STONYHURST association news

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EDITOR'S NOTE

We would be very grateful to receive your news and we are especially interested in marriages, births, other congratulations and any announcements that celebrate the achievements of the Stonyhurst family.

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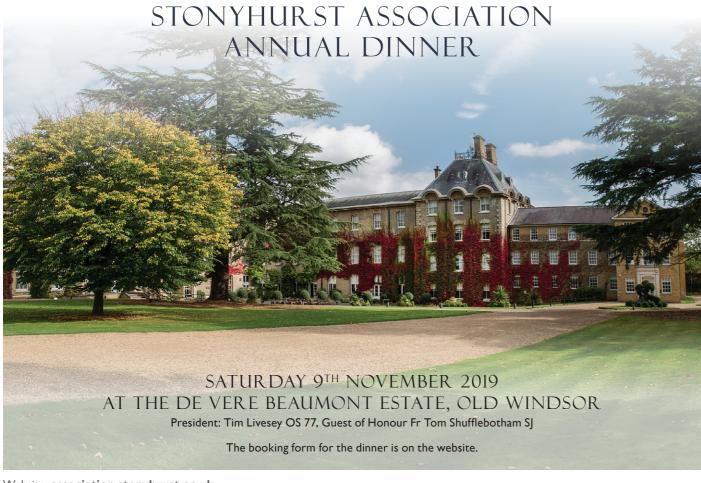
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DIARY OF EVENTS

All of our events are now listed on the website:

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ASSOCIATION NEWS AND EVENTS



DAVID BARNES OS 96



David is a filmmaker who won an Emmy in 2014 for his BBC Two programme Same but Different.

Previously, for the same documentary, David had a BAFTA nomination.

For Folk's Sake, David's new programme, was aired earlier this month on BBC Four.

JIMMY BURNS OBE OS 71 PRESIDENT STONYHURST ASSOCIATION 2018 - 2019



has been chosen as the venue for the latest public showing, after this, London and Cambridge from May to July. He hopes that his many friends from Stonyhurst will be able to join him for the opening and reception at the **Cervantes Institute** in Manchester on May 2nd 2019 at 6.30pm.

PROFESSOR JAMES MALONE-LEE OS 70



James, who pioneered work on urinary tract infections, has recently retired from the NHS, but his research, his private practice and the handful of doctors who have adopted his thinking, continue the work on investigating the effectiveness of the present UTI test. James believes the gold-standard UTI test, used since the 1950s, is no good for a chronic UTI, because he believes, "it does not detect bacteria hidden in the bladder's lining." James put it even more strongly. "For decades, patients suffering appalling symptoms have been betrayed by a urine test that isn't fit for purpose," he said in December last year.

To read the whole article in the Guardian please visit the link below: https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/feb/20/in-pain-all-the-time-will-there-ever-be-relief-for-women-with-chronic-life-changing-utis

OS PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGISTS

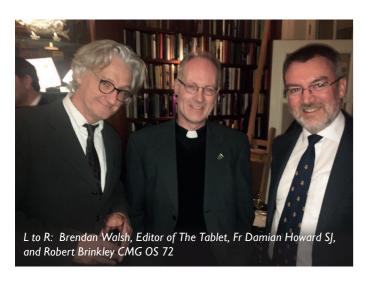
A degree in medicine allows huge and privileged opportunity for career diversity, from the practice of clinical medicine in a hospital or in general practice to laboratory specialities, to public health to NHS management, to name but a few. In paediatrics, there is also much diversity from being a general paediatrician to a series of different sub-specialists mostly working in large teaching hospitals. Paediatric neurology is one of those sub-specialties, caring for children with a whole range of neurological disorders such as epilepsy, head injuries and cerebral palsy.



Of some 250,000 doctors in the UK, the paediatric neurology speciality accounts for only some 130 across the country - and three of this number attended Stonyhurst! They are all Consultant Paediatric Neurologists who work in different UK teaching hospitals and medical schools – Alasdair Parker OS 80 works at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge, Finbar O'Callaghan OS 79 at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London and Martin Kirkpatrick OS 76 at Ninewells Hospital and Medical School in Dundee. And two of them are professors!

