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RETREAT AT ST DEINIOL'S HAWARDEN



THE WEEKEND BEGAN on Friday evening, 24th September for the early birds, with supper followed at 20.30 hours by Night Prayers. This was the first occasion that the completed Book of the Daily Office, scribed and illuminated by Chev. Denys Le Fevre, was used by the Chaplain General, Rev'd Michael Brain, since it was blessed at Rothley.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear but with a sharp northerly wind bringing an autumnal feel to the day. The programme commenced with Morning Prayer followed by an introduction to St Deiniol's

Library by the librarian, before a visit to this unique building, which houses around 32,000 books and letters endowed by Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone, the only Prime Minister to endow a library. St Deiniol's was his major bequest to Church and Nation.

At 10.30 am Fr Barrie Williams gave an interesting discourse on St Seiriol, interspersed with titbits of humour on the life and times of this Saint. Following the coffee break Fr Michael Brain told us about St Winefride and her well, which we were visiting in the afternoon. >

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➤ After Midday Prayer and an enjoyable lunch, a small convoy of cars took members to Holywell, a few miles north of Hawarden. The well has been a place of pilgrimage and healing since the 12th century.

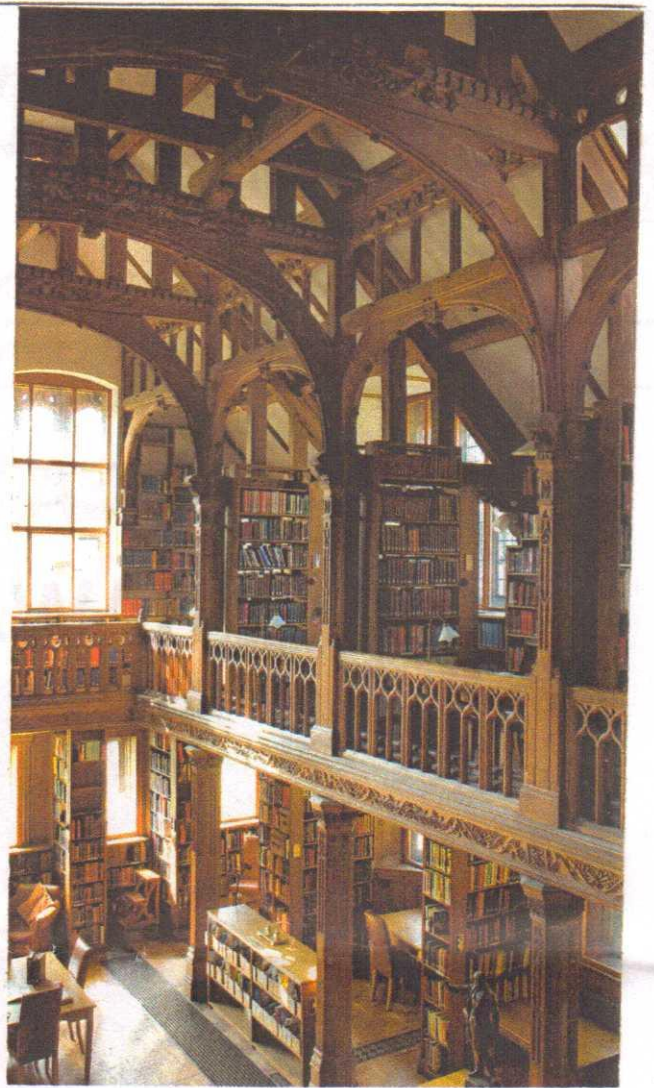
The present Shrine building is a glorious two-storey late perpendicular Gothic building and is now Grade 1 listed and a Scheduled Ancient Monument. We were fortunate that the caretaker kindly took us inside the building where the main well is situated. Dame Barbara took the opportunity to dip just a toe into the water of the outer pool accompanied by a little prayer to St Winifride.

We returned to St Deiniol's for some R & R before Evening Prayer at 18.30 hours followed by another good supper and time to discuss the day's events before Night Prayer.

