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EDITORIAL

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EDITOR OF THE AMPLEFORTH JOURNAL

The Valley: a paradox and a challenge



IT HAS OTHER names: Fr Patrick (in his article later in this number of The Journal) refers to it as the Vale of Mowbray. To others, it is the Coxwold/Gilling Gap, but for generations of Amplefordians it is simply 'The Valley.' Its northernmost and highest point lies behind the Monastery and the Monks' Wood. From Beacon Farm the view stretches eastwards to the uplands above Scarborough and the North Sea, and westwards to the summits of the Pennines. Southwards, it is claimed that on an exceptionally

clear winter's day you can see Lincoln Cathedral, but for most purposes The Valley consists of the area bounded by Lion Wood Hill, Gilling Woods, Temple Hill and Yearsley Bank. It runs from east to west and, therefore, captures sunlight in dramatic and nuanced ways, and forms a funnel for the prevailing winds. It is broad enough to be spacious, and narrow enough to be homely. It is full of features (some of which are no longer there, like the trail of smoke left hanging by the old Gilling puffer from York), which have exotic names: The Brook, The Black Gate, The Plank Bridge, The Molecatcher's Cottage, The Black Plantation, The T-Junction, Ram 4, Jungle 3, The Brick Fields, The Middle Lake and Mrs Barnes's Walk.

It is flat enough to accommodate extensive playing fields, but surrounded by slopes, some of them gentle, some of them steep enough to provide a fearsome cross-country course. Its shape is defined partly by The Brook and the old railway line. The Valley is not quite wild, but not quite tame, and it breathes a long history. There are rumours of ghostly monks walking the long-vanished path from Byland Abbey to Gilling.

The Valley has a serious and subtle dignity and grace. It conveys a sense of permanence at one level, just as the Abbey Church does at another. In a fast-changing world it represents stability and peace.

This sense of rural peace is a great asset, but it has its dangers. It is sometimes said that those who live at Ampleforth find it hard to think beyond The Valley. This may be partly true. The paradox of The Valley is that the Community of St Laurence did not choose this peaceful and beautiful place as a refuge, but rather as a busy hub of their continuing mission. This mission, rooted in the penal times tradition of the

English monks who had escaped from France, was sustained, at first in the rather fragile way outlined by Fr Patrick in his article, but with increasing stability as the school developed and this mission continued to go out from The Valley to the traditional centres of their English Mission. After Catholic Emancipation, that Mission became more extended and diversified, leading eventually to engagements in Oxford, the USA, Africa and Chile. The Valley, however peaceful it may have remained, was always at the throbbing heart of an increasingly complex mission.

In recent years, however, new challenges have emerged. The changed relationship with the schools and the reduction in our parish commitments have raised important questions regarding the Community's essential identity, and the deployment of its energies within the traditional mission entrusted to it by the Church.

On the one hand, the Church has called for religious orders to return to sources and be faithful to what is central to their tradition. There is an account elsewhere in this number of recent meetings of the English Benedictine Congregation devoted to this issue. On the other hand, the post-Vatican II Church has created an impetus, under the general heading of 'The New Evangelisation,' towards a fuller response to the pastoral needs of our time. Already, in the Pontificate of Pope Francis, three very particular emphases have emerged. All the constituent bodies of the Church have been called in *Evangelii Gaudium* to be less inward-looking and to move outwards



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'towards the periphery.' The recent Synod has put a sharp focus, at a time of social and moral disintegration, on the role of the family. The Pope's recent Encyclical, *Laudato Si*, called for a deepening awareness of our stewardship of God's creation. Each of these themes touches deep chords in the English monastic tradition.

Such a tension between monastic identity and ecclesial mission has always been a feature of the monastic presence in our culture. How can the Community of St Laurence, still looking out on our beautiful but isolated Valley, find new ways of living out this tension?

Bishop Hedley and The Journal



THE YEAR 2015 marks the centenary of the death of Bishop John Cuthbert Hedley. Bishop Hedley was a monk of Ampleforth, who, as Bishop of Newport from 1881-1915, was one of the outstanding members of the Hierarchy at the turn of the 19th century, and was twice proposed as Archbishop of Westminster. His experience in running the Dublin Review from 1879-84 led him to propose in 1895 that Ampleforth itself should produce a 'superior, front rank magazine.' He himself suggested the title 'The Ampleforth Journal.'

He commented: 'Do not let The Journal be parochial and do not use self-praise. If you make it of high standing it will be a shop-window for our goods.'

THE ABBEY From the Abbot's Office

RT REV CUTHBERT MADDEN OSB
ABBOT OF AMPLEFORTH

Instead of offering my own comment, it seems appropriate this year simply to include a report from Ampleforth's Delegate to General Chapter, Fr Gabriel Everitt, on the important meeting which took place in July 2015 in which the Monasteries of the English Benedictine Congregation came together to review their common response to the challenges that we are all facing.

IN JULY 2015 there was a meeting at Buckfast Abbey in Devon of a Forum for monks and nuns of the English Benedictine Congregation aged under 55, followed by an Extraordinary General Chapter of the Congregation.

These meetings caught the attention of at least the English Catholic Press; notices and photographs appeared under headings such as 'Religious Order facing decline holds crisis talks, variety.'

So what was up? The 13 monasteries of the Congregation did indeed hold a 'youth' forum and Ampleforth as one of the three larger houses sent six representatives to this Forum. Following meetings chaired by external facilitators, there was an 'overlap' meeting with the General Chapter, including Abbot Cuthbert of Ampleforth and myself as Ampleforth's delegate. Then after Forum members dispersed, the General Chapter held an official meeting.

Decline? Well certainly, as is very well known, most of the monasteries, male and female of the Congregation, are reduced in numbers and the sobering relation of deaths to new vocations makes rapid growth in any near future look unlikely. Crisis? Well certainly some smaller houses do look very fragile, while historic sex abuse issues and an increasingly anti-faith and even more so an 'anti the institutions of faith' culture makes for an environment with strongly toxic elements from the perspective of Benedictine communities.

Certainly throughout 15 centuries of history, monasteries wax and wane, while there are periods of great fervour and also periods of decline in which indeed the life can be far from inspiring and edifying. To date, even in difficult periods, the light has never wholly gone out, but rather new life buds, not always in expected ways and places.

I found the meetings realistic but not depressed. We are where we are, but we have

still a treasure in our earthenware pots (2 Corinthians 4:7). There was a serious discussion around a theme of 're-foundation' which for Ampleforth means, as recent years and decisions have shown, paying attention to physical refurbishment and at the heartfelt continuing commitment to traditional works by a new and carefully thought through deployment. While there is no crystal ball, sudden unexpected changes or developments would not be the expected outcome of the careful planning and processes of recent years.

But what of vision? What of the faith filled living of a life that has been joyfully dedicated to God, even in the middle of our modern life and world? What of courageously walking along old ways to search for and find renewal and new life? A very key task for the Forum and for the Extraordinary General Chapter was to receive and comment on a final draft of *To Prefer Nothing to Christ: the Monastic and Missionary Identity of the Monks and Nuns of the English Benedictine Congregation*, a short 40 page guide, which has been produced following a lengthy reflection and discussion in all the monasteries of the Congregation.

It should be published before the end of 2015. Whatever quite the future holds, which for all of us is always in God's hands and in his purposes, this work certainly bears witness to a life, a call, a way that we may believe that our world still very much needs. There will be an opportunity to review it more fully in the next Ampleforth Journal and to update this interim report.

THE AMPLEFORTH COMMUNITY

THE COMMUNITY AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS FROM OCTOBER 2013

	RESPONSIBILITIES	PARISH/RESIDENCE (other than Ampleforth)
Rt Rev Cuthbert Madden	<i>Abbot</i>	
Abbot Patrick Barry (W35)		
<i>Titular Abbot of Lindisfarne</i>		
Abbot Timothy Wright (T60)		Illinois, USA
<i>Titular Abbot of Westminster</i>		
VR Fr Terence Richardson (J72)	<i>Prior</i>	
	<i>Dean of Hospitality</i>	
Fr Christopher Gorst (O65)	<i>Sub-Prior, Novice Master</i>	
	<i>Hospitality</i>	
VR Fr Henry Wansbrough (W53)	<i>Teaching, Chaplain, St Oswald's</i>	
<i>Cathedral Prior of Durham</i>		
VR Fr Dominic Milroy (W50)	<i>Editor, Ampleforth Journal</i>	
<i>Cathedral Prior of Chester</i>	<i>Secretary to the Confraters</i>	
VR Fr Leo Chamberlain (A58)		
<i>Cathedral Prior of Gloucester</i>	<i>Parish Priest</i>	Easingwold
VR Fr Mark Butlin (O49)	<i>Alliance Inter-Monastères</i>	
<i>Cathedral Prior of Norwich</i>		
Fr Theodore Young (D40)		Leyland
Fr Augustine Measures (W45)		
Fr Aidan Gilman (A45)		
Fr Adrian Convery (O49)		
<i>Vicar Episcopal for Religious</i>		
Fr Michael Phillips (E52)		
Fr Edward Corbould (E51)		
Fr Anselm Cramer (O54)	<i>Archivist</i>	
Fr Alban Crossley	<i>Monastery Guestmaster</i>	
Fr Francis Davidson		
Fr Stephen Wright (T56)		Leyland
Fr Gordon Beattie (D59)	<i>Parish Priest</i>	Parbold
Fr Aelred Burrows		
Fr Jonathan Cotton (H60)	<i>Parish Priest</i>	Leyland
Fr Felix Stephens (H61)		
Fr Bonaventure Knollys (C53)		
Fr Matthew Burns (W58)	<i>Priest in Charge</i>	Gilling East
	<i>Monastery Infirmarian</i>	
	<i>Hospitality</i>	
	<i>Chaplain, St Dunstan's</i>	

Fr Edgar Miller (O61)
Fr Francis Dobson (D57)
Fr Alexander McCabe

Fr Peter James (H69)
Fr Cyprian Smith
Fr Antony Hain
Fr Hugh Lewis-Vivas

Fr Bede Leach

Fr Jeremy Sierla
Fr Bernard McNulty

Fr James Callaghan

Fr Paul Browne
Fr Andrew McCaffrey
Fr William Wright (A82)
Fr Raphael Jones
Fr Kentigern Hagan

Fr Gabriel Everitt

Fr Cassian Dickie
Fr Xavier Ho
Fr Luke Beckett
Fr George Corrie
Fr Oswald McBride

Fr Chad Boulton

VR Fr Colin Battell

Fr Kieran Monahan

Fr John Fairhurst

Priest in Charge Oswaldkirk
Chaplain, St Cuthbert's
Choirmaster, Teaching
Chaplain, St Thomas's

Chaplain, St John's

School Guestmaster
Chaplain, St Hugh's
Secretary, Ampleforth Society
Parish Priest Ampleforth

Hospitality
Assistant Chaplain Colwich Abbey
St Benedict's,
Bamber Bridge

Teaching
Chaplain, St Margaret's

Leyland

Parish Priest Knaresborough
Parish Priest Brindle
Parish Priest Kirkbymoorside
Abbey Sacristan

Visitor Centre Warden
Master of Studies Ampleforth
Librarian St Benet's Hall
Assistant Priest St Mary's, Brownedge
Parish Priest Lostock Hall

Abbot's Assistant
Parish Priest St Mary's, Brownedge
Vocations Director
Acting Superior St Benet's Hall

Head of Chaplaincy
Chaplain, St Aidan's
Prior St Benedict's,
Bamber Bridge

Hospitality
Master of Ceremonies
Chaplain, SMA Gilling
Head of Religious Studies, SMA Gilling

Fr Wulstan Peterburs
Fr Philip Rozario

Fr Columba Moujing

Fr Cedd Mannion
Br Ambrose Henley

Fr Kevin Hayden

Br Alberic Jones
Br Benedict Donleavy

Procurator
Chaplain, St Edward's/Wilfrid's
Assistant Novice Master
Master of Oblates
Monastery Infirmary
Hospitality
Teaching
Teaching
Assistant Chaplain, St John's
Hospitality
Chaplain, St Bede's
Teaching
Teaching

MONASTERY OF CHRIST THE WORD, ZIMBABWE

MONKS OF AMPLEFORTH

VR Fr Robert Igo
Fr Richard ffield (A59)
Fr Barnabas Pham
Br Placid Mavura

Prior
Sub-Prior
Novice Master and Bursar
Guestmaster



COMMUNITY NEWS

"We live in interesting times" is a well-worn cliché, but looking back over the last year it has been both interesting - and challenging in some respects - to see popular TV presenters coming to Ampleforth, each in their own way and in their own programme trying to find out what it's like to be a monk in the 21st century.

Sir Terry Wogan was a recent visitor, filming *Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip*, a programme broadcast on BBC2 in September 2015. **Fr Terence Richardson** had the task of guiding them through Ampleforth's various alcoholic beverages, a task Fr Prior also warmed to at the Great Yorkshire Show in July 2015 when the Prince of Wales visited the Ampleforth stand in the Food Hall.

And Dave Myers, perhaps better-known as one of the 'Hairy Bikers,' was recently in Ampleforth filming for a 2016 broadcast *The Hairy Builders*, focussing on restoration of old buildings (in this case Bolton House). **Fr Wulstan Peterburs** was interviewed by the Hairy Builder about being a monk today.

Community life continues, of course, away from the glare of the TV cameras.

The monastic community came together for the Annual Conventual Chapter in December 2014, the first opportunity for the two new Headmasters, Mr David Lambon and Mr Mark O'Donnell, to report to the community. Mr Lambon thanked **Fr Gabriel Everitt** for the careful and conscientious way in which the handover process had been conducted, and the community for the welcome he had received since taking up his appointment at the beginning of September 2014. He underlined the key role of the monastic community in the College, and emphasised the importance of ensuring that this close relationship was obvious to staff and parents. The December Chapter 2014 also provided an opportunity for the brethren to meet in deanery groups, a system approved by the community in summer 2014. On a regular basis the deanery groups meet together to discuss various issues and our Chapter meetings now include a session devoted to deanery meetings and supper in deanery groups.

The Chapter also gave the Abbot permission to receive the Temporary Profession of **Br Alberic Jones**, which was then celebrated on 13th December 2014. **Br Benedict Donleavy** made his Temporary Profession of Vows for three years on 25th April 2015, the feast of Saint Mark.

In January 2015, **Fr Abbot** made his annual visit to the Monastery of Christ the Word in Zimbabwe. The Prior of the small community there is **Fr Robert Igo**, and the other members of the community are **Fr Richard ffield** and **Fr Barnabas Pham**,

and the Zimbabwean native **Br Placed Mavura**. In the course of his visit, Fr Abbot preached at a Day for Consecrated Life hosted by the community and attended by many of the religious in Zimbabwe.

Over the past year, two members of the community have died. **Fr David O'Brien** died peacefully in the monastery infirmary on 26th November 2014 at the age of 89. His death was marked, as always, with the traditional tolling of the bell in the Abbey Church tower, with one toll for each year of Fr David's life. On 22nd January 2015, just days after his 93rd birthday, **Fr Martin Haigh** died peacefully in the monastery infirmary. His funeral was celebrated in the Abbey Church on 10th February 2015.

From March-June 2015, **Fr Gabriel Everitt** attended the Monastic Formators' Programme in Rome and Assisi. The 2015 Programme had 27 participants from 15 nationalities: 14 women and 13 men; nine Cistercians and 18 Benedictines of various Congregations. Fr Gabriel has now been appointed Master of Studies, coordinating initial studies and on-going formation for the monastic community; he will also carry out the role of librarian at St Benet's Hall in Oxford, where **Fr Oswald McBride** is the Prior of the monastic community and Vocations promoter.

The Easter Triduum retreat at the start of April 2015 was given by **Fr Kieran Monahan**, on the theme 'Unexpected Encounters.' The conferences were supplemented by a number of talks and discussions on 'The Passion of Jesus - how much do we know?' (**Fr Henry Wansbrough**), 'The Psalms as Prayer' (**Fr Michael Phillips**), 'Benedictine Core Values' (**Fr Wulstan Peterburs**), and 'Seeking God, Finding Joy' (**Fr Oswald McBride**).

The Ampleforth pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes, led by the Abbot, took place from 17th to 24th July 2015. The members of the community on the Pilgrimage were **Abbot Cuthbert**, **Fr Henry Wansbrough**, **Fr Matthew Burns**, **Fr Francis Dobson**, **Fr Bernard McNulty**, **Fr Gabriel Everitt**, **Fr Luke Beckett**, **Fr Oswald McBride**, **Fr Chad Boulton**, **Fr John Fairhurst** and **Fr Philip Rozario**.

Fr Abbot and Fr Gabriel left the pilgrimage before the end in order to attend the Extraordinary General Chapter of the English Benedictine Congregation held at Buckfast Abbey from 21st to 29th July 2015, where they were later joined by Fr Luke. The General Chapter was preceded by a Forum for the Young, attended by 30 monks and nuns of the English Benedictine Congregation, including, from Ampleforth, **Fr Kevin Hayden**, **Br Ambrose Henley**, **Br Alberic Jones** and **Br Benedict Donleavy**.

On 14th September 2015, the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Cross, the monastic community had the joy of celebrating the Solemn Profession of **Fr Kevin Hayden**

and **Br Ambrose Henley**. Shortly after that, the community was able to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the clothing of **Abbot Patrick Barry**, who was clothed as a novice in the Abbey Church on 22nd September 1935.

Work on the parish missions continues, with **Fr Bede Leach** in Our Lady and St Benedict's, Ampleforth; **Fr Edgar Miller** looking after St Aidan's, Oswaldkirk; **Fr Alexander McCabe** and **Fr Kentigern Hagan** looking after Our Lady and St Chad, Kirkbymoorside and St Mary's, Helmsley (with Fr Kentigern also in charge of the flourishing Visitor Centre at Ampleforth); **Fr Matthew Burns** looking after the pastoral needs of the people of Our Lady and the Holy Angels, Gilling East; and **Fr Leo Chamberlain** in St John's, Easingwold.

Further afield, the small community based in St Benedict's Monastery, Bamber Bridge, with **Fr Colin Battell** as Prior, takes care of the parishes in Bamber Bridge (**Fr George Corrie** and **Fr Cassian Dickie**), and Lostock Hall (**Fr Xavier Ho**). **Fr Gordon Beattie** continues as Parish Priest of Parbold, and **Fr Raphael Jones** looks after St Joseph's in Brindle. Finally, **Fr Jonathan Cotton**, **Fr Theodore Young**, **Fr Stephen Wright** and **Fr Paul Browne** form the community with the pastoral care of St Mary's, Leyland.

The Abbey's connection with Chile was strengthened during the year by the presence of **Br Beda Estrada Escares** from the monastery of the Holy Trinity in Santiago. His visit had two purposes: to enhance the monastic culture of his own monastery by deepening its links with its European roots; and to help Br Beda to learn some English. It was never quite clear how much English he learned, but his joyful presence contributed much to the life of the monastery.

We often share the Divine Office with others: students from our schools, day visitors and those who come to Ampleforth to make a retreat. The celebration of the Divine Office in choir is now available by listening to a live stream from the Abbey website:

www.abbey.ampleforth.org.uk/our-prayer/the-divine-office/streaming

The Offices which are available are:

Lauds (Weekdays 7.15am, Sundays 8am)

Vespers (Weekdays 6pm, Sundays 6.20pm)

Compline (Daily 8.15pm)

FR DAVID O'BRIEN OSB 1925-2014

FR ALBAN CROSSLEY OSB

Vincent Herbert O'Brien was born 22 January 1925 St Anne's Lancashire. Educated at Preston Catholic College. 1942-46 Served in the Royal Navy. Clothed 24 September 1950; ordained 20 July 1958. 1959-2013: served parishes of Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, St. Mary's Warrington, St Mary's Cardiff, Parbold, Bamber Bridge; resided at St Benedict's 2002-2013; 2013-2014 Monastery Infirmary. Died at Ampleforth 26 November 2014.



FR DAVID HERBERT O'Brien was born on 22 January 1925, the only son of Dr Terry O'Brien and his wife Una; his mother sadly died when David was only one year old. With remarkable foresight, as she was dying she asked that a diamond she cherished be kept aside to be mounted in a chalice for David when he was ordained. His father kept this to himself until David's ordination when he presented him with the chalice which David used at his first Mass and frequently throughout his life.

His father remarried and David enjoyed a happy childhood with six siblings at their family home in Lytham St Anne's. Following school with the Jesuits at Preston Catholic College, David volunteered for the Royal Navy. In the pre-invasion bombardment of Normandy, David's ship shelled the coast for 24 hours which he always felt was the prime cause of the deafness, which gave him increasing trouble throughout his life. David's active naval service took him later to the Adriatic and the far east.

After the war, he worked for four years in a family insurance broking business in Manchester and enjoyed the work, in the course of which he became engaged to be married, but, aware that he was battling with a calling to priesthood or religious life, his fiancée very supportively broke the engagement to enable David to try his vocation. She later married someone else but stayed in touch with David.

Nine men entered the Ampleforth community in September 1950 with another joining a little later towards the end of October. Seven of the ten were to persevere in the monastic life until death: now just Fr Dominic remains among us. It must have been a somewhat strange experience entering the noviciate for a mature man. Fr Dominic relates that when he arrived in the noviciate a little later than his

contemporaries, David set himself the task of discovering all about his fellow novices and in the process built a brotherly relationship between them. David loved celebrations and was delighted to find that, in those days, the monastic community celebrated major feasts by drinking a glass of port after lunch. One rather austere fellow novice asked him, "Did you know we were going to drink port on feast days?" clearly hoping for an equally austere reply. But David was typically joyful, "No," he replied, "Isn't it wonderful!" Though the other novice did not persevere to profession at Ampleforth and later joined a more austere community, he kept in touch with David for the rest of his life. In the noviciate David also had to share in the noviciate runs. These runs were made more penitential by the fact that the bath after the run would invariably be cold because the boys had used all the hot water after Rugby. David struck on the notion of filling the bath with hot water before going for his run so that it would be just right when he returned. A clever idea – but it might have helped to turn the taps off before leaving the monastery...

As a mature vocation David was ordained somewhat ahead some of his peers in 1958. He served locally in Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside before being sent out from the monastery to our missions in 1963. In his time on the missions Fr David served in Grassendale, St Mary's Warrington and Cardiff before moving to Parbold as parish priest in 1973. He retired from Parbold in 1990 and moved first temporarily to Lostock Hall and then to Browndedge, Bamber Bridge where he was to remain until 2013 – aside from a shortish interlude of four years which he spent in the Abbey between 1996 and 2000 undertaking some retreat work and serving Helmsley parish for Sunday Mass.

David's family was always important to him and he valued the contact and family events. He would celebrate an annual Mass for deceased relatives always followed by a good meal.

People, Christ's people, family, brethren, parishioners, friends, mattered to David and he loved being with them. A notable example of the care he gave to people was his devotion, while at Browndedge, to his role as chaplain to the nearby St Catherine's Hospice. As well as his personal care for the patients, he raised substantial funds for the hospice by doing, at the age of about 70, a sponsored walk from the Cumbrian coast to the North Yorkshire coast (Wainwright's Coast-to-Coast route).

David's interests were many and varied – and he continued to have an inquisitive mind into advanced old age. In his younger days in Warrington he was an enthusiastic member of Lions International. Their non-denominational approach to serving the community evidently appealed to him greatly and he immersed himself in this work, serving in 1972 as the President of the Warrington branch. During his time in Parbold he undertook a renovation of the Church there rewiring the Church, installing new

lighting and heating, creating a day Chapel at the back of the Church and reordering the Sanctuary. He served in the wider life of the Archdiocese when he was appointed Dean in the Ormskirk deanery in 1977. After his "retirement" in 1990 he simply changed his activities: he was devoted to visiting the sick, to promoting interfaith dialogue and to supporting deafened people. He fought his own steadily progressing deafness with a great variety of different gadgets each one of which was designed to help him make the most of the little hearing he had. He kept active until at last the deafness made it impossible for him to hear what was going on around him. Latterly this became a major cross for him because he felt sadly cut off from people – for people were at the centre of David's existence, they brought him to life.

He returned to Ampleforth in September 2013 when it became very clear that he needed the nursing support that the monastery infirmary can provide. It was a big wrench to move from his beloved Lancashire back into this rural monastery. Still it did not take him long to befriend our carers and to make himself at home here. For as long as he was able he continued to involve himself with those whom he met – and he was still able to go in his wheel chair to the Remembrance Day service outside the main entrance to the school on the 11 November. About ten days later, a small stroke in a vital part of the brain precipitated the pneumonia which led to his final illness and death.

FR MARTIN HAIGH OSB 1922-2015

FR FELIX STEPHENS OSB

Anthony Haigh born 17 January 1922 in London; educated at Ampleforth; Clothed 22 September 1940; ordained 17 July 1949; 1943-46 Oxford studying French and Art; 1947-1981 Art Master and teaching French; 1948-1963 Games Master; 1951 Started lecturing on the Shroud of Turin; Sent a Crucifix to John Hunt which was placed on Everest in 1953; 1953 Started the Ampleforth Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Fr Basil Hume; 1963-1977 Housemaster St Bede's; 1978 Monastic Guestmaster; 1979-1981 Gilling Parish; 1981-1997 Grassendale Parish; 1997 Ampleforth Parish; 2001-2006 Leyland Parish; 2006 Returned to Ampleforth; died 31 January 2015 in the Monastery Infirmary.



LIKE SEVERAL OF his brethren, Fr Martin's life as a monk from 1940 to 2015 is divided between a career in the College 1946-77 and years as a pastor in a parish 1981-2006. Education was in St Edward's House under the watchful eye of his fellow artist Fr Raphael Williams. Anthony Haigh joined the monastery in 1940 alongside his friend George Hume (Fr Basil) and took the name Martin in honour of St Tèrese Martin, the 19th century Saint of Lisieux. Fr Martin's simplicity of faith and devotion, uncluttered by theological niceties, fitted neatly into the spirit of St Tèrese of Lisieux. All

with whom he came into contact whether in the monastery, the College, outside contacts, the Lourdes fraternity, and those on the parishes were left in no doubt about his sincerity and devotion to the monastic and priestly way of life.

At Oxford he read French and Art, played Greyhound Rugby vs Cambridge in 1943 and 1944, and turned out for the 1945 All Blacks when they played at Oxford arriving a man short and with only 15 All Black shirts. He had to return his shirt. He was not alone in discovering that the 'gammy knee' which plagued him thereafter was the result of his frail physique encountering the physical force of rugby. Back from Oxford at the age of 24 and with four years of theology ahead of him he was thrust into the mainstream of College life as Games Master with his Games Room at the central hub of College life. He held the post for 17 years. As well as organising games four times a week for between 450 and 550 boys, he arranged school fixtures for all teams and hosted and visited other schools as coach for Colts XV and 1st XI cricket. He was a superb ambassador for the College, not least in welcoming sporting

visitors but also building relationships with the staff of other schools, including North Yorkshire State schools, RAF Cranwell, and Catterick Garrison for cricket, and the Headingley club for rugby.

He was also responsible for the building of 16 tennis courts, and the further development of athletics at the behest of his friend Geoff Dyson, the National Athletics coach of the day. For a time in vacation he also undertook coaching cricket at Lilleshall National Recreation Centre. Unlike his friend Fr Basil, a passionate supporter of teams (such as Newcastle United), Fr Martin had no such interest in a team to support. What mattered to him was quality: of talent, technique, performance. Results were secondary; the search for perfection uppermost. Hence he was able to move away from the sporting stage with ease when he became Housemaster of St Bede's on the election of Fr Basil as Abbot in 1963.

Fr Martin's influence in the years 1946 to 1977 was vast and varied; for 30 years a teacher of 'O' level French, master in charge of Art (a post he held for 35 years), Commanding Officer No 2 Company in the CCF until 1963, these were just other parts of the CV in the life of a monk who was ever faithful to the choir and the community. Many will recall his regular role as deputy cantor to Fr Denis Waddilove or Fr Oswald Vanheems at Sunday Vespers, then always attended by the College. They will recall other skills: the annual shrovetide entertainment in the Theatre, a double act with Fr Basil, and his regular update about 'Alphonse,' a little Chaplinesque moustache and a bit of slapstick. The Theatre was also the venue for his Art appreciation lectures to the Sixth Form, beautifully crafted, annually renewed, appreciated and enjoyed. Less enthusiastically received but part of the handing on of skills, perfectly formed, was the summoning of all new boys in September to the Theatre for a lecture on how to pass a rugby ball. No one was left in doubt as to its importance, explained as it was with expert exactitude.