THE GARRICK CLUB DINNER

Hosted by Jimmy Burns OBE OS 71, Association President



The Provincial Superior of the British Province of the Society of Jesus, Damian Howard SJ, was the guest of honour and speaker at the Stonyhurst Association '425' Convivial Dinner held on March 7th at the Garrick Club in London.

Fr Damian paid tribute to Fr Billy Hewett SJ OS 50 whose funeral he had attended together with other OS present earlier in the day, before sharing his thoughts on 'Ignatian values', the future of the Society of Jesus, and Pope Francis. In a talk those present found incisive and inspirational, Fr Damian focused on the evolving nature of Jesuit mission in Britain as it responds to fresh challenges and the calls for reform within the Church made by Pope Francis.

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"It's clear that the future is going to be profoundly different to even the recent past," Fr Damian said, "For one thing, our Province is now very much a joint effort of Jesuits and lay people, many of them employed, even more fulfilling various voluntary functions."

He referred to various examples of professional individuals fulfilling roles which, once it was taken for granted, could only be held by a Jesuit, from teaching at Stonyhurst to the Jesuit Refugee Service and Jesuit Missions. "A broad Jesuit mission has taken many of us by surprise and made us think again about what can happen when a high profile Catholic is fired up by our charism and empowered to work in a bold and effective way for the Kingdom of God," he said.

Fr Damian revealed a plan under way in which the Society of Jesus in the UK aimed to forge stronger links with what he called "the complex apostolic body of men and women", sharing the Ignatian ethos.

"This project is aimed at helping us find ways of associating those people more clearly and more intentionally with the full breadth of our mission, to help form and inform them about the Jesuit way of responding to God's love for a broken world," Fr Damian said.

He went on to underline the good news generated by the papacy of Pope Francis in "a time of environmental disaster, of growing international tension, of what feels like the collapse of the post-World War liberal settlement... let alone the abuse crisis and the wicked war on Pope Francis which seems to be taking some sections of the Church to the brink of schism.

"Pope Francis," he told the gathering, "goes about his work with a smile on his face and a spring in his step. He is indefatigable. He is determined. He is a model of leadership for us all."

Fr Damian added, "It would be nice to say that I am proud that he is a Jesuit but he would detest such a shallow sentiment – and I am doubtful that he would return the compliment. But I think we are allowed to be thankful that God has involved us all in a mission which is now so central a part of the life of the Church and hope for our world."

The dinner was hosted by Jimmy Burns OBE, the President of the Stonyhurst Association 2018-2019, as part of a programme of events in 2018/2019 celebrating the 425 years since the foundation of St Omers.

Jimmy commented, "I thought it would be a good idea to have the country's top Jesuit and representatives of the broad OS family and some additional guests enjoy the hospitality of one of London's most historic, comfortable and welcoming private clubs and to share some ideas and engage in conversation in convivial company. During a lively and discerning evening, other speakers included the Stonyhurst College Headmaster, John Browne, the Director of Strategic Development, Stephen Withnell, the Curator, Jan Graffius, and the Lay Chaplain, Catherine Hanley. Guests included Professor Francis Davis, and the Tablet editor, Brendan Walsh, who

talked about the Catholic magazine's exciting plans for a graduate internship appealing to the Ignatian charism, of finding God in All Things through engagement with the world.

Those in attendance, ranged across age groups and gender, with a strong presence of women and youth, and included former Association Presidents Terry Holt OS 72 and Robert Brinkley CMG OS 72 and Lena Bletcher OS 03, a member of the Association Committee.





PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS ANNUAL OS LUNCH

by David Hurst OS 70

As the early morning train pulled out of Euston station bound for the north to visit Preston Grasshoppers RFC on a bleak Saturday in January, I pondered the sequence of events that had led me to this dubious adventure.

Why was I forsaking London and venturing towards my ancestral homeland of Lancashire with its damp climate and ubiquitous offering of hot pot as a culinary delight?

The prep school words of the verses often given to me to write out as punishment for a minor misdemeanour by some bossy committee member flooded back, "when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life."

It had all started back in October at the annual Association Dinner at the College, where I met **Martin Hothersall OS 72**, who claimed that our respective fathers had played rugby together at Preston Grasshoppers in the 40s. This could be true as my dad, Dickie Hurst, had played there and I had memories of driving from Bolton to watch him when I was aged about 10.

