.

There is, nevertheless, unease in the wider world of the curriculum. We have had another national review this year – by Sir Mike Tomlinson – and a lukewarm governmental reaction. If I confess to a certain relief (maybe unworthy) that everything may not once again be about to be thrown up into the air, nevertheless I have a real worry about the effects (I think becoming clearer as the years pass since the curriculum review of 2000) of a culture of over-examination and of prescription in syllabus and assessment.

I was recently passed a passage which I summarise for you:

The State, in prescribing a syllabus which is to be followed by all the schools in the country provides the teacher with his ideals, his general conceptions, his more immediate aims, his schemes of work; and it tells him that the work done in each class and each subject will be tested at the end of each year by a careful examination of each individual child; and it is inevitable that in his endeavour to adapt his teaching to the type of question which his experience of the yearly examination leads him to expect, he should gradually deliver himself, mind and soul, into the hands of the officials of the Department – the officials at Whitehall who frame the yearly syllabus, and the officials in the various districts who examine on it.

This extract was passed to me by Fr Edward. It might be, so one could imagine, by Chris Woodhead, former chief inspector of schools, and now, not without some eccentricities in my view, the head of the Cognita group of independent schools. It is in fact by Richard Holmes, chief inspector of schools in a book, *Payment by Results*, published in 1911. The problem of over-examination and over-regulation is not so new; it goes back into centuries past, as does the spirit of Utilitarianism, particularly the Gradgrind variety, upon which some of us see it as being based. But if the

problem is an old one, so perhaps is the solution, or at least some experienced and lived ways of finding routes round old obstacles.

Ways of discovering the excitement of an intellectual journey, the lure of discovery and personal initiative are still there, and I thank staff who point the young in the direction and the young who respond. I thank Sir David Goodall, chairman of the Abbot's Advisory Committee, for his commitment to the view that education is about a horizon beyond immediate curricular exigencies. I thank staff in particular for the extracurricular load they shoulder and for not allowing the pressure of over-examination to strangle or diminish completely the rich life of the school, the concerts and plays, school matches, Duke of Edinburgh award, CCF and adventure training: all those activities and experiences, which contribute to a full and rounded education. If we have bowed in the direction of target setting, it has had little to do with seeking a high place in league tables of examinations passed or matches won – though this can be good for morale. The targets we set and which matter most to us are concerned with value added in examinations and participation in games and activities. Of course we love to see the school winning its matches, but I like better to see as wide a range as possible of pupils representing the school in matches and taking part in plays and concerts.

Achievement is important, but so, and sometimes in tension with it, is character. The school's mission statement has four clauses; the first two dwell on community and the grounding in the tradition and life of the Church, the third is about aiming for excellence and makes an allusion to St Benedict's instruction to the Abbot that 'he must so arrange everything that the strong have something to yearn for and the weak nothing to run from', while the fourth notes that our mission is 'to help Ampleforth boys and girls grow up mature and honourable, inspired by high ideals and capable of leadership, so that they may serve others generously, be strong in friendship, and loving and loyal towards their families'.

At prize giving the special awards for sportsmanship and the Elwes prizes attempt to capture something of these latter qualities, though they are of all the most elusive, maybe the most intangible, yet the most important in the formation of souls. I acknowledge most gratefully the work of housemasters and housemistresses, of chaplains, matrons and all tutors in this most vital regard. I would particularly like to thank Brenda Green, who has guided St Margaret's through its first year and who has played such an important role in welcoming and caring for girls in the younger year groups. This has been a truly marvellous development of this year.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Patrick Teague, Luke Codrington and those who have exercised monitorial responsibility this year. It is often a difficult role, and one that can be tested by the challenges of peer group pressure, the desire for popularity and the uncertainty of authority. The development of leadership qualities and the proper exercise of responsible authority are important parts of an education at a school such as this.

I understand and share the concerns of parents about the real dangers in the temptations facing young people in today's world. In writing 'Promoting Good Behaviour: pastoral policies in a Catholic and Benedictine School' at the beginning of this academic year, we attempted to set out not only the 'what' but also the 'why' of the school's disciplinary practice. It is perhaps a sign of the times, that the young, not being particularly interested in wider causes for rebellion, fall back on defining themselves as individuals against a perceived system, by certain indulgences, in which to be fair, we adults do not always set the best of examples, though on the whole we

may have acquired a better ability to say no or to realise the appropriate limits. As the year ends we find ourselves having rewritten the sanctions on tobacco and looking in the light of a bitter experience at the policy on drugs.

St Benedict summed up his vision thus, quoting St Paul in his letter to the Romans: 'This, then, is the good zeal which monks must foster with fervent love; they should each try to be the first to show respect to the other, supporting with the greatest patience one another's weaknesses of body and behaviour, and earnestly competing in obedience to one another. No one is to pursue what he judges better for himself, but instead, what he judges better for someone else.'

Respect is not an unambiguous word. St Benedict did not use it, as I think the young may do on occasion, as an accolade acknowledging 'coolness', still less the more sinister meaning, given by the bully who demands respect and is trading on fear. I wonder what St Benedict would have made of its inclusion in the Queen's Speech ten days ago. David Selbourne in a pessimistic article in the press last week, entitled 'It's too late for mere "respect", much too late', gave the phrase in its governmental use a good trashing and reminded readers of his view, formulated a decade ago, that 'limits must be set to selfish individual entitlement if our free social order is to be preserved'.

I think this is closer to what Benedict was after. How to achieve it however? There certainly is a need for good and frequent communication, the art of having a talk, the appeal to the fact that each individual is created and loved, and a patient attention to the art of community living. While the absence of respect and its perversions can, we may hope, be restrained by sanction, Benedict was speaking of something that goes beyond law and rule and which cannot be imposed. Much as St Paul was when he wrote to the Galatians of 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control' and then went on to say 'No law can touch such things as these'. One might say no amount of micro management by bossy government or indeed bossy headmaster is guaranteed, or indeed likely, to capture and change hearts, to shape character. But much can be achieved by conversation and patient working together on the battlefield of the heart. The good will of the young is still there to be mobilised and sometimes a difficult situation can be changed from within a peer group when this good will is challenged and released.

There are elusive balances: the balance of carrot and stick, of freedom (without which there may seem to be little worthwhile human growth) and protection, of community and individual.

Benedict calls us to show respect to the other and his main 'weapon' in this battle of the heart is humility. It is strange, maybe even it sounds annoyingly sanctimonious or hypocritical to mention humility at prize giving. After all the awarding of prizes, and the report on the school making up much of the Exhibition programme, can seem like a very sustained self-congratulatory brag. Achievement and a character shaped by humility are certainly in a potential tension and holding them together is another elusive balance.

Even out of the context of prize giving, humility is not an easy word, since finding ourselves doing well in the humility stakes so easily leads us to be proud. Humility is at its best when we look away from ourselves, but in education we cannot look wholly away from ourselves. The educational endeavour wants us to take a good, well-informed, hard long look at how we are progressing as learners. The young do need to look at themselves and to develop a quiet sense of confidence

in what they see. They need too to develop the ability to look to others in respect and to look to God as the ground of being.

I think a great key to humility is gratitude, gratitude to others, gratitude to God. St Benedict again says (in his Tools for Good Works) 'If you notice something good in yourself, give credit to God, not to yourself'. The adventure is to cure the astigmatism which puts ourselves at the centre and to see ourselves as part of a succession of communities grounded in the creative love of God, of which a school is but one part.

I have tried to make clear already some of the places where thanks belong: to academic and to support staff and to boys and girls, particularly monitors. I add now Fr Abbot, also Abbot Timothy his predecessor, who guided me surely and supported me in my first year as headmaster. I thank the monastic community; the Abbot's Advisers for the school, the senior staff of the school, who give me vital help and advice; as well as Peter Bryan, the procurator, and his staff. I would like to make a special mention of John Russell, who is a loss to me in many ways, not least in the pursuit of new projects in the school. The opening of Fairfax House has been a most notable development of the year in terms of our buildings and I am most grateful to all who were involved in its construction. I add thanks to Fr Adrian, the school guest master who does so much to make friends of Ampleforth, new and old, feel welcome here, Linda Featherstone together with the staff of the headmaster's department who manage the office with dedication, good humour and infinite patience. Lastly I thank you parents for your confidence in us. You love your children. Be assured that, while not without consciousness of failing from time to time, we seek as hard as we can to justify the huge trust you place in us.

SPEECH BY THE CHAIRMAN OF FR ABBOT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE COLLEGE:

SIR DAVID GOODALL GCMG LLD (W50)

Coming on at this stage of the proceedings, I cannot help thinking of the professor who was invited to give the first in a series of lectures at another university and found himself addressing an audience of one. He ploughed conscientiously through his lecture and then made to leave. Whereupon his audience said: 'Don't go! I'm next on.'

Indeed, you may wonder what I am doing here at all. I suppose that my role in the first place is simply to show you that the Abbot's Advisory Committee for the College really does exist. We are appointed by the Abbot to provide the Headmaster with, broadly speaking, the kind of guidance and advice which he might expect from a Governing Body, but without usurping or trespassing on the overarching governance exercised by the Abbot and his Council. And to make sure that we don't do that, we have two members of the monastic Council on our Committee, as well, of course, as Father Abbot himself.

On a personal note, I would like to say that for me it is a real privilege - as well as a surprise! - to have been invited to serve Ampleforth in this way. It is now more than 50 years since I was a boy in the school here, but throughout what is now almost a lifetime I have never ceased to be grateful for the values inculcated here and for the glimpse of the Benedictine life which students at Ampleforth are offered.

Fr Gabriel has just given us a résumé of those values and what they mean. It is heartening to know that, despite all the changes which have taken place in our society and in the educational scene, those are still the values for which Ampleforth stands and which Ampleforth seeks to impart.

Among the changes which have taken place on the educational front, in regard to boarding schools in particular, is the extent to which you as parents now expect to be involved in the life your offspring are leading at school and the detailed interest you rightly take in the quality of the education being given. Fifty years ago – unless my memory is distorting the past – most parents, once they had entrusted their children to the boarding school of their choice, were content to let the school get on with it. They expected to be kept informed, but to intervene only in the event of a major crisis. Today parents are, and expect to be, much more directly involved and, I suspect, much readier to be critical.

That is a very healthy development. But it has a corollary: to a greater degree than in the past, parents now share with the school the responsibility for ensuring that their offspring respect the ethos which the school is seeking to create – and also to respect its rules. No school can have effective rules (for example) against smoking, or the abuse of alcohol or the use of drugs, if parents themselves do not take such rules seriously or turn a blind eye to these things at home or in the family. And what is true of school rules is even more true of those intangible values, and the culture of respect, which Fr Gabriel has described to us.

Individual achievements have been recognised by the prizes which have just been awarded. Among the collective achievements, I would particularly draw your attention to Ampleforth's success in coming close to the top in the Government's table of 'value added'. League tables hitherto have tended to tell us little more than that schools with the most selective entries can expect to be able to demonstrate the highest proportion of good academic results. That Ampleforth has come so high in the 'value-added' scale demonstrates the validity of its claim that students at *all* levels of ability can expect to do well here and to realise their full potential.

The Headmaster's report also lists those members of the staff who are leaving at the end of this term, either on retirement or to go to appointments elsewhere. It would be invidious to single out some and not others for special mention. These are all people who have, in different ways and in different degrees, made important contributions to your children's education and to the school's success, some of them over periods of as long as 30 years. All of them will be missed. All of them carry with them our warmest thanks and good wishes.

One final word. Becoming an Adviser here has opened my eyes to the sheer magnitude of the task of running a large boarding school in modern Britain: the pressures, the planning, the professionalism, the tensions, the weight of responsibility which it entails. To do this within the framework of contemporary British society, while at the same time reflecting – and we hope communicating – the humanity and spiritual depth of St Benedict's Rule, requires qualities quite beyond the ordinary. To Fr Gabriel and his staff, to Fr Abbot and his community, all of us owe a very large debt.

THE UPPER SIXTH DINNER

HEAD MONITOR'S SPEECH: PATRICK TEAGUE (T05)

I would like to thank you all for coming to this supper ... I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the kitchen staff for preparing the food, not only for tonight, but every day we are here. As far as personal thank-yous are concerned, I need to thank the school monitors for all their help and guidance throughout the year, but in particular, Luke Codrington, the deputy Head Monitor, whose help has been invaluable to me and to whom I am very much indebted. Two people we all need to thank are Mr Green and Fr Gabriel who do so much for us that goes unnoticed.

On the Friday evening of Exhibition, I was asked to go for a brief interview, along with two other people of my choice, for the new 'Ampleforth prospectus DVD'. Harry (Gibson) and Angus (Marsden) were the first people I saw, and so I dragged them along with me (I say dragged; they really didn't need much persuasion!). What struck me, however, while they were being interviewed, was that whilst they came across perfectly and were a great advertisement for the school, there are certain things a DVD cannot portray. The DVD will show the beautiful buildings of the school, the miles of playing fields, the magnificence of the Abbey, scenes of boys and girls walking cheerfully to lessons. It won't however, show Ampleforth's most attractive features.

There is perhaps nothing more appealing about Ampleforth than its ethos: a community that allows for individuality – it provides for everyone, those who want to do well are given the facilities to do so and those who don't really care leave with a decent group of friends and fond memories. Here we learn what cannot be taught; most notably the value of friendship, for it is the good times we have had here that we are likely to remember rather than mathematic formulae or Latin vocab. We have spent five eventful years together, learning how to see the best in people, how to win or lose graciously, how to get out of, or indeed, into trouble. Of course, every now and again we learn something from our teachers, to whom we are eternally grateful.

A man walks into a bar and says to the barman 'three whiskies please.'

'Three?' the barman asks.

'Yeah, that's one for my late father, one for my late mother and one for myself.'

The barman serves him accordingly; the man drinks the three whiskies, thanks him and leaves.

He comes in the following night, placing the same order '... that's one for my late father, one for my late mother etc ...'

Again he drinks the three whiskies, thanks the barman and leaves.

He does the same every night for the next few weeks, getting to know the barman, becoming a bit of a regular.

He comes in one night though, asking for two whiskies – '...that's one for my late father and one for my late mother'.

'What about for yourself?' the barman asks.

'I can't ...' the man replies '...I'm off it for Lent'.

Adherence to religious codes is, of course, a major focus in our lives here. Ampleforth is joined by only a handful of schools in its juxtaposition of monastery and school. The Catholic side to our education has perhaps had a more profound effect on us than our academic subjects. Witnessing the utter devotion to God displayed by members of the monastic Community is humbling and plays a large role in our own spiritual development.

Fr Cuthbert mentioned in his sermon at Exhibition Mass, as did Richard Knock in the speech he made this time last year, that the school prepares us for death, also claiming that this is in no way a grim prospect, and that death is merely the beginning of eternal life. If death is therefore not to be feared, then life must be enjoyed. It brings to mind the story about the man who was so concerned about his health and lifestyle that he went to see a doctor to talk things over.

'Doctor,' he says, 'I desperately want to live past 90 and need to know if I'm going the right way about it, eating the right things, etc.'

'Alright then ...' the doctor replies, '... do you drink or smoke?'

'Never,' the man retorts. 'I haven't touched a drop for years and I can't stand smoking.'

'Ok ... do you eat much red meat or fatty foods?'

'Don't even go near them,' the man replies adamantly.

The doctor asks him 'How about your leisure activities? Do you drive fast cars, keep the company of women, live on the edge?'

'Good God no!' the man replies.

'So, you're telling me you do none of these things?'

'Absolutely none of them' the man states proudly.

'Why on earth ...' the doctor asks him '... do you want to live past 90 then?'

To go back to my first point about the DVD; while I'm certain it will show the school in all its glory, it will also be found wanting by the best possible advertisement the school could produce, which is every single one of the leavers here tonight.

I would like to wish each one of you my very best wishes for the future.
Thank you.

A SERMON BY FR EDWARD AT AMPLEFORTH ON 19 JUNE 2005

'The Lord is at my side – a mighty hero'

'So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.'

Those two statements from today's readings are important for us all, and we need to ponder them. They are particularly relevant to you who are leaving Ampleforth this term to move on to the next stage in your lives. As in all changes in your lives you will leave much behind you, but you will need to take some important things with you and carry them throughout your lives.

As Jeremiah reminds us: 'The Lord is at my side – a mighty hero.'

Always keep that thought at the centre of your life. Not only that God is very close to you, but He has an immense love for you. That love is unconditional and it can never be withdrawn. We, of course, can turn away from it as we can pull the

curtains and block out the sun. But his love is always awaiting us, and we must turn back to it every day. Then we shall have a security that nothing, nobody can take away.

Loved by God, you must always love yourself. You must respect yourself and forgive yourself. Until you accept and even love your weakness and vulnerability you will never know the meaning of God's power and strength. So learn to laugh at yourself. But at the same time believe in your own ability and your own dignity. Be proud of who you are, and want to be nobody else. You are unique, chosen by God.

Be nobody's victim. Many people and systems will try to gain control over your minds and hearts, to make you conform to habits and customs you know are harmful to you. Learn to say 'no'. Always keep your integrity, always protect your heart.

Learn to accept the darkness and disappointments in your life. Without some form of suffering you will never become compassionate. It is impossible to be fully human without feeling your own pain and vulnerability. As we all know there is no Easter without Good Friday.

Finally, remember that you have a responsibility towards others. Always respect them; always try to make them grow and never diminish them; always try to show others that they are precious in God's eyes. People listen to witnesses rather than teachers. So people will be affected not so much by what you say but by what you do, and by what you are. You have an enormous power to do good. And as the Gospel today reminds us – 'There is no need to be afraid, you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows'.

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HEADMASTER'S LECTURES:
24TH SEASON: 2004-2005

Friday 10 September 2004 [Lecture 180]

Dr Xavier Bray

The Greek of Toledo

Dr Xavier Bray is the assistant curator of Baroque painting in the 17th and 18th centuries at the National Gallery. As well as working in London, he has also worked in Bilbao. He was the Curator of the 2004 exhibition on El Greco, held at the National Gallery, and on the exhibition, *The Image of Christ*. In this lecture Dr Bray spoke of El Greco.

Thursday 23 September 2004 [Lecture 181]

General The Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank GCB LVO OBE

The War on Terrorism

Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank kindly returned to give another Headmaster's Lecture; he had given a Headmaster's Lecture three days after 9/11 in September 2001. Lord Guthrie was Chief of the Defence Staff from 1997 to 2001, from the end of the Major Government and during the first term of the Blair Government, retiring from this position in February 2001. He began his professional career in the Welsh Guards, then in the 22nd Special Air Service Regiment, Lieutenant General 1 (BR) Corps, and Commander in Chief British Army of the Rhine. In 1994 he became Chief of the General Staff. He was appointed Aide-de-Camp General to Her Majesty the Queen in 1993. Colonel of the Life Guards and Gold Stick to the Queen in 1999, and Colonel Commandant of the SAS in 2000, he became Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank in June 2001. He was promoted to an OBE in 1980, knighted in 1990, awarded the GCB in 1994 and the LVO in 1997. He is a Freeman of the City of London, a Knight of Malta, and a Commander, Legion of Merit USA. Three years after his last visit and three years after 9/11, Lord Guthrie spoke in this lecture on the nature of the war on terrorism.

Monday 8 November 2004 [Lecture 182]

Mr Nicholas Ross

Wicked Pictures

Mr Nicholas Ross is an art historian and critic. He directs Art History Abroad, arranging gap year courses and travel in the study of art. He has lectured at Ampleforth in the past on such subjects as *Iconography and Baroque Painting* and *Love and Marriage in Art*. In this lecture *Wicked Pictures*, Mr Ross considered Art Vandalism, touching on Leonardo, science and feminism.



Harry Stein (B), The Rt Hon Lord Hurd of Westwell CH CBE PC, Michael Forsythe (J).
Lord Hurd gave a Headmaster's Lecture Can there be an ethical foreign policy?
on 31 January 2005

Monday 31 January 2005 [Lecture 183]

Lord Hurd of Westwell CH CBE PC

Can there be an ethical foreign policy?

Lord Hurd served in Government for 16 years from 1979 to 1995, in the Governments of Margaret Thatcher (1989-90) and John Major (1990-97) – as Minister of State in the Foreign Office and the Home Office, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (1984-85), Home Secretary (1985-89) and Foreign Secretary (1989-95). In November 1990, when Mrs Thatcher was defeated as Leader of the Conservative Party, Douglas Hurd was a candidate for the leadership (and to be (Prime Minister) against Heseltine and Major. He was MP for Mid-Oxfordshire (later Witney) from 1974-1997. He was created a Life Peer in 1997. His recent books are *The Search for Peace* (with the 1997 BBC TV series), *The Shape of Ice* (a novel, 1998) and *Ten Minutes to Turn the Devil* (a collection of short stories, 1999), and his *Memoirs*. Lord Hurd spoke of British foreign policy over recent years in the context of ethical foreign policy.

Thursday 10 February 2005 [Lecture 184]

Mr Christopher Cviic OBE

Eastern European expectations

Mr Christopher Cviic is one of the most authoritative 'voices' on Eastern Europe.

He was born in Croatia and educated both in Croatia and in the UK at the



Mr Christopher Cviic

Universities of Zagreb, London and Oxford. He has lived and worked in the UK since 1954 and became a British citizen in 1963. From 1964 to 1969 he worked for the BBC World Service, as the East and Central Europe Correspondent and Religious Affairs Correspondent for the Economist until 1990, and edited the Royal Institute of International Affairs' monthly magazine *The World Today* from 1985 to 1995. Since 1999 he has been Senior Political Counsellor at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) responsible for the countries of Central and South Eastern Europe. He was awarded an OBE in 2001 for services to the promotion of democracy in Central Europe. Christopher Cviic spoke of political and social developments in the post Soviet world of Eastern Europe.

Friday 4 March 2005 [Lecture 185]

Professor David Crystal OBE

The Future of Language

Joanna Staunton (A) welcomed Professor Crystal at the beginning of his talk, and went on to say 'Professor David Crystal is an international authority on language. As a writer, as an editor, as lecturer and as broadcaster, he comes here with an international reputation. In the last 40 years, since 1964, he has published over 100 books. For 10 years Professor Crystal held a chair at the University of Reading, and he is now Honorary Professor of Linguistics at the University of Wales in Bangor. He wrote two encyclopedias for the Cambridge University Press, *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Language* and *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language*. In 2004, last year, his books included *The Language Revolution*, *A Glossary of Netspeak and Textspeak*, and *The Stories of English*. Books have included such titles as: *Words on Words* – a 2000 dictionary of language quotations compiled with his wife, *Shakespeare's Words* – a 2002 book written in collaboration with his actor son, Ben. A new book, in 2005 is *Pronouncing Shakespeare*, a report of the Globe production of *Romeo and Juliet* in original pronunciation. He has written devotional poetry and plays. Currently he is editing the poetry of the African missionary and Zimbabwean martyr John Bradburne, murdered, perhaps martyred in the Zimbabwean war of independence 20 years ago. Professor Crystal has done a dramatic reading of the St John Gospel, now available on CD. He was the writer and presenter of the eight-hour BBC1 series *The Story of English*, and series on Radio 4, Radio 5, the Discovery Channel and on BBC Knowledge. Professor Crystal talked about the changes of language. After a period in which there had been only moderate change, recent years had seen significant changes in the use of language. He spoke of the new world of texting.

Friday 29 April 2005 [Lecture 186]

Sir Mark Tully OBE

East meets West

Sir Mark Tully has been called 'the voice of India'. Joining the BBC in 1964, he was the Chief BBC correspondent in India from 1972 to 1994, also covering much of South Asia. After a clash with the Director General of the BBC about editorial policy and the nature of the BBC, he left the BBC in 1997 – although he still presents programmes but not as an employee of the BBC. Among the events he covered for the BBC were the Bangladeshi war, the execution of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (Prime Minister of Pakistan), the Russian occupation of Afghanistan, Operation Blue Star when the Indian army launched an attack on the Golden Temple (the holiest shrine of the Sikhs). Currently he is the regular presenter of the BBC Radio 4 programme *Something Understood*. His books include *Amritsar: Mrs Gandhi's Last Battle*, *No Full Stops in India*, and *India in Slow Motion*. He lives in India. Sir Mark was giving his second Headmaster's Lecture. He spoke of the cultural and religious conflicts between East and West.

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COLLEGE COMMON ROOM

At the beginning of the academic year, Andrew Carter stood down as President of the Common Room after two years of service to his colleagues. John Ridge was elected as his successor, with Fr Wulstan as Vice-President, Michael McPartlan continuing as Treasurer and Tom Leverage taking over from Rachel Fletcher, who had served conscientiously as Steward for several years. After a term, when career plans and personal circumstances required, Tom was obliged to hand over the reins to Lorraine Canning, who was willing and able to step into the breach. Phyl Melling was re-elected as Chair of the Laystaff, supported by the Salaries and General Purposes Committee comprising Mike Barras, Lorraine Canning and Jack Murphy.

During the year, in consultation with the Common Room, John and Phyl have met regularly with Fr Gabriel: useful discussions have led to a number of welcome developments which have aided the evolution of the school, benefitting both students and teachers.

The end of the academic year 2005 also saw the departure to retirement or other posts of 13 members of the teaching staff.

DAVID BOWMAN and SIMON WRIGHT



DAVID BOWMAN, one of the architects of modern Ampleforth, was appointed to the staff in 1970, retired from his post as Director of Music in 1989, and from his teaching role at the end of the summer term in 2005. It is sometimes suggested that there was hardly any music at Ampleforth before he arrived. This is certainly not true, and, in any case, it is not the point. What is true is that he changed the status of music in the Ampleforth ethos and curriculum, and that

by doing so he contributed significantly to a cultural shift, which has affected the overall shape of the education offered in the school.

In order to understand the extent and complexity of his achievement, it is important to have some understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the educational tradition which had been developed during the previous half century, largely under the inspiration of Fr Paul Nevill's long Headmastership (1925-1954). Fr Paul's achievement had been a double one. His establishment of the House system had created a firm framework within which his insistence on the centrality of trust and of respect for the individual could take effective root. At the same time, his enthusiasm for academic excellence, fostered by a long series of imaginative staff appointments and rooted in the spirit of the great universities, had not only made Ampleforth a respectable and attractive choice for Catholic parents in search of high educational standards, but had actually raised the levels of expectation in such a way that, faced with the accepted acid test of competition for Oxbridge awards, Ampleforth could compete with the best.

There was, however, a shadow side to this achievement. The academic range of Ampleforth's prowess was limited. The ablest boys were invariably hived off into the

highly concentrated worlds of classics, mathematics and history, with modern languages creeping up under the influence of figures like Fr Basil Hume. These departments were staffed, whether from the Monastery or from the Lay Staff Common Room, by teachers of great ability and often of considerable eccentricity, who were able to capture the minds and hearts of their gifted students from an early age, and who had the time and space within the curriculum to take them to a level which more than equipped them for any standard of university entrance.

The reverse of the coin was that other areas of the curriculum tended to remain in a somewhat neglected shadowland. It is well known that Fr Paul Nevill had little respect for the academic study of English Literature. During his time at Ampleforth, this was never taken beyond the equivalent of the current GCSE. During the 1940s, one boy had the courage to insist on entering himself for Higher Certificate English. He pursued his studies with the aid of private tuition. In the event he failed the exam – a failure which Fr Paul reported triumphantly to the Common Room. What this rather curious discrepancy expressed was quite a deep and widespread suspicion, broadly accepted by the Ampleforth ethos, of the cultivation of the academic study of all subjects which were regarded largely as being 'aesthetic'. Fr Raphael Williams, who was himself a distinguished watercolourist, was famous for his contempt for 'aesthetes'. It was generally felt that poetry, drama, music and the creative arts in general were acceptable as pastimes for those who had gifts in this direction, but were certainly not suitable material for rigorous academic study.

This anti-aesthetic mentality did not, in fact, prevent creative activity of various kinds from flourishing outside the classroom. The standard of work produced in the art room and in the theatre was often very high, and the same was true of music, presided over by the colourful genius of Fr Austin Rennick and Fr Laurence Bevenot and Philip Dore, but these activities had no real status in the school curriculum. They were 'extras'. Boys had to miss classes or rugby or free time in order to cultivate their artistic abilities – not that they were in any way despised for doing so. The atmosphere of the school was tolerant rather than philistine, but it was simply an accepted doctrine that some disciplines were central and others were marginal.

All this was to change when Fr Basil Hume was elected Abbot in 1963 and Fr Patrick Barry was appointed Headmaster in 1964. They shared a sense that the excellences of the Ampleforth tradition had too narrow a base, and that the future direction of the school depended on a decisive broadening of the all-round curriculum. It was also evident to them that this could only be achieved by engaging the Lay Staff more fully at the highest level in the school's management. This would obviously require decisive and imaginative appointments. It so happened that the first of these appointments was that of John Willcox as Games Master, which was to have far-reaching consequences for the stature of Ampleforth, not only in rugby, but in the diversification of the games programme and in the pastoral involvement of the Lay Staff as a whole. If Abbot Basil was the decisive mover in this area (after all he had replaced himself as 1st XV coach), Fr Patrick Barry made the key movements on the academic side. When David Bowman was appointed, he was given a clear brief with regard to the role of music within the whole school curriculum and the raising of standards of performance, both in the Abbey Church and in the context of instrumental teaching. His appointment was carefully researched and was the result of a conviction that he was equal to the task. It was soon evident that he relished the challenge. His robust Lancastrian temperament (a not uncommon factor in

Ampleforth's long history) was matched by his distaste for mediocrity and by his professional competence, both as a musician and as a schoolmaster. There was no way in which he was going to allow music to remain on the margin, and his scrupulous insistence, both on discipline and on detail, was to become the hallmark of his style.

In order to persuade the whole establishment that music deserved to be shifted from the margin to the centre, he had to be seen to be raising standards in a significant way. It must be remembered that at the beginning his raw material was what it always had been. There were no academic awards for music. Fr Patrick quickly remedied this, and it was with surprising rapidity that Ampleforth began to attract candidates of high musical ability, who went on later to fulfil their potential at university and beyond. There were two reasons for this rapid change.

The first was David's insistence, both in the early days of the Schola Cantorum and in his academic teaching, on the same standards of academic rigour and of personal discipline that were accepted in other fields. It became clear, for instance, that in the case of a boy who was both a gifted games player and a gifted musician, games would no longer emerge as the clear winner. Creative compromises were sought. On one occasion, the present writer had to collect a member of the 1st XV from the rugby pitch at Durham and whisk him back so that he would perform that evening in the orchestra. There can be no doubt that the symbol of music's new status under David's direction was the Schola Cantorum. It is odd now to think that he had difficulty in persuading the wider community that the Schola deserved a uniform as did the 1st XV. This uniform was necessary as an outward sign of inner discipline. By concentrating at first on a fairly limited repertoire, David brought the Schola to a standard which equipped them within a few years to give memorable performances of works as demanding as *Messiah* and Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*. Later on he was able to elicit similar standards in difficult works by Britten. With the Choral Society he started with Haydn's *Nelson Mass* but lifted them eventually to *The Dream of Gerontius*. His development of the Schola tours was an added incentive, which ensured that the standards would be maintained long after his own retirement.