Meanwhile, Fr Martin and Fr Basil had inaugurated the Lourdes Pilgrimage in 1952, and for 25 years and more Fr Martin remained the inspiration and the organiser for what has grown to be a shining light in the calendar of the Abbey, College parents and supporters. It is true that for some six months beforehand conversation always seemed to end up with the problems and the extent of the organisation but it was indeed a complex structure early on until others moved in, as they did, to take on much of the burden. Not content with Lourdes, Fr Martin expanded what might be gently termed his obsessions with his lecture on the Shroud of Turin, and the lecture on the story of how he persuaded Sir John Hunt to place a crucifix on the top of Mount Everest in 1953. The last two were re-thought, developed and delivered for over 50 years to whosoever could be galvanised into providing an audience. Above all, perhaps, was his devotion to painting, a life-long passion. Some 177 paintings survive, all much loved by their author/creator, not all always thus appreciated by the

viewer, whether monk or lay in the well-honed tradition of art criticism. And Fr Martin was very clear with regard to his own views. Fr Abbot, in his homily, commented that 'he found it difficult to part with his children because that, I believe, is what his paintings were.' All these many interests were, as Fr Abbot attested 'abiding passions...seeking a perfection in this life which somehow eluded his grasp.'

In 1963 Fr Martin took over St Bede's House and was thus part of the official administration of the College until 1977. He was less leader as authority figure (although he often needed to be), but rather inspirer of individuality. In the House he cared for individuals, was appreciated by so many for his talents, idiosyncrasies, friendships, charisma, yes and his obsessions. St Bede's under Fr Martin retained an easy going natural informality allowing for development of personality and a strength of character formed under the eagle eye of the spirituality and personal example of monastic life.

Before moving to St Austin's Grassendale, Liverpool, in 1981, Fr Martin had a spell as Monastery Junior Master and Guestmaster in the Grange. Such transitions, after over 30 heady years of total involvement in the College a mere 100 yards away, are not easy. The second career, if it can be called that, of parish life gave him the chance to exercise his pastoral care of families of parishioners, young and old, together with his parish priest Fr Benedict Webb who had been alongside him for those 13 years on Aumit Hill as Housemaster of St Hugh's. In the parish he had space to breathe anew, to exercise his gifts upon a new audience, a new lease of life. St Austin's in South Liverpool was ideally placed for him. Founded in 1837, St Austin's was looked after by monks of Ampleforth for all but two years of its life until its final closure by the Archbishop in May 2015. Painting flourished and Fr Martin was granted an Exhibition of his portfolio by the Dean in the Giles Scott's Anglican Cathedral. The large and successful primary school, one of the best, brought out Fr Martin's gifts as a chaplain and provided the seed corn for his Sunday children's liturgies, a role he maintained for himself for all of 16 years. No liturgist or rubician but always plagued by perfection and attention to detail, his ceremonies were conceived and prepared in minute thoroughness, papers strewn all over his room in, for example, the Lenten weeks, leading up to Holy Week. What had been in the past preparation for the Lourdes pilgrimage was now preparation and discussion of Holy Week. He was in his element with families and their children and ever aware of the old and sick who needed care and a visit.

At the age of 75 he returned to the Abbey, but by now while still relatively active in mind he needed the freedom of a parish and from 2002-2006 he was in Leyland, Lancashire. In November 2006 he telephoned Fr Abbot to say he was unwell and would return to the monastery that afternoon. An aortic aneurysm required

immediate surgery after which in the final years of his life he painted when he could and prepared himself for death. Diagnosed finally with leukaemia he refused treatment preferring to decline gracefully surrounded by his brethren. On the morning of 31st January 2015 he called his carers to his room and thanked them for looking after him. Then he let go and died that afternoon in the 75th year of his religious life, a life of talent, energy, variety and above all of witness to simplicity of faith and devotion to the Eucharist and Our Lady of Lourdes.

MAJOR GENERAL
DESMOND MANGHAM, CB (O42)
1924-2014

A valued adviser to the Abbey and College

DESMOND WAS CHAIRMAN of our Advisory Committee during our fundraising programme during the 1980s. This included demolition of the original Ampleforth Lodge and its replacement, the Sunley Centre, the western extension of the Monastery and the new Music School. His support and advice during that period was invaluable.

He was born in Malta, the youngest of three children. He joined St Oswald's House in 1937. He was very happy in the school and formed many friendships which lasted right through his life. He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1943 and served with 80th Field Regiment RA. His early days in the Army were made memorable by his participation in a top secret deception plan, which helped to convince the Germans that the 1944 invasion of France could not take place before September 1944.

In August that year, Desmond embarked for India, and a year later took part in Operation Zipper, the invasion of Malaya. In autumn 1947 the communist uprising began, and he served with 26 Field Regiment in the early stages of the anti-terrorist campaign. His postings over the next ten years included Egypt, Cyprus, the Canal Zone during the Suez campaign, Aden and Kenya. After teaching at the Staff College at Camberley, he was posted to the Canadian Army Staff College, where he was delighted to be invited to be technical adviser on the set of *The Guns of Navarone* with David Niven and Gregory Peck. He was later posted to BAOR and was appointed Brigadier in 1969. He was General Officer Commanding of 2 Division HQ in 1974, and then was Vice-Quartermaster General at the Ministry of Defence.

After a distinguished Army career, he ended up as a Major-General. He retired in 1979 and joined the Brewers' Society and was a Director for ten years. Every year, before the budget, he would meet the Chancellor of the Exchequer and explain, usually to no avail, that raising the price of a pint of beer would result in lower consumption and therefore less tax revenue.

He was Colonel Commandant of the Royal Artillery from 1979 to 1988 and the RHA from 1983 to 1988.

Desmond had two great gifts. He was a perfectionist in the standards that he set

himself, and in the way that he lived up to them, but he was also a great bridge-builder. His generosity, courtesy and charm, whether within his own family or in his professional work, fitted him perfectly for the role that he accepted as the leader of the group that advised the Abbey and College during the fairly massive fundraising operation of the 1980s, in which Fr. Felix's achievements would not have been possible without the wise and detailed support that he and the Community received from him.

He had a great love for Ampleforth and he had many of the qualities that St. Benedict requires of an Abbot, namely, that he should be both firm and flexible, putting mercy before judgment and able to handle complex issues with invariable kindness and good humour. It was appropriate that the Order of Service at his Memorial Service at the R.A. Headquarters at Larkhill should be headed by a quotation from Chaucer: 'He was a true and perfect gentle Knight.'

The Abbot and Community recognised his services by appointing him as a Confrater of the Abbey, and his ashes were interred in the Monks' Wood.

MADELEINE JUDD 1922-2013

ABBOT PATRICK BARRY wrote a tribute to Madeleine which was read at her funeral on 20 December 2013:

Madeleine's death brings back very special memories. I had just become Headmaster, in 1964, when I first met her. She had four sons in the School, and it was a time of great change and turbulence in the world of education. Not only were the young being very self-assertive, with Carnaby Street, the Beatles and long hair. There was also Vatican II, and the new uncertainties which it opened up.

Schools, too, were faced with a generalised revolt on the part of the young. Madeleine perceived that parents and schools needed to get together in a quite new way. It was typical of her that she went straight to the top. She arranged to meet with me and Abbot Basil, and she outlined her solution, based on careful observation of the reaction of parents to what we were trying to do. This solution was the system of regional Parents' Meetings which has become such an integral part of Ampleforth's style.

I shall never forget the first meeting, held at her home in Cobham. It was a long open meeting on a Sunday, punctuated by lunch and ending with Mass. Frank Muir was only one of a large and formidable gathering (of parents), and the questions ranged from the themes of Vatican II to every possible aspect of the behaviour of the young. As Fr Dominic and I headed back to Ampleforth on the late train from King's Cross, we became aware that Madeleine had started something of immense importance in our whole programme of education. We knew that it must continue, and, thanks to Madeleine, it did.

She herself took on the responsibility for the whole project, engaging mothers up and down the land in order to make sure that what had happened at Cobham could become as widely available as possible to all Ampleforth parents. The important thing was that these meetings took place, not at Ampleforth, but in the homes of our parents. Other Headmasters often turned pale when they heard of this system of 'Away Matches.'

Later on, Madeleine's bookshop work, first at Westminster Cathedral and then at Cobham, finally led her once again to Ampleforth, where she created the Ampleforth Book Shop, first in the tiny old saddle-room in the Archway, but finally in the new Main Hall, where it went from strength to strength. Her inspiration was crucial in this development. (So also was her very specialised knowledge of the sort of books

which would make the Ampleforth Bookshop such a unique institution, not only for the School, but for the Monastery and for the wider community).

Madeleine became an Ampleforth institution. Her contribution to what we are is one that will always be valued, and she and all her family will always remain in our prayers.

On 24th March 2014, there was a Mass in the Abbey Church in memory of Madeleine, which was followed by the interment of her ashes in the Monks' Wood. This was particularly appropriate as Madeleine had been made a Confrater of the Abbey. In his homily during the Mass, the celebrant, Fr Dominic, said that at a time when it was fashionable to be rather vague, speculative and wobbly on questions of faith, Madeleine remained indomitably strong and joyful about everything to do with the mystery of salvation. She was not just strong in faith in an unthinking way - she was thoughtful, inquisitive, adventurous and, of course, very well-read. As an evangelist and persuader, she was an absolute natural. No wonder she had such an influence on so many people.

In her later years, when she lived first in Gilling and then in Helmsley, she was a centre and a magnet for the many great friends that she had made during her life, and, most of all, for her family, including her four sons, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

BERNADETTE DAVIE 1944-2014

FR HENRY WANSBROUGH OSB

INDOMITABLE IS THE first word which strikes one about Bernadette. In her early twenties and in the course of her nursing training she was struck by cancer, and ever after suffered from prolonged and severe facial pain. She did not allow this to dominate her, and generation after generation of St Thomas' boys, for a score of years from 1978 remember her as a loving Matron, ever ready to respond to their needs, real or imaginary, with affection and wit as well as efficiency. No one could ever forget that her standards were formed in the nursing service of the Royal Air Force (and woe betide anyone who dared to abbreviate it to 'the RAF').

The annual drive to Lourdes for the Ampleforth Pilgrimage was a significant part of Bernadette's life, when she set off in her little car with only Our Lady as companion and guide. The stories of their adventures together were often hilarious, Our Lady getting the blame for anything that went wrong. Perhaps the most significant feature of all was her humility at the end, first in giving up her treasured role as a nurse to the Pilgrimage and then accepting to become herself one of the assisted pilgrims.

After retirement from St Thomas' she willingly accepted to help out for a couple of years as matron at Gilling. After this she became the invaluable Sacristan of St Benedict's, Ampleforth for several years, adding to this task generous work for various Service Charities. Eventually cancer struck again, but with the help of the parish and her own siblings Bernadette maintained her fierce independence to the end. She was determined to attain her seventieth birthday, but finally this day, 3rd December 2014, was the day of her funeral.

PAULINE CHARNOCK 1951-2015

FR LEO CHAMBERLAIN OSB

FIRST MET Pauline when her son John was in the school, and her husband, John, was the Barclays Area Corporate Director who looked after Ampleforth's affairs. She was a woman of high ability, whose career had brought her to become the Personal Assistant of the Vice-Chancellor of London University. When she married, she gave her time and energy to her family, and came north to York. With the boys in their teens she had time for renewed professional engagement, and her experience and vivacity made her a natural appointment to fill a new post to foster Ampleforth's relationships in Yorkshire. Her intelligence and energy meant that her role quickly evolved into something broader and more significant, working closely with Terence Fane Saunders to manage and foster Ampleforth's multiple relationships, and to help Ampleforth understand others' perceptions of the Abbey and School. She had an immediate understanding of Ampleforth and so was the best ambassador; more than that, her warmth encouraged friendship.

Pauline had come to a strong Catholic faith: she had experienced the movement of the Spirit when she entered full communion. This gave her much strength as she faced a series of severe personal challenges with remarkable courage, humour and good grace. Particularly painful for Pauline was the illness of her eldest son, John, who was afflicted with a chronic and debilitating illness, and was critically ill at one point. She had to travel constantly between Yorkshire and Oxford to see him at the Radcliffe Hospital, the only hospital that could treat him, and then support him in a residential home. In 2012 Pauline discovered that she herself was suffering from pancreatic cancer - for which, because symptoms characteristically show so late - only palliative treatment is available. Pauline faced this terrible diagnosis at a time when her close family depended on her. She was prepared to commit herself to the course of her sickness when she understood the diagnosis, but she prayed about it, listened to the concerns of others, and so accepted treatment devoted doctors suggested, even finally going to London with John for further investigation.

She remained active and concerned for everyone to the end, especially for her frail 94 year old mother, still living on her own. She was greatly helped in the last years by Adam Rosenbach, a professional oceanographer whose life had brought him to York. Her younger son Jamie took local work to be near her, and John devotedly took her to the numerous medical appointments. He, with both young John and Jamie, was with her when she died. Fr John Fairhurst celebrated the Requiem Mass, and Fr Leo Chamberlain gave the homily in a full church at St John the Evangelist in Easingwold. Her ashes were interred at Ampleforth.

VAL HARRISON 1948-2015

VAL HARRISON DIED peacefully in James Cook Hospital in Middlesbrough on 24th June 2015. On 13th June she had been enjoying a long cycle ride with one of her daughters-in-law when she fell, sustaining a severe head injury from which she never regained consciousness. Her Requiem Mass was in her home parish of St Peter & St Paul, Leyburn, where Val and her husband, Allen, had moved just a year earlier to enjoy retirement in their beloved Dales.

Originally, Val worked as Refectory Supervisor at Gilling Castle in September 1984; then as Domestic Supervisor in 1988 and Housekeeper from 1991-98. She then did secretarial and reception work at Gilling Castle and in the Estate Office from 1998-2002. After that, she became a part-time Matron in St Aidan's House and an Assistant in the College Infirmary, becoming Matron in St Aidan's from 2003 until her retirement in 2008.

In his homily at her funeral, Fr Bede Leach, referring to the fact that she died on the Feast of St John the Baptist, said that it was perhaps no coincidence that she died as she lived - peacefully. Like St John the Baptist she was a preparer of the way, the go-between, and the bridge builder. The Gospel of The Beatitudes at her funeral represented what Val learned from life and faith experience, and what personified all she gave to others. The calm efficiency with which she fulfilled all her tasks was always touched by a gentle humour which made it an invariable pleasure to work with her. She lived out the Rule of St Benedict where he asks the monks 'to welcome every guest as if Christ himself,' with a generosity of spirit and warmth, ever loyal and willing to go the extra mile with a smile.

Her devoted service first at Gilling Castle and then at the College for more than 20 years will be remembered by all those whose lives she touched.

THE MAKING OF MODERN AMPLEFORTH

FR PATRICK BARRY OSB

The Vale of Mowbray, which is the official name for the Ampleforth valley, makes it sound rather romantic, but there was not much romance about it in the 18th century. It was part of Ampleforth land and Ampleforth was unique in that district by not having a Lord of the Manor, so whereas the other villages could keep Roman Catholics out, Ampleforth land was open to highwaymen, outlaws and Roman Catholics. In fact, until the end of the Second World War no Roman Catholic was allowed to dwell in Oswaldkirk, so it was only Protestant staff who could lodge there and some of them did.

Lady Anne Fairfax gave Fr Bolton 30 acres overlooking the Vale of Mowbray. The theory was that he could farm that land and keep an eye on it, but it let him down. By the time President Brewer came to visit him at Ampleforth, the farm had failed so often that the whole property was mortgaged to a man in Malton and Fr Brewer had to buy the mortgage out before he could take possession. He did that, and the little house on the north side of the valley became first of all Fr Bolton's residence and then, when it was taken over by President Brewer, it became the rather tenuous original school at Ampleforth.

President Brewer was elected at this time as the President of the Benedictine Congregation, of which Ampleforth was one element. But Ampleforth had fallen on difficult times. In fact, since escaping from Dieulouard the Superior of Ampleforth, Fr Richard Marsh, who had made a heroic escape from the French Revolution at Dieulouard landed up in a house at Acton Burnell, where he was joined a little later by all the Community of St Gregory's, later Downside. It happened that there was a change of President at that time and the new President made a great decision that this house was to be handed over to Downside, and the Ampleforth Community could go somewhere in the north. So our Community was for some time on the hoof and they started off at Brindle, near Preston, which was one of our Benedictine parishes. They were repulsed from there with a shower of stones and sticks by the resident priest and his parishioners. Afterwards, they fell on poor times. They set up shop again in various country houses in Lancashire and ended up at Parbold where they actually opened a school. One has to remember that this was the only thing they could do, and it served a great need for the education of the Catholic young. Lancashire was extremely Catholic in those days, and they might have stayed at Parbold, but President Brewer was a great entrepreneur and he found Fr Anselm Bolton at Ampleforth and took it over from him, arranging a mortgage for the debt and setting up Ampleforth there. When I say 'set it up,' he managed to gather only

two monks to start with and one of them was a laybrother, so that was the beginning of Ampleforth.

What happened next was providential, because on the other side of the North Sea in Hanover there was a flourishing English Benedictine house and school which had been doing very well, but Europe was disturbed by Napoleon and it happened that the Prussians took over Lamspringe one day and pensioned off all the monks who were still living there. President Brewer was on the ball. He immediately swept up a bunch of monks, all of them English, from Lamspringe and brought them across the North Sea and added them to the Ampleforth Community. That happened in 1806 and it should perhaps be treated as the real beginning of the Ampleforth School and Abbey. It was so in a double sense because these young men appear to have been extremely able and energetic. In no time, they had added to the little Old House and had discovered in Germany a sage who had a great theory about education. His name was Von Feinagle. His theories of education were all focussed on memory and he claimed to be able to teach boys how to remember, so that all the texts which they learned were committed to memory. They became so proud of Von Feinagle's educational theory that they invited the parents to come to the school once a year to ask the boys various questions which they would respond to by immediately spouting the texts that they had learned. It came to be called Exhibition and the name has survived until today. Fortunately, the parents who come to the modern Exhibition



are not invited to listen to boys spouting out large texts which they have learned.

However, among the great gifts from Lamspringe they were enabled to rebuild the Old House and even add a concealed chapel in there - it had to be concealed because Roman Catholicism was forbidden and regarded as extremely dangerous. However, times had changed and they prospered. All went well until Fr Baines moved to the south to be Assistant to the Vicar Apostolic in charge of the western district which was everything from Bath westward. As this man's assistant, he had the right of succession so when he died, which happened very soon, Fr Baines became the Vicar Apostolic (Bishop) of the Western District. He was independent and in his district was the Abbey of the house of Downside. There followed a chaotic period. Fr Baines was a man of great imagination and great ability. Once he was enthroned as Vicar Apostolic of the Western District, he thought he could do what he liked, but then found that this was not so. There was a wonderful stately home overlooking the city of Bath called Prior Park. He proceeded to buy that and invited the Downside monks to take it over from him - but they would not. He then proceeded to get Downside under an interdict, so that they had to send secret agents to Rome to put it lifted. Meanwhile, the Vicar Apostolic had turned his attention to Ampleforth, where he had more success, and persuaded a section of the Community to follow him to Prior Park. It was a great and grandiose plan, but, at that time, it came to nothing, and the monks who had followed him then came back to Ampleforth. But the whole episode had done nothing but harm to Ampleforth.

Although Ampleforth had started well and had built up a very good connection with the Catholic laity of Northern England, their project had collapsed as a result of Fr Baines and Prior Park. Perhaps one good thing came as a result of it - we didn't move to Byland, because in the midst of all this the monks had discovered how poor the land of Ampleforth was and had bought a large farm at Byland with the notion of ultimately moving there. That idea had to be abandoned once Baines had got involved, and the Ampleforth monks were left rather disconsolate with nothing to do but to work very hard to build the school up again, which they did and with great success. In fact, some of the best families had sent their children to Ampleforth in the early days of Von Feinagle, but their confidence was shaken by the idea that the monks would move to Prior Park.

The whole show was under the President who lived at Chelmsford at that time, and he sent a young monk from Downside, named Ullathorne, to help at Ampleforth. In his autobiography, he remembers that the boys 'were very unruly and wrote unhelpful message on the walls.' Ullathorne comments that 'after I had flogged a few and expelled others we came to understand each other very well.' However, the President discovered that the Prior of Ampleforth had started preaching against the Protestants in Helmsley Market Place. Ullathorne wrote to the President saying that he thought

this was a very unhelpful initiative. The reply the President gave was to send Ullathorne back to Downside. This was the beginning of Ullathorne's fame. Just after that he went into Bath with the Prior of Downside and in the trap on the way back the Prior said he had just had a letter from a man in London who was looking for recruits to go down to New South Wales in Australia. Ullathorne said: 'Oh, I would like to do that,' so that is how he got to Australia and made his name famous by opposing the sending of convicts to Australia. When the matter was debated in the British House of Commons, he gave evidence about the cruelty suffered by many convicts. This did not win him favour in Australia, who considered that he was undermining the cheap labour which they enjoyed from the convicts. After this time, Ampleforth enjoyed a period of peace and growth.

We now move on to the 1860s. Prior Cooper was an enormous man and there were many stories about him. One was that when travelling by stage coach he always ordered two seats as one was not enough, but on one occasion he got to the coach and found that he had been given two seats - but one was outside and one inside. A local Ampleforth tailor offered to make him a pair of trousers for free if he was allowed to display them in his shop window.

Prior Cooper was a man of many parts and a wonderful initiator and he made an enormous impact on Ampleforth. He built the first church by Hansom, and he opened the quarry on the hill and brought the stone down to build it. The building of the Church was a very great act. Until then the Blessed Sacrament had been hidden away in a disguised building. Now at last there was this excellent church designed by Hansom, and when it was opened the event was welcomed by all the Catholics in the North of England. It generated the spirit of renewal that the Catholics so desperately needed at that time.

After that Prior Cooper built the school wing (the Big Study and the library), which is a huge building and was far in excess of their needs at the time. The school wing was the first grand building which clearly asserted that Ampleforth was important. Unfortunately, it was really jerry-built, and its structural arrangements were inadequate and shortly after it was built the whole of the southern part started to slide down towards the valley. I remember talking to Fr Hilary Wilson, who was a boy in the school at the time, and he took it all very much in his stride. I asked him whether they had to evacuate the building.

'Good heavens, no' he replied 'we just made do with it.' The Square was built as a mighty buttress to keep the whole building up, which it succeeded in doing. After the Second World War when we got Giles Gilbert Scott to come and look at our buildings, he said that the School Building was in a very parlous state, and we had to spend a large sum in renewing it and propping it up. The theatre was built a bit

later. A generous benefactor came along to offer to build the theatre provided he could name the architect, so that is what we got, and some people have concluded that this architect had been disappointed with his designs for a Methodist Chapel, and now turned the designs into a theatre for Ampleforth. At that time the land on Aumit Hill did not belong to Ampleforth (it was an orchard) until after the First War.

At about this time (1861), the Benedictine Congregation decided that all the monks should be educated together, and Belmont was founded as a novitiate and house of studies. This transformed the whole Congregation, and they began to produce some really learned monks like Bishop Hedley, the centenary of whose death we celebrated this year. He was made Bishop of Hereford, and for a time Belmont, besides providing teaching for all the young monks, was the base for all the Canons of the Diocese. This arrangement went on until 1917 when the various Abbeys took over their own novitiates and general studies.

There followed a quiet period during which, Ampleforth became more and more a school for Lancashire families who sent their children there. At that time there was a great question concerning the English Congregation. Rome discovered that we were not a Benedictine Congregation with separate houses, but that all the houses belonged to Provinces rather than to Abbeys. The monks of Ampleforth, for example, after a certain period in the Abbey, were sent out on the Mission. The Missions run by Ampleforth were everywhere from Cumbria to South Wales, and the monks sent on these parishes would spend the rest of their lives there. Their life at Ampleforth was only temporary, although they kept their loyalty to the Old House. Rome did not approve, and they had two pontifical inquisitions which ended by Pope Leo XIII simply dictating the terms on which we were to live. He did so in a brilliant document which changed the whole nature of the Congregation by making Downside and Ampleforth and others that followed into independent Abbeys. A certain number of parishes were attached to each Abbey. This all happened finally in about 1900 and Ampleforth elected Abbot Oswald Smith as the first Abbot.

At about the same time a much more important development was taking place by which the Prior of Ampleforth, Fr Anselm Burge (who was the Superior before the election of Abbot Smith), noted that Oxford had been opened up to the possibility of educating Roman Catholics. This was an enormously important decision, and the Prior of Ampleforth was a brilliant man who immediately sent four young men to Oxford, and told them to get degrees. A friendly Catholic don explained that Oxford was not like that, and guided them in founding St. Benet's Hall, which began life as Hunter Blair Hall, because there was no monk available in the Community to be Master. (You had to have an Oxford degree in order to be Master and none of the monks at that time had Oxford degrees). They found an ex-Etonian monk in Fort Augustus (who by now was Abbot Hunter Blair) and he was borrowed to start St

Benet's Hall. As soon as he had got his degree, Fr Anselm Parker became the first Master of St Benet's Hall, which was known as Parker's Hall. The Benedictines and the Jesuits at the same time started their life at Oxford and that changed everything. It was the most wonderful decision that was made about our future. It was from St Benet's Hall that all the great monks, who developed the school, including Fr Edmund Matthews and Fr Paul Nevill and many others, subsequently came. I remember being told that when those first graduates from Oxford came back to Ampleforth, some of the old fathers said: 'That was a nice idea, but we don't need any more of them, you do not need graduates to teach boys.' I have no formal evidence of this, but I was told with great confidence by one of the old fathers that in the year 1903 no single boy passed any public examinations at Ampleforth. However, Abbot Smith appointed Fr Edmund Matthews to be the Headmaster and he was the creator of the modern school.

His appointment as Headmaster and the effort he put into it was very successful and by 1912 he had qualified the school to be a member of the Headmasters' Conference. From then on, all was progress. Fr Edmund Matthews was a very determined Lancashire man, but in getting the school going his instruments were limited, and Abbot Smith was a cautious man, who was not particularly interested in the school. In 1916 he built the Junior House to be the preparatory school, and the building was designed for this purpose.

In 1924, Abbot Smith died and Fr Edmund Matthews was elected Abbot. He immediately appointed Fr Paul Nevill as Headmaster and said to him: 'You may take my job over and succeed where I have failed.' Abbot Matthews was right behind Fr Paul in everything he wanted to do, and the period of his abbacy was one of complete unity between Abbot and Headmaster.

At that time there were a number of gifted young monks who had been to Oxford and they could teach all the ordinary subjects. However, Science was a problem and early on Fr Paul appointed Dick Goodman to teach Science and Horry Perry to teach the piano. These two, being safe Protestants, were permitted to take rooms in Oswaldkirk. It is also clear that they raised the standard of civilisation. Horry Perry once told me that in his digs there was no bathroom, so he ordered a bath from York, and as he was teaching when it was delivered, the man propped it up against the wall outside his digs, which provided the idle of Oswaldkirk with something to look at and wonder what it was. Horry Perry tried to explain, but it was a new idea to them altogether. Dick Goodman told me that when he started teaching, he and Horry Perry had to queue every Friday to collect their wage packets. In the long run these early appointments laid the foundation for the central role that would ultimately be played by the Lay Staff at Ampleforth. What Fr Paul achieved at that time was on the basis of a limited curriculum. The boys did the School Certificate in all subjects, but then

the Sixth Form mostly only did Classics and Mathematics at Higher level, though a few boys did Science and Modern Languages. Other subjects were mainly History and more History. English Higher Certificate was never taught as it was regarded as a 'silly soft option.' French and German were taught by Fr Dunstan Pozzi, who seemed to have been capable of teaching any language.

The Community Chapters during the last years of Abbot Matthews's headmastership are full of references to the necessity of beginning the House system. This was resolutely rejected by the Mission Fathers, and they often referred to the nice, simple, cosy unprofessional school that they had known and loved very much. As soon as Abbot Matthews was elected, he said to Fr Paul, referring to these Chapters, that he must now succeed where he (Matthews) had failed, and they got down to business very quickly. As soon as Fr Paul was appointed Headmaster, he started thinking and planning. The Church was already under construction, and he now began on St Cuthbert's as the first House. It was in the manner of a Tudor mansion and had oval objects at the end of the gables. One of the Mission Fathers seeing this commented that 'we used to put crucifixes on our gables, but now we put rugger balls.' Nevertheless, it is true that the school gave itself wholeheartedly to producing a really good rugby team, and in those days they had caps and blazers with very gaudy records of their colours on their jackets and they wore all this going to matches. It was one of the symbols of where the school was going. In fact, Fr Paul created four new Houses: St Cuthbert's - outside, and the other three Houses (St Aidan's, St



Bede's and St Oswald's) in various parts of the school, followed later by St Dunstan's.

