

# SimmarianOnline

## WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE



Dear Alumnus, I am delighted to be joining you at such an exciting time for the institution. St Mary's is still on a high after the Pope's visit last year, the new sports block is nearing completion, we are on the verge of becoming the first new Catholic university since the Reformation and three major nations

have chosen to base themselves here prior to the London Olympics next year.

In my short time at St Mary's I have been overwhelmed by the sense of warmth that former students feel for the place and I hope to make this bond even stronger by providing you with opportunities to reengage with this great institution, come back to campus or get involved with current students and fellow alumni.

I also want to ensure your e-newsletter and your Alumni Association provides you with everything you need in a format that suits. That is why I will be conducting a short survey and opening a dialogue with alumni in the coming months to see how I can best serve you.

Coming from an institution with 30,000 students I am still getting used to the intimacy of St Mary's. It really is the institution that knows your name and I look forward to knowing yours.

Please get in touch and get involved with St Mary's.

**Martin Thornton**



## Farewell to Karen Kendel-Smith

Dr Karen Kendel-Smith has decided not to return to St Mary's following the birth of her daughter Samantha Louise last April. Karen joined St Mary's in 1994 as an undergraduate student and, in addition to her work as PR and Alumni Officer, taught in the School of CCCA following the completion of her PhD.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Professor Philip Esler, Principal*



St Mary's is committed to maintaining close contact with its alumni who form the St Mary's family stretching across the years. Even before I was appointed I gained the approval of the Board of Governors to appoint someone specifically charged with ensuring you knew what was happening at St Mary's and that we all knew what was happening in your lives. It is vital that we involve you in St Mary's activities, celebrate your successes and make you a part of the exciting life and future of the University College.

So I am particularly happy to be able to tell you that we have appointed Martin Thornton as our inaugural Director of Alumni Relations and Development. Martin comes to us with a wealth of experience from Liverpool John Moores University and Swansea University and is full of new ideas for ensuring that you will be fully a part of the life of St Mary's.

I am delighted to inform you that we have just been awarded the highest result for our teaching and learning in the regular audit by the Quality Assurance Agency. Our student numbers have now increased beyond 4000, meaning that we will soon be able to apply for university status. Increasing numbers of staff are engaged in world-class research to underpin our student-focused mission. Work is proceeding on course on our splendid £8 million sports building due to open this summer, when the South African Olympic team will move in for its pre-Games preparation.

I hope you enjoy this edition and I look forward to meeting you here on campus in the near future.

**Professor Philip Esler**  
Principal

delighted to be a mother and enjoy spending every moment with my daughter.'

The alumni office would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen for her years of dedicated service to generations of St Mary's alumni.

To see how the campus has changed visit our virtual tour [www.smuc.ac.uk/virtual-tours](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/virtual-tours)

## NEWS

### St Mary's announces 2012/13 undergraduate tuition fees

St Mary's has announced that its 2012/13 undergraduate tuition fees are to be set at £8,000 per annum.

St Mary's Principal Professor Philip Esler commented: "In setting a fee of £8,000 we have been very mindful of our mission and we have chosen to treat our students fairly, by not using the introduction of higher fees to make



windfall profits from them. The £8,000 figure compensates for the loss of teaching grant from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) and the Training & Development Agency (TDA) and for the reduction of HEFCE capital funding, as well as including an amount per student for widening access under our proposed Office for Fair Access (OFFA) agreement.

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/023-fees-announcement.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/023-fees-announcement.htm)

### St Mary's Teachers stand out

The School of Education has announced that both its Primary and Secondary Initial Education programmes have been judged by OfSTED, the government department that regulates teacher training, to be 'outstanding' – the highest grade attainable in an OfSTED inspection.

The programmes were deemed to be outstanding for both 'overall effectiveness' and the 'capacity for



further improvement and/or sustaining overall quality' following the inspection, which was conducted in March.

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/032-ofsted-inspection.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/032-ofsted-inspection.htm)

### New Deputy Principal Appointed



Professor Griffiths-Baker joins us from the University of Bedfordshire where she is Associate Dean and Head of the School of Law. Previously, she was Director of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Bristol, and we look forward to her taking up her post at the beginning of May.

