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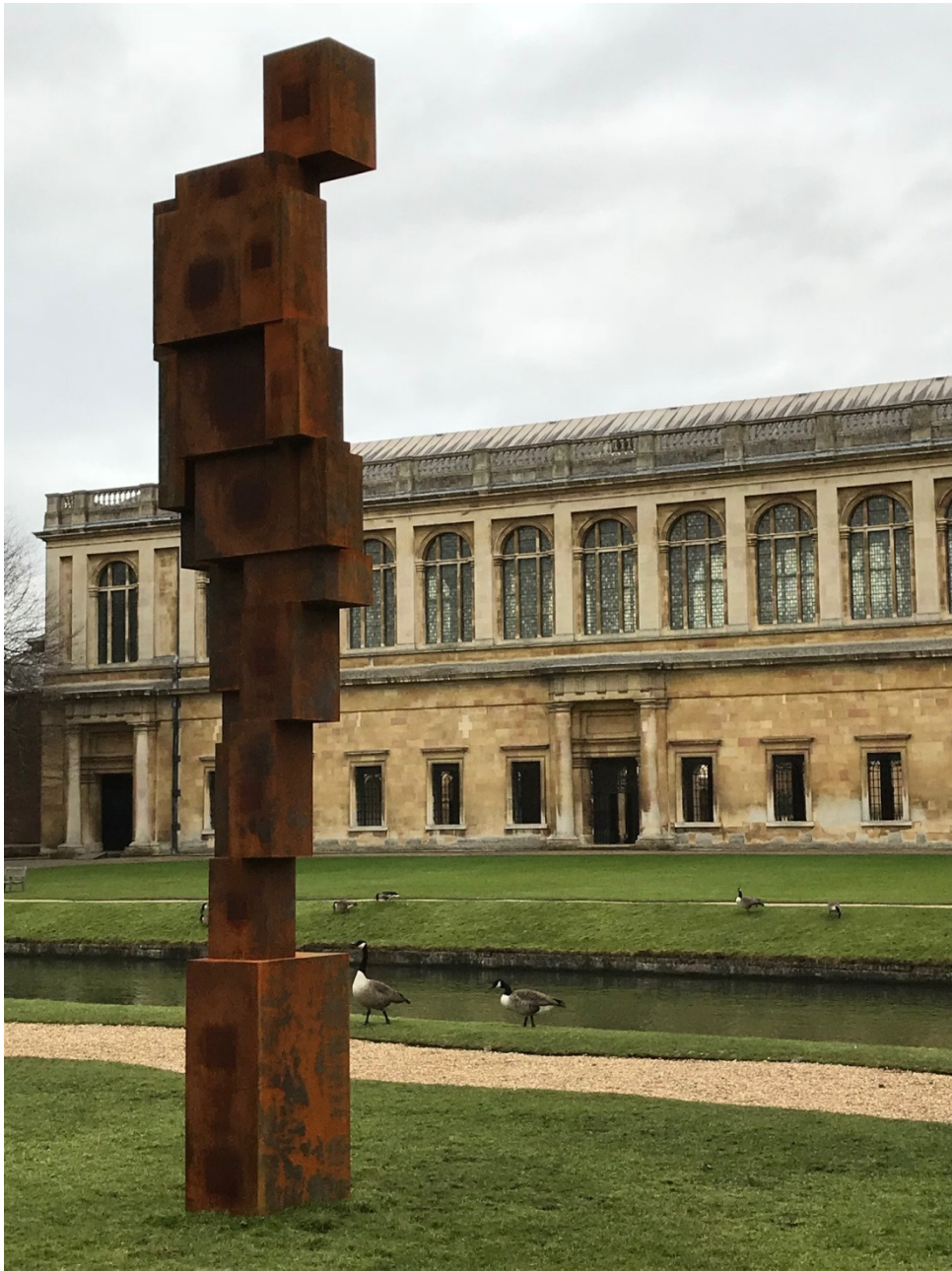
This year we've caught up with many old friends some whom we hadn't seen for a long while, including Co & Astrid from Shell days, and Tony & Cathy from Birmingham days working at Severn Trent. We've also had an active year, skiing in Andorra and William cycled over 1000km in three trips in England, Switzerland, Italy, Germany and Denmark. The May trip followed the Kennet & Avon Canal from Reading to Bristol. The June trip from Basle to Pavia included two stunning boat trips on Lakes Luzern and Maggiore: highlights were managing to cycle over the Alps (the last time I did an Alpine pass was 1980); the superbly maintained 1901 paddle steamer on Lake Luzern; and following the Ticino River and recently completed cycle paths along the historic Naviglio Grande canal down into the rice paddies around Pavia. The July trip followed the Elbe out of Hamburg, then picked up the old Ox Road, crossing the impressive Kiel Canal at Rendsburg and continuing north along the backbone of Jutland through wonderful rural countryside, taking in many fascinating runestones along the way, passing the find spot of Tollund Man, and seeing the 2400 year old bog body up close in Silkeborg.