Martin then explained he organised an annual OS lunch at the Hoppers each January and that I should attend. I agreed, and so found myself destined for what I feared could be an eminently forgettable day in Lancashire.

I was met at Preston Station and driven though the well-remembered streets of Preston to "the Hoppers" ground. At that point, things started to look up when we got to the clubhouse and I got my hands around a fine pint of Wainwright bitter.

It wasn't the shack from which I had watched my father play but a large and pleasantly laid out place – the tables even had linen tablecloths! Things got better as the other guests arrived. A few were contemporaries but there was a wide spectrum of age groups.

The meal arrived, conversation flowed, reminiscences and comparisons of different eras came out. Wives and girlfriends and the younger generation blanched as we recalled the ferula and the odd birching. Former masters were eulogised and I started to enjoy myself.

Famous rugby alumni present took a bow: John O'Driscoll OS 71, (British and Irish Lions), his brother Barry O'Driscoll (Ireland) and Nick Drake-Lee (England) both OS 60. I reminded Nick that he once taught me History in Lower Grammar. "Correction," he burst out, "I never taught anybody anything!"

The only speeches we had were from the Hoppers and the visiting president. They were short and, in the case of the Preston man, included an interchange with Nick Drake-Lee as they swore they had played against each other. The atmosphere was full of fun and rugby banter.

I watched the match in which Preston got their revenge over Otley. A tap on my shoulder towards the end of the game revealed a smart gentleman who remembered playing rugby with my dad, **Richard Hurst OS 36** – in 1956. Amazing!

I did notice that many of the OS guests didn't venture outside but carried on chatting as they were clearly enjoying themselves too much inside.

A Yorkshire-based OS from Otley RFC opined that current long-haul schoolboy rugby tours spoiled the lads, "our club holds an annual Far East tour ... to Bridlington. Why waste good drinking time on flights?" he reminisced amusingly.

THE STONYHURST PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES CAN YOU HELP? DO YOU NEED HELP? WE NEED YOU



The annual Stonyhurst Lourdes pilgrimage is our response to Our Lady's request to "come to Lourdes in procession" and "bathe in the spring".

The first Stonyhurst Pilgrimage to Lourdes was in 1964, and we have been every year since. It is an amazing, memorable experience for all who come, for those who come as helpers and for those who need assistance. Each year the Stonyhurst group is made up of all ages, from babies to greatgrandparents, and we are very much a family group.

Importantly however, we need helpers; those who are able to take care of our assisted pilgrims and our pilgrims who require help with mobility. Without helpers, there can be no pilgrimage for those who are unable to take care of themselves. Please do consider joining us this year. We can offer some financial help to OS helpers who are under the age of 25.

We also want to encourage anyone who requires assistance to come to Lourdes with us. If you could help us to find assisted pilgrims, those who need care and mobility support, we would be most grateful! Ask at your parish! We can provide some financial help to enable assisted pilgrims, who have a desire to come to Lourdes but for whom the cost is prohibitive, to come with us.

All the information and the forms for this year's pilgrimage are on the website. You can also telephone or email the Association Office should you wish to discuss anything regarding bringing a pilgrim who needs care, or if you are thinking of volunteering as a helper.

THE OPENING OF THEODORE HOUSE





On 15th February 2019, Lord Nicholas Windsor opened Theodore House at the College. He is the great-grandson of King George V, and youngest son of the Duke and Duchess of Kent. He unveiled a plaque on the site of the converted corn mill in the presence of Lord Shuttleworth, the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, and more than 200 dignitaries and invited guests.

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The event marked the culmination of a £4 million project to convert the Grade II-listed disused mill into a centre for study, retreats, Christian renewal and for the training of the laity in Christian leadership.

The opening ceremony also involved the blessing of Theodore House by the Rt Rev John Arnold, the Catholic Bishop of Salford, and the Rt Rev Julian Henderson, the Anglican Bishop of Blackburn.

Theodore House has 39 beds and will offer accommodation to visitors, retreatants and scholars. Aid to the Church In Need, the Catholic charity that helps persecuted Christians and others, will be among those that will provide retreats for primary school children and other groups.