When Gilling was bought in 1930, the Lower School moved into the old preparatory school and became the Junior House, and the accommodation of the Lower School in the main building was given to St Wilfrid's. In due course, Fr Paul built Bolton House. It was part of a great change in the whole attitude to the school, and St Wilfrid's was built first and then St Edward's. If you look at the plans as Scott left them, you find that these two Houses were to be followed by two more in the same design, but they never came to light, but that was the vision at that time. Fr Paul was moving the school to the east, but he never had the chance of following that logic. When St Wilfrid's moved into Bolton House, St Oswald's found its home in the central building, which was entirely appropriate, because Fr Stephen Marwood was their Housemaster and his House thus came under the shade of the Headmaster, whose room was in the centre of the House (it became the room of the Housemaster of St Oswald's when the Lower Building was built in 1938). The Headmaster's quarters were then moved to the Lower Building, and this was a great change in the school. At last the school really had a life of its own. Instead of, as it were, 'overlapping' with the monastery, it had its own identity. The monitorial system and the weekly Housemasters' meeting became essential elements in the way the school was run, and Fr Paul was able to give concrete expression to his vision of what an English Benedictine education should be. The style of the new school buildings, with their Common Room/Chapels and the easy access to the Housemaster's study



enabled Fr Paul to realise in a developed way the ideas on education which from the first were very clear and which he had learned from his contacts in Oxford during his time there. This philosophy was firmly based on an ethos of trust among growing boys, and on the devolution of authority through the monitorial system. Authority in the management of the school was now shared with the boys themselves. This represented a deep shift away from the style of supervision, which had been current in the 19th century School and in the generally accepted Catholic model that had its roots in the Jesuit system. It is impossible to exaggerate the impact made by this change. Fr Paul generated around himself an atmosphere of trust, liberty and joy, which communicated itself to all staff and boys who came into contact with it. In this he had, of course, the full support of Abbot Matthews, who, as Abbot, frequently gave a speech (which the boys came to know almost by heart) proclaiming that Ampleforth now had a school which could compete on equal terms with the Protestant schools, and that this made it unnecessary for parents to send their boys to Winchester or Eton, because the best that these schools could offer was now available at Ampleforth. Ampleforth's education was now no longer simply Catholic, it was also thoroughly English.

1939 was a definitive date in two ways. Abbot Matthews died at Easter, and Ampleforth, like everyone else, found itself plunged into the challenges represented by the Second World War. This had an immediate impact on staffing and recruitment and in many other ways, but the momentum now established under Fr Paul's leadership was sustained, sometimes in very imaginative ways including the temporary refuge offered to Bootham School, when York became a vulnerable target, and the much longer refuge offered to Avisford which had to be evacuated for the duration of the war from its home at Arundel. The years of war austerity, punctuated by the news of the death of many Old Boys, did not interrupt planning for the future, and as soon as the war was over Fr Paul again lifted morale by gaining permission from the Labour Government to develop The Hermitage as a new House, St Thomas's. This gesture of confidence made it possible to sustain the positive mood of development which led subsequently to the founding of two further Houses, St Hugh's and St John's. Fr Paul had nine further years as Headmaster after the war and this period of continuity enabled him to see his educational principles even more firmly established and also to lay the foundations for the future by rebuilding an effective Lay Staff - a factor which in the long run would be decisive for the future.

One of his greatest achievements was posthumous, namely, the completion of the Abbey Church. He had always been deeply committed to this as an essential expression of the new relationship between the monastery and an expanding school, and although he died before the planning could start, it was his vision and the huge support he had generated which enabled the project to be completed.

NOEL APPLEBY 1895 - 1984 A Memoir

SIR DAVID GOODALL (W50)

Noel was much loved by generations of Ampleforth monks, parents and boys.

FOR NEARLY 60 years, from the early 1920s to the early 1980s, Noel Appleby was a notable figure in the life of Ampleforth, and was well known to and much loved by generations of Ampleforth monks and boys. At the west end of the Village, he ran the only filling station and garage in the vicinity, as well as a bus and taxi service. The son of (I think) a bank manager in Castleford who had decamped to Australia, he was brought up by his mother, trained as a pharmacist in London, joined the Royal Engineers at the outbreak of the First World War and served as a Sapper sergeant in Mesopotamia, where for a time he was master of a paddle-steamer on the River Tigris. His time in the Sappers gave him his lifelong expertise with engines and mechanical devices, particularly clocks, but including slot machines and mechanical games and gadgets of all kinds, of which he had a large collection. Born in 1895, one of his earliest memories was of an aunt coming into the room where his mother was sitting and saying "Bessie, the good Queen's gone," and both women began to weep. Queen Victoria had died.

After the 1914-18 War, it was apparently his ambition to run a country garage in his native Yorkshire. A sister of his mother's lived in Pickering, and took his mother with her to the dedication of the Catholic Church there, where she learned of the impending sale of a two-pump petrol station in the village of Ampleforth, and its proximity to a College and Abbey which had a significant requirement for hired transport. "It would just suit you, Noel," she presciently said; and Noel brought her over to Ampleforth in the sidecar of his motorbike to give it their joint approval. It comprised Glebe House, at the West End of the Village, a work-shed behind it, and two petrol pumps, which stood on the grass bank between the house and the Main Street. Appleby and his mother bought it and Appleby rapidly developed it into a thriving business. As well as selling petrol and servicing and repairing customers' cars, he ran a taxi service, acquired a small fleet of buses (decidedly elderly by the 1950s), operated a regular bus service to York and Easingwold and collected and delivered coal from the (then existing) railway station at Helmsley. The Village was not yet on the Grid, so Noel acquired a generator, which brought electricity for the first time to the western end of the Village. The Applebys closed the petrol pumps for the last time in the summer of 1971, 50 years to the day since they had first served petrol from them.

Noel Appleby's role in the life of the College was as great as it was in the Village.

Hard though it is to believe when one contemplates today the serried ranks of cars and vans parked outside the monastery and all over the campus, by the late 1940s there were, to the best of my recollection, only three motor cars at the College: an elderly Rover, used occasionally by the Abbot, with a peak-capped driver called Winder who (I was told) had originally been the coachman; a rather battered, camouflaged staff car used by Fr Peter Utley as the commanding officer of the JTC; and an ancient, even more battered, upright Ford used by Fr Walter Maxwell-Stuart in his capacity as master of the Beagles. None of the resident monks had cars, and Fr Paul Nevill, the Headmaster, was never seen near a steering wheel. For routine journeys to and from York, we relied on the old "Reliance" bus; for all other journeys we used "Appleby." Appleby's buses took the rugger and cricket teams to play away at other schools, and conveyed most of the school to and from Gilling Station at the beginning and end of term; and one of Appleby's taxis (usually driven by Appleby himself) took individual monks and others on particular journeys for which a car might be needed. When two small boys from the Junior House went missing one summer term, Fr Paul personally (and successfully) scoured the countryside for them in Appleby's taxi, with Noel at the wheel; and when travel to the Continent became possible after the War, Appleby took groups of boys to France and once or twice to Lourdes in his bus.

As remarkable a character as Noel himself was his wife, Diana. Unlike Noel who came from West Yorkshire, Diana came of a local Ampleforth family, and one of the few memorial tablets in St Hilda's Church is to a forebear of hers: "Captain William Easterby, late 3rd Dragoon Guards, who died 18 November 1838 aged 71" and who, according to the Applebys, had arrived in Belgium in 1815 just in time to miss the



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Battle of Waterloo. As well as being a caring neighbour and a generous and friendly hostess to boys from the College, Diana was devoted to animals; and the Applebys' house, as well as being overrun with cats, usually housed an injured rabbit or squirrel as well as an injured bird - latterly an injured jackdaw. On one occasion (so Noel himself told me) the jackdaw perched on the door of a car which had stopped to fill up with petrol. When the driver wound up the window, it somehow scraped the scalp off the unfortunate bird. The next customer to arrive for petrol was Dr Vidal (another larger than life figure in both the Village and the College). Appleby showed him the injured jackdaw and asked him if he could do anything to save it. Dr Vidal took it away, sewed its scalp back on - and the bird survived. Next time Vidal came for petrol, Noel asked how much he owed him for treating the bird, receiving the memorable reply: "Put your money back in your pocket, Appleby; I'd sooner treat your bird than most of my human patients."

As well as their establishment in the Village, the Applebys were tenants of the "Mount Snever Observatory," the stone tower deep in the woods above Oldstead, erected to commemorate the coronation of Queen Victoria in 1837. They restored and furnished its upper storey, where they used to invite friends - and on Gormire Day boys from the College - to picnic, so that it became locally known simply as "Appleby's Tower." After it had been broken into, Noel fitted its door with a large and complicated lock of his own design to which the favoured few would be lent an equally large and home-made key.

The Applebys had no children of their own, and when Diana died in 1980, Noel was lonely and bereft. Every Thursday (the day on which Diana had died) he would walk up to St Hilda's and stand meditatively by her grave, a tall, craggy faced old man with white hair and moustache, in a shiny old black suit and waistcoat, an old-fashioned hearing aid pinned to his chest. One Thursday Basil Hume, then Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, called at Noel's house to see how he was and was told that he would be at his wife's grave. The Cardinal walked up to St Hilda's and found Noel standing with bowed head by the grave. The Cardinal came and stood silently across the grave from him. Noel looked up, and after a moment's puzzled silence, said doubtfully "You used to be Abbot here!" Not long after this, he went into hospital and died peacefully within the week.

A few years ago, I was walking across the fields to Byland, and was stopped by a local farmer who told me (politely) that I was on private land and ought to use the signed footpath. I apologised for inadvertently trespassing and explained that I was a long-standing resident of the village and had known the surrounding countryside, man and boy, for nearly 60 years. "Did you know old Appleby?" asked the farmer. I said he had indeed been a friend. "If you were a friend of Appleby's," said the farmer, "you can walk here where you like."

ST BENET'S HALL A year of significant development

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2015 HAS BEEN a transformative year for St Benet's Hall because of two intimately related developments: We have become a fully co-educational institution and we are in the process of acquiring a second site in central Oxford.

The Society of the Sacred Heart decided to leave Oxford after almost a century's dedication to support the academic education of women and women religious. In recent years, a small community of Sisters have run a hostel for graduate students in 11 Norham Gardens. On 30th September 2015 the Sisters and the last students left the hostel, and on 1st October St Benet's Hall took over the operation of the site - at first now on the basis of a leasing agreement while the fundraising campaign is intensifying to raise the £6 million necessary in order to purchase the site. The commitment of the Sacred Heart Sisters to the education of women religious and women will thus be continued in a new and vibrant manner.

The availability of this additional site for St Benet's Hall made it possible for the St Benet's Trust at its meeting on 4th June 2015 to pass a unanimous decision in favour of the admission of female undergraduates from 2016 onwards. Thus, the admission process which starts in October 2015 will comprise male and female candidates for the 20 places which St Benet's can offer in our five major subject areas: Theology, History, Classics, Oriental Studies, PPE, and some subject combinations.

Already in 2014 the St Benet's Trust had decided to admit female graduate students. Hence, at the beginning of the academic year 2015-16, the Hall was able and delighted to welcome 15 new graduate students in the different subject areas. Twelve of these graduate students are women.

The new site at 11 Norham Gardens does not only allow St Benet's to admit female undergraduates, but also significantly enhances the research and teaching environment. The new building gives us 23 additional student rooms and on-site accommodation for the Master and his family. The Directors of Study enjoy proper offices for tutorials and research. Moreover, a second library facility provides more space for books and study desks. There is also a dedicated space for graduate students, as well as a second joint common room in the new building. However, our original site at 38 St Giles with its chapel and dining hall will remain the heart of St Benet's and the home of the Benedictine monastic community.

In short, the acquisition of the second site will enable the transformation of St Benet's Hall into an academic community well placed for the next hundred years and beyond. We shall do our best to raise the necessary funds to promote this transformative process.

11 Norham Gardens is pictured below.



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The Lucky Twin
Dr Conor Carr (T52)

1934. Cardiff. Twin boys are born prematurely at home to two young Irish doctors. The first twin is lucky, born perfect. The second twin is less lucky, suffering cerebral damage that will impact on the rest of his life. This is the story of the lucky twin, his childhood in wartime Britain, his Public School education and general medical training, and his eight years training to become an Obstetrician-Gynaecologist, including over two years in Uganda as it progressed to Independence.




Scottish Red Deer and their Conservation
Vernon Patrick Lowe (C46)

Author's note: "Some of the observations in this book arose from the time when I was involved in a survey of the red deer in Scotland under the direction of the late Sir Frank Fraser Darling. Most of the chapters, however, are concerned with the findings of my research on the population of red deer on Run during the period 1957-66, after the Nature Conservancy had just acquired the island (1957) as a National Nature Reserve.



The Heretic
Henry Vyner-Brooks (C90)

The Stage: While Brother Pacificus hides from his own past, the old world - monasteries, hospitals, guilds - is being squandered. Now he awakes to a new world order: the rise of the restless rich, the omnipotent state, the triumph of fact. The Players: They were nobodies; pawns, misfits, caught in the cogs of other men's schemes. A monk, a leper, a whore, an eel-catcher, three children with parents accused of heresy, washed up like flotsam in these Norfolk backwaters. The Inferno: Heresy, sedition, betrayal, murder; England's last Benedictine house boils over. Trust no one. Watch your back. Good advice, yet these unlikely heroes must now trade trust for survival. The Heretic is based on historical events and real people.



OLD AMPLEFORDIANS AND THE GREAT WAR

HUGH CODRINGTON

At a time when we are remembering the centenary of the First World War it is interesting to look back and see how the war was reported in the Ampleforth Journal. The Journal was a well-established publication by 1914 and throughout the war there were three editions a year. Through its pages the Journal shows the impact of the War on Ampleforth and, in particular, on the Old Boys who were doing the fighting. However, what also emerges is that Ampleforth's experiences were, in some ways, a reflection of what was happening to the country as a whole. The main events, the personal tragedies and the sheer scale of sacrifice are clearly illustrated.

The Journal of May 1914 has no indication of an impending war. This is hardly surprising. Even when the assassination at Sarajevo occurred on 28th June very few appreciated its significance, let alone its consequences. However, in the next edition of the Journal, in January 1915, the impact was clear. To begin with a new item under the School Notes section was entitled 'Ampleforth and the War' and it appeared in each edition throughout the hostilities. It always began with a 'Roll of Honour' of the dead, wounded and missing. The first Old Boy whose death was reported was Ambrose Teeling who was killed on 25th September 1914 at the Battle of Ainsie. The Teelings were just one Ampleforth family grievously affected by the war. Another brother, Theodore, had already been captured at the battle of Mons and seems to have spent the duration as a prisoner. Tragedy struck again when Luke Teeling was killed on 8th November 1918 - just three days before the armistice. At least three other Ampleforth families lost a pair of brothers.

News of casualties who were friends of Ampleforth was also included. For example, Captain Burners of the Irish Guards had given frequent help to the Officer Training Corps (forefather of the CCF) and wrote a lengthy article about his part in the retreat from Mons that was published in the Journal. He was killed at Ainsie. Also: 'The brothers Ffield have lost their brother, Flight Lt Bernard Ffield, who fell with his machine from a great height.' The sense of the wider community of Ampleforth comes through strongly.

Ampleforth was a very different place, of course. To begin with it was a very small school. The same edition of the Journal reports that 23 new boys joined the school, taking the total school number to 'a record one hundred and forty-four.' The Theatre had been completed in 1914 and The New Pavilion was in operation. 'May it offer kindly hospitality to many generations of Ampleforth cricketers!' was the cry. The foundation stone to the Preparatory School (aka Junior House and St Alban Roe)

had been laid and it was hoped that the building would be completed by Easter 1916. The OTC was a major activity of the school at the time, compulsory for all, but the *Journal* laments the departure of both the Drill Sergeant and the Sergeant Major who had been required to return to the army. There were only two lay teachers (one for drawing the other for music), the other 21 were monks. All the boys were housed in the main school - the house system was not introduced until 1926.

The commitment of Amplefordians to the war was extensive given the tiny size of the school. In each of the editions there are lists of Old Boys involved: 'We are proud to print the following list of Old Boys who are serving with the colours in this great crisis of our country's history.' It is recognised that the list is incomplete and there is a call for more information so that it can be published in future editions. Nevertheless the first list contains 125 names. The *Journal* of January 1919 reports that 'as far as we are able to say, 375 old boys have served in the war.'

The first list will have comprised those Old Boys who were part of the country's regular or reserve army at the outbreak of the war and who would have gone to France and Belgium as part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF). It was a fraction of the size of the French or German armies and as early as August 1914 the finger of the Secretary of state for War, Lord Kitchener, was pointing from placards demanding 'Your Country Needs You.' Ampleforth boys responded. Fifteen boys had left the school at the end of the summer term in 1914 and the *Journal* reports that 'many of these are now in the army. To one and all we wish God-speed.' Of these Leonard Williams was killed in September 1915, having turned down a place at New College Oxford, and Eldred Martin was killed at the Somme in 1916. William Liston lasted until April 1917.

A further three boys left at Christmas in 1914. The *Journal* comments 'All three have obtained commissions...the School envies them this privilege, and wishes them much glory and a safe passage to Berlin.' The tone of this entry is perhaps a reflection of the enthusiasm that was generated for the war in the early months. Only one of the three survived. Francis Morrogh-Bernard was killed in December 1917 and Reginald Barnewall in March 1918.

The *Journal* of January 1915 includes an unattributed article which comments on the outbreak of the war. The speed of events leading to the start of the war is reflected: 'the terrible war that lately burst upon Europe from summer skies with the suddenness of a thunderstorm'. In some bewilderment the writer searches for reasons. In the previous century, he says, improved communications, education, and travel had brought Britain and Germany much closer together: 'these many bonds of business, of common pursuits, of marriage, of religion, have drawn the two nations so close together that the fratricidal strife that has broken out between

them takes on much of the atrocity of a Civil war.' There is no doubt who was responsible, he calls the Germans 'homicidal maniacs.'

However, most notable are the comments on the new form of warfare. The war brought a scale of destruction never seen before. The writer blames 'the ruthless efficiency of Teutonic Warfare' and his clear sense of outrage is a fine example of the opinions of the majority in the country at the time: 'We had allowed for the devastated fields and burnt villages of the fighting line; not for the ruined cities of France and Flanders, the massacre of unarmed peasants, the bombardment of defenceless towns...Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool.'

He refers to the German naval shelling of the East Coast which killed British civilians and which shocked a nation whose previous wars had been fought largely without civilian losses. Once again this national event touched Ampleforth. The sound of the bombing was heard in the locality although, curiously, not at the school itself. But its seriousness was brought home the next day when refugees from Scarborough arrived by train and when it was learned that Dom Ignatius Miller's invalided mother had been killed in the bombardment of Whitby. The war also came close to the College on 25th September 1916 when a Zeppelin passed over and dropped its bombs 'on the moors in the back and one in a field.'

For the French it was Verdun; for the British it was the Somme - the one battle that came to typify the horror of the Western Front. 1st July 1916 remains the worst day in British military history as Kitchener's Volunteer Army with its Pals Battalions, raised with such enthusiasm since 1914, went into large scale battle for the first time. Approximately 57,000 of them were killed, wounded or missing by the end of that day. Among the dead were four Old Boys: John Bodenham, Eldred Martin, Francis Wittam and Raymond Calder-Smith (who was posted as missing as late as July 1918). The Somme campaign lasted until November and claimed the lives of a further six Amplefordians: Henry Allanson, Leo Miles, Leo Fishwick, Vincent Narey, Matthew Honan and Bernard Cadic. The *Journal* reports that the latter died of 'Shell Shock,' another horror particularly associated with this war. In another way these Amplefordian dead of the Somme also reflect a broader picture. Only four of them have known graves, the other six are listed among those who have 'no known grave' on Lutyn's great memorial at Thiepval.

As the war progressed the *Journal* not only maintained the lists of killed, wounded, missing or taken prisoner but also added obituaries and tributes to those who had lost their lives. Increasingly, too, snippets of news were published as Old Boys wrote in with their experiences. As the war spread Amplefordians found themselves fighting on various fronts.

Typical of the contributions were letters sent by Cyril Ainscough who saw action in Egypt before taking part in the Gallipoli campaign. He wrote of a wound he received: 'It just went through my boot and made a bit of a bruise but I could follow behind the battalion...luckily they did not return me as a casualty.' He gives a vivid account of life in the trenches. 'A few bullets fly over when the firing line is busy, otherwise nothing happens....we cannot get outside for fear of snipers.' He reports how they were using a captured Turkish trench and, in the efforts to improve it, a part of it collapsed on his party: 'they had to dig us out.' Later he was shot at by one of his own sentries by mistake! A slight wound sent him from the trench for a day. On another occasion, after rainfall, they found themselves up to their knees in water and on another 'the place is full of ants which crawl all over you, but do not bite.' He shows some appreciation for his enemy 'I think the Turks are far better sports than the Germans.' But then he reports: 'Rotten luck, I have been hit again in the foot....I am afraid it will take longer than my other wound, but not too long I hope.' A final, throw-away comment shows the pride men had in their fighting units and the understated awfulness of the task: 'I hope you will hear of the Fifth Manchesters. I think we did our job all right. Anyhow we got our bayonets into them this time, and got a bit of our own back.'

The very next edition of the Journal reports Cyril's death. He had recovered from his wound and cabled home: 'Very cheery— going back.' Not uniquely the Journal published extracts from the letter sent to Cyril's father by his commanding officer: 'I can't tell you how much I feel for you and Mrs Ainscough. You have the consolation, such as it is, of knowing that he was killed very gallantly, leading his men, and that they would follow him anywhere.' Many of the other obituaries in the Journal have extracts from the letters to grieving families from commanding officers or from chaplains - just some of hundreds of thousands of such letters that were sent.

Officers and men were relieved from the horrors of the trenches by occasional periods of leave. As the war progressed the Journal listed the names of those serving Old Boys who visited Ampleforth while they were back in the country. My own grandfather, Joseph Pike, who served for the duration, appears several times on these lists. However, his visits did not make the same impact as that of his brother, Bertrand. Fr Bertrand Pike OP served as a chaplain. He was captured by the Germans at the Battle of Cambrai towards the end of 1917 but was back in time to give the school an account of his experiences as a 'guest of the fatherland' at the beginning of the summer term in 1918. The Journal comments: 'It is not too much to say that we had not a dull minute during the two hours for which Fr Pike lectured. He described the battle, his capture, his imprisonment and his subsequent repatriation. We all felt that we had for once peeped behind the scenes.'

Far behind the front lines soldiers rested in various types of camps. At Etaples there

was a large Reinforcement Camp which was a staging post for those who were about to 'go up the line' to the front. Here volunteers manned 'Huts' which were places where food was served and soldiers could relax, buy provisions and so on. The Catholic Hut at Etaples was named the Ampleforth Hut by its founder who was an Old Boy. A volunteer wrote to the Journal describing its work. The Hut was funded partly by contributions. The article reports that 'Ampleforth village has sent a subscription, which we thought most sporting of them, and the College has sent substantial sums several times.' A chapel formed part of the Hut and Mass and Benediction were frequently celebrated. The writer comments 'Holy or indifferent, keen or lazy, the soldier who ever goes to the Sacraments at all, goes when he is leaving the base camp for the firing line...and thus in the Ampleforth Hut thousands and thousands of men have been to Confession and Holy Communion, in some cases for the last time in their lives.'

Like approximately 36,000 other communities in the country Ampleforth was keen to create a war memorial. The Journal of May 1918 announced that 'a committee consisting of Old Boys and friends of Ampleforth has been formed with a view to promoting a War Memorial to commemorate the services of Ampleforth boys in the War.' Among the aims was 'the provision of Scholarships for a period of 15 years from the end of the War in favour of the sons and dependants of old boys who have lost their lives.' Money from the fund still exists and forms part of the bursary fund for the College today. Another aim was 'the erection of a chantry, either as an addition to the present Abbey Church or as part of a new Church as circumstances shall dictate.' The chapel to the south of the monks' choir in the present Abbey is the result. There can be viewed, in beautiful calligraphy, the Roll of Honour of the 63 Old Boys who gave their lives in the Great War. And how many students have entered the Big Study without realising that the Thompson doors are also a memorial on which are carved the names of the dead? The legacy of the War is still with us. The names of the Ampleforth dead also reflect another feature of the War, namely the disproportionate number of young officers who were killed. More than half of them held the rank of Lieutenant or Second Lieutenant.

The confirmation of the news of the Armistice was an event in itself. A lone plane approached the College shortly after noon on 11th November, performed a spectacular aerobatic display and landed on the cricket field. Out climbed an Old Boy, Captain Basil Collison. Soon he was 'surrounded by masters and boys...cheering lustily the news of the Armistice and its bearer.' On 12th November a huge bonfire, crowned with an effigy of the Kaiser, was lit on the Beacon within a few hundred yards of a German prisoners' camp. 'As the flames mounted on high we sang 'God save the King,' cheered vociferously and gave vent to our feelings.' Clearly the end of the war was greeted in Ampleforth in much the same way as elsewhere. But earlier the Abbot had celebrated a thanksgiving Mass which was

attended by all the school. The Journal commented 'sometimes it is hard to realise that the black days of the Great War have gone forever, and we - thanks to others - have been allowed once again to live in the days of peace...we are proud to think that among them may be numbered those whom Ampleforth counts among her sons.' And finally, Ampleforth was not spared the influenza epidemic that swept through Europe at the end of the War which accounted for more dead than the war itself. The Journal reported that the school returned on 21st January 1919 without a case in evidence but 'within a week most of us were prostrate.' For four weeks the school was 'a hospital' and for two months 'a convalescent home.' Although the flu was 'a veritable scourge' the medical staff worked wonders and 'we are able to record that only one case proved fatal.'

The pages of the Journal show that Ampleforth was affected by many aspects of the War but that it contributed in no small measure. The War almost came to Ampleforth with the Zeppelin, the bombing of the East Coast and the German prison camp beyond the Beacon. A clear sense of community comes through the pages, as Old Boys kept in touch, sent news of their experiences and came to visit. And Ampleforth gave some spiritual comfort through its support of the Ampleforth Hut. Most significantly, the Journal proves that Amplefordians rallied to the national call as well as any. From a school which, at its height, was barely 200 strong, a steady supply of young men answered the call. The letters and obituaries show their enormous courage and selflessness. The variety of their commitment is evident, not only in the great battles of the Western Front, but also in Gallipoli, Palestine, East Africa, at sea and in the air. The Journal shows that Ampleforth reflected many features of the war itself, not least in its commitment to honouring the memory of the Old Boys whose deaths are recorded so poignantly and whose number is so great.

Roll of Honour

25th September 1914

Ambrose Teeling (OA07), Lieutenant, Norfolk Regiment

12th November 1914

Reginald Barnett (OA04), 1st Royal Dragoons

24th December 1914

John Nevill (OA02), Second Lieutenant, Grenadier Guards

9th May 1915

William Heffernan (OA03), Second Lieutenant, Royal Irish Regiment

24th May 1915

Charles Hines (OA1892), Major, Durham Light Infantry

9th June 1915

William Sharp (OA05), Corporal, Royal Engineers

9th July 1915

Basil Wood (OA06), South African Rifles

6th August 1915

Cyril Ainscough (OA10), Captain, Manchester Regiment

11th September 1915

Leonard Williams (OA14), Lieutenant, South Wales Borderers

28th September 1915

George Hall (OA14), Lieutenant, Royal Berkshire Regiment

13th October 1915

Oswald Williams (OA02), Major, Monmouthshire Regiment

15th December 1915

Austin Hines (OA03), Second Lieutenant, Durham Light Infantry

3rd January 1916

Alan Clapham (OA11), Second Lieutenant, East Yorkshire Regiment

18th February 1916

George Oberhoffer (OA02), Private, Royal Fusiliers

31st May 1916

Sidney Punch (OA01), Surgeon, RN, HMS Indefatigable

28th June 1915

Francis Long (OA13), Second Lieutenant, Royal Field Artillery

1st July 1916

Henry Allanson (OA04), Second Lieutenant, Suffolk Regiment

1st July 1916

Jack Bodenham (OA07), Rifleman, London Regiment

1st July 1916

Raymond Calder-Smith (OA), Second Lieutenant, London Regiment

1st July 1916

Eldred Martin (OA14), Lieutenant, Royal Warwickshire Regiment

1st July 1916

Francis Whittam (OA), Second Lieutenant, Royal Lancashire Fusiliers

8th August 1916

Leo Miles (OA06), Lance Corporal, King's Liverpool Regiment

9th August 1916

Leo Fishwick (OA12), Private, King's Liverpool Regiment

20th August 1916

Bernard Cadic (OA), Captain, Royal Garrison Artillery

15th October 1916

Vincent Narey (OA03), Second Lieutenant, The Duke of Wellington's

14th November 1916

Matthew Honan (OA), Captain, South Lancashire Regiment

2nd March 1917

Cyril Cravos (OA13), Second Lieutenant, Royal Flying Corps

25th March 1917

Peter Chamberlain (OA08), Engineer, Merchant Service

12th April 1917

William Liston (OA), Captain, Leinster Regiment

5th May 1917

William Dent Young (OA09), Lieutenant, Australian Contingent

9th May 1917

Marcel Martin (OA01), Captain and Adjutant, Royal Warwickshire Regiment

15th July 1917

Ralph Power (OA15), Lieutenant, 33rd Punjabis Regiment

17th July 1917

Richard Kernan (OA), Officer, HMS Innamincka

7th November 1917

Gerald Cloran (OA), Sub-Lieutenant, Royal Naval Reserve

23rd November 1917

Ewan Blackledge (OA15), Second Lieutenant, King's Liverpool Regiment

30th November 1917

John Parle (OA02), Captain, MC, King's Liverpool Regiment

17th December 1917

Francis Morrogh-Bernard (OA14), Lieutenant, Royal Munster Fusiliers

22nd December 1917

Joseph Buckley (OA07), Captain and Adjutant, MC, Rifle Brigade

9th March 1918

Edmund Byrne (OA10), Second Lieutenant, Welsh Guards

15th March 1918

John Macpherson (OA13), Lieutenant, Gordon Highlanders

20th March 1918

Patrick Duffy (OA04), Air Mechanic First Class, Royal Flying Corps

24th March 1918

Hon Reginald Barnewall (OA), Lieutenant, Leinster Regiment

10th July 1918

Herbert Redmond (OA10), Lieutenant, Royal Air Force

17th August 1918

James Barton (OA15), Lieutenant, MC, Royal Garrison Artillery

22nd August 1918

Pierre Vuylsteke (OA11), Lieutenant, Belgian Army

24th August 1918

Laurence Walton (OA02), Private, Royal Fusiliers

28th August 1918

Maurice Gerrard (OA17), Second Lieutenant, Royal Field Artillery

29th August 1918

Wilfrid Ruxton (OA07), Lieutenant, Royal Irish Regiment

2nd September 1918

Austin Darby (OA11), Canadian Contingent

18th September 1918

Bertram Hawkswell (OA13), Lieutenant, Royal Air Force

18th September 1918

Basil Smith (OA13), Second Lieutenant, South Lancashire Regiment

28th September 1918

Thomas McGhee (OA17), Second Lieutenant, Highland Light Infantry

28th September 1918

Wilfrid Readman (OA07), Second Lieutenant, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

3rd November 1918

Archibald McDonald (OA15), Captain, Lovat's Scouts

8th November 1918

Luke Teeling (OA07), Captain, Royal Field Artillery



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Opened November 11, 1915, at 11.30 AM, 2/3 Miles from Wether.