Edward had an eventful year, securing a promotion in the Department for Education, and getting on the property ladder with a little flat in West Hampstead. He travelled with school and university friends to Estonia, Latvia, Italy, Luxembourg and Madrid.

Yasmin had a busy year doing freelance make-up in Manchester and around the country, landing her first shop window, and working on some big campaigns including a new Reebok Launch. On the bridal side she had a busy season with a wedding almost every weekend over the summer months.

In July we were at the wonderful wedding of my nephew John to Hendrickje in Oxford. Then our house in Highgate urgently needed a new roof which took three weeks out of the summer, and in August we had a great week with my sisters and cousin Ilona all together at Lake Orta.





Been & Gone. In February William attended the official opening of Sir Antony Gormley's **"Free Object"**, placed controversially opposite the Wren Library on Trinity Backs. The juxtaposition of new and old was too much for Cambridge City Council, who declined to renew their permission, and the statue has now been removed.



Veronika with Lotus in the **Villa Taranto** on Lake Maggiore



Laura & Mike making tortellini in Omegna



Liz with phone *and* gelato in Orta



Terry, Veronika, Pardis and Ilona on the road down to **Lake Maggiore** on the way to the Villa Taranto. From here there's a great view of the Borromean islands, and the hills above Laveno on the Lombardy side. Earlier in the year, on a hot June lunchtime, David and William had cycled up the same road to reach Lake Orta...



A relaxed and well-deserved lunch at the *Imbarcadero*, Pella, after several hours walk along the lake-front.



Two pictures of the artist, Sir Antony Gormley chatting to Sir Gregory Winter, Master of Trinity (who later this year shared the Chemistry Nobel Prize). Compare his profile on the right, in Neville's Court, with the sculpture, and you get a very clear sense that Gormley only makes statues of himself!



If you're looking for the **Brexit Page** in this year's newsletter, I'm afraid there isn't one. But I can show you the new coinage that The Royal Mint is poised to issue if Brexit actually happens.



Arriving in Toulouse; and skiing in **Andorra** in February with Co & Astrid, friends from William's Borneo days. Great snow, great food, great company!