The second reason which underlies David's long-term achievement was that he and Fr Patrick quickly realised that it was not sufficient simply to have a vigorous new Director. His presence needed to be complemented and enriched by other full-time members of the music staff, not only to extend effective teaching over the full instrumental range, but also to create a team whose varied gifts would enhance each other. David ensured the appointment of a series of gifted young musicians who would devote their talents to Ampleforth before going on to important appointments elsewhere. The first of these key appointments was, of course, that of Simon Wright, who (to the great benefit of Ampleforth) did not move on elsewhere. Peter White, David Lowe, David Hansell, Jonathan Leonard and Paul Young all made important contributions in this way. The appointment of Bill Leary, fresh from his exceptional orchestral experience, transformed the teaching of strings. Brian Kingsley still does the same for brass. All these new appointments complemented the long service of teachers like Neville Mortimer and Douglas Kershaw, who grew happily into the new regime.

David was thus not only a pioneer but an enabler. The Music Staff became a significant component of the Common Room, and the Common Room in its turn repaid the compliment by entering with joyous visibility into the school's musical life. In some ways, the spectacle of John Willcox and Keith Elliot taking part in

school concerts remains a symbol of what had been achieved. David was thus able to take a fairly early retirement from his post as Director of Music in order to become a presiding elder statesman and to devote his huge academic gifts to professional work on musical texts. This in its turn has contributed in a much wider context to the status of Ampleforth as a centre of musical excellence.

Dominic Milroy OSB

The department's reputation has indeed benefited from the esteem with which David has been held: as a teacher, as Chief Examiner for A level, and as an author of many articles and text books as well as the highly acclaimed *Dictionary of Music in Sound*.

As these demands on his time grew, David continued to teach individual piano and keyboard harmony on a part-time basis but, from time to time, he also generously agreed to supervise a Vith form set and to coach talented academic musicians; this, along with his attendance at so many of the student concerts, formal and informal, has demonstrated the notable feature of his work over recent years, namely his undiminished support for the department, his colleagues and, of course, for the students. Many of his pupils, the less able as well as the gifted and inquisitive, will have good reason to be grateful to him for the meticulous care and attention he gave to their lessons. Colleagues similarly will be grateful to him for putting at their service his seemingly unlimited musical resources: books, scores, sheet music and, most welcome of all, his knowledge, advice and experience, all so willingly given.

It is good to know that in retirement David and Jill will be living close by; we hope they will be frequent visitors.

SIMON WRIGHT came to Ampleforth as Abbey Organist, Head of Keyboards and Conductor of the Orchestra in 1971. By one of those strange flukes that brighten our lives as the years fly by, it turned out that Simon and I had the same teacher in Manchester (though he was ten years older by the time Simon became his pupil). I discovered this in 1970 when I read Simon's application for the post of Assistant Director of Music at Ampleforth. I rang our mutual teacher who intimated that, although Simon was the most brilliant musician he had ever come across, he would take some handling – the shortest and most accurate reference I have ever had!

He came to us when he was no more than a few months older than sixth formers in their 'seventh term', yet he immediately made an impression (even on musically illiterate members of the 1st XV) as a supremely gifted virtuoso organist. I remember commissioning Professor Kenneth Leighton to write a Mass for Ampleforth with an easy congregational part (for the 1st XV), fairly difficult parts for the Schola, and a fiendishly difficult organ part. Simon played it faultlessly at sight in the first rehearsal!

Simon took 'some handling' because, like many brilliant people, he cannot suffer fools gladly, and he has a wonderfully Beechamesque sense of humour that can easily descend to rebarbative wit or very funny practical jokes. I recall pompously discoursing about Mahler in Simon's presence. I was later stupid enough to be bullied by my colleagues into accepting a seat on the panel for Simon's home-grown version of *Any Questions* (if you don't know about this radio panel game ask your grandparents). One of the questions demanded the recognition of a piece of music from a recorded performance of its first bar. When my turn came I heard no more than the jingling of sleigh bells. In front of the entire music staff and a goodly

number of their pupils, I answered lamely that 'it could be a sleigh ride by Tchaikowsky'. It turned out to be the first bar of the first movement of Mahler's Fourth Symphony which the College Orchestra were even then rehearsing for Exhibition! (I think it was about this time that Simon took me to the nets to give me some coaching for a staff v. boys' cricket match in which I was honour-bound to participate. Simon broke my little finger with his first wickedly-spinning ball.)

What our mutual teacher did not tell me about were two other aspects of Simon's multi-faceted character. The first is his incredible patience with inept but well-meaning pupils. For Simon these boys were not at all like the pompous adult fools he could not abide: for better or for worse they were stuck with each other for 45 minutes each week, so Simon made sure that he developed whatever potential they had and taunted them with a genial wit that many an old boy must remember with gratitude. The other aspect of Simon's character was his unfailing generosity of spirit (and spirits, as I recall with not a little pain as well as a lot of pleasure!).

Others will record Simon's brilliance as an accompanist of under-rehearsed pupils (who, through his good offices, got away with murder in Grade 1 exams as well as in National Youth Orchestra auditions), his ability to pull recalcitrant youths together and, under his baton, make them play like angels in public concerts, his enormous contributions to the liturgy in the Abbey Church (at Christmas and Easter as well as during term time), and his unbeaten record in servicing Oxbridge with organ scholars. But I treasure most his generosity, his wit (when I was not the butt of it) and musicianship that falls not far short of genius.

DB

The Editor, JFS, adds this note to the paeans of praise for David Bowman and Simon Wright: As one who worked under and/or with DSB and SRW, I make two points: as a non-reader of music who was allowed and encouraged to be a member of DSB's Schola Cantorum for 10 years from its inception; and as cricket coach to the 1st XI, in admiration of SRW's skill and generosity of time as an umpire.

From the beginning, DSB encouraged monks to be part of the Schola. Some of us could cope musically and/or vocally; others were bit players. I was one of the latter. DSB's patience, tolerance and demanding standards of time, attendance and performance enabled a youngish monk-teacher in the school to value high standards while respecting the limitations of some of his forces. The Schola started its rehearsals in what is now the (small) laundry room under the old music school: nowhere else was available and probably nowhere else would have been made available. It did serve a purpose: DSB could hear every error and errors were not allowed: 'Stop making that revolting noise' was as likely to be said to monk as to treble. But such gentle outbursts only led to a fierce bonding within the Schola and it was not long before we were singing over Bruckner's tomb in St Florian, or in Westminster Cathedral, cathedrals, churches and festivals in a wider world, and *Journal* readers can look back on a remarkable achievement begun in 1970. The Choral Society was galvanised into action as often as a sufficient number of non-musicians could be persuaded to join and remain in attendance at rehearsal: it was always worth the effort. And I think DSB would agree that the crowning pinnacle of his efforts was in the performance of the *Dream of Gerontius*. Rehearsals for this were in the Gymnasium. For too long, DSB made the most of limited music facilities until the construction of the new music school in 1984-5.

One characteristic of SRW's gifts which has not been brought to the fore is his

cricket umpiring skills. DSB has mentioned SRW's generosity of spirit and JGW, GDT and I have reason to be grateful for SRW's answer 'Yes' whenever asked to umpire. But I only make a simple, personal and subjective point here: of all the umpires who graced the 1st XI cricket ground in my time (1969-93), pride of place for speed of eye and reaction, and - from what I discerned among the players - judgement of decision goes to SRW. He was also the best of fun in the setting of a cricket match both on as well as off the field. DSB refers in his piece to SRW playing Kenneth Leighton at sight - I remember it well and especially the astonished look on DSB's face at the time. I seem also to remember David teasingly suggesting that Simon now put away the score and play it from memory. He did so. Or am I re-writing history? Back to cricket: Simon Wright umpired when he could or when we were without an 'impartial' umpire from outside the College. The speed of eye and reaction when faced with a music score was replicated when umpiring: he was the best.

RICHARD BERTIE joined Ampleforth College from Wymondham College in September 2001 to teach History and History of Art. He quickly made a positive impression as someone who contributed enthusiastically and effectively to a range of areas. He has been Assistant Housemaster of both St Oswald's and St John's, has revitalised the Senior Debating Society, run Forum and made valuable contributions to the games programme, organising badminton and fitness. First and foremost, though, he has been an excellent History teacher, doing much to maintain History as a popular and successful subject. He will be greatly missed by a number of colleagues and friends, but it is with our best wishes that he goes on to take up the post of Head of History at Princethorpe College, Rugby.



DAVID BILLING arrived at Ampleforth in 2001 as an NQT, too young to drive a mibus. He has contributed much as a successful English teacher, a dedicated and conscientious Assistant Housemaster in St Hugh's over difficult times, and recently as co-ordinator of Middle School social events. However, it is on the sports field that he has excelled, coaching rugby, hockey and cricket as well as accompanying foreign tours. It is therefore not surprising that he has left to take up the post of Director of Sport at Uppingham. We wish him well.



DAVID CRAGG-JAMES retired as Head of German. He came to Ampleforth in 1978 and has had a distinguished teaching career, imparting the challenges, delights and intricacies of German and French to successive generations of Ampleforth students. A dedicated teacher of considerable linguistic expertise and flair, his dynamism and enthusiasm never waned. Old Amplefordians returning to the school to visit never ceased to seek him out, having of course checked their appearance beforehand. David was popular in the life of the school and the department: his contributions to a

broad range of activities have been appreciated by his students and his colleagues. As an executive member of the local area Independent Schools' Language Training Board he has organised many events which have contributed to the professional development of language teachers, and his place on the committee of the Independent Schools Modern Languages Association enabled him to offer much to the teaching of languages nationally. Those of us who live locally will be pleased to be able to continue to enjoy his company during his well-earned retirement.

KERRI FOX joined the Christian Theology department in 2001. She is a thoughtful and dedicated teacher and popular with her students. During her time at Ampleforth Kerri made considerable contributions to the wider life of the school, helping to run both Senior Debating and the Forum discussion group. Kerri also helped with fencing and the organisation of the Special Needs Holiday. In her last year at Ampleforth she became Assistant Housenmistress in St Aidan's. She leaves us to take up the post of Head of Department at Aldenham. We wish her well.

KATE FRASER



Four years ago Ampleforth made the dramatic decision to open a new boarding house for Sixth Form girls. This had a huge impact on Ampleforth games that had for years been a male dominated organisation.

Kate Fraser was employed as a girls' games specialist and later, as the number of girls increased, she became Ampleforth's first Head of Girls Games. Kate characteristically took on the job with energy and dedication. Soon everyone in the school became aware of what a genuine asset she was to a school that had become co-educational. Her desire for excellence rubbed off on both girls and

boys. Her enthusiasm and drive allowed her quickly to establish a girls' games programme which effectively mirrored that already provided for boys. Her innate love of sport was infectious and soon all the girls were both benefiting from and enjoying their sporting endeavours. Kate has the ability to bring out the best in

individuals of differing abilities; she believes that sport is important for all, not just for the most able, and she made all feel valued, whatever their contribution on the games field. Kate's impact was not restricted to girls' sport, she also contributed to the development of boys' sport. She was dynamic in her delivery of PE to boys of all ages, and also made a contribution to boys' hockey. More than this, she demonstrated a genuine interest in the challenges the boys' teams faced. She cared passionately about Ampleforth sport and this was well recognised by parents and Old Amplefordians alike. The development of the A Level PE programme can be counted as another achievement. When she arrived no-one had experience of the course, but her energy and professionalism not only succeeded in establishing the subject but in achieving a high success rate. Kate has the gift of pushing students hard, while making learning fun and this was a talent she also took to the English department where she worked with year nine groups.

In addition Kate took on the role of Assistant Housenmistress in St Aidan's House. In four years she achieved much, establishing the girls as a force to be reckoned with on the games circuit and organising their first tours to Scotland and Malta. Kate leaves us with fond memories to take up the position of Head of Girls' Games at Oundle. We wish her every success in the future.

GDT

CHRISTOPHER GALLAGHER left us at Christmas 2004, after a relatively short tenure, to take up the post of Head of Religious Studies at Campion School, Hornchurch. He will be particularly remembered for initiating and running holidays for Special Needs children at Ampleforth during the summer term. We wish him and his family well.



GERALD GUTHRIE came to Ampleforth from Brighton College in 1994 to take charge of St Dunstan's. He has been an exceptional Housemaster, noted for his even temper and strong sense of fairness. The house was in some disarray when he arrived but he quietly and calmly restored order and created an environment where diverse boys flourished. You did not have to be sporty, intellectually gifted or talented in the arts to do well in St Dunstan's. For Gerald the boys' welfare and happiness were his first priority. He had a particular gift with troubled boys, bringing wisdom, kindness and patience to bear on

their problems. There are many boys who would not have survived in the school without his patient guidance. He has earned the abiding gratitude of generations of parents. Over the years Gerald has become a mentor both officially and unofficially to other housemasters and, more recently housemistresses. His wise advice and excellent sense of humour have helped to defuse difficult moments, particularly late on Saturday nights. Although an historian by training, Gerald taught patiently and successfully in the Modern Studies Department. He was a thorough teacher and meticulous marker. He was to be found during every block prep presiding over the younger boys in the carrels, marking scripts and leading by example.

Frances worked for a time in the monastery infirmary, but moved subsequently to become the School Librarian. She ran the library with cheerful efficiency, creating for the students a retreat and safe haven when needed.

Gerald and Frances are returning to Sussex but plan to spend time travelling and in Gerald's case, fishing. They leave with our gratitude for all they have achieved and best wishes for the future.

RF

THOMAS LEVERAGE joined the Geography Department in 2002 as a newly qualified teacher. He graduated from Girton College, Cambridge in 1999 and after a year at the Venerable English College in Rome worked in a solicitor's office in his home town, Norwich. The following year he travelled in Peru and spent some time teaching Catechetics to disadvantaged school students in Essex before taking his PGCE at the University of East Anglia in Norwich. Tom has spent a shorter time in his first post at Ampleforth than he might have imagined, having been promoted to Head of Geography at Malvern College in Worcestershire after just three years. But then again, Tom has never been one to procrastinate; for the first year he was Assistant Housemaster under Paul Brennan in his new post in St Thomas's House, but by July was married to Joanne in Rome and settled in Malton.

Tom achieved a remarkable amount in his short time at the College. He quickly established himself as a sharp and enthusiastic teacher, achieving excellent exam results, particularly with the less able. The number of his students choosing to take Geography on to GCSE and A Level is testament to his energetic and interesting teaching style. He joined the department on fieldwork in Snowdonia, the Lake District, Malham in the Yorkshire Dales, the Cranedale Centre near Malton and to Iceland in 2004. His commitment to fieldwork was evident in his initiative to develop fieldwork opportunities in the valley. He developed a stimulating Geographical Society programme in his first year, taking students to lectures at the local branch of the Geographical Association in York and inviting speakers to the college, including two current Cambridge students that has gone a long way to inspiring the healthy proportion of A Level Geographers choosing to read Geography at University. He developed a tropical greenhouse with the help of some GCSE students and the Biology department, to aid their understanding of tropical rainforest ecosystems.

His extra-curricular contribution has been broad and profound; he has given talks to the Psychology Society, accompanied the Climbing Club, helped with the Sub Aqua Club, joined the ranks of the CCF and coached athletics and rugby, where he saw a rapid rise through the ranks from 6th XV to 4th XV coach. His greatest legacy though will be the rejuvenation of the Football Club. He is a keen footballer and referee and his enthusiasm, almost alone, allowed football to be introduced alongside hockey and rugby in the Lent term. Ampleforth College AFC played their first game since 1911 in 2004, and went on to enjoy success, beating a number of local schools and Sedbergh, for example. His role concluded fittingly in a tour to Rome when the 1st XI were treated to a lesson in technically proficient football by some of Italy's young stars.

Tom will be missed, just as he will miss Ampleforth. He always felt at home at the school, particularly as he knew Ampleforth before arriving to teach here. His strong faith also meant that he felt particularly privileged to be part of the community. We wish him all the very best for the future, in his new role at Malvern

College, on his graduation in Psychology from the Open University, and not least with the addition to their family.

RS



FRANCISCA WHEELER came to Ampleforth in September 2001 to teach Physics and head the same department. Previously, she had spent much of her career in the Manchester area, and prior to her arrival in North Yorkshire was Head of Physics at Withington Girls' School. A native of the Azores, Francisca was a PhD physicist and experienced teacher. She quickly displayed enthusiasm for her subject, taking every opportunity to pass on her knowledge to enquiring pupils and becoming a role model for girls with an interest in the sciences. She gave tirelessly of her time, running additional classes for anyone who had the desire to improve their

understanding of the physical world or those with aspirations for the top universities. She encouraged all manner of extra-curricular scientific projects and it didn't take long for successful students to make their mark. She set up Nuffield Bursaries, providing sixth formers with the opportunity of genuine scientific research in university departments. Bridge building projects and meteorological studies won her students national acclaim. She arranged for samples of lunar rocks to be displayed at the school and persuaded the European Space Agency to make Ampleforth one of a few locations in the North of England where children could see their solar-powered car: youngsters came from across Ryedale to learn more.

One of Francisca's keen interests was Astronomy. She established the Astronomy Society in 2001 and it quickly became a popular activity, combining regular evening observations and social events. Using her own telescopes, she introduced all-comers to the night sky. When opportunities arose (such as the transit of Venus) students across the school had their opportunity for some introductory astronomy. Behind the scenes, she worked with the late John Russell on plans for a purpose-built observatory; these remain ready to use when funds become available for this project.

Francisca maintained her involvement in the world science education throughout her time at Ampleforth. She sat on committees for the Institute of Physics, Physics Olympiad and Institute of Materials as well as organising the Area Training Board meeting for Physics teachers. As a practising Catholic, Francisca was happy to become involved in the pastoral side of the school. She was a tutor in St Hugh's and then in St Aidan's and worked with groups of young people preparing for their confirmation. She invariably identified the strengths and goodness in young people, and took a close interest their lives. She also cared a great deal for the members of her department and valued their contribution: for this she was highly respected.

In her spare time, Francisca enjoyed exploring the beautiful countryside of the Howardian Hills with husband Fred. She has now moved to London, where we hope she will continue to enjoy her teaching and will be able to spend a little more

time with her family. We are grateful for all she achieved during her four years at Ampleforth.

AST



ROSALIE WILDING left to join Christopher in his retirement, some of which will be spent in their house in the Apennines. She came to Ampleforth as a teacher of French in 1978. Subsequently she also taught Italian, initially as an activity and ultimately as Head of Subject when it became part of the formal curriculum. She also became Head of EAL and taught at Gilling. She has been a tutor, most recently to some of the girls in St Aidan's. As the sole teacher of Italian at Ampleforth, she has sometimes had to plough a lonely furrow, but she has done so with professionalism and with a passion for

the language that will be remembered by her colleagues and those she taught so successfully. We wish her a happy retirement.

JPR

NEW TEACHERS

A significant number of new teachers joined the academic staff in September 2004. We are delighted to welcome them all.

Brenda Abbott, sister of Fr Wulstan and mother of Lizzy who recently left Ampleforth to study Theology at Oxford, arrived to be Housemistress of St Aidan's. Formerly Head of Languages at Yarm Preparatory School, teaching German and French, she has also lived and travelled widely abroad. She has a postgraduate qualification in Christian Theology, yet despite considerable sibling pressure she has managed to anchor most of her teaching in the Modern Languages Department. **Victoria Anglim** has supported her Assistant Housemaster husband in St Edward's and St Wilfrid's House since moving here in 2001 and is looking forward to being the Housemistress of St Bede's House in 2006. For the moment she is a part-time member of the Design and Technology Department. Victoria graduated from Coventry University with a BEng (Hons) in Manufacturing Engineering with Business and German which was quickly followed by a PGCE from Loughborough University. At her last school she was head of Design Technology, and before moving to Ampleforth was presented with the NAAIDT Award for excellence in Design Technology.

Dara de Cogan joined the Music Department. An accomplished musician and a specialist violinist, Dara has played with a number of professional orchestras, including the Halle. Amongst many other things, he has been quick to make the Ceilidh a feature of Ampleforth social life. **Neil O'Donovan** joined the Mathematics Department: having read Mathematics for his first degree at University College London he moved on to Churchill College Cambridge where he sat Part III of the Mathematics Tripos and obtained the Certificate of Advanced Study in Mathematics. He worked for Marconi Underwater Systems Limited in North

Wembley for a year in the mid-1980s until the lure of the classroom beckoned – two years at Berkhamsted School in Hertfordshire were followed by 17 years in the state sector at Aylesbury Grammar School. A Londoner by birth, he is a keen follower of Arsenal Football Club and his other hobbies include 1970s pop, cinema (especially the horror genre) and taking part in general knowledge quizzes – since his arrival he has founded the Ampleforth House Challenge Competition. **Helen Thomson** came to teach English; she studied for a BA in English Literature with Music at St Chad's College Durham University, during which time she was President of the Union, and a member of the National Youth Orchestra for Scotland. Subsequently she took an MA in Literature of the Romantic Period at Bristol University. Following her PGCE, she worked for five years at Bristol Cathedral School. Her hobbies include travel, music, theatre and getting beaten at squash. **Jane Weston**, also new to the Mathematics Department, read Mathematics and Philosophy at York University and has a great interest in the philosophical and artistic qualities of mathematics, along with its more commonly known logical and scientific ones. Jane researched for a PhD in Differential Geometry. Whilst at York she lectured in Mathematics for a short time and this contact with teaching led to the realisation that this was the vocation she wished to pursue. Jane is a keen lover of music and film, and practises Yoga, an activity that she has established at the school. **Mary Young** teaches in the Art Department. She graduated from Nottingham Trent University in 1998 where she studied photography and film before working for Granada Television. She decided to go into teaching in 2003 and completed a PGCE course at Liverpool John Moores University. In her spare time she likes to write plays, bake and sing, although not all at the same time!

Finally, **Kath Codrington**, well known to a number of generations of Ampleforth students as the wife of Hugh, has been recruited to support Derek Lloyd with our special needs provision.

Other arrivals during the year include that of Jacob, the second child of Matt and Beccy Harris and Lauren, also the second child of Paul and Tracy Connor. Congratulations to them, to Matthew and Jo Torrens-Burton who have adopted Isabella (aged two years) and Catherine (aged seven months) and also to Nick Leiper who has strengthened our links with St Martin's Ampleforth by marrying member of staff, Kate Johnson.

JPR

The following societies continued to meet but have chosen not to contribute to this edition of the *Journal*:

Arts Society
Classical Society
Cookery

Forum
Geography Society
Gliding Club

Junior Debating
Senior Debating
Yoga

AMPLEFORTH HOUSE CHALLENGE

House Challenge, Ampleforth College's answer to *University Challenge*, was born in January 2005. It is a general knowledge quiz involving starter questions, bonuses, buzzers (much like its better established, older brother, chaired by Jeremy Paxman). There are, however, no penalties for incorrect answers to questions! With all ten houses competing, the quiz involved two preliminary rounds, four quarter-finals, two semi-finals and a final.

The preliminary rounds saw St Hugh's drawn at home to St Edward's/Wilfrid's, with St Aidan's entertaining St Dunstan's. In the former game St Hugh's lost narrowly by 420 points to 390 – the closest game of the competition. In the latter game St Aidan's magnanimously surrendered home advantage to host the event in the School Theatre – every member of both houses was invited and the atmosphere electric. After a slow start St Aidan's dominated the closing stages but it was too little, too late as St Dunstan's won the game by 480 points to 330.

In the quarter-finals St Margaret's played St John's and lost by 320 points to 470, St Cuthbert's beat St Thomas's in the Theatre by 300 points to 200, St Oswald's (fielding the youngest team in the competition with only one sixth former in their squad) beat St Dunstan's, and St Bede's (with only 17 potential players to choose from) were soundly beaten by a rampant St Edward's/Wilfrid's, 540 points to 50.

In the summer term the semi-finals were held in the Alcuin Room. St John's beat St Oswald's by 430 points to 310 whilst St Edward's/Wilfrid's beat their Hume House neighbours St Cuthbert's by 380 points to 280. An enthusiastic crowd returned to the Alcuin Room at 8pm on 22 May 2005 for the Grand Final. With five minutes to go St John's narrowly led St Edward's/Wilfrid's by 300 points to 290. However, timely interruptions on the buzzer by Theo Pembroke and Quentin Macfarlane in the dying minutes led St Edward's/Wilfrid's to victory by 440 points to 400.

It was somehow fitting that the trophy was won by St Edward's/Wilfrid's. They took part in the very first preliminary game, and had to win four of the nine matches to win the tournament. They will be a tough act to follow when *House Challenge* resumes in the autumn of 2005.

CGO'D



St Edward's/Wilfrid's the winners in pensive mood. From left to right Anthony Pitt, Quentin Macfarlane, Theo Pembroke and Tom Madden.

AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE TV (ATV)

This has been an exceptional year, marked by the complete transition to digital backed by excellent technical support and student willingness.

We bade farewell to two outstanding students: Felix Ng (B) and John Massey (C), both of whom remained stalwarts at a time of transition for the theatre. Three theatre technicians and directors later, both boys have matured and produced some of the best filming ATV has done for years.

This year's rock concert and CCF inspection were, as sales show, done to a high school standard. Meanwhile eight other students have joined the ranks. Our first task in September will be to capture some shots for the new school prospectus DVD. We hope to broaden our editing facilities and, if time permits, create television of our own.

JGJA

BRIDGE

The Bridge Club continues to flourish on a Tuesday evening, although numbers were reduced this year. However, it was encouraging to welcome several newcomers to the group, all of whom seem keen to learn the game.

JM

CHESS

Chess continues to flourish at Ampleforth, with good players in nearly every house. This healthy state of affairs is sustained by the Inter-House Knock-out Competition, for teams of six, which keeps interest alive throughout the winter terms, with one match each week. A similar Junior Competition follows, for teams of four, giving players in the first two years an opportunity to play in house matches.

In the Senior House Competition the semi-finalists were St Hugh's, St Dunstan's, St Thomas's and St Oswald's. St Hugh's had a powerful team, with an impressive group of players in the Middle Sixth. They won through to the finals, but then lost to St Thomas's, who were exceptionally strong, with Chetan Deva, and Joseph Cawley on their top boards. In the Junior Competition, St Oswald's and St Thomas's reached the final. This was very close, but Tom Irven and David Chow both surpassed themselves to lead St Thomas's to victory.

Girls' Chess has shown significant development. This was largely due to the dynamic leadership of Victoria Palazzo (A), who had been appointed Ampleforth's first ever Captain of Girls' Chess. She was supported by Caroline Gore-Booth (A) and Cordelia Graham (A), with Adelaide Staunton (M) and Lydia Straughan (M) both prominent in junior years. Victoria and Caroline had a match for the Girls' Championship, and Caroline emerged as the winner.

The Chess Team was particularly strong, and has been exceptionally successful. Chetan Deva (T), the first Ampleforth Chess Scholar, was captain, and he won the School Championship. The rest of the team were: his brother Sagar Deva (C), Joseph Cawley (T), Jack Yu (O), Fergus Sinclair-House (C) and Gareth Pritchard (D). All six were awarded their School Colours. Theo Dinkel (J) and Harry Nunn (O) also played for the team in some matches.

In the York Schools Chess Championships in November, Chetan Deva (T), Sagar Deva (C), Joseph Cawley (T), Jack Yu (O), Victoria Palazzo (A), Caroline Gore-Booth (A) and Lydia Straughan (M) all took part, among over 80 competitors. Chetan Deva won all his games to become this year's York Schools Champion, and we also won the trophy for best School team. Victoria, Caroline and Lydia came equal second among the girls.

In May, Harry Nunn (O), Jamie Maw (O), Edmund Page (O), David Chow (T) and Lydia Straughan (M) played in the York Schools Under 14 Championships. As a team we came second, and Lydia won the Girls Under 14 Championship.

In the York and District Schools Chess Team Championships, we had matches successively with Bootham, Millthorpe, Ashville, St Olave's, and Manor Schools, winning in each case, and reaching the final. In the final, in June, we were facing our old rivals Canon Lee School, and we were without two of our strongest players due to public examinations. In spite of this, we won the match, retaining the trophy, which we had first won the previous year. In the course of these six school matches the team played 36 games, winning 35 of them, with one draw, and no losses.

Fr Justin Caldwell, OSB

COMBINED CADET FORCE

At the beginning of the autumn term the officers commanding the Combined Cadet Force were Lieutenant Colonel V F McLean (Commanding Officer and Officer Commanding 1st Year), Captain B J Anglim (Officer Commanding 2nd Year) 2nd Lieutenant T J Leverage (Army), Flight Lieutenant J P Ridge (Officer Commanding Royal Air Force Section) and Warrant Officer Class 1 (Sergeant Major Instructor) T Reece The School Staff Instructor. The Army section contained 99 cadets (distributed across the years as follows: first - 31, second - 18, third - 17, fourth - 16, fifth - 17). The Royal Air Force Section had fourteen cadets.

The first year cadets under Under Officers Alexander Irvine-Fortescue (C), Duncan Phillips (D), Martin MacHale (EW), Colour Sergeants Emily Clive (A), Robert Tyrwhitt (D) and Lance Corporal Louisa Laing (M), assisted by Sgt McCarthy 9 Cadet Training Team and commanded by Lt Col McLean, undertook their basic training (drill, GP rifle training, map reading, orienteering and fieldcraft). They also received instruction on the use of the No 8 rifle (.22).

The second year under Under Officers Luke Sherbrooke (EW), Theo Pembroke (EW), Julian Muller (H) and Colour Sergeant Beilby Forbes-Adam (D), commanded by Captain Anglim, trained for the Irish Guards' Cup. The sections spent much of the term learning section battle drills and patrolling skills culminating in a recon and fighting patrol on the Army training estate at Strensall. These cadets also took part in a section March and Shoot Competition.

The third year participated in a Cadre course (for Potential Lance Corporals) run by SMI Reece.

In addition, the cadet force was visited by the Infantry Presentation Team and given a good insight into life as an Infantry Officer. Sadly, we were unable to take part in the Brigade Skill at Arms meeting, as the date coincided with the exeat weekend. Congratulations go to the members of the Colts Canter team who were runners-up in this year's annual competition.



The Lent term started off with a display by the Royal Artillery Presentation Team. Training thereafter was focussed on training for the annual Field Day. The day, as always, was busy. First year cadets were occupied undertaking activities in the school grounds including: orienteering, practising fieldcraft and firing the GP rifle (5.56 mm). A Gazelle helicopter from the Army Air Corps at Middle Wallop, piloted by Captain James Barr, provided all the cadets with a ten minute familiarisation flight. In addition, cadets from Newcastle University Officer Training Corps (Simon Lukas E01 and Mark Reynolds C02) laid out a vehicles, weapons, camouflage and night sights demonstration.