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/034-deputy-principal.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/034-deputy-principal.htm)

### St Mary's attains highest possible Academic Audit result

The University College has been informed by the QAA that following the recent institutional audit of St Mary's the draft report will confirm that St Mary's has achieved the highest result possible by an HEI in the QAA's audit system.

This is a splendid result demonstrating the real value of our courses to current and prospective students.

### St Mary's Commends Student Bravery

Three undergraduates from St Mary's have been rewarded for their selfless acts of bravery and compassion in a pressurised and dangerous situation.

Elicia Wilson, Megan Harper and Ashleigh Mead-Herbert are all first year residents of student accommodation at the University College. They became aware of smoke pouring from the windows of one of the adjacent properties and rescued the resident.



Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/027-student-bravery.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/027-student-bravery.htm)

### Winter Graduation



Winter Graduation Ceremonies were held on Saturday 5th March 2011. The four ceremonies included presentations of undergraduate and postgraduate awards, as well as Mountbatten Institute postgraduate certificates. Following each ceremony, guests were invited to a buffet reception in the Waldegrave Drawing Room on the University College campus.

St Mary's University College Principal, Professor Philip Esler presented the awards with Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, George Stack presiding. Professor Esler said: "The

Winter Graduation allows me to celebrate our students as they move on to successful careers and flourishing lives and to thank their families and friends who have supported them at St Mary's."

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/014-winter-graduation.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/014-winter-graduation.htm)  
Photo albums: [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/facebook.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/facebook.htm)



### Strawberry Hill House on the Web

Channel 4 News featured this report (<http://bcove.me/vl61dmew>) on the reopening of Strawberry Hill House. You may also be interested in taking an online virtual tour of the house as it was during Horace Walpole's time: The Lewis Walpole Library website features an interior tour and a buildings and grounds tour based on drawings and watercolours of the period.

Where are you now? Let us know – fill in the online form [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/now.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/now.htm) or email [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk)

# COME BACK TO CAMPUS

19th July 2011

Revisit your old haunts, meet fellow Simmies and share a buffet lunch in the Waldegrave Drawing Room with University College Principal, Professor Philip Esler.

Contact **Martin Thornton** on 020 8240 4039 or via [thorntonm@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:thorntonm@smuc.ac.uk) for further details and to book.

2nd-4th September 2011

Join your former classmates for a reunion weekend. Bed and Breakfast rates are available, ranging from £30.70 to £75 per night. Catering for groups and associations can be arranged.

Please contact **Bernice Ostle** in the Conferencing Office on: Tel: 020 8240 4044 or via Email: [ostleb@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:ostleb@smuc.ac.uk) for further details and to book.



## Maltese Simmarians

Professor Philip Esler visited Malta in order to meet past St Mary's students who make up an important part of our global network. Professor Esler and the Alumni office are keen to cement our current links with alumni and alumni organisations. We are also keen to forge new relationships, so please do get in touch and let us know about your group/organisation via [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).



Steve McKenna (Treasurer), Gerry Wright (Chairman), Fr Alex Fleming (Chaplain), Geoff Farrell (Secretary)

## Liverpool Simmarian Association reports

### The Liverpool Simmarian Club 1904-2010

The Liverpool Simmarian Club is happy to announce that Professor Philip Esler, Principal, Fr Gerry Devlin, University College Chaplain and Martin Thornton, Director of Alumni Relations and Development have agreed to join us for an alumni lunch. The event will take place at the West Lancashire Golf Club at 12 noon on Thursday 26th May 2011. If you are interested in joining us please contact Geoff Farrell, Club Secretary on 0151 924 0610.

The Liverpool Simmarian Club continues to flourish with well attended monthly meetings led by an active Committee who are photographed opposite. A full report of the activities of the club from Secretary Geoff Farrell can be found at: [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/news-and-features.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/news-and-features.htm)

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Mr Peter Cox receives MBE

Peter Cox, a form Drama student at St Mary's (1973-77) recent MBE award in this year's New Years Honours list.

Peter's family connections with Simms go back two generations. His sister, Pauline, was at Simms from 1968 to 1972 while his father was a student at Simms between 1931 and 1933.

Peter said of the award: "In November I learned I'd been proposed for an award in the New Year's Honours List for services to Community Arts in Rhayader and District - the place where I've lived with my family for 25 years now."