Sunday morning was again a lovely sunny day with an autumnal feel. After Morning Prayer we were joined by Chev Vincent and Dame Wendy Thompson and Chev Steve Jones with his wife Lindsey, who was to be taken into the Order that morning as a Novice. At 10.00 hours we adjourned to the Conference Room for Chev John Harcourt's talk on the Shrine at Walsingham, which many of our members have visited in the past, but it was nice to be brought up to date with John's memories, interspersed with his deprecating humour!

The Service of Eucharist and Admittance was then held in the Chapel, led by Fr Michael Brain and assisted by Fr Barrie Williams.

At this service we were joined by an American clergyman from Philadelphia, who was on a short sabbatical assisting in the running of St Deiniols. Novice Lindsey was given a warm Templar welcome



following her admission and we then all progressed outside for the usual group photo session.

Another enjoyable lunch was followed by our farewells. We all found St Deiniols a lovely venue which many of us would like to visit again.

Editor

NEWS FROM THE PRECEPTORIES



WINDRUSH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

(Talk & Visit by Deputy Grand Prior & Chaplain General)

The Upper Windrush Local History Society was visited on Tuesday 10th August by the Deputy Grand Prior, Chevalier John Harcourt, who was accompanied by the Chaplain General, Rev Chevalier Michael Brain. ➤

> On a beautiful sunny day in the North Cotswolds, they were welcomed in the afternoon and given tea and a guided tour of the traditional, unspoilt North Cotswold Villages of Guiting Power and Temple Guiting, by Chevalier Michael Edwards and Novice David Broad, both members of the local History Society and Templars.

These villages in Medieval times were the major part of a very profitable and well managed Knights Templar Estate, the villages were then known as Nether Guiting (Guiting Power) & Upper Guiting (Temple Guiting), the Preceptory being located at what is now know as Temple Guiting.

It is acknowledged that the nearby Hamlet of Barton on Windrush was the site of the first Fulling Mill in Britain along with Temple Newsham in Yorkshire and was operated by the Templars, from the Guiting Estate.

The party also visited the Templar Churches in both villages, St Michael & All Angels in Guiting Power, which was appropriated by the

TITLES WITHIN THE ORDER.

In the July 2010 edition of Preceptory Pieces on page 9 you will have read the report on Admissions, Promotions and Awards which were announced by Grand Prior Simon at our History and Heritage weekend in Parmoor. A new member has asked me to write a short explanatory article on titles and their usage within the Order.

Postulant: This is when the Chapter have accepted an Application for membership but he/she has yet to be move to the Admittance stage.

Novice: The second of the 3 stages to full membership. During this period the Novice has to submit a chosen Project (research) on either a piece of Templar history or modern day Templarism.

Templars and St Marys at Temple Guiting which was built by the Templars.

In the evening the Deputy Grand Prior addressed the Upper Windrush Local History Society in a packed St Mary's Church at Temple Guiting, the subject being 'The Order of the Knights Templar.'

The Society Members were treated to a very informative talk, outlining the History of The Knights Templar from their inception to the modern day Order. This was followed by 30 minutes of probing questions, ably dealt with by the Deputy Grand Prior, who duly received a round of warm applause, on what was considered to be a very informative talk by the membership.

The History Society Membership all thought how appropriate it was for the Deputy Grand Prior of The Order of Knights Templar England & Wales to be speaking to them about the Order of The Poor Knights of King Solomon, in a Church Built by the Templars!

Michael Edwards

Knight/Dame: After the completed Project has been accepted, the Novice is invited to receive the Accolade as a Dame or a Chevalier.

Chaplain: An Ordained member of the clergy who wishes to be a member and still continue with their priestly ministry.

After the receiving/laying on of hands, the full Member will be addressed as either Dame xx or Chevalier xx, and this, like all our titles is only for use within the Order and cannot be used socially or for personal gain.

Promotion: We have 4 ranks of seniority:

*Member – *KTJ/DTJ* Knight/Dame of the Temple of Jerusalem.

*Commander – *KCTJ/DCTJ* Knight/Dame Commander of the Temple of Jerusalem.

*Grand Officer – *KGOTJ/DGOTJ* Knight/Dame Grand Officer of the Temple of Jerusalem.

*Grand Cross – *KGCTJ/DGCTJ* Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Temple of Jerusalem.

*Chaplains also achieve the same promotions and status, but are Chaplain TJ/ Commander; >

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> Grand Officer; Grand Cross.