As its title indicates, this remarkable book celebrates a milestone in the history of the Ampleforth Beagles and anyone who has ever known the joy of following these hounds on a crisp winter's day across their spectacular moorland country will find that Ian Kibble's book will bring happy memories flooding back.

It is a comprehensive and sensitively written account of the history of this pack, right from its unusual beginnings 100 years ago, through the move away from Ampleforth College in 1994, the

challenges of the Hunting Act of 2005 and on to the present day.

To single out any of the great names in the Hunt's history would be invidious. But perhaps one would be forgiven for making an exception in the case of Fr Walter Maxwell-Stuart, whose record-breaking 47 years as Hunt Secretary epitomised the special relationship both he and the Hunt had and continue to have with farmers and gentry alike.

We are reminded in the book that "Fr Walter's shy quizzical smile was welcomed all over the Ampleforth country in the homes of country folk from every walk of life, from Earls to earthstoppers" and Abbot Cuthbert Madden refers in the foreword to the national reputation enjoyed by the beagles.

While success in the shows may vary over the years, the contribution of the Hunt to the life of the local community has remained a valued constant in the enjoyment of its enormously varied supporters.

This history of the Beagles, with its wealth of historical detail, anecdotes by an impressive list of hunting folk and lyrical descriptions of days following hounds, gives a unique insight into how this came to be.

The book, priced at £25 plus £3 post and packaging, can be obtained from Ian Kibble, Cold Harbour Cottage, Coulton, Hovingham, York, YO62 4NF. Cheques payable to Ampleforth Beagles.

THE AMPLEFORTH SOCIETY

Trustees' Report

DAVID O'KELLY (C81)

HON TREASURER OF THE AMPLEFORTH SOCIETY

The Society continues to support its members through the provision of grants and the School through the funding of Bursaries. In this financial year it will have achieved a level of support equivalent to 2.4 bursaries, which is what we set out to do this year as we prepared for the restructuring of the Society. This remains lower than in previous years, and indeed it will be lower again in 2015/16, reflecting not only the increase in school fees and the reduction in the number of students paying them but also the desire of the Trustees to make funds available to support other activities within the Objectives. The Trustees continue to examine ways in which the Objectives can be carried out to the benefit of a greater number of people and it is possible therefore that for a short period, the support to bursaries may decrease; ultimately however, it remains the wish of the Trustees that funds be built up to allow for this increased support.

The Trustees continue to provide grants to a number of Clubs within the Society and to some specific events. These are likely to increase over the coming years as part of an initiative to provide wider support.

The Hon Secretary, Fr Hugh Lewis-Vivas OSB, in conjunction with a very supportive Development Office, continues to develop and maintain strong relations with all members of the Society. An increased communication effort has taken place this year to consult more widely with the membership, and importantly future membership.

At the Trustees meeting in March, reports were received from the President, Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary and several issues were discussed. The draft business plan for the Society was discussed and much work on this has been undertaken during the year. This plan, if adopted at the AGM, will be fully implemented in FY 15/16.

During the 12 months in question, the portfolio rose by just under 2% in capital terms. As ever, this figure excludes the income generated so the total return is closer to 4%, and while a little lacklustre as compared with the sorts of returns we have become used to during the past few years, it does compare favourably with a fall of over 5% in the UK stockmarket (as represented by the FTSE All-Share) and a decline of 1% in the balanced benchmark.

Despite the recent weakness in the dollar and the underperformance of US equities during the first quarter of this year, when we look at the year as a whole, the US investments have once again added considerable value. The best performer was the US medical distributor, Henry Schein, rising by over 20%, while other notable contributors were the Miton UK Value Opportunities Fund, Novartis and the Polar Capital Insurance Fund. Conversely, mining and resources stocks were, unsurprisingly, the worst performers as commodity prices fell sharply, but we are generally 'underweight' in this area and shall continue to be so until there is any real evidence of inflation picking up on a global basis.

As things stand today, the equity component of the portfolio is around 60%, so relatively low by historical standards but hopefully sufficient to ensure some capital progress over the medium term without putting the capital at undue risk.

The Society has benefited once more from unexpected, but welcome, donations.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2015

INCOME	£
Voluntary Income	79,793
Investment Income	13,535
Other resources	403
Total:	93,731

EXPENDITURE	
Investment fees	4,863
Charitable Activities	82,174
Governance	1,020
Total:	88,057

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	5,674
Gains and Losses on Investment assets	9,366
Net movement in funds	15,040
Balance B/F at 1 Sep 2014	553,350
Balance of funds carried forward	568,390

BALANCE SHEET	
Investments	524,257
Cash assets in bank accounts	44,133
Creditors	(960)
Total:	568,390

OLD AMPLEFORDIAN OBITUARIES

The following pages contain a number of obituaries of Old Amplefordians who died since the last Journal. A full list of Old Amplefordian deaths is available on the website - www.aa.ampleforth.org.uk - and in the Ampleforth Diaries.

JOHN ALEXANDER NINIAN ELLIOT (E48) 1st April 1930 – 4th August 2014 was born in 1930. His father, a Royal Naval Fleet Arm Officer, was killed in a flying accident in Cyprus soon after his birth. John was immersed in the Benedictine way of life from an early age. In 1937 he went to Worth before going to Ampleforth, where the beagles became his absorbing interests, and of which he eventually became Master.

In 1948, John went to Sandhurst, but was invited to leave after being told that he would probably make a very good General 'but nothing much on the way up.' He went on to study Agriculture at Cirencester before farming near Malmesbury. This Cotswold farm proved to be too small to be viable and so he decided to leave England for Kenya where he began farming in one of the remotest parts of northern Kenya. At the height of the Mau Mau troubles, he left to become an auctioneer for Dalgety's, who at that time was selling ranches for many settlers who decided to return home. He then bought a more accessible farm at Portman's Bridge near Gilgil, where polo became one of his great interests.

In 1962 John married Jean Patricia Sale who was working with the US Embassy in Nairobi. In 2007, living in retirement at Portman's Bridge, John and Pattie were shot by bandits in their home and suffered severe injuries which probably hastened both their deaths – Pattie in 2008 and John in 2014.

A Kenya colleague writes: "John loved his farming and his cattle, was popular and known by all the large-scale ranchers. He and Pattie were known for their wonderful hospitality and generosity to a wide range of ages and people from different backgrounds. One of the most moving moments at the farewell for John were the words spoken by a now successful African neighbour who, as a boy, used to help with odd jobs. John instilled in him the value of an education and hard work. He supported him financially, enabling him to get a good secondary education."

John and Pattie had no children, but kept in close contact with UK nephew and nieces, who on a number of occasions were able to visit them in Kenya.

HUBERT CONSTANTINE SOLTAN (A50) 16th December 1932 – 12th September 2014 was born in Wilno, Poland in 1932, the youngest child of Anna Balinska and Aleksander Soltan. When the USSR occupied Eastern Poland in 1939

his family became refugees, eventually reaching England in 1940. After attending Ampleforth, Hubert emigrated to Canada where he attended the University of Toronto, receiving an Honours Biology degree in 1955 and a PhD in Human Genetics in 1959.

In 1958 he was appointed to teach biology at St Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia where he met Judie. He moved to London, Ontario in 1961 to join Dr Murray Barr's group at the University of Western Ontario (UWO). Hugh and Judie were married in 1962. He qualified in Medicine at UWO in 1970. After 1971, he devoted much of his professional life to developing Medical Genetics in London, the province of Ontario and throughout Canada. He was a founding member of both the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists and the Association of Genetic Counsellors of Ontario and the first director of the UWO Regional Medical Genetics Centre. In 1997, he retired from teaching medical and dental students at UWO but continued genetic counselling and predictive testing for families with Huntington's disease and was a lifetime member of the Huntington Society of Canada.

His interest in the historical development of Medical Genetics in Canada resulted in several publications including the first history of the discipline in Canada.

Hubert will be truly missed by his family and friends at Richmond Woods, as well as his devoted spiritual community and his book club.

LINDSAY JOHN JOSEPH WALTER (W35) 2nd February 1916 – 12th September 2014 was raised first in Mauritius, where his father was Director of the Observatory, then, from 1924, in Nairobi, where the African bush provided the backdrop for a happy and carefree childhood. But at the age of 13, formal education beckoned and he had to leave the open spaces of Africa for the grey skies of Yorkshire. From the day he first glimpsed the valley at Ampleforth he never returned to Africa, and indeed only saw his parents a handful of times in the ensuing six years.

Luckily, boarding school life agreed with him. Encouraged by a junior housemaster, Father Illyd Williams, he discovered a passion for cricket and ended up in the 1st XI for four consecutive years, captaining the team for the last two.

Then, in 1934, his penultimate year at Ampleforth, he decided that he wanted to go into the monastery. He took his simple vows, but after a little while began to realise that something wasn't right. He had done it for the wrong reasons – he loved Ampleforth, loved sport and really wanted to keep his connection with the place. He thought that joining the monastery was a way of doing that. He completed his novitiate and continued to teach and coach cricket in the school. But despite having the makings of a monk, his conscience continued to trouble him. An interview with

the Abbot of the day did not convince him to stay, and he eventually left Ampleforth. He entered the world of business in 1939, just before war broke out, and returned to it in 1946, having travelled in the Middle East as a cipher officer 'without ever firing a shot.' In 1949, married by now, he joined Shell and worked there until taking early retirement in 1973. His wife later developed Parkinson's Disease and he nursed her for four years, until she died in 2002.

Throughout his life, he says, Ampleforth was the one place he always wanted to return to 'more than Mauritius, or even Kenya.' Although after leaving the monastery, it was a long time before he eventually did. He rediscovered it again in 2008 when, aged 92, he joined the Ampleforth pilgrimage to Lourdes. A year later, as one of the oldest living Amplefordians, and a close friend of one of the remembered pilots, he was invited to unveil the school's Battle of Britain Memorial Plaque.

Speaking of Ampleforth when he was interviewed for a copy of Ampleforth's Seven Stories brochure in 2012, Lindsay said: 'everything was right when I was a schoolboy there...I've never found that anywhere else. Although I couldn't describe it in any number of words, it was and is complete.'

BASIL ANTHONY DELISLE DAVIS (E48) 18th November 1931 – 13th September 2014, known as Tony, of Palmer Township, Pennsylvania, died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. He was a wonderful storyteller whose deep appreciation of family history will be sorely missed. Tony was born in Basseterre St Kitts, West Indies, the son of the late Basil Berridge and Kathleen Monica Davis. He had many fond memories of his education by the Benedictines at Ampleforth. He continued his education at the Imperial College of Agriculture, Trinidad. Basil emigrated to Canada where he met his future wife, Carol Anne (née McCulloch), to whom he was married for 51 years. They eventually moved to Rosemère Quebec and raised their three children. In 1985, while working for JM Huber, he relocated to Easton Pennsylvania.

Tony was predeceased by his sister Theresa Walwyn of Basseterre St Kitts. In addition to his wife, Tony is survived by his sons Benjamin and Spencer, his daughter Katherine, sisters Pamela and Gillian and six grandchildren.

DAVID PHILIP FOSTER (O42) 20th April 1924 – 24th September 2014 often described himself as a 'retiring man' as he had retired more than most – as a Captain in the Royal Engineers after the Second World War, as an architect, as a cattle farmer in Zimbabwe, as an architect again and then finally as a farmer in West Lothian. Sixty four years in total!

He was born in Queensbury, Yorkshire in 1924, five and a half years after the end of the Great War, and considered himself very lucky to be born in such an interesting period of social history ("except of course for the war; exciting at times but really six years wasted and very much more too!") His intrigue at how much the world had changed since he was born led him to write his memoirs so that his children and grandchildren could see how commonplace things nowadays had not even been dreamt of when he was young.

To narrow down one or two stories from such a varied career is difficult – from arriving in Normandy a month after D-day and building bridges through Germany, all the way through to a far more quiet family life on the farm.

Through all his stories run the traits that made him who he was; kindness, patience, Christian faith and his vast knowledge from a mind that seemed to remember everything, except maybe if the dog had been fed. He could recall the names and nicknames of all his teachers at Ampleforth and Gilling and always seemed to find the Latin he had learnt at school useful. Through the Host charity he opened his home up to foreign students so his visitor's book was packed with grateful comments from visitors all over the world who were lucky enough to experience his fabulous hospitality. Visiting family or students were all treated with the same warm welcome and offered his famous selection of whisky after supper.

As well as a captain, an architect and a farmer he was a patient man – patient enough to calmly teach all three of his children to drive – a hospitable man – he loved to welcome people into his home and pass on his knowledge – and a mariner, he loved to sail or be by the sea, so retiring to the west coast of Scotland was an obvious choice.

He died, aged 90, peacefully at home surrounded by family. He is survived by his three children, including Peter Foster (H95), and three grandchildren of whom he was immensely proud.

EDWARD OTTO MARIA FRANCIS SCHULTE (A51) 23rd June 1933 – 14th October 2014 died from pneumonia following a period of declining health. He was predeceased by Helen, his beloved wife of over 50 years, in 2009, and he never really got over the loss. He had four children Susan (died 2002), Caroline, Mark and John.

He was born in Birmingham in 1933 to Dutch parents who had arrived in the UK in 1922. One of six children he was part of a large and ever increasing family which he cherished and his family was always the most important thing to him. Having completed his education at Ampleforth he followed in his father and two elder brothers' shoes and joined C&A where he achieved a very senior level by his

retirement. He remained heavily involved in church works and was asked by the Bishop of Northampton to be a trustee of the newly formed The Holy Family of Nazareth Education Trust. He later became the Chairman till his failing health meant he had to relinquish his duties. He was heavily involved in the local Northampton chapter of the Catenians.

JAMES PETER BARTON (O41) 16th March 1923 – 1st December 2014, known as Peter, enjoyed a long, varied and Christian life, reaching the age of 91 before he died.

He was born in Lymm, Cheshire in 1923 to John and Beatrice Barton who both had 17th century English martyrs as ancestors - Blessed Thomas Holland (1642) and Blessed Richard Langhorn (1690). Aged seven, he followed his father to Ampleforth, where as well as daily Mass he shared many classes with the future Cardinal Basil Hume.

He left St Oswald's in 1941 and went up to Cambridge to read Mechanical Engineering in a compressed timeframe due to the Second World War. His asthma meant he spent more time doing the lighting in the Footlights Theatre, rather than rowing, but he never missed the Boat Race on TV.

After graduating, he joined the REME and was posted to India. Following the Japanese surrender, he was posted to Kobe in Japan to join the British and Commonwealth Occupational Force, and was promoted to Captain.

He was demobbed in 1948, joined Mather & Platt in Manchester as an engineering consultant and subsequently moved to Scotland in the late 1950s as a management consultant for AIC.

Here he met his first wife, Janette, a Protestant primary school teacher, who was 11 years younger than him. Following her conversion, they were married in 1961 in Falkirk by Peter's cousin, Fr Geoffrey Lynch (D44). Their son, Mark (W82), was born on their return to Cheshire, where Peter worked for the next 25 years in engineering, recruitment and software. Sadly, Janette died suddenly in 1988.

After retiring at 70, he bought land from ICI to build a new house and then married Bertha Jones, a widow with one son, Gwyn. Again, Peter encouraged Bertha to convert and they were married by Fr Geoffrey in 1996, with Mark as his best man. Bertha also died of cancer in 2003, so for the next ten years Peter lived by himself, playing bridge and continuing to use his computer skills for the benefit of his church. After a series of bad falls in 2013, Peter could no longer live alone and moved to Scotland to stay with Mark and his family in Peeblesshire. After nine months he got

too infirm and moved to a nursing home in Biggar, where he lived comfortably until his death from bronchopneumonia in November 2014.

JOHN RANKINE FLISHER (O41) 12th October 1923 – 12th December 2014 was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1923. After Newcastle Preparatory School, he was educated at Ampleforth and Oriel College, Oxford, where he read History.

Towards the end of the war, he was commissioned to the 74th (Northumbrian) Royal Artillery Regiment and saw active service in North Africa, Sicily and North West Europe. In 1945, he was seconded to the 10th Indian Field Regiment in the Indian Army and promoted to Captain at the youthful age of 22.

He met Kathleen in India and they married in England in 1948, a very happy marriage which ended only on her death in 2003; they had no children.

It had always been intended that John would join his father in the coal exporting business but nationalisation of the coal industry in 1947 forced him to look for other opportunities. He qualified as a chartered accountant with Deloitte in London but soon left private practice for industry – initially Standard Oil of New York and then C&A, where he served for over 20 years in many senior executive appointments, including Chief Financial Officer.

In retirement, John divided his time between charities, some commercial work and various leisure interests. He worked on various appeal projects at Westminster Cathedral for his school friend, Cardinal Basil Hume, and he set up his own charity; he established a private consultancy which advised mainly on matters relating to Lloyd's of London, as result of which he joined the Boards of a number of companies. He was an active golfer and otherwise a keen armchair sportsman, including a lifelong interest in Newcastle United. He and his wife cruised worldwide several times a year and loved to entertain at their home near Hyde Park.

After a bad fall in 2010, John was mostly confined to his home. He died peacefully in his sleep, aged 91.

CHRISTOPHER EDWARD FREEMAN (J62) 23rd June 1944 – 13th December 2014 joined Ampleforth College from St Martin's in January 1958 following his brother Robert (D48, died 1995) and his cousin Michael Scanlan (D57). His steady progress through the school led to the scholarship sixth form and a place at St Catherine's College, Oxford, picking up his colours for Athletics on the way.

Christopher played the organ in the Parish Church of St Wilfrid, in Ribchester and was organist and choir master for many years. He had played the organ at

Ampleforth for services and also played for most services at the Chaplaincy for four years. One disastrous day he overslept when Cardinal Heenan was attending to preside over Mass. Thereafter all Saturday nights had to be spent at the Chaplaincy!

He was a District Judge at Manchester from 1987 following a successful career as a Solicitor in Witney and Blackburn. He then became a Recorder, or Deputy Circuit Judge in 1996. He moved to Burnley County Court in 2005 and retired in 2011 but continued to sit as a Deputy District Judge and Recorder until he became ill at the end of April 2014.

Christopher was a prominent member of Ribchester Amateur Theatrical Society for many years, mainly as a Musical Director but also as a Pantomime Dame, composer, performer and latterly as a scriptwriter of two Pantomimes which he co-directed.

Christopher first married in 1967. In 1992, he married Judith Carter acquiring a loving and devoted wife, two wonderful step-daughters and four fantastic grandchildren.

MARTIN FRANCIS YOUNG (B80) 11th June 1962 – 20th December 2014 died suddenly and peacefully at home aged 52. He leaves his wife Elaine, sons Michael 23, Jonny 19 and Rebecca 16. Also his mother Margaret, brothers Patrick (B78) and David and sisters Rachel and Barbera as well as many close friends.

He was born and raised in the northeast of England and was a resident of Alnwick. He attended Newlands preparatory school in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne before starting Ampleforth in 1975.

After leaving Ampleforth in 1980 Martin set up his own printing business before working for The Edward Thompson printing group based in Sunderland. He was about to start a new job as Key Accounts Manager for Slater Harrison before tragedy struck in the form of an undiagnosed heart problem. He died painlessly but far too early. He leaves behind a large hole in the lives of the people who were close to him.

A man of simple tastes he was a dedicated and devoted family man who enjoyed nothing better than camping, surrounded by his family, a pastime that took up most of his spare time. Martin excelled as a human being and no one who met him could have failed to be touched by his calmness, kindness and above all his sense of humour.

CHRISTOPHER MANNERS (C53) 22th December 1935 – 10th January 2015 was born in London into an Army family and spent most of his first nine years in

India, effectively an only child as his sister was 15 years his senior. An elder brother had died before his birth. During Summer holidays in the Simla hill station, he had fishing lessons, leading to a lifetime's love of that sport. Holidays later on in Scotland, spent on his grandfather's properties at Ardargie and Braemore, also gave him opportunities to shoot.

Scotland, and in particular Loch Broom, became a spiritual home, despite Christopher living most of his life in England - in Warwickshire and for 53 years at The Tan House, Blaisdon, Gloucestershire. For 20 years, he was a school governor; for 14 a magistrate; for ten he served as secretary of his Deanery Synod, and for six years he sat on the local NHS Trust. All this he managed alongside his career in engineering and latterly as a marketing consultant, often involving business trips to Holland and Russia.

Christopher had read mechanical engineering at Cambridge, having been commissioned in the Royal Corps of Signals during his national service. While in Cambridge, many lifetime friendships were formed: he also sailed, a prelude to much subsequent enjoyment with the family in Gulls and Wayfarers on the Camel Estuary. It was while in Cambridge that Christopher met Trishe Barlow - staunch Anglican, pianist and general life force. It was a wonderful marriage. Meeting the Manners in the early 1970s, fellow Old Amplefordian Martin Davis's (H62) first impression was that it was Trishe who wore the trousers. Getting to know them better made him realise how mistaken he had been. Christopher was Trishe's rock, a fact borne out when - a mere three months after Christopher's death - news came through that Trishe had herself died suddenly, her heart broken.

Christopher spent eight years at school in the Valley, starting at Gilling just as the Second World War was ending. It is fair to say they were not the happiest years of his life. Nobody however could have encapsulated better the term Christian Gentleman.

Christopher's death aged 79 ended a long period of declining physical health. He bore it with an amazing stoicism: nobody could have been less self-focused. His three children, many grandchildren and friends meant everything to Christopher, and the feeling was entirely mutual. No one was held in greater respect.

ANTHONY WILLIAM GILBEY (T58), 11th BARON VAUX of HARROWDEN 25th May 1940 – 16th January 2015 died suddenly and unexpectedly in Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary aged 74, following a minor heart attack. He was buried on 22nd December in the vault of his family chapel at Great Harrowden in Northamptonshire. He was born in Surrey, educated at Ampleforth and qualified as a Chartered Accountant (FCA) in 1963.

Tony was well-known both in Dumfries & Galloway and in Essex, where he worked as an accountant in the family Wine Company, W & A Gilbey in Harlow. After a takeover, Tony set up a property development company and began his life-long involvement with politics. He had a great gift for getting on with people from all walks of life.

His connection with Dumfries & Galloway began in 1968 when he bought Rusko Estate in Gatehouse of Fleet, and in 1980 his family moved to Gatehouse to run the farm and develop a tourism business. Tony became deeply involved with the Conservative Party in the Galloway and Upper Nithsdale constituency, where he held the post of Treasurer for several years, and then became Chairman from 1990-97, winning two elections with Ian Lang MP, who became Secretary of State for Scotland. He was a Regional Councillor from 1994-95 and then in 1999 was elected Dumfries & Galloway Councillor for Stewartry West. His main interests and expertise were in the field of health, especially the well-being of the elderly and in developing services for people suffering from Alzheimers Disease.

Tony Vaux was very much a country man; founder member of the Galloway Fisheries Trust, and Chairman of the Fleet River Board. He inherited the title Baron Vaux of Harrowden from his father in 2002, and was proud of his ancient Catholic recusant family (persecuted during the Reformation). He held deeply to his Catholic faith all his life. His uncle, Fr Gabriel Gilbey (O32, died 1977) who held the title before his father, was the first Benedictine monk to sit in the House of Lords since the Reformation.

Tony married Beverley in 1964 and they had four children and five grandchildren. They greatly enjoyed travel, and their last trip together was to Florence and Rome in January 2014. Beverley said: 'Tony's home and family were the centre of his life, and his great wisdom, kindness, love and honesty were the cornerstone of his whole being. He was full of prankish humour, warmth and charm and was loved by his family, many friends and all the people who worked with him, both in building and farming.'

JAMES STEVEN GAYNOR (T73) 27th March 1956 – 26th January 2015, known as Jamie, was one of the sons of Pat (D43) and Thyrza Gaynor. At his funeral he was described by his elder brother, Jonathan (T70), as a 'Hero.' He listed six qualities that Jamie displayed in dealing with the vulnerability and suffering which were part of his whole life. He had been born with a cleft palate, which delayed his speech development, and a club foot, which had to be kept in splints and delayed his walking. As a result he developed high anxiety, which remained with him for the rest of his life. At school he was a good boxer, and showed stoical endurance in receiving punches. Later on when a gang of youths shoplifted in the wine shop he was

managing, he stood his ground and demanded that they put down the stolen goods - surprisingly they obeyed. He was a man of gentleness, like his father, and humility. In spite of the great anxiety and fear of failure which he suffered from, he accepted his lot and seldom complained. He also had a great sense of humour and a gift for friendship.

In his youth he loved to play golf and enjoyed fishing for salmon in Scotland, where he became best friends with the ghillies and loved nothing better than to invite them to share a wee dram and play a few hands of cribbage, either on the river bank during the day or in the pub in the evening. He followed the horses with great enthusiasm, always backing any runners trained by his sister, Lucy Wadham. He was a Master of Wine Tasting and managed shops for Victoria Wine before running his own shop for a time in West Sussex.

But perhaps his greatest passion was the Ampleforth Lourdes Pilgrimage. He went every year for over 30 years. It was there that he made many friends, and was always made to feel welcome and appreciated. His sense of humour, good companionship and quietly inspirational presence will be sorely missed. At the age of 49 he was found to be suffering from cancer and had a major operation. Although he pulled through, his way of life was severely restricted, and he died suddenly and peacefully in January 2015.

ROBERT JEREMY PIGOU (B43) 1st June 1925 – 14th February 2015, known as Jerry, was born in Guildford, the eldest child of Lt Col and Barbara Pigou. He joined St Aidan's House in 1938 and made himself deeply at home in the Ampleforth ethos.

At Ampleforth Jerry got by academically, but was particularly interested in science, athletics and the CCF. After leaving Ampleforth he did his National Service and was then enrolled into The Royal Signals for the final year of the War. He served in Singapore and was involved in the relief of prisoners from Japanese POW Camps.

At the end of the War, Jerry spent some time at Oxford where he came under the influence of the University Chaplain, Monsignor Ronald Knox. He also kept in touch with his Old Amplefordian friend, Gerald Danaher (B43) – a friendship which was to endure for life. From Oxford, Jerry returned to Ampleforth where his mother now worked as Matron of St Thomas's House. He spent some time as a Novice in the Monastery, but did not persevere.

He then moved to London and after a period of uncertainty, began a career as a Civil Engineer. He worked for H Sandberg from their concrete laboratories in Clapham, and remained there until retirement in 1991. The job took him all over the world and

when time permitted, he pursued his interests in Amateur Radio and Astronomy. He manned the radio station at The Science Museum for many years and also assisted at the now defunct Dartford Observatory.

