

### Message from the Editor

I hope everyone had a relaxing break over Christmas and New Year, although it might be hard to think that far back now!

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who contributed to the first edition of *Y Clorian* at the end of last year, and hope you will continue to do so.

I have received lots of encouragement since that first issue was published, and I'm glad so many of you have decided to contribute.

As the first of its kind within the College, I'm still experimenting with the format, but it is very flexible—if you would like to write something, just get in touch!

It's going to be a very exciting semester for the school. The student-led trip to Berlin and Krakow is going ahead this April. It has been a pleasure to help organise such a trip.

If you have any questions about *Y Clorian*, or would like to contribute to the next edition, please contact me (hiu61a@bangor.ac.uk).

Thanks again,

Mark Barrow  
Editor



### Christmas Party

The annual History and Archaeology Christmas Party proved to be a festive success as students got chance to celebrate the end of Semester. One with a mince pie and glass or two of alcohol.

Arranged by the History and Archaeology course reps, students were greeted by their favourite Christmas songs, and took full opportunity of sampling the buffet, kindly donated by the History department.



The highlight of the evening was a Christmas-themed quiz, put together by Mark Barrow, and despite a couple of contentious answers, it was enjoyed by all.

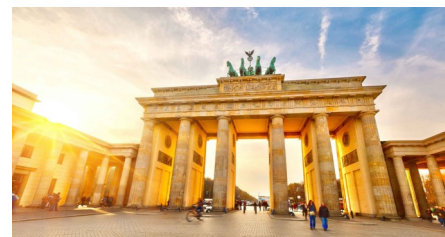
Second year student Jack Lloyd said: "It was a great night. Everyone enjoyed taking part in the quiz whilst having the odd drink!"

It is the latest example of how the excellent course reps attempt to provide History and Archaeology students with extra events and opportunities, so keep an eye out for what's on offer in the coming weeks.



### Berlin and Krakow Trip 2017

Many students within the school are getting really excited for the student-led trip to Berlin and Krakow this April.



A total of 44 students are set for what is sure to be an unforgettable trip, lasting from 2-11 April.

The Berlin section of the trip includes a visit to the Jewish Museum and Checkpoint Charlie, besides a guided tour by our very own Dr Alexander Sedlmaier.

The group will then travel to the beautifully preserved city of Krakow. This part of the trip will include a visit to Schindler's Factory, the Auschwitz Concentration Camp and a talk by a Concentration Camp survivor or relative.



The trip organiser Mark Barrow said: "I'm really glad it has come together—everyone I have spoken to says they are really looking forward to it.

"It won't be long until we are there!"

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## The Wintour Vestments

*One of our students has written a piece for Wikipedia about The Wintour Vestments. Here is an extract:*

The Wintour vestments are a set of Catholic vestments and altar pieces made by English recusant Catholic Helena Wintour (approx. 1600 - 5 May 1671). Helena Wintour was the daughter of Robert Wintour who was executed for his role in the gunpowder plot in 1605. The family lived in a difficult time in England as they were forced to pay fines for practicing their illegal Catholic faith and were often persecuted for doing so. It is largely because of this that the vestments are of such great significance; it was dangerous for Helena to make them. The vestments were made for the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), apparent from the symbolism which appears on them. The most notable Jesuit influence on the vestments is the Jesuit IHS symbol. This is a variation of the IHS christogram which contains a heart and three nails in the shape of a V below the letters IHS, so that one sees IHSV. "IHSV" can be interpreted to mean *In Hoc Signo Vincas*, "In this sign, you shall conquer", a reference to the victory of Constantine who became the first Christian Emperor. The vestments are currently held in two halves at Stonyhurst College in Lancashire and at Douai Abbey in Reading.

**Harriet Magill**

Year 2, Philosophy and Religion and History



## History and Culture in Augsburg

During reading week, I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to visit the Bavarian city of Augsburg in Germany - a city steeped in history, particularly concerning the German Reformation and Nazi Germany. The city itself is named after Roman Emperor Augustus. It was a peculiar feeling to stand in the Beer Halls where Hitler had delivered numerous speeches, including the infamous 1923 Beer Hall Putsch which led to his imprisonment. After visiting a few beer halls for historical purposes and eating my bodyweight in Currywurst, my friend treated me to some culture and I attended a traditional Catholic music service, listening to the music of Mozart and Vivaldi. This was accompanied by a German Sermon, which was probably very enlightening but unfortunately I couldn't understand the language! It is interesting that despite the drawn out history of Christianity in Germany the population is still almost an even split between Lutheranism and Roman Catholicism. I really enjoyed Bavaria and I'm sure anyone attending the school trip at Easter will have an equally illuminating time.

**Andy Phillips**, Year 2, History.



## Re-enactment Society News

The re-enactment season has a winter break before starting back up again in the spring. However, there are a few events in the winter months, namely our training weekend at Usk castle and the Jorvik Viking festival, in York, which is one of our biggest shows. Usk castle, in south-east Wales, is a lovely setting for a weekend of fighting and getting back together with your friends from other groups.

Jorvik, which took place in February 2017, is a massive event. Hundreds of reenactors come together from all over the country to perform in front of a huge crowd. The night battle is the finale of the festival, a scripted fight based off historical events, although this year things went a bit crazy - the sides were not organised properly so we had no idea which side we were on and who we were fighting, but in the end it all boiled down into a good old fashioned scrap and I managed to survive until the end!