Promotion is not automatic, and has to be earned, as in the days of Chivalry. In the 21st century it does not mean riding into battle but when the Grand Priory Chapter considers a notable contribution has been made towards the working of the Order or an outstanding act of humanitarianism.

The Grand Priory can also award 2 further awards for distinguished service:

*Certificate of Honour to Associate or non-members of the Order.

*Certificate of Merit, awarded to full or Affiliated members of the Order.

Members, Friends and Family are encouraged to wear their lapel badges at all times.

The Knights/Dames mantles are usually only worn for Templar events or can be worn, with your parish priest's permission, during the Watch of Prayer on Maundy Thursday.



POST BOX

Extracts from letter by Brig.Gen. Patrick Rea, GCII to Officers & Members OSMTH-KTEW.

Dear Grand Master, Religious Patron, Royal Patron, Grand Priors & OSMTH-1 Knights and Dames:

I have the extreme honour of informing you of the election of our Chaplain General, His Grace Bishop Munib A Younan, to the Presidency of the Lutheran World Federation at the LWF meeting in Stuttgart, Germany. This is a wonderful recognition of the humble and highly successful Christian leadership of His Grace, Dr Younan. We have been honoured to have Bishop Younan as our Chaplain General of OSMTH-1, along with Metropolitan Theodosius, our Religious Patron and the Deputy & Assistant Chaplain Generals. Our senior Christian leadership includes clergy from the Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Armenian Orthodox Churches. One cannot overstate the significance of the action of the LWF in electing a Palestinian Christian Arab to world leadership.

We will now be calling upon our other Christian clergy to assist in the many tasks that have fallen >

> upon the Chaplain General as he adds another 70 million to his flock. Further, I would ask that our members more fully use our Office and Staff headquartered in Jerusalem just down the Hall from the Office of His Grace when requesting the co-ordination of activities in the Holy City. This would include the expanding number of wonderful Templar pilgrimages which he and we strongly encourage. One can be sure that reaching our Jerusalem Office will translate into support from His Grace.

Allow me to suggest that individual messages of recognition from Grand Officers and most assuredly all of our OSMTH-1 clergy would be appropriate.

Patrick E Rea

Dames and Chevaliers,

At a meeting of the Grand Priory Chapter yesterday, a request was made that we have a suitable and lasting memorial to Dame Barbara Lintern.

Barbara passed away last October, and it has been suggested that we need an inscribed ciborium for use during Holy Communion. This was by unanimous agreement of Chapter and is seen as a worthy and useful item dedicated to Barbara, a wonderful, warm and loving person.

She was a member of this Order for many years; worked tirelessly for charity; much loved by family and many friends. An example of a Templar in everyday life.

We therefore today launch an appeal to pay for this item of silverware, which will be kept with our own chalice. The Chapter hope that you will respond in a positive way, and the presentation and dedication will be made at St Michael & All Angels Church, South Yardley, Birmingham on October 13th, to which everyone is invited. We are not asking for hundreds of pounds, but request that members send a small donation, by cheque to me at my home address:

John Harcourt, 9 Balmoral View, Dudley, West Midlands DY1 2TP.

(CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO 'Knights Templar England & Wales.') *John Harcourt.*

We had a lovely time at St Katherine's Parmoor; it was the first time that we had stayed there, and we were really interested in the history of the place. >

>When we got the details of the History and Heritage weekend, we knew nothing about St Katherine's so it was quite a surprise for us to hear about Sue Ryder's involvement.

We lived in Cavendish for seven years, where Lady Ryder lived, and had the Headquarters of the Sue Ryder Foundation. Georgina actually worked in Lady Ryder's nursing home in the village for a while, and would occasionally see her walking around the home.

There was a lovely café in the Sue Ryder HQ, and along with many of Lady Ryder's homes it had Polish staff, and even some of the patients were from Poland too. The café always had lovely home-made cakes and cookies – just like those at St Katherine's.

It was rather strange to see all the photographs and paintings of Lady Ryder looking down on us from every room at St Katherine's - but that, and the Polish staff all brought back good memories of our time living in the lovely Suffolk village of Cavendish.

