



# SimmarianOnline



## Message from Adrian Wilkins Head of School of Management & Social Sciences

The School of Management & Social Sciences enjoyed a successful 2013-2014 and continued

to build on its mission focusing on delivering high quality vocationally centred education at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. All academic programmes continued to address the key graduate requirements of academic excellence and employability.

The school's teaching and learning agenda for the year under review concentrated on the enhancement of the student learning experience through both advances in technology based learning and professional employer involvement in curriculum design. The focus on these key areas received positive student feedback across all programmes and was reflected in a good set of External Examiner Reports at undergraduate level. The school's postgraduate curriculum continued to expand and offers a suite of professional development programmes. The MA in Charity Management continues to enjoy an impressive graduate employment rate and has become an established career development route within this specialist sector. Similarly, the MBA in International Business Practice saw student complete their internships in JP Morgan Chase, UBS Investment bank and Thomson Reuters.

In the new tuition fee era, it was pleasing to see strong recruitment within the school at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. September 2013 saw the recruitment of the second cohort of students to the new LLB programme. The years ahead will see the continued growth of this important curriculum area within the school with a strong focus on practitioner involvement and graduate employment.

The school continues to pursue an active research agenda with members actively seeking external grant funding as well as publishing widely in their specialist discipline fields. Knowledge transfer activities continue to expand in line with the school mission and seek to build both national and international partnerships.

The school looks forward to working with its students in 2014-2015 to help develop their full potential and realise their personal development objectives.

## St Mary's Awarded University Title

St Mary's University College, Twickenham is delighted to announce that on Thursday 23rd January 2014, it was awarded full university title by the Privy Council. It means that it has officially changed its name to St Mary's University, Twickenham and marks an exciting landmark in the institution's 164 year history.

Universities Minister, David Willetts, said, "I warmly welcome St Mary's announcement. This government is committed to promoting quality and choice in the HE sector and it is right that institutions with long histories and traditions such as St Mary's should be able to achieve full university title."

Dr Arthur Naylor, Interim Principal, said, "These are exciting times for St Mary's and the granting of University title will facilitate its development both at home and abroad."

St Mary's Chair to the Board of Governors, Bishop Richard Moth, said, "This is excellent news for St Mary's and recognises all that the University offers to students and staff alike."

The news follows the announcement that St Mary's Board of Governors has appointed Francis Campbell as Vice-Chancellor. He will join the University in April 2014.

## Alumni Survey Winners

Congratulations to alumnae Sarah Lawton (1992), Vera Jajechnyk (1988), and Jennifer Robertson (2011) who all won Love2Shop Vouchers in our 2013-14 Alumni Survey prize draw. A summary of the results from the survey will be published in the next edition of the Simmarian. Thank you to all who took the time to submit your responses.

## Class of 2014 Competition Winner

Congratulations to 2014 Winter Graduate Jason Pedley (MSc Strength & Conditioning Science) who won our Winter Graduation competition taking home a £100 Ticketmaster Voucher. Make sure to check out all the pictures from the weekend on the [Your St Mary's Facebook Page](#).

## St Mary's Alumnus Awarded MBE in New Year Honours



St Mary's University alumnus, Michael Dooling has been awarded MBE in the 2014 New Year's Honours list for services to athletics in Merseyside.

Michael, who studied Physical Education and Geography at St Mary's from 1968 to 1971, was heavily involved in the University's cross country group whilst studying, serving in a number of roles, including Captain for one of his three years. Michael was also a keen marathon runner (with a personal best time of 2 hours 26 minutes)

and has been a member of the Liverpool Harriers and Athletics Club for over 50 years in many different roles.

After graduating from the University, Michael returned to Merseyside where he taught for 40 years, retiring in 2010 and has been heavily involved in grass roots athletics during this time. In 1980, he worked as part of a team to host the English Schools Athletics Championships, held in Kirby.

Since then he has been involved in the English Schools Athletics Association in various roles including team management and became Chairman in 2010, as well as holding the position as Track and Field Secretary. He has also acted as England Athletics Team Manager for the first Commonwealth Youth Games, held in Edinburgh in 2000 and has been a track official for over 30 years with officiating roles in the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games, and more recently the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Michael, who was torch bearer for the London 2012 Olympics commented, "Over the early years I enjoyed getting involved as part of the team and has so many people who helped me on my way. As time progressed, opportunities were presented, which I took and things have progressed from there to give me the many positions I still enjoy and share with others in the wider athletics community.

