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ARCHBISHOP 'GOES BACK' TO SCHOOL



Archbishop Rowan Williams is seen being presented with a Dynevor scarf by Rev. Desmond Payne-Jeremiah (1954), on the occasion of a visitation he made to St. Benet's Metropolitan Church in West London.



DYNEVOR WELCOMES ROWAN

A message from the President, David Dickinson, Esq..

Tonight's Old Dyvorian's Association Annual Dinner is a very special occasion for all of us who attended the School.

It is especially an honour for me, your outgoing President, to hand over the reins of the Presidency to Dr. Rowan Williams.

On behalf of all us of here present this evening on this auspicious occasion, I have great pleasure in wishing you, Archbishop, the warmest of Swansea and Welsh welcomes.

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PICTURE FROM THE PAST

In November, 1992, Dr. Rowan, who was then Bishop Of Monmouth, came to Dynevor at the invitation of the then President, Stuart Winks, to give a talk, in the new School Hall, on 'Christianity and Change in Eastern Europe'. The 'talks' later matured into what has become the regular October Annual Lecture, delivered by an eminent Old Dy'vorian.

The photograph below, recently re-discovered by Stuart Batcup, was taken in the Head's Study, in the presence of the last Head of Dynevor, Allan Smith and a number of Past Presidents, whose names are to be found below.



Pictured with Dr. Rowan Williams are Peter Macpherson, Stuart Batcup, Stuart Winks - President, George Hounsell - Secretary, David Farmer, Dr. Rowan Williams, Allan Smith - Headmaster, Hubert Joseph, Rev. Leslie Norman, Canon Eric Wastell, Ernie Cogger.



STRATFORD PILGRIMAGE 1963

RD Williams 2A

Phil Stone (1959), who, as incoming Vice-President, will have the task of standing in for Archbishop Rowan whenever he is unable to attend a function during his year of office, discovered the article reprinted here in the July, 1963 issue of the Dynevor Magazine. We thought it would stir memories, not only amongst Rowan's contemporaries, but for other Old Dy'vorian, too. We hope you agree. It will certainly repay careful reading. It has been slightly abridged.

Shakespeare, greatest of all English poets, was born in the little town of Stratford-upon-Avon. Stratford is now a sort of Mecca for all who appreciate good literature – almost a huge monument to Shakespeare's greatness.. Everywhere are half-timbered Elizabethan houses and all the places in which Shakespeare and his family lived are preserved by the Shakespeare Trust. It is to these places that, for the past few years, the 'Stratford Pilgrimage' has been made. This year, the party consisted of boys of 2A and 3E, under the watchful but encouraging eyes of Messrs. Bryn Cox and Ossie Morris.

We left De-la-beche St. at 7.36am on Tuesday, 14 May ... arriving at Worcester at 11.45. Our departure was delayed by the temporary loss of a nameless member of our party, who after lunch (in the Cooperative Restaurant) had detached himself and been unable to find the Coach park again. We left at 2.34 and reached Stratford at 3.23.

Our first visit was to the Theatre Picture Gallery, which contains costumes, scenery and pictures relevant to Shakespeare and his plays. We then visited the Parish Church where he was christened and buried. We stayed at a Youth Hostel at Broom, about 7 miles from Stratford, leaving after supper for the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre to see 'The Tempest', an excellent and imaginative production.

The following morning, we visited New Place, Shakespeare's birthplace. On the window of the birthroom are scratched the names of many distinguished visitors, including Sir Walter Scott and the Actor, Henry Irving. Our next appointment was at Charlecote Manor, where Shakespeare was whipped for poaching. We admired the splendours of the Great Hall, the Library of 5,000 volumes and the Park, with its Deer and Peacocks. After lunch, we left for Shottery, to see Anne Hathaway's Cottage, followed by a visit to Mary Arden's hose at Wilmcote, which has a circular dovecote and a barn containing relics of Warwickshire's past. Both these cottages are really large farmhouses.

After supper, we went to the theatre again, this time to see 'Julius Caesar', another good production.