The second year trained for and took part in a self reliance exercise on the North York Moors. They were dropped off in the dark and I am pleased to report that all made their final objective. This was followed by a visit to 2 Signal Regiment in York where they were taught advanced survival skills and carried out training on an Obstacle Course, culminating in a competition. The third year cadets at the culmination of their cadre course, took part in a 24 hour test exercise organised by Major Harry Scrope (E92) on the Catterick Training Area. The fourth year cadets spent a day with the Guards' Training Company at the Infantry Training Centre at Catterick. During the course of the day they were introduced to the recruits' steeplechase course and used the small arms trainer.



The Annual Inspection took place on Thursday 12 May and was undertaken by Major General A J N Graham, CBE, Director of the General Army Training and Recruiting Agency. The General was received by a Guard of Honour under the Command of Under Officer Alexander Irvine-Fortescue (C), with Corporal William Cumming-Bruce (O) as Right Guide, supported by the Waterloo Band of the King's Division and the Ampleforth College Pipe Band. The Guard of Honour, who trained during their morning break, rose to the occasion and looked both smart

and professional. The Waterloo Band and the Pipe Band were in fine form and got the day off to a stirring start with some rousing Scottish tunes. In the afternoon General Graham viewed command tasks, defence shoot, close target recce (second year) and a platoon attack (third and fourth year NCOs) with Under Officer Luke Sherbrooke (C) acting as Platoon Commander. In addition he watched the culmination of the first year competition consisting of a stretcher race, a series of command tasks and a general knowledge test.

At the prize-giving Under Officer Alexander Irvine-Fortescue (C) received the Nulli Secundus Cup and the Royal Irish Fusilier's Cup, Corporal Louis Wallace (C) the David Eden Cup, Lance Corporal Edward Scrope (O) the Armour Memorial Trophy, Lance Corporal Charlie Bowes-Lyon (EW) the Green Howard's Cup, and Corporals Freddie Wilson (C) and Dino Sabnani (C) the Irish Guards Cup. Lieutenant Colonel McLean presented General Graham with a framed print of the school grounds as a memento of his visit. In his address General Graham was generous in his praise and it was clear that both the cadets and the level of training they received had impressed him. The day was a success and I am grateful to the Officers, Matron Dewe-Mathews, members of Leeds University Officer Training Corps (Commanded by Lt Col DRE O'Kelly Green Howard's (C81)), 9 Cadet Training Team, the Guards Training Company, SMI Reece, Pipe Major Bryan Robinson and, of course, the cadets, pipers and drummers who showed such enthusiasm for the occasion.

Training continued for those not involved in examinations. The first year cadets participated in a weekend introduction to self-reliance in Gilling Woods under Lt Col McLean, 2nd Lieutenant Leverage and SMI Reece. We were fortunate to obtain another Gazelle helicopter from Middle Wallop piloted by Captain Laura Jones who managed to give 30 cadets flights in the two hours available. Twenty nine cadets spent a day at the Army Exhibition for Schools at Catterick. Great fun was had by all on the aerial ropeways, obstacle course and the parachute tower. The arena hosted a display by the Royal Artillery Motor Cycle Display team, free-fall parachuting and an Infantry attack. A number of senior cadets also volunteered to take part in an escape and evasion weekend in the Catterick Training Area during the summer term. It was a tough exercise but thoroughly enjoyed and many lessons were learnt by all those who participated.

We are grateful to Brigadier Richard Dennis OBE, Commander 15 (North East) Brigade who judged the Nulli Secundus Competition, together with Major Harry Scrope, Coldstream Guards (E92), and Captain Michael Pepper, Coldstream Guards (D98).

Congratulations go to Corporal Louis Wallace (C), Lance Corporals Christopher Connolly (H) and Antoine Lamarche (D), who took part in the CCF Regional First Aid Competitions: they were successful and now go forward to the National CCF/ACF First Aid Championships at the Cadet Training Centre at Frimley on Saturday 8 October.

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RAF SECTION

At the start of the autumn term, the RAF section recruited its first contingent of girls who swelled the ranks and enthusiastically threw themselves into the challenge. The cocktail of classroom lectures on the Royal Air Force, the principles of flight, map reading, first aid and leadership proved to be a little overwhelming at first for all new recruits. The section was fortunate to be supported by retired schoolmaster Brian Burchell, who lives locally and has many years' CCF experience, who offered to contribute his expertise to our training. L Wallace (C) took over as senior cadet, ably supported by his NCO team of S Biker (H), E Tate (EW) and J Higginson (EW). During the term there were opportunities for full-bore weapon training and shooting on the College 25m outdoor range. In addition, trips to RAF Leeming for Air Experience Flying and RAF Linton-on-Ouse for Air Experience Gliding were undertaken. Flying in the Grob Tutor at Leeming proved to be a thrill for the first-timers, but unfortunately the trip to Linton-on-Ouse was less successful, with gliding cancelled towards the end of the morning owing to bad weather.

The Lent term Field Day presented the opportunity to run a two-day visit to RAF Shawbury. Arriving on the Sunday evening, cadets spent the night in RAF accommodation followed by a programme of visits on the Monday morning including a guided tour of Air Traffic Control and the Apache helicopter hangar. After lunch, before setting off on the return journey to Ampleforth, all cadets flew a brief sortie in a Squirrel training helicopter, with the more adventurous being given the chance to try out their piloting skills under dual control.

During the summer term we were once again fortunate to be able to welcome Mr Bob Smith, an expert model aircraft flying enthusiast, who came to teach in a practical and highly visual way the essentials of flying. Using radio-controlled model aircraft and a computer simulator software package, cadets were able to learn the processes by which aircraft are flown and landed (or crash landed). This was an enlightening programme, for which we are grateful to Mr Smith; the programme was presented to the Inspecting Officer as a snapshot of RAF Section training. It was a memorable moment (for the cadet and the General) when a nervous cadet, asked to state a principle of flight, responded immediately: "Don't crash!" Cadets learn a lot during training, but there is always a place for common sense! Cpl L Wallace (C) received the RAF Cadet Trophy and the U16 Bisley Cup, and my thanks for his organisation and leadership during the year. My thanks go also to Mr Burchell, Lt Col McLean and SMI Reece, without whose support, unflagging enthusiasm and optimism the RAF section would be hard pushed to offer the programme it does.

JPR

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has been highly successful, attracting record numbers of pupils. Over a hundred students registered.

Students doing Bronze Awards have undertaken a term of training sessions before they take part in expeditions. They have gained a First-Aid qualification that involved a ten-week programme of study, supervised by the Infirmary, enabling participants to fulfil their Community Service. Students doing the Gold Award have taken part in Community Service throughout North Yorkshire.

The Expedition Section has once again been a highlight, with a number of groups being trained and assessed. All those that have taken part have passed, and more groups will hopefully be successful in Scotland during the summer and The Lake District in October.

Fifteen Gold Awards have been awarded, along with numerous Bronze certificates. Students will attend a ceremony later on in the year to celebrate this magnificent achievement.

MAD



Pitching tents on expedition

FACE-FAW 2004-2005

Face-Faw supports projects in Eastern Europe, Africa, Nepal, Thailand, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Chile, Peru and the United Kingdom. In addition, the charity held a special appeal in January 2005 to assist victims of the tsunami. Current projects include: helping orphans in Romania linked with Peter Sidgwick (C96); helping the poor and refugees in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in particular providing a unit to manufacture and fit artificial limbs, linked with Matthew Procter MBE (W80); assisting San Lorenzo School, a school and community centre in the shanty town area of the Manquehue Movement in Santiago, Chile, Face-Faw also works with the Pahar Trust and Mr Matthew Torrens-Burton helping to build schools in Nepal and also assists in the building and provision of schools in Vietnam, linked with the work of Fr Xavier Ho. In the United Kingdom the charity organised through Fr Edwin and Keri Fox, its second holiday for disadvantaged young persons at Ampleforth in June 2005.



Delivering goods on foot to the school in Nepal

In the year September 2004 to August 2005, the total amount of funds raised through Face-Faw was just over £22,000 compared with £18,000 in 2002-2003 and £17,000 in the period 2003-2004. As always, funds were raised through a number of different initiatives including: the annual Rock Concert [organised by Beliby Forbes Adam (D) and Harry Gibson (T)], Fast Days, a sponsored silence [Olivia Carter (A), Charlie de Rivaz (A), Emma Parnis-England (A) and Hugo Seilern-Aspang (EW)], a privately designed Christmas card [Hugo Seilern-Aspang (EW)], the marketing of wrist bands [James Burnford (J), Theo Dewez (J) and Hugo Osborne (J)], second-hand music sales [Mrs Morgan], the marketing of *Shac* hoodies [Freddie Woodhead (O)], the marketing of tee-shirts [Archie Leeming (H)], the marketing of umbrellas [James Rudge (C)], the marketing of *Shac* belts [Eduardo Domecq (J) and Mateo Domecq (J)], the marketing of pint glasses [Henry Hales (O)], a touch rugby competition [William Moore (O)], a football sweepstake competition [Harry Stein (B)], celebratory meals [Christian McAleenan (H)] and the *Insider-Outsider* match with its related shirts [Edward de la Rue (T), Harry Gibson (T) and Harry Stein (B)]. The special Tsunami Appeal was organized by Michael Caddy (B), Ralph Marnham (B) and Charlie Ellis (J). In addition Face-Faw has received generous gifts from parents and Old Amplefordians. Particular mention should perhaps be made of the generous gift of £2,020 received from Theatrical Theatrics Productions, the Ampleforth Group at the Edinburgh Fringe in August 2004 [Richard Flynn (O04) and others]. The wrist bands, the hoodies and tee-shirts are worn now as a sign of support for the work of Face-Faw. There was a presentation play of Face-Faw work at the School Assembly on 4 March 2005 by George Bull (H), Daniel Chambers (T), Hal Forbes Adam (D), Alice French (M), Phoebe Jackson (M), Rory Marsden (H), Pdraigg Staunton (A), Duncan Phillips (D) and Freddie Woodhead (O).



*Marketing Face-Faw items at the Sunley Centre at Exhibition, 28 May 2005:
James Bentley (O), Mateo Domecq (J), George Fitzherbert-Brockholes (D), Alexander Howell (EW), Charlie Watson (D), David Spencer (EW), Frances Hollas (A) and
Natasha Power (A)*

Duncan Phillips (D) [Chairman] led the Co-ordinating Group [COG] with Christian McAleenan (H) [Secretary and Co-ordinating Director], Charlotte Anderson (A), Beilby Forbes Adam (D), Harry Stein (B), Freddie Woodhead (O) and Rory Colacicchi (T). In addition, much crucial work was undertaken by 58 Hats [House Aid Team], co-ordinated by Freddie Woodhead (O).

Beilby Forbes Adam (D05) and Duncan Phillips (D05) are planning to do a sponsored Face-Faw cycle journey from Ampleforth to Dieulouard in Lorraine, the home of the monks of St Laurence from 1608 until 1793; they expect to do this in late March 2006 and early April 2006, but by August 2005 [hence included in this years total] sponsorship funding (including the relevant tax relief) already received had reached £5,740.

Peter Fawcett (B82) raised £1300 through running the London marathon in 2004.

YOUNG GEOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Vaughan Phillips (T) at the Royal Geographical Society in London, receiving the award on behalf of Dimitri Da Gama Rose (T) with Paul Brennan and Tom Avery, the youngest person to reach both the North and South Pole

Dimitri Da Gama Rose was runner up in the national Geographical Young Geographer of the Year award (Senior) in association with the Royal Geographical Society. There were 1000 entries for this award for which students wrote an article for *Geographical* on the question - *Is the UK in 2005 overpopulated?* He is the second Ampleforth student to be recognised by this competition after Joshua Tucker (T03) won the award in 2002.

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO THE LAKE DISTRICT - JUNE 2005

The Middle Sixth Geography group made the annual residential fieldtrip to Glenridding in the Lake District as a foundation for the A2 course. They saw excellent examples of the post-glacial landscape of Ullswater, Patterdale and Langdale whilst viewing Red Tarn and the arêtes of Striding and Swirral Edge from the summit of Helvellyn.



Students investigating Striding Edge



Fieldwork at Matteredale: Dimitri Da Gama Rose (T), Henry Davis (D), Robert Costelloe (D) and George Fitzherbert Brockholes (D) Left-right foreground

MODERN LANGUAGES

On Friday 4 March 2005, for the first time in many years, Ampleforth and the Modern Languages department hosted the annual Area Training Board (ATB) 8 (North of England) In-Service Training Day and Conference for teachers of Modern Languages in independent secondary and preparatory schools. The event also included representatives from a number of state, primary and secondary schools. The turnout was, as always on such days, very high. Nearly a hundred teachers, speakers and exhibitors were able to enjoy contributions from such luminaries as David Crystal, a name internationally synonymous with the study of language and Steven Fawkes of the BBC, one of the British language world's favourite speakers. There were some nine high-quality speakers from whom to choose, including our own John Ridge and Sofie Steinberger. Musical entertainment was provided by ex-Amplefordian, Mikhail Asanovic (D04). The whole event was complemented by a magnificent lunch, voted by delegates as the best ever, courtesy of the Ampleforth Catering Department. The verdict of many: 'an unforgettable event'.

SCIENCE

TRAINING DAY FOR PHYSICS TEACHERS

Once again, Ampleforth hosted the annual training day for Physics teachers. As in previous years, the meeting started with the Headmaster welcoming the 70 participants, some coming from considerable distances. 2005 celebrated the World Year of Physics (supported by the United Nations) in order to highlight the importance of the study and development of the subject in the modern world and added further resonance to the conference which was enjoyed by teachers from both state and independent sectors.

PHYSICS OLYMPIAD AWARD

In this year's British Physics Olympiad Jack Yu (O) gained a Gold Award. Both Elaine Huang (A) and Francis Wan (T) gained a Bronze award. Jack's achievement is a first for Ampleforth and we hope that others will follow in the future.

PHYSICS CHALLENGE 2005

Students in Year 11 are encouraged to enter the Physics Challenge, a national challenging exam. James Moroney (O) received a Gold award, making him the first student in Ampleforth to receive such a high award in the challenge.

PARTICLE PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY RESEARCH COUNCIL

PPARC awarded a £400 grant to Dr Wheeler which enabled the Astronomy Society to visit the Radio Observatory at Jodrell Bank in Cheshire.

HEADSTART COURSES

These are short courses for middle sixth students organised by the Royal Academy of Engineering and run by different universities. Five middle sixth students gained places to attend the Headstart courses over the summer. They are: Thomas Bucknall (T) Lancaster University; Ewen Christie (H) at Durham University; Benedine Chua (M) Leeds University; Jude Chua (B) Liverpool University and Edward Thompson (O) Loughborough.

PHYSICS ACTIVITIES

As part of the Physics activities, Dominic King (T) has produced a series of photographs of cloud formations which are now part of The Royal Meteorological Society Cloudbank Collection, to be used for reference purposes on their website.

BAMFORD AWARDS

The JCB Engineering Prize is presented annually to a student who has excelled in school life and is going to study Mechanical, Manufacturing or Electrical Engineering at university. The 2005 prize was awarded to Felix Ng (O). The winner receives sponsorship at University for the period of the engineering degree (£2,000 pa) and is required to take paid summer placements at JCB on a yearly basis. In addition a placement is offered at JCB during the sandwich year and includes a placement on the company's Monitored Professional Development Scheme. Felix will also have the option to take up the JCB 'gap-pack' a 'round the world ticket' to work at JCB plants including generous time off to travel between assignments and countries.

Christian McAleenan (H) was awarded the Bamford Business Prize – an award unique to Ampleforth. The award offers a work placement with JCB during vacations and the opportunity to use JCB as an 'industrial' placement between his second and third undergraduate years. The industrial placement will allow Christian to spend time at the company's various manufacturing plants around the world whilst allowing for personal travel.

Arthur Bristow (D) was also a candidate for the JCB Engineering Prize. The final decision proved to be a difficult one for the Board as there was little to choose between the two candidates. As a result Arthur has been invited by JCB to apply for sponsorship at the end of his first year at University.



Christian McAleenan with Felix Ng

THE HALO DESIGN PRIZE

This prize is sponsored by Mr Charles Oulton (A82) and is related to his helping to fund computer-aided manufacturing machinery with the Design and Technology department. In 2005 the prize was awarded to John Massey (C).

MUSIC

This report begins by congratulating Stanley Lee (D) who gained the piano diploma, Dip.ABRSM, during the course of the year: he was the first Ampleforth student to achieve this on the piano.

SCHOLA PUELLARUM



The Schola Puellarum in the Abbey Church

The move to co-education in 2004 saw the opening of a new chapter in Ampleforth's tradition of choral singing, with the formation of the Schola Puellarum. The girls' choir was formed with the aim of giving girls a chance to contribute to the musical and liturgical life of the Abbey Church with a weekly service of Afternoon Prayer at 4.00pm every Friday in term time. Nineteen girls from the first year and the sixth form founded the choir, conducted by Mrs Kate Morgan. The first Head Girl, and eventual winner of a music prize for contribution to choral singing, was Joanna Staunton (A).

As well as the commitment to a weekly service, the Schola Puellarum was involved in other choral events. They took part in the performance of Handel's *Messiah* in December and sang in Vivaldi's *Gloria* as well as forming the semi-chorus for Britten's *St Nicolas* in May. On Sunday 6 March they sang Evensong in York Minster while the Minster choir were at Ampleforth performing with the Schola Cantorum. This was an important occasion for the girls as it was the choir's first

appearance outside Ampleforth. It was to their credit that such a small group led the service with spirit and confidence, singing Bairstow's *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* in E flat, and the first movement of Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* to a large congregation.

The choir also led a choral Mass for Corpus Christi at St Martin's Ampleforth, and sang a motet during Mass on Exhibition Sunday, their first appearance in the Abbey Church on a Sunday.

As more girls enter the school and are represented in every year group it is hoped that the Schola Puellarum will grow in size and continue to build a distinct tradition for itself.

KEM

FAURÉ REQUIEM

Sunday 10 November: Abbey Church

As a Meditation for All Souls the Schola Cantorum gave its traditional performance of the *Requiem* by Fauré. Soloists were Geoffrey Clapham (J) and James Arthur (D98).

ST CECILIA CONCERT

Sunday 21 November: St Alban Centre

The concert featured the four main instrumental groups, beginning with the Concert Band which gave a stately performance of Purcell's *Aire and Rondeau (Abdelazar)* before changing style for exuberant movements from *Grease*.

The name of Carl Jenkins, a jazz oboist and the composer of *Adiuvus*, appeared on a College concert programme for the first time as part of the Pro Musica's performance. His *First Palladio* is a concerto grosso and gave solo opportunities to Michael Poon (C) and Benedict Connery (T). From this relatively unknown work the ensemble moved on to two famous ones: Boccherini's *Minuet in A*, which also found fame as the original signature tune to *Fawlty Towers*, and Albinoni's *Adagio* with the violin solo played by James Rudge (C) and the organ part by Klementyna Zastawniak (M). Warlock's *Capriol Suite* concluded the programme with Stanley Lee (D) sharing the conducting with Mr de Cogan.

The Orchestra gave a colourful and characterful performance of Saint-Saëns' vivid portrayal of dancing skeletons in *Danse Macabre* and this was followed by Weber's Clarinet Concerto in F minor in which the impressive soloist, Michael Forsythe (J), despatched the bravura passages and lyrical melodic lines with equal assurance and musicality.

The concert was brought to a rousing conclusion by the Big Band in performances of *Satin Doll*, *Route 66*, *Moon dance* and *Gimme some lovin'*.

MESSIAH

Sunday 12 December: Abbey Church

An annual performance of *Messiah* has been re-introduced and in keeping with the previous year, a number of Old Amplefordians returned to take part in the event, both as singers and instrumentalists, including Adam Wright (J96), Anthony Osborne (J97), Andrew Mullen (W81), James Arthur (D98) and Gregory Finch (D92); Geoffrey Clapham (J) sang the treble solos and Owen Willets was the alto soloist. The chorus was formed from members of the Schola Cantorum, the Schola Puellarum and St Martin's Ampleforth Girls' Choir. The orchestra had been assembled by Dara de Cogan and consisted of members of staff and professional players from Leeds and London.

AMPLEFORTH SINGERS TOUR TO WORCESTERSHIRE AND THE WEST MIDLANDS

17 - 22 March 2005

At the end of the Lent term the Ampleforth Singers spent a week performing a programme of Lenten music written by British composers in various churches around Worcestershire and the West Midlands. Our base was at Far Forest (on the edge of the Wyre Forest) at a residential youth centre run by the diocese of Worcester, and on the first night we performed in the local village church, which was built by Abraham Perkins, the architect for Worcester Cathedral. Originally the church had been a missionary church for the lawless of Far Forest!

It was a privilege the next evening to sing at St George's in Worcester, where both the composer Edward Elgar and his father served as organist and choirmaster. Old Amplefordian Christopher Borrett (D04) was in the audience to hear the choir perform his setting of the *Ave Maria*. We were given a wonderful reception by Fr Paul Fitzpatrick and the congregation.

Saturday took us to the prestigious location of Great Malvern Priory for a more informal afternoon concert. The church had its foundation in 1085, when work began to build a Benedictine Priory for 30 monks on land belonging to Westminster Abbey. It was rebuilt by medieval craftsmen in 1460. The Priory and town lie among the spectacular Malvern Hills and we could not have asked for a more gloriously sunny day on which to explore this pretty place.

We sang Lennox Berkeley's setting of the *Missa brevis* at the Church of SS Peter and Paul in Wolverhampton on Palm Sunday morning. This is the oldest Post-Reformation Catholic Church in England, having originally been a covert meeting place for Catholics opened in the Giffard family house in 1733. The building was finally consecrated in 1855.

The final concert of the tour took place that evening at St Peter's Collegiate Church. Lady Wulfrun, believed to have been the grand-daughter of King Ethelred I and Queen Aethelflaed (daughter of King Alfred the Great) gave some land in the year 994 for the endowment of a church at a place which came to be known as Wulfrun's Heantune (Wolverhampton). St Peter's now stands on the site of the original Saxon church, and part of a ninth century cross still remains.

Tuesday was spent at the West Midlands Safari Park. After taking a tour of the park, a highlight of which was seeing the white tiger cubs, those who had any voice left used it screaming in terror whilst being flung around by the pirate ship, or yelling insults at the other drivers in the thrilling Ampleforth dodgems tournament. The (fast becoming traditional) final night curry was a fitting start to the end of tour party, and tired everyone out sufficiently for a long sleep on the journey home.

SAK

MEDITATION FOR LENT

Sunday 12 March: Abbey Church

Warm relations have existed between the music departments of York Minster and Ampleforth College for many years and an example of this co-operation was demonstrated when the choirs of both York and Ampleforth (the Schola Cantorum and the girls' choir of St Martin's Ampleforth) joined forces to present a programme of Lenten music in the Abbey Church.

Central to the programme was the performance of Thomas Tallis's *Lamentations 1*, marking the quincentenary of the composer's birth. Much of the remainder of the programme was drawn from the late 16th and early 17th century and included music by William Byrd, Richard Farrant, Orlando de Lassus and

Heinrich Schütz.

In common with many cathedrals, both York Minster and Ampleforth Abbey possess boy and girl choirs. Philip Moore, York's Choirmaster, who conducted the concert, chose to alternate between boys' and girls' voices for the top line, adding an element of contrast which proved most effective, and the use of the combined voices for the final item, *Crucifixus* by Antonio Lotti, made the performance all the more dramatic.

It was especially fitting that the recently established upper school girls' choir, the Schola Puellarum, deputised for the Minster Choir, singing Evensong at York in their choir's absence.

SCHOLA CANTORUM VISIT TO YORK MINSTER

Wednesday 8 June

This was the second time during the academic year that the Schola Cantorum had sung with the Boys' Choir of York Minster. The occasion commemorated the ministry of Archbishop Richard Scrope who had been executed on the feast day of St William in 1405. Prominent in the movement against Henry IV, he was betrayed and was tried in his own Palace at Bishopthorpe. The Archbishop was the first prelate to be sentenced to death by a lay court.

The service began with a procession to the tomb of the Archbishop during which a solo tenor sang plainsong from the 15th century *York Gradual for the Feast of St William*. After prayers at the tomb the joint choir sang *Ne in ascaris* and *Civitas sancti tui* by William Byrd. The service of Evensong followed in the Quire with the choirs singing *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis in Eb* by Charles Wood and *O Wilhelme, pastor bone* by John Taverner, words taken from the *Antiphon for St William*.

EXHIBITION CONCERT

Saturday 28 May: St Alban Centre

The year's showpiece for College music was one charged with emotion as it marked Simon Wright's final concert as Conductor of the College Orchestra, an activity that he had run since his arrival at Ampleforth in 1971. It was entirely appropriate therefore that the whole of the second half of the programme was devoted to music played by the Orchestra.

But there were riches on display before that. As the audience arrived they were welcomed into the Hall with music played by the Ceilidh Band under the direction of Dara de Cogan and the official programme began with an arrangement of *I got rhythm* sung by the Ampleforth Singers. The members of the Concert Band gave exuberant performances of film music by John Williams and Henry Mancini after which the Pro Musica completed the first half with performances of Greig's *Holberg Suite* and Bartok's *Rumanian Dances*.

There were a few surprises for the audience in the Orchestra's programme. Traditional enough a choice for the starter, Mussorgsky's *Night on the Bare Mountain* provided ample scope for the Orchestra to be put through its paces in an exhilarating performance. *A Grand Grand Festival Overture* by Sir Malcolm Arnold looked innocuous enough on the programme's title page but the audience may have become wary at reading the warning that blank shells would be fired, and that they would be loud! Composed for the 1956 Hoffman Festival, a one-night music festival dedicated to 'funny' music, the Overture employs three vacuum cleaners, a floor polisher and rifle shots in addition to Arnold's typical battery of percussion instruments and orchestra of symphonic proportions. As can be anticipated, the piece culminates in final mayhem with the composer quoting part of the *1812 Overture*

after which the rifleman 'silences' the vacuum cleaners one by one! Clearly this was an opportunity for Simon Wright to get his own back on colleagues in the Music Department and he selected Sarah Keeling, Kate Morgan, William Dore and Ian Little to be the unfortunate vacuum cleaner performers. To ensure that the colleagues were well and truly 'polished off' members of the CCF and Games staff were brought in: under Victor MacLean's command were Tony Reece, Keith Elliot and Geoff Thurman.

Not perhaps one of his most famous compositions, Johann Strauss II received a medal from Grand Duke Frederick of Baden to whom he had dedicated the *Egyptian March*. Swapping his tails for a dish-dasher costume, Simon returned to the platform. Part-way through a camel (of the pantomime variety), disrupted proceedings and, considering the orchestra knew nothing about this in advance, it was astonishing that they continued to play with such calm assurance: one even suspected that a few members of the orchestra had not even been aware of the cavorting of this animal.



The Camel practising for its surprise entry!

But the biggest surprise occurred with the final item, Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance March No 4 in G*. This must have been the only occasion that Simon Wright's clear upbeat was misunderstood or, more strictly, was ignored. For a moment there was a look of amused panic on Simon's face until the leader, Michael Poon, grasped the microphone and explained that the orchestra's action had been pre-planned. Grateful parents and old boys had generously contributed to a collection for a leaving present for him and Dr Tim Connery spoke of the debt so many owed Simon for his commitment to the orchestra over the years. It was a moving moment and made the performance of the Elgar all the more highly charged. Needless to say there was a lengthy ovation.

SCHOLA CANTORUM TOUR OF MALTA

8-15 July

In complete contrast to last year's tour of Hungary, the Schola boys departed from Ampleforth at the end of the summer term to head for the Mediterranean. Sun, sand and a number of wonderful singing opportunities awaited them on their seven day visit to the island of Malta.

We arrived on the afternoon of Friday 8 July, allowing some time for acclimatisation and relaxation before the first concert of the tour which took place in the Anglican Pro-Cathedral of St Paul's in Valetta on Saturday evening. Temperatures soared into the high 80s and low 90s throughout the tour but the boys had plenty of opportunities to cool off in the sea or in one of the three hotel pools.



Sunday was a particularly busy day: an early start with Mass at the wonderful Co-Cathedral of St John's in the heart of Valletta to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Maltese equivalent of the National Trust. Its importance was marked by the presence of the President, a number of the Ministers and the Archbishop. The heat was intense even at 8.30 in the morning. Large fans had been placed to cool the singers but even so it was a torrid experience. Somehow the choir found the energy to sing Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and a host of motets and the National Anthem in Maltese!!



After Mass, which had overrun due to an extraordinarily long Homily(!), there was not even time to recover before encountering the heat of the day once more for the short walk from the Cathedral to St John Cavalier, the Embassy of the Knights of Malta. Here the group was welcomed by His Highness, the Grand Master and, after a moment to take in some water and juice, the choir performed a short concert in the Great Hall – a barrel vaulted stone room with extraordinary reverberant acoustic.



By now we were behind schedule and, after a quick coffee, headed off to lunch at the home of the Pisani family (Richard had been a student at Ampleforth (C05)). This was a splendid occasion to which local parents and those following the tour had been invited. Our busy day ended with (perhaps) the highlight of the tour.



Short ferry and bus journeys took us to Vittoria on the island of Gozo where we were met by Fr George, a member of the clergy of the Basilica. We had been invited to give a concert in the church as part of the town's music festival. The glorious church was the perfect setting for the concert and in front of a full house the choir gave arguably its finest performance of the tour.



Other highlights included supper at the home of Ronnie and Esme Channer (Ronnie is an OA – D56) followed by a performance in the Parish Church of Siggiewi (an extraordinarily large building for the size of the village). An open-air concert (in aid of charity) held in the garden of the High Commissioner's Residence, Mass in the Co-Cathedral of Mdina (the Silent City – which proved to be not so silent as the constant sound of drills and diggers pierced the normally peaceful air) and Vespers to mark the opening of the Festa on Gozo.



The concert at the High Commissioner's residence provided a new experience for the Schola for several reasons. Singing in the open air is always a challenge and something the Schola had never done, or at least not in recent history! The concert was a great success both in terms of performance and in raising money for the High Commissioner's charity. The provision of a mixed programme – including some non-sacred music, a clarinet solo and readings from the works of Byron and Coleridge (both of whom had spent time in Malta) – added a new dimension to the choir's repertoire.



Mgarr on the island of Gozo; swimming was once again high on the agenda!

But it wasn't all work!!! On Tuesday plans had been made for a catamaran trip to the caves of the Blue Lagoon. Despite a very blustery night, the day dawned fair, and the sea was relatively placid. The trip lasted four and a half hours and included a look at the famous caves (understandably often in great demand as a movie location) before anchoring on the edge of the lagoon, allowing the boys to swim in the clear, turquoise waters for a couple of hours. A large lunch was served on board and a great day enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday lunch was generously given by Mr and Mrs Peter McCann (parents of Peter (O), a senior member of the Schola) at their beautiful home near



Later that same evening, following Vespers in St George's Basilica, the island's Festa got underway with marching bands and processions through the streets accompanied by fireworks. The group returned to the hotel in the early hours, tired but very happy!