"I feel very fortunate to have been nominated for this awarded, which the family are all delighted with and will carry on until I feel I can no longer contribute to the sport. My father, who was also a St Mary's student from 1936 to 1938, would have been delighted."

## Students' Union Elections 2014 – the results!

After the counting of more than 1300 votes, our congratulations go to Ryan Jones (Theology & Religious Studies), elected SU President and Josh Moss (Sports Science), elected AU President for 2014-15.



## Student Enterprise Society



Wednesday 5th March saw the official launch of the newly created Student Enterprise Society. Set up and run by students on the Management Studies Undergraduate Degree Programme and backed by the School of Management and Social Sciences, the Society is open to all students across the campus who are interested in Enterprise, whether they have a business idea or would simply like to know more about how to get involved.

The Society will be looking to develop relationships with business organisations and local enterprises with a view to creating links to encourage enterprise in our students. If you would like to know more about the Society or other enterprise-related activity in the School, please feel free to contact Lise Georgeson, Academic Director for the School, by emailing [lise.georgeson@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:lise.georgeson@smuc.ac.uk).

## A Donor's Story

Stephen Gilham graduated from St Mary's in 1971 after studying History and Geography and in 2009 decided he wanted to remember one of his most influential tutors – Ken Breen

I remember my time at St Mary's fondly, as a place where I and my fellow Simmarians grew up together, finding our feet after moving away from home for the first time. You knew everyone by name, students and staff alike, and as everyone was training to be a teacher we shared a sense of unity of purpose.

After graduating from St Mary's I was lucky enough to be offered a job based simply on St Mary's reputation for training excellent teachers. I was encouraged to take on further study by the staff at St Mary's and even for my BA conversion and MSc studies I didn't have to find money for the fees or travel as it was covered by my grant. I realise how fortunate I was, especially in comparison to the students of today; in fact, I was able to save money while I was studying instead of accumulating a student debt!

I enjoyed my time at St Mary's and have had a good career as a result of my studies at Strawberry Hill. I have the means to be able to both reward excellence from today's students, as well as remember a man who was influential in my life. Ken Breen taught History at St Mary's and was an exceptional tutor. He was charming when meeting with his students, always helpful and supportive and willing to give of his time.

I hope that the Ken Breen Prize will give the students recognition of their work, making them feel better about their studies and providing motivation to carry on with further study as I did. I'm delighted each year when I hear about the selected students and not only what they've achieved in their studies, but what they plan to go on to do as a result.

## Simmaries in Wartime



Our thanks to alumnus, Alf Scales (1944) who has sent in his memories of St Mary's in the mid 40's, during the final years of World War II. This edition contains the first half of Alf's memories, recounting what the social life was like at Simms. The second half will be published in the next edition of the Simmarian and tells of how close St Mary's was to the disasters unfolding across London at that time.

For many of us, 17 year olds mostly, London was somewhere we had only heard or read about. Holidays, even in England let alone abroad, were rare in those far-off days, and the furthest I recall being away from home was a school day-trip to Edinburgh in 1938. As I was travelling alone, my parents, fearful of my losing myself in the "big city", arranged for our parish senior curate, gone to be a chaplain in the Irish Guards in Surrey, to meet me at King's Cross and escort me safely across London to Waterloo and hence the Strawberry Hill train on the old Southern Railway. He also made arrangements for me to visit one of the houses in the college grounds belonging to a member of the college ground staff, a Sergeant Shanley (I think), who was in the same Guards regiment. The home-made teas provided by his wife and her sister were much appreciated by this homesick teenager in those early weeks. Wartime College grub was hardly sufficient for us growing lads! I recall how another parish curate arranged a 'link-up' for me when I arrived on that first afternoon, with a lad from his home village. Denis Tobin, from the small mining community of Trimdon in County Durham (and 'senior' brother Paddy) emigrated to Canada soon after the war and became business tycoons I believe. An interesting fact was that brother Tom (a retired Primary Head in Durham was our 'junior'. Three brothers in three years could well have been a Simmarian record?