Early into his career with H Sandberg, Jerry set up home with his mother in Bexleyheath and here they remained for the rest of their lives. They attended Mass at St John Vianney Church and prayer meetings with the Dominicans at Hampstead. Jerry never married but devoted his life to the family, to Charity and to God. Jerry died on 14th February 2015 was buried in the family plot at Erith Cemetery.

DERMID ALARIC CAMERON BINGHAM (W45) 2nd April 1931 – 21st February 2015, known as Alaric, spent most of his life in Canada and California, but his roots were in his Benedictine Education, first at Fort Augustus and then (for a short time) at Ampleforth. After his first year in St Wilfrid's House, his family emigrated in 1945 to Canada. Later, Alaric served in the Canadian Navy and the Canadian Army. He was a Veteran of the Korean War.

He worked for many years as a reporter and radio announcer before going to the United States and becoming an American citizen. He was associated with the convention centre in Tampa, Florida, before moving to Sacramento, where he worked for Lebeck Business Equipment.

Alaric had a lifelong love of fishing and his many dogs, but he especially appreciated his family and friends.

He remained deeply loyal to his faith and in his later years became both a daily Mass attender and a Benedictine Oblate, renewing his contact with Ampleforth through Fr Dominic Milroy, who had been his contemporary at both his schools. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary.

JAMES ANTHONY WILLIAM YOUNG (W52) 21st January 1935 – 26th February 2015 was born in Bradford, where his father had a textile business and was a friend of Fr Paul Nevill, as well as a significant donor to the Abbey Church. On his mother's side he was a cousin of the Fattorini family. He followed his brother Christopher (D48) to Gilling in 1942.

He joined St Wilfrid's in 1948 and was a contemporary of Joe Wansbrough (later Fr Henry) with whom he formed a lifelong friendship. He was a lively and happy participator in all school activities. He became Head of his House and Captain of the School's 1st XV, where he was coached by Fr Basil Hume.

The possibility of progressing his rugby career by going to Cambridge was not

supported by James's father who by now had moved to Norfolk to farm where James joined him, shortly afterwards, to move operations to Co Meath. If James felt somewhat underutilised following this path it offered the compensations of what his father described as the life of a Christian Gentleman, i.e. not only a life agricultural, but also participation in the broad sporting and social scene that rural life in Ireland offered, inevitably in the company of the many Irish Old Amplefordians of that era.

In 1958 James was married to Sally Wingfield, the niece and heiress of Paddy Dunne-Cullinan (OA 16) founder of the Ampleforth College Beagles, by Fr William Price in Mullingar Cathedral. They moved to Glassealy House in Co Kildare where James farmed mainly arable and maintained his sporting interests, including hunting on a mare called Jane Russell after the screen actress he admired.

In the mid-1970s he became an extremely active director and from time-to-time Chairman of the cattle mart in Mullingar which had been co-founded by Paddy Dunne-Cullinan, and over the succeeding decades James was instrumental in its computerisation, way ahead of other marts, and in the development of its buildings and facilities.

He had been unable to continue his rugby because of a school knee injury, so he turned to golf, and in due course became Captain of the Athy Golf Club. He was known and respected for the exceptionally high standard of his sportsmanship and integrity.

James was a man of deep faith. Although he found some of the aspects of Irish Catholicism somewhat uncongenial after his experience of the liturgy at Ampleforth, he was steadfast in his participation at the local Church and was always loyal to his private prayer. He was an early supporter of the ecumenical movement, shocking some of his Catholic neighbours by working with and helping Protestant farmers. His shrewd judgment was much valued by many. Over an hour of each evening of his life was spent in prayer for the good of others he had come across or for whom he had been asked to pray. With complete faith he accepted peacefully the medical verdict that he had six months to live.

A loving husband, father and grandfather, constantly in touch by telephone, text and skype, with the whole family, James died on 26th February 2015 of leukaemia surrounded by his wife Sally, his sons Nigel (T77), Henry (T80) and Hugh (T94) and two daughters Jenifer and Bindy.

CHARLES O'MEARA FARRELL (O37) 10th February 1919 – 28th February 2015 was born in Montreal in 1919, the youngest of four brothers. His adored mother Eileen was widowed when he was just five months old and while he loved his native

Canada, he never lived there. After being educated at Ampleforth he went to Christ Church College, Oxford, to read history. The War cut short his studies and he immediately joined the 3rd Battalion of the Scots Guards. Although he never spoke of it, even to his closest family, Charles was the youngest Major in the British forces and won an MC and was Mentioned in Despatches for the role he played as commander of his tank squadron in the 6th Tank Brigade in the Allied Invasion. His book 'Reflections' (2000) is an important analysis of the leadership and courage of our troops at that critical time, against some more recent criticisms by those not then present. Charles was involved in the division of Eastern Europe after the victory in 1945 and was deeply affected by the complex and politically charged decisions that had to be made and executed about the movement of people into what was to become the Soviet bloc.

Fired up by these experiences he was enlisted by MI6. He was stationed first in Singapore and then in Brussels as First Secretary playing important roles in both regions. In the late 1950s he left the Foreign Office to join British Sidac where he quickly rose up the ranks ending up as Managing Director. At that time the company was a huge manufacturer of cellophane, and he was proud to have built a joint plastics company with ICI at Wigton in Cumbria. The final part of Charles's working career was spent in the art world when he started Christies Contemporary Art, which grew to be a public company.

Charles also worked hard for local concerns as a County Councillor and as a Member of the Oxfordshire Health Authority during the 1980s. When, despite fierce local opposition, the NHS closed Watlington hospital in 2000, he was the driving force in the campaign to retain medical facilities for the area. He chaired the charitable trust, WHCT, which he set up to raise funds - £2million - to buy the hospital site, to negotiate with Sanctuary Care to build and run the new 60 bed nursing home and to battle with planning opposition from SODC, who, like the NHS, would have preferred to see housing on the site. The new, modern GP surgery was also accommodated within the grounds. None of this could have been achieved without the tact, drive and attention to detail that Charles gave to this project over more than five years, when he himself was over 80. Around 1,500 patients - mostly from in and near Watlington - have now been cared for at the home since it opened 11 years ago.

Charles was most relaxed when surrounded by his large family and a bottle of "good ordinary claret." He had four children, five grandchildren and a step family - all of whom he relished and for whom he always made time. By his side for 66 years was his wife Kitty on whom he wholly depended and who devoted her life to him.

MICHAEL WALTER HATTRELL (B52) 1st May 1934 - 5th April 2015 was born in Kenilworth, Warwickshire; the second son of Stanley and Pauline Hattrell

with an older brother, John (B50) who died in October 1987, and a younger sister, Gillian.

Michael went to Gilling in September 1942 and through Junior House to the Upper School in September 1947. He was captain of cricket in 1952. Willoughby Wynne (B52, died 2011), who was to be a lifelong friend, was a distinguished member of that XI as was Fr Edward Corbould (E51).

Michael was called up for National Service and joined the Green Howards in July 1952, serving in Egypt until September 1954. He then went to Trinity College, Cambridge where he narrowly missed out on a cricket blue and spent five years reading Architecture.

From Cambridge, Michael joined his father's architectural practice, working primarily in London, and then set up his own practice based in Battersea. He did a lot of church related work including St Andrew's, Cippenham and St Anthony's, Farnham. Other notable work included the conference centre at Brocket Hall, Hertfordshire and the redesign of Stanley Kubrick's house.

Michael's great sporting loves were cricket and, later, real tennis. He regularly represented the OACC, the Emeriti and the Grannies. He founded his own side, The Stompers, for which a large number of OAs played over the years, as did many members of his local club, North Maidenhead. All who represented The Stompers will have fond memories of him. A delightfully easy-going, generous and good-humoured man, Michael had firm views on the spirit in which cricket should be played. It is noteworthy that he resigned from the MCC over the shabby treatment of Basil D'Oliveira in 1968.

Michael married Charmian in 1967 and thereby acquired four young step-children - Fiona, Robert Wakefield (E78), Julian and Justin by whom he was much loved, as he was by his two daughters, Samantha and Victoria, and his grandchildren.

Michael suffered a stroke in 2010 which left him severely disabled and permanently confined to a nursing home; a terrible blow which he bore with admirable stoicism, fortified by a quiet but firm faith. He died on Easter Sunday, 5th April 2015.

STEPHEN DENIS BINGHAM OBE (B53) 28th June 1934 - 1st May 2015 had rather a difficult childhood with quite a lot of tropical ill health when living with his family in India. Coming back to England in 1944 as a very small boy could have been difficult for him but fortunately, his time at both Gilling and Ampleforth College put him on his feet. Stephen's brother, David (B50), says "I am most grateful to our parents - especially my mother - who though somewhat strapped for cash, somehow

managed that we both had the privilege of an education at Ampleforth and Cambridge."

David goes on to say: "I think Steve always suffered from a slight lack of self-confidence and yet he had a most successful and varied career; a short spell with Lyons Tea Houses, ten years as a very popular manager of a Johnson & Johnson factory in Holland, then I forget how many years running Sodastream from Peterborough, during which time he enabled it from being a small and rather insignificant UK company to expand into an international one. Finally, and I think best, was his years as UK director for Plan, the international charity with a special concern for children.

"However his greatest success has been his marriage to Liz Paine and their five children including three Old Amplefordians - Ben (B81), Tom (B85) and Patrick (B89). In this sad age of fractured and dysfunctional families here we have a Catholic family that is a miracle of cohesion and mutual support. The big mystery is how Steve, somewhat lacking in self-confidence and in no way presenting an image of a dynamic cut and thrust business man could have done so well. His secret is that above all he was a people person, able to empathise with people without any concern for social strata and ethnicity. There is no lack of arrogant high achievers - but Steve was the most un-arrogant of people. He never took himself too seriously and delighted in telling hilarious stories about various mishaps for which he was responsible - particularly from his National Service days. That was his gift - a marvellous sense of humour and the ability to make people laugh - invaluable, particularly in multi-ethnic situations, as in Peterborough and Holland. As someone has said, now he will be a source of mirth in Heaven. Yes, he was a great lad - sorely missed here, but a life remembered with gratitude."

PETER DOMINIC PARKER (O40) 26th March 1922 – 2nd May 2015 was born into a family which originally came from County Cork, Ireland. He was sent aged seven to Ampleforth where he excelled at sport, notably rugby, cricket and hockey. He played fly-half and was Captain of the 1st XV rugby team.

The last time he played a competitive game was in his early 40s in a hockey match in Germany. He was hit on the ankle, hard, but stoically continued playing and they won. He then hobbled around for the next two days in pain with gritted teeth before going to hospital and having his 'broken' ankle put into plaster. The menfolk of the Parker family called this fortitude, the womenfolk called it stupidity.

Peter had some distinguished friends at school. One was George Hume (D41, died 1999) who later became Cardinal Basil Hume. Another was John Ryan (O40, died 2009), author of the Captain Pugwash children's books. Peter did well academically

and went up to Oxford to study Medicine, he would have had a good bedside manner, but the War intervened.

Peter joined the Royal Signals Regiment spending most of the War in North Africa and the Middle East, at one time holding the title of Postmaster General Baghdad. This was a bit of a family affair because his sister Mary was serving as a Queen Alexandra nurse in Palestine.

There was an occasion when he was climbing the side of a sand dune and up the other side came a German soldier. Peter had a strong sense of morality and decided that he didn't want to kill the man. Fortunately, the feeling was mutual and both men made a dignified, tactical withdrawal.

The most exciting event was when he met Marjorie Monk, a pretty young woman serving in the WRNS at Mersa Matruh in Egypt in 1945. Their courtship continued when she was transferred to Alexandria and they married in 1947 and had three children, Christopher, Tessa and Clare. Peter didn't go back to University but joined the Army. After serving in Germany, it was off to West Africa to the Gold Coast. After the Gold Coast came Devon, where Colonel Gregory, Major Peter Parker and Captain Joyner set up the first Ten Tors expedition on Dartmoor, a competitive endurance test for young soldiers in the Junior Leaders regiment, which is now a popular annual event attracting over 2,000 entrants.

Other postings followed - Yorkshire then extended tours in Germany with the British Army of the Rhine. This was the days of the Cold War. As Duty Officer, he was part of the chain of communications for launching tactical nuclear weapons. Later, he told his son that, in all conscience, if the command had come through to launch the nukes, he might not have passed it. A strong sense of morality. A little ironic for when he came to work for Shropshire County Council as Emergency Planning Officer, one of his duties was to plan for the aftermath of a nuclear strike.

Peter moved to Shropshire in 1972 where he was proud of his role in the local British Legion and the Parish Council. He was kind, perceptive and unobtrusively generous, a true gentleman.

RODERICK DANIEL O'DRISCOLL (O56) 14th June 1938 – 10th May 2015 was one of six children - two girls and four boys who all went to Ampleforth - Patrick (E51), Kevin (E52) and Brian (E57). Rod went on from Ampleforth to pursue a career in Law. He was initially apprenticed to Lewis Silkin and became a partner in the firm in the 1960s before moving to Kent to start his own practice in Maidstone.

He married Elizabeth, who was also a lawyer. She was a remarkable and clever

woman, and one of the first women in Kent to qualify as a solicitor. Rod and Liz lived initially in a large classic house in Rochester, where their daughter, Josephine, was born.

Their practice thrived and Rod made many friends locally and internationally. He was always interested in people: he was warm and open, never judged anyone harshly but rather wanted to find out about them and to understand their motivations. He developed a passionate interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution. He specialised in arbitration and mediation, which was much in demand both at home and abroad.

Rod was a gifted pianist and was always in demand as an organist in the various churches where he was a parishioner. He was also a devout Catholic and helped out the choirs and even gave advice at local prisons.

He was deeply affected by Elizabeth's death and subsequently moved to an apartment in Eastbourne, even hiring a crane to lift his piano up to the top floor.

When his illness was first diagnosed, Rod coped courageously and bravely endured the subsequent treatments affecting his speech and eating ability. He was very brave to undergo his second course of radiotherapy, and he felt that the prayers of his family and friends gave him the strength to carry on.

Rod's death was a reflection of his life. He died very peacefully and with great dignity, in prayer, and with his family and friends around him.

FRANCIS GEORGE AELRED DEARLOVE (W57) 21st September 1939 – 24th May 2015 studied at Shuttleworth Agricultural College in Bedfordshire after leaving Gilling and Ampleforth College. In 1969 he married Mary Sheehy in Co Offaly, Ireland.

In the early 1970s, Francis worked for Sinclair Seed Merchants in Boston before moving back to Ireland in 1974 where he became an Import Agent for industrial packaging and handling machine manufacturers.

Francis had a passion for salmon and trout fishing and a love of the countryside. He enjoyed music and beekeeping and was a regular attendee of Ampleforth retreats and Old Amplefordian weekends. He has been a generous contributor to the development of the Abbey and the College. His faith was very important to him and he served on the Croghan Catholic Church Committee.

Francis died peacefully with his family around him.

STEPHEN MICHAEL COPEMAN (B62) 24th August 1944 – 11th June 2015 was born in Bath to Vice Admiral Sir Nicholas and Lady Copeman. His father was the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic and South America Station, and Stephen spent part of teen school holidays in Wynberg, Cape Town, where his parents were posted. Stephen went to Ladycross prep school in Sussex followed by Ampleforth College where he was in Basil Hume's house.

On leaving school in 1962 he tried his hand at Reuters and also had a brief spell at Dawsons. However, his maternal grandfather's cavalry regiment, the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, persuaded him to take a commission in the Army. He spent seven happy years with this regiment, serving in Libya, Malta, Cyprus, Germany and England.

In 1970 he joined Tim Maskell's letting agency in London. In 1971 Tim asked Stephen to start up the residential side of the company, which became known as Maskells Estate Agency and the offices moved from the Embankment to Walton Street, SW3. Stephen excelled as an Estate Agent. He had a brilliant memory and could always find that niche property his clients wanted. Stephen sold Maskells in 2013 and stayed on as a Consultant. He loved horse racing - his first outing to a racecourse was to York from Ampleforth - reading, walking, cinema, theatre, travelling and the company of his friends and family. In November 2013 he was diagnosed with lung cancer. He is survived by his wife Clare whom he married in 1985, his three daughters, Frances, Hatty and Tessa and his brother Christopher.

PIERS EDMUND FELIX LEONARD (J04) 14th January 1986 – 6th July 2015 died from leukaemia, aged 29. He was brave and uncomplaining throughout his illness and faced his death courageously.

He grew up in Greenwich, London, the much loved and loving youngest son of Jack and Patricia Leonard. His older brothers Christopher and James had gone to Downside. Piers followed his brother Benedict (J02) to Ampleforth, with an academic scholarship, and to Trinity College Dublin where he read English Literature. He gained a good degree despite an active social life (his Sunday lunch and poker parties were famous for finishing on Monday night), played cricket for Trinity and fished every year in County Mayo. After graduating, Piers spent three months with the Medical Missionaries of Mary in Rwanda making a documentary about their work. He studied film-making in Berlin, then moved to London and a series of internships before finding his niche in applying the latest social media to market research. He enjoyed theatre, tennis, music, cooking and supporting Arsenal FC. Piers's life was distinguished by his great gift for friendship. He made good friends with men and women from school, university and work. The church and parish hall in Ampleforth village were filled by family and friends for his Requiem

Mass and Funeral which were concelebrated by Abbot Cuthbert, his former Housemaster, and Fr Kieran, his first Tutor. Tim Lacy (J04) sang 'Danny Boy' beautifully. The music Piers had chosen to listen to on his final day included 'Stand By Me' by Ben E King, 'I'd Rather Go Blind' by Etta James, 'Miserere' by Allegri and Debussy's 'Claire de Lune.' Eulogies were given by his brother Christopher, James Larkin (O03) and Tassilo Seilern-Aspang (O03). Piers' coffin was carried to his grave by his brothers and by Alex Steger (J04), Paddy Waller (B04) and Bob Richmond-Watson.

ANTHONY HOWARD OSBORNE (B58) 25th April 1940 – 1st July 2015, known as Tony, went to the Junior House and then St Bede's House. His father William had taught at the school but was lost in the sinking of HMS Neptune in December 1941. Three of Anthony's sons also went to Ampleforth – Andrew (B84), Richard (H86) and Christopher (B88).

Tony soon took up rugby as his favourite sport with considerable success (1st XV prop). His Housemaster, Fr Basil (later Cardinal) Hume, was also 1st XV coach and Tony had very fond memories of this fair, loyal and charismatic man.

After leaving school, Tony became a medical student at Guy's Hospital and said that his entry was helped greatly as they were short of a prop forward! During his student days he joined the Royal Navy as a Surgeon Sub-Lieutenant.

After qualification, with his first wife Ann, he was stationed in Singapore for three years where he served on HMS Forth, a submarine depot ship. This marriage produced his eldest four sons but sadly Ann was to die when they were quite young.

He was married to Glynis for almost 40 years and they met over the operating table at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar where she was serving as a Senior Nursing Officer in the Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service. This marriage produced a further son and a daughter.

Tony also served on HMS Bulwark, Ark Royal and Illustrious, as well as being Medical Officer in charge of a field surgical team in Oman for six months.

Travelling was a joy to Tony and his ten years as Surgeon to the Prince and Princess of Wales took him to many countries. He continued to travel extensively after this term of service ended on his retirement from the Royal Navy.

With his wife Glynis, he had a large medico-legal practice after leaving the Royal Navy and was still working when he died suddenly and unexpectedly.

His fondest times were spent with family – his five sons and a daughter eight grandchildren. In April they all got together to celebrate his 75th birthday which was a joyous occasion.

ANDREW FRANCIS GEORGE RICKETTS (W61) 20th December 1943 – 15th July 2015 was the second of three brothers. His father was a novelist and his mother an artist. Brought up in South Devon, he was an attractive, lively and enterprising child with a quiet inner steadfastness. After a short time at All Hallows prep school, he transferred to Farleigh House, in part to allow him to develop away from the rather too dominant shadow of his elder brother Simon (W60). In 1957 he came to St Wilfrid's. In his first terms he grew very quickly, to a height of 6ft 4ins, and this together with a serious bout of 'flu increased his natural diffidence and sapped his strength. He then suffered from ill-health on and off for the rest of his life. He faced this very bravely, but it came to include a number of mental breakdowns.

During the 1990s, Andrew came to know the priests at Farm Street, and through them he met members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), many of whom became helpers and close friends. In 2013, it became clear that continuing to live in his own flat posed a risk to his safety and health, and he was persuaded to go into a Care Home in Sutton, Surrey, where, for the last 18 months of his life, he was happy, though he regretted his loss of independence.

A major influence in Andrew's life was the friendship of his former Housemaster, Abbot Patrick Barry, whom he telephoned frequently, and whom he visited accompanied by SVP friends. Andrew would be surprised to learn that his death has left a gap in many lives. In a typical letter, an SVP member wrote: 'Andrew's friendship was a real channel of grace for us...it demonstrates the spirit of the Gospel: those who have little to give in the eyes of the world give everything through their friendship...we will remember Andrew with the utmost fondness.'

Andrew never lost his faith in God, and died peacefully after receiving the Last Rites of the Church.

RICHARD ANDREW GUTAI (D83) 19th October 1965 – 28th July 2015 moved to Singapore at the age of 13 and found the contrast of boarding life at Ampleforth and expatriate life very difficult to handle. He left school at 16, before moving to Singapore, and then spending a couple of years in Cambridge, before emigrating to California, where he worked in the photographic industry. He mainly worked in studios around San Francisco and San José as a darkroom technician, a job which he enjoyed and in which he excelled. He was perhaps most happy during this period of his life. The digital revolution, which rendered obsolete a great deal of his darkroom experience, made it necessary for him to seek a future in other areas, and

he then moved back to England, where he worked in the catering trade near Stratford-upon-Avon, spending the last year of his life looking after his mother.

Richard died unexpectedly a few weeks after being hit by a car which broke and dislocated his shoulder. He was a gentle person, valuing conversation and human contact. Towards the end of his life, he identified more with Buddhism than Catholicism. Richard's brother is also an Old Amplefordian - John (J82).

BRYAN JOHN SHERLEY-DALE (B43) 21st February 1926 – 28th July 2015 arrived in the Ampleforth valley aged seven after a long journey from Cairo. Like many overseas boys, he travelled by ship accompanied by a carer. He entered Gilling in 1933 and began a decade at the school which was happy and highly formative. He did not excel academically, but he embraced the values of the school and had a commitment to Ampleforth which was life-long. By nature he was thoughtful, sensitive and supportive of others. He was not exceptional on the sportsfield, but with his younger brother John (B48) he was among the school's best swimmers. The war began before the end of his education and he was encouraged by Fr Paul to join the Irish Guards. He became a Captain in the Guards' tank regiment, where he remained until 1945. He took Fr Paul's advice again after the war in entering the brewing trade, initially in Scotland with Caledonian. In the early years of his career he met his wife Patricia in Newcastle and married in 1951. The service was conducted by Fr Alban Rimmer, who remained a friend from Gilling days. So began a very special marriage which produced six children, of which the four boys Jonathan (B70), Michael (B72), Andrew (B79) and Adam (W85) were all educated at Ampleforth. He was above all a family man and never happier than among his own. His brewing career saw many re-locations, but his golden years were spent at Bass in Burton-on-Trent and Baker Street London between 1960-74. He was perfectly adapted to the role of charming departmental head, paternal and ever the gentleman. He was universally popular and always supportive of the teams he built around him. It was regrettable that his forays into the external role of business entrepreneur after 1975 were less fulfilled. He was probably too trusting to thrive in a world of aggressive commerce and much better suited to large company environments, where he could use his administrative and personal skills to their best.

Bryan's wife Patricia died in 1994 and he spent the last 21 years of his life based in Beaconsfield, devoting a huge amount of time and love to his many grandchildren. He believed this was his proper role following Patricia's death. He met Leonie and lived with her happily for the last ten years of his life, before becoming ill in February 2015. Always unselfish and stoic in his sufferings he died peacefully on 28th July 2015.



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HEADMASTER OF AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE

FR ABBOT, LADIES and Gentlemen, students of Ampleforth College, it gives me great pleasure to address you this morning for my first Exhibition Speech. We are delighted that so many parents and friends of Ampleforth have joined us for Exhibition and I look forward to meeting with you during the course of today.

For those of you who were here last year, you will remember Fr Gabriel gave us a potted history of the 200 Exhibitions which have taken place at Ampleforth College. I sat in the audience and listened carefully as he spoke with great affection about what makes this Catholic and Benedictine school so special. If I had to focus on one line which left a lasting message for me it would be: "If you notice something good in yourself, give credit to God, not to yourself" - a theme I will come back to later.

Before I talk a little about the present, and indeed the future at Ampleforth, I want to briefly thank Ian Lovat. I cannot mention every member of staff who is leaving, as there is not the time to do justice to their service to the school. Ian has been Director of Studies at Ampleforth for almost 20 years and I am particularly grateful for the advice and guidance that he has given to me throughout the last year. Ian has, for many years, been the driving force behind school improvement at Ampleforth. Schools are often torn between the dilemma of 'value what you measure' and 'measure what you value.' Ian has helped to steer Ampleforth in the right direction and we are very grateful to him, and to the other members of staff who leave at the end of this term.

Through your children you will know that this has been a busy year at Ampleforth. I admire how our students keep up with the pace of life here. The contribution that they make to the spiritual life of the community makes the work of the staff and monastic chaplains worthwhile. From a personal perspective I would like to thank you, the Ampleforth community and in particular the students of the College, for the warm welcome which you have extended to me. I have been particularly fortunate this year to work with a very talented and committed top year; they have been led most effectively by the Heads and Deputy Heads of School: Katie, Phoebe, Charles and Charlie. Ampleforth, as you are all aware, aims to educate children in a 'school of the Lord's Service.' This year's top year have really understood what this means and we are very grateful to them for their contribution across every aspect of school life.

As I have just mentioned, this has been a busy year with some exceptional events which simply don't happen in many schools. Some of this year's highlights include whole school Compline, the Music department's performance of Messiah, the outstanding performances in sport, most notably by the girls' hockey first team and encouraging performances by a number of the rugby teams. I have found that the students have a clear understanding of community life; it is something that they value and we must be careful to preserve and indeed develop the strength of the community here at Ampleforth.

Young people are often hard to predict and this is a generation which responds well to meaningful consultation. They like to debate a range of options and to be involved in decision making. Change, which they welcome in the technological world, is not so welcome when it enters their personal world, even less welcome when it enters into the world of school. I know that for Ampleforth pupils, some aspects of recent change have been difficult and I am very grateful to them for how they have helped me understand what they value most and I am confident that we will continue to work well together.

In recent weeks we have been working on a development plan for the next three years at Ampleforth. I thought today it might be useful to give you a brief insight into some of the areas which we intend to focus on. The starting point for the development plan is very much based on an appreciation of the many areas of current strengths. We have three clear objectives. In a time of much change in the world we live in, we hope to:

1. Maintain a strong school working in continued partnership with a strong monastic community to allow pupils to grow in faith.
2. Remain true to the Benedictine Core Values (AHRISE).
3. Maintain a school environment which will enable our students to have a moral compass which will not only guide them, but also allow them to change the world.

In some ways I hope that these objectives illustrate that we do not seek to change the Benedictine character of the school; however we may need to adjust the direction of travel to allow the school to develop fully. Specifically, we will work on faith, hope and love. In terms of faith we will ask a little more of pupils. As you know this year's St Benedict's Day was based on service, with each House working closely in a service project on the school site. This was a unique event. It happened at a time of year in the school calendar which was not ideal, and true to form our students completely surprised the staff with their levels of enthusiasm and how much they

achieved in a short period of time. We aim to extend pupil service opportunities to allow them to learn more about themselves and their faith. Through increased service they will notice many good things in themselves and this will deepen their relationship with God.

We want to develop Ampleforth as a truly co-educational school. This will involve looking at what we can offer in terms of curriculum and introducing improved opportunities to allow girls to thrive at Ampleforth. I don't really believe that some subjects suit a particular gender, but I do believe a truly co-educational school should offer dance, drama and food technology, even at a basic level, if we are to equip our young people to move to independent life once they leave the security of the valley behind.

Stewardship is one of the Benedictine core values, and this has a particular importance to Ampleforth students - they understand the importance of passing on tradition and maintaining a strong sense of identity. For the academic staff of the school, stewardship involves working to develop each child as fully as possible. As a school we do not seek to become more selective but we do seek to extend the undoubted academic strengths more consistently across the school. This will involve students working in a slightly different way. I believe we can ask a little more from the pupils, and with improved organisation from staff we will be able to improve pupil outcomes. This will allow pupils to access a range of careers in which they can flourish.

Anything involving finance always requires a mixture of confidence and hope. We aim to carry out a rolling programme of development to provide improved facilities. This summer will see the beginning of a rolling programme of development with the conversion of the old gym into a new dance studio which will also serve as a performance space for music and a weekend cinema. We have a very exciting range of planned refurbishment of classrooms and boarding accommodation - they will really help us to improve what we offer.