Next morning, we left the Hostel, to visit Cadbury's Chocolate Factory at Bournville, where we were duly supplied with diverse and sundry free samples. Our last call was at Dudley Zoo, where, after lunch, we were allowed to wander around at our leisure.

Having had tea, we left, stopping once for refreshments, arriving back in our ancestral home about 10.45, after what was certainly an enjoyable and beneficial trip. May I take this opportunity of thanking, on behalf of all the party, Messrs. Cox and Morris, for all the trouble they took and their patience in bearing such troubles as we gave them.



GRACE

will be offered by
Revd. Lionel Hopkins (1959)
Principal Chaplain at HM Prison, Swansea

MENU

HOME MADE CAWL SERVED WITH WARMED CRUSTY ROLLS AND
WELSH BUTTER

CAWL Y CARTREF GYDA RHÔL FARA CYNNES A MENYN CYMREIG

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TRADITIONAL ROAST WELSH BEEF, YORKSHIRE PUDDING,
SPINACH MASH POTATO AND PORT WINE JUS

*CIG EIDION RHOST CYMREIG TRADDODIADOL, PWDIN SIR EFROG,
TATWS STWNSH A SAWS GWIN PORT*

SEASONAL VEGETABLES/*LLYSIAU'R TYMOR*

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DUTCH APPLE PIE WITH JOE'S ICE-CREAM

PASTAI AFALAU ISELDIROEDD Â HUFEN IÂ JOES

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COFFEE & CHOCOLATES

COFFI A SIOCLEDI

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There will be a 10 minute break whilst coffee is being served



**The Old Dy'vorian's Association
ANNUAL REUNION DINNER
Friday, 25 March, 2011**

THE TOASTS

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

**Introduction and Welcome to
Our Guest of Honour
by
District Judge Stuart Batcup (1956)**

THE OLD DY'VORIANS ASSOCIATION

**The Most Reverend and Right Honourable
The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury
Dr. Rowan Williams (1961)**

Vote of thanks: Graham Davies (1944)

Presentation

Master of Ceremonies: Dr Brian Willis (1955)



WOT!!

ANOTHER CLERIC ?!

Lionel Hopkins (1959)

Way back in 2003 (TOD3), Lionel Hopkins, our well-known Chaplain and sometime MC, who will look after our spiritual needs if ever we find ourselves residing at 200, Oystermouth Road or Cox's Farm, put together, with help from Rev. Roger Brown and John Walters, a fairly comprehensive list of 'boys' who were later ordained into the Anglican Church. David Farmer wrote it all up under the heading 'The Dynevor Seminary', and, in true ecumenical style, sought to include Catholic and Non-Conformist brethren in the list.

We thought that tonight's Reunion made a splendid opportunity to repeat the exercise - in slightly different form. Lionel readily agreed. A number of those originally listed have, in the intervening 8 years, been 'called to glory'; others have made it to the top, including one very modest former pupil called Rowan. The effect is not only to add a rather different layer of professional talent to our numbers, but to ask ourselves, in similar vein to the light-hearted tone of Lionel's remarks, 'Why?' In fact, we thought seriously of headlining the article

' Direct Line to the Holy Spirit? Why Dynevor prospered '

The slightly shorter, but less formal list we publish today is a mere selection from Lionel's memory and includes :

Ivor Bromham – old Swansea and 'old school'. He had a bad chest, so you never smoked near him! **David Jasper**, a member of St.Mary's Choir, whose Father was Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen on the Docks.

Archdeacon **Harry Williams**, my Vicar, both at St. James and St. Mary's when it was re-consecrated in 1959. A wonderful Preacher and Pastor. **Garfield James** – one of the loveliest of men , but so forgetful he lost a desk he was once given. **Leslie Norman**, Chaplain to HM Prison and Vicar of Christchurch, always looked so doleful that they made him Chaplain to Swansea Funeral Directors! And we mustn't forget **Alan Rees**, who became Abbot of Belmont Abbey. **Anthony Pierce**, a Prefect when I came to Dynevor, became a Bishop – probably the best Bishop the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon has had (I mention this as he'll be at the Dinner!) And then there was **Eric Wastell** ; you never sat next to him at a meeting or a service. Eric would always say something funny under his breath, whilst keeping a straight face. You, on the other hand, would start laughing just at the moment the Preacher looked straight at you!!