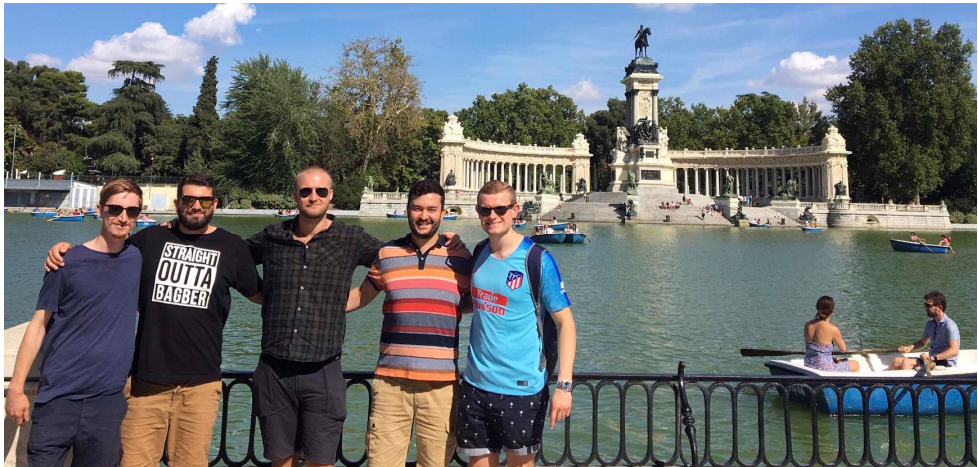
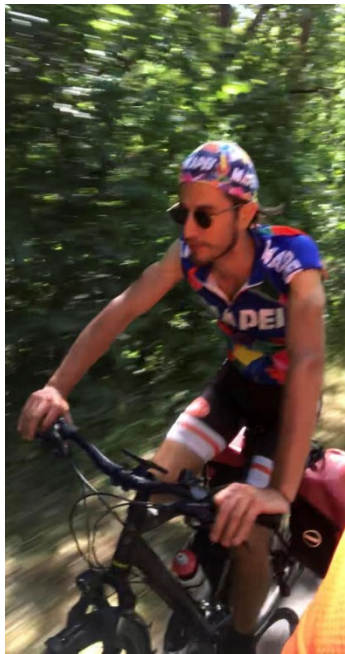
Ilona leading the troops over Lagna ford, on the lake-front walk to Pella.



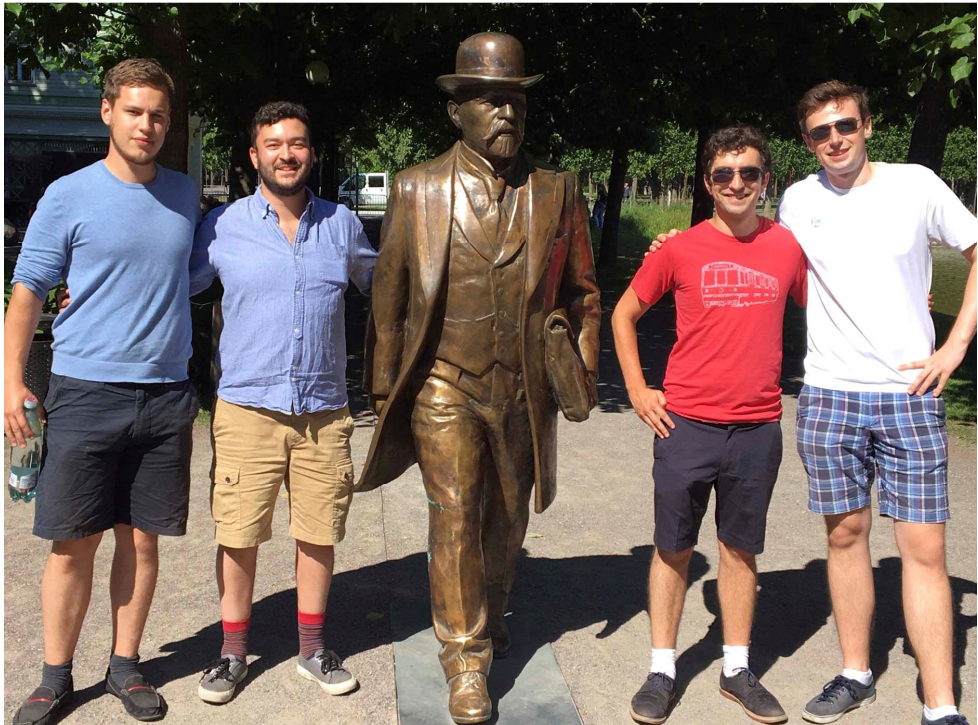
Above Hald Sø on the **Hærvejen** (Ox Road) into regional capital **Viborg**, with our hired bikes from Hamburg. The Danes said it was their best summer for years.