We were only about 80 strong in September 1942. Our seniors were only half that number. (My first class in teaching was bigger than that!) But the incendiary bombings of 1941 had caused extensive damage to the rooms over the old Smoke Room, thus reducing available accommodation that year. (This was re-opened in September 1943 for our second year.)

The cinema was everyone's entertainment venue. (Afterall, we "weren't allowed" Twick Palais, "occupied" by the Yanks, or Eel Pie Island!) So after ogling Rita Hayworth in Cover Girl at the Lux or singing along with Ethel Waters and Rochester in Cabin in the Sky at the Regal, we would adjourn to Kit's for "sausage and chips". (The whole evening for less than half a crown!) On very special occasions, such as 'Junior-Senior night', Hammersmith Palais would be the magnet, and I recall some fabulous nights in the presence of Lou Braeger, the resident band, and "guest" bands like RAF squadrons led by Jimmy Miller. Plus a special appearance on a soap box of a very tiny young Petula Clark on one occasion.

The college authorities obviously acted in a 'loco parentis' capacity – after all in normal times we would all still have been 6th form school boys! Hence the only times we were allowed out were Wednesday evenings (until 9.30pm. Benediction), Saturday afternoon (if not playing in, or "required" to support one of the teams), and Saturday evenings until 10pm.

Saturday mornings there were lectures, also on some evenings, and Sunday mornings consisted of Mass then hymn practice. (Morning Mass on weekdays was compulsory.) The rest of Sunday was free up until 9.30pm evening Benediction. Everyone had his own place in chapel so that the duty "nark" (prefect), with an aerial view from the choir loft could check for absentees from Mass or Benediction or report any culprits to Dixie (the Dean, Fr Cahalan.)

A few of us realised that joining the College SVP Conference was a crafty way of breaking free, with approval, at least on one extra night a week. Our task was to promote and encourage the activities of the area's parish youth clubs. To young, hot blooded adolescents like yours truly, this was too good an opportunity to spurn. After all youth clubs meant girls! So we made acquaintances with young ladies from Twickenham, St James, Richmond, Heston, Hounslow, Isleworth and Whitton Youth Clubs, and if I remember correctly, in our second year were allowed to invite them to a College function. Ah me! Where are they now?

To be continued....

## Events and Reunions at St Mary's University

Planned events and reunions for 2014 are as follows:

11th April	60's and 70's Group Gathering
16th May	Students' Union Summer Ball
17th May	Students' Union Boat Party
6th June	Alumni & Friends Pub Quiz
29th-31st August	Basketball/37 Year Reunion for the class of 1977
29th-31st August	47 Year Reunion for the class of 1967
12th December	Alumni Christmas Dinner

## 40th Anniversary Reunion (Class of 1977)

Hello SIMMS 1974 intake, Basketball Club and Football Society, We are ready to take your booking for the SIMMS Reunion 2014 from Friday, 29th August to Sunday, 31st August.

The price for the reunion is £50 and will include:

- Friday evening Social
- Saturday Sports Afternoon
- Saturday evening Black Tie Dinner & Dance. Your dinner includes a starter, main meal, dessert, coffee and after-dinner mints.
- Sunday Mass in the Chapel at 11am

Additional options, at your cost, will include: Tour of Walpole House; River Cruise; Sunday Lunch.

We have been working hard on your behalf negotiating the best prices possible for the reunion and for SIMMS accommodation. The Cronin Hall en-suite single rooms on campus are available to us for the weekend. Charmaine and Helen will take the bookings for your accommodation too. We have tried our best, with help from many others, to contact our 'classmates'. Please pass this message on to those who may not already be aware of the reunion. We so look forward to seeing you at the reunion and we urge you to confirm your presence as soon as you possibly can. Thank you.

Charmaine McHale (née Bartlett-Barfoot) and Helen Soucie (née Wright)  
To register your interest email Charmaine at [mchales@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mchales@blueyonder.co.uk) or Helen on [helen.soucie@gmail.com](mailto:helen.soucie@gmail.com).

## 50 Not Out Reunion (Class of 1967)

This will be the seventh reunion event since the departure of the 1964-1967 cohort and paves the way for our Golden Jubilee Event, which is planned for September 2017. As yet the details of the reunion programme have not been worked out, but will likely include a range of activities, both on and off campus, which have characterized the previous reunions, however suggestions are also welcome.