The final day, Thursday, began with a morning devoted to relaxation. After a leisurely breakfast some of the Sixth Form travelled once again to Comino for a final swim in the Blue Lagoon. Others remained at the hotel and made use of the pool. During the afternoon the party travelled to Mdina and, after singing in the Cathedral, visited the famous catacombs, including the cell once occupied by St Paul.

Thursday evening – the final night! Cassocks, surplices and music were packed before dinner, thank-you speeches and an impromptu and highly entertaining piece of cabaret based on Gilbert and Sullivan from Mr Conyngham followed. This extraordinary performance not only brought the house down but the tour to a memorable close.

There were mixed feelings as the party gathered itself for the journey home: sadness at leaving but pleasure at the thought of seeing families again and of the long summer holiday that stretched ahead. Needless to say, final conversations included the choice of destination for next year – I wonder where it will be?

Many thanks to the boys, staff and friends of Ampleforth, who made the tour such a wonderful experience for all! In particular our thanks go to Ronnie Channer who was our man in Malta and to Peter McCann who generously helped to sponsor the tour.

PC

BIG BAND

The Big Band has had a busy year since September 2004. Their first performance was at the St Cecilia where they played four numbers: *Satin Doll*, *Route 66*, from the 1930s and '40s, and *Moon dance* (Van Morrison) and *Gimme some lovin'* (Davis/Winwood). The College Big Band gave its first full jazz 'gig' in the College Theatre on 6 February 2005. The event provided entertainment for a sixth form social evening.



The evening performance was preceded by a jazz workshop, in which the students were instructed by Dean Masser (our saxophone teacher and a professional jazz player) and three other jazz professionals: Bob Howard (drums), Steve Berry (bass) and Richard Iles (trumpet/flugel horn). The visiting musicians gave invaluable advice on jazz style, phrasing and technique, and the students benefited from hearing first-class improvisation, not only in the Big Band numbers, but also in the jazz quintet pieces. Henry Wyrley-Birch (O) and Matthew Ramsden (O) played notable improvisations during the evening performance.

A successful jazz night took place on Exhibition Friday evening. It was the first evening of its kind, which was arranged to provide an informal occasion for parents, students and staff, community and friends to meet and have a drink after the play and Schola Mass.

The evening commenced with a jazz quartet: Dean Masser (saxophone), William Dore (piano), Geffin Griffith (bass) and Ed Thompson (O) (drums), warming up with a few jazz standards as the room filled with more than 200 people. The main attraction of the evening was the College Big Band under the directorship of their conductor, William Dore. They played 16 numbers, ranging from the Big Band 'swing' era of the 1930s, to bossa-nova style and arrangements of jazz/fusion, and rhythm and blues numbers by artists such as Herbie Hancock and Van Morrison.

Other supporting acts were Ryan Mulchrone (T), who played the clarinet solo part of the fiendishly difficult piece, *Ted* composed by Basil Chapman. A rhythm and blues group was William Shepherd (O) on guitar, Jack Nunn on drums (O) and Ed Thompson on bass, who played three short numbers. Ed will be remembered for simultaneously playing the bass guitar and piano. Conrad Bird (O) (trumpet) and John le Gassicke (C) (bass) gave a fine performance of *So What* by Miles Davis, and Pat Poon (C) was at home on the stage singing *A Nightingale sang over Berkeley Square*. All the musical acts appeared under the watchful gaze of a number of enigmatic jazz and blues artists who were displayed on a big screen through a power-point production. The audience was massively appreciative and the dance floor full throughout the evening.

As with any occasion such as this, it could not have run without some sort of liquid sustenance. The licensed bar was expertly and professionally organised and run by Mrs Pippa Dore and her assistants. She worked tirelessly to create an agreeable jazz-club atmosphere with table decorations and candles to complement the very effective and ambient lighting arrangement.

The Big Band now consists of five saxophonists, five trumpeters, four trombones and a bassist, pianist and drummer and rehearses on Tuesday evenings.

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AMPLEFORTH HIGHLANDERS PIPEBAND

2004-05 saw a busy year for the newly formed Ampleforth Highlanders Pipe Band, including a visit to Belhaven Hill on 11 June, the first of its kind. Fr Hugh Lewis-Vivas, the Master in Charge comments as follows: On arrival there were nostalgic comments from ex-pupils as we entered the immaculately groomed grounds. A stickler for detail, Pipe Major Bryan Robinson checked that all pipes were tuned and that the band was immaculately turned out in their smart new uniforms, then to our first engagement, a joint performance with the Belhaven Hill pipers of the traditional 2/4 march *The Brown Haired Maiden*, greeted by enthusiastic cries of 'more!' The big bass drum, with its recently painted Ampleforth logo, made a fine showing.

Lunch (by kindness of a variety of parents) was followed by a leisurely afternoon with some of the boys taking part in a guest race in their kilts! After the speeches which brought the day to a close, the band formed up, marched onto the sports fields and gave excellent renditions of *Scotland the Brave*, *The Rowan Tree*, *Màiri's Wedding*, *Amazing Grace* (solo by Charlie Bowes-Lyon), *Highland Cathedral*, a virtuoso drum solo by Matthew Rigg, and then to finish off, *The Gael*, *The Green Hills of Tyrol* and *When the Battle's O'er*. The Headmaster, Mr Michael Osborne, and the Pipe Major, Mr Alastair McCready, were generous in their praise and the return journey ended with a welcome visit to a curry house. *Soirbheachadh math le bannal!* May the band prosper!

The following attended (* indicates Old Belhaven student)

Charlie Bowes-Lyon (EW)*	Hector Tulloch (EW)*
Harry Swinton (H)*	Gregory Moss (H)
Harry Leeming (H)*	Matthew Rigg (T)
Cecily J Gascoigne (M)*	William Hall (EW)
Archie MacDonald (O)	Marc-Philip Brenninkmeyer (EW) (SMA)
Louis Wallace (C)	Pipe Major Bryan Robinson
Archie Cochrane (J)*	Fr Hugh Lewis-Vivas - Master i/c
Magnus Arbuthnott (O)*	



THEATRE

In December as part of the Gala Weekend for Music and Theatre, a Greek sun shone in the Main Theatre for Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*, whilst in the Downstairs Theatre, the sun for sorrow did not show his head in *Romeo and Juliet*. By choosing to perform a Shakespearean comedy and tragedy together for the Gala, not only was the range and depth of acting talent at Ampleforth put on display, but also the versatility of the building was perfectly emphasised by the contrasting sets. With more than 45 actors involved in both plays, they all deserve applause, but special mention should go to some in particular. Phoebe Jackson (M) carried off the daunting task of being the first real girl to play Juliet with aplomb. Edward Fallon (C) and Conrad Bird (O), who did so well in last year's Exhibition play, showed once again just what good actors they are as they played Romeo and Mercutio, respectively. Matthew Ramsden (O), playing both Dromios, continued his domination of the main stage in spite of valiant attempts by all the cast to upstage him with their outrageous costumes and wigs.



Romeo and Juliet Phoebe Jackson and Ed Fallon

In February, Matthew Ramsden (O) and Ruth Morgan (A) continued the newly restored tradition of student-directed productions when they staged two monologues from Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads* in the Downstairs Theatre. Both are talented actors and took Theatre Studies A level. Ruth played Susan, the alcoholic vicar's wife in *Bed among the Lentils* and Matthew took the part of Graham, the middle-aged mummy's boy in *A Chip in the Sugar*. These demanding roles were carried off with sensitivity and confidence.



A Comedy of Errors



Matthew Ramsden

On the last day of Lent term, starting at 11.20 am and finishing at 9 pm, eight Houses competed for the prestigious House Play awards. More than 150 students took part. St Dunstan's *Play the Game* received nominations for Best Production, Best Design & Concept and Best Play. St Thomas's *Incident at Vichy* received nominations for Best Support Actor (Henry Sequeira) and Best Actor (Alex Kinsky). St Hugh's *Henry X Part 7*, directed by Matthew Lovat and Felix Chan was awarded Best Production and nominated for Best Play. St Oswald's *The Fifteen Minute Hamlet* was awarded Best Supporting Actor (Henry Donoghue) and received a nomination for best actor (Conrad Bird). St Edward's and Wilfrid's swept the board with *Cleiver's Trial*, directed by Anthony Pitt and Edward Van Zeller. They were awarded Best Play, Best Actor (Freddie Wright) and Best Design and Concept as well as receiving nominations for Best Supporting Actor (Edward Holcroft) and Best Production. It was the first time St Margaret's had entered the competition and they will surely go on to win a major award next time. St Cuthbert's and St John's also took part.

The Exhibition Play, Denis Deegan's *Daisy Pulls it Off*, directed by Jack Murphy was an entertaining burlesque on boarding schools of old with interesting cross-gender casting. Phoebe Jackson (M) as Daisy was the perfect heroine. She was ably supported by the manic Humphrey McColl (D) as her best friend Trixie. Hugh Seilern-Aspang (E/W) and Hal Forbes Adams (D) sneered their way through as Monica and Sybil, Daisy's arrogant enemies. The rest of the cast thoroughly enjoyed themselves in their various roles and their enthusiasm spilled over into the auditorium. All in all, a rather splendid way to finish the year in the Theatre.



Phoebe Jackson, Humphrey McColl and the rest of the cast in Daisy Pulls it Off


After Exhibition is normally a time for the Theatre to relax, recoup and belatedly spring clean. However this year, it played host to two very different visiting

companies. On 17 June Saint Louis Priory, visiting from USA, staged a performance of *The Zoo Story* by Edward Albee in the Main Theatre. An appreciative College audience watched this two-man show and all were agreed that the quality of acting was most impressive. After the play, a small party of actors and backstage crews from both schools swapped theatrical experiences over a glass of celebratory champagne.

If you had looked in through the Theatre doors in the last two weeks of the summer term, you might have thought that the first years were looking rather on the small side. In fact, the top year of St Martin's Ampleforth were rehearsing for their play *Henry the Tudor Dude* written by Kjartan Poskitt, produced and directed by Mrs Louis Higham and Mrs Angela Scott with technical help from our Theatre technician Mr George Brichieri. Intensive rehearsals culminated in two performances; one for the College and one for parents of SMA. Those who saw the show enjoyed it immensely. This might have been the first time St Martin's performed this side of the valley but it definitely won't be the last as they have already booked for next year.

Finally, those attending the plays in the Downstairs Theatre recently might have noticed that they were sitting on new cushioned, black and grey seats rather than brown plastic chairs which it is hoped will make the experience of watching a play more enjoyable in the future. This is the first step towards the refurbishment of the Theatre which we hope to complete in time for the Centenary in 2009.

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FIRST XV

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The 2004-5 year saw the introduction of additional rugby in the Lent term to allow continuation of play and allow all the fixtures to be played. This term also saw the introduction of new opponents, north of the border, at Merchiston Castle. As results show the win to loss ratio is similar to that achieved last year. However, it should be emphasised that there has been a marked improvement in the confidence of the team, skill level and overall style of rugby that was played. The first XV showed greater determination and attitude towards development which was reflected in their performance. I cannot however continue without mentioning that there were still problems with the discipline and attitude of some squad players that hindered the speed, development and progress the team made following a competitive start away from home against Bradford GS. With tough opposition throughout the term, but particularly in the first half, against Sedbergh and St Peter's (previous Under 15 Daily Mail winners), having key players unavailable and the occasional disruptive player, progress was difficult. Such issues not only affected the continuity in the development and performance of the team but also meant that team selection changed on a regular basis, which generally affected morale.

However, having addressed some of these issues, the second half of term allowed Ampleforth to compete effectively, resulting in much closer scores. All the games played were often in the balance until the end when the opposition occasionally scored to make the result look far easier than it actually was, eg in the Stonyhurst game. The first game away at Bradford saw a close encounter that Ampleforth should and could have won. Ampleforth played all the rugby yet still somehow still managed to concede two soft tries; had we had a ruthless approach in attack and more patience when in the opposition's final third of the field, then I could have been writing a different report.

Our second game against St Peter's was one occasion when the team were lacking key players. Our opponents were the side that had won the Daily Mail Cup at Under 15 level three years ago and were always going to be tough opposition. The team put up a brave fight and could have scored on several occasions. The players then returned for the game against Uppingham, enabling the team to improve in performance, but they still lacked cohesion.

The following week saw our annual encounter with Sedbergh, who were celebrating their 125th year of rugby. Ampleforth were unfortunate not to be able to field their full strength side, notably due to the absence of a key back row player in Jamie Vaughan (J). The game was played in front of a large crowd as were all 18 games played throughout the day. The game started well for Ampleforth, with the team having shared possession and field position. A couple of scoring opportunities went begging when either the final pass or wrong decision was made when the try-line was within reach. The scores would have lifted the confidence of the team. Both Michael Forsythe (J) and Anka Wu (C) were lost through injury, involving considerable re-shuffling of the side to ensure they remained as strong as possible. All credit must be given to the Ampleforth players as they stuck to the task and it was only in the last 10 minutes that Sedbergh were able to break away and score twice to



Standing (L-R): RC Khoaz (EW), MJG Bommers (T), JFT Bentley (O), BJ Ainscough (EW), WEG Shephard (O),
AJP Reid (EW), CJR McAlenan (H), JE Allcott (H), ACF Wu (C), AC Doherty (B).
Seated (L-R): B Melling (H), ACM Faulkner (EW), DA Tulloch (EW), AAH Marsden (H), LA Codrington (EW),
JJ Vaughan (I), MR Forsythe (I), TMJ Carroll (D), QNC Macfarlane (EW).

take the game well out of Ampleforth's reach. A mention must be made of the performance by Luke Sherbrooke (EW), who stood in at the last minute due to injury. Luke, who had never featured regularly in the red and black shirt, demonstrated a positive attitude, commitment and maturity, setting a great example to all watching and participating.

In the second half of the term the team adopted a far more positive approach which is illustrated in the results. The first game against Hymers was physical and Ampleforth stood up well to all that was thrown at them. A couple of missed penalties from a usually reliable Doug Tulloch (EW) meant that Ampleforth were not quite able to get ahead. A good team performance for 60 minutes kept Ampleforth within reach but eventually Hymers stretched their lead to within two scores; a late score killed off any chance Ampleforth had of winning the match.

The improved performance against Hymers gave Ampleforth greater belief in their abilities and enabled them to achieve their first victory with a close result against Durham. The final score unfortunately does not reflect the fact that Ampleforth played all the rugby and could have won by a far greater margin had the team possessed more composure and ruthlessness when near the Durham line. Several chances went missing simply from individuals being too determined to score themselves, rather than giving a scoring pass to another. The game could have been lost in the final minutes but the Ampleforth defence held strong, particularly with a first victory in sight.

A similar situation occurred in the following game with the visiting Newcastle RGS team but with a different outcome. Ampleforth had ample opportunities to collect their second success only to fall short because of failing to finish off good phases of play. Several times the Newcastle defence was broken, but the lack of support or the inaccuracy of the final pass meant that the game remained in Newcastle's reach. With the scores level at 0-0 for most of the game Newcastle then collected nine easy points through the boot of their goal-kicker. Newcastle went further ahead with a score under the posts that left Ampleforth with what seemed a mountain to climb. However, the team reacted positively and a converted try by the ever impressive Jamie Vaughan gave Ampleforth renewed hope. Several further advances were made during the last quarter but unfortunately Newcastle took the game.

The next match saw the visit to Stonyhurst where, again without key players missing through injury, Ampleforth could not quite make the strong challenge they had been producing since half term. On a heavy pitch the team were unable to play the varied game that they had proved capable of in previous weeks. This meant that the game was a forward battle and whilst Ampleforth had not got the largest pack available to them, they stood up well for the majority of the game. An injury to a much improved Archie Reid (EW) with 20 minutes to go weakened the back row further and whilst their effort could not be questioned, it was only a matter of time before the Stonyhurst pack took control. This they convincingly did with two scores in the final five minutes of the game.

Continuing with the strong fixture list the visit of Oundle led to the production of a fast, high-skilled, open game that both teams were prepared to produce. Ampleforth allowed Oundle to settle from their travels far too early, and this meant that the game was going to be close. Had Ampleforth applied greater pressure at the beginning then they would have had a better chance of winning. As it was, Oundle made the first score and were in the game right from the start. A game that went



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from end to end and with a score that was in favour of both teams at different times made for an interesting final 20 minutes. Oundle, however, took the initiative and eventually led by 15 points with 10 minutes to go. Ampleforth responded with a converted try by Forsythe. Ampleforth continued to chase the game but were unable to get the two scores needed to clinch a victory.

Our final game of the autumn term took us to our new fixture with Merchiston Castle in Edinburgh. The boys have been used to travelling by train with the Oundle and Uppingham fixtures in the last couple of years and therefore this occasion was not to be any different. Therefore it was no surprise that Ampleforth settled into the game quickly and eventually found themselves ahead through a penalty from Doug Tulloch. This all came from several passages of play taking Ampleforth into the Merchiston '22' only for the opposition to infringe. Ampleforth attacked for most of the first half and had passes gone to hand, they could have had a try to their favour. As it happened, Merchiston defended well to keep Ampleforth out and the score remained at 3-0 in Ampleforth's favour at half-time. With Merchiston turning round to play with the advantage of the slight slope, they put Ampleforth under immense pressure. I am happy to say Ampleforth were able to deal with it but found themselves camped in their own half for most of the game with only a couple of advances placing the Merchiston line under threat. Unfortunately either Merchiston's defence remained intact or Ampleforth's patience ran out and infringements were made that allowed Merchiston to clear their lines. Although Merchiston missed a couple of easy kickable penalties their confidence grew from being camped in Ampleforth's half for large amounts of the game and eventually they were able to sneak their way over in the corner to take the lead 5-3. In the final moments, when Ampleforth attempted to get themselves into a scoring position in the opposition half, a mistake allowed Merchiston to retain possession and once again score in the corner. With no time remaining on the clock, Ampleforth were unable to reverse their fortunes.

The Lent term enabled Ampleforth to continue their development and saw fixtures against Pocklington, Mount St Mary's and new opponents Repton. There was an additional fixture on the first Saturday of term against Queen Ethelburga's (York) which due to the mismatch of abilities between the two schools found Ampleforth romp home 108-0. This did little for the confidence of the opposition and really only allowed Ampleforth to go through their plays and phases of play, and most of the scores went unopposed. All the fixtures were well competed but Ampleforth were able to express their skills and abilities and were able to come away unbeaten during this period. With hard-fought games against Pocklington and Mount St Mary's the signs are looking good for the autumn as this squad of players will still be available to play in September.

The 2004-5 season witnessed improved performances due to the progress players made both in their individual skill levels and in the complexity of play that they are capable of producing. The determined approach and positive attitude developed within the squad, particularly when behind, has been pleasing to see. The style of rugby the squad has begun to produce is far more varied, allowing the team to gain some advantages by allowing them to keep the opposition thinking. As long as the discipline both on, and particularly off the field, can be addressed by the players in the squad, then future results can only be improved upon.

Full school colours were awarded to:

Luke Codrington (EW) - who, as captain for the year, showed leadership both on and off the field, providing a role model for the rest of the squad. Luke always saw the positive elements in the team's performances and while results were not always what he would have wished, he could see the progress and development being made.

Angus Marsden (H) - for demonstrating leadership qualities as vice-captain to Luke, and for being the pack leader needed on the all the Saturdays when the forward exchanges were hard. Angus never backed away from physical confrontation and provided an excellent example of good sportsmanship.

Mike Forsythe (J) - another member of the squad experiencing his second year in the 1st XV. The progress that Mike made, particularly with his understanding of the game and the requirements of his position, and the impact he had within the team with his positive attitude were exemplary. Mike was another member of the team who did not let the results affect him: if anything it made him even more determined to turn things around.

Jamie Vaughan (J) - a formidable presence in the back-row and the team's performance was clearly affected when he was absent through injury. Injuries were generally received from him being everywhere on the field and being prepared to put his neck on the line when it was needed. With Jamie's presence the performance of the team was lifted and he always led from the front to support his vice-captain. A born fighter on the field whose fitness made him a threat to all the opponents he faced. His attitude on and off the field was exemplary.

Doug Tulloch (EW) - a player who had so much influence on the team's outcome. Doug made the team 'tick' and was able to get the best out of those around him. Not the fittest member but his skills far outweighed his lack of fitness. These skills often kept the team in most of the games and often guided them to victory. His kicking both from hand and from the ground was always a threat to the opposition and Doug was always able to relieve the pressure or keep the scoreboard ticking over.

Results:			
Bradford GS	17-10	Ampleforth	(B Melling 1T, D Tulloch 1C, 1P)
Ampleforth	0-52	St Peter's	
Ampleforth	5-36	Uppingham	(M Forsythe 1T)
Sedbergh	38-3	Ampleforth	(D Tulloch 1P)
Hymers	28-13	Ampleforth	(M Forsythe 1T, D Tulloch 1C, 2P)
Durham School	20-22	Ampleforth	(W Shepherd 2T, L Codrington 1T, D Tulloch 2C, 2P)
Ampleforth	7-16	Newcastle RGS	(J Vaughan 1T, D Tulloch 1C)
Stonyhurst	23-9	Ampleforth	(D Tulloch 3P)
Ampleforth	20-28	Oundle	(M Forsythe 1T, W Shepherd 1T, D Tulloch 2C, 1DG)
Merchiston Castle	10-3	Ampleforth	(D Tulloch 1P)
Ampleforth	22-7	Pocklington	(L Codrington 1T, W Shepherd 1T, D Tulloch 1T, 2C, 1P)
Repton	0-38	Ampleforth	(L Codrington 1T, T Carroll 1T, H Tulloch 1T, W Shepherd 1T, G Cookson 1T, D Tulloch 2C, 3P)
Ampleforth	17-5	Mount St Mary's	(W Shepherd 1T, M Forsythe 1T, D Tulloch 1T, 1C)

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2ND XV

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They say statistics do not lie but they barely do justice to what the 2nd XV achieved. One defeat in their last ten matches after the October break, five of them away from Ampleforth, epitomises the character of a side that developed a desire not to be beaten. To put their performance into context, they were the only senior Ampleforth side to enjoy a winning season. The season began with a frustrating defeat at Bradford in a penalty-riddled match. Ampleforth, starved of possession for long periods of a game never allowed to flow, lost only to a solitary penalty goal. St Peter's proved too strong for Ampleforth but the home side were prepared to make their visitors work hard for their victory. Ampleforth led at half-time against Uppingham thanks to superb individual tries by P Baxter (T) and Q Macfarlane (EW). However, a late penalty goal enabled their opponents to snatch a narrow victory. With the 1st XV decimated by injuries and withdrawals, a much-changed 2nd XV made the trip to Sedbergh. With such limited resources it was never going to be an equal contest but the XV displayed a willingness to prevent the home side scoring in the final 20 minutes and avoid a potentially humiliating defeat. It was in that final quarter that a new-found spirit was born, a spirit that was to blossom in the second half of term. Four consecutive defeats meant that the second half of term was about restoring respectability in difficult circumstances. That the XV was to lose only once more was testimony to the belief within the team and in their captain, H Stein (B).

Whatever the failings in the first half of term, no criticism could be made in Stein's direction. The addition of A Faulkner (EW) at scrum-half gave the team greater structure and made it a more cohesive unit. The first win came at Hymers with W Shepherd (O) scoring a hat-trick but two players stood out, V Phillips (T) in attack, and R Khoaz (EW) in defence. Further success followed with a crushing victory over Durham on Match Ground. Eight tries were scored in the first LXI win on the ground in over 12 months. A stunning last gasp try by A Hammond (D) earned a deserved draw at Newcastle, on a pitch which was barely playable. Further injuries to the 1st XV meant a much-depleted 2nd XV faced Stonyhurst. Ampleforth's defensive ethic never wavered and meant a strong Stonyhurst side (they were to lose only once all year) struggled to exercise their expected authority and were restricted to two first-half scores. At home to Oundle, A Hammond again scored a superb individual try and only a penalty four minutes into injury time gave the visitors a fortunate share of the spoils. This had been a full-blooded contest and one of Ampleforth's best displays. The way in which they resisted Oundle's potent driving maul in the closing stages made for a captivating spectacle. The term finished in Edinburgh and Ampleforth were hit by a whirlwind opening from their opponents. However, the XV, after conceding an early try, weathered the onslaught and gradually began to take control. In an encounter that was never less than frenetic, Merchiston snatched a draw with a late converted try. In the Lent term, Pocklington, Scarborough and Fyling Hall 1st XV's were all comfortably beaten before the season finished with a flourish with a rout of Mount St Mary's as the homeside scored 13 unanswered tries with hat-tricks by Hammond and J Vaughan (J).

At full-back, C Spence (O) proved one of the successes until injury in the dying stages of the Durham game robbed the XV of one its brightest prospects. He became a courageous last line of defence, saving many certain tries, and a key attacking link

when he came into the line off set plays. His eventual replacement was A Hammond (D). He proved an able deputy and his instinctive ability to support a break resulted in him scoring crucial tries against Newcastle and Oundle. A deceptive runner, he demonstrated his versatility by also playing at hooker and flanker with equal distinction. P Baxter (T) was probably the most improved player having played in the U16d team last year. He possessed the ability, most notably against Uppingham, to prise open a hesitant defence with his elusive running. W Cumming-Bruce (O) found the extra physical demands of senior rugby difficult to adjust to and it is a credit to his determination that his tackling improved. A player with searing pace and a good step, he enjoyed an outstanding game at Merchiston. V Phillips (T) in the centre was an enigma; he was the most talented and frustrating member of the squad. He is a player of potential, unyielding in defence and possessing a deceptive change of acceleration, which was responsible for some of the most exciting attacking moments. A Wu (C) gave the team a cutting edge when he moved down from the 1st XV. He made the team better equipped to capitalise on the opportunities which those inside him created. He also proved an assured goal-kicker, something the team had earlier lacked. T Carroll (D), H Maclure (O) and P Teague (T) played their part for the XV in the three-quarters. Carroll never really got the opportunity to show his true ability before moving to the 1st XV but he would surely have done so. Teague had a disappointing start, losing his place at half term. However, to his credit, when recalled, out of position against Oundle, he justified his return with a fine performance. Maclure had limited opportunities before Christmas but showed in the Lent term the skills that mark him down as a player for the future. B Weston-Davies (J) at fly-half developed into an accomplished midfield pivot. His stature grew with every match, increasingly imposing himself on the game. Q Macfarlane (EW) started the season as scrum-half before exchanging places with A Faulkner (EW) in the 1st XV. Macfarlane, belying his inexperience in the position, displayed craft and endeavour in his new role, providing an instinctive link between backs and forwards. Faulkner proved a more than able replacement. His fiercely combative approach played a significant role in re-invigorating the team during the second half of term. The fact he played the final 25 minutes of the Merchiston game with a shoulder injury which severely restricted his movement, was testimony to his bravery and typified his commitment. His influence on the team, after half term, cannot be overstated. That the team only lost once when he played was no coincidence. Up front, M Bommers (T) and C Fuz-Keeve (B) were a considerable asset with their ability to get over the advantage line. Both were unforgiving in defence. Bommers was a whole-hearted player but perhaps did not make quite the explosive impact that was expected when he came down from the 1st XV. Fuz-Keeve, a converted U16c back, showed an enthusiasm and a willingness to learn the vagaries of playing in the front row. The hit he made on an unsuspecting Stonyhurst player remains fresh in the memory. Hooker M Leonard (O) richly deserved his colours, always giving his best, always playing to the last gasp. He worked hard and although he had problems with line-out throwing, the team owed him much for his work in the tight and loose. Eight different players played in the second row. L Sherbrooke (EW), C Reutter (O) and G Darley (J) played with credit. Sherbrooke, in particular, was brave, industrious and tireless. He stood up to the toughest of examinations and he deservedly earned his place in the 1st XV. When he was unavailable for the 2nd XV, the line-out capability was diminished. In the back row, R Costelloe (D) was the most resolute of competitors, always punching well above his weight. R Khoaz (EW) was the

ultimate quiet assassin, his cover defence and work rate served as an inspiration to his team mates. He was a loss when he moved up to the 1st XV. J. Bentley (O) was a typically tenacious flanker, winning a great deal of ball off the ground because of his speed to the loose ball. He also went on to represent the 1st XV. There can have been few more influential captains of the 2nd XV than H Stein (B). As the results in the first half of term show, this was by no means one of the strongest 2nd XV teams that Ampleforth has ever put out, but it has to be one of the most committed. Lack of personnel, compounded by some poor selection in the opening half of term, only increased the difficulty of his task. His influence on the field is inestimable. His continual rallying call and his unselfish efforts in both defence and attack set the standard to inspire others. The way in which his team-mates greeted his first ever try in the final game was testimony to his popularity and the respect in which he was held.

Results:	v Bradford GS	(A)	L	0-3
	v St Peter's	(H)	L	0-13
	v Uppingham	(H)	L	12-13
	v Sedbergh	(A)	L	0-54
	v Hymers	(A)	W	31-24
	v Durham	(H)	W	44-0
	v Newcastle RGS	(A)	D	7-7
	v Stonyhurst College	(A)	L	0-10
	v Oundle	(H)	D	11-11
	v Merchiston Castle	(A)	D	19-19
	v Pocklington	(H)	W	28-10
	v Scarborough 6th Form 1st XV	(A)	W	24-5
	v Fyling Hall 1st XV	(H)	W	48-12
	v Mount St Mary's	(H)	W	69-0

S/JH

Team: JCWY Spence (O), PWL Baxter (T), VPS Phillips (T), ACF Wu (C), WJC-Cumming-Bruce (O), TAWLeG Weston-Davies (J)*, ACM Faulkner (EW), MJG Bommers (T), MW Leonard (O)*, CD Fuz-Keeve (B)*, CFJ Reutter (O), LLP Sherbrooke (EW)*, RW Costelloe (D)*, RC Khoaz (EW), HM Stein (B) (captain)*.

* Denotes colours

P 12 W 3 L 8 D 1 3RD XV 170-253
The 3rd XV has a strong fixture list including six fixtures against schools' 1st XVs. We had a fresh squad with no returning players from the successful team of 2003. The side took a long time to gel and just as one unit was formed it was disrupted with players being taken to cover injuries from senior teams. The overall record is more indicative of their slow start than their overall ability.