David and Georgina Aldridge

'The Meeting'

(The Story behind the Painting)

The year 1952 and the troubles in the Suez Canal Zone had waned to the odd disagreement or two. Members of the Royal Air Force and other Armed Forces were given limited opportunities to take leave, and I along with another RAF colleague made a memorable visit to the City of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is a city steeped in history like no other. The wonderful Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Western Wall, the Mount of Olives, the Dome of the Rock and the incredible Al Aqsa Mosque.

This huge building complex with the intricate carvings and inlaid floor mosaics, the long main hall with its many pillars and isles, and of course the beautiful entrance, built to impress all that behold it.

It is said that it is here that King Boudoir listened to the Templar Knights and offered them space to make the area their first permanent base – their first 'preceptory' one might say.

Within the painting may be seen several symbols, images; each has a story to tell, a statement to make.

The group of four figures show King Baudoin II in his richly embroidered garments, alongside the more restrained dress of a learned Holy Man, offering the Mosque to the Knights. The two Templar Knights, one in what might have been everyday dress, and carrying a banner that depicts the Cross. This is often regarded as being a symbol of victory over death, also representing those who carried the gospel to foreign lands. The other Templar is seen wearing a modern day 'Mantle' to depict the fact that even after all these years, this great international movement is still alive, still carrying out good works for the benefit of all beings.

The lone leaf at the foot of the painting reminds us of the delightful story of the 'Leaf of the Well.' It is said that a man using the well one day let his bucket fall to the bottom of the well. The bucket was a valuable possession, so he decided to climb down the well shaft to retrieve it.

Whilst at the bottom he noticed a door in the wall of the well, and being curious decided to open it and investigate what was beyond. It was here that he found a most beautiful and restful garden; flowers and sparkling waterfall, plants and sweet smelling shrubs of every kind imaginable. As he wandered around the garden he picked a leaf from one of the trees, and tucked it behind his ear.

Upon his return to the surface he related to others his amazing experience, showing them the leaf as proof of his story. The governor heard about the man's story and ordered a servant to descend the well and find the incredible garden, and to report back his findings. The servant however was unable to find the door or indeed the garden.

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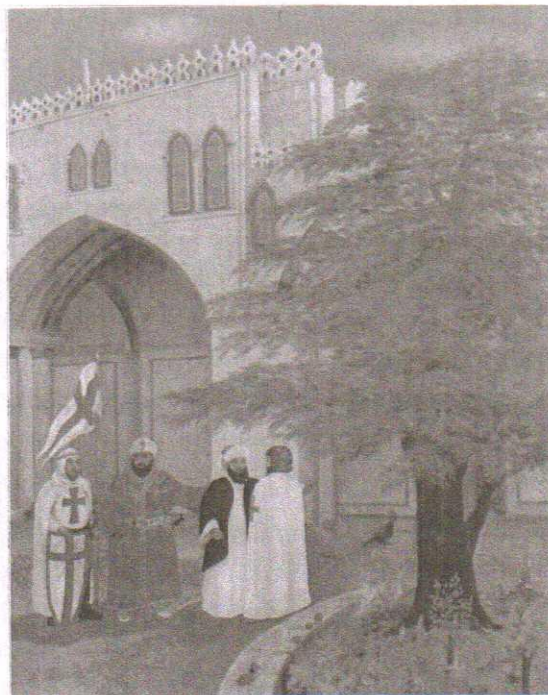
The Governor then reported the matter to Caliph Omar, who said that at last a great prophesy of Mohammed had been revealed, that a living person would one day walk to the Garden of Paradise and return to tell the story.

To check the facts he had been told, the Caliph Omar ordered the leaf to be tested for freshness; if it remained green and fresh there would be no doubt that it was from the Garden of Paradise. The leaf had of course preserved all of its verdure. The well itself is located inside the Mosque.

On the wall to the right of the group can be seen a pomegranate. This fruit symbolises the resurrection and hope of eternal life, it also symbolises the royalty of the Church, the seeds representing the many believers of a truly universal church. The bushes shown are young ones; mature bushes grow to over two meters high. The strutting Peacock, a flamboyant creature with a very loud voice; the symbolism of this creature is seen to represent the vanity and aloofness that may be found in many humans.