"After thinking about it long and hard I very much felt that it was an 'award for all' - for the staff, trustees, fellow artists and community participants that I've worked with over the past 25 years."

"I also felt that for Community Arts to get this kind of recognition was really important as I've been informed that all the nominators were community members who've participated in projects or been supporters of our work for a very long time. So I accepted the nomination as a sign of respect for the phenomenal commitment that people have shown to the countless creative projects that I've been privileged to be involved with there - over so many years. I am honoured and proud to have been awarded an MBE and consider it shared."

### Mr Des Kelly awarded Papal Honour

Mr Des Kelly has been awarded the Cross of Honour for distinguished service to the Church and Catholic education.

At a Mass to mark his retirement after 34 years at Saint John Payne Catholic School in Chelmsford, Essex, Des was awarded the medal officially known as 'Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice', literally meaning 'For Church and Pope'. He was presented with the award, recognizing his work across the diocese in evangelization, education and bereavement, at Our Lady Immaculate Church by Prior Hugh Allan O'Praem.



The 'Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice' award is the highest honour and medal that the Pope can bestow upon laity and religious.

### St Mary's 1907 Cup Winners



We have received this picture from Helenor Jones, granddaughter of Gerald Louis MacCrossan (middle row sixth from the left), who was a student at St Mary's between 1906-1908.

The photograph is dated 1907 and shows St Mary's cup winning football team. We are unable to identify the rest of the gentlemen in the photograph, however, if you are able to help, please contact us at [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).

## Alumni Success Stories

With increased university tuition fees coming into effect in 2012, it has never been more important for school leavers to understand the value and benefits of a university education. With this in mind, we're looking for alumni testimonials to use on our website and in our prospectus.

We'd like to hear your stories about what skills you learned at St Mary's, how they benefitted you in the workplace, and how your career has progressed since you graduated.

If you're interested in sharing your story with our prospective students, please email a short testimonial (2-5 paragraphs) to [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).

## CHAPLAINCY

As the University College Chaplain, I have been very pleased with the number of students and staff involving themselves in the groups and activities which the Chaplaincy facilitate and organise throughout the academic year. The Chaplaincy is committed to creating a welcoming and caring community which is continually reaching out to others. Students have been encouraged to actively develop their skills and talents creatively in serving each other and the wider needs of society.

During the Season of Lent we raised £2,000 and the money was donated to Sr Bernardine Pemii, Principal of a school in Ghana, to help establish a Library which will be used by staff, pupils and members of the local area. As a community we also raised £1,900 for the Haiti Disaster Appeal and, at Christmas, we gave £3,500 to local and national children's charities. The money was raised from a Fundraising Evening with former students, and Carol Singing in the West End of London.

During the academic year the RCIA group meets every week and two candidates will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist on the Feast of Pentecost. Two further candidates received the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Leavers' Mass. The students recently attended a Weekend Retreat in Cumberland Lodge, Great Windsor Park; a very enjoyable and reflective weekend which ended with a Service in the private Royal Chapel in the presence of her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip. A Week of Guided Prayer was organised on campus and led by Stephen Hoyland from Loyola Hall in Liverpool. It was a very successful week, enjoyed by the staff and students who took part, and described as a week of blessing for the local community.

There have been many encouraging signs of staff and students working together, in collaboration with the Chaplaincy, to develop and foster all that builds up and sustains a community which is positive in its outlook where people take time to look out and care for each other. As Mother Teresa once remarked: 'In this life we cannot do great things, we can only do small things with great love.' And this is certainly what happens each day at St Mary's. Fr Gerard Devlin, Chaplain

## SCHOOLS NEWS

### School of Human Sciences

## Cystic Fibrosis Fundraising

Staff and students from St Mary's have helped to raise over £1,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Volunteers have been assisting at Tesco Superstore in Twickenham, helping customers to unload trolleys, pack bags, and fill cars. Volunteers also handed out balloons and stickers to children.

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2010/110-cystic-fibrosis.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2010/110-cystic-fibrosis.htm)

## Students support athletes at Virgin London Marathon

Seventy five undergraduates from St Mary's will be providing rehabilitative massage support to runners from six charities at the Virgin London Marathon on Sunday 17th April. St Mary's has been supporting the London Marathon for seven years and 2011 sees a record number of students taking part.



Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/029-virgin-london-marathon.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/029-virgin-london-marathon.htm)

### School of Theology, Philosophy & History

## History Publication

Dr Glenn Richardson, Programme Director and Reader in Early Modern History, has been commissioned to write a new account of the life and work of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, Lord Chancellor to Henry VIII.

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/018-glen-richardson-historical-biography.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/018-glen-richardson-historical-biography.htm)

## Vatican Healthcare Medal Awarded

Fr Peter Scott, a lecturer in Healthcare Chaplaincy at St Mary's and Jim McManus, Director of Public Health for Birmingham, were awarded the Vatican's highest medal for healthcare, the Good Samaritan Medal, on 2nd February. The pair – both founding members of the Bishops' Conference Healthcare Reference Group – were awarded the medal at the end of a meeting of the Vatican's Pontifical Health Care Workers by its President, Archbishop Zygmund Zimowski, on the Feast of the Presentation.

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/008-good-samaritan-medal.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/008-good-samaritan-medal.htm)

### School of Theology, Philosophy & History / School of Communication, Culture & Creative Arts

## Theatre, HIV and Development

St Mary's presented 'Theatre, HIV and Development' on Monday 28th February an evening consisting of a talk from St Mary's Drama lecturer Matthew Hahn about how drama has been used to transform the lives of people living in Malawi, followed by a piece of verbatim theatre on living with HIV in the UK performed by Level 3 Undergraduates from the Applied Theatre programme.

Matthew Hahn, lecturer at St Mary's says, "Theatre can change lives and this project shows that it can save lives too. This session will demonstrate the liberative power of innovative drama forms to confront the HIV epidemic."

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/013-malawi-talk.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/013-malawi-talk.htm)

Your views on this edition – what have we missed?  
What would you like to see included?  
Please email [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk)

## SHOCC GALA DINNER HELD

### Asante Sana!

To all SHOCC supporters who have kindly contributed over the years and donated to St. Marie Eugenie Girls Secondary School, Chekereni, Moshi-Kilimanjaro region.

Very many thanks from all us here in Tanzania, the Assumption Sisters East Africa and Friends, for your ongoing donations and support.

Your recent support (2011) has contributed to the provision of running water at the school and construction of the borehole.



Classroom block, in operation (January 2011)



Girls collecting water for house duties



Drilling the borehole, completed February 2011



School with view of Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak

If you would like further information about St. Marie Eugenie Secondary School, Chekereni, Moshi-Kilimanjaro region, Tanzania our website is [www.chekereni.org](http://www.chekereni.org)

Please email [fundraising@chekereni.org](mailto:fundraising@chekereni.org) if you would like to receive our newsletter

Thank you again, on behalf of everyone here in Tanzania, Best wishes, Charlotte Coltman, Fundraising & Development Manager, Chekereni [charlottecoltman@chekereni.org](mailto:charlottecoltman@chekereni.org)

SHOCC has had an exceptionally good year – and this was a most appropriate way to celebrate our 40th anniversary!

The Gala Dinner in the Waldegrave Drawing Room on April 9th 2011. A splendid dinner was prepared and served to nearly one hundred guests by the University College caterers under the expert guidance of Steve Gallagher. It was an evening to remember! Guests were able to tour the newly restored Strawberry Hill House and view the

splendour of Horace Walpole's original inspiration. An auction of promises raised funds for SHOCC projects and everyone went home delighted – even, we hope, the guest who is reported to have bid for a fuller tour of the House understanding it to be a tour of Fullers' Brewery.

A full update of the 40th anniversary year of St Mary's charity is available [www.smuc.ac.uk/about/shocc/index.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/about/shocc/index.htm).

School of Communication, Culture & Creative Arts



## New Head of School Appointed

Lance Pettitt has been appointed Professor of Screen Media and Head of the School of Communication, Culture and Creative Arts. Many of our alumni may be familiar with Lance as he lectured here in Irish Studies between 1992 and 2001.