The last area which we are working on is centred on pupil development. I can't speak for every student, but we are fortunate here that the vast majority of students have a deep affection for the school. They can each clearly describe what they love about the school - Benedictine ethos, sense of community spirit, friendships and support they receive from staff and in house. We aim to deepen the affection pupils have for the school. This might sound slightly unusual as a development aim, but it is at the heart of school life and student experience. We will look at how we teach, the programme of activities we offer, specifically weekend activities and we will look at the facilities in the school. We will listen to pupil voice which will help us to improve.

I share these thoughts with you this morning as I feel it is important that you understand the direction of travel of the school. We need your continued support; there are no plans to change what makes Ampleforth a distinctively Catholic and Benedictine school. We are simply working to allow students to be safe, to be well, to grow strong in faith, to be outward looking and to readily accept the challenge of service to others.

I would ask that you remember our work in your prayers, your support for the work of the school will be fundamental in the changes that I have mentioned.

I would like to pay tribute to all the prize-winners today. Like you, I am looking forward to seeing them receive their prizes as we acknowledge their good work. Let us hope that they give credit to God and not themselves.

You will all appreciate that an event such as Exhibition requires huge organisation and I would like to thank Miss Rowe, my Deputy Head, and her team for their work in preparation for today. I would also like to extend thanks to Linda Featherstone and Eliz Cook for the preparation of the list of prize-winners, and the grounds and catering staff for their meticulous preparation in advance of today.

In conclusion I would like to record my thanks to Father Abbot and the monastic community for their welcome this year, and for working with me and the lay staff in order to have what I feel is an ambitious and optimistic plan for the development of the school.

I look forward to meeting with you throughout today and at future events.

ACADEMIC LIFE 2014-2015

HANNAH POMROY
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." John F Kennedy

WE ARE IN A period of widespread and rapid change in education and this is reflected as much at Ampleforth as in any other educational setting. A great deal of uncertainty surrounds the results for our current Year 12 (Middle Sixth) as they are dealing with a mixed economy of reformed and legacy A levels. We are also watching the national picture very closely to determine whether to retain IGCSEs or to switch to 'back to the future' 9 to 1 graded GCSEs. Whatever we do, it will be a complex and potentially anxious time for students, parents and educators alike. As I sit in the Director of Studies' office, I feel very much part of that change process locally as I take over from Ian Lovat's long-standing and much valued academic leadership. Whilst in many areas it is definitely a time for holding the ship steady, we are reviewing the curriculum provision and the timetable to ensure it is helping our students to maximise their potential in all areas and continuing work begun last year on further ensuring consistency of quality in all we offer.

Academic results received this summer were the last where all examinations taken were pre-'Govian' reforms. Results were broadly as we expected for the cohorts of students sitting both GCSEs and A levels. At A level 44% of students gained A* or A and of those one third were awarded the top A* grade. 73% of entries were awarded A* to B grades. At GCSE 53% of entries were awarded A* or A grades and over 77% achieved A*-B. In amongst these headline figures there are many pleasing sets of individual results, especially several students with significant special needs who gained good GCSE results. In addition, one student attained a clean sweep of A* grades with a further eight attaining 11 or 10 A* grades.

These results are the fruit of a great deal of effort and hard work on the part of students and their teachers. They also reflect significant progress for the students. Comparison with baseline testing and GCSE results recorded at the start of Year 12 puts Ampleforth College in the top 4% of schools nationally for progress (or 'value-added') in the Sixth Form. At GCSE we are in the top 25% of schools.

The majority of our A level students go on to university either in the UK or abroad. 71% of the university places secured by Ampleforth applicants in the 2015 applications cycle were at Russell Group universities; 74% were at Sutton Trust Top 30 Universities. Both figures are, by a considerable margin, the highest we have ever

attained. Seven students have been confirmed as having accepted places at overseas universities, one each at IE University in Segovia, McGill University in Montreal, Hong Kong University, the DigiPen Institute of Technology in Bilbao, the University of Malta and two at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin (for Medicine).

At a time of such change it is important to choose our 'battles' wisely and to focus on doing a few new things well. To this end, last year saw a big drive to develop a more consistent assessment policy. This included the introduction of half termly 'Flagged assessments'. These are waypoints in the students' learning designed to give information on how well they are developing their knowledge and understanding what steps need to be taken to further this development and what needs to be done to bridge any apparent gaps. Effective feedback and the opportunity to spend time responding to this are both crucial elements in the process which we have continued to work upon this year. Allied to the theme of consistency has been the development of course booklets for students in Year 12. One aim for these is to facilitate greater independence of learning in our students, through the inclusion of consolidation and extension activities as well as core skills for each subject.

Looking forward

IN THE COMING year we will continue to embed and evaluate these new strategies and developments, whilst adapting to the new A level model. Booklets are beginning to be used across all year groups, but as with any new approach we are looking carefully at the effectiveness they have in enhancing learning. One way in which this is being done is through a renewed focus on quality assurance; lesson observations, work scrutiny and listening to students all play a vital role in recognising, sharing and celebrating good practice across the college and in identifying the tweaks and adjustments needed to support this improvement. To meet the ongoing need for staff support and development, we have been able to set aside training time once a fortnight.

Also in progress this year is the introduction of iPads for each member of the teaching staff and by January 2016 all teachers will have their own iPad. This initiative is being introduced in the first place with a view to assisting with workflow and data management, but it also raises the possibility of providing additional teaching and learning opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom.

As we work ever closer with St Martin's Ampleforth, more departments are crossing the valley and sharing staffing resources, in addition to the support and advice from which we have mutually benefited in the past. This year, in addition to Sport and Music, English, French, D&T and Classics are being delivered in part by Ampleforth staff for Years 6, 7 and 8.

Whilst the political situation seems more stable than when Ian Lovat wrote last year, we are still living through uncertain times in the world of education. There are areas of change which we in the independent sector are not bound to adopt, but instead we can stand back from them and take a longer view; however, there are others, such as A level reform, from which there is no hiding. I am sure that this will be a recurring theme of these articles over the next several years. Much has been written recently on the 'employability' of students as they leave universities. At Ampleforth we continue to have high academic ambitions for our students whilst complementing and enhancing this vision, both explicitly with the board range of co-curricular activities on offer and implicitly through our fundamental community and faith-driven core values. We will continue to do our best to provide for our students the teaching and learning opportunities, guidance and support they need to make the very best of their future.



THE COLLEGE STAFF

SEPTEMBER 2014 - JULY 2015

Headmaster	Mr D Lambon MEng BSc, MBA <i>Mathematics</i>
Deputy Head	Miss D Rowe MA CCRS <i>Music</i>
Director of Studies	Mr IF Lovat BSc MInstP CPhys <i>Physics</i>
Director of Admissions	Mr F Thompson, MA, MPhil <i>Economics and Politics</i>
Director of Professional Development	Mr AS Thorpe BSc CChem MRSC <i>Chemistry</i>
Head of Boarding	Mr AP Smerdon, BSc, <i>Geography</i>
Head of Sixth Form	Mr WF Lofthouse MA <i>Classics</i>
Head of Middle School	Dr R Warren BSc PhD <i>Mathematics</i>
Senior Chaplain	Fr Chad Boulton BA <i>Chaplain, St Aidan's</i>

HOUSEMASTERS/HOUSEMISTRESSES

St Aidan's	Mrs A Le Gall MA <i>EAL/Lang</i>
St Bede's	Mrs V Anglim BEng <i>Design & Technology</i>
St Cuthbert's	Mr D Willis MEd <i>Mathematics</i>
St Dunstan's	Mr BTA Pennington BSc <i>Mathematics</i>
St Edward's/Wilfrid's	Mr LWB Ramsden BA Mst <i>History</i>
St Hugh's	Mr MB Fogg BA <i>Christian Theology</i>
St John's	Dr D Moses MA DPhil <i>English</i>
St Margaret's	Mrs GMO McGovern MA BA <i>Christian Theology</i>
St Oswald's	Mr P McBeth BMus <i>Music</i>
St Thomas's	Mr JB Mutton MA <i>Classics</i>

MONASTIC COMMUNITY

Fr Kevin Hayden BA MA STB Mth <i>Chaplain, St Bede's</i>
Fr Francis Dobson FCA FACE-FAW, <i>Chaplain, St Cuthbert's</i>
Fr Matthew Burns MA <i>Chaplain, St Dunstan's</i>
Fr Philip Rozario BA BTh <i>Chaplain, St Edward's/Wilfrid's</i>
Fr Hugh Lewis-Vivas MA STB <i>School Guestmaster; Chaplain, St Hugh's</i>
Fr Cyprian Smith MA <i>Chaplain, St John's</i>
Fr James Callaghan MA <i>Modern Languages, Classics, Chaplain, St Margaret's</i>
Fr Henry Wansbrough MA STL LSS <i>Christian Theology; Chaplain, St Oswald's</i>
Fr Alexander McCabe MA <i>Modern Languages, Christian Theology, Chaplain, St Thomas's</i>
Fr Cedd Mannion BSc MPhil <i>Chemistry</i>
Br Ambrose Henley MA <i>Classics, Christian Living</i>

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A Carter MA <i>Head of English, Director of Arts</i>
PMJ Brennan BSc <i>Geography</i>
SG Bird BA ATC DipAD <i>Head of Art</i>
GD Thurman BEd <i>Physical Education, History</i>
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MA Barras BSc <i>Head of ICT</i>
ID Little MA MusB FRCO ARCM LRAM <i>Director of Music</i>
JGJ Allisstone BA <i>Film/TV, English, EAL, School Counsellor</i>
WJ Dore MA FRCO <i>Assistant Director of Music, Organist</i>
PT Connor MA <i>Head of History</i>
SJ Howard BSc <i>Chemistry</i>
M Torrens-Burton MA <i>EAL, Classics</i>
JP Ridge MA <i>Modern Languages, Director of Health and Safety</i>
AJ Hurst BSc <i>Biology, Director of Co-curricular</i>
J Layden BA <i>Assistant Housemaster St Cuthbert's, Classics</i>
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JW Large BSc PhD <i>Mathematics</i>
Mrs J Stannard BSc <i>Modern Studies</i>
Miss JMC Simmonds BSc <i>Modern Studies</i>
JJ Owen BEd <i>Physical Education</i>
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Mrs CRM Dent BSc <i>Head of Geography</i>
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PW Anderson BSc MSc <i>Biology</i>
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*Mrs H Burrows BA *English*
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A Powney MA TTh PGCE *Christian Theology*
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JD Rainer BA *Christian Theology*
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Mrs S Baseley *French*
Miss HK Punnett BSc *Geography*
*Mrs L Roberts MA *English*
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B Townend MPh *Physics*
Dr CG Vowles BA PhD *English*
C Booth BSc *Physical Education*
J Cochrane BSc *Physics*
RM Hudson MA *Christian Theology*
W James *Physical Education*
R Pineo BSc *Physical Education*
C Potts BA *Music*
*CS Rodda BA *Modern Studies*
Miss A Rosenberg MA *History*
Miss MV Serrano Fernandez MA *Modern Languages*
Mrs E Vowles BA *Art*
DM Woffenden MA *English*
Miss L Follos BA *Design & Technology*

*Part Time

LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS 2014 - 2015

Miss E Torres *Spanish*
Miss E Luy *German*

LEAVERS 2014

DL Allen BA MA DPhil Chem *Chemistry*
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Miss B Fuller BA *Assistant Housemistress St Margaret's, History*
T Foster BMus *Music*
Miss L-L Pearson BA *English*
M Girvan BSc *Geography*
A Moore MA *Modern Languages*

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

SEPTEMBER 2014 - JULY 2015

HEAD MONITORS

KA Strickland (M) CBdR Channer (D)

DEPUTY HEAD MONITORS

P Gibby (B) CP Meacham (H)

MONITORS

St Aidan's	AS Ogden, IL Miles
St Bede's	HL Eglinton, IIC Ward
St Cuthbert's	G Carranza, JPC Hodge
St Dunstan's	PW Jones, C Arco-Zinnerberg
St Edward's & Wilfrid's	BM Howie, S Rohn
St Hugh's	MAF Kinsky, HJ Shipsey
St John's	TMJ Langdale, GW Burrell
St Margaret's	OR Maxwell, AVA Szapary
St Oswald's	A Job, AME Goodwin
St Thomas's	JE Lush, LA Willsher
Supernumerary Monitors	RT Pratt (J), AL Moore (M)

CAPTAINS OF GAMES

Athletics Boys	A Lambert (H)
Athletics Girls	KA Strickland (M)
Cricket	JE Lush (T)
Cross Country Girls	TWEM La Rosee (B)
Cross Country Boys	JS Harrison (C)
Football	CP Meacham (H)
Golf	MWG Guerrini (D)
Hockey Girls	O Warwick (M)
Hockey Boys	RT Pratt (J)
Lacrosse	CM Legard (M)
Netball	AVA Szapary (M)
Rounders	I Miles (A)
Rugby	NJH Foxley (H)
Squash	HJ Shipsey (H)
Swimming Girls	AL Moore (M)
Swimming Boys	MAF Kinsky (H)
Tennis Girls	AVA Szapary (M)

Tennis Boys

HJ Shipsey (H)

ACTIVITIES CAPTAINS

Beagling	CBdR Channer (D)
Clay Pigeon Shooting	ADJ Deedes (T)
Game Shooting	TE Grimshaw (C)
Sub Aqua	MJ Vangerven (T)
Equestrian Activities	CAO Cranfield (M)
Shooting	ADJ Deedes (T)

LIBRARIANS

HM Deacy (H) <i>Head Librarian</i>	AJ Holt Evans (H)
AS Baker (T)	CJL Laczko-Schroeder (J)
GWS Crowder (O)	JIP Stephens (H)
LFPM Dalle (O)	OH Williamson (T)

The following students joined the school in September 2014:

J Abril-Martorell Saez (T), OK Ahonsi (EW), AA Ahonsi (EW), CJ Andrews (T), DAA Angarita Acuña (M), TA Anglin (EW), BDSM Annicchiarico (H), J Argüelles Vidal (H), JHG Attenborough (D), KO Ati-John (C), I Avila Durán (A), VBV Bacqué (B), A Bakov (C), AJL Bett (J), AE Bettney (B), HWL Bettney (H), EWS Bisset (H), JR Beocker (T), FHW Bossi (D), RC Bourke (M), NAO Bridgeman (D), IL Browne (B), TJ Browne (D), J Brunar (B), MJG Budgen (M), RCG Byrne Hill (O), ACA Calder-Smith (H), J Campo-Redono Hartmann (H), A Casado-Galisteo (T), MT Castello Branco (B), AM Castello Branco (D), RSA Cheng (H), MSK Cheng (O), JR Clark (D), WF Cooper (T), A Cornette de Saint Cyr (A), CI Cunningham (M), F de Juan Mas (A), PLSM de Liedekerke (M), PMM de Metz-Noblat (T), T de Saint-Bon (H), MPM den Hollander (H), SHS des Forges (EW), JV Desai (T), AH Dingwall (O), PJ Donleavy (T), WJF Droin (T), CED Drummond-Herdman (A), CWA Edwardson (O), EMKG Eyring (A), JCS Faller (A), FMR Fawcett (C), AF Foody (A), NCFRA Fritton (C), XV Gamó (M), A García-Campal Rodríguez-Sañudo (H), M Garcia0Nieto Nigorra (EW), WRJ Gascoigne-Browne (O), L Gerolla (O), EJ Gibson (D), A Gonzalez Galindo (C), J Guzmán Guzmán (B), EHB Hall (EW), SF Hartmann (C), SNM Hatschek (M), SJ Higgins (C), LP Hill (O), C Ho (B), FA Hodson (M), ECJ Hookaway (J), MB Hülskamp (EW), ONE Hyslop (D), JF Johnson (C), PJ Joiris de Caussin (D), LA Kehoe (C), AC Keppel (A), CB Kerr-Dineen (H), BJ Kosarki-Lisk (EW), A Kraus Lara (C), PC Krefeld (EW), PJ Kudlek (T), C Lai (EW), MB Lambert (H), LMJ Langford (B), EA Langford (A), LR Leatham (M), G Lozano Panameño (C), GCB Luchtenberg (H), CJS Lucklow (B), P Lukach (EW), KD MacLellan (H), N Mancera de Olloqui (EW), A Martinez de Irujo Casanova (B), L Martinez de Irujo Casanova (J), WH Mason-Hornby (D), IA Mason-Hornby (M), BC McDonnell (J), JP McKell (H), GM Meacham (M), C

Metternich-Sandor (M), CP Milic Jiminez (A), C Ming (C), L Miquel (EW), KM Morrison (EW), LST Murphy (B), OJA Myers (H), MH O'Hegarty (J), SFP Orr (O), PJMM Orsini-Rosenberg (O), HG Owles (M), H Pasqual del Pobil Gorina (EW), EIM Pery (M), A Peyrelongue Nuñez (C), LJK Pharaony (O), HAE Pickering (A), G Plazas Lodares (A), I Prado Carus (H), KEEM Radcliffe (M), FS Reyes (T), FGJL Roberts (J), ME Roberts (T), R Rohn (O), PBM Romatet (D), SMS Romier (A), ICJ Rooms (M), NJ Rouquet Lopez (J), JMJ Roussel (EW), JP Ruane (EW), M Rubattu (O), AJS Sanders (D), PP Sanz-Magallon Duque de Estrada (B), BA Sanz-Magallon Duque de Estrada (B) OGB Saxby (EW), V Schutz (A), L Sendt (D), CI Seth-Smith (M), GJ Simons (B), JR Snyman (EW), C Sola Gonzalvo (A), Q Tang (H), ER Thompson (A), HH Towneley (O), PEA Trant (EW), IMF Unterberger (A), L Valenzia (A), J van Praet d'Amerloo (C), A Villapadierna Orbaneja (A), TMCA von Elverfeldt (A), F Waldburg (EW), Y Wang (T), LB Welford-Carrol (A), CF Wendt (C), GW Wilkinson (T), MD Wilson (H), NOM Wolloshin (B), A Xuclà Pomés (A), F Zaforteza Pons (T), AGPW zu Sayn-Wittgenstein (EW).

From St Martin's Ampleforth:

G Albert (J), ICV Andrews (M), CA Armitage (M), WPH Armstrong (O), ER Blackford (M), JCS Breese (O), RV Di Clemente (C), BJ Diugwu (O), ZKC Elvidge (B), FLR Foxcroft (B), SH Grace (D), P Hernandez Xolio (C), LE Higham (O), P Jerez Torrecillas (C), GS Kassapian (B), JBSJ Laczko-Schroeder (J), MP Laird (A), AS Lawford-Davies (A), CHH Lee (D), JMJ Mackey (T), CSE Mangles (D), S Marqués (J), PJ McInerney (EW), GCE Ofiaeli (B), AFS Owens (T), AJO Peckitt (D), E Pérez de Castro (EW), TR Pern (M), TAM Rousselet (EW), ER Scoresby Smith (A), DJ Sutton (O), JA Sykes (M), MCF Tidmarsh (A), JEM Torrens-Burton (B), ER Walsh (A), TBJ Ward (H), EK Welton (M), AL Worth (B).

The following students joined the school in January 2015:

CB Cain (J), T Lok (T), J Vergés Montmany (A), TW Wade (C), X Wong (EW).

The following students joined the school in April 2015:

A Behr (C), MPA Brenninkmeijer (H), MJ Harley (C).

The following students left the school in September 2014:

L Kenny (C), Q Tang (H).

The following students left the school in November/December 2014:

JHQ Attenborough (D), HAB Clough (H), R d'Hauteville (EW), FM Hall (H), HEFA Reuss (EW), SE Szapary (O), MD Wilson (H).

The following students left the school in March/April 2015:

DA Angarita Acuna (M), J Guzmán Guzmán (B), CJS Luckow (B), CP Milic (A).

The following students left the school in the June/July 2015:

St Aidan's TE Child, CM Dwyer, JN Foody, NC Gould, IL Miles, MG Morgan, IH Neilson-Clark, C N'Gbama Missambi, AS Ogden, RMP Philipponnat, M Renaudat, T Talavera Escudero, RS Thompson, M Valenzia.

St Bede's CD Allardice, CC Bourassa, PEIE Durham, HL Eglinton, P Gibby, S Gumbel, D Iakovleva, TWEM La Rosee, MH Laczko-Schroeder, R Mamo, FC Peckitt, EMJ Toone, IIC Ward.

St Cuthbert's G Carranza, KC Chong, MAR Darbishire, LS Graves, TE Grimshaw, JPC Hodge, CEJ Nelson, RE Quick, STC Sweeney, ME Tonna, M Warden, EHT Yuen.

St Dunstan's C Arco-Zinneberg, AC Calvet, CBDR Channer, HDC Huddleston, PW Jones, FMJ Panhard, VMT Suwanwalaikorn, GJL Sweet.

St Edward's/Wilfrid's RGF Astley Birtwistle, RH Brunskill, FWP Carrington, HA Codrington, HB Montaudouin, BM Howie, N Kosykh, JWMV Lasecki de Lasocki, S Rohn, LJ Rust, HBJ Rylands, TH Savill, JC Scott.



St Hugh's SJ Cockerill, VMP de Boisredon, HM Deacy, RAAV Delogne, NJH Foxley, JCV Gonsalves, OHW Hill, AJ Holt Evans, MAF Kinsky, A Lambert, T McGrade, CP Meacham, CR Prest, HJ Shipsey, RD Skinner, CS Thorpe.

St John's A Amoedo Mendoza, JGG Andrews, DHA Bateson, GW Burrell, J Castell de Castro, BPR Dalglish, TPJ Droege, TJH Kayll, CM Kouzmenkov, TMJ Langdale, RT Pratt, PKG Ronan.

St Margaret's KF Beckett, IR Blackett, DM Carter, NSMAG d'Arenberg, ME Doyle, ME Dunne, PC Johnson-Ferguson, CM Legard, OR Maxwell, AL Moore, LFO Murray, JMM Reimer, KA Strickland, ECG Swinburne, AVA Szapary, MAB Trant, AJT Turner, O Warwick.

St Oswald's HJ Birkett, WFS Byrne Hill, AME Goodwin, A Job, HJ Lafayeedney, JA MacDonald, CVK Rogers, BML Sweet, G Tognini Bonelli Sinclair, ADP Wiener, JB Wood.

St Thomas's K Albrecht, HM Aldous-Ball, BE Andrews, HCT Braithwaite, ADJ Deedes, J Fergusson, GA Fernando, MJ Kaley, JE Lush, VMT Suwanwalaikorn, MJ Vangerven, M Wang, OH Williamson, LA Willsher, RWF Yang.

CHAPLAINCY THE MANQUEHUE APOSTOLIC MOVEMENT

FR CHAD BOULTON OSB
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

THE FIRST CHILEAN 'missionaries to the Anglo-Saxons' came to Ampleforth in 2004. For more than ten years since then the Manquehue Apostolic Movement has sent both men and women to share their faith and their friendship with the monastery and the school, through voluntary groups for shared lectio. Normally these groups have come across for January and February, as these are the Chilean summer holiday months. In 2009 there was one group that stayed for six months from September, and this extended period enabled a real breakthrough in their relationship with the monastery and their contribution to the school, including the formation of the Emmaus community, a weekly sixth form lectio group that has become a resource for the whole school. From January next year, a similar but even longer extension is planned, with a group of four male Manquehue oblates coming across for two years. This generous Chilean offering is an exciting initiative that will deepen this long standing Benedictine relationship with Ampleforth and will allow the time for new fruits to emerge.

Reflections on a Friendship

MANUEL JOSÉ ECHENIQUE

The connection between Santiago and Ampleforth has always been a two-way traffic. At Ampleforth, we are more aware of what the Chileans bring to us. In the following article Manuel José Echenique, who has played a key role in the Manquehue Movement since its earliest days, reflects on the impact made on the first members of MAM by their encounter with Ampleforth.

ON A RECENT visit to Ampleforth I realized that it was 30 years since I first came to the valley from Chile. On that first visit I had been asked by José Manuel Eguiguren to accompany him on one of his trips to England in order to spend a few days at the abbey and school. I shall never forget that first encounter with the Abbey Church, the monastic choir, the boys in the school, the monks, the beautiful setting. Since then I have been back on numerous occasions, giving me a privileged vantage point from which to view the development of the link between the Manquehue Movement and Ampleforth. As I wandered around the abbey and school on my latest visit, my mind was flooded with memories, shot through with thanksgiving rather than any sort of nostalgia. Thanksgiving to God for allowing me to be a witness to His constant, mysterious workings in the relationship between our

communities and schools and for making me part of this story. Thanksgiving for every person who has been involved in a friendship that has flourished over so many years. It is, therefore, in a spirit of friendship and thanksgiving that I offer my impressions of what Ampleforth has given to our Benedictine lay community in Chile.

It is not easy to identify the fruits of a friendship, still less define what the benefits have been for just one side. Is it right to separate what we, as a community, have received from what we have given, when the fruits of friendship spring for all from the relationship itself? How can one speak about one aspect of a bond between two parts which are united by Christ? There is a verse from the Book of Ecclesiastes, a favourite among our students in Chile, which says: "Better two than one alone, since thus their work is really rewarding. If one should fall, the other helps him up ... a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Qo 4, 9.10.12b). It is difficult to unravel the threefold cord in order to analyse each specific thread. This said, I will attempt the task that has been asked of me.

The first thing that comes to mind is José Manuel returning to Chile from his first visits to Ampleforth in the early 1980's. Each visit would make a huge impact on him. Something at Ampleforth was enabling him to envisage what this new movement he was founding in Chile might look like in the future, despite the fact that

what he was starting then was, and continues to be, very different from Ampleforth. The way in which community, education and the active apostolate at Ampleforth were all inspired by the Rule of St Benedict gripped José Manuel. The experience was spiritually deeply moving for him. He may not have been clear about what it all entailed, but what he came across was light to illumine the way ahead. His visits helped him to trust that God was at work in what he was doing, encouraging him to carry on with the group of young people he had gathered around him in Chile and their initial steps in founding a new community and school. I could see that this budding relationship was important for José Manuel, even though I did not understand what it all meant myself. "Why England?" I used to think. "What could a monastery and school rooted in a culture so different to ours offer us? How could we possibly convert this inspiration into something practical here in Chile?"

As part of his initial search, José Manuel began by 'importing' certain Ampleforth ideas into our new school, Colegio San Benito: ties with different designs, for instance, the house system, even rugby. While many of these experiments encountered resistance from us young Manquehue members with whom José Manuel was founding the new school, entailing many headaches along the way, I think José Manuel realized that what the Lord was trying to show him were not just 'good ideas', useful for developing San Benito, but something very different.

Some of the ideas which came from Ampleforth were, indeed, useful, but what José Manuel felt called to adopt was an ethos, a way of living the spirit of St Benedict. Concrete ideas were important in so far as they expressed this spirit. I always remember one particular document which transformed our way of presenting our philosophy of education. This was a talk Fr Dominic Milroy gave at a Conference in Manila just before he became Headmaster. We used a number of Fr Dominic's key concepts when we explained our educational vision to parents and staff. It remains to this day an important reference text for us. Another influential document was a piece written by Fr Columba Cary Elwes, in which he explained how the Rule could be applied to the life of lay people. Then there was Fr Timothy Wright's homily at the blessing of the new buildings at San Benito and the edition of the Rule which he made especially for us during his first visit to Chile.

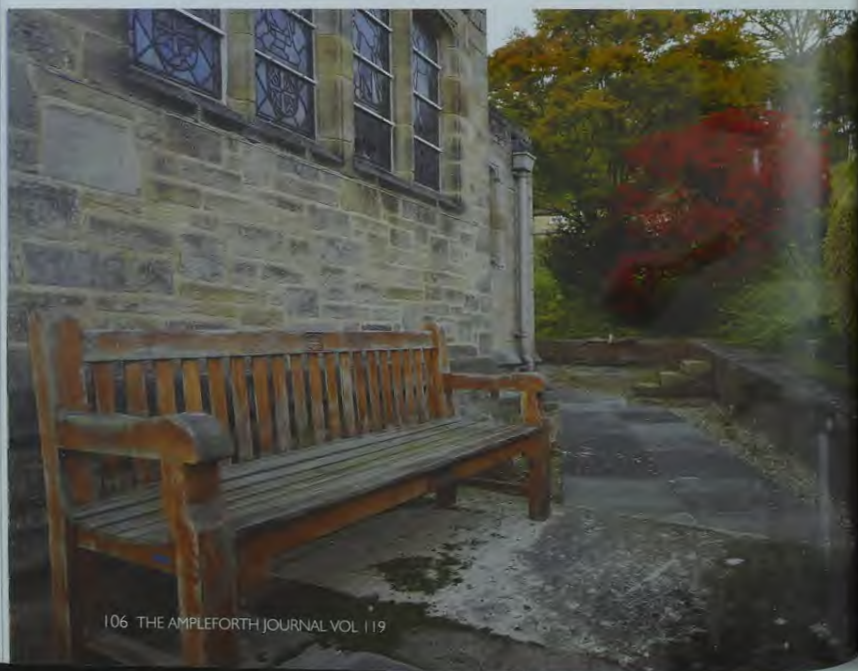
These documents were important not just because of the ideas they conveyed and the use we put them to, but what was key was the fact that we were introduced to them in the context of a personal relationship with the authors themselves. They were not just sent to us by post by a person we had never met, but were very much a part of the many long conversations José Manuel would have with these monks on his yearly visits to Ampleforth. Later on I was fortunate to be present during many similar conversations, including those with Abbot Patrick Barry, which were particularly valuable and important. I recall how José Manuel's friendship with the monks grew



in time and I was able to see how he would share his experience as a young founder and at the same time absorb the wisdom and experience of the monastic community and its history.