We started well against Reed Schools 1st XV scoring seven tries and winning convincingly 41-7. We expected a more difficult fixture against Fyling Hall and so it proved. A well-balanced game at 7-7 was disrupted by the introduction of a new referee, which Ampleforth took longer to adapt to. We compounded our problems by missing tackles and some poor tactical options being taken, Fyling Hall deserving their 17-7 victory. Uppingham followed and outplayed us at the breakdown. Unable to guarantee our own ball or to disrupt their possession we were doomed. Uppingham secured a hard-fought victory. Sedbergh were immensely strong and

despite our efforts to stem the holes in our defence, they showed too much skill and determination for us to cope with. They ran away with the game in the end to record a resounding victory. We would be more competitive against them on their return to Ampleforth. We seemed shell-shocked after the Sedbergh match and were a little apprehensive with the approach of the match against MacMillan's 1st XV. We had worked hard mid-week and it seemed that we were a good match for the MacMillan team. Despite good tries from Pritchard (D) and Heneage (EW), ably converted by Maclure (O), we did not have the confidence to close out this match, eventually losing 18-20. In Van Zeller (EW), Vale (O) and de la Rochefoucauld (C) we had at last found a complementary back row unit. De la Rue (T) came into the side at scrum half. We travelled to Alnwick to play a strong Duchess HS 1st XV. This was the best side we had played so far apart from Sedbergh. The XV rose to the challenge and were outstanding in defence, only being beaten twice by a swift, opportunistic and skilful scrum half. Unable to put the finishing touches to some good moves we had to rely on the place kicking of Vale. We were pleased with our performance but only disappointed that we could not find a final score to move a 12-12 draw to a much-needed win.

The following match against the 1st XV rugby academy of East Durham was a miss-match. This is a team that would be on a par with our own top side. We performed bravely and did not let our heads go down. We managed to work on our first and second phase possession and can claim that we managed to win all of our own ball. However, we had major problems any time that they had the ball. A 0-47 loss flattered us and would have been larger had they not made a few substitutions.

We knew that we were by now far more organised and were keen to show Sedbergh that we were a better side than that which they had seen earlier in the season. A good first half display saw us trailing 7-12 at half-time with all to play for. Sedbergh stuck with their running game and eventually broke us down with a couple of good scores. A loss of 7-27 was a major improvement.

The XV took this good form into the away fixture at Stonyhurst and played fluently. Teague played well at Fly-half and Maclure showed individual flair to score four tries, the XV winning by 38-0. The loss of the entire back row including the captain van Zeller and the fly-half had a disastrous effect on the team. The commitment and organisation shown in the previous matches was gone. Oundle won a one-sided match by 25-10.

The following Saturday saw Merchiston Castle visit Ampleforth. They play a fast rucking game and moved the ball rapidly across their backs. Only good Ampleforth defence kept the teams close early on. Ampleforth decided to punch holes up the middle using their bigger forwards. This paid dividends early on and resulted in a good score from McCann after excellent work from the impressive Pembroke. Ampleforth showed discipline in defending against an inventive attack and in being patient in driving forward and retaining possession before eventually feeding the backs. Rigg kicked two conversions and one penalty, all as drop goals from out wide!

Edward van Zeller captained the side from the back row. His commitment and enthusiasm was an example to his team.

Results:	v Read School 1st XV	(H)	Won	41-7
	v Fyling Hall 1st XV	(A)	Lost	7-17
	v Uppingham	(H)	Lost	17-31
	v Sedbergh	(A)	Lost	3-60

v MacMillan College 1st XV	(H)	Lost	18-20
v Duchess HS 1st XV	(A)	Draw	12-12
v Scarborough 6th Form 1st XV	(H)	Lost	0-10
v East Durham 1st XV	(A)	Lost	0-47
v Sedbergh	(H)	Lost	7-27
v Stonyhurst	(H)	Won	38-0
v Oundle	(H)	Lost	10-25
v Merchiston Castle	(H)	Won	17-7

Team:

EA Van Zeller (EW)* capt, MAH Vale. (D)*, GV Pritchard (D)*, EHW de la Rue (T)*, TGP Pembroke (EW)*, HHL Maclure (O), THJ Bromet (D), TJE Marks (O), AT Irving-Fortescue (C), PJ Teague (T), EIGF Heneage (EW), BW Thurman (O), PSJB McCann (O), JC Ryan (J), JJ Borg-Cardona (J), NM Culligan (C), PD Rich (C), BETP Senior (C), S de la Rochefoucauld (C)

* Awarded colours

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U16 COLTS

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A season where the statistics read more games lost than won may well on the surface appear to be a poor one, but if one looks at the performances from the beginning to those at the end you can begin to judge their success.

The team began diffidently but nevertheless demonstrated potential. They lost their opening encounter against Bradford by conceding silly tries due to careless errors. Nevertheless they still scored two good tries through Malaifia (C) and Cookson (T) linking pugnacious forward play and flowing back moves. The loss of captain Tulloch (EW) with an ankle injury for a short while did not help their cause and they lost.

The team worked hard throughout the fortnight between the Bradford game and their next fixture against St Peter's, but still there appeared to be a lack of belief in their own ability and in a game full of frustrations they were not able to cross the line and the match ended with a score of 0-0. This somewhat frustrating game was soon forgotten as the XV comprehensively beat Yarm School. Forward domination allowed a degree of freedom for the backs to express themselves, scoring five tries through Tulloch (2), Fallon (C) and Malaifia. The comprehensive win was sealed with a further try from the powerful Cookson.

The long trip to Uppingham came next and saw the XV compete well against a competent Uppingham XV. Once again the match began with the team believing they were not the better side and Uppingham were allowed to dominate the early stages. As the game continued, the team gained confidence and put their hosts under pressure, scoring three tries through Tulloch, Fallon and de Sarriera (O). They lost narrowly but had established that they could beat such opposition.

The tough trip to Sedbergh on paper looks as though the XV were blown away, but this could not be further from the truth. Lapses in concentration allowed the Sedbergh side to build up an early lead as the XV allowed them to dictate matters, particularly around the ruck, but the team played some wonderfully spirited rugby and did pressurise their hosts. The best try of the day was scored by Malaifia as the team overran the Sedbergh defence, but the XV could not quite dominate the forward battle enough to release their backs and pull back the deficit.

At this stage it was clear that the XV were going to compete effectively with

opponents. Nonetheless they were to be disappointed to lose the Hymers' fixture by a point in what was a frenetic game. The XV scored tries through Malaifia, Vaughan and Fallon, but again their lapses in concentration in defence cost them dearly as they went down 20-21. There were no such frustrations against Durham School as a powerful performance from the forwards and a clinical demonstration from the backs saw the XV score five quality tries through Chiu (D), Dumbell (H), Wallace (C), Phillips (T) and Vaughan. The XV's dominance of the North-East continued as they defeated Newcastle RGS in an equally fluent display with tries coming from Connolly (H), Wallace and Vaughan (2). The team were only to be disappointed by a stop-start performance at Stonyhurst seeing the team narrowly defeated.

The XV second long trip to a huge Oundle side who dominated the encounter in the first half and it was testimony to the side's spirit and courage that they managed to go into half-time only eight points adrift. The second half performance was immense as they wore down their 'giant' opponents and it was only just that they scored a pugnacious forwards try through Connolly to bring them within a point. Sadly the 'fairy tale' recovery was not complete and a missed penalty saw the XV come close but not quite enough to win.

So to the final game and it was to be a fitting finale for a gutsy and talented group. They welcomed Merchiston Castle to the Old Match ground for the first time. The Scots were big and talented and gave the XV a lesson in handling and keeping possession. The harder the XV tackled the more they moved the ball on out of contact. They certainly had the 'lion's share' of the possession in the first half. However this game was to show once and for all just how far this team had come. They were in no way put off by this display and managed to turn over the Scots' possession and scored four clinical tries, through Tulloch (2), Vaughan and Ronan (J) as they put on a display to marvel at. It was an excellent game, played by two high quality teams. It was a game that the XV would have lost earlier in the year but their progress had been such that they were simply no longer prepared to allow anyone to claim the prize at the end.

The team was beset with frustrations and disappointments and would have wished to have had a better statistical record, but one aspect was never denied at all: their enthusiasm and thirst to improve. The forwards were pugnacious. The front row was solid and fairly settled. The exploits of Bull (H) at hooker kept the whole squad entertained. Threatened with being dropped he increased his resolve and work-rate in training and matches. He has a 'never say die' approach that is infectious and a valuable asset. Wallace, although continually trying to convince that he was a winger, played a solid year at prop. His tight scrummaging was good and he showed determination not to be outdone when faced with a better practitioner. He was also ever-present in the loose where he worked tirelessly to claim possession. Bird (O) was the pocket battleship of the trio. Again he is good scrummager but has the ability to win copious amounts of ball from the floor and also carries the ball effectively. His calf injury was a loss to the XV and although the replacements who covered for him, Knock (EW) and Cookson, played splendidly, the loss of Bird's presence was a handicap. Cookson played a lot in the second row. He carries the ball well and is a force in attack. Doyle (H) in the second row was a workhorse. He toiled endlessly in practice to improve his strength, skill and speed. He won a lot of ball in the line-out and was ever-present in the loose.

Connolly played on occasions in the second row and sometimes at blind-side

but wherever he was he showed resolve and versatility. He has a huge heart and a determined approach. The back row again had to change from time to time due to injury, but the trio of Kisielewski (EW) at 8, Ronan at 6 and Bailey (T) at 7 was probably the best selection. Ronan had wonderful hands, a capacity for work, and became a nuisance to oppositions as he ran at them in both attack and defence. Bailey, who forced himself into the side by sheer-dogged determination, joined him in this exploit. He learnt the position quickly, so much so that he began to lead the back row in many phases of the game. Kisielewski completed the trio, having moved from his position last year of centre and worked hard on learning the nuances of No. 8 play. He has good hands, a real knowledge of the game and the ability to enhance others' games by his reading and decision-making. He improved his fitness and pace remarkably and became a good player.

Dumbell played at full-back and where he does not have searing pace he more than compensates with positional play and tough but clinical tackling. He made many decisive intrusions into the backs' line and created space for others. He worked hard on his handling and became dependable. His back three team-mates were blighted with injury, Vaughan dislocating his shoulder early in the season and yet remarkably regaining fitness for the second half of term and Mailafia dramatically pulling up with a quadriceps tear on the line against Hymers. Mailafia is a powerful boy who has a good turn of pace. He can look rather disinterested at times but when he is focused he is a handful. Vaughan is a tricky runner and has an eye for a gap. He was always on hand to finish off moves when a break had been made and has developed a style of running that often baffles defences. With the injury count Fallon ended up playing most of the games and had a fine season. He is an elusive runner and has developed a deceptive swerve that saw him ghost past many defences.

De Sarriera ended up at centre, having tried scrum-half and back row, and he soon showed an exciting, if raw, talent for the position. He tackles ferociously and is strong on the ball, difficult to tackle and virtually impossible to dispossess. He needs to be more disciplined in his positioning and loose play but he is an exciting talent.

Tulloch partnered de Sarriera and captained the side. He led in every way by example. Whether it was on the training ground or in matches, he showed determination and tenacity. He was positive and although defeats hurt him badly he was always looking forward as to how the team could improve. As a player he was strong in the tackle and his hands were good. He played with discipline and pride.

The B team had a good season as they made huge strides forward. This improvement was shown by the players, who stepped in to cover for 'A' team players when injured, and rose to the challenge with aplomb.

Results:	v Bradford	Lost	12-27
	v St Peter's	Drew	0-0
	v Yarm	Won	41-5
	v Uppingham	Lost	15-19
	v Sedbergh	Lost	5-45
	v Durham	Won	31-5
	v Hymers	Lost	20-21
	v Newcastle RGS	Won	29-5
	v Stonyhurst	Lost	5-12
	v Oundle	Lost	7-8
	v Merchiston Castle	Won	22-7

U16 Colts: ACR Dumbell (H), JP Vaughan (J), G de Sarriera (O), HG Tulloch (EW), SDA Mailafia (C), ETJ Fallon (C), CD O'Kelly (C), HGL Phillips (T), LDA Wallace (C), GPW Bull (H), CIW Bird (O), GR Cookson (T), JG Ronan (J), HG Doyle (H), CG Connelly (H), AHG Bailey (T), FCA Kisielewski (H) Also played: DA Knock (EW), WP Marriot (J).

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U14 COLTS

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The 2004-5 season started encouragingly: ability, enthusiasm and commitment prominent from the outset. However, progress was compromised by injury and illness. This unfortunate situation was exacerbated by inconsistency in approach to training and preparation for fixtures. Nevertheless, the Colts were capable of playing with determination, the final score often failing to reflect the nature of the game and the quality of the rugby involved. Some displays of individual talent and tenacity motivated the players at pivotal times in game situations, which contributed to periods of continuity with forwards and backs linking effectively. Indeed, the Colts were able to exploit identified weaknesses in the opposition, often demonstrating critical awareness beyond their years. The squad, captained by Archie Cochrane (J), enjoyed themselves and represented the school with distinction.

Results:	v Bradford GS	Lost	7-9
	v St Peter's	Lost	7-49
	v Yarm School	Won	10-5
	v Sedbergh	Lost	12-21
	v Hymers College	Won	26-7
	v Durham School	Lost	10-26
	v RGS Newcastle	Won	17-8
	v Stonyhurst College	Won	18-12
	v Merchiston Castle	Lost	5-9
	v Uppingham	Lost	0-4
	v Oundle	Lost	7-15
	v Mount St. Mary's	Won	24-0
	v Pocklington	Lost	10-20

MEH

THE SEVENS



*Standing (L-R): QNC Macfarlane (EW), JFT Bentley (O), WEG Shepherd (O),
AAH Marsden (H), TMJ Carroll (D)
Seated (L-R): ACM Faulkner (EW), DA Tulloch (EW), LA Codrington (EW),
MR Forsythe (J), BJ Ainscough (EW)*

This was a disappointing sevens season, in part due to the cancellation of two of the early tournaments following February snow, and in the fact that one or two players failed to live up to expectations. The team were not helped by these early cancellations, since they were short of match practice and fitness. Two tournaments did not allow sufficient time for the team to develop and work on its deficiencies before the challenge of Rosslyn Park. Nor were we helped by the withdrawal of Tulloch (EW), our most creative and assured player, from the Rosslyn Park tournament. Some players did all they could to make the most of the season, most notably Codrington (EW) as captain who scored a large number of the team's tries and in the absence of real pace found himself as a makeshift winger in broken play, and Forsythe (J), whose enthusiasm and footwork stood him apart as the only other player with the attributes to make a success of the seven-a-side game.

STONYHURST SEVENS

The Hymers College and Mount St Mary's Sevens were cancelled, so the first outing was at Stonyhurst where 20 teams gathered for a keenly contested tournament. Ampleforth were drawn in a pool of five with the hosts and three North-West teams from Birkenhead, St Bede's and Audenshaw, replacing Oratory school.

In the first game against Birkenhead GS the seven started well, with Luke Codrington scoring three quick tries, finding himself on the wing and with the pace

to outstrip the cover. The second half was very different as the team's defence was tested and found wanting with an over commitment to the breakdown and slow to react to a conceded penalty, conceding two tries to hold onto a 21-10 victory.

Against St Bede's the team scored four tries through Codrington, Forsyth, and a brace from Shepherd (O) as they tried to find rhythm and width to exploit space, the best try coming from Forsyth on the wing after the ball was moved the width of the pitch and back again. These tries were unanswered.

The third game against Audenshaw that could guarantee a place in the knock-out stages was tense in the first half as tries from the assured Tulloch and Codrington, pleasingly rewarding some pressure defence, put the team ahead after an early conceded try from a mismatch in a one-on-one situation between one of our forwards and their most elusive player. The team then tested the nerves further when they failed to defend an offload from a half-break to allow Audenshaw to score under the posts to lead 14-12 at half-time. The second half saw the seven assert themselves and gain control with five tries from Shepherd (2), Codrington (2) and Forsythe.

The final group game saw the team meet the hosts, Stonyhurst, who had looked an accomplished seven, and they proved their class with five tries. Our defensive failings ranged from missed tackles and poor footwork to sheer lack of pace and poor organisation arising from some 'ball-watching'. The seven looked at their best when their abrasive prop had been sin-binned, having reacted to our aggressive competition. Ampleforth played their best sevens against six men, exploiting the space well, with Tulloch eventually making a break to put Faulkner (EW) over to reply with a try of our own.

In the quarter final we met Sedbergh, winners of their group. We were cruelly exposed through a lack of pace and fitness, this being the team's first tournament, in a clinical first half performance by Sedbergh. Some players were exposed as inadequate at this stage. Having played two previous days of sevens, Sedbergh were able to find overlaps too easily, or exploit gaps inside the drifting defence as we were slow to cover the inside shoulder. Combined with a missed tackle, turnover ball lost and three knock-ons of our own when in possession, we made too many errors to compete. We did start well, with Tulloch ghosting through the middle only to stumble in the process of successfully side-stepping the sweeper. The second half was more productive as Sedbergh resorted to defending their ample lead, but were unable to compete with our determination, and pride was restored with two tries by Carroll on the right wing after a break by Tulloch and an overlap. Sedbergh went on to beat Stonyhurst in the final.

Results:	v Birkenhead	Won	21-10
	v St Bede's	Won	26-0
	v Audenshaw	Won	47-12
	v Stonyhurst	Lost	7-31
	v Sedbergh	Lost	10-33

AMPLEFORTH INVITATION

At home in a pool of six with Yarm, Mount St Mary's, Durham, Newcastle and Bradford, the seven struggled again from a lack of game time in the lead up to the tournament and our defensive failings were again prominent, but by the end of the afternoon we were playing accomplished and successful sevens.

Against Yarm, Codrington, Shepherd and Forsythe combined well to put the

seven an unassailable four tries up. Good footwork by Forsythe created a try for himself and a break to put Shepherd on the outside for the first of his two tries, whilst a tried and tested double switch move brought another try for Codrington, his fourth from this move this year. Some excellent work chasing back in defence by Carroll (D) to tackle the opposition one yard out from our line kept us clear, but again, slow to drift across the field in defence we conceded two late tries.

These defensive problems cost us the game against Mount St Mary's, when in fact the opposition were quicker in thought and deed; one try down the five metre blind-side of a sleeping defence from a penalty was particularly disappointing. We missed tackles, were beaten in our footwork and were outflanked to concede four tries. Our two tries from Ainscough (EW) and Shepherd were not enough to compete.

Durham were even more clinical in punishing our mistakes. Three missed tackles and a lack of enthusiasm in our cover defence resulted in four unanswered tries for Durham.

Against RGS Newcastle we finally managed to put some stylish seven-a-side rugby together. Breaks by Carroll, Forsythe and Ainscough earned tries for Shepherd and Codrington (2), to Newcastle's two.

In the final group game against an aggressive Bradford side, the seven turned on some fantastic play, Codrington twice beating men one-on-one, once stylishly on the outside, and Carroll and Forsythe proving the absolute necessity of quick footwork in this game to create space. The team scored six tries after an early try conceded from a kick through.

These two final victories were not enough to deny Mount St Mary's and Durham progress to the semi-finals. Durham went on to beat St Peter's surprisingly in the final.

Results:	v Yarm	Won	28-14
	v Mount St Mary's	Lost	12-26
	v Durham	Lost	0-26
	v RGS Newcastle	Won	26-14
	v Bradford GS	Won	40-5

ROSSLYN PARK SEVENS OPEN TOURNAMENT

At a disappointing showing at the national sevens, the team were again taught a harsh lesson on the nature of the seven-a-side game. The seven were not assertive enough and with a lack of energy allowed Glantaf the upper hand which, despite scoring two tries, Ampleforth were unable to wrest back. We paid them too much respect and a distinct lack of enthusiasm for defensive duties by some allowed the opposition to score a match-winning brace. Deflated by this disappointment Ampleforth battled out a draw against Ridings School that was not enough to keep the side in contention for group winners and, fighting a lost cause, were well-beaten by a quick and enthusiastic St Ambrose side.

Results:	v Glantaf	Lost	14-26
	v Ridings	Drew	7-7
	v St Ambrose	Lost	12-33

The squad: L Codrington (EW) Capt, M Forsythe (J), W Shepherd (O), T Carroll (D), B Ainscough (EW), D Tulloch (EW), A Faulkner (EW), Q MacFarlane (EW), A Marsden (H).
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CROSS-COUNTRY

1ST VIII

The autumn term saw a small band of runners doing pre-season training in preparation for the Silcoates two-mile relay run. We finished a creditable second with our 'A' team and third with our 'B' team. In the annual Stonyhurst five-mile run we finished in seventh position, in spite of several of our leading runners taking a lengthy detour.

In the York and District Championships our intermediate boys performed particularly well, finishing as the first team. C Sparrow (EW), J Moroney (O), A McTough (C), A Brazier (O) and D Chambers (T) were all selected to represent the area team.

Oliver Hughes (O) captained this outstanding 1st VIII. Never one to promote his own efforts, he can be proud of the fact that in every race he was one of our top six. He ran well-paced races and was responsible for many of our young inexperienced runners gaining confidence and achieving fast times. His example of never missing a training session or race and his quiet determination were examples for all to follow.

The race against the Old Amplefordians returned to its early season position and although we could not offer them the old 'Shute' course they seemed in good spirits. The race acted as a trial for team selection. In the race itself Ed Brady (W02) showing the form and style that led to a Cambridge Blue, raced away from field and was a clear winner. Michael Vale (D) followed to 'T' Junction before breaking down with a re-occurrence of his old knee problems. The College runners took the first section steadily and packed well. Despite the presence of the ever youthful Robert Rigby (T79) they held their nerve to finish strongly with Henry Guiver (H) (2nd), Oliver Hughes (O) (3rd), Charlie Sparrow (EW) (4th), Gerard Williams (EW) (5th), Alex Brazier (O) (6th) squeezing in front of Robert Rigby (T79) (7th) and James Moroney (O) (8th) close behind. John Heaton-Armstrong (E03) ran strongly and finished (10th), Rory Henderson (O01) (13th), Chris Copping (J76) (21st), Harry Brady (W95) (22nd), Pete Thomas (B86) (25th), Ollie Heath (E90) (26th) and Paul Moore (J77) (27th). The School recorded a good win by 28-57.

Barnard Castle was our first school fixture and it was good to have the opportunity to race them on our course. In Kelton and Zissler they had two strong athletes who ran well together and had enough in hand to hold back all efforts from the 1st VIII to split them. However, Guiver (3rd), McTough (4th), Brazier (5th), Williams (6th), Sparrow (7th) and Hughes (8th) packed well enough to secure a team win by 33-45 points.

At the County Championships we had 15 runners representing the area team. These were high quality races. Henry Guiver (7th) and Oliver Hughes (8th) gained selection for the Senior County team. Charles Sparrow and Alistair McTough (C) were placed in the county squad. Tom Newitt (EW) (Junior Boys) and Alex Rogers (M) (Junior Girls) were also selected for the county squad.

We travelled to the King Henry VIII School, Coventry to take part in their relays (6 x 2.2 miles); these are the unofficial national relays with 41 schools taking part. We were still building our fitness but we had done preparation work for the race. Luke Codrington (EW) set off on the first leg at a brisk pace but struggled to hold his early pace, finishing in 25th place recording a time of 13.28. At this stage 30 seconds gained or lost your team 10 places. He handed over to Henry Guiver who

quickly picked up a couple of places and then gradually reeled several more runners in to bring the team up to 19th with a leg of 12.59. Edward Holcroft (EW) ran a committed leg of 13.18 to take the team up to 16th. Charlie Sparrow with a 20 second gap to close on the nearest runner, stormed off and eventually caught three runners having run 13.01 to take us up to 13th position. Alistair McTough looked fluent as he recorded our fastest time of the day of 12.55 to bring the team up to the heady heights of ninth place. Oliver Hughes ran a brave final leg of 13.03 to hold back teams who had saved their best runners for the last leg. He brought us home in 10th place overall. This was a fantastic achievement so early in the season. The runners received awards for achieving a position in the top ten schools.

We travelled to Sedbergh confident that we would run them close. Competing over laps of their 'Pepperpot' course we held a match-winning lead at half way. Charlie Sparrow ran particularly impressively to finish second in the race with Henry Guiver fourth, Oliver Hughes fifth and Alex Brazier seventh. Unfortunately, Ed Holcroft turned an ankle and had to retire and Alistair McTough lost contact with his team and slipped back a few places. In a two-school race there is little margin for error and Sedbergh stayed strong to secure a win by 38-43.

We were looking forward to the home fixture against Welbeck College and Stonyhurst as our performances against these schools would give us a good indication of how our training was progressing. We started strongly and achieved a remarkable result. McTough showed what innate talent he possesses by running away from the field in snow covered conditions. Guiver was not far behind in third, Williams (H) returning from the winter Olympics secured fourth, Hughes fifth and Sparrow sixth. Having lost Brazier to a damaged diaphragm it was pleasing to note the staggering performance of Tom MacHale (EW) who, having run well in the Junior event at Sedbergh, came through strongly to finish seventh overall. Ampleforth secured a comfortable points victory.

We travelled to Alnwick, Northumberland to defend our North Eastern Schools' Cross-Country title. The event was held on a hilly and wet course on the hills surrounding Alnwick Castle. With only four runners to count we were more vulnerable. Our team ran well to finish fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth. It looked like RGS Newcastle with three runners in second, third and fourth would pip us on this occasion; however, good high finishing positions from our other runners pushed Newcastle's last counter further down the field and proved enough for us to retain the trophy.

The Midland and Northern Schools Cross-Country Championships were held at Silcoates Schools and we travelled in confident mood. The team were asked to run in groups rather than individually so that they might encourage and gain strength from one another. At half way we had all of our six counters inside the top 20 runners. The boys stayed strong throughout to storm to an impressive victory achieving a total score of only 83 points with Welbeck College in second place 40 points behind and Sedbergh in excess of 150 points behind. This was magnificent and a culmination of hard work. We have only won this title on two other occasions in 2003 and 1988. The finishing positions were unbelievable with A McTough (6th), H Guiver (7th) and C Sparrow (8th) all recording the same time. G Williams (11th) was eight seconds behind and T MacHale (15th) a further 12 seconds. O Hughes completed the scorers in 36th having struggled to hold his early pace - he had not recovered from an earlier throat infection. Beilby Forbes Adam (D) (56th) and Matt Ramsden (O) (79th) had good runs in a competitive field.

We were confident of doing well in our own Invitational Cross-Country. However, this event was a let-down with so many schools pulling out at the last minute or fielding incomplete teams. This was compounded by several of our own runners suffering from bugs. The runners ensured they secured the trophy for Ampleforth without overstretching themselves. Gerard Williams (2nd) and Edward Holcroft (3rd) (individuals) ran particularly well as did Andrew Connery who finished sixth and clearly was the most improved athlete throughout the season.

1st VIII: OJ Hughes (O)* capt, HAT Guiver (H)*, PGQ Williams (EW)*, CAM Sparrow (EW)*, A McTough (C)*, TE MacHale (EW)#, AJB Brazier (O)#, EPC Holcroft (EW)#, MJ Ramsden (O)#, CB Forbes Adam (D)#
* Full colours, # Half colours.

Results :

- 1st VIII v Old Amplefordians: Won 28-57
1. E Brady (W02), 2. H Guiver, 3. Hughes 4, Sparrow 5, Williams 6, A Brazier, 7. R Rigby (T79), 8. Moroney, 10 J Heaton-Armstrong, 13. R Henderson (O01), 21. C Copping (J76), 22. H Brady (W95), 25. P Thomas (B86), 26. O Heath (E90), 27. P Moore (J77)
- v Barnard Castle: Won 33-45
3. Guiver, 4. A McTough, 5. A Brazier, 6. Williams, 7. Sparrow, 8. Hughes.
- v Sedbergh: Lost 38-43
2. Sparrow, 4. Guiver, 5. Hughes, 7. A Brazier, 11. A McTough, 15. Connery.
- v Welbeck/Stonyhurst: Won 26-75
1. A McTough, 3. Guiver, 4. Williams, 5. Hughes, 6. Sparrow, 7. T MacHale.
- v North-Eastern Schools XC Winners
5. A McTough, 6. Sparrow, 7. T MacHale, 8. Guiver, 9. Williams, 13. Hughes.
- v MANISCC Champs. Winners
6. A McTough, 7. Guiver, 8. Sparrow, 11. Williams, 15. T MacHale, 36. Hughes, 56. Forbes Adam, 79. Ramsden.
- v Invitation Winners
2. Williams, 3. Holcroft, 4. Sparrow, 5. T MacHale, 6. Connery, 9. Hughes.

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2ND VIII

The 2nd VIII trained and raced with the 1st VIII throughout the season. The top eight runners in any race counted as the 1st VIII and the next eight as the 2nd VIII. This format encouraged all to race well and on many occasions notionally 2nd team runners scored for the 1st team. Andrew Connery (B) in particular epitomised the spirit and drive of these runners. He improved steadily and regularly achieved a top eight finish. He was ably supported by D Knock (EW), R Goodway (H), D Da Silva (D), E Heneage (EW) and a number of the under 15s team who ran Senior races when available. The 2nd team won all of their matches.

Results:	v Barnard Castle	Won	40-65
	v Sedbergh:	Won	Insufficient finishers
	v Welbeck	Won	38-48

HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS

Senior		Individual
1st St Edward's/Wilfrid's	158	1st HAT Guiver (H) (25mins 20 secs)
2nd St Dunstan's	294	2nd PGQ Williams (EW)
3rd St Hugh's	315	3rd EPC Holcroft (EW)
Senior Girls		Individual
1st St Aidan's	24	1st J Boro (M) (28mins 37 secs)
2nd St Margaret's	37	2nd C Anderson (A)
		3rd N Power (A)
Junior Girls		Individual
		1st A Rogers (M) (24mins 06 secs)
		2nd C Gascoigne (M)
		3rd L Straughan (M)
Junior 'A'		Individual
1st St Edward's/St Wilfrid's	106	1st AJB Brazier (O) (17mins 29 secs)
2nd St Cuthbert's	166	2nd A McTough (C)
3rd St Hugh's	186	3rd CAM Sparrow (EW)
Junior 'B'		Individual
1st St Hugh's	46	1st PB Garety (O) (17mins 51 secs)*
2nd St Oswald's	57	2nd TA Newirt (EW)
3rd St Dunstan's	63	3rd WJ Rogers (O)

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THE AMPLEFORTH RUN

The Ampleforth Run continues to grow in popularity with 77 runners setting out this year. The course starts and finishes on the school playing fields and meanders around the lakes and up the hills towards Yearsley (Windygates). Trails through the woods present the runners with stunning views back across the valley to Ampleforth and leads them on towards South Lodge and the Avenue. A descent down Park House hill brings the runners to the short, final stretch back towards the school fields thereby completing the course – a total 6.3 miles according to a GPS monitor.

The conditions were fairly good this year but having had a lot of snow, the trails were wet and heavy. Forestry work had also made the trails heavier than usual.