## Mary Kenny Guest Lecture



Renowned author, journalist and broadcaster Mary Kenny visited the campus on Thursday 31st March 2011 to conduct a guest lecture for one of the modules in the Irish Studies undergraduate degree programme. Mary discussed her time as a founder member of the Irish feminist movement in Dublin in the 1970's. Dr Ivan Gibbons, Director of Irish Studies, said of the visit, 'Mary Kenny is the latest in a long list of

prominent Irish people living in Britain who have contributed to the Irish Studies programme at St Mary's'.

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/022-mary-kenny.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/022-mary-kenny.htm)

## Drama Graduates Flourish



Three professional theatre productions are opening with a connection to the Drama Department at St Mary's.

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/030-drama-graduates.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/030-drama-graduates.htm)

School of Management & Social Studies

## Geography Lecturer Receives Research Funding



Ruth Craggs, Lecturer in Human Geography, Management and Social Sciences at St Mary's, has been awarded a British Academy Small Grant to conduct research in Zambia and the UK over the next two years. Her project, entitled 'The dance of Postcolonial Relations' will explore the geopolitics of Commonwealth relations in Southern Africa in the 1970s and 1980s, focusing on press accounts and oral histories.

She will be producing an online exhibition in collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat based on the project, which will make the research accessible to a wider audience.

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/011-ruth-craggs.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/011-ruth-craggs.htm)

## SPORTS NEWS

### Olympic Diary

View the diary of Professor Dick Fisher, head of St Mary's 2012 Preparations, for an up-to-date first-hand record of St Mary's University College Preparations for the Olympics.

View the diary at [www.smuc.ac.uk/2012/olympics-diary.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/2012/olympics-diary.htm)

### Third Olympic Team Selects St Mary's as 2012 Training Camp



St Mary's is pleased to inform its alumni that the Chinese Olympic team will use its Strawberry Hill campus in South West London as a Pre-Games Training Camp venue for Chinese endurance squad athletes.

The Chinese team is the third national Olympic team to select St Mary's as a Pre Games Training Camp, following earlier decisions by the South African and Irish Olympic teams to base athletes at the University College in the run up to the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/031-chinese-olympic-team.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/031-chinese-olympic-team.htm)

### Lord Coe visits St Mary's to see 2012 preparations



Lord Coe, Chairman of the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG), visited St Mary's University College, Twickenham on Wednesday 27th April as part of his London engagement programme for 2012. St Mary's is a Pre-Games Training Camp venue for athletes from South Africa, Ireland and China, and during his visit Lord Coe was shown how the University College's preparations for the squads' arrival are progressing.

Lord Coe toured the new £8.25 million sports centre that is nearing completion, including its strength and conditioning suite and sport performance laboratory, where St Mary's exercise physiologists demonstrated how they monitor and assess athletes' training programmes.

Read more and see a photo slideshow of the visit here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/033-lord-coe-visit.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/033-lord-coe-visit.htm)

## STUDENTS' UNION NEWS

### New Students' Union General Manager appointed



Gary Coates joined St Mary's Students Union in May as general manager. Gary has lived in London for six years after having moved from his family home in Swindon, Wiltshire. He is a graduate of Roehampton University, where he lived and studied within the Digby Stuart College community. During his studies, Gary was elected to the office of Deputy President of Digby Stuart College before continuing his work in Roehampton Students' Union as President for two terms and gaining experience in the Recruitment and Marketing departments.

### Students' Union Elections

We have great pleasure in announcing that our new Sabbatical Team for 2011/2012 have been elected:  
 SU President, Jonathan Miller – Currently AU President  
 AU President, Sam Grayson – A Sports Science Student  
 George Harris has also been re-elected to the SU Executive Committee

### SMUC Radio Wins Bronze Award



SMUC Radio, the student run radio station at St Mary's, has won the bronze award for Best Interview at the Student Radio Awards.

Read more here:  
[www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2010/102-bronze-radio-award.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2010/102-bronze-radio-award.htm)

### Iwan Thomas MBE presents Sports Awards

Over three hundred students from St Mary's competed in sixteen games against sporting rivals Brunel University on 30th March.

The games involved a total of nine different sports including basketball, cricket, hockey, netball, rugby, football, and tennis.