Many ancients also believed that the peacock had magical powers in that the flesh would not decay after death; this led to the belief that it represented life after death. The poppies in the garden under the tree are seen as symbols of ignorance, extravagance and indifference; they also represent the blood of Christ, the red blotches of blood-red colour reminding us of the deeper meaning of sleep and death. The Cedar Tree has long been recognised as a Christian symbol, reminding us of Jesus Christ (Song of Solomon 5: 15), it also represents beauty and Great Majesty.

I have deliberately shown a young tree in the painting, not the sort we are used to seeing that would be more established and much larger. Researching the painting has provided me with many happy memories of this special place. It has also brought into sharp focus the ever-increasing need to try and understand even more, my fellow human beings, especially those of different faiths and beliefs.



Brian (Hugo) Goodall

Prices: Prints - £10 each plus pp £2.50; Cards: £1.20 each plus pp. All proceeds from the sale are in support of the named charities of the Knights Templar England & Wales. Contact: Brian Goodall - Tel: 01924 270936



DOUBLE ENTRY AND THEOLOGY

As accountancy student in the early 1980s I was amused to learn that double-entry book-keeping had been invented by a Franciscan Friar called Luciano Pacioli. It's the only thing I have ever found amusing about accountancy. Pacioli, a friend of Leonardo da Vinci, wrote his treatise on book-keeping in 1494 for the Duke of Urbino in Italy. I wonder whether his debits were near the door and his credits near the window like mine?! Or is it the other way round? Oh dear.

Anyway, the thing is, there's nothing improbable about a Franciscan Friar inventing double-entry. Who else but a man who believed in the Trinity - three Persons in one God - could have come up with an accounting system that looked at every financial transaction in two different ways? Pacioli was the man of the moment: European trade was beginning to grow, and there was a need to record increasingly complex transactions such as trade financing, which involved multiple parties. Double entry book-keeping would also be perfect for the limited liability company, the heart of the capitalist system, which is based on the division of capital and labour. Without Pacioli's double-entry, the industrial revolution would arguably never have happened, or at least, not when and how it did.

When Jesus is asked if it is right to pay tax, he says "render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and to God that which belongs to God." - an

enigmatic reply. But if you think about it in double-entry terms, on the debit side it's our asset, but on the credit side it belongs to God. Jesus isn't talking about separate things but two sides of the same coin. This isn't some wacky idea dreamed up by an over-imaginative Christian businessman, but one that runs right through the Bible. Here's an example from King David in his great prayer of thanks to God in the First Book of Chronicles: "Who am I" he says, "and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and of your own do we give you."

So here's my thought for today: double-entry book-keeping - a secular version of a religious concept - expresses a profound interconnectedness between the owners and the managers of companies, but the modern age has tended to disconnect them; to separate them. However, this tendency isn't unique to the financial world; it's how many of us think about the world we live in: we forget that there are two sides to the coin, not one. As you go about your life today, whatever it is you do, if you lay up treasures on earth, don't forget that you also need to do a posting to the treasures that are in heaven. It's on the credit side of the balance sheet. Debit Caesar; credit God - whenever you draw up your on-trial balance.

Martin J Dryden



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The Knights Templar England & Wales – Our History by Dame Deborah Barraclough



(As part of her project for entrance to the Order Dame Deborah has chosen the “modern” history of the Order and this is to be serialised in future issues of the in-house magazine)

Setting the scene - 1314 to 1834

After the dissolution of the Templar Order and due to the high level of persecution there would not have been many Templars left in France and those that remained lived out the rest of their lives in prison or in monasteries.

In England the Templars did not incur punishment although the Order was dissolved and the English Templars who had not gone into hiding were sent to live in monasteries. King Edward II did not hand Templar property back to the Church, his argument being that it had originally been given by the English nobility and as such he chose to distribute the said property as he wished, with very little being handed to the Hospitallers.

In Spain the Templars were found innocent of charges of heresy and although the Pope insisted that the Order must be dissolved the Spanish King Jaime II of Aragon had no intention of handing over

Templar lands and possession to the Hospitallers.

In 1317, and with the agreement of the Pope, the Order of Montessa was formed. The Templars, under their new name, continued to play an important role in the defence of Spain until 1587 when King Philip II merged the Office of Grand Master with that of the Crown.