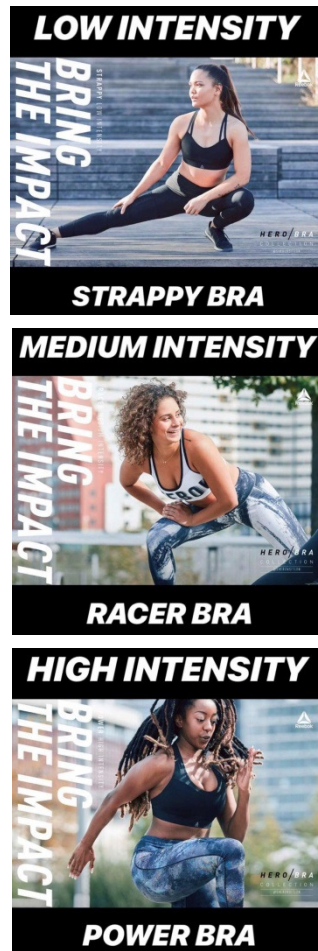
William with ancient **runestone** outside Bække Church (NB the stone was there first!). Alessio on a former railway line approaching Viborg.



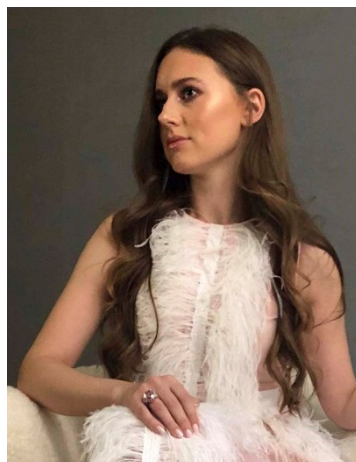
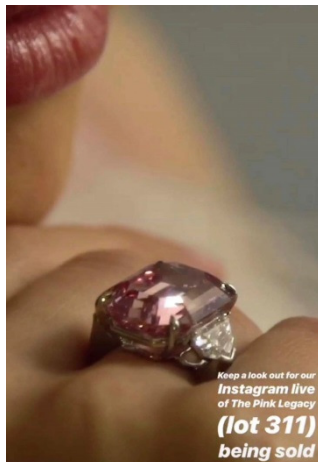
Edward with university friends in Buen Retiro Park, **Madrid**.



Edward with primary school friends Tommy & Alfie and Jaan Poska, former mayor of Tallinn and key figure in the struggle for independence at the end of WW1, in Kadriorg Park, **Tallinn**, originally a summer residence of Tsar Peter the Great, and named after his wife Catherine I.



Yasmin at work.
Yasmin's did the make-up for these models for a new Reebok Launch...
...and for this model for Christie's auction of the £50m Pink Legacy diamond.



David arriving at our first overnight stop of the Italian leg of the journey at **Boffalora-sopra-Ticino**. This elegant and historic little village grew up around one of the ancient granite bridges over the Naviglio Grande, which is fed from the Ticino and leads into Milan. These canals date from the 1200s and were used to transport stone for the construction of the Duomo of Milan, but have now been converted to irrigate the rice paddies.



The remarkable and fine stone bridge at **Robecco** over the Naviglio Grande.



At **Sesto Calende** by the Ticino river where it flows out of Lake Maggiore.



Pardis admiring the blooms in the **Villa Taranto** with Tony & Cathy.



In **Orta San Giulio** on the lake-front circuit of the peninsular with Tony & Cathy.



Top: recharging on Apfelstrudel in Sursee; sweating away the pounds up to Göschenen; recording the video blog in Andermatt. **Bottom:** final stretch of the old granite cobbled road up to the Gotthard pass; descending the hairpins of the stunning Val Tremola; sitting in the stern of Uri, the oldest working paddle steamer (1901), travelling on the Vierwaldstättersee from Luzern to Flüelen.