Peter Phillips is an Ordinand from my Parish. He was formerly deputy Head of Dynevor and Prison Chaplain in Liverpool, Usk/Prescoed and Bristol before retiring. He is currently researching the role of Prison Chaplain and will soon be awarded his PhD. Then there were **Fred Secombe**, Harry's brother and some say as funny and talented; **John Walters**, same year as Rowan, beloved Vicar of Pontardulais for over 25 years, but forever a Morriston boy and **Derek Standish**, one of the quietest, gentlest and kindest of clergy.

Paul Wilding is ex-St. Mary's, like me and has been a valued country Parson in Defynnog for many years; **Robert Williams** is the present Archdeacon of Gower and is one of Brynhyfryd's greatest diplomats. **Tim Williams**, a larger-than-life Teacher at Dynevor who became a larger-than-life Vicar of several parishes in Powys.



Andrew Willis started school the same day as me; we failed our 'O'levels on the same day and we went to Lampeter, yes! on the same day. I always knew Andrew would be a high-flyer - he ended up being a very successful RAF Chaplain .

And then there's **Rowan!** The WJEC actually mixed up our A level papers, but I'm not bitter! There are many 'Rowan stories', but I love the one about the University student who missed a lecture and asked to borrow Rowan's notes. 'Yes, certainly, but I've taken them in Latin! Amongst all his achievements and successes – and there are so many –did he ever discover where Ganges playing fields were?

Rowan is our 73rd President and we are delighted that he has accepted the invitation to wear the 'Badge of Office' for the coming year. Incidentally, he is the 6th cleric to become President. However, of all the venues for Committee meetings over our 81-year history, there will be none grander than Lambeth Palace.

In Parenthesis

+ *Phil Stone (1959) FRS will be President in 2011-12. He has kindly agreed to support Archbishop Rowan during his year, by taking on extra duties. Phil graduated in Chemistry from London University in 1969. After a spell in the Chemical Industry, he turned to Teaching. He played Soccer for Swansea Schoolboys and Welsh Schools.*

+ *The Committee wishes to acknowledge the generous support of local Sponsors for this year's Raffle, which will be 'silent'. A full list will be published in TOD19. We are also grateful to past Presidents for their gifts.*

+ *The Presentation Photobook has been created and donated by Kevin Williams (1959), who featured in TOD11. His 'stealth' technique of taking shots of teachers in action was 'exposed' and acclaimed at the 2007 AGM. Many of his pictures also form part of the historical record of the Dynevor environment. Copies will shortly be available to all at a reasonable price from kevinwilliams48@googlemail.com*

+ *The ODA AGM was held at SMU on 2 March, when the present Committee was returned 'en bloc'. The contribution of newcomer Keith Evans, who is preparing the ODA Directory, was welcomed. Membership is now 520.*

+ *Reminder for your Diary! The 2011 Joint Annual SMU/ODA Lecture will take place on Thursday, 5 May, at 4pm at the Dynevor Centre, SMU. It will be given by John Evans, OBE (1963) on Disability Rights, for which he is a renowned international campaigner.*

+ *Photos of this evening's presidential dinner can be viewed and purchased from Rob Mitchell's website which is www.penumbraphotography.co.uk and can be found in the 'Client Images' section, Password "dynevor". Prints of various sizes and prices are available and payment is made online.*



PAST PRESIDENTS

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1931 Llewelyn John ARCS BSc
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1935 W. R. Francis
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1937 Rev. Wm. Francis MA
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1939 D. O. Thomas BA
1940 – 48 Activities suspended
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2005 David Mendus MA MSC
2006 Bill Gibbs
2007 Noel Blows
2008 Captain Bill Rosser
2009 Dr. Brian Willis BSc, PhD, MB,
BCh, FRCA
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