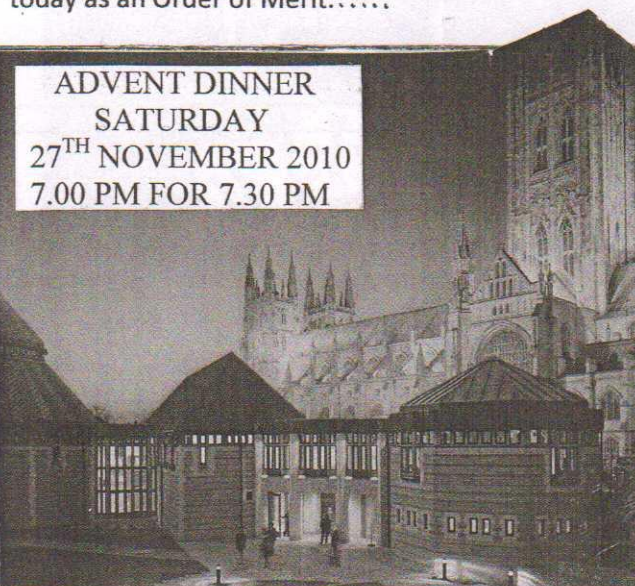
It was in Portugal that the Templar legacy really continued. In 1319 the Portuguese King, again with Papal backing, reformed the Templars as The Order of Christ and in 1323 the Order was granted the original Templar possessions. In 1357 the Order of Christ moved to the Templars' former headquarters at Tomar. To all intents and purposes the Templar Order continued under the new title of The Order of Christ, the only difference being that, added to their vows of poverty and chastity, they now added obedience to the King of Portugal. In the coming years Portuguese Kings installed their Princes as Grand Masters, the most famous of whom was Prince Henry the Navigator. Prince Henry used funds generated by the Order to establish the Navigator's school at Sagres.

In 1497 the Templar Cross, which had become the emblem of the new Order, would be seen on the sails of Portuguese ships sailing to Brazil, India and Japan. In 1789 the Order of Christ was secularised. Under an anti-church government the Order lost all its possessions in 1834. The Order does survive today as an Order of Merit.....

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, LONDON CHORAL EVENSONG - 5.45 PM

The Round Church was consecrated in honour of the Virgin Mary at the Feast of the Presentation 1185. Each year, usually on the Wednesday closest to Candlemas, the Master and congregation of the Temple Church in London celebrate the Dedication of the original medieval Templar Round Church.

Choral Evensong, sung by the world-famous choir, is a memorable and uplifting service. Members of the Order who live and work in London are encouraged to join the congregation if possible. **(NB – Members of the Order should wear lapel badges only)**



ST SEIRIOL - REV'D BARRIE WILLIAMS

Male Celtic saints were often sons of aristocratic or princely families - younger sons; those less physically robust or those, like St Columba, weary of blood and battles. In pre-Christian times they were sent off to be trained as druids; in the Christian era they became monks. Seiriol was just such a one. He was a son (probably younger son) of Owain Ddantgwyn - 'Owen White tooth'. The latter was King of Greater Powys, probably ruling most of North Wales and extending his power into the English West Midlands, with his capital at Wroxeter. He was the most powerful ruler in Britain in the early 6th Century. There is the intriguing possibility that he was actually King Arthur - Arcturus being originally a title, meaning 'the Bear', like William 'the Lion'. Dinas Bran, the supposed Castle of the Holy Grail, lay within his kingdom.

However that may be, Owen's kingdom disintegrated on his death. His son Einion became ruler of Llyn, the peninsula that points like a great finger into Cardigan Bay. He probably ruled Anglesey as well; Anglesey supplying the corn, Llyn the sturdy warriors and the sheep. Einion sent his brother to establish a monastic settlement at Penmon ('the top of Anglesey') towards the top end of the Menai Strait. Like many Celtic monasteries, it became a great centre of learning where young men were trained as priests and monks. If Seiriol was after a life of peace and contemplation, Penmon would not have supplied it. Imagine a crowd of undergraduates, ordinands and novices with lots of youthful energy to work off. Not surprisingly, he sought the life of a hermit, retiring to a small island called Priestholme (in Welsh Ymys Seiriol) In this he closely resembles St Cuthbert at Lindisfarne.