The competition signals the end of the sporting calendar and coincides with the St Mary's end of season Sports Awards Dinner. The dinner, held at Twickenham Stadium, celebrated the success of teams and individuals at the University College with awards being handed out by guest of honour, Iwan Thomas MBE for most improved team, contribution to sport, sports man and woman of the year and many more.



Varsity Match

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/028-varsity-match-awards-dinner.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/028-varsity-match-awards-dinner.htm)

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

[www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/now.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/now.htm)

Submit information about what you are doing now for the next edition of Simmarian Online, by completing our online form at the above website address.

#### 1950s

**Patrick William Eugene Rogers 1959-1963**

Presenting Engaged & Marriage Encounter Weekends, as well as preparing couples for Marriage in Parish.

#### 1960s

**Chris Coombs 1962-1965**

Member of Cleveland Police Authority; retired from headship of a primary school in Hartlepool; was a tutor for NPQH; Ofsted trained inspector; local councillor (Labour) for ten years.

**William John Church 1962-1965**

Since retiring I have been refreshing my knowledge of Latin and am studying (self-taught) the Babylonian (Akkadian) language and cuneiform script.

**Mervyn Hilary Morris 1963-1966**

Playing golf and travelling.

**Michael Anthony Worthington 1964-1967**

Three years into a five year term of office as National President of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP).

**Mario Maestri Greening 1964-1967**

Enjoying myself!

**John C. Kennedy 1965-1968**

Enjoying my retirement! Cycling, photography, gardening, beer and wine making, driving my (Rover) Mini Cooper and motorcycling!

**John Francis Flower 1966-1969**

Retired in 2009, after 40 years in teaching, including 23 years as Head of St Paul's Catholic College which was in Haywards Heath until 2004, when it relocated to a purpose built new school in Burgess Hill (in West Sussex). I'm now really enjoying my new life with my wife, Sharon, who is also an ex-Simmarian!

**Thomas Dooley 1967-1970**

Just moved to South Africa after 15 years in US. Looking for something exciting!

**Liam McGurrin 1968-1971**

Running a number of websites – [www.timeforcitizenship.org](http://www.timeforcitizenship.org), [www.nedfos.org](http://www.nedfos.org), [www.sfocs.org.uk](http://www.sfocs.org.uk)

#### 1970s

**David Lawrenson 1970-1973**

Qualified as a teacher and became a journalist. Was a rock journalist for three years in the late seventies. Since then I have written on rugby (league and union) and published several books.

**Anthony Hay 1971-1974**

Part-time Co-ordinator of Diocesan School Inspection and Supply Teaching

**Anthony Fidelio Manasco 1971-1972**

Teaching Literacy and IT skills to vocational schemes students. Delivering IT courses to Corporations and others.

**Martin John Simpson 1973-1976**

Having spent most of my working life in the Youth Service, now with Connexions and enjoying the challenge. Eagerly awaiting birth of first grandkid in 2011. Still meet up every year with ex Simmarians as part of our commitment to each other after 34 years.

**Patrick John Perkins 1977-1980**

I have just done a 12 month maternity cover year 3 full time teaching contract. I will be returning to primary supply teaching in 2011.

For more ex-Simmies, go to Where Are They Now? on our website

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? continued ...

### 1980s

**John Rafferty** 1983-1987

Married and living in the north east of England. Found myself buying houses to let due to circumstances with career 5 years ago out of which I grew a business for like-minded professionals.

**Elizabeth Mary Harman (nee Kearney)** 1984-1988

Assistant head of largest primary school in Oxfordshire.

**Sharon Omer-Kaye (nee Omer)** 1985-1988

Office Managing Director for a Swindon office and leading the firms private client service.

### 1990s

**Neil Campbell** 1991-1994

Managing a fitness equipment supplier company. Still living in Twickenham and now married with 2 children.

**Shidatul Ezwa Shamsudin** 1992-1998

Teaching English in a rural school in Pekan, Pahang.

**Sarah Louise Wicks (nee Lake)** 1992-1996

Living in Norwich with husband Adrian and sons Ben (7) and Joshua (2).

**Claire Penelope Louise Taylor (nee Mason)** 1993-1997

Moved to NZ to live with my kiwi hubby in 2006. We had a little boy, Zachary in 2008 and are expecting our second child in 2011. I have been a primary school teacher since leaving St Mary's in 1997 and have taught in several schools in London and Auckland, NZ. Still in touch with lots of old friends from Simms and can't believe where the years have gone!