We would also ask you to let us know of any contacts with former colleagues who may have not come to our attention so far. The last reunion was attended by six former friends with whom we had lost touch since our student days, after tracking them down through established contacts.

To register your interest, please email John White, [whitejam@btopenworld.com](mailto:whitejam@btopenworld.com)

## The 60's and 70's Group



Another meeting of this group is taking place on the 11th April at The Chandos Pub off Trafalgar Square, London. There are over 150 members of our group now and we always get a good turnout at these events. In fact as a result of the Alumni Facebook page and the Simms Newsletter we manage to uncover new members every time we organise a get together. If any of you out there want to find out more or fancy coming along, just email me and I'll send you all the details and keep you informed about future events.

Just for fun, above is a photo of an event (Going Down Ball 1973) we held earlier!

Joe Loughran  
[joe@theloughrans.co.uk](mailto:joe@theloughrans.co.uk)

## Liverpool Simmarian Group

**Back Row:** Geoff Glew 71/74, Bill Hughes 71/74, Terry Doyle 56/58, Peter Duff 59/61, John White 64/67, Des Hardman 61/64, Ralph Hope 45/47, Ray Parr 61/64, Bill Cullen 42/44, Mike Chapman 61/64

**Front Row:** Fr Alex Fleming (Chaplain) 44/46, Geoff Farrell (Secretary) 54/57, Tony Brookman (President) 62/65, Steve McKenna (Treasurer) 58/60, Gilly Fyles 45/47



Our thanks to Geoff Farrell, Secretary of the Liverpool Simmarian Group, for sending us this picture from the group's recent AGM. If any Simmarians based in the North West are interested in joining the Liverpool Simmarian Group then please get in touch.

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## St Mary's Alumni Share Career Advice with Students



The Careers Service at St Mary's University, Twickenham welcomed back Philosophy alumni on Tuesday 11th February to share their experiences of the working world with current students and staff. The event, which was organised by St Mary's Careers Consultant, Kathy Williams, in collaboration with the Philosophy, History, Sociology and English programmes at the University, takes place annually and serves to aid students with their decisions about their careers after studying.

Three St Mary's alumni were welcomed back and gave accounts of their experiences in education and employment, stating that they never have a 'typical day' at work. The trio also shared advice in getting to know a new role, networking and more. Richard Nye from The Richmond Magazine also visited for a question and answer session, where they discussed working in the publishing industry.

A number of similar events will take place for the Academic Schools within the University, with the School of Management and Social Science Fair taking place on Wednesday 2nd April. The Careers Service also run workshops throughout the year.

If you'd like to find out more about how you can share your experience and knowledge with the students of today then please contact the Alumni Relations Office.

## St Mary's Introduces New International Scholarships

St Mary's University, Twickenham has expanded its International Scholarship Scheme, providing help to more international students than ever before for the 2014/2015 academic year. Seven new undergraduate scholarships will be introduced alongside existing postgraduate grants, with each one worth £1,000 and offered to students who demonstrate excellence in a variety of areas.

Three scholarships are on offer for applicants with the best academic results, which takes into account their overall marks in their most recently awarded qualification. Alongside that is a bursary offered to the student with the best sports performance, and one for a non-native English applicant with the best English language skills.

Further to the grants that reward academic and sporting skill, St Mary's is also offering two scholarships that include ambassadorial roles within the University. The first of these is the Chaplaincy Ambassador scholarship, which aims to appoint an international student who can maintain the Catholic ethos of St Mary's and embrace the Chaplaincy's traditional role of student support and pastoral care. Meanwhile, the successful candidate for the International Students' Union Ambassador scholarship will assist the Students' Union in organising events and activities, and will help create a link between home students and those from overseas.

St Mary's Communications Officer for the International Office, Rebecca Smith, commented, "We are pleased to be able to build on our already very successful International Scholarship Scheme for the next academic year. We envisage the new scheme helping a wider range of people, promoting international student engagement and enhancing the student experience."

Each scholarship requires applicants to submit a personal statement explaining their study and career objectives, as well as proof of their achievements in the cases of best academic and sporting results.

The St Mary's International Scholarship Scheme will continue to offer 12 postgraduate bursaries of £3,000 alongside the new undergraduate grants for the start of the 2014/15 academic year.