I remember how, on my first visit to Ampleforth, José Manuel and I were talking together after one of those long conversations with one of the monks, and we remarked that something significant was beginning and that this relationship with Ampleforth was not going to die. And it didn't die. And not only did it not die, but it grew and matured, as a tried and tested friendship which bears fruit and enriches both parties through the simple fact of its existence.

On one of his first trips to England, José Manuel bought a copy of Cardinal Hume's book *Searching for God*. It is important to mention this text. Funnily enough, this was not something one of the monks gave him, or introduced him to. He just picked it up off the shelf in a bookshop in London. But he bought it because it contained the conferences of an important former Abbot of Ampleforth. What he found was a treasure. All the wisdom and vision of Benedictine community he was discovering at Ampleforth was there in the book. And since then, all of us in Manquehue have benefitted from its riches. In fact, I would say that it is one of Ampleforth's biggest contributions to our life. Cardinal Hume was very kind to José Manuel and other members of Manquehue whenever they met him.



Looking back, I can now see how events and decisions which seemed at the time like isolated occurrences, in fact made up links in a chain shaped into the forms which God ordained in His own good time. The first Old Amplefordians who came out to Chile in their year off, for instance, were followed by others and these gap year 'gringos', as we call them, have become a virtually unbroken tradition in Chile since 1983. Their presence every year has become a privileged opportunity for young people from our country and Britain to forge friendships in Christ which mark their lives for the better. The experience of those first San Benito students who went to Ampleforth to spend months away from home as students, was a seed which would later grow into a much larger programme, whereby scores of our boys and girls now go to several schools belonging to the English Benedictine Congregation in order to study and experience a different culture in a context imbued with the same spirit of St Benedict. The way in which José Manuel went every year, for some 17 years, to help out on the house retreats at Ampleforth back in the 80's and 90's, seemed at the time to make little sense. Looking back, however, I can now see that these trips laid the foundations for the work that many groups of Chileans would do in later years in helping to found lectio divina groups in the school, whilst living and praying alongside the monastic community, leading in turn to an increase in individual links of friendship between monks and members of our movement. Indeed, some 70 Chileans have spent the Lent Term, or longer, at Ampleforth in this way over the last twelve years. This broadening of points of personal contact between our communities has led to these Manquehue visitors to Ampleforth being nourished by the example and wisdom of the monastic community, by the lives of the saints of the monastic tradition of the British Isles whom the monks have introduced them to, and by Ampleforth's great love of the Eucharist and the Liturgy in general. All this has come about through getting to know each other, through friendships. Our oblates and young have learnt much from the monks and I hope that the monks have benefitted from the experience too. But none of this was foreseeable twenty years ago. In the eyes of God nothing in this relationship has happened by chance, nothing is an isolated occurrence.

Friendship is the key to understanding the richness of our relationship with Ampleforth. And while friendship has been a fundamental aspect of our spirituality right from the start of our community, before we even knew about Ampleforth, there is no doubt that Ampleforth and the English Benedictine tradition have provided our understanding of friendship with a content that has enabled us to keep this feature of our life strong and healthy. I refer to St Aelred of Rievaulx. For our contact with Ampleforth encouraged us to find inspiration in St Aelred, whose writings enabled us to discover what exactly it was that we were experiencing and searching for when we spoke of friendship. Friendship is a characteristic of our alumni and a hallmark of our community life and there is no doubt that St Aelred has helped us foster this aspect of our spirituality.

This friendship is not, however, closed in on itself, nor is it something limited to Ampleforth. It is a friendship open to others that has come to involve monks from other EBC houses. This in turn has led to our establishing a formal link with the 13 houses of the English Benedictine Congregation. The delicate, guiding hand of the Lord has been at work, bearing unforeseen fruits.

José Manuel first travelled to Ampleforth in search of a vision of education according to the Rule of St Benedict. There he met monks who were ready and willing to listen and offer counsel. In due course, he came across monks from other EBC schools who were asking similar questions. "What does it mean to run a school according to the Rule of St Benedict?" "What are the key elements of a Benedictine School?" Together with some of these monks we started the Cunaco Group whose purpose is to meet regularly to pray as a community and, in a spirit of friendship, explore what we mean by Benedictine Education. When we began the Group we never imagined that it would generate such a powerful commitment to bringing Christ to the lives of the young in the way it has. What started out as a simple forum for sharing views on Benedictine education has turned into a group of friends who can talk about the problems and challenges their schools face, share their dreams for the future and journey together on a common path of renewal.

Looking back, I can see that what Manquehue has received from Ampleforth goes way beyond specific ideas or assistance. Ampleforth, above all, gave José Manuel an ideal to which the young movement he was founding could aspire. At Ampleforth he discovered that what he needed was not just a matter of advice, but a vision of community life and education which he could come back to time and time again for nourishment and which he could, bit by bit, pick and implant into a different culture. Today, on the eve of establishing a community of Manquehue oblates and young people at Ampleforth for two years, it is important that we take care of what God has brought about. Any new initiatives should follow the same path we have walked so far. We should be aware that we are not starting a new project, but carrying on building a relationship where friendship has been the key. It is not a question of inventing something new, more a matter of looking at what God has done and discovering the signs which point us in the direction He is asking us to travel. One of the things which most struck me when I was at Ampleforth just recently occurred when I went to the Visitor's Centre in St Alban Roe House. On reading one of the display boards, I noticed that the beginning of the link with Manquehue in the 1980's appears as one of the relevant events in the history of Ampleforth. I have to say that I was deeply moved and my heart reached out to the whole monastic community in a profound sense of communion. I realized more clearly than ever, that those first trips all the way to Ampleforth from Chile were not just some chance encounter, some passing acquaintance, but part of God's story of salvation for each of our respective communities.

MUSIC AT AMPLEFORTH

IAN LITTLE

HEAD OF MUSIC

Westminster Cathedral Choir

THE MUSICAL LINKS between Ampleforth and Westminster Cathedral have always been strong, and these have been cemented over the years by visits to Ampleforth by the cathedral choirboys to give concerts. These events are always keenly anticipated as the quality of musicianship of the young choristers is so high and we make attendance compulsory for our student singers who can learn so much from the professionalism on display. The programme on 3 October, conducted by Martin Baker and accompanied by the assistant director of music, Peter Stevens, was framed around four of the Bible Songs by Stanford between which the boys sang works by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Langlais, Poulenc and Rheinberger. Perhaps the most impressive and moving was a performance of Holst's Ave Maria, a technically challenging unaccompanied motet for 8 voices. The boys were to repeat their exceptional performance in a live broadcast a few weeks later.

Fauré Requiem

The Schola Cantorum gave its traditional performance of the Requiem by Fauré as a Meditation for All Souls on Sunday 9th November in the Abbey Church. Soloists were James Barber (SMA) and Henry Hawkesworth (H10).

St Cecilia Concert

St Cecilia has much to answer for, as, celebrating her Feast Day as we do in common with musicians worldwide, places us under pressure to produce a concert length programme from just seven rehearsals (the Autumn half term deprives us of three valuable Mondays' work). Of course, the date is merely one of convenience rather than obligation and gives early opportunity in the academic year for the school's musicians to test their skills in public. As such, the concert has established its traditional position midway between the Schola's Requiem performance and Christmas concert on the final Sunday of term. Given the number of rehearsals available the concert never disappoints and attests to the conductors' imaginative programme planning, efficiency of rehearsal, as well as the students' willingness to knuckle down to work from the very start of term. This year was no different.

The programme opened with the Concert Band playing Prismatic Light by Alan Fernie and The Great Locomotive Chase by Robert W Smith which found the Band

in top form. Now a major part of the department's work, the Ampleforth Highlanders Pipe Band contributed a set of traditional tunes making their usual impact both musically and visually. Amongst the Pro Musica's programme, which included music by Mozart, John Barry and Karl Jenkins, was the première of a composition by one of the students: Music for String Orchestra by Alexander Hopkins. The College Orchestra's programme included The Big Country by Jerome Moross, Danse Macabre by Saint-Saëns, Finlandia by Jean Sibelius and The Lord of the Rings Symphonic Suite by Howard Shore and the concert was brought to a rousing conclusion with the Big Band playing music by Billy Strayhorn, Edgar Sampson, Miles Davis and Gordon Goodwin.

Handel's Messiah

On Sunday 7th December a performance of Messiah by Handel was given in the Abbey Church. The chorus, formed from members of the Schola Cantorum, the Schola Puellarum and the Schola Sanctae Martini (the St Martins's Girls' Choir), was joined by professional orchestra and soloists. This occasion brought the Autumn Term to a fittingly joyful conclusion and many felt that this annual event marks the start of Christmas both for those who attend and for those that sing.

Other Events

The Music Department continued to be very active, both at home and away, during 2015. The Orchestra, Pro Musica, Big Band and Brass Ensemble gave a concert at the Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall at York University in March, and the Big Band and Ampleforth Singers visited the Galtres Centre in Easingwold for the second time in two years to give a concert for 150 people. The Schola gave a joint concert in the Abbey Church with Leeds Cathedral Choir at the end of the Easter Term, and this was followed by the Ampleforth Singers tour to Norfolk. They gave concerts in St. Andrew's Holt, St. Mary's Elham, and at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Walsingham for Palm Sunday Mass and a concert. On the final day of their tour they gave a lunch-time recital in Norwich Cathedral.

The summer term was spent refining music performed during the year in preparation for the Exhibition concert, which for the first time took place in the Big Study on the Saturday afternoon. Although the venue was a little small to hold the orchestra comfortably, there were some very fine performances, and the Pro Musica and the Big Band also performed. The Brass Group played at the beginning and end of the Prize Giving in the St Alban Hall in the morning, and Josephone Reimer (M) (winner of the Wright Outstanding Musicianship Prize), sang two solos during an intermission.

DRAMA

THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTIONS were put on during 2014-2015. An account of these productions appear in The Ampleforth Diary for April and July 2015.

As You Like It by William Shakespeare
(Performed by Years 10-13)

After School Special and *Ruckus in the Garden*
(Year 9 Plays chosen and directed by members of the Sixth Form)

An Ideal Husband by Oscar Wilde
(Performed by Years 11-13)

Arsenic and Old Lace by Joseph Kesselring
(Exhibition Play performed by Years 9 and 10)

ACTIVITIES

ALISTAIR HURST
HEAD OF ACTIVITIES

THE CO-CURRICULAR LIFE of the College continues to evolve and remains a busy and rewarding aspect of the students' life in the Valley. Week on week over 70 different activities are offered. We do not have room to report on every club and society but bring you some of the highlights of the year and set the scene for a new focus on service.

2014-15 was to prove another busy and successful year for the CCF at Ampleforth. Cadet numbers were healthy and staffing levels were high. The key theme of the year however was that of 'Expeditions.'

We ran our first CCF expedition to Nepal over the Autumn term half term. This involved five cadets and three members of staff travelling to Katmandu for a brief spell of acclimatisation and cultural awareness training. They then made their way to Pokhara to meet the guides before they headed into the Nepalese Himalayan foothills for the rural rugged ramble. In preparation for this trip, the school had donated money previously raised to our link school at Gilung in the Lamjung district. The amount raised permitted the school to purchase enough solar panels for them to be able to generate their own power for the entire school. It was wonderful being able to get to the school and see the panels in place. The hospitality we received both in Gilung and elsewhere during the trip was humbling. Our students learnt a lot about the Nepali people, their culture and religion as well as learning about themselves.

There were numerous other trips and off-site activities that we ran between Nepal and our other flagship expedition to Borneo at the end of the year.

Thirty three students and staff from Ampleforth took part and qualified in the annual Target Rifle Advanced Skills course firing in temperatures of minus eight degrees at Catterick ranges in December. For the first time, we combined our own students with those from another contingent too. Five students and staff joined us from Bradford Grammar School and they also qualified.

Then in March a further ten students participated in the annual adventure training expedition to the Lake District. Here they conducted climbing, mountain biking, canoeing and gorge walking in fairly inhospitable temperatures. However every one of the students maintained their big smiles (and healthy appetites).

The summer term brought warmer temperatures and new VIP guests to the College.

Two such guests attended our CCF Annual Dinner Night at the start of the term. HRH Prince Michael of Kent was the Guest of Honour and he was accompanied by Brigadier Gez Strickland and his wife. The Brigadier returned at Exhibition too as he had kindly agreed to act as our Reviewing Officer in his capacity as our new Brigade Commander. As the senior cadets concentrated on their A levels the remainder of the Contingent turned our focus towards selecting the next cohort of cadet commanders. The Nulli Secundus competition was presided over by the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion at the Infantry Training Centre in Catterick and was won by Senior Under Officer Monte Guerrini (D) with Georgina Eglinton (B) and Jake Harrison (C) both being promoted to UO.

Other competitions resulted in wins too. The Cadets were victorious at the NE England Cadet Target Rifle Shooting Championships as well as the National Cadet Clay Shooting Championships. Ben Harmer (T) performed particularly well in both competitions and the winning National Cadet was Matthew Seth-Smith (T).

At the end of the academic year we ran our second large scale expedition. This time it was to Borneo to train alongside the Gurkhas who are based there as the resident infantry battalion. Twenty staff and students braved the jungles of both Brunei and Sarawak in field training and tactical exercises as well as cultural awareness visits to see the Iban tribespeople (Headhunters). It was a popular trip and who knows, one



which we might try to organise again.

Finally it is worth noting that these trips and this degree of specialist training and attention to detail have their own rewards. Last year, Ampleforth College ranked second in the United Kingdom, as the school to have provided the highest number of commissioned officers through the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Long may this tradition continue; where Ampleforth cadets follow in the footsteps of their esteemed forefathers.

The Friendship Holiday also had another successful year. The team comprised, as always, a gathering of reliable, motivated and compassionate young people. Through the year these thirty-two Middle Sixth students planned and manned a healthy range of fundraising activities: baking pizzas in houses, selling yum-yums in school break; running Balls for the sixth form and first year; designing and selling 2,500 Christmas cards; designing witty and attractive caps and bucket hats for sale to students; and running collections. Above all, nearly all of them took part in The Big Walk: a huge effort, walking 55 miles from Whitby to Ampleforth in 24 hours. Despite exhaustion, and some pain, they all completed it. What was most remarkable was the team spirit, the way in which all of them put time, energy and a good deal of humour into encouraging each other. This raised £5,500, a tremendous achievement, contributing to an overall total of some £12,000.

Then the Holiday itself: five days at the end of June, living in Alban Roe House with 17 students from Oak Hill College in Nottingham. Each of our guests had some form of physical or mental disability. Apart from their medical needs, our students were responsible for every aspect of their wellbeing. Nights were sometimes sleepless, showers were often flooded. But for everyone, Oak Field and Ampleforth, it was a unique and outstanding experience of mutual care, friendship and enormous fun. There were outings to Lightwater Valley theme park, Diggerland, and a day trip to Scarborough; there were art and swimming sessions, a film night, and two hilarious parties at the Windmill. Highlights must surely be paddling in the sea at Scarborough, and Adrian's karaoke song, composed with the inspiration and help of Thaddeus Felle-Lutaaya. As always, our students came away amazed at how what they had anticipated as a week of service, became in fact a time of laughter and warm friendship; as always, they received even more than they gave.

Service to others is a growing focus for us here at Ampleforth and while the Friendship Holiday team were hard at work another a group of keen, yet slightly hesitant, sixth formers congregated in the car park of Nevill House. They were leaving school for the week to live in community off campus and work with The Besom. On arrival they were cheerily greeted by Rob and the team, and after a time of reflection and prayer together they wasted no time, grabbed supplies and headed off. Over the next few days they worked together in groups of around 7 to repaint and

brighten up the homes of residents in York. One group was tasked with decorating the kitchen, living room, bathroom and entrance hall of one flat and the bedroom for the neighbour. A second group, meanwhile, were busy moving furniture and ornaments (whilst memorising where everything had been...) and turning their rooms into big seas of protective dust sheets all carefully taped together in the hope that nothing underneath would be ruined. Group 3 was based in a young people's home, giving it a re-decorate for the new people who had just moved in. They lived in the Lodges at Stanbrook Abbey, their days revolving around a cycle of work and prayer, mirroring the tradition of the Benedictine community of which they are part. They had a busy week, made new friends, strengthened old friendships and even learnt a thing or two about decorating. The tag line 'giving with a cheerful heart' taken from 2 Corinthians 9:7 was adopted this year to 'explain' the name SHACworks. The most important lessons taken from the week were that in spite of the tears, frustrations and sheer tiredness that most of the group encountered, the joys of giving both to the people they were fortunate enough to meet and of living in a small community of faith outweigh tenfold any difficulties.

Autumn 2014 marked significant changes in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Ampleforth with Mike Barras and Jon Large taking over as managers following Barry Gillespie's retirement. Barry was DoFE Co-ordinator at Ampleforth for five years and involved in DoFE throughout his teaching career. The College became a distinct Local Organisation reporting directly to DoFE regional office rather than North Yorkshire County Council. This was acknowledged in October with a formal presentation at St James' Palace in London where David Lambon met Prince Philip and received the certificate. Old Amplefordian, Edmund Irvin-Fortesque (C13), was part of a Yorkshire contingent receiving their Gold Awards on the same day.

Meanwhile, normal DoFE routine continued with Gold and Silver groups undertaking expedition training in the North York Moors, Yorkshire Dales and Lake District during all three terms in a variety of weather conditions. Qualifying expeditions took year 10 Silver students through stunning limestone country in the Dales and the year 12 Gold groups had genuine wild country experience in the Cairngorms.

When one considers the overall breadth of Co-curricular enrichment on offer at Ampleforth it is clear to see how the students leave the College with such a rounded set of skills. Employers are increasingly recognising the value of these 'soft' skills: creativity, teamwork, empathy, grit, honesty and resilience. It is this skill set that we aim to make available to all our students.



SPORT AT AMPLEFORTH

Reflections on a changing culture

The Journal used to publish in full the results of all Sports fixtures. These results are now available on other media, in particular on the website and in The Diary. The following article is more of an editorial nature and reflects on the several ways in which School Sport has changed radically in recent years. Editor.

Until fairly recently what is now called 'Sport' used to be referred to as 'Games'. Ampleforth had a Games Master. It now has a Director of Sports. There is an irony here. A century ago Sports Day was associated with such trivialities as Egg and Spoon Races, whilst Games were serious (even now one does not refer to the Olympic Sports but to the Olympic Games). Now the wheel has gone full circle. At school level the concept of 'Games' suggests amateurism, whereas 'Sport' is professional.

Whichever of the headings one prefers, it is an inescapable fact that the role of sport in schools like Ampleforth has changed very radically since the turn of the century. It has become more complex, more diversified and more professional. This development has its positive and its negative sides, and represents an important facet of the cultural changes which have affected Ampleforth and all similar schools in the last few decades.

Sport at Ampleforth used to be mono-cultural. The autumn term was Rugby, the spring term was Cross-Country and Athletics, the summer term was Cricket, with allowance made for Tennis and Swimming. The culture was a very unifying one. If you liked it, it was bracing and inspiring, but if you did not like it, it could be uncomfortable. It had its iconic moments. On games days in the autumn term, the whistle blew at precisely 2.20 and the whole school (give or take a few absentees – legitimate or otherwise) trotted down to Jungle 3 or Ram 7 for the shared discipline of set games or House matches. Every now and then, the whole School would be summoned to the Big Passage for the award of Colours in the principal sports.

Recent years have seen profound changes in this culture. It is no longer mono-cultural, it is multi-cultural. There are several aspects to this, and these aspects are linked. In the first place, it has been progressively recognised that schools should offer a wider variety of sports than in the past, and that this variety demands a corresponding variety of expertise in the school staff.

This in turn has had an impact on the school curriculum. Games coaching has become so professionalised that it has become necessary to adapt the school

curriculum in a way that makes it possible to spread the coaching skills of the Sports Staff across the day. This means that now the different levels of the school, in addition to having Physical Education incorporated into their timetable, also have their Sports sessions at different times of the day. This has disadvantages as well as advantages.

However, not unsurprisingly, the biggest factor in the development of the sporting culture of Ampleforth has been the arrival of co-education. It is important to recognise that whilst co-education has had a deeply enriching and unifying effect in the classroom and in strong cultural areas of the school's life, such as Music and Drama, the effect in the area of Sport has been largely contrary to this. It has led to much greater separation and diversification of sporting activities and facilities. The sporting ethos of the school no longer has a single focus. This obviously represents a necessary and enriching development in the life of the school as a whole, but it also represents a challenge to the school's sense of identity.

This sense of identity used to be more closely linked with the standards set by senior teams in major sports. Older generations of Amplefordians will remember that on Match days in the Rugby term, a notice would appear on the School Notice Board announcing starkly that 'The School will watch the match'. This was definitely to be a corporate event. The school is no longer instructed to watch the match. Its members are engaged elsewhere taking part in their own matches in a wide variety of sports for both sexes. This represents a significant cultural fact and it has implications for the entire sporting ethos of the school.

The accompanying tables will reveal to the attentive reader that in Hockey the Girls 1st XI had an unbeaten season. This is well worth celebrating, but it cannot have the same impact as previous Rugby successes, because such an achievement now represents only a part of a much more complex pattern. At one level, in all this development, something has been lost, but there can be no doubt that (particularly for those taking part) a great deal has been gained.

HIGHLIGHTS

HOCKEY: The girls 1st XI had an unbeaten season.

RUGBY: The 1st XV tour to Madrid and Valladolid in the September Exeat featured fixtures against El Salvador Development XV and El Salvador Rugby, both of which they won.

SQUASH: In Squash, both 1st and 2nd V were unbeaten in the regular season with excellent wins against St. Peter's, Barnard Castle and Sedbergh.

FOOTBALL: The 1st and 2nd XI teams toured Barcelona with the 1st XI boys Hockey.

TENNIS: The U15 girls Tennis team was very successful, making it through to the national stages of two competitions and they won three of the four northern HMC tennis festivals.

CRICKET: The highlight of a season ruined by weather was a dramatic win over Sedbergh, thanks to a century scored against the odds and in the rain by the captain, Joseph Lush (T).

RIDING: National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) teams went from strength to strength, and rarely came back from an event without rosettes.

TOBY PRATT (J) represented the school over several years in five sports: Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Squash and Tennis. However, it is in Hockey and Cricket that he excelled. He played for and captained an England hockey side which won the Gold Medal at the Sainsbury's Schools Games. He started representing the 1st XI hockey side in his second year becoming captain this year. In Cricket, he made his 1st XI debut in his first year, opened the batting and scored 9 centuries and took over 30 catches as wicket keeper. This led to him scoring 2197 runs at an average of 43.94, breaking a post-war record.

SUMMARY OF SPORTS RESULTS

AUTUMN TERM 2014

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>
RUGBY FOOTBALL				
First XV	18	7	11	0
All teams	103	52	49	2
SQUASH (BOYS)				
First V	13	13	0	0
All teams	31	27	4	0
HOCKEY (GIRLS)				
First XI	14	14	0	0
All teams	65	41	17	7

LENT TERM 2015

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>
HOCKEY (BOYS)				
First XI	9	3	5	1
All teams	41	12	24	5
SWIMMING				
Senior Boys	7	4	3	0
Senior Girls	3	1	2	0
Senior Mixed	4	2	2	0
All teams	32	13	19	0
CROSS-COUNTRY				
Seniors	3	1	2	0
All teams	23	9	12	2
FOOTBALL				
First XI	7	4	3	0
All teams	23	9	12	2
NETBALL				
First VII	12	5	7	0
All teams	59	19	36	4

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>
LACROSSE				
First XII	7	1	6	0
All teams	10	1	9	0

SUMMER TERM 2015

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>
CRICKET				
First XI	8	2	3	3
All teams	31	11	16	4
TENNIS				
First VI Boys	5	3	2	0
First VI Girls	5	3	2	0
All teams	52	36	15	1
ROUNDERS				
First IX	2	0	2	0
All teams	15	5	10	0
WATER POLO				
First VII	2	0	2	0



ST MARTIN'S AMPLEFORTH

HEADMASTER'S PRIZEGIVING SPEECH

MARK O'DONNELL
HEADMASTER OF ST MARTIN'S AMPLEFORTH

Several sections referring to particular events or achievements, which are covered in other parts of this report, have been omitted, Editor:

FR ABBOT, HEADMASTER, Ladies and Gentleman, girls and boys. You will notice that our written annual report forms part of the Prizegiving programme. You will see on closer inspection that there is a lot to celebrate and you will know that there is much still to accomplish. Today we can reflect on the past year, my first year, and try to pull it all together. This school, just like the College, has embraced the idea of change positively. Indeed one of the features of the year has been the way the community has responded to the challenges ahead. As the new boy, I have been learning about life at Ampleforth and I have been keen to promote and develop Gilling's association with the Monastery, with the College and with the wider community. Getting to know the children and the children getting to know me; demon headmaster, soft touch, or perhaps simply the bloke who has a job to do which is sometimes great fun but also a bit onerous.

The union and assimilation of new and old, College with Prep have underpinned the work of the year. I take heed of what has been handed down and in the spirit of innovation and diversity, I look constantly for inspiration. For me, it most often comes from the children. Certainly, the year is marked by some memorable individual achievements but it is the children's sense of adventure and joy which shines above all else.

St Benedict knew that communities thrive best when individual gifts and talents are shared for the greater good of all. For St Benedict it was an essential. The value of community life has been eroded over time in favour of a more materialistic world view of what constitutes a good education. Ampleforth's strength is that we still benefit from the idea of a community bonded by shared responsibility for our belief in a greater good.

St Martin's Ampleforth is most definitively the prep school for Ampleforth College and much planning has taken place to ensure the greater sharing of resources and expertise. Our union will enable us to enhance the opportunities for children to engage widely. My thanks go to David Lambon and Fr Abbot for making this process achievable. In future years the school will have a more streamlined curriculum from Year 7 onwards. We have already enjoyed welcoming Fr James to

teach Greek and our Classics department will be further enriched by members of the College's Classics team. Design and Technology has opened its doors to us and we will be using those resources in the new term. IT has been put back into the timetable for 2015/16 to meet the demands of the new National Curriculum, and in all of this we have received excellent support from the College. Use of digital technologies has been embraced as a concept for both St Martin's Ampleforth and the College. It's not necessarily a magic potion but it will serve to provide the children with more open-ended learning opportunities. Selected St Martin's Ampleforth teachers attended training by the company iTeach to develop skills in delivering lessons. The aim of this initiative is not just how to learn about the technology but to use it to complement teaching and good practice.

Today the School sends a fond farewell to the two longest serving members of Pre Prep. They are mentioned together because they are a 'double-act.' Libby Cooke and Marian Mortimer both came to St Martin's Ampleforth in 2001 when St Martin's Nawton merged with Gilling Castle. They came with the Nursery that Libby had set up and nurtured. During their time at St Martin's Ampleforth they have laid the foundations for countless children who have gone on to great achievements. Indeed, Libby has begun to teach the children of some of her old pupils - a testament to the love and high regard in which she is held; we wish them both great future happiness.

Angela Scott retires today. She was appointed in 1998 and she became Head of English in 2005. She has been an inspirational and talented colleague. Her passion for her subject has shone through, whether working with the academically gifted, or supporting pupils with specific needs. Her lessons were often enlivened by her considerable acting talent with an accomplished repertoire of accents and drama skills. She has been instrumental in nurturing many young thespians. Only last October, pupils from St Martin's Ampleforth performed A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Joseph Rowntree Theatre in York as part of the Shakespeare Schools' Festival. The highly-praised performance of these young actors will serve as a lasting tribute to Mrs Scott and her commitment to excellence.

Metaphorically we like to open new doors for children and in turn we like the children to open real doors for us. We like them to say thank you and not to take their own and other people's property for granted. One of the best ways to develop community spirit is through opportunities for stewardship, or leadership. So our development planning has stressed roles and responsibilities that can be extended via the House system in the coming year. The role of the Houses should be to foster leadership through service as a theme for the future, and children in Year 7 will be encouraged to apply for the captaincy roles as soon as they come back in September. This year the House Captains were Barnes: Maria Hague, Etton: Capucine Werbrouck, Fairfax: William Hunt and Stapleton: Issy Woods. The winning House

was Barnes.