**Henning Kaaber** 1994-1997

Now a Director of PE.

**Laura-Jane Stokes (nee Carrey)** 1994-1997

Working at a University after being made redundant from HR post. Hoping to study Psychology in near future.

**Andrew James Whomsley** 1994-1998

Director of Specialism at Redborne.

**Clare Hannah Gallagher (nee Levett)** 1995-1998

I am married to Scott with a daughter age 3 and son age 1.

**James Edward Wilkinson** 1996-2000

I am currently teaching PE in St Brogan's College, in Bandon West Cork.

**Satharine Rllen Steed (nee Pyke)** 1996-2000

Married with two children living in Ireland and teaching in a small school for children with sever and profound leaning difficulties.

**Steven Darrio Manuel** 1996-1999

Just became a reliability manager.

**Nicole Suzanne Gallagher** 1996-2000

Worked in live broad cast for 3 years for BBC, ITV, Channel 4 & 5. Currently working for the Royal Shakespeare Company in the Education Department developing interactive E-Learning resources, developing the educational website and producing digital content.

**Rebecca Anne Mayles (nee Symon)** 1997-2000

Head of PE.

**Siobhan Bartlett (nee Murphy)** 1998-2001

Married this year. Now working in Sevenoaks at a leading girls school.

**Mark Andrew Enticknap** 1999-2002

Head of English at a secondary school.

**Melanie Jayne Roberts** 1999-2003

I am teaching in a Catholic school in Swindon. I have now been teaching for almost 8 years and am currently teaching Year 4 children.

### 2000s

**Veronica Falcon** 2000-2001

After studying abroad at St Mary's from the US, I graduated with a BSc from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts and went on to obtain a Master's from Tel-Aviv University in Israel in 2006. After teaching for 5 years I have recently entered the medical field and have become a unit coordinator at a hospital here in the States.

**Juliana Niza Ismail Adnan** 2001-2002

Was at first posted to teach in high school and taught for 4 years before making the life changing decision to teach students at tertiary level. Discovered a passion for English for Academic Purposes and Materials Development. Was over the moon to see my first book on English Language Support Programmes being published and have not stopped writing and designing materials since then. Personally, I continued to be the active girl that I was at St Marys (I joined the salsa and jazz class). Currently I'm learning bellydance and have been practising yoga for 2 years. I also hold a black belt in Aikido, a martial art originating from Japan. The best part is I won a competition organised by Malaysian Airlines and part of the prize is not only to win my own dream holiday in Bali but also to host my own travel show.

**Sarah Gwenda Rice (nee Forde)** 2002-2003

Presently teaching adult numeracy in a traveller training centre.

**Lynn Bassett** 2002-2005

PhD Palliative Care at Lancaster.

**Sinead Quinn** 2005-2010

Weeks after finishing QTS Jan 2010 I moved to Ohio with my husband and 1 year old boy. I'm tutoring middle school students at the moment and pregnant with my second child. Hope to get back to full time teaching in September 2011.

**Nikola Kinmond** 2006-2010

I am now a Year Two Teacher at an army first school in Windsor.

**Elpi Leuna** 2007-2010

Taking a two-year break to gain more experience in school and save some money for PGCE. Next year I'll apply for primary PGCE.

**Elizabeth Eccles** 2007-2010

MSc Nutrition Health and Obesity.

**Justyna Magdalena Szczurek** 2007-2010

Studying for a Postgraduate Degree at Roehampton University.

**Jenny Helmer** 2007-2010

Teaching a Year 3 in a North London school.

**Samuel Edward Pierce** 2007-2010

Since leaving St Mary's I have decided to pursue a career in Journalism in association with the Irish Studies part of my degree. I am now raising funds through general retail work to complete either a fast-track course or Masters degree.

**Sam Colin Herbert Stephenson** 2007-2010

Currently doing a masters in acting for screen at CSSD (Central School of Speech and Drama).

**Tegan Lara Amy Pickles** 2007-2010

Work for Badminton England and Sport St Mary's, increasing Badminton Provision at the University College.