The monastery at Penmon long survived Seiriol. It may have been patronised by the Vikings rather than pillaged. But the buildings would have been of wood and thatch, and have long since perished. In Norman times, the site was taken over by Augustinian canons, who built a church and monastic buildings of stone. The church, dedicated to St Seiriol, survives as

the local parish church, with remains of the Priory, and is the most important monastic site on Anglesey.

The complex includes St Seiriol's Well, too small to bathe in, but its cool, clear waters are pure, and have long been sought by pilgrims in search of healing.

There is a charming story that at that time, c550, there was a hermit at either end of Anglesey - St Seiriol in the East on Priestholme and St Cybi (pronounced 'Cubby') on Holy Island in the West - Holyhead is known in Welsh as Llangybi. They met once a week at Llanerch-y-Medd in the middle of the island. On the outward journey, Cybi faced the morning sun, and homeward the evening sun. He came to be nicknamed Cybi Melyn - sun-tanned Cybi. Seiriol by contrast always had his back to the sun and was known as Seiriol Gwyn - pale Seiriol. This story can be treated as a parable, though one in which Seiriol comes off second-best. Always face the sun and you will develop that healthy robust look. Then turn your back on the sun and become pale and anaemic. As the old song had it, 'Keep your sunny side up, up!

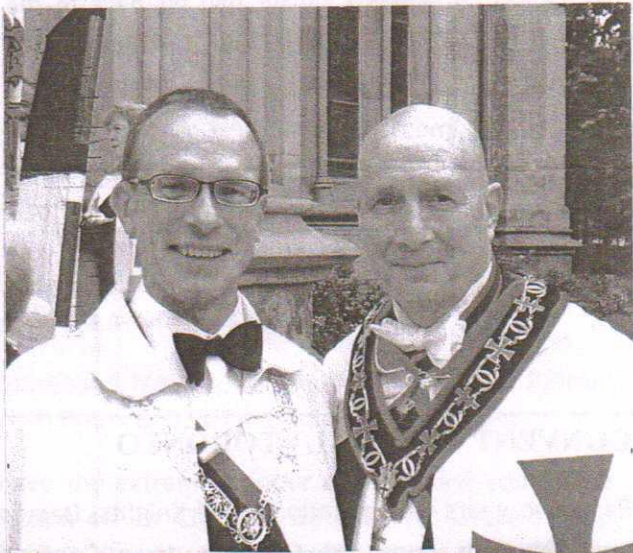
CONVENT GENERAL - TORONTO

Each two years the invitation to all Knights, Dames and Chaplains goes out to invite to a Convent General of our Order. This year, the relatively new Grand Priory of Canada had that honour and what a good show they put on! There were business events, social events and tourist events for all members and guests to attend. Grand Prior Simon Le Fevre, Chapter Clerk George MacLean and Novice Anthony Cuthbert attended from GPE&W. On the Wednesday evening there was a drinks reception following registration and we were welcomed to *Canada by the Canadian Grand Prior Matt Hewman*, Prior Dame Nola Crew and also by the retiring Grand Master, RADM Carey and Grand Commander Rae. The evening saw the start of the Silent Auction which had a wide range of prizes to be bid for over >

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➤ the next days, donated by local businesses and members. Of particular interest to me were the baseball game tickets, but as the game was to be on the Monday I would have been back in the UK by then! This did not stop me bidding as the money raised was to be donated for the upkeep of Christian buildings within Palestine which have been badly damaged in recent years. Thursday saw meetings of the Grand Priors, whilst everyone else had the opportunity to explore Toronto on their own or to join the arranged outing to Parliament or to Niagara Falls.

Friday saw the Convent proper start, with open meetings in the morning and afternoon, where various reports were given by the Grand Priories. It really felt like an international meeting as there were simultaneous translations going on in Greek and



Grand Prior Simon with Grand Prior, USA



Chev Ross received his Brevet

Bulgarian from the table behind where we sat! It was truly humbling to hear what each GP is up to, and to see how they are managing their mentoring programmes, especially GP Mexico who has taken on mentorship of all of Central and South America, on top of their very many charitable activities. Since we are relatively small in size, we only had one vote, which our Grand Prior delegated to me for the duration of the meetings. I was pleased to see that so many European countries are well on the way to becoming full Grand Priories, especially in the former Eastern Bloc.