For more information on the International Scholarship Scheme please visit the website [www.smuc.ac.uk/international/scholarships.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/international/scholarships.htm).

## Calling All Teachers

Are you a St Mary's graduate currently working in a school or college? The Recruitment Team at St Mary's University provides a range of fantastic activities and events for school age pupils and those wishing to find out more about attending university.

### Work With Schools and Colleges

We regularly visit schools and colleges for Higher Education fairs, careers fairs, or to conduct talks and presentations to inform potential students about the variety of courses we have at St Mary's and explain what it is like to live and study here. Presentations, mainly to Year 12 and 13 students not only promote St Mary's, but Higher Education as a whole, and advise about all aspects of choosing and applying to university.

Some of the talks we provide include:

- Why go to University?
- Choosing courses and HE institutions
- Student life
- Personal Statements
- The Application Process
- Juggling work, Academic study and social life
- Finance, tuition fees and loans

### Taster Days and Campus Visits

We can organise visits to campus for groups of year 12 students and provide talks, question and answer sessions with undergraduate students, campus tours and sessions with academic staff. These are similar to the sessions for younger pupils under the widening participation banner but are age specific and tend to focus more on the application process and decision making at this stage and are open to all schools and colleges with students who may be interested in St Mary's.

### Other Recruitment Activity

The recruitment team provide a general enquiry service by phone on 020 8240 3214 or via email on [recruit@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:recruit@smuc.ac.uk) and can answer queries on degree courses at St Mary's, entry requirements and the application process. We are responsible for all pre application open days and post application visit days that are run throughout the year.

### UCAS Fairs

Representatives from St Mary's attend a number of UCAS conventions every year. Prospective students, their parents, teachers and careers advisers have the chance to meet our staff and student ambassadors in person, and find out more about our degree courses, student life, accommodation and student finance. You can see the schedule of Fairs on the UCAS website.

To find out more about the work covered by The Recruitment Team and how you can help, please contact Rachel Bowles, Senior Recruitment Officer – Email: [rachel.bowles@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.bowles@smuc.ac.uk) Tel: 020 8240 2314.

Receive details of forthcoming reunions and book your place at [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni)

## Strawberry Hill Overseas and Community Concern (SHOCC) in East Africa

The SHOCC Trustees would like to wish all alumni wherever they may be belated best wishes for 2014. In this newsletter we would like to bring you up to date with our major East African projects, some of which were visited by Trustees during 2013.

### Elizabeth writes:

When I visited Orkolili School, Tanzania, in September for the official opening of the impressive new hall, the ground was already parched and the blustery wind whipped up whirlwinds of dust. There was already anxiety about water. Now, here we are in December, and still no rain. Vegetables have shrivelled in the school garden and young trees that were starting to offer a little shade are wilting. Most of us would be disheartened but Mama Yohana, founder and head teacher, soldiers cheerfully on.

While the water shortage is a real headache, there is much to be cheerful about. The exam results last year were excellent and the students put on an inventive fashion show. Visitors were entertained by lively singing and dance and hold their breath at the amazing skill of the self-taught acrobats, leaping or balancing, building human towers, twisting and tumbling.

The new, all-purpose hall has been named Murtagh Hall in honour of the generosity of Brian Murtagh. Brian was moved by the SHOCC appeal and has supported the building from its earliest inception. Now it is in full use and only needs doors and glass in the windows to be complete. Soon it should even be busy in the school holidays and bringing in a little rent, perhaps from weddings when two extended families often gather in very large numbers. Mr Murtagh has offered matched funding, so every pound given to SHOCC will be worth two.

The next target for SHOCC at Orkolili will be to support a water harvesting program so that when the heavens do open and a year's worth of water falls in a few hours, that water can be saved and used. Engineers from Arup in the UK visited last year and have given their valuable professional advice.

### Kevin reports:

Previously in the Simmarian Online, edition 8, Trustee, Kevin Cook wrote about the new school that SHOCC was supporting near Marigat in NW Kenya. In the summer of 2103 Kevin met children and teachers and stayed with Fr Peter, Parish Priest and Project Manager, to discuss future plans for Kevin's Primary School. There was an urgent need for the second classroom and this had to be ready for pupils by mid-January 2014. As a result of a number of well supported fund raising events at the university plus generous donations, SHOCC reached its target of £6000. The foundations and walls were constructed in November and the classroom completed in mid-January, just in time for another 40 three year olds to begin their education. We are now looking for around £250 to pay for good quality classroom furniture and to meet the costs of lunches. Fr Peter has estimated that it costs £80 per week to feed the 80 pupils.