**Gavin McKenna** 2009-2010

Looking for a full time position as a primary teacher. I have attained some substitute teacher work and have an interview to cover a position for 8 months or so but I am still looking to find my own class.

**Steve Randall** 2009-2010

Teaching 11-19 year olds IT (A Level, BTEC L3, BTEC L2, OCR National, OCR GCSE ICT, KS3).

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# REST IN PEACE

## 2011 – Alumni / Honorary Fellows

- Postlethwaite, Peter William OBE (1965-68)

## 2010 – Alumni

- Cassidy, Laurence (1941-1943)
- Curran, Wilfrid Thomas (1943-1945)
- Horne, Godfrey (1961-64)
- Kleinmann, Robert (Bob) (1964-67)
- McAnulty, Martin (2009-10)
- Oakley, Victoria (Vicki) (1989-93)
- Swan, Dr Rowan (1987-90)
- Tierney, J E P (Ted) (1945-47)

## 2010 – Staff / Honorary Fellows

- Achenbach, Dr Patrick (former Head of School of Education) (-1989)
- Keates, Barry CBE KSG
- Wade, Professor Pat (former Head of School of Education)

## Memorial held for Dr Patricia Wade

A memorial service was held on Wednesday 1st December 2010 for Dr Patricia Wade, former Head of The School of Education at the University College. The service was attended by family, friends and colleagues of whom Patricia had asked that they wear bright clothes.

The proceeds from the collection and other donations will be given to the Princess Alice Hospice, the Macmillan Nurses and Myeloma Cancer UK.

Read more here: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2010/106-professor-pat-wade.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2010/106-professor-pat-wade.htm)

## Peter ‘Pete’ Postlethwaite

Peter Postlethwaite died at the age of 64, following a lengthy illness. He won an Oscar nomination for his performance as Guiseppe Conlon in the 1993 film, *In The Name Of The Father*, about the wrongful convictions of the Guildford Four for an IRA bomb attack. In 2004 he was awarded an OBE for his contribution to the arts.

He trained to be a drama teacher at St Mary's. Joan Reilly, a former lecturer said: "Peter was a very gifted actor and totally unpretentious. At St Mary's, he had a good North Country accent but could change that in an instant. We always kept in touch. He would always invite me to see him when he was playing in London." In 1998 Peter was made an Honorary Fellow of St Mary's.

# CAREERS SERVICE



## St Mary's Alumni with the Careers Service

### Working together to inspire future generations

Would you like to help your old college by inspiring future generations of Simmarians about career paths they might take?

St Mary's Careers Service is looking for Simmarians of all professions and industries to get involved with our **Alumni Careers Link**. We encourage alumni to provide informal careers information and advice about areas of work they have experience in. There are many mediums of information exchange, from Facebook to email or phone contact, right through to work shadowing and job opportunities. There will also be the chance to take part in our 'take an alumnus to coffee' initiative, alumni careers evenings or to do mini talks/presentations at Careers fairs and for focusing on specific sectors such as Education, Sports and Media.

St Mary's would like to enhance the numbers of alumni currently taking part in the project so if you would like to find out more about getting involved, please contact [careers@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:careers@smuc.ac.uk) or call us on 020 8240 4055.

Alumni careers case studies also feature on our careers website: [portal.smuc.ac.uk/careers-alumni-profiles.html](http://portal.smuc.ac.uk/careers-alumni-profiles.html). Real insights from alumni inspire current students, so if you'd like to appear, please contact [careers@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:careers@smuc.ac.uk).

#### Careers Services for Alumni

If you would like help and advice regarding your own career options and:

- you completed your SMUC course in the last two years you can join GradClub. Sign up at [www.gradclub.co.uk](http://www.gradclub.co.uk)
- you completed your SMUC course over two years ago you can make use of our consultancy service C2. For more information see [www.C2careers.co.uk](http://www.C2careers.co.uk)

Thanks and hoping to hear from you soon.

The St Mary's Careers Service Team

[www.smuc.ac.uk/careers](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/careers)

**Thanks** The Alumni Office would like to give special thanks to Mr and Mrs Coughlan for taking the time to visit us with some wonderful student and College publications from the 1960s. We hope to make these electronically available soon on our website [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni) for you to browse.

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