The Rt Hon Lord Shuttleworth, The Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire introducing Lord Nicholas Windsor

CONGRATULATIONS

MARRIAGES



Luke John Robinson OS 02 married Eleanor Ruth Turner on 22nd December 2018 in the College Chapel at Stonyhurst. The marriage was conducted by Father Matthew Power SJ OS 79. John Francis Watts OS 09 was the Best Man. Victoria Robinson OS 06 and Elizabeth Robinson OS 12 were bridesmaids. Also in attendance were Padraig Alton, Oliver Andrew, Duncan Ballantyne, Danny Church-Taylor, Charlie Gale, Todd Robinson and James Stephenson, all OS 09.

More wedding pictures and announcements can be found on the website.

BIRTHS



Jonty Ashworth OS 05 and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of their son Arthur Charles Ashworth born on 10th August 2018.

More birth announcements can be found on the website.

OTHER CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Dr Alasdair Macfarlane OS 08** who was awarded his

Doctorate from Durham
in January 2019. The title
of his thesis was 'A Dream
of Darien: Scottish Empire
and the Evolution of Early

Modern Travel Writing'.



Congratulations to
Olivia Haworth OS 15
who graduated from the
University of Exeter in July
2018 with a 1st Class Degree
in English with Advanced
Proficiency in French.



Winton de St John-Pryce OS 99 who has over 14 years' experience in investment banking with Morgan Stanley, 10 years of which have been in Hong Kong, has recently been promoted to Managing Director.



James de St John-Pryce
OS 96, an Officer of the
Blues & Royals and currently
serving as Second in
Command of the Household
Cavalry, has been promoted to
the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

IN MEMORIAM

News of the deaths of the following OS has been received since the January Newsletter:

William Michael Franklin	OS 1945 – 1954	Michael Whitecross Adamson OS 1958 – 196	6
Gerard Francis Swarbrick	OS 1937 – 1946	William George O'Connell Hewett SJ OS 1941 – 195	0
Michael John Poole	OS 1947 – 1953	Father Adrian John Walker OS 1940 – 194	9
Michael Joseph Goodier	OS 1958 – 1966	Mark (Mickey) Radice OS 1987 – 199	2
Henry Brian John Kemp	OS 1951 – 1960		

We also regret to announce the death from the wider Stonyhurst Family:

Rosita De Icaza De O'Hea, mother of Brian OS 89, Patrick OS 76 and Sean OS 85 as well as Thomas, Maureen and Solveij

I would like to apologise to the Burnet family for misspelling their name in the 'In Memoriam' published in the January 2019 e-Newsletter.

May they rest in peace

Friends or relatives who wish to write an obituary for the Stonyhurst Record, are invited to contact David Knight at the College (d.knight@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

FROM THE HEADMASTER JOHN BROWNE



The last few weeks seem to have consisted of landmark occasions interspersed with a plethora of educational good-news-stories. Since the last edition we have had Carol Services; a diaconate ordination; the St Omers Martyrs' Mass; the Poetry Banquet and the opening of the Christian Heritage Centre, Theodore House. Meanwhile we had news that in the Government Value Added league tables we are the top school in Lancashire and ahead of all of our UK rivals; our Rhetoricians and Syntaxians have been absorbed by mock exams, whilst Lower Grammar have been making all important decisions about their subject choices. We had excellent results in the UK Biology Olympiad, and the best ever results in the UK Maths Challenge, in which 10 of our pupils were in the top 6% nationally who won gold medals. In addition, we enjoyed a two week visit in January from our Jesuit sister school in Uruguay. The interline competition has been in full swing with drama, music, share dealing, netball, hockey and *Stonyhurst's Got Talent*; Lower Line enjoyed an exceptional ski trip over half term, and nearly a hundred dancers across the 3 – 18 age range wowed audiences with a truly magnificent production of *Mary Poppins*.

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AN ACCOUNT OF JMJ WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 TRIP TO PANAMA

by Alex Pizzoni OS 10



World Youth Day was a formidable experience. It was so blessed in every way. I previously attended World Youth Day in Krakow with the Westminster Diocese, and I got so much joy out of it that it made me want to attend the next one!