During 2014 we will be applying to a range of trusts in the hope of obtaining the funding for the third classroom and will continue to support this school at least until it has its eight classrooms. Kevin will be visiting again in the summer of 2014 and will report back on progress.

Elizabeth Byrne Hill and Kevin Cook  
SHOCC Trustees

## Where Are They Now?

If you would like to include a short summary of developments in your life since you left St Mary's and what you're doing at the moment, then email, phone, or visit the Alumni website and 'Send us your contact details'.

**Octavio Victory** (1954) Retired. Taught in Colegio, Colombo, Britanico, Cali, Colombia for 3 years. Vice Principle of College from 1964-66. Education Officer in Gibraltar for 12 years. Retired as Principal of newly created Gibraltar College of F. E. Dip Ed Amin 1976, Leeds University M.A. (Ed) 1978, Southampton University.

**James Hynes** (1955) Writing books e.g Lawrence of Arabia's Secret Air Force: The Hynes of Ireland; The O'Shaughnessys, etc.

**Terence Walsh** (1955) Retired as Headteacher of St John Fisher High School Dewsbury in 1994. Live with my wife, Josie, in Wakefield where we have been since 1965. Before going to St John Fisher in 1968, I taught at St Thomas Becket, Wakefield 1965-68, Corpus Christi, Nottingham 1961-65 and St Gerard's, Clapham 1956-61.

**Christopher Curtis** (1963) Having taught in Catholic schools in Streatham and Wimbledon, I obtained a Dip Ed at Froebel before becoming head of Catholic schools in Berkhamsted, Herts and New Malden in the borough of Kingston-upon-Thames. After retirement and a few years in the glamorous job of driving the players for the Wimbledon Championships, I worked part-time for The Copyright Licensing Agency and, in the course of the next few years, visited countless schools and colleges and most of the UK universities, including Simmaries.

**Stefan Cieslik** (1964) Residing in British Columbia, Canada since 1967.

**Bernard Jarvis** (1964) After 38 2/3 years in primary teaching which included two headships, I became a student on retirement at Birmingham University school of Fine Arts. I was at least 30 years older than any of the others and considerably older than the tutors. It was quite difficult to restrain myself, initially, when the students misbehaved. I was no longer in charge but was just one of them. Without thinking I wandered, nonchalantly, into the staff room only to be told "students meet down the corridor"! A steep learning curve in more ways than one.

**John Quinn** (1967) Married 43+ years (Nora) 4 kids: Corey and Siobhan both Catholic High School teachers, Dan a Writer and Kevan studying for a PhD in Chemistry at Virginia Tech. Lived & taught in Liverpool, London, Jamaica and Ontario, Canada. B.A. University of Western Ontario (now Western University) MSc in Education Niagara University, NY.(Vincentians) M. Rel Ed Boston College, MA.

**Daniel Quinn** (1969) Taught for 27 years in my old grammar school and took early retirement. I am now a beef cattle farmer.

**James Kerr** (1970) Enjoying retirement and grandchildren. Was Principal Teacher for 34 years.

**John McSorley** (1970) Taught P.E. in several schools before moving to Australia where I taught at Nudgee College, Queensland, considered the 'Rugby Nursery of Australia.' Retired to Spain where I am currently enjoying life.

**Michael McNally** (1970) Retired from being Deputy Head at St Gregory's Catholic College, Bath in 2007. Retired from being Data Manager at St Gregory's College, Bath in 2012. Doing Curriculum consultancy and timetable for St Gregory's College, Bath.

**Richard Greenfield** (1971) Retired after 32 years as a Headteacher in 2010 having held headships in two schools, one in Havering and one in Enfield. All my work in schools was in the Catholic sector. Subsequently spent three years managing a GTP course in Essex. Now a self-employed consultant supporting schools in East Anglia.