School trips play an invaluable role in the children's education. In addition to many other outings mentioned elsewhere, in June, most of Year 8s travelled to Italy for a post-common Entrance trip which included a variety of outdoor pursuits that challenged and excited them. Despite the excitement of the Milan Expo and a valuable visit to the museum, death defying leaps from the tree tops and scaling huge climbing walls, the most popular event of the week remained the slides at the water-park.

Our boarders, of course get a full weekend and evening calendar of activities. From Monday to Friday children have access to the school's indoor and outdoor facilities such as the golf course, tennis court, sports hall, pitches, art room and woodlands. There have been organised sessions of hockey, cross country running, art, maths and probably one of the best prep school enrichment programmes on offer in the form of our Lyceum organised by Dr Ansell. Enrichment also included children in Year 8 participating in the Oxford University Learning Platform debates for which the school was highly commended. Over the weekend further activities have included theatre or cinema trips, rock climbing, baking, paintballing, mountain biking, swimming, dry slope skiing, den building, bowling and drama.

Creating lessons which capture the children's imagination is a difficult but important role for teachers. Make it difficult for children to tell the difference between the two and success is assured. We don't have a magic potion like the villagers in Cartoon Gaul, but we do know that if the children are engaged, then they are most probably having fun. To encourage participation we have created challenges via various National competitions that also serve to benchmark the school.

We don't offer tossing the Obelix as a sport at St Martin's Ampleforth but I have seen on several occasions an indomitable spirit, sometimes playing like the Gauls and needing a magic potion to give us a lift; at other times like Romans invading and conquering.

We are lucky to have such beautiful surroundings and wonderful grounds and resources but there is never any replacement for good teaching. Children learn best in a setting where they feel confident, not just in the relationships they have with each other, but comfortable in approaching their teachers with confidence, assured that their concerns and questions will be received with respect, consideration and understanding. I thank the teachers who have supported the children and helped them to achieve their potential. Over the course of the year I have appreciated the direct support of Mr Godwin and Mrs Newlands- Melvin, along with all the Senior Management Team. Mrs Lynn Harrison and Mrs Glynis Skehan in the office have been particularly understanding. My thanks also go to the household team and Mr Carmichael for their excellent efforts throughout

the year. To Fr John our Chaplain I extend a sincere debt of gratitude for all the goodness and grace that he bestows upon the school through his work in the Chaplaincy.

Next year we will have a new award to present. Our thanks for this goes to the Hewitt Family who have donated an award in Memory of their daughter, Mariana, who remains very much in our thoughts and prayers as we go into the summer holidays. The award fits so well with my theme today and it will go to someone who has shown generosity of spirit within the school, reaching out in a special way to show courage and to be like Christ in the world. My thanks also to our Trustees and Governors, in particular Sarah Hunt who has offered excellent advice throughout the year and also to our Friends who continue to support the school and have offered to part finance the purchase of iPads for classroom use.

The prefects this year have been a superb team. This includes our two school captains: Alice Hunt and Theo Smerdon. The other prefects were Tatiana Hewitt, William Hunt, Marie-Louise Owen, Tom Tom Scott-Masson and Maria Toone.

St Martin's Ampleforth is exemplary for the opportunities children have to learn what a difference they can make.

Our unanimity of purpose will deliver our school a bright future if we remain spirited and positive. I thank the children for all for their hard work and applaud their love of school. I will continue to urge you to see the value of community living and the power of the Holy Spirit in your lives as something very special for your future success and well-being.

So, there is no pressure on our two new School Captains next year and I will finish by asking them to come forward to receive their ties:- Frankie McGovern and Nwomiko Diugwu.

ACADEMIC

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS to Ampleforth College were awarded to: James Clements-Byrne, Alice Hunt, William Hunt, Maria Toone and Marie-Louise Owen. James Barber was awarded a Music Scholarship and Hector Denny will be an Exhibitioner at Radley College.

Basil Hume Scholars included: James Barber (sport and drama), Tatiana Hewitt (Drama), Alice Hunt (sport and music), Bethan James (sport), Theo Smerdon (sport) and Maria Toone (drama).

Over a quarter of a million children from 3,800 schools sat the 2015 UK Maths Challenge which is designed to extend the top 20% of Year 8 children in our category. St Martin's Ampleforth's results, which included children from sets 6.1, 7.2 and 8.2 as well as the expected 7.1 and 8.1 were above the national average. The top 6,000 children of the 250,000 are invited to take part in the Junior Kangaroo. Three of our Year 8 children, Theo Smerdon, William and Alice Hunt were part of the best 6,000 who will attempt this harder stage, Alice Hunt narrowly missed out on being in the top 1,000.

The Science department has continued to emphasise the practical nature of the subject, always endeavouring to include as many opportunities to develop these skills as possible. Pupils have had the opportunity to perform a range of interesting investigations. In Physics these have included designing burglar alarms in electronics, finding the density of mystery rocks from other planets using the law of reflection to locate treasure and comparing the audible range of adults and teenagers. In Chemistry pupils have been challenged to collect the oxygen produced by the decomposition of potassium permanganate and to produce copper metal from copper oxide and zinc - a spark producing, exothermic reaction! Pupils have also produced chemi-luminescence and have used their knowledge of exothermic and endothermic reactions to design hand warmers. Popular and much anticipated activities in Biology have included the dissection of eyes in Year 6, hearts and lungs in Year 7 and the study of pheasant's feet and chicken legs to learn about antagonistic muscle action in Year 8. The recent rocky shore habitat study at Flamborough Head has provided the opportunity for pupils to practise Biology in an outdoor environment and to learn more about the organisms living in this fascinating intertidal zone.

In Art, this year's aim has been to increase the children's desire to finish their art work to a high standard. The use of competitions to inspire the children to work hard has been the key to this objective. Years 6-8 took part in a copy of The National Gallery's Take One Picture Competition. They used the painting by LS Lowry of Clifford's Tower in York, from which to draw inspiration. Although not achieving the

prize of working with an Artist in school, two large pieces of art have been chosen to be included in the York Art Gallery reopening in August this year. Several pieces of art went down to Kent to be part of the National SATIPS Art Exhibition, which we have joined in with for the last 3 years. Recently one of our younger artists, Hannah Breese, has had work accepted for the IAPS Art Exhibition at their headquarters in Leamington Spa, a real honour and a chance to meet other artists. The Trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park was the focus from which the Year 6 are creating sculptures, in the style of Henry Moore.

We have welcomed visiting authors: Piers Torday, winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction prize 2014 for 'The Dark Wild', Rick Vanes, author, scriptwriter and creator of 'Chugginton' on the BBC and Ian Lendler, author of 'Stratford Zoo Midnight Revue' wildly hailed as a great doorway to Shakespeare.

The younger-end of the Prep school has had a very busy and exciting year. There have been opportunities for school trips, notably the Year 3 trip to the Norman archaeological dig in Gilling Woods, the Year 4 trip to York Chocolate Story and the Year 5 trip to Robin Hood's Bay. Year 5 visited the Barnsley Chronicle with the kind permission of the Hewitt family. Here they saw how a newspaper is made, as well as engaging in a number of interactive activities.

ST MARTIN'S AMPLEFORTH STAFF

SEPTEMBER 2014 - JULY 2015

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Alice Hunt

William Hunt

Marie-Louise Owen

Theo Smerdon

Tom Tom Scott-Masson

María Toone

DORMITORY PREFECTS

Alonso Avila Vela

James Barber

Carlos de los Santos Castilla

Venetia Laczko-Schroeder

Raphael Langford

Ernesto Lopez Guitierrez

Jack McKenna

Hugh Myers

Capucine Werbrouck

SPIRITUAL LIFE

FR JOHN FAIRHURST OSB

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

LAST YEAR ENDED with the blessing of the beautiful statue of our Lady of Grace, which was donated by our retiring headmaster, Nick Higham and his family. It has become a focal point at the front of the school and was beautifully illuminated for our torchlight procession in October. Throughout the year, processions are a regular feature of our spiritual life here at Gilling: at Candlemas and the blessing of throats on the feast of St Blaise; the May crowning of Our Lady and the Summer procession of Corpus Christi as well as our "pilgrimage walk" from the Abbey Church at the end of the school retreat in the Lent term. They symbolise our journey through life and our need for God's grace to guide our way.

This year has seen the installation of two new statues in the entrance hall to the Castle: St Benedict and Mary Mother of God who now welcome us as we enter our "School of the Lord's Service" and we ask their blessing on ourselves and on our Children.

The Church's seasons were marked in the Pre Prep with our Harvest Festival in the school chapel, our Nativity Play and our Lent / Easter service, all of which were appreciated by the parents who come to watch and to pray with their children. Our Thanksgiving Service was a moving celebration marking the transition of our year 2 children into the Prep School; "One more step along the World I go..." As usual St Martin's Day was an enjoyable occasion for the whole school, who sat down together for lunch and for the traditional cutting of St Martin's cloak and cake. Together with our other patrons, St Aelred, St Alban Roe and St Benedict, such celebrations help us focus on the importance of our spiritual life here at Gilling Castle.

We also celebrate the international dimension of our school, with Mass and prayers in Spanish for Our Lady of Guadalupe in December, French for our Lady of Lourdes in February and Italian for the feast of St Francis of Assisi. November, month of the Holy Souls, was an opportunity to add names to our Book of Remembrance and to pray for our departed loved ones. This year in particular we had memorial services for Mrs Davies and for Mariana Hewitt from Pre Prep.

For our retreat this year, we broke with tradition by inviting members of the College to work with our Years 7 and 8 children in Alban Roe House, which was greatly appreciated. The junior children remained at the Castle for a round of prayer and adoration, sports, music and art activities. As usual we have welcomed members of the monastic community to celebrate Mass with us throughout the year and to help

with confessions.

As the Summer term came to a close, we were delighted to celebrate the First Holy Communion of Sibylla Burrows, Finbar Flannery, Bertie Gabriel, Helena Ramsden, and Henry Torrens- Burton in the school chapel followed by a festal celebration. The whole school joined in by having hot dogs at morning break as a treat!



ENRICHMENT AND ACTIVITIES

THERE ARE MANY opportunities provided in all areas of school life to extend children's learning beyond the confines of the classroom and the curriculum. A typical newsletter, dated 22/5/15, details the achievements of our pupils in the SMA Poetry Day, the Choir Schools' Association Sports and Choral day, the York and Area Pre-School Art Competition and the Year 8 Scholars' French Poetry Reciting Competition. A Years 1 and 2 pond-dipping trip to Ampleforth lakes, a Year 6 visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and the participation of Year 3 in an archaeological dig in Yearsley Wood were also reported, along with the success of a cake stall to raise funds for Nepal, instigated by a Year 7 pupil. Forthcoming events outlined were the Athletics Day and activities planned for Green Club and the Eco Committee. Such opportunities enrich our children's educational experience and aim to inculcate in them a sense of intellectual curiosity, the ability to accept and rise to new challenges and, above all, the Benedictine core value of balance.

Lyceum has played a major role in our enrichment programme since its inception in the Michaelmas Term, 2009. The aim of Lyceum is to provide a forum for pupils to explore new and exciting challenges designed to help them develop their talents, discover new interests and prepare themselves for the world beyond the classroom. At Lyceum they are encouraged to discuss, debate and assimilate new information, arriving at informed opinions which they are able to defend in a logical and reasoned manner. Above all they are encouraged to think. Lyceum sessions take place each Monday evening throughout the academic year. Initially aimed at Year 8, this year has seen the programme extended to Year 7 pupils, at their request, after the February scholarship examinations. SMA and Ampleforth College staff, visiting speakers from local universities, parents and friends have delivered Lyceum sessions which were unfailingly informative, lively and interactive on a variety of topics ranging from 'Why Bother to Vote?' to 'Is Music the Wallpaper of Our Lives?' We are very grateful to all those who have supported Lyceum so generously.

A pleasing development this year has been the number of Years 7 and Year 8 pupils who have run Lyceum sessions on topics as diverse as 'This is Russia', 'Great Cricketing Feats and Cricketers' and 'Dark Matter: Does it Matter?' What has not varied is the impressive subject knowledge which the pupils have demonstrated and the confident and enthusiastic manner in which they have presented their research. Our academic scholars have had further opportunities to develop their critical thinking skills by taking part in a weekly on-line debating club run by tutors from Oxford University. Their contributions to debates on issues such as 'This House would ban zoos' and 'This House believes that the internet does more harm than good' have been highly commended.

Activities fall into three main areas: evening, weekend and curricular. Our aim is to provide an appropriate and exciting choice of activities in all of these areas.

We have continued to use specialist coaches and instructors to offer quality tuition in activities such as Golf, Fencing, Horse Riding, Shooting, Karate and Tennis, where children have also had the opportunity to gain competence and/or certification from sporting bodies.

Teacher-led activities, during the timetabled day have harnessed the enthusiasm of staff, their experience and expertise to offer such activities as Survival, Gardening, Baking, Mind Lab, Needlecraft, Creative Arts, Storyboard and Board Games. Children have been able to choose a new activity each half term allowing them a broad range of experience.

Evenings allow children to access the schools indoor and outdoor facilities such as the golf course, tennis court, sports hall, pitches, art room and woodlands, either informally or through organised sessions of hockey, cross country running, extra art, maths classes or Lyceum (enrichment) sessions.

Teachers, together with the boarding staff have provided the children with a full and varied programme of activities over the weekend. These have included theatre or cinema trips, rock climbing, baking, paintballing, mountain biking, swimming, dry slope skiing, den building, bowling, trip to the 'Chocolate Story' amongst other things. Living successfully in a boarding community is often about making good choices and our aim is to encourage participation and involvement to enrich this experience.

PRE-PREP

KATE OAKLEY
HEAD OF PRE-PREP

Years 1 and 2 started with a trip to Newby Hall to follow the sculpture trail, and work with some Zimbabwean sculptors. This helped them with their topic work about materials, Ben and Gus created masks using a range of different materials. Their next topic was about Florence Nightingale so a visit to the Thackray Museum in Leeds rounded off a busy term, Liam took on the role of head porter to carry the equipment to Scutari.

The traditional Nativity play was the climax to our first term and Mollie was a great Little Angel who got her Wings and Libby supported her as the Angel Gabriel.

The spring term began with a visit to the Castle Museum to learn about toys, past and present, Harry and Gabriel enjoyed playing with "old fashioned" toys and discovering that there was a time before ipads and computers. After half term there were virtual visits to the Isle of Struay to meet Katie Morag and learn about life on a small Scottish island.

We all returned in the summer term ready to discover what plants and creatures are around us: an informative visit to the Yorkshire Arboretum at Castle Howard revealed a range of trees, flowers, minibeasts and insects which were discovered on dry land and in the pond. Lydia enjoyed discovering pond wild life. The final topic of the year was learning about how seaside holidays have changed over the years so a trip to Whitby aboard the steam train was organised with a visit to the Cook museum to learn about a local hero, with fish and chips for lunch.

Hannah received a Highly Commended for her painting that was entered into the IAPS Art Competition held in Leamington Spa.

Reception has been busy learning about a range of topics including My Family, Space, Dinosaurs and the Seaside. They had a visit to Scarborough's Rotunda Museum to look at Geology and fossils from the coast. They got up close to a full sized Plesiosaurus with crocodile teeth in its neck. No head! They saw the opening of the Art Museum's Camera Obscura and made pictures for their web site. They have enjoyed baking with Mrs Hogan; Mother's day chocolates, dinosaur biscuits, buns for Nepal and star shapes plus a Father's Day treat. Space Parties with Galactic cocktails and Alien masks filled one afternoon then the Dinosaur party with costumes lead to a surprise for Mr O'Donnell as he came out of Assembly. What a ROAR! By July they will have visited rock pools on the coast and discovered crabs and sea life to draw, sculpt, paint and collage on our return.

Along with Years 1 and 2 they have entered the Royal Entomological Societies Insect Art Competition which will be available to visit on Sunday 4th July in the Museum Gardens in York. This year the competition was won by SMA and in particular by Florence Tidmarsh who was the overall winner with a magnificent depiction of a ladybird.

Nursery topics have included: Ourselves, harvest, our homes, pets mini beasts and growing. The grass seed heads we planted were particularly successful and their little happy faces cheered everyone. This year they have been on many walks around the grounds discovering how nature changes during the year. Along with Father John they have been on a trip to Thomas the Bakers and the Abbey church.

In the summer term they entered a local art competition and had their giraffe pictures on display.

A new element to the Pre Prep curriculum has been Woodland School. Each week the children have enjoyed exploring the woods and countryside that surround us. Mr Harrison has provided instruction and information on different activities and the children have enjoyed seeing how the seasons alter the environment around us. We have also had specialist staff in for PE, dance, swimming and music.

Local poet Andy Seed visited Pre Prep and judged poems we had written. Noah Rothwell won in Year 2.

Harvest and Easter festivals have been celebrated with our parents.

Sports day was enjoyed along with parents and lots of pupils have achieved swimming badges over the course of the year.

MUSIC

VINCENT CONYNGHAM
HEAD OF MUSIC

THIS YEAR BOTH our Scholas sang in the annual performance of Handel's Messiah in the Abbey Church. It is a great credit to the tenacity of our young choristers, some of them Year 5s, that they are able to cope with such an adult repertoire and 'hold their own' against the older boys and girls from Ampleforth College. The Carol Service followed with its excellent choral music and communal singing. The service featured the first performance (at Ampleforth) of Dr Shepherd's Anthem: 'Prayer for a New Mother.'

Another highlight was the Concert towards the end of March where many of our choristers joined forces not only with the Upper School girls and boys from Ampleforth College, but also with the Choir of Leeds RC Cathedral. The repertoire included Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater', Monteverdi's 'Mass for Four Voices', 'O Vos Omnes' by Pablo Casals and we finished with 'Insanae et vanae curae' by Haydn.

In May our Schola Football and Rounders teams travelled to Wolverhampton to participate in the Choir Schools' Association Sports Day, which concluded with a Service of Evensong in St Peter's Collegiate Church. This Service was sung by over one hundred and fifty treble voices from twelve cathedrals in the Northern division. The clarity and beauty of sound was astonishing. More importantly, our girls and boys won 'the double' (Football and Rounders) for the second year running. Last year, we hosted the event ourselves and won both sporting events on our home turf. This time we repeated the feat, with Wolverhampton teams as the runners-up!

For the first time our choristers were granted the honour of singing the treble line at the Confirmation Mass on Sunday 3rd May and one of the highlights was Vaughan Williams's setting of 'Easter' with former chorister Justin Gonsalves as Baritone soloist. Our instrumentalists have showed their prowess on a number of occasions, with the Year group concerts drawing appreciative audiences and the summer concert showed the progress and high standards that some of our children have reached. In particular, the School Orchestra practised hard and worked well together as a disciplined team. We also participated in various Outreach Concerts involving local schools.

It is the Liturgical music that is at the heart of our community and the music staff work hard to maintain the high standards. The children are used to singing sacred music as it forms such a large part of our worship. St Augustine said that 'he who sings well, prays twice' and there can be no doubt that our singing both unites us all and often gives worthy praise to the Almighty.

DRAMA

JILL WOOD
ENGLISH

This year, teachers at St Martin's Ampleforth have worked in partnership with Tonguetied Theatre Company who come into school to teach drama. Tonguetied are part of a National organization known as LAMDA (London Arts Music and Drama Awards). Years 3, 4 and 5 have enjoyed weekly drama lessons and as well as putting on the Parent's Day recital performance, the children have all worked towards LAMDA drama qualifications in Verse and Acting. The examinations took place on the 11th June.

The Year 3, 4 and 5 children were on fine form for their Recital Concert for Parents' Day on Saturday, 9th May 2015. With every child involved, the event was a feast of music, poetry and drama. Kicking off with our Years 3 and 4 strings' group and encompassing choral, violin, piano, vocal pieces and even the chanter, as well as poetry and scenes prepared for their upcoming LAMDA examinations, the children showed off their many talents and diverse repertoire in the Arts to the full. The children all enjoyed the performance immensely and even managed to involve the audience in a super rendition of "Jerusalem" to finish the occasion.

Notably, in October 2015, SMA staff worked with Year 8 pupils in a spectacular performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream", directed by Angela Scott. This enabled the children to take part in the Shakespeare Schools' Festival – the UK's largest Youth Drama Festival and a truly unforgettable experience.

SPORT

AS THE FIELDS are bathed in early summer sunshine, the time has come to reflect on another year packed full of students' endeavour, commitment and enthusiasm across the various aspects of the sports programme at St Martin's Ampleforth. Success takes many forms, be it from improvements in results, pupils' sporting development or their rates of participation in varied sports.

This year has been no different, with particularly fine hockey seasons for boys and girls. We have been delighted with the individual success for the likes of Alex Shaw, as he achieved a place in the Independent Schools Lambs (North of England) at rugby; Hector Denny who joined Alex Shaw in representing North Yorkshire at cricket; our five students (Isabelle Woods, Tatiana Hewitt, Alice Hunt, Charlotte Owen, James Barber) played county JAC hockey. Achieving national success and international recognition is the pinnacle for any aspiring sportsman/woman and we are delighted that Theo Smerdon has made a further step forwards towards this goal, following his rugby success in selection for the Leeds Carnegie development squad. Fortunately, the Nelson Field AstroTurf escaped any harsh winter conditions and the girls' and boys' hockey prospered as a result. The Autumn term began strongly for the U13A girls' side who enjoyed 5 wins from 9 matches; yet the U9s went one better to record an almost unbeaten season. Whilst results were inconsistent across other age groups, the participation rates of 100% were as pleasing as the individual results.

The boys' hockey picked up the mantle in the Lent term with the U13As leading the way with 5 wins from 6 matches and eventually finishing winners of the U13 Yorkshire tournament. This strength was matched in an unbeaten run for the boys' 3rd and 4th sides. On the grass fields in the valley, the boys' rugby results were not reflective of the efforts given by both staff and pupils, yet highlights could still be found such as the U13 who played well as they reached the semi-finals of The Oratory and Mowden tournaments. Further success was found for the first time in 3 years in the swimming pool, as newly formed sides at U13 (boys and girls) swam well to secure positive results in the two swimming galas versus Terrington and Newcastle.

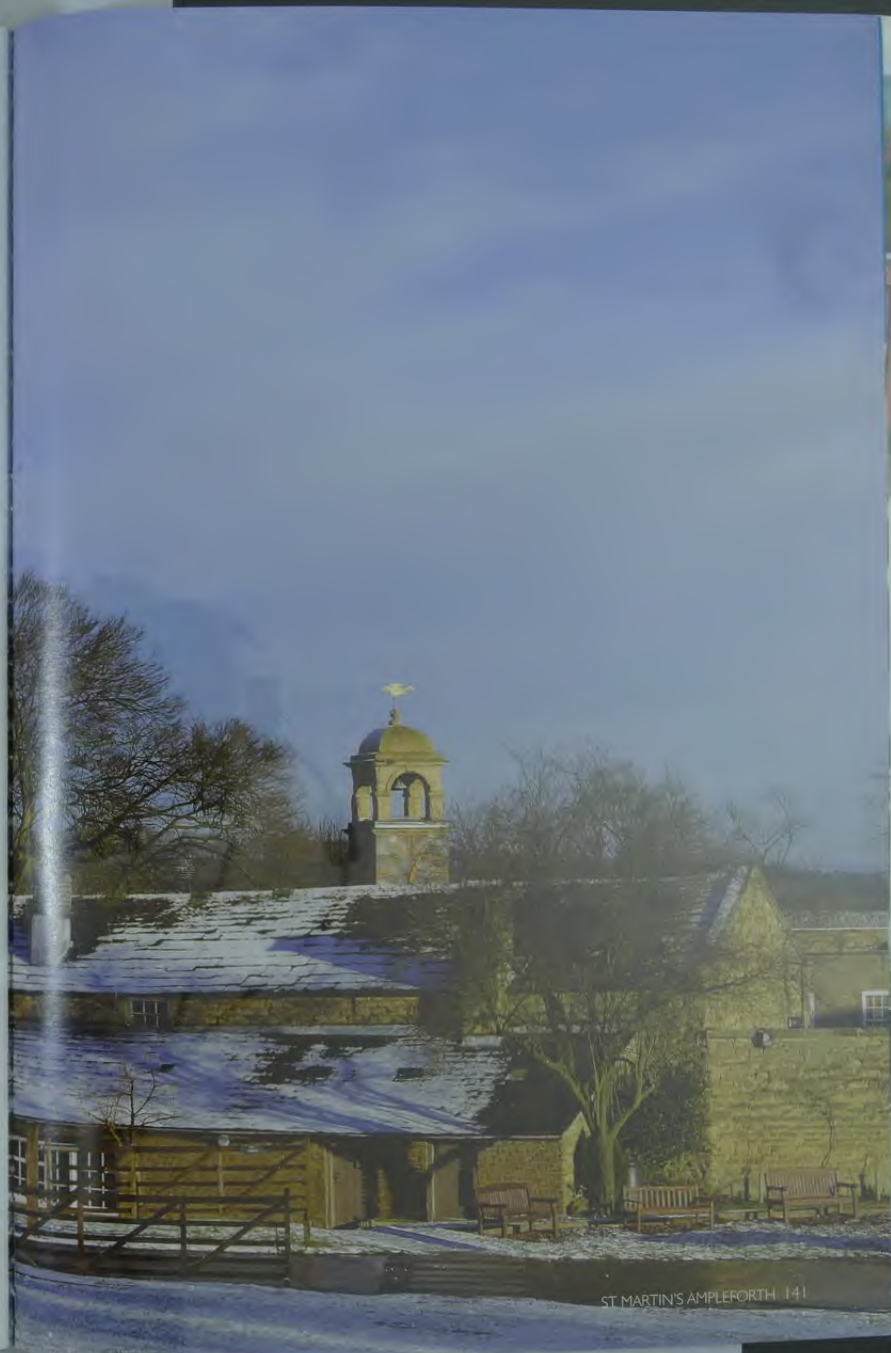
The Lent term presented the best opportunity to see our pupils work together and take advantage of the opportunities across the variety of sports offered. The boys 1st XI hockey side's success was certainly underpinned by a strong team ethic and some superb individual skill, ably illustrated by their high goal scoring record. Netball enjoyed resurgence due to new staff (led by Mrs Barson and Miss Millns) and a movement to indoor netball which included enthusiastically attended 'lunchtime netball shooting sessions'. The U11As proved the strongest of the sides both at 'A' and 'B' level with some thrilling last-minute victories. For our Cross Country sides,

success was never hard to locate with team victories at Red House and Giggleswick, alongside promising individual success as Jaime Lago Crespo surged to an exhilarating personal win at the Red House competition. An increase in numbers interested in football, coupled with a European flair, enabled excellent 'A' and 'B' teams to be fielded against Aysgarth. A double victory ensured that further opportunities will be sought in 2015/16. This change in the games' programme further allowed girls to enjoy the opportunity to play Lacrosse for the first time.

Alongside the honest toil on the games fields, the seeds for future success were sown in the enhanced PE programme that now includes more gymnastics and dance alongside the emerging Sports Development Programme that offers boys and girls the opportunity to extend their personal sporting development in evening sessions, that include practical and class based sessions. Sporting Role Model visits continued including, from Leeds Carnegie, Phil Godman (Rugby) as well as Lacrosse players from the College 1st XII.

The Worsley Cup yet again proved that our cricket fields are one of the most beautiful places to play cricket in the country. The quality on show across all sides matched the surroundings alongside individual performances from Tom Tom Scott-Masson, Theo Smerdon and Hector Denny. Cricketing results at a junior level showed some promise that included Teddy Hunt's 3 wickets in 4 balls and a fine win for the U11As versus Terrington. There was plenty of Summer term action on the tennis courts and on the golf course too, including trips to the IAPS national finals (golf) and positive performances at the AEGON tennis tournament.

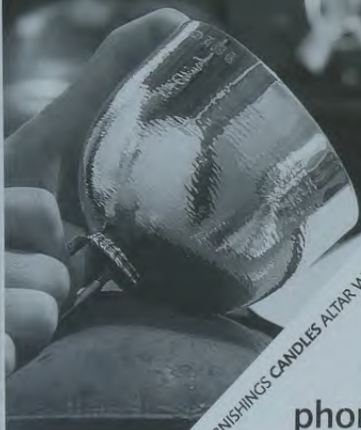
This tennis success was not limited to just boys, as the girls also played well in their first attempt at the AEGON tennis, whilst the Rounders teams have had a positive season culminating in the U11A victory at the Cundall Manor tournament. Athletics has seen further development via the PE programme and late success in regional finals in June has seen 5 pupils qualify through to the National Prep Schools Athletics finals in Birmingham (Hugh Myers, Theo Smerdon, Nwomiko Diugwu, Octavia Howard, Jaime Lago Crespo).



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