Before I left for the trip, I was so enthusiastic about visiting Central America (the first time I had been) and discovering the rich histories of Panama. It was such a wonderful adventure, meeting Central Americans and experiencing a different culture; it was so welcoming and the weather was brilliant!

I went with a group of 25 from the Westminster Diocese – Fr Mark and Fr Chinedu were leading the pilgrimage, including morning prayers/hotel masses and were there to support us. Bishop Nicholas Hudson (Auxiliary Bishop for Westminster) joined us for the pilgrimage in Panama. Over the II days in Central America, I bonded well with the group – having not known them before – and we have become like family now.



We flew from Gatwick to Juan Santamaria Airport (in Costa Rica) and stayed one night in the Aurora Holiday Inn, San José. Furthermore, we spent a day in Costa Rica, and took a second flight to Albrook Airport in Panama City.

The World Youth Day week was phenomenal; the atmosphere in Panama City was electric and all the pilgrims from different groups were very joyful and roaring with excitement to see Pope Francis.

Overall, World Youth Day in Panama was a life-changing experience; it has inspired me to do greater things and make a difference. It allowed me to be free from worries and stress in everyday life and discern my calling in life. When we heard the announcement that Portugal would hold the next World Youth Day, this was great news. In the airport on the return flight, a contingent of Portuguese young people were dancing/singing in delight and we celebrated with them! I would be glad to be in Lisbon for the next one!

TIM HETHERINGTON DIARIES AND JOURNALS



The editor writes

Recently I became aware that **Tim Hetherington OS 89** throughout his life kept diaries and journals, starting with a diary written while he was at Stonyhurst. They make fascinating reading and I intend to explore his writings in more detail for the summer edition of the Association Newsletter. However, for the moment I thought it would be interesting to give you an insight into his writing. A recording made by his mother, Judith Hetherington, on 5th December, Tim's birthday, is available on the website. Judith reads from his journal dated Iran 1999; this was one of Tim's first overseas trips as a photographer and his writings are full of the curiosity and motivation that drove everything thereafter.

To listen to the excerpt from one of Tim's journals please visit the Association website.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

by the Director of Strategic Development: STEPHEN WITHNELL OS 95

STONYHURST 425 A CELEBRATION OF OUR FIRST 425 YEARS

This academic year marks our 425th year as a school, and to commemorate this momentous anniversary, pupils, staff, parents, alumni and friends have been celebrating in a variety of ways.

At the beginning of the year, Stonyhurst and Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall 425 flags were raised to fly proudly over the schools. These flags will fly during our 425th year as a continuous reminder of this special anniversary. The rest of the year's Development events and projects, some still to come, have been planned to ensure that the whole community remember this year through keepsakes, experiences and new and exciting initiatives.

Earlier this term was the launch of, perhaps, the biggest initiative for this year, the '425 Bursary Appeal', a flagship appeal that seeks to raise a restricted fund that will endow a 'St Mary's Hall through College' bursary in perpetuity.

'425' mementoes have been provided to staff and pupils. These include an extract from St Edmund Campion's Brag, reproduced as a pocket-sized booklet and containing images of Campion and Fr Robert Persons, our founder. All staff and pupils have received a lapel pin, the design by **Raymund Binns OS 1901** which features the St Omer's Cross and has been adapted to include details commemorating our 425th anniversary.

We are currently enjoying the 'Stonyhurst Lenten Lecture Series', a major new initiative from our Chaplaincy team, in partnership with *The Tablet*. The lecture series draws on the astonishingly rich tapestry of Stonyhurst's 425 years of history, culture and education, with celebrated speakers including Melanie McDonagh (Senior Leader-Writer for the London Evening Standard), **Dr Michael Hurley OS 94** (St Catherine's College, Cambridge), Professor Peter Davidson (Archivist and Curator, Campion Hall, Oxford) and our very own Jan Graffius (College Curator, Stonyhurst).

In addition, our Chaplaincy team organised a pilgrimage to Rome in April for 13 pupils and three members of staff. The students had the opportunity to visit multiple sites associated with St Ignatius and St Aloysius and also had a papal audience.