**Frederick Crispin** (1971) I spent my teaching career in Hanwell Boy's Secondary School for my probationary year of teaching. Then I moved North of Watford to Oldham where I obtained a career teaching Handicrafts in Saddleworth Secondary School for 25 years. I taught until 1997 and retired until the present time. I am a member of Oldham U3A and there are many various groups to attend of one's choice. I am also a member of a classic car club called The Quattro owners club. This is primarily a club for the famous Audi Quattros which won many World Class rallies in the 1980's. I am a granddad to 7 grandchildren. Also a member of The Independent Methodist Church in Failsworth near Oldham. So my time is at a premium and retirement is very enjoyable.

**Katarzyna (Kasia) Ridding nee Sawicka** (1973) I have been living in the Loire Valley, France for 24 years. I'm married and have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. I teach English as a Second Language in various establishments, mostly in company training, and I'm very happy!

**Con Woods** (1973) Taught at St Flannan's College, Ennis, County Clare for 37 years. Taught P.E., Geography and English and for my final 15 years worked as a Guidance Counsellor. I also did a Masters in Education in 1976. Retired from teaching in 2011.

**Antony Bauckham** (1974) I am the Chief Executive Officer at Air Charter Service Plc. The company has grown from one office to 16 offices world-wide. The founder and owner is also a Simmarian, Chris Leach, our offices are in Surbiton. We stay in touch with other Simmarians around the world.

**Edward Czernuszka** (1975) Retired now but continued as a teacher up until the age of 60. I then thought enough is enough and happily hung up my calculator and shorts as I was also a P E teacher. I meet regularly with a group of seven colleagues to talk about times at Simms.

**Mary Buchmann nee Atkins** (1977) I retired from teaching in May 2011.

**William Sharkey** (1977) Retired from mainstream education, now working with autistic children.

**Adrian Willson** (1977) Having taken early retirement as a Headteacher of a Catholic Primary School, I am now part-time teaching regularly. I teach English and Maths to Year 5 and 6 with a view to increasing achievement and aiming to help the pupils exceed expectations. I also teach Design Technology to pupils in KS2.

**Jill Papworth** (1979) After completing my PGCE, I taught at a private language school in central London teaching English to foreign adults for three years. Then I applied and was recruited to train and work in advertising sales for a business publishing company VNU in Soho. After some months in this job I managed to switch to the editorial side of the business and started as editorial assistant on a weekly publication called

Accountancy Age. There I worked my way up till I eventually became features editor of the weekly paper and editor of the accompanying monthly colour supplement. After six years I left to edit Ms London, then a free weekly women's magazine handed out to commuters at underground stations. For reasons beyond my control, this job only lasted a few months after which I started freelancing as a journalist. Pretty quickly I was lucky enough to get a regular 2-3 day a week dayshift at The Guardian, writing on their Money section. I have continued to work there part time, alongside other freelancing, for over 20 years and, in the year 2000, became an appointed staff writer on a one day a week arrangement. Current students should note, however, that it would be virtually impossible nowadays to get into journalism and end up on a national newspaper via this haphazard route! The informality and luck of the 1970s and 1980s was with me!

**David Clinch** (1980) Even though I have retired I am active in the areas of music. I am learning Arabic after two visits to Palestine where I worked in the South Hebron hills with youngsters in school.  
[www.thepipercallsproject.co.uk](http://www.thepipercallsproject.co.uk)

**Ged Murphy** (1980) Teaching since leaving Simms. Working in football part-time for Southampton FC. Married to Nicki (78-82), five boys. Attending 37th consecutive Simmarian football tour to Portugal in 2014.

**Declan Bolger** (1982) Since leaving St Mary's I've spent five years teaching in London. Took Masters degree in Sports Management at UMass/Amherst, USA. Spent the last twenty five years working on the business side of US professional sports, MLB, NHL and NBA now with Major League soccer. Married to Jen, we have a sixteen year old daughter, and reside in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

**Damian Curless** (1985) I am currently Head of Social Sciences teaching Psychology and Sociology at St Michael's RC Girls' Grammar School in North Finchley, London. I recently studied the GDL Law Conversion course followed by the LPC Law Legal Practice course and am currently researching for a PhD in Law at Birkbeck. I am researching media and entertainment law looking at privacy confidentiality and defamation and the way judges interpret human rights in relation to breaches of the law governing the above areas.