Oliver Hughes (O) seemed to cope best with the heavy conditions, breaking clear on the climb around the lakes. He maintained his lead from Gerard Williams (2nd) and Charles Sparrow (3rd) to the finish, completing the course in 40mins and 30 seconds. Alex Rogers (M), a 4th former, smashed the existing girls' senior record by almost four minutes, coming home in a time of 49mins and 40 seconds. She was followed home by Cecily Gascoigne (M) 53.23, just inside the old record. Anna Pettifor (M) secured third place.

Fr William (20th) led home the monastic contingent with Fr John (21st) edging out Fr Edwin (22nd). Fr Henry, having spent too many years running around the flat terrain of Oxford, finished strongly and given more time in the valley will be a good each way bet next year. There was a wonderful atmosphere amongst all those who took part. All 77 runners completed the course. Next year we hope to have an entry in excess of 100.

St Edwards/Wilfrid's were worthy winners of the team event with a score of 36 points. The ageing staff team finished second on 47 points. St Oswald's were the second house team to finish with 95 points and St Thomas's packed solidly to take the third house place with 124 points. The winning team comprised: 2nd G Williams, 3rd C Sparrow, 4th T MacHale, 12th F De Beaufort, and 15th D Knock.

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1ST XI HOCKEY



Standing (L-R): HGE Davis (H), ND Watton (J), NJWC Pohlenz (EW),
THJ Bromet (D), BW Thurman (O)
Seated (L-R): CDE O'Kelly (C), HR Sequeira (T), TB Gosling (EW),
AF Brenninkmeyer (EW), JG Ronan (J)

With several players with 1st XI experience to call on, the side was able to develop and improve the quality of hockey played during a short Lent term and ended with a respectable playing record. However, there is still some way to go before Ampleforth can challenge the strongest hockey schools in the area – St Peter's and Scarborough College. These schools, and the touring team from Lawrence Sheriff (Warwickshire), were the only sides that outplayed the XI. The other games were close fought affairs decided by the odd goal, or straightforward victories.

The first match was a tale of two goalkeepers. Ampleforth took advantage of errors from the Bradford goalkeeper to establish an early lead before the skilful Asian players on the Bradford side levelled the score. Ampleforth twice took the lead, only for Bradford to reply. It was end-to-end play, with Gosling (EW) keeping Ampleforth in the match with a string of wonderful saves. In the games against Barnard Castle and Sedbergh, the team was punished because of an inability to clear the ball effectively from defence and build up play from the back. Despite sustained pressure on the Sedbergh defence in the last quarter of the match, the XI could not

claw back the goal they needed for a draw. It was a similar story in the Yarm match, where the team squandered opportunities to take a decisive lead; an inability to carve out or take goal-scoring opportunities haunted the XI in several games. The next three fixtures were all demanding. The XI struggled against a powerful St Peter's side and an extremely skilful team from Lawrence Sherrif, who moved the ball beautifully and scored some well-worked goals. Although on the wrong end of two heavy defeats, the XI learned a great deal from the experience and the quality of their own hockey improved significantly in the remaining matches. They raised their game in the Scarborough fixture and led 1-0 at half-time through an excellent individual goal from Ronan (J). Unfortunately, poor concentration immediately after half-time allowed Scarborough to equalise and the XI were unable to re-establish the control they had shown before the break. The score in the return fixture against St Peter's belied the XI's performance. They created three excellent scoring opportunities in the first half but were unable to convert any. The St Peter's short corner routine worked efficiently, seeing them to victory despite some strong play from the Ampleforth midfield and attack.

Tom Gosling (EW) was outstanding in goal and proved an excellent captain; he dominated his circle and was quickly off his line to smother opposition attacks, pulling off many miraculous saves. Andrew Brenninkmeyer (EW) started at sweeper. He hit the ball powerfully but his distribution was sometimes wanting. In an attempt to establish more cohesive right wing play, he switched to attack in the latter stages of the season and his powerful strikes earned him six goals in the last two matches. Tom Bromet (D) took time to learn his role at right defence, but gradually became a greater influence in matches with his support for the attack on the right hand side and skilful reading of the play. Peter McCann (O) did an excellent job marking opposition centre forwards and Julian Brenninkmeyer (EW) played solidly at left defence. Herman Sequeira (T) played in several positions before establishing himself in the sweeper role. Although his hitting was not powerful, he added a creative dimension to the play from the back which in turn helped the midfield to take a more effective role. Charlie O'Kelly (C) was impressive at the heart of the midfield where his excellent dribbling skills and improving passing game were the launchpad for many Ampleforth attacks. Nick Waunton (J) showed his eye for goal and Jack Ronan demonstrated his potential as an attacking midfield player, scoring some spectacular goals. Patrick Baxter (T) led the attack with his tireless running; with a cooler head in front of goal he would have scored more often. Ben Thurman (O) adapted well to the difficult role on the left wing and Henry Davis showed flashes of excellent skill and started to become more aware of the players around him.

1st XI results:	v Bradford Grammar School	Drew	4-4
	v Ashville College	Won	5-1
	v Barnard Castle	Lost	1-2
	v Sedbergh	Lost	3-4
	v Yarm School	Drew	2-2
	v St Peter's	Lost	2-6
	v Lawrence Sheriff	Lost	1-5
	v Scarborough College	Lost	1-2
	v Pocklington	Won	6-0
	v St Peter's	Lost	0-4
	v Leeds Grammar School	Won	4-2
	v St Aidan's Harrogate	Won	4-1

1st XI: TB Gosling (capt), CDE O'Kelly, AF Brenninkmeyer, PStJB McCann, HR Sequeira, THJ Bromet, JMF-J Brenninkmeyer, PWL Baxter, JJG Ronan, ND Wauton, BW Thurman, HE Davis, F de Beaufort.

Also played: JA Rudge, EGM Sandeman, CD Bowes-Lyon.

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SOCCER

The Rome Football Trip, led by Tom Leverage and Julian Allistone, spent four days at Palazzola playing local teams and discovering Rome. During this time, Pope John Paul II became ill and Rome became a busy, anxious and interesting place to be. The Ampleforth boys, though beaten in their matches, held an aspiring group of young professionals to a 0-0 draw in the second half of their last match.



JGJA

SQUASH

This has been a most successful season, both on and off the courts at the St Alban Centre. There is no doubt that the popularity of squash is increasing again, albeit slowly, so there are now a pleasing number of students playing squash on a regular basis. At the senior level the 1st V managed to win over half of its matches, a creditable achievement. At U15 level a shortage of experienced players had a serious impact on results, but all players performed admirably and with pride.

The 1st V had an excellent second half of the season, in which they only lost one match. At No 1 Phillip Genn (O) is to be congratulated on his overall performance. He was a beginner in squash when he arrived at Ampleforth as a Sixth Form entrant, and to have forced his way into the No. 1 spot is remarkable. He has

improved in most areas and will surely become an accomplished player. His attitude and approach to training was exemplary. He also worked well with junior players. The No 2 slot was filled by Joss Craig (EW), already a veteran of the team in only his third year at Ampleforth! He continued where he left off last year, and made good progress. He uses his height to full advantage and is beginning to read the game more effectively. He is an excellent ambassador for Ampleforth squash. Duncan Phillips (D), our captain who played at No 3, also had a successful season. He managed his team well, encouraging at all times and demonstrating a sense of enjoyment. Harry de la Rue (T) and Henry Davis (D) both worked hard and enjoyed success. The most successful record belonged to Ben Connery (T), losing only one of his six matches. He is difficult to beat, and his improved temperament and confidence have helped him to develop into a good player. At 2ndV and U16 level we played a small number of matches and there were some tight games.

At U15 level, after a successful season last year, the team suffered once again from a lack of suitably experienced players to take the lead and encourage other players to improve. Sacha Pace (C), the captain, made progress. However, the team was never settled, with no fewer than 11 players being used. David Pettet (J) is talented and dedicated and he improved greatly. He has good shots' touch and with increased experience, both in terms of court time and match experience, should improve rapidly. George Williams (H) also played well, and took part in close matches. At U14 level only a small number of matches was played, but the commitment to the team of Nick Delgado (C) and David Spencer (EW) was high and they improved considerably.

A new venture was a trip to the UK National Championships in Manchester in February. This was an excellent opportunity for Ampleforth players of all ages to see some of the best squash players in the world in action. We were fortunate to see a match between Nick Matthew, from Yorkshire, and Stephen Meads, a former winner of the UK National title. Nick, who has been ranked as high as No 4 in the world, lost in the semi-final of the tournament to the eventual winner, Lee Beachill.

The team is grateful for the support received. Duncan Phillips (D) led the team efficiently and with humour and is thanked for his service. Brian Kingsley, our loyal and dedicated coach, continues to balance his numerous musical commitments, at Ampleforth and elsewhere, to enable him to spend at least one day a week with the sets, and to attend all the matches he can. We say farewell, and best wishes, to Richard Berlie, of the History department, who is leaving Ampleforth to take up a post at Princethorpe College, Rugby. He has been a great supporter of squash at Ampleforth. The staff of the St Alban Centre has worked hard in making the courts clean and safe places to play.

Old Boys and Girls are encouraged to make contact with any news relating to their squash activities post-Ampleforth. Do please write to kjd@ampleforth.org.uk if you are playing in a university team, or playing regular club squash for next season's report. The 1stV would be delighted to play an Old Boys'/Girls' team in the future.

The following boys played for the 1stV/2ndV/U16V:

P Genn (O), J Craig (EW), D Phillips (D) (captain), H Davis (D), H de la Rue (T), B Connery (T), A Etchells-Butler (C), O Holcroft (E), A Kisielewski (H).

The following boys played for the U15V:

S Pace (C) (capt), D Pettet (J), G Williams (H), J Garcia Sainz (C), F de Beaufort (EW), T Dewez (J), S Irving (J), H Forbes Adam (D), W Simpson (H), N Delgado (C), D Spencer (EW).

The following boys played for the U14V:

N Delgado (C), H Leeming (H), D Spencer (EW), T Tyrrell (D), C du Boisbaudry (C), S Le Gassicke (C), P Copsy (C).

House Matches

Senior: The Ginone and Unsworth Cup
St Edward's/Wilfrid's bt St Thomas's 4-1
Junior: The Railing Cup
St Hugh's beat St Cuthbert's 3-2

Open Competition

Senior: P Genn (O)
Junior: S Pace (C)

	1st V	2nd V	U16 V	U15 V	U14 V
v Woodhouse Grove (A)	L 0-5		W 4-1		
v Barnard Castle (H)	L 1-4	W 5-0			
v Pocklington (H)	W 5-0			L 0-5	
v Barnard Castle (A)				L 0-5	
v Pocklington (A)			W 5-0		
v Leeds GS (H)	L 2-3			L 0-5	
v Pocklington (A)	W 5-0				
v Sedbergh (A)	W 4-1			L 2-3	
v Pocklington (H)			W 5-0		L 0-5
v Barnard Castle (H)			W 4-1	L 0-5	
v Barnard Castle (A)	L 0-5	L 0-5			
v RGS Newcastle (A)	W 3-2			L 0-5	
v Pocklington (A)				L 0-5	L 0-5
v Leeds GS (A)	W 3-2			L 0-5	
	P9 W5	P2 W1	P4 W4	P7 W0	P2 W0
					KJD

SWIMMING

A superb group of swimmers came together and produced one of the most successful seasons in recent years. Not only were we endowed with a fine body of men but we were also fortunate enough to benefit from the expertise of Richard Wasling, a veteran triathlete and coach from the University of York. The first meet of the season, narrowly lost by a point, was against Durham School. The seniors win was not sufficient to overcome the points deficit in the intermediates. However, that was to be the last defeat until the last meeting. The strength in depth in both senior and intermediate squads was impressive. M Jessop (B) led the side by example, especially when it came to backstroke, and A Sammut (H), N Sammut (H) and W Hildyard (D) were assets in their all round strength, covering all of the strokes between them. In contrast to this physical style of swimming there was the slight and more technical figures of F Ng (B), our butterfly specialist and P Teague (T), a true all-round technical swimmer. The team was also supplemented by appearances from B Borg (C), another excellent technician.

The intermediate squad showed similar diversity, powerful performances were a regular feature from A Reid (EW) and A Dumbell (H), especially in the latter stages of the relay where a 20-metre deficit was overhauled by determination and competitive spirit on more than one occasion. A Kinsky (T) showed the more refined yet equally effective style of swimming in the medley and W Moore (O), C Lam (B), L Cozon (H) and M Orrell (B) showed speed in their respective events. The season was shaping up to be unbeaten for the senior side and although their main focus was on the team events a clean sweep was always in the back of their mind. As if choreographed, the final meet against Barnard Castle was to prove tense. Going into the final relay the scores were such that a win would take the victory and second would mean a draw and thus the unbeaten run would remain intact, if only just. Instead, a slightly early departure on one leg meant that the senior team was disqualified from the final event and scored no points at all, a disappointing result for all concerned. Nevertheless, a somewhat overlooked sport in recent times has made its mark on the sporting calendar and announced its return to prominence at Ampleforth.

AJH

SPORT: SUMMER TERM

CRICKET

1ST XI

Another season passes by and yet another Ampleforth 1st XI has undertaken sterling work on the wonderful match ground. This was a good season, one full of adventure, some disappointments and some thrills, but one which was tremendous fun for all those involved. It was a season that saw the 1st XI pavilion receive a face-lift both inside and out (more of this later) and one in which John Wilkie and his dedicated help produced the best of pitches to play on.

The season began in a predictable manner as the weather intervened to prevent play in the first match against the Emeriti. With rain persisting in the valley for most of the first week of term the XI faced their new opponents, Woodhouse Grove, having had little time on grass to play or practise. The game was much as one would expect any first game of a season to be, with the XI lacking cohesion and fluidity of play. They bowled first and were never really able to dominate their guests. Nonetheless despite the excellent Mohamed scoring a century, the school managed to restrict their guests to just 181-7 from 64 overs. The team showed much the same lack of confidence in batting as they had displayed in the field and a lack of consistency saw the team lose a match they probably should have won. O'Kelly (EW) started well but it was left to Thurman (O) and Woodhead (O) to steer the XI to a draw, reaching 179-9 from 44 overs.

The Saints game sadly fell victim to the weather and was followed by the match against MCC. A good bowling performance, spearheaded by Faulkner (EW) (4-22) saw the MCC reach 176-6. The first XI showed glimpses of quality in the field. Captain Kisielewski (EW) scored an excellent 62 but otherwise the batting remained inconsistent.

The elusive first win was not to be found when the school faced Stonyhurst. The XI batted first and once again had several players who made a start to their innings without going on to dominate and make big scores. Tulloch (EW), however, did show good form to help the low middle order set the opposition a challenging target of 179 to win as he scored an exciting 45. The opening bowlers of Wright (EW) and Faulkner showed themselves to be too strong for the Stonyhurst batsmen as a spell of six overs four maidens 0-3 from Wright and a devastating spell of seven overs two maidens 4-11 from Faulkner dispensed with Stonyhurst's leading batsmen. Once again the weather intervened bringing the game to a disappointing and premature halt.

Still not deterred, the XI marched on to face their old rivals Sedbergh on the day the Pavilion was to be officially opened. The match began in typical Ampleforth/Sedbergh manner as a tense affair. The school took the field and fine bowling from Faulkner and Wright was met with stern resistance from the visitors, depriving the XI of any breakthrough before lunch when the score stood at 132-1. Immediately after lunch a cluster of Sedbergh wickets fell; in spite of this Sedbergh batted on to be finally bowled out after three run outs for 188.

The first XI innings started well with both O'Kelly and Bromet (D) making good scores but once again the XI were unable to build upon their promising start. Bromet and O'Kelly fell in quick succession and despite good contributions from Codrington (EW) and Faulkner, the team once again fell short of their required target as Thurman and Faulkner batted the game out.

The evening's celebration to mark the refurbishment of the Pavilion was a



Standing (L-R): CDE O'Kelly (C), SJJ Biker (H), EMM Woodhead (O), DA Tulloch (EW), THJ Bromet (D),
 BW Thurman (O)
 Seated (L-R): IAFEM Wright (EW), ACN Faulkner (EW), AHJ Kisielewski (H), LA Codrington (EW),
 MR Forsythe (J)

highlight of the day. Some 20 former 1st XI players came back to attend the official opening and to see their 1st XI pictures mounted on the walls of the building. Fr Gabriel gave a short speech thanking, in particular, Lord and Lady Stafford who had generously funded the project together with Tom Bader who had produced the 1st XI pictures. He also thanked all the Old Boys who had taken the trouble and time to return to the school and join in the celebration. The evening was a success with players from eight decades chatting, mulling over memories of their days at the school and their games of cricket in particular. The Pavilion, already much admired, is the centre of a great deal of interest and has added to the sense of history and tradition that the game has given to the school.

Celebrations over, the XI returned to their task at St Peter's, York. The wicket looked its normal pristine self and so it was to prove as the XI witnessed a display of batting the quality of which I have not seen in 18 years of coaching school cricket. Jonathon Bairstow (14 year old son of the late David Bairstow of Yorkshire and England) took to the crease at the fall of the first wicket and immediately began to dismiss the Ampleforth attack. His timing and range of shot was exceptional. He scored 165 not out, helping the St Peter's team to reach a mammoth score of 309-3 declared. O'Kelly opened Ampleforth's reply in masterful style, racing to 42 before losing his wicket, but the day was to belong to Bairstow. It took a fine innings of 55 from Tulloch backed up manfully by Thurman, Biker (H) and finally Woodhead (O) for the school to hold on for a draw.

Exhibition matches have come to be special for the Old Amplefordians and the XI alike and this year was to be no exception. The XI put on a fine display of batting over the two days. The Old boys batted first on the Saturday match and with fine innings from Phillips (C2000) and Murphy (J99) they set the school a challenging target of 217, despite good bowling from Faulkner and Kisielewski. Bromet and O'Kelly decided to make light of the total and Bromet in particular launched a savage attack on the bowlers, punishing anything that was loose. He made an impressive century before falling to Wilson. The tempo of the innings had been set and O'Kelly, helped initially by Kisielewski and then Codrington, guided the XI to their first win.

The Old Amplefordians, still smarting from the previous day's defeat, put the school into bat on Sunday and Bromet and O'Kelly simply carried on where they had left off. Bromet once again showed power and timing in his 83 and was followed by O'Kelly making his maiden 1st XI 100 in an imperious display. Kisielewski was not going to miss the opportunity to show his flair for batting and went on to score a quick-fire 60 to press the school on to a powerful position by setting the Old Boys a score of 263-2 from just 48 overs. The OACC reply was moving nicely with the partnership of Wilkie and O'Kelly putting on 73 for the first wicket, but once Tulloch captured the opening pair the school placed their visitors under pressure and slowly but surely made inroads. Nevertheless it appeared that the Old Boys were going to be able to cruise to a draw until Woodhead seized the ball and produced a terrific spell of bowling, claiming 5-21, leaving the opposition fighting for the last seven overs of the match.

Sadly the Durham match did not live up to earlier matches although there were good performances with O'Kelly claiming 5-39 and scoring a patient 68, and Kisielewski doing his best to raise the tempo of the game with a dynamic 60. Nevertheless the game fell to a tame draw.

The first XI returned to its winning ways against the Yorkshire Gents with the



*Standing (L-R): CDE O'Kelly (C), SJJ Biker (H), FMM Woodhead (O), DA Tulloch (EW), THJ Bromet (D),
BW Thurman (O)*
*Seated (L-R): IAFFM Wright (EW), ACN Faulkner (EW), AHJ Kisielewski (H), LA Codrington (EW),
MR Forsythe (J)*

bowlers leading the attack. Fine opening spells from Wright and Faulkner were well supported as the school reduced the visitors to 111. Ampleforth's first four batsmen comfortably reached the batting target.

Momentum gained, the team continued the following week with a win against Bradford GS. Although the XI were slightly less cutthroat than they had been against the Yorkshire Gents, they hung on to their winning spirit to claim a victory by six runs. The batting had been spearheaded by a fine 78 from Kisielewski who is also to be commended for declaring early in order to ensure his team had enough time to bowl out the opposition.

The visit of Kings School Paramatta from Sydney renewed a friendship that had been forged on the rugby field both here and in Australia. With a damp start to the game, the Australians immediately showed their strength in batting and in spite of two fine spells of bowling from Faulkner and Ramsden (O) they managed to move comfortably to 132-2 by lunch. The XI bowled and fielded well but were given a lesson in running between the wickets by a Sydney side who turned many ones into twos and twos to threes. Woodhead again came in to stem the flow of runs and take several wickets claiming 4-24 as the Kings side declared on 237-7. Once again Bromet and O'Kelly set the tempo of the reply, putting on 101 for the first wicket from 20 overs. Once Bromet fell, O'Kelly ensured that he stayed at the crease and, together with the captain, Kisielewski, added a further 70 runs. O'Kelly managed to stay in until the game was won by seven wickets and in so doing claimed a magnificent century.

The following day the School embarked on the long journey south to take part in the festival at Taunton School. The Festival is played as an over competition with each side having 50 overs to bat with a straight win-lose situation.

The XI showed immediate dominance over Strathallan, claiming early wickets through Faulkner and Tulloch, but then allowed the determined Scots back into the game and score 174-8 from their 50 overs. The disappointment was soon forgotten as Bromet launched into the Strathallan bowling with savage blows. He scored a ferocious 80, which set the tone as Kisielewski and Codrington steered the XI home in 27 overs to an impressive victory.

Rain prevented play against Dulwich and the final game of the festival saw the XI facing the hosts, Taunton. Put into bat they lost an early wicket in O'Kelly but Bromet continued his form of the Strathallan match and scored freely. The loss of Kisielewski and then Bromet for 74 left the innings flagging. Codrington fought hard to form the anchor of the innings, batting to make 43 and allowing the late middle order to bat round him. Pritchard and Biker formed an excellent late partnership, setting the host team a target of 237 to win. The Ampleforth XI bowled superbly in the early encounters and Faulkner could have claimed five or six wickets but the luck went with the hosts. The XI maintained their calm and continued the pressure, resulting at one point in a score of 130-7. Unfortunately they did not press home their advantage and were cruelly made to pay for it as the Taunton late middle order batted extremely well to achieve victory.

The long journey back to the valley that evening gave the XI time to dwell on what might, and probably should, have been. The following morning looked as though the day was going to be ruined by the weather. However, the skies cleared and the NYSCC took to the crease at 12 noon as the ground dried. From the outset the XI looked understandably tired. Faulkner bowled well but the XI proved unable to dominate the batsmen and the visitors made steady progress. They moved on

slowly to finish with a sizeable score of 267 thanks largely to an undefeated 100 from Johnson. The declaration did come late not only leaving Ampleforth too little time to have a realistic chance of scoring the total but also too little time for them to be bowled out!

The tireless Faulkner bowled well. He rarely allowed the batsmen the luxury of being able to leave the ball while his pace regularly hurried them. He also managed to achieve movement from the ball and was often too good to find the edge. His wicket haul of 28 was excellent. Faulkner's initial opening bowling partner was Wright, who struggled to find consistency but was unlucky not to claim more than two wickets. Ramsden, who had captained the 2nd XI, joined the team towards the end of the term and proved to be an excellent foil for Faulkner with his late in-swing. He was left rueing the bad luck of his middle sixth year, ruined by a back injury, without which he would undoubtedly have played a much bigger role in the XI.

Kisielewski supported the seam attack as first change and took important wickets but was never able to find form and rhythm. So it was Biker who provided the main backup for the opening bowlers.

The XI had a variety of spin bowling. Tulloch continued to ply his leg-spin trade and bowled more than 100 overs. Although not a big spinner, he worked hard on varying his pace and length so as to keep the batsmen guessing. His main spin partner was Woodhead, who bowls an unusual and rare brand of 'Chinaman and Wrong 'en'. He too worked extremely hard at his action this year and his work was regularly rewarded as he often confused the batsmen and gained wickets, bowling some 70 overs for 17 wickets.

Kisielewski occasionally turned to O'Kelly as a source of wickets. He initially bowled seam but is more effective as an off-break bowler who took eventually 10 wickets in 44 overs.

The fielding was at times very good. Forsythe, as wicket keeper, although not always consistent, pulled off wonderful catches and efficient stumpings. The ground fielding by and large was good with fine run outs being executed notably by Thurman and Tulloch. Although there were outstanding catches – one in particular by Kisielewski was breathtaking – the fielders occasionally let themselves down by missing fairly routine catches.

It was the batting that proved to be the strength of the side. They were able to dictate the pace of the game when they were at the crease, which created exciting climaxes to games. O'Kelly and Bromet proved to be a wonderful opening partnership; they complement each other so well. Bromet is an aggressive batsman who wastes no time at the crease and in doing so unnerves the attack. He has shots all round the ground and when he has got his eye in is a difficult batsman to bowl at. He drives particularly well but if a bowler drops a ball short, Bromet's hooking is outstanding. O'Kelly, at the other end, is more measured. He watches the ball carefully and has the ability to accumulate runs. He drives well on both the off-side and the leg and has developed the capacity to punish loose bowling. His added skill is his power of concentration. He is a beautiful free-flowing batsman when he gets in the 'zone' but has the temperament to battle it out if he is not in good 'touch'. The two players promise excitement for next year as they develop their successful partnership.

The captain, Kisielewski, was the other contributor to the total number of runs scored. He is an exciting left-handed batsman and has the enviable ability to be able

to change the course of a game with clean, stylish hitting. He played several wonderful innings and although he was never able to achieve a century, he inspirationally led the side with the bat.

Codrington had a difficult year with the bat; hard as he worked, he was never able to express himself as he would have wished. He did play good innings for the XI and battled through in the Taunton game, playing an important 'holding' role.

Tulloch played an important role. Although he did not score as heavily as the front three he did play vital innings to consolidate or to push the scoring on. His 50 at St Peter's was a match-saving innings and again his good temperament and thirst for the fight played a role in the success of the XI.

It can be difficult for middle order batsmen when the first three score so well and consistently. Forsythe, Faulkner, Wright and Thurman, all more than capable batsmen, had little chance. Forsythe and Faulkner showed glimpses of what they are capable of, but for them and the others, the role was one of supporting the front-line players and remaining patient.

One of the reasons it was possible for the middle order to be so patient and play well was the team spirit that existed. Much of the credit for this must go to the captain, Kisielewski, and his vice-captain, Faulkner. Kisielewski led in a quiet, understated way but lead he did.

1ST XI RESULTS:

v Woodhouse Grove (H)	Drew Woodhouse Grove 180-7 dec Ampleforth 179-9 (O'Kelly 49)
v MCC	Drew MCC 176-6 dec (Faulkner 4-22) Ampleforth 137-8 (Kisielewski 62)
v Stonyhurst (H)	Abandoned as a draw Ampleforth 178-8 dec (Tulloch 45) Stonyhurst 18-4 (Faulkner 4-11)
v Sedbergh (H)	Drew Sedbergh 188 (Faulkner 4-54, Biker 2-35) Ampleforth 180-7 (Bromet 50, O'Kelly 41)
v St Peter's (A)	Drew St Peter's 309-2 (Tulloch 2-60) Ampleforth 239-9 (O'Kelly 42, Tulloch 55)
v OACC	Won by 8 wickets OACC 217-6 dec Ampleforth 220-2 (O'Kelly 76*, Bromet 102)
v OACC	Drew Ampleforth 263-2 dec (O'Kelly 100*, Bromet 83, Kisielewski 60*) OACC 178-9 (Woodhead 5-21)
v Durham School (H)	Drew Durham School 268-9 dec (Tulloch 3-61, O'Kelly 5-39) Ampleforth 175-7 (O'Kelly 68, Kisielewski 60)

v Yorkshire Gentlemen	Won by 8 wickets Yorkshire Gentlemen 111 (Faulkner 3-21, Woodhead 3-10) Ampleforth 112-2 (O'Kelly 56*)
v Bradford GS (H)	Won by 6 runs Ampleforth 199-7 dec (Kisielewski 72, O'Kelly 37) Bradford GS 193 (Faulkner 5-47, Biker 3-20)
v Kings School Paramatta (H)	Won by 8 wickets Kings School 237-7 dec (Woodhead 4-24) Ampleforth 238-2 (O'Kelly 105*, Bromet 53, Kisielewski 48)
v Strathallan (A)	Won by 8 wickets Strathallan 174 (Tulloch 3-30) Ampleforth 175-2 (Bromet 80)
v Taunton (A)	Lost by 3 wickets Ampleforth 236-9 (Bromet 74, Codrington 43) Taunton 237-7
v North Yorkshire Schools (H)	Drew NY Schools 267-4 dec Ampleforth 81-8

Batting	Innings	Not outs	Highest Inn	Total	Average
O'Kelly	14	4	105*	635	63.50
Bromet	13	0	102	546	42.00
Kisielewski	14	2	72	447	34.38
Forsythe	9	3	24*	142	23.66
Codrington	14	4	43	122	19.10
Tulloch	9	3	55	170	18.88
Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Total	Wickets	Average
Woodhead	69.2	12	310	17	18.23
Faulkner	180.1	39	549	28	19.46
Biker	74.2	15	262	11	23.81
Tulloch	103	8	433	18	24.05
O'Kelly	44	5	247	10	24.7

GDT

2ND XI

Early season training indicated that this would be a strong second XI and so it proved: six victories and three draws a just reward for a season of attacking and adventurous cricket. Particular credit must be given to the captain, Ramsden (O), who led the team with distinction. He led by example, bowling well enough to earn a deserved place in the first XI for the Taunton Festival.

The season began with a comfortable victory over Woodhouse Grove on a difficult, sloping pitch. All batsmen contributed to the total of 136 with Vale (D) playing well for 33 before playing carelessly across the line. An attacking declaration left the College 30 overs to dismiss the opposition, accomplished with seven balls to

spare. Ramsden opened the attack accurately, taking 3-22 and Woodhead's 'liquorice allsorts' found success taking 3-9. This was followed by a devastatingly swift victory over Bootham who were bowled out for 39; all bowlers took wickets, the most flattering figures belonging to Ben Ainscough (EW) whose wobbly medium pace gave him figures of 3-1.

The winning run continued on a typically damp Lancastrian day, on a damp seaming wicket at Stonyhurst. Batting first, Illingworth (C) led the way in spite of injury. His timing and power were too much for the Stonyhurst attack and ably supported by Andrew Connery (B) and Ainscough (EW), he scored 67 in a total of 144-5 declared. The bowling attack then made excellent use of a helpful track, pitching the ball on a good length and making the batsmen play regularly as the ball jagged around. Ramsden, Hammond and Ainscough took three wickets each as Stonyhurst were skittled to give the school victory by 79 runs.

RGS Newcastle proved to be more durable opponents and were able to claim a draw in spite of another fine team effort. A solid batting performance with four players making 20 saw a declaration at 144-5. Early wickets snuffed out any effort at a run chase for Newcastle and when eight wickets were down with eight overs remaining an Ampleforth victory seemed likely. In spite of a fine bowling performance from Ainscough, 4-12, the tailenders stood firm to secure the draw.