Great Academies itself will be a wonderful weekend of celebrations which will see everything from the re-display of the Old Chapel Museum (including a dedicated '425 Display' to celebrate our 425th year and highlighting individuals from the College's history), to the distribution of a presentation copy of the 'St Omers Customs Book' by Fr Giles Schondonch SJ, an early Rector at St Omers. These books will highlight some of the key rules and practices put in place for pupils at St Omers, many of which still shape the mission and

sponsored ride from London to the Church

of Saint-Pierre du Montmartre, in Paris.



Great Academies will be the launch event for the 'Stonyhurst Monopoly', which will join a great list of products created this year, including a 'Stonyhurst Cocktail' created by the Ritz, our own Stonyhurst red and white wines as well as an 'Eagle Towers' commemorative beer. Monopoly, Stonyhurst Wine and Eagle Towers beer will, of course, be available to order from the College.

The year's events will culminate in spectacular fashion with the Stonyhurst Gentlemen's Cricket XI travelling to Rome in June for a celebratory Vatican vs Stonyhurst cricket match. This will take place on 28th June. The team will be received by the British Ambassador to the Holy See at a reception prior to the match and will attend a Papal Mass after the match. Stonyhurst will become the first school to play the Vatican at cricket in Rome.

Our 425th year has been wonderful, with much more fun to come. In the 2019/2020 academic year we have two very important new anniversaries to celebrate: the 225th anniversary of the College's move to Stonyhurst itself and equally momentously – the 20th anniversary of full co-education!



BOOKS OF INTEREST TO OS



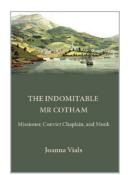
The Art of Memory – Sculpture in the Cemeteries of London By Richard Barnes OS 68

London is a city of sculpture, with monuments, statues and carved detail at every turn. There is another tier however, a much larger quantity of sculptures of disparate quality, many of which are religious or funereal in nature. These are located in over 100 cemeteries in and

around the great capital – from Kensal Green, Brompton and Highgate, to Lewisham, Chingford and Hendon. Among the many memorials are works by artists of high esteem, yet these have been omitted in recent and continuing researches in the history of British sculpture.

For further information go to:

http://www.frontierpublishing.co.uk/sculpture_and_monuments/artomem-longdescrip.php



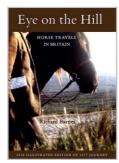
The Indomitable Mr Cotham: Missioner, Convict Chaplain and Monk By Joanna Vials

The name of James Ambrose Cotham OS 1826 is familiar to almost nobody. However, his extraordinary life is in many ways a perfect example of the pioneering spirit of the Victorian era, which in his case led him around the world, to work amongst the richest and poorest in society, and to leave a material

legacy of three churches which survive to this day.

James Ambrose Cotham OSB (1810-1883) was a monk of the English Benedictine Congregation. A pupil of Stonyhurst from 1823 to 1826, he joined the novitiate at Douai and then became active in the early colonial period in Tasmania where he was a convict chaplain, and then as a missioner in England.

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Eye on the Hill: Horse Travels in Britain By Richard Barnes OS 68

Back in 1977, a 27 year old man rode a 12 year old cob through Wales, Scotland and England. For Richard Barnes, it was to be a long look at Britain, as the country passed by beneath the horse's hooves mile by mile, through 33 counties. He edged around the cities and through hills, following every sort of route, from ancient tracks and drove roads to motor roads, large and small. He never knew where he would end up at night, often tethering his horse, Remus, on the roadside and meeting farmers, blacksmiths, and strange communities. At one point, a motorist stopped his car to say that he would give a fortune to swap lives for a day. It is not fun at all, but the account is always genuine and imaginative, with thoughts of other

riders, poets of travel such as Basho and RL Stevenson, as well as coal miners, drovers, druids and the hidden people – and more! The author comments on farm practice and forestry and offers pieces of country lore and observations on modern society along the way. Yet the tone is gentle: nothing is examined in great detail, which helps pace and encourages the reader to share another mile.

Richard Barnes FRGS was born in 1950 and spent his childhood in England and Central Africa. After years of study, work and travels overseas, he made these journeys with Remus in 1977. Richard has published other books about British sculpture, for instance in India, or in London Cemeteries, however Eye on the Hill remains his only travel writing.

 $For \ further \ information \ go \ to: \ \underline{http://www.frontierpublishing.co.uk/travel_writing/eye_on_the_hill.php}$





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