**Mary McCarney nee Christie** (1988) Now living and teaching in the USA. Happily married for 25 years. Occasional freelance writer, contributing to The Times Ed and The Telegraph.

**Richard Mill** (1991) Since finishing at St Marys I have spent 2 years travelling the globe with my surfboard under my arm. I now work in Leeds as a teacher and work at a kite-surfing school at weekends. Can't believe it's over 20 years since my PGCE. Lots of happy memories.

**Paul Hobrough** (1994) I run [www.physioandtherapy.co.uk](http://www.physioandtherapy.co.uk) across clinics in the UK (main one in Teddington Broad Street) and also at major sporting events all across the UK. I have a regular column in Runners World magazine as their resident Physiotherapist. I appear on worldwide TV for the Premiership channel passing comment on football injuries, prognosis and likely return to play.

**Paul Sapsford** (1995) State Director of Coaching (Football) in Northern California. I live 30 minutes east of San Francisco.

**Simon Field** (1998) Head of PE in Rayleigh Essex. Married for 11 years and two children.

**Louise Macdonald nee Cutts** (2001) After leaving Simmies in 2001 I began my teaching career at Ivybridge Primary School in Isleworth. I taught there until 2004 before travelling to Australia where I lived for a year. I returned to teach at Ivybridge until 2006 when I emigrated to New Zealand. I taught adults for a few months before deciding children were much more fun. I have been working at a preschool in Wellington. I am currently the head teacher at Kelburn Little School and am loving every minute of it.

**Janet Cowap** (2001) I am a History and Sociology teacher at a girls school in Clapham. I am also head of year 11.

**Rebecca Milne nee Vare** (2002) Since graduating I've somehow moved into education and am now a Head of Department in a large secondary school. I married Charlie, a cartographer in the British Army, in 2011 and we are expecting our first child this year.

**Leon Hogan** (2003) Left St Peter's Catholic School in Guildford to move to Chichester to take up a role as Assistant Headteacher and head of sixth form in 2013.

**Jessica Shah** (2004) After I left St Mary's I worked nearby for 3 years in a small primary school. After my baby was born I moved to the Middle East and have been living and working here for the past 6 years as a Foundation Stage Teacher in a large British International School. The school I am working in is an 11 form entry (min) and is from Foundation Stage till Sixth Form. I have just become leader of learning in the school.

**Carolyn Hopkins** (2004) I am still a part time primary school teacher, I tried to break away from classroom but missed it too much! In the other part of my week I work with DigiSmart, a successful, rapidly growing, charitably funded intervention for Year 5 pupils who are struggling with their reading. My involvement includes training lead teachers (all QTS) to deliver the programme, raising the profile of DigiSmart by visiting SL meetings and head's briefings across the country and nurturing relationships with partner schools.

**Tara Doonan** (2008) Currently teaching at Loreto College, Cavan in Ireland.

**Dominic Atsu** (2008) After graduating from St Mary's I found myself a job as a Teaching Assistant at Jack and Jill Nursery. I have been working as a TA for the last 5 years trying to figure out how to best use my degree. I am a keen footballer and, as I do not play as much as I used to, I often coach in my spare time. The summer of 2013 was very special for me – my little daughter was born. This meant that I had to find more income to support her financially. So I sat down and thought about my best skill, I came up with 'working with children'. Working with children is a skill I have possessed from a very young age, but I did not want to be a teacher. So I thought about what I was most knowledgeable in, I came up with sports. I play and enjoy sports, I coach sports and I have a degree in sports, surely I could teach children sports? So in the summer of 2013 I started up my sport and entertainment company – Kickin' Kidz. I started on a Sunday morning with 6 children and now, on average, we see 20+ children a week. We are slowly but surely expanding and I am excited about the prospect that 2014 has to offer.

**Donna McMahon** (2009) Teaching full time in Ireland thanks to the good training St Mary's provided.

## Rest in Peace

St Mary's has been informed of the passing of the following Simmarians, may they rest in peace.

James P Taylor (1949)

John Cawley (1955)

Dennis Turner (1963)

Elaine Brohoon (2008)

Ian Marshall (Lecturer, 2008-2014)

Deirdre Cull (Lecturer, 60s-80s)

Martin Moore (1975)

Michael Connelly (1971)



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