A very thorough presentation from Chev Picciotto relating to our UN activities showed just how well regarded we are at the UN level, where we are active participants in meetings. Indeed this year we have been asked to nominate for the Nobel Peace



Chev Maclean upholding KTEW

Prize 2011, which is recognition of our success on the international stage.

Saturday saw the end of business sessions and preparation for the parade and Installation Ceremonies later in the afternoon. It was heartening to see so many mantles and banners assemble in the ➤

> King Edward hotel after lunch and after much marshalling, we headed off, with the English and Welsh flags taking up prominent position ahead of the Grand Prior group! There was a service of Admission for new knights and dames, and our newest GPE&W knight, Douglas Ross. was part of this group, receiving his accolade from GP Le Fevre on the altar steps. This was no mean feat as at one point there were six Grand Priors all with very sharp swords doing their best NOT to injure! The installation of the new Grand Master, General Rae, and new Grand Commander, General Disney was very impressive. We then assembled for the parade back to the hotel for cocktails and dinner, where a portrait of RADM Carey was presented. The end of dinner saw the conclusion of the Silent Auction, where I had won nothing at all, but Novice Anthony had won a sword – still awaiting export papers as I write!

George Maclean

FUTURE EVENTS

2010

23RD October – St Bernard Clairvaux Preceptory meeting at 10.30 am in Board Room of R C Brown, 1 The Square, Temple Quai, Bristol.

27th November - St Augustine Preceptory Advent Dinner at Canterbury Conference Centre. Details from Michael Kennedy, Preceptor.

2011

8/10th April - AGA Rothley, Leics

8/10th July - History & Heritage weekend, Northampton

23/25th September – Retreat weekend at Abbey House, Glastonbury

FAMOUS

Two children played at 'war' in the sand
The sun a welcome friend -
And when he broke a soldier,
She would take it home to mend.

That was many years ago,
But the parallel is stranger -
He has been to that far war
Soon his sister will go into danger.
That sand for them, no happy place
And the searing sand no friend
This is no game, but deadly war -
She'll have real soldiers to mend.

Please! I don't want the world to see
My daughter on TV
For the price of being famous
Is that she's been lost to me.
When Mary wept for her lost child
It would have been the same.
He suffered as a soldier must -
SHE knew the price of fame....

*By kind permission of the Church Mouse,
St Laurence, Ramsgate – (on seeing the funeral
of the 250th British soldier)*



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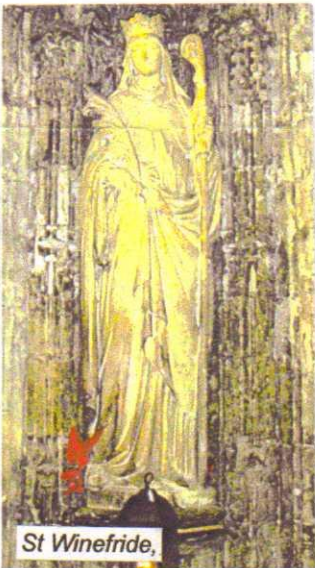


The Chapel



Sister Lyndsey receives her Brevet

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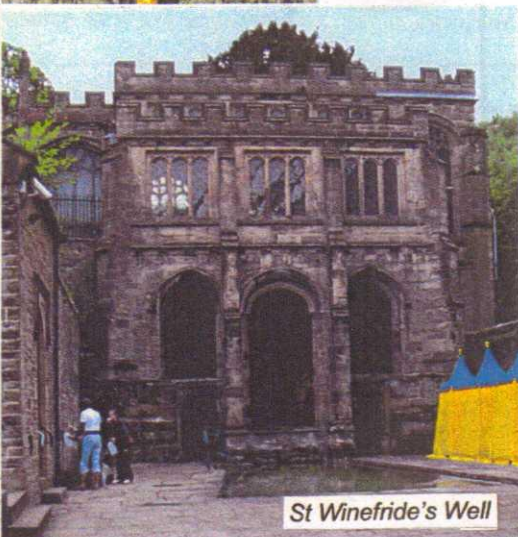
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St Winefride's Well