The bowling was still penetrative at Sedbergh when tight spells from Hammond (D) and Ramsden (O) reduced them to 64-7 at lunch. A combination of skilful, determined batting and looser post-lunch bowling, however, allowed Sedbergh to make a creditable total of 150. After an early slump Illingworth seemed to be taking the game away from Sedbergh until a loose stroke saw him dismissed for 38, and a clutch of wickets fell to leave the game in the balance with Ampleforth 128-6. Fortunately Willis (EW) played with calm confidence, scoring an unbeaten 29 and Ramsden came in to finish the game, giving Ampleforth victory by three wickets.

There followed an impressive nine wicket victory against St Peter's in which Woodhead bowled with distinction. At times in the early part of the season he had sacrificed accuracy in pursuit of pace and 'the magic ball', however, by this stage of the season he bowled a consistent line and troubled every batsman; figures of 4-31 did not flatter him. Ampleforth required 136 from 35 overs and that this was achieved so comfortably is a credit to Vale (D) and Connery (B) who managed the run-chase skilfully.

The traditional Exhibition game against on OACC XI saw much good cricket. F Kisielewski (H) brought off a fine catch behind the stumps and at one stage the OAs may have been overrun. Lord Stafford top scored with 49, however, to allow a declaration at 156-6. Vale (D) started well, scoring 35 and on this occasion was joined by Pritchard (D) who went on to make 56. The school won by six wickets.

After such a successful start to the season it was a shame to finish with two uninspiring draws against Durham School and Bradford Grammar School respectively. Pritchard continued his fine form with 83 against Durham, captaining in place of Ramsden who had moved up to the firsts, and made an attacking declaration. Durham were not inclined to attack and the bowling seemed less threatening than earlier in the season, possibly due to some optimistic field placings which always allowed the batsman an easy run; the game petered out into a draw.

The Bradford openers rode their luck early on and at one stage looked likely to post a formidable total. However, some good tight bowling brought Ampleforth

back into the game and the Bradford middle order were unable to force the pace. A declaration which left just 26 overs in which to score over 200 runs was never likely to produce a result and so it proved: the second XI, losing three wickets in an early attempt to chase, settled for the draw.

Team: G Pritchard (O), M Vale (D), A Connery (B), B Connery (T), H Illingworth (C), H Woodhead (O), A Hammond (D), E Willis (EW), B Ainscough (EW), F Kisielewski (H), J Ronan (J), M Ramsden (Capt) (O), H Sequeria (T), N Outred (C), F Adams-Cairns (H), T Carroll (D).

JFM

U15 COLTS

Two seasons of cricket without a loss. Not a bad record; indeed, a rare feat and one that deserves every recognition.

This was a year in which brilliant cricket was played, a year in which uncompromising victories were carved out and a year that saw strides made in technique and knowledge of the game. In truth, the only team that could match this one was a good Cumbria Schools side. Oppositions were blown away by impressive bowling, determined technical batting and team spirit.

Sam Biker (H) and Bertie Woodhead (O) captained the side. Both learned a lot in their new role, both had to work hard to manage their peers and both succeeded. Biker performed superbly with both bat and ball. He is more effective when committing to the front foot more often but this improved. With the ball, a more consistent line and length was not seen on the circuit. He has natural pace and got into an effective rhythm from the start. Against Ripon he took 5-15, against Durham he scored 49 not out and against Sedbergh his captaincy was exemplary against a side that was embarrassingly poor in comparison. Woodhead worked hard with the bat to iron out elementary problems with technique. He still needs greater focus and his technical improvement will make or break his future as a batsman. His 41 at Sedbergh was a solid performance. He disappointed with the ball and lacked the consistency of last year but remains an effective opening bowler if he gets his rhythm right, as his figures against Newcastle RGS show.

Edmund Willis (EW) grew in confidence and worked on a couple of areas of his batting to good effect. His half-century and figures of 6-19 against Durham effectively won the match. Ben Connery (B) opened the batting, frustratingly playing and missing on too many occasions to build up a score, but nevertheless contributed well. Jack Ronan (J) improved beyond all measure. He learned to play each ball on its merit and use his feet to greater effect. His early work on his pick-up cured technical problems and made for a memorable season with the bat, hitting good scores with regularity and winning the match against St Peter's single-handedly with a brilliant half-century, chasing a big total with few overs to play with. He is also an effective bowler, his left-arm pace, line and movement often proving too tricky, either opening or at first change. Harry Illingworth (C) was another success. Joss Craig (EW) also improved and was unlucky to miss out on his colours. He is now a player who can concentrate at the crease and build an innings, choosing his shots with more care, as well as being an effective and reliable bowler. His 33 not out, building a total of 208 against Durham, was probably his best innings.

Beyond this strong upper order made up largely of improving all-rounders, were Fred Kisielewski (H), Fergus Adams-Cairns (H), Harry de la Rue (T) and

Ashley Etechells-Butler (C). Kisielewski disappointed this season after an early injury setback. Adams-Cairns also improved with bat in hand, but must work harder to hit through the line of the ball, with bigger front stride and more effective use of his feet. Etechells-Butler and de la Rue were effective stock bowlers who could prove useful in coming seasons with work on rhythm and length.

Colours were awarded to:

Sam Biker (H); Bertie Woodhead (O); Jack Ronan (J); Harry Illingworth (C); Edmund Willis (EW).

JGL

TENNIS

U14 TENNIS

This has been an enjoyable season. There have been two large sets of boys wishing to play and practise on a regular basis, so there has been competition for places in the team. The team had a pleasing record overall, losing only to strong teams containing players of considerable match-play experience. At the top of the order, Charlie Williams (H) and Alex de Chezelles (J) established themselves early in the term as the first pair, and fully deserved that position. They have a good understanding, and both possess formidable forehand drives. Ed Power (O) played in some matches, but was unavailable for selection on important occasions so lacked match practice. Josu Estefania (EW) impressed with his determination, enthusiasm and skill. Lower down the order there were talented and motivated players, who improved. A new fixture was the Bradford U14 challenge, when our teams had the chance to play against some of the leading schools in the north of England: Manchester GS, Bradford GS, RGS Newcastle and Nottingham GS. These are strong teams, but the Ampleforth pairs played with commitment and pride, and pulled off one or two surprise results!

At U14 B level, we were pleased to participate once again in the Ampleforth Tennis Challenge, featuring teams from local schools, from primary school age up to U16. At U14 level, Ampleforth performed admirably in winning their respective group. This was a good opportunity to gain important match experience in singles, not normally possible in school matches. The following boys deserve particular mention, having participated enthusiastically and reliably: Jamie Maw (O), Himson Ho (D) and Freddie Grotrian (O).

The following played for the teams: C Williams (H), A de Chezelles (J), E Power (O), P Connors (EW), H Strouts (D), H Swinton (D), F Meynell (EW), J Estefania (EW), D Spencer (EW).

Results: v Hymers College (A) L 2-7
v Bradford Tournament (A)
v Bradford GS (A) L 2-7
v Pocklington (A) W 5¹/₂-3¹/₂
Ampleforth Challenge (H)

KJD

U15 TENNIS

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The under 15s tennis squad worked hard at their drills during the week and enjoyed their tennis sessions. The 'A' team had a good season, winning all but one of their matches. They started with an excellent 8-1 win against Hymers. Florian de Beaufort (EW) and Sasha Pace (C) played particularly well at 1st pair in this match as they would continue to do. They were ably supported by Will Simpson (H), Hal Forbes Adam (D), Charlie Russell (H) and Hewie Dalrymple (EW). Confident from our win, we travelled to Bradford to compete in a mini tournament consisting of four of the strongest tennis schools in the north of England (Ampleforth, Bradford GS, Manchester GS and Nottingham HS). We played well on the day but lost out to more experienced players.

We learnt lessons from the Bradford tournament and worked hard during the week preceding the arrival of Sedbergh. Theo Dewez (J) replaced Forbes Adam in the group. The team played consistently well and won most convincingly 9-0. We travelled to play on grass at St Peter's the following weekend without de Beaufort who had been taken up to the 1st VI. St Peter's had assembled a good side but the loss of our captain and the time taken to adjust to grass proved too much for the team to cope with. St Peter's won by a clear margin and richly deserved their victory.

We were pleased to be at full strength for the return match against Bradford GS. The match came down to the equal pairing rubbers. The 1st pair of Pace and de Beaufort drew 7-5, 5-7, the 2nd pair of Simpson and Forbes Adam played well to take their rubber 6-2, 6-4, the 3rd pair played well but went down 6-2, 6-2. The match ended in a draw.

There followed two convincing wins against Durham (9-0) and Pocklington (7-2) to round off a fine season.

Team:

F De Beaufort (EW), SM Pace (C), WLT Simpson (H), HF Forbes-Adam (D), HJLH Dalrymple (EW), CWB Russell (H), TB Dewez (J)

Results:	v Hymers	(H)	Won	8-1
	v Bradford Tournament		4th of 4 teams	
	v Sedbergh	(H)	Won	9-0
	v St Peter's	(A)	Lost	1.5-7.5
	v Bradford GS	(H)	Draw	4.5-4.5
	v Durham	(H)	Won	9-0
	v Pocklington	(H)	Won	7-2

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ATHLETICS

Once again the summer term has brought a pleasing set of results from the athletics squad. With a limited fixture list of only four competitions it was important that individuals hit the ground running, so to speak, right at the start. The first meet was the Northern Schools Championship, held at Monkton Stadium in Jarrow. The team performed steadily but without great success (6th in both senior and intermediate age groups out of 13 or more schools). There were one or two notable performances in the distance events, E Guiver (H) won the 3000m by over 40m with P Baxter (T) coming home third for the intermediates and G Williams (EW) gaining a first in the 1500m and a second in the 800m on the same day. In the field events T Fox (C) won both the javelin and the shot for the intermediates. The next two meets were equally tense, Stonyhurst away always difficult. On the day the intermediates produced a surprise win with gritty performances from G Williams (EW) and P Baxter (T). Good performances were also seen from T Ikwueke (C), D DaSilva (D) and D Hoogewerf (J) in the sprints. A close match with Sedbergh at home then followed with a somewhat predictable outcome. However the following week brought the day of the Ampleforth invitation event. With four schools attending and only one athlete per event it was imperative that every member of the squad give their utmost. By the end of the afternoon a tense state of affairs had come to pass. Sedbergh's intermediates were clear winners but Ampleforth seniors had done enough to overhaul the deficit and claim a thrilling victory at the close of the season. F Nagy (D) produced his most pleasing result winning a keenly fought 200m, while E Guiver (H), G Williams (EW) and A Stadelmann (B) also won their events.

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GIRLS' SPORT

HOCKEY



*Standing (L-R): ELR Moss (M), CEC de Rivaz (A), EP Saunders (M), AMM O'Brien (M), EMA Lochrane (M), HM Codrington (A), JA O'Hare (M), ME Thompson (A)
Seated (L-R): LC Laing (M), AC Tarnowska (A), CD O'Hare (Capt) (A), RE Morgan (A), NF Power (A)*

1ST XI

This was a season of building and consolidation, with only a few girls with 1st XI experience to call on. However, a strong group of new girls from the Middle Sixth boosted the squad, and in the latter stages several U14 players forced their way into contention. Much time was spent on developing basic skills and establishing principles for attack and defence on Astroturf. The XI lacked firepower in attack and therefore struggled in matches against stronger opposition. The season started positively with a drawn game against Queen Margaret's before the match against St Peter's, where the team played well but were outmanoeuvred by more skilful opposition. The performance against Fyling Hall was a disappointment; both teams were evenly matched but poor defending by Ampleforth and an inability to adapt to the grass surface gifted Fyling Hall easy goals either side of half-time. The return fixture at the Savill Field was altogether different, with the XI's more effective passing game enabling them to nullify the pace of the Fyling Hall attack. Durham School, Barnard Castle and Sedbergh all proved too strong for our relatively inexperienced team. However, as the players improved their passing skills, learnt to retain possession for longer periods and to use the defenders to recycle the ball and change the point of attack, they became a more competitive outfit. The quality of their play was evident in the matches against Yarm School, Stonyhurst College and The Mount: all were tightly-fought games, decided by a single goal.

Georgina Olley (A) started in goal, but a back injury prevented her from playing

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for much of the season and so Louisa Lang (M) took over. Louisa improved with every game, showing speed of reaction and courage to block the fiercest shots. Several defensive combinations were tried before the most effective unit emerged. Effie Lochrane (M) was dependable at the heart of defence, able to clear the ball effectively whenever the team was under pressure. Emily Moss (M) and Charlotte de Rivaz (A) both improved significantly, using their pace and tackling skills to shut down opposition attacks. In the midfield, the tireless running of Hannah Codrington (A) complemented the marking and careful distribution of Ruth Morgan (A). Daisy Tarnowska (A) and Natasha Power (A) both showed an excellent work-rate, tidying up loose play and starting our attacks. In the forwards, the speed of Alice O'Brien (M) and Josephine O'Hare (M) and the subtle stick work of Megan Thompson (A) created most of the side's goal-scoring chances. Cordelia O'Hare skilfully captained the side; she led by example, in training and matches. Elizabeth Saunders (M) was the strongest of three U14 players who also represented the 1st XI. She used her dribbling skills to cut holes in the opposition defence. Neither Minnie Samengo Turner (M) nor Elizabeth Bryan (M) looked out of their depth when they represented the team in the latter stages of the season.

Results:	v Queen Margaret's	Drew	1-1
	v St Peter's	Lost	0-4
	v Fyling Hall	Lost	0-3
	v Sedbergh	Lost	0-13
	v Queen Ethelburga's	Won	3-2
	v Hymers College	Lost	0-4
	v Fyling Hall	Won	2-1
	v Durham School	Lost	0-5
	v Yarm School	Lost	1-2
	v Barnard Castle	Lost	0-6
	v Stonyhurst College	Lost	0-1
	v Pocklington	Lost	1-6
	v The Mount	Won	1-0

1st XI: CD O'Hare (capt), AC Tarnowska, RE Morgan, JA O'Hare, HM Codrington, LC Laing, ME Thompson, AMM O'Brien, CEM de Rivaz, EMA Lochrane, ELR Moss, NF Power, EP Saunders,

Also played: JM Simpson, GML Olley, H Samengo Turner, E Bryan, AR Staunton.
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2ND XI

P 8 D 1 L 7

The Girls' 2nd XI hockey team has built a strong foundation for next year. Having started with a disappointing result against strong opposition at Pocklington School, the team rallied strongly and did not let the result affect the rest of their matches. Their best result came in a draw against Mt St Mary's School during which Ampleforth managed to maintain a clean sheet for the first time.

Harriet Moore (A), in her final season, proved to be an excellent example of dedication and determination as captain and was a key element in maintaining team morale. Emily Clive (A), Elizabeth Fallon (A) and Cordelia Graham (A) formed a coherent defensive line and gave opposition teams a difficult time as they tried to get through to the goal. From the start the team had difficulty connecting cleared balls with the midfield in order to mount a successful counter-attack but as they

progressed and gained in experience this became a more positive part of their game.

Results:	v Pocklington	Lost	0-13
	v St Peter's	Lost	0-4
	v Sedbergh	Lost	0-7
	v Read School	Lost	0-3
	v Durham School	Lost	0-6
	v Mt St Mary's	Drew	0-0
	v Barnard Castle	Lost	0-2
	v Stonyhurst	Lost	0-2

2nd XI: HM Moore (captain), CL Anderson, HF Broadfoot, ELSF Clive, EM Cullen, EK Fallon, CMR Graham, SMM Lisowiec, EB Noel, VG Palazzo, AC Tarnowska, PH Taylor, EM Coghlan, LHE Lumley, SJ Moore, SE Roberts, VEL Scrope.

JEO

NETBALL



(L-R): CEC de Rivaz (A), AC Tarnowska (A), EP Saunders (M), GML Olley (A), J Boro (M)

JR Staunton (capt) (A), AMM O'Brien (M), HM Codrington (A), JA O'Hare (M), ME Thompson (A)

1STVII

P 10 W 6 L 4

The 1st team netball squad had ambitions for a successful season following on from the successes of the previous year and the experience gained from the tour to Malta. In addition, five of the seven players from last season returned to the squad. The depth of the 1st and 2nd VII was encouraging and for the first time a close match

could be played between both sides. The first match was played in the autumn term against Yarm School. The first team played well, but lacked the control they would develop in the Lent term. Nevertheless, they were still significantly better than the Yarm side and Lucy Codrington (A) at centre was a stabilising influence, using her impressive speed to cover mistakes made by others. The final score was 24-9 in Ampleforth's favour, but it was not a real test as they dominated much of the match.

The squad continued to train in the autumn term and were well prepared for the start of the Lent term. The team travelled to Barnard Castle and played a closer match than what was perhaps expected. Barnard Castle played quickly, but ultimately this worked in Ampleforth's favour as they lacked accuracy as the game progressed. Georgina Olley (A) and Pippa Taylor (A) played a vital role at Wing Attack and linked well with Lucy Codrington (A) to move the ball into the shooting circle. Bridget Staunton (A) was magnificent in defence, causing her opposite player problems and denying Barnard Castle goal-scoring opportunities.

The first home match was against Durham School, which was a fixture Ampleforth had always won quite easily in previous years. Perhaps they underestimated the rejuvenated Durham team, because Durham quickly took control and took an easy lead, which proved to be too much for the Ampleforth side and they lost the match, despite dominating the final quarter. The Sedbergh match was greatly looked forward to, and the team hoped they would be able to claim victory. The final score was 16-13 to Sedbergh and again Ampleforth had faltered from allowing their opposition to get ahead early in the match. Lucy Codrington and Josephine O'Hare played a strong and positive game, but unfortunately Ampleforth suffered from the useful Sedbergh players in attack. Joanna Staunton's height was essential and her improved fitness and skill equipped her well to deal with the relentless pressure from the opposition.

Unfortunately a number of matches were then cancelled due to rain and this made it difficult to maintain continuity. The team played a tight match against Pocklington in horrendous weather. The final score was 8-7 in Ampleforth's favour, but the match was scrappy. At this point in the season, Madeline Rudge made the switch from Wing Defence to Wing Attack, which proved to be an excellent move. A highlight of the term was the mini tour to Edinburgh to play against Fettes and Loretto. The Saturday saw the team play against Fettes and the match was tense. Ampleforth produced one of their best performances to come back in the final quarter and win. On Sunday, the team travelled out to play Loretto before returning home to school. After the success of the previous day, the girls were determined to clinch another victory. They dominated the game from the start and created an impressive winning margin in front of a number of Ampleforth parents and friends. Mary-Rose Sidgwick had a superb game against her old school, scoring many of the goals and positioning herself well in support of her team-mates.

Overall, this team has been talented and committed, its members have aimed to play to the best of their ability. In addition to this, Lucy Codrington was selected to play in the district team that won the county championship.

1st VII: LMS Codrington (capt), BH Staunton, MR Sidgwick, PH Taylor, MS Rudge, JA O'Hare, JR Staunton, GML Olley.

Also played: OKV Bradford, E Lomax, JM Simpson.

Results :	v Yarm	Won	24-9
	v Barnard Castle	Won	18-11
	v Durham School	Lost	13-20
	v Sedbergh	Lost	13-16
	v Pocklington	Won	8-7
	v Fettes	Won	20-19
	v Loretto	Won	23-13
	v Sedbergh	Lost	5-15
	v Queen Margaret's	Lost	18-25
	v Queen Ethelburga's	Won	20-9

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2ND VII

P 8 W 5 L 3

The second netball team approached the season with enthusiasm. There was a lot of potential. Octavia Bradford (A) was appointed captain and there was never any doubt about the fact that she would rise to this challenge.

The first match was away at Yarm School and play was consistent but we lost 12-16. All played well but their lack of experience as a team was evident. Following this we travelled to Barnard Castle and achieved a victory of 17-9. Lindsay Ashton and Amy Butler played well in the circle and shot goals with confidence and accuracy. The rest played well too - Emma Lomax (A) worked hard in the centre of the court and Octavia Bradford's height proved useful in defence.

The following match was held indoors at Ampleforth due to poor weather and was against Read School. By now the players were beginning to work well as a team and their use of space was impressive. Cordelia O'Hare was beginning to prove to be another talented centre court player. The team had another successful day and the final score was 18-10.

The season continued with two more tough matches against Durham and Sedbergh. The Durham match was fast and the standard of netball was promising. All the team gave their best and towards the end put the opposition under a lot of pressure. The Durham final score was 12-8.

The Sedbergh fixture proved to be the most exciting. All worked hard, especially Josie Simpson as GK and Octavia Bradford as GD. The score was equal right up to the last minute when Amy Butler had a shot which proved to be the winning goal.

We then hosted the team from Pocklington and despite losing this match there was good teamwork. Sophie Roberts and Daisy Tarnowski were tireless.

The season ended with games against St Margaret's, Queen Ethelburga's and Read School. We lost by one goal at Queen Margaret's, which was disappointing, and then beat the other two schools.

2nd VII: OKV Bradford (capt), E Lomax, AL Butler, LA Ashton, SE Roberts, JM Simpson, CD O'Hare, RE Morgan, AC Tarnowska.

Also played: CMR Graham.

Results	v Yarm	Lost	12-16
	v Barnard Castle	Won	17-9
	v Read School	Won	18-10
	v Durham School	Won	12-8
	v Sedbergh	Won	13-12
	v Pocklington	Lost	8-11
	v Queen Margaret's	Lost	19-20
	v Queen Ethelburga's	Won	22-4

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3RD VII

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Ampleforth's 3rd VII netball team had relatively few matches as it was the first time Ampleforth had been able to field three netball teams. Several members were new to the game and as a result the majority of practices were devoted to the basics and awareness of where a player should be positioned during play. The team worked doggedly at improving their performances and were well rewarded in the final match at Read School. The match was evenly pitched throughout. Each goal scored was answered by another from the opposition until, in the dying moments of the game, Ampleforth managed to score one final goal to end the game 14-13 and clinch their first, well deserved, win.

Several players deserve a mention for their contributions. Notably, Elizabeth Fallon was strong and reliable at the back in Goal and Sarah Testaferrata having never played before, showed ability as a Goal Shooter.

3rd VII: EM Cullen (capt), CL Hodgson, NK Sandeman, GE Dickinson, EK Fallon, VG Palazzo, HF Broadfoot, EB Noel, LHE Lumley, HM Moore.

Results:	v Durham School	Lost	13-20
	v Sedbergh	Lost	11-19
	v Pocklington	Lost	9-15
	v Queen Margaret's	Lost	12-31
	v Read	Won	12-11

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LACROSSE

1ST XII

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This year, Lacrosse was introduced as a new sport for the girls and was played in both the autumn and Lent terms. The autumn term season proved to be challenging as expected, but also rewarding and a learning experience. By the end of the Lent term, the girls' skill level had markedly improved, and they played cohesively as a team. Although many games were lost, the girls played with determination and heart against more experienced and skilled teams. The few games that the team won were well-earned and celebrated victories.

A few of the girls had played lacrosse at their previous schools, but the majority of the girls had not, so the first term was spent learning the fundamental skills of the game. Complications arose in the fact that many of the girls played field hockey as well as lacrosse, so their practice time had to be divided between the two sports. In many of the matches, conflicts with field hockey matches meant that many of the 1st XII players were unavailable to play in the lacrosse match. Although the loss of

talented players to another sport was frustrating, the team carried on and played to the best of their ability. The first match against Withington School, after only two practices, opened our eyes to the disparity of skill level between our beginners and their seasoned players. But even as our girls lacked the skill necessary to be a threat against their much more talented team, the Ampleforth girls competed with determination and did not give up. This strength of character was the common factor and a considerable achievement for our girls.

The Lent term proved to be successful, as we won two of our matches and played valiantly in the matches lost. Challenges never ceased: as our skill level and competency increased, so did our competitors' skills, and we found ourselves playing against county-level players during some of our matches. Even though the last few matches were lost, the incredible improvement, not only in individual skill but also in team concepts and cohesion, marked a great victory for the Ampleforth girls.

Individually, Pippa Taylor and Josephine O'Hare immediately proved themselves on attack and scored the majority of our goals. Pippa, who was a team leader, also achieved honour for Ampleforth by being selected for the North Yorkshire 2nd Team. Joey improved in confidence and skill, and by the end of the season, showed maturity and poise. Also on attack as 1st and 2nd homes, Alice Robinson and Katie Morris's stick skills were crucial and invaluable in the early games. In the midfield, Lucy Codrington's speed and unflinching efforts gave the team a needed spark on many occasions, and she was a vital threat on both sides of the field. Also in the midfield, Georgie Olley, Stephanie Spies von Bullesheim and Cordelia O'Hare made progress in their stick skills. Georgie was relentless in playing defence after a turnover, and Steph, with her natural athletic ability, created opportunities for herself and others on attack. Hattie Moore and Maddie Rudge proved invaluable on the defensive end and both quickly adapted to the game and were great defencemen. Maddie's determination and all-out playing style caused many turnovers during the matches and often thwarted the opponents' attack. Caroline Gore-Booth and Lucinda Thelwell consistently played well on defense, and continued to improve their skills. By the end of the Lent term, Lulu had become a leader on the defence, and was elected captain for the following year. In goal, Sarah Lisowiec made some outstanding saves, and proved herself to be an outspoken leader on the defensive end.

1st XII: PH Taylor (capt), LA Thelwell*, CS Gore-Booth, SMM Lisowiec, HM Moore, KEA Morris, AL Robinson, MS Rudge, SJM Spies von Bullesheim, LMS Codrington, CD O'Hare, JA O'Hare**, GML Olley, GM Rice.

Also played: HF Broadfoot, CMR Graham, SJ Moore, E Lomax, SE Roberts, MR Sidgwick, EM Miles, M-G de Nassau, BH Stauton.

Results:	v Withington School	Lost	2-16
	v Harrogate Ladies'	Lost	5-9
	v Queen Mary's	Lost	0-11
	v Queen Margaret's School	Won	5-3
	v Bolton Girls School	Lost	1-12
	v Harrogate Ladies'	Lost	3-15
	v Barnard Castle	Won	7-4
	v Harrogate Ladies'	Lost	3-9

v Queen Margaret's School	Lost	0-12
v Barnard Castle	Won	7-4
v Polam Hall	Lost	6-14
v Queen Mary's	Lost	3-8

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TENNIS

1ST VI

P3 W1 L2

The tennis term was decimated due to bad weather. Six matches were cancelled, which meant that much of the training was for little purpose. Nonetheless, some players made good progress. For the first time, a professional tennis coach came into school during the autumn and Lent term to allow training to take place in preparation for the summer term. Both Cordelia and Josephine O'Hare proved to be valuable additions to the team, and approached training with their customary enthusiasm and dedication. Mary-Rose Sidgwick's improvement during the Upper Sixth, was not limited to only winter sports. As tennis captain, she was an inspiration to her other team-mates. Her play was consistent and her attacking skills at the net were much improved. Her well-established partnership with Emma Lomax was as impressive as ever and they recorded some of the best results. Bridget Staunton came up the ranks to confirm a well-deserved first team place and went on to establish a steady partnership with Josephine O'Hare. Stephanie Spies von Bullesheim worked hard to improve her consistency and her base-line shots were difficult to return. Josephine Simpson also deserves mention. Drafted in as a reserve in the Sedbergh match, she played some outstanding tennis, despite being injured before the match.

Perhaps some of the best results were during the tournaments. Ampleforth did spectacularly well in the U19 County Mixed Tournament at Queen Margaret's. From an entry of over 36 pairs, Ampleforth entered two pairs, who came first and second in the tournament. Josephine O'Hare and Michael Bommers were first, beating Cordelia O'Hare and Chetan Deva in the final. At the U19 Girls' Doubles district tournament, Stephanie Spies von Bullesheim and Cordelia O'Hare were third and Emma Lomax and Mary-Rose Sidgwick were fourth.

1st VI: MR Sidgwick (capt), SJM Spies von Bullesheim, E Lomax, BH Staunton, CD O'Hare, JA O'Hare.

Also played: JM Simpson.

Results:	v Barnard Castle	Won	6-3
	v Sedbergh	Lost	4-5
	v St Peter's	Lost	0-9

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ROUNDERS

1ST IX

2ND IX

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The rounders team had a successful season, although most of the matches were cancelled due to poor weather. For the beginning, the team was forced to practise on the Savill Field as it was too wet to play on the grass pitch. The practices concentrated on improving overall quickness, fielding, catching, throwing and hitting. Playing on the Savill Pitch forced the girls to improve their fielding skills, as the ball moved much faster on the astroturf than on grass.

The first and only match for the 2nd IX, against Read School, was played after just two practices. Although there was not enough time for the team to form a cohesive playing unit, the girls played to the best of their ability, and there were several stand-out players in the game. Belle Rice, playing just one innings in the match, scored most of the rounders. Cordelia Graham also hit well, but unfortunately from lack of experience and fielding errors, the team lost the match. From the 2nds team, Lizzie Fallon, Vicky Palazzo and Cordelia Graham played consistently well during practice, and were added to the 1st IX team.

The 1st IX played their first match at home against Sedbergh. Amy Butler, the captain and an exceptional and consistent bowler, unfortunately could not play. Lucy Codrington bowled in her place, and did a great job in providing leadership. Daisy Tarnowska at backstop made some great plays to first, and proved herself to be exceptional at this position. Hattie Moore had some impressive hits, and the team held on to the lead to narrowly win the match.

The second and last game was played at home against St Peter's and was a convincing win. Lucy Codrington again bowled, and Daisy Tarnowska made several outs with quick and accurate throws to first base. Maddie Rudge and Hattie Moore hit consistently well, with Maddie scoring a rounder. With great fielding and batting efforts from the Ampleforth team, the match was won with Ampleforth hitting for only one innings.

1st IX: AI Butler (capt), LMS Codrington, EK Fallon, CL Hodgson, HM Moore, MS Rudge, AL Robinson, AC Tarnowska, CMR Graham, VG Palazzo.

Also played: SE Roberts, GM Rice, HF Broadfoot

Results:	v Sedbergh	Won	12-10 ¹ / ₂
	v St Peter's	Won	8 ¹ / ₂ -5 ¹ / ₂

2nd IX:

CS Gore-Booth, ELSF Clive, EM Cullen, EK Fallon, CMR Graham, SJ Moore, VG Palazzo, S Testaferrata Moroni Viani, LA Thelwell, GM Rice, NK Sandeman

Results:	v Read School	Lost	8 ¹ / ₂ -12 ¹ / ₂
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This year St Martin's Ampleforth welcomed a new Headmaster, Mr Nicholas Higham. He arrived with his wife, Louise, and three young children Maddy, Michael and Leo, not to mention a menagerie of Labrador dogs, cats and other pets (all of whom were rapidly adopted by the school). The Highams' energy and enthusiasm have carried the school forward through a happy and successful year. Much has been achieved, and in one important way foundations were literally laid for the future: work

began on a new centre for Music and the Performing Arts. In the Common Room we welcomed Miss Elizabeth Sutton who joined the staff at the beginning of the year, teaching French, being a Resident Tutor and working with the girls' games. During the year we bade farewell to Mrs Elizabeth Davison who retired, and welcomed Mrs Victoria Walker who replaced her.