The re-enactment season kicks off again soon, and you can find more information here -

<https://regia.org/home.php>

**Adam Williams**, Year 2, Medieval and Early Modern History

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# International Experience

## Studying Abroad

*A number of History and Archaeology students have successfully been accepted onto one of the University's International Experience placements. Here are just some of the successful applicants:*

I'm going to Dankook University in Seoul, the capital of South Korea, for six weeks this June on a summer school placement. The placement is split in two parts. The first three weeks sees me help teach English to Korean children, before the second half allows me to indulge in Korean culture, when I will learn Taekwondo and even Korean dance! I'm really looking forward to the experience. I've always wanted to travel to a country that is culturally different to the UK, and this opportunity will help me do that. I've also gained interest in Korea since studying the Korean war in the USA 1945-9/11 module I'm studying this semester.



**Mark Barrow**

Year 2, History with Journalism

I'm going to Tallinn, Estonia's capital for my second year. I was amazed to discover the opportunities Bangor University offers such as the study abroad programme. As much as I love

Bangor, I am eager to experience a new culture, venture out of my comfort zone and gain a sense of independence. I can't wait to explore the Old Town, taste some of the local cuisine and totally immerse myself in what Estonia has to offer. I'm thrilled to be given the chance to continue my study of History in such a beautiful and historical city.



**Amelia Timpany**

Year 1, History

Here at Bangor, every student is given the opportunity to choose how they would like to shape their degree and their future. This is exactly the kind of opportunity I decided to take on this year and was humbled when I received my acceptance letter to study abroad for 2017-2018 at Windsor University, Ontario, Canada. I could not thank enough to the History staff members Lowri Rees and Karen Pollock in helping me through the application process. I would like to extend my thanks to the student exchange department here at Bangor University who were a very helpful and approachable in every way. Everyone who helped me through the application process here at the University has been a tremendous help. I would definitely recommend future students to jump on in and go for it. The



**Neelakshi Khatri**

Year 2, History with Archaeology

The School is delighted by the number of students who have been accepted onto International programs.

Dr Lowri Ann Rees (School International Officer), said: 'This year the International Office saw the highest number of applications for the international experience placement. As a School we also saw a record number of students apply for places to study or work abroad through this scheme. Whilst there was tremendous competition from across the University, a number of our students have done very well to secure placements. On behalf of the School, I'd like to wish our students all the very best for their 2017-18 year abroad.'

### Interested in studying abroad?

Bangor University has an excellent International Experience Centre, with various opportunities to study abroad whether for a full year, a semester, or on a summer placement.

You can find out more on the University's website, or contact **Dr Lowri Ann Rees**, the School's International Experience Officer, at: [l.a.rees@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:l.a.rees@bangor.ac.uk)

# Staff Profile

## Marc Collinson

*In February, I met with Marc Collinson, a PhD. Student and Postgraduate tutor within the School, to discuss his time at Bangor and advice he would have for students considering to undertake a Postgraduate programme. This is what he had to say:*

### **Why did you initially choose to study at Bangor University?**

"I came to the University for a few reasons. I used to visit North Wales quite often so I already knew the area really well. I received a postcard from Bangor after I'd applied which I felt was a nice touch! I also felt that the modules on offer were ones I would enjoy."

### **Why did you decide to stay at Bangor to do a Masters and then a PhD?**

"It made sense for me to continue at Bangor rather than going elsewhere. I had already got a job here at 'Siop', the Ffriddoedd shop. Also, my research concerns Labour history, and Bangor has long-term expertise in that field."

### **What would your advice be to anyone considering a Postgraduate programme?**

"I think people should have a clear idea of why they want to continue studying after their Undergraduate degree. A lot of commitment is required, and you have to have a strong interest in what research you decide to carry out. I think people should look around for any available grants that could help the research financially, and apply for as many as possible."

### **How do you find tutoring element of your study?**

"I enjoy taking Undergraduate seminars - it's a nice break from doing my own work. I'm weary of forcing students into particular interpretations, so I try and allow them to make their own points and develop their own opinions as much as possible."



### **What do you plan to do after completing your PhD?**

"I'm hoping my PhD. will be complete by around Christmas time this year. I'm going to wait and see what happens after that, and keep my options open. It'll be interesting to see where I end up as it will depend on what jobs are available."

*Marc is a Postgraduate tutor on the Past Unwrapped and War, Society and Media modules.*

## Research Seminars

The School runs a series of **History and Archaeology research seminars** each semester, and are open to everyone. These are great events to hear Lecturers from a range of different institutions talk about their areas of expertise. Please check the website for details about when these seminars take place.

## A life in Labour Politics: Kim Howells in conversation

On 23rd February, former MP Kim Howells was in conversation with Professor Andrew Edwards, Dean of Arts and Humanities and Labour historian, for the annual Professor Duncan Tanner Memorial Seminar and Debate.

Howells is the former MP for Pontypridd and held a number of ministerial positions within the Blair and Brown governments.

The annual seminar, now in its third year, commemorates the research carried out by Duncan Tanner, Professor of History at Bangor University, and a leading Labour historian, who died suddenly of a heart attack in 2010, aged 51.

Professor Andrew Edwards said: "Duncan would have been delighted to see a room filled with staff, undergraduate and postgraduate students and members of the public. Had he still been with us, I'm sure he would have had his usual robust, and no doubt controversial, opinions on the issues being debated!"