One key event was the Inspection of the school by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. Their summary of the report began: 'St Martin's Ampleforth is a happy community in which pupils thrive and attain well in their entrance examinations to academically selective senior schools. The protective influence of teachers on pastoral care, social development and spiritual values is profound. The pupils respond by being whole-hearted, open and trustworthy.' This report tries to flesh out what the children have been doing, as they earned this accolade.

School Officials



This year St Martin's Ampleforth had its first female Head of School. Emma Irven proved by any standards an excellent Head of School, filling her role with dignity and poise, always being a good ambassador for the school, and offering a consistently high example of good behaviour. The other prefects and dormitory prefects also played their part in helping in the smooth and happy running of the school. We relied on them in many small ways, and their cheerful and efficient discharge of duties ranging from reading in chapel to helping hand out morning break helped to make the school community a better place.

Head of School
Emma Irven

Prefects

John Clarke, Catherine Dobson, Rodrigo Fenn Torrente, Edmund Harmer, Charles Hawkesworth, Jake Houghton, Emma Irven, Ryan Lech.

Dormitory Prefects

Matilda Binns, Maurits Brenninkmeijer, John Clarke, Hugh Crosse, Rodrigo Fenn Torrente, Edmund Harmer, Charles Hawkesworth, Jake Houghton, Emma Irven, Ryan Lech, Gordon Li, Timothy Topham.

Spiritual Life



Much that is most important in the spiritual life of the school lies in the regular and unremarkable daily and weekly round of prayer. All this has taken place, but there have also been highlights. Bishop John Crowley, the Bishop of Middlesbrough, visited us for St Martin's Day; he presided at mass, joined us for a Feast, and then blessed the new playground equipment for the Pre-Prep. It was a memorable and enjoyable visit. We have been blessed with the celebration of a number of baptisms. As well as those of the children, Mr Paul Fairbrother, one of last year's Gap Students, was baptised just before Christmas. In the summer term we welcomed the Anglican Bishop of Whitby, Robert Ladds, who came to confirm a number of the Anglican children in Years 7 and 8. Two of them were baptised shortly before by Rev Michael Cartwright, our local vicar. The school retreat, organised by Fr Kentigern, was on the theme of the influence of St Benedict on school life and community. It culminated with a mass in the Abbey Church – but the most dramatic moment came on our return, to the news that the new Pope had chosen the name Benedict XVI. Clearly a response to our prayers! Life can vary from the elaborate celebration of our Corpus Christi procession, which culminates with Benediction on the lawn in front of the Castle, to the simplicity of a year group mass in chapel.



Part of the spiritual life of the school is our recognition of those less fortunate than ourselves. Sometimes this is to benefit longstanding friends, like our mission in Zimbabwe. This year, though, two other causes came to the forefront of pupils' minds. The children were inspired to hold a Bring-and-Buy sale in aid of the Tsunami Appeal. This event was hectic and enjoyable. The businessmen and women of the future could be seen striking deals in both public and private. Needless to say, Year 8 cleared their store first. Over £400 was raised in one hour, a magnificent result. The Pre-Prep also wanted to contribute, and under the guidance of Mrs Clive a card was designed and produced. Sales added another £270 to the sum we raised. Later in the year the senior girls went to run in the Race for Life. On a chilly June morning 21 girls, female staff and mothers set off for Darlington South Park to run the 5km course. Every single entrant finished, with three girls finishing among the first 10 runners, and together they succeeded in raising £1,000 for Cancer Research UK.



Baptism

Chris Kim, Emma Matthews.

First Holy Communion

Edward Dunne, Michaela Green, Annabelle Hazell, Jacob Hazell, Cécile Howard, Chris Kim, Emma Matthews, Augustus White.

Baptism in the Church of England

Roberta Gardner, Aaron Winters.

Confirmation in the Church of England

Owen Arnold, Matilda Binns, William Bryan, Bobby Gardner, Jake Houghton, Imogen Long, Angus Ramsay, Charles Ramsay, Bethany Thomas, Sophie Thompson, Dan Thurman, Aaron Winters.

Academic Life

The highlights of any academic year are the Scholarship and Common Entrance results. The former were excellent: Catherine Dobson won the only major Academic Scholarship awarded to the College, and the other scholars all worked hard and richly deserved their rewards. Our marks in the Common Entrance exams were also pleasing; if one subject can stand as an example, the five highest marks in RE were awarded to members of the school. This year, however, the whole scope of teaching has been subjected to inspection by a team from the Independent Schools Inspectorate, whose work took them from the Pre-Prep Department up to the top

year. Their report can be read on the ISI website, but it was pleasing to note the warmth with which they spoke about the happy atmosphere in the school.

Scholarships to Ampleforth College

Major Academic Scholarship: Catherine Dobson

Minor Academic Scholarships: Rodrigo Fenn Torrente, Henry Hawkesworth, Emma Irven

Basil Hume Scholarship: Emma Irven

In other areas, two important initiatives should be recorded. This year, for the first time, Year 3 children entered English Speaking Board exams. There is a well-established tradition of Year 7 doing so, and acquitting themselves with honour; Year 3 rose to the challenge (with help from some of the Year 7 children who had been successful earlier in the term) and all were successful in the exam. The second is the introduction of new Library Colours. These were awarded to four boys whose work in the Library has been tremendously helpful, and has played an important role in the continuing improvement in the Library, and in all the things done there for the life of the school.

Prizes were awarded to the following:

Reception:	Attainment	Alex Liley
	Effort	Charlie Harrison
Year 1:	Attainment	Charles Innes
	Effort	Thomas Robertson
Year 2:	Attainment Cup	Georgina Eglington
	Hollowood Effort Cup	Daisy Pern
Year 3:	Attainment	Michaela Green
	Effort	Laurence Willsher
Year 4:	Attainment	Poppy Oulton
	Effort	Sophie Fawcett
Year 5:	Attainment	Miguel Almansa Peso
	Effort	Claudia Wood
Briggs Prize for Maths & Science:		Daniel Gould
Year 6.2:	Effort	Toshimichi Ogita
Year 6.1:	Attainment	Anna Gould
	Effort	India Seaton
Year 7.3:	Effort	Inigo Arnaez Azcue
Year 7.2:	Effort	James Dwyer
Year 7.1:	Attainment	Eleanor Kirk
	Effort	Eleanor Binks
Year 8.3:	Effort	Chris Kim
Year 8.2:	Effort	Aaron Winters
Year 8.1:	Effort	Laura Brennan
Ben Ramsay Cup:		Alexander Ogilvie-Graham
Andrew Lyon-Tupman Prize:		India Seaton
Ronald Rohan Prize:		John Clarke
Elizabeth Horobin Boys' Schola Cup:		Henry Hawkesworth
Sadauki Girls' Schola Cup:		Emma Irven
Jester Acting Cup:		Henry Hawkesworth

Subject Prizes

Howard Shield for RE:	Emma Irven
English:	Emma Irven
Classics:	Catherine Dobson
Mathematics:	Catherine Dobson
English as an Acquired Language:	Santiago Costa Anglada
Science:	Edmund Harmer
de Lisle French Cup:	Rodrigo Fenn Torrente
Leete Art Prize:	Rodrigo Fenn Torrente
Geography:	Emma Irven
Saggers Cup for Design & Technology:	Emma Irven
Jackson History Shield:	Henry Hawkesworth
St Agnes Cup for Music:	Henry Hawkesworth

Special Prizes

William Price Trophy:	Henry Hawkesworth
Gethyn Carr-Harris Cup:	Maurits Brenninkmeijer
Freeland Trophy for Endeavour:	Catherine Dobson
Morgan Trophy for Endeavour:	Rodrigo Fenn Torrente
Headmaster's Character Cup:	Emma Irven

There were a number of other achievements during the year.

English Speaking Board: Year 7

Level: Senior 1

Distinction:	Eleanor Binks, Luke Donoghue, Jacob Hazell, Eleanor Kirk, Imogen Long, Shobha Prabhu-Naik, Charles Ramsay, Sophie Thompson
Credit:	Hugo Mann, Jamie Reid, Dan Thurman, Niklas Wittmann
Good Pass:	Michael Hardy, Ben Irving, Alfred Maddicott, Jack Rogers, Toby White

Level: Senior Introductory

Distinction:	Oliver Oulton
Credit:	Owen Arnold, Carlota Brenninkmeijer, James Dwyer, Maximilian Elwes, Christopher Madden, Jack Marmion, Joshua O'Donovan
Good Pass:	David Barras, Bethany Thomas

Level: English as an Acquired Language, Foundation 3

Distinction:	Arthur Chan
Merit:	Inigo Arnaez Azcue, Ignacio Güell de las Asturias, Beltran Silva Parlade
Good Pass:	Quintin Brenninkmeijer, Javier Martin Goenaga, Michel Lamarche

English Speaking Board: Year 3

Distinction:	Robert Brunskill, Harriet Eglinton, Michaela Green, Cécile Howard, Laurence Willsher
Merit:	Henry Birkett, Jack Bryan, Toby Knocker, Joseph Lush, Harvey Sutton, Strahan Sweeney
Good Pass:	Natasha Gould, James Wood

UK Mathematics Challenge

Gold medal:	Catherine Dobson, Anna Gould, Edmund Harmer
Silver medal:	Rodrigo Fenn Torrente, Henry Hawkesworth, Emma Irven, Eleanor Kirk, Hugo Mann, Thomas Satterthwaite, Tim Topham
Bronze medal:	Jake Houghton, Jack Shaw, Julian Sutherland, Eleanor Binks, Jacob Hazell, Ben Irving, Alfred Maddicott, Joshua O'Donovan, Shobha Prabhu-Naik, Charles Ramsay, Dan Thurman, Salvador Arotzarena Eraso, Maria de Almansa Garrido, Toshimichi Ogita, Emma Shaw

Art prizes

Year 7:	Eleanor Kirk
Year 6:	Daniel Gould
Year 4:	Joshua Wilkinson
Year 3:	Laurence Willsher

DT prizes

Year 7:	Beltran Silva
Year 6:	Adam Lech
Year 5:	Augustus White
Year 4:	Annabelle Hazell
Year 3:	Natasha Gould

JET tests, for those learning English as an Acquired Language

Level 4:	Santiago Costa Anglada, Jeronimo Gonzalez Caraza-Campon, Chris Kim
Level 3:	Maria de Almansa Garrido, Inigo Arnaez Azcue, Salvador Arotzarena Eraso, Arthur Chan, Ignacio Güell de las Asturias, Javier Martin Goenaga, Toshimichi Ogita, Guillermo Royo-Villanova Cortes, Beltran Silva Parlade

English as an Acquired Language

Junior prize: Toshimichi Ogita

Librarians

Head Librarian:	Hugh Crosse
Library colours:	Hugh Crosse, Owen Arnold, John Clarke, Edward Copsey, Rodrigo Fenn Torrente, Angus Ramsay, Jack Shaw
Librarians:	Hugh Crosse, Joaquin Aguinaco Gómez Mont, Owen Arnold, Carlota Brenninkmeijer, Maurits Brenninkmeijer, William Bryan, John Clarke, Edward Copsey, Edward Farley, Rodrigo Fenn Torrente, Michael Hardy, Henry Hawkesworth, Jack Marmion, Daniel Moore, Angus Ramsay, Jack Shaw

Sport



This has been another busy and generally successful year on the sports fields. One particularly pleasing thing has been the way all the teams have improved. Their results may have ebbed and flowed, but every team has put in consistent effort and worked hard to improve. This has been particularly noteworthy in the case of the Under 11 girls; after difficult hockey and netball seasons, they came good on the rounders field, and enjoyed some notable victories: a triumph of persistence in the face of early disappointment.

The 1st Rugby XV was captained by Angus Ramsay. His committed and enthusiastic play in the back row was at the heart of the team's play, and he was always encouraging the rest of the team to play well. Colours were also awarded to Rupert Garland and Ryan Lech, who made formidable contributions in the hidden world of the front row, to Michael Hardy for his energetic work in the back row and to Charles Ramsay, whose imaginative and intelligent play at outside half was able to release the three-quarter line on many an occasion. Among the backs, colours were awarded to Timothy Lam and Guillermo Royo-Villanova Cortes, both of whom developed into fine try-scorers. The team won nine of their 12 games, and in the sevens season went on to win the Cundall Manor sevens and take the plate at the Catholic Schools sevens. The 2nd XV was captained by Hugh Crosse, who marshalled their play from outside half; colours were awarded to Jake Houghton for his role in the scrum. As a team they were a powerful force against the 2nd XVs of other schools, and were often able to hold their own when faced with the greater challenge of playing a 1st XV. During the winter we also fielded 3rd and 4th teams at the senior level: the standard of rugby was not so high, but all enjoyed the experience of representing the school. At Under 11 the team had a difficult start: without any very big boys they struggled against schools who had large players. As the season wore on, however, their play came together and teamwork and mutual support enabled them to find winning form. Colours were awarded to Peter Fahey, William Irvén, Theodore Taylor and David Topham.

The Girls' 1st Hockey team played well, scoring notable victories against

traditional rivals. Emma Irvén was captain, and led the team from the centre of midfield. She was well supported by Catherine Dobson, who was a skilful and solid goalkeeper, Roberta Gardner in the heart of the defence and Ruby McTough whose scoring abilities ensured a plentiful supply of goals. All were awarded colours; mention should also be made of Maire Crosse: though strictly only an Under 11 player, she played throughout for the 1st team. The Under 11 team, though playing with commitment and enthusiasm, had a tough season. To their credit, they kept going and never gave up, and this enabled them to win a few games, including finishing the season on a winning note by beating Mowden Hall. Maria de Almansa Garrido, the captain, was awarded her colours.



Catherine Dobson captained the Netball 1st VII, and was well supported by her team, especially Laura Brennan and Roberta Gardner, who were also awarded their colours. The team were competitive and worked hard, winning most of their games, and never being defeated by heavy margins. The Under 11 girls had another difficult term, but once again they persisted in their efforts. Maire Crosse was their captain, and was awarded colours.

Meanwhile, the boys who were not playing rugby sevens switched to hockey. Hugh Crosse captained the team, and led them to impressive victories, including wins against schools who play more hockey than we do. Colours were awarded to Charles Hawkesworth, Hugh Crosse, William Bryan, Timothy Topham and Owen Arnold. We also fielded a 2nd XV, who enjoyed their matches and made good progress. Among them colours were awarded to Ignacio Güell de las Asturias, Niklas Wittmann, Alfred Maddicott and Jacob Hazell.

The 1st Cross Country VIII under the captaincy of Edward Farley had another excellent season, winning all their matches but one (which was only lost by a whisker: scores were even, and the other school prevailed on the next highest

finisher). Colours were also awarded to Jake Houghton. The Under 11 team made good progress, and ran out victors in the Cross-Country competition held at the school. Colours were awarded to Theodore Taylor and Augustus White.

The Cricket 1st XI won seven of their 10 matches, batting and bowling well throughout. Charles Hawkesworth, Philip Pettet and Charles Ramsay were the main run-scorers, and they were awarded their colours. The team was short of a really consistent attack bowler, but all the bowlers combined in a generally effective manner. Hugh Crosse's wicket-keeping was the highlight of the fielding display. The 2nd XI were a merry band, who enjoyed their cricket win or lose and brought an international flavour to the North Yorkshire prep schools' circuit. Colours were awarded to Ignacio Güell de las Asturias, Ryan Lech and Niklas Wittmann, and the team included an even greater United Nations flavour. The Under 11 team was good. Edward Robinson's batting was consistently excellent – his top score was in the 90s – and the bowlers were accurate and penetrative. Colours were awarded to David Topham, Killian Greenwood, Edward Robinson, Thomas Satterthwaite and Theodore Taylor. A new development for the boys in the summer was a series of golf matches against other schools. The team swept the board in these, and Inigo Arnaez Azcue, the captain, went on to be placed fourth in the Prep Schools' Golf Tournament at Lytham St Anne's. Poor weather handicapped the Athletics season, but none the less Timothy Lam, Charles Ramsay and David Topham represented the school at the National Prep Schools' Athletics Championship in Birmingham.

Exhibition was enlivened by the re-introduction of Sports Day. The Pre-Prep entertained us with their prowess at sack, egg-and-spoon and obstacle races while the Prep school ran their hearts out in the track events. The general success of the day will ensure that this popular event remains firmly in the school calendar.

The girls played rounders in the summer term. At 1st team level the esprit de corps that had built up during the year continued to be the solid foundation for the team's success. Laura Brennan was captain; Catherine Dobson, Roberta Gardner and Ruby McTough were also awarded colours, but the whole team played their part in every game. The Under 11 team also came good in the summer term, and found winning form and confidence. Maire Crosse was their captain, and was awarded colours.

The Pre-Prep are also involved in sport. They begin to learn all the games the seniors play, and spend a lot of time swimming. Charles Innes won the Hollinrake Swimming Cup, and ASA Rainbow Swimming Awards were earned by Charles Innes (200m), Daisy Pern (200m), Georgina Eglinton (200m), Max Fawcett (200m), Raphael Gould (25m), Michael Higham (25m) and Henry McDonnell (5m).



Activities



There have been a number of developments on the Activities front. For the first time the school entered the National Small-Bore Rifle Association shooting competition, and for a first performance our entry was very creditable, Michael Hardy being the team's best shot. The chess team competed with distinction in the Area Competition, and were only one point behind the College's team in the final scores. For the

first time this year we have awarded Acting colours, to recognize the achievements of our leading thespians. Judo has proved a popular new activity, and children are beginning to move through the grade structures. Gymnastics is now so well-subscribed that groups are run on both activity afternoons, and these combined at Exhibition to put on a display of their skill for parents. Other activities continue to be popular, and often feed into some of the events through the year (the cookery groups literally so, with their cake sales for charity). Only a few of these activities lead to external certification, but there is much to enjoy for the children.

A variety of Activities is also organised on a Sunday afternoon: some at school and some away. The most memorable of those at school was the visit of an oil-painting expert, who led two workshops which enabled the children to paint an oil of their own. Quite a few household walls are now adorned with what may in the future be interesting and important early works. Away from school the outdoor activity programme has proved enduringly popular. Mr Harrison has taken groups abseiling from Kirkdale Viaduct, learning survival techniques on the moors, and on long bike rides over rough and muddy terrain. Orienteering competitions have also helped build teamwork skills.



Chess Prizes

Boys: Jake Houghton
Girls: Catherine Dobson

Gymnastics (Pre-Prep)

BAGA Awards, Level 6:

Bethany de Cogan, Georgina Eglinton,
Max Fawcett, Michael Higham, Charles
Innes, Daisy Pern, Guy Pickstone*Acting*

Colours:

John Clarke, Henry Hawkesworth,
Nicholas Wallis*Music*

This has been another busy year for the school's musicians. The major achievement was the invitation for St Martin's Ampleforth and Ampleforth College to become full members of the Choir Schools Association; normally the preserve of cathedral choir schools, this membership is a sign of the high standard of our choral singing. The Scholas have both carried

out their usual weekly patterns of services, and have sung at a number of other events. Most notable of these was the production of the *Messiah* just before Christmas. Our choristers teamed up with the College Scholas and a professional orchestra to offer us a performance of the highest quality in the rich acoustic of the Abbey Church. Other performances sung in the Abbey included Fauré's *Requiem*, performed on Remembrance Sunday, a concert with the York Minster Choir, and a Sunday High Mass with the Choir of Westminster Cathedral. In June we hosted the Northern Choir Schools Sports and Choral Day, which culminated in Choral Evening Prayer involving 80 treble choristers. The combined forces produced a glorious sound. Earlier in the same month the boys were invited to join the choir of York Minster for a special service commemorating the execution of Archbishop Scrope on the Feast of St William of York. They sang to a packed cathedral. As well as these grand occasions, the children provided music for Mrs Leiper's wedding. At the end of the year the Schola went to Malta; the tour is reported elsewhere in this *Journal*.

Over 100 children are learning a musical instrument (and a quarter of this number are learning two). Examination results are impressive; Toby White's Distinction in Grade 8 Cello stands out, but many children are learning instruments,

and we always have plenty of players for school concerts. Music pervades the life of the school: song is a constant element of prayers in Chapel, practices take place throughout the day, and the children enjoy their informal 'Top of the Pops' talent show. The teachers are not left out: every term Mr Sketchley organises an informal musical soirée for teachers, parents and friends to make and hear music at school. Throughout the year we watched the new Music and Performing Arts Building rising: music will go from strength to strength with the facilities it will offer.

Year 8 Instrumental Prizes

Percussion: Charles Hawkesworth
Woodwind: Henry Hawkesworth
Brass: John Clarke
Pianoforte: Rodrigo Fenn Torrente
Improvement: Alexander Air and Malachy Doyle

Schola

Boys: Rodrigo Fenn Torrente, Henry Hawkesworth, Jake Houghton, Ryan Lech, Julian Sutherland, Luke Donoghue, Michael Hardy, Alfred Maddicot, Jack Rogers, Toby White, Oliver Baily, Christopher Clarke, Peter Hornsby, Oliver Moore, Thomas Satterthwaite, Joseph Windsor, Edward Dunne

Girls: Matilda Binns, Laura Brennan, Catherine Dobson, Emma Irven, Eleanor Binks, Eleanor Kirk, Imogen Long, Shobha Prabhu-Naik, Bethany Thomas, Sophie Thompson, Clementine Brenninkmeijer, Maire Crosse, Maria de Almansa Garrido, Hannah Brunskill, Susannah White

Novices: Daniel Gould, Dominic Abbott, Leopold Elwes, Sophie Fawcett, Annabelle Hazell, Marguerite-Marie Henriot, Madeleine Higham, George Innes, Calvin Itburrun, Matthew Leiper, Jessica Lush, Sophie Ogilvie-Graham, Poppy Oulton, Marcus Pickstone, Amy Sunderland, Joshua Wilkinson

Henry The Tudor Dude

At the end of the school year Year 8 put on what was the hundredth production of *Henry the Tudor Dude*. The life of England's most outrageous monarch is (more or less) accurately related through this rock-and-roll musical. Battles with France, the Reformation, umpteenth executions and the tale of six wives are all brought to stage in a riotous extravaganza. The pupils of Year 8 were at first reluctant about the idea of an end-of-year play. However the post-Common Entrance

period seemed the ideal time to get Year 8 together for rehearsals and to give them a

final chance of coming together as a group. Some were less sure, unable to remember being on stage since a pre-prep nativity, or afraid that their singing skills would not be up to the task, or petrified at the thought of dancing. Two weeks before the play lines were still unlearned, accents not yet mastered and mutiny was threatening. The directing team rose to the challenge – helped by two student choreographers from York St John College. Gradually the children came to take ownership of the show (maybe helped by the realisation that they were the ones who would look foolish if they made mistakes). The appearance of the costumes helped confidence take a leap forward, and a professional attitude began to appear. Two not so perfect dress rehearsals seemed to spur the cast on, and the final performance to parents could not have been better. Not one prompt, not one wrong entrance – the audience laughed in the right places and applause was loud and long. Every child was justifiably proud of what they had achieved and there were many small triumphs within the larger one; they set a standard for all Year 8 pupils to follow. We hope that this wonderful production will support drama as it takes its proper place in the life of the school.



Normandy Visit



As part of the Year 8 post-Common Entrance programme it was decided that the annual trip would be to Normandy in France. The group left school by coach at midnight and travelled down to the Euro Tunnel port, making good time for an early-morning crossing. On arrival in France the journey continued through the

French countryside in glorious sunshine, with a stop in the idyllic artists' paradise of Honfleur, before finally reaching the optimistically named 'Best Hotel' in Caen. The first full day excursion was to Bayeux, to see the famous tapestry. An introductory film outlined the history of the Norman Conquest, and audio equipment enabled all to follow the scenes depicted in the tapestry. A picnic lunch overlooking Arramanches and Mulberry Harbour followed, and in the afternoon visits to these sites and the museum there gave the pupils a small insight into the history of the Normandy Landings. By good fortune, some British veterans were encountered: the children were swift to interview them, and to hear their stories of landing on Sword Beach. A visit to one of the war cemeteries reminded all of the price some paid – and as the group reflected it became clear that the majority knew of some family member who had died in the war.

The following day the theme was the congenial one of French food. The morning saw the group baking bread at Les Coupins, in the traditional French manner. The afternoon visit was to a much more modern factory producing Livarot and Pont l'Eveque cheese. The smell put a few off, but many tasted the samples offered, and a few even risked purchasing some to take home. The final visit of the day was to a milk jam farm, where cows were met at close quarters. After this the children made butter, and tasted milk jam. The next day saw the group visiting a Calvados distillery, and sampling some of the cider made there. After lunch it was back to history, with a visit to Falaise and William the Conqueror's castle there.

Pre-Prep



The Pre-Prep were delighted to begin the year with the arrival of their new playground. This was partly funded by the Friends of St Martin's Ampleforth. Carefully thought out to maximise the space in the courtyard and encourage imaginative and creative play, it has been a huge success. The official opening took place on St Martin's Day and was

made even more special by the blessing given by Bishop John Crowley.

Different activities help to bring the curriculum to life for the youngest members of the school. A trip to the Castle Museum in York, for example, looking at different materials used for making toys through the ages, was followed by a visiting speaker bringing toys and artefacts dating back to Egyptian times to show the children how a timeline works. The Reception class went to local contemporary glass blowers Gillies Jones, and then to Chris Jones, a candle maker in Hutton-le-Hole. Learning about the importance of candles in the past was followed by the chance to make their own beeswax candles. In lighter vein, a day celebrating the May Day festivities in Slingsby, admiring the many scarecrows made for the annual

competition and watching traditional Maypole and Morris dancing ended with the children keen to put what they had seen into practice.



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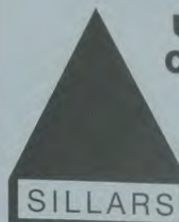
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number of their pupils, I answered lamely that 'it could be a sleigh ride by Tchaikowsky'. It turned out to be the first bar of the first movement of Mahler's Fourth Symphony which the College Orchestra were even then rehearsing for Exhibition! (I think it was about this time that Simon took me to the nets to give me some coaching for a staff v. boys' cricket match in which I was honour-bound to participate. Simon broke my little finger with his first wickedly-spinning ball.)

What our mutual teacher did not tell me about were two other aspects of Simon's multi-faceted character. The first is his incredible patience with inept but well-meaning pupils. For Simon these boys were not at all like the pompous adult fools he could not abide: for better or for worse they were stuck with each other for 45 minutes each week, so Simon made sure that he developed whatever potential they had and taunted them with a genial wit that many an old boy must remember with gratitude. The other aspect of Simon's character was his unfailing generosity of spirit (and spirits, as I recall with not a little pain as well as a lot of pleasure!).

Others will record Simon's brilliance as an accompanist of under-rehearsed pupils (who, through his good offices, got away with murder in Grade 1 exams as well as in National Youth Orchestra auditions), his ability to pull recalcitrant youths together and, under his baton, make them play like angels in public concerts, his enormous contributions to the liturgy in the Abbey Church (at Christmas and Easter as well as during term time), and his unbeaten record in servicing Oxbridge with organ scholars. But I treasure most his generosity, his wit (when I was not the butt of it) and musicianship that falls not far short of genius.

DB

The Editor, JFS, adds this note to the paeans of praise for David Bowman and Simon Wright: As one who worked under and/or with DSB and SRW, I make two points: as a non-reader of music who was allowed and encouraged to be a member of DSB's Schola Cantorum for 10 years from its inception; and as cricket coach to the 1st XI, in admiration of SRW's skill and generosity of time as an umpire.

From the beginning, DSB encouraged monks to be part of the Schola. Some of us could cope musically and/or vocally; others were bit players. I was one of the latter. DSB's patience, tolerance and demanding standards of time, attendance and performance enabled a youngish monk-teacher in the school to value high standards while respecting the limitations of some of his forces. The Schola started its rehearsals in what is now the (small) laundry room under the old music school: nowhere else was available and probably nowhere else would have been made available. It did serve a purpose: DSB could hear every error and errors were not allowed: 'Stop making that revolting noise' was as likely to be said to monk as to treble. But such gentle outbursts only led to a fierce bonding within the Schola and it was not long before we were singing over Bruckner's tomb in St Florian, or in Westminster Cathedral, cathedrals, churches and festivals in a wider world, and *Journal* readers can look back on a remarkable achievement begun in 1970. The Choral Society was galvanised into action as often as a sufficient number of non-musicians could be persuaded to join and remain in attendance at rehearsal: it was always worth the effort. And I think DSB would agree that the crowning pinnacle of his efforts was in the performance of the *Dream of Gerontius*. Rehearsals for this were in the Gymnasium. For too long, DSB made the most of limited music facilities until the construction of the new music school in 1984-5.

One characteristic of SRW's gifts which has not been brought to the fore is his

cricket umpiring skills. DSB has mentioned SRW's generosity of spirit and JGW, GDT and I have reason to be grateful for SRW's answer 'Yes' whenever asked to umpire. But I only make a simple, personal and subjective point here: of all the umpires who graced the 1st XI cricket ground in my time (1969-93), pride of place for speed of eye and reaction, and - from what I discerned among the players - judgement of decision goes to SRW. He was also the best of fun in the setting of a cricket match both on as well as off the field. DSB refers in his piece to SRW playing Kenneth Leighton at sight - I remember it well and especially the astonished look on DSB's face at the time. I seem also to remember David teasingly suggesting that Simon now put away the score and play it from memory. He did so. Or am I re-writing history? Back to cricket: Simon Wright umpired when he could or when we were without an 'impartial' umpire from outside the College. The speed of eye and reaction when faced with a music score was replicated when umpiring; he was the best.

RICHARD BERLIE joined Ampleforth College from Wymondham College in September 2001 to teach History and History of Art. He quickly made a positive impression as someone who contributed enthusiastically and effectively to a range of areas. He has been Assistant Housemaster of both St Oswald's and St John's, has revitalised the Senior Debating Society, run Forum and made valuable contributions to the games programme, organising badminton and fitness. First and foremost, though, he has been an excellent History teacher, doing much to maintain History as a popular and successful subject. He will be greatly missed by a number of colleagues and friends, but it is with our best wishes that he goes on to take up the post of Head of History at Princethorpe College, Rugby.



DAVID BILLING arrived at Ampleforth in 2001 as an NQT, too young to drive a minibus. He has contributed much as a successful English teacher, a dedicated and conscientious Assistant Housemaster in St Hugh's over difficult times, and recently as co-ordinator of Middle School social events. However, it is on the sports field that he has excelled, coaching rugby, hockey and cricket as well as accompanying foreign tours. It is therefore not surprising that he has left to take up the post of Director of Sport at Uppingham. We wish him well.