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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL DR ARTHUR NAYLOR



I am pleased to reintroduce myself to alumni old and new as Interim Principal following Professor Philip Esler's resignation in January. In the two years I have been away I can see there have been significant improvements in the whole range of services and facilities we provide for our current students and renewed attention to building relationships with our former students.

Very recently the Pete Postlewaite Picture House was opened and named in memory of one of our great alumni. If you are joining us for one of the events this year I hope you have the opportunity to see all that is changing on campus while appreciating that the same spirit and affection you had for St Mary's is still clearly evident in our current generation of students.

Shortly the Governors will be in the process of appointing a new Principal and this may well be my first and last message to you as Interim Principal and so it is sent with warmest regards.

**Dr Arthur Naylor**  
Interim Principal

## St Mary's Launches Pete Postlethwaite Picture House

A new state-of-the-art cinema screen was recently launched at St Mary's during a celebratory evening with more than 100 alumni, friends, and St Mary's staff, past and present, in attendance. Named after the late actor and former St Mary's student, Pete Postlethwaite, the cinema screen has been installed on campus as a way of enhancing the student learning experience, as well as offering an additional facility to the local community.

The event celebrated the life of Pete Postlethwaite, who graduated from St Mary's in 1968, and guests were able to watch a screening of one of Pete's most notable performances, *'In the Name of the Father'*.

Alumni Relations Manager, Sarah Hood commented, "It was a delight to see so many of Pete's friends and co-students attend this event. The evening was packed full of stories about both Pete and memories of St Mary's from years gone by, showing that both are fondly remembered in our alumni's hearts. It is a fitting tribute that St Mary's named this new screening facility after our most famous and successful acting alumnus, especially as he played a part in establishing the drama department at St Mary's back in the 60's."



Since installation, the cinema screen has already enabled a number of partnerships between the University College and local organisations. The Richmond Film Society now holds its fortnightly film screenings on campus, and a recent Gothic film series was hosted by St Mary's in conjunction with neighbouring Strawberry Hill House.

A video of the evening can be found on the Your St Mary's YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/user/yourstmarys](http://www.youtube.com/user/yourstmarys)), and a photo gallery can be found on the Your St Mary's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/yourstmarys](http://www.facebook.com/yourstmarys)).

## New Alumni Relations and Development Manager joins St Mary's



Hello Simmarians! I'm excited to be introducing myself as your new Alumni Relations and Development Manager here at St Mary's. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all.

I've been in post just over a month now and have very much enjoyed getting to know the institution and campus you all remember so fondly. There is a great community feeling here and I thank you all for making me feel so welcome.

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I have lots of exciting ideas for our Alumni

Association, but I wanted to let you all know that I need your support and input to help make these a huge success! This is your association and its activities should be shaped by what you want. To that end, I ask you all to get in touch and let me know what you would like to see from Alumni Relations at St Mary's in the future; be it more reunions, sharing news of your own success, improved communications or just a chance to come back and see the campus as it is today. I can be contacted via [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk) or on the phone, 020 8240 4007. Don't forget you can also keep in touch via the major social networking channels, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming years.

Sarah Hood

Alumni Relations and Development Manager

## Alumni Groups and Networks

The Alumni Office is looking to re-establish contact with any existing Simmarian groups or networks out there. We can help publicise your group and its activities both pre and post event via Simmarian Online. If you are currently involved in, or responsible for, running a Simmarian Network then please get in touch via [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).

## ST MARY'S ALUMNA RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS RUGBY AWARD

A Sports Science graduate from St Mary's has been named the International Rugby Board (IRB) Women's Player of the Year.

Michaela Staniford received the prestigious honour for her "excellence on the field of play" in front of a jubilant Twickenham crowd, just after England completed a 3-0 whitewash over New Zealand.

The 26 year old winger plays for Wasps and England, and has received rave reviews performing for her country in 15-a-side and 7-a-side rugby. She is captain of the England Women's Seven's side.

Playing either outside centre or on the wing, she has scored 22 tries, including five in three games on her way to England winning the 2012 Six Nations, their sixth in a row.

She was the youngest player to appear for England at the age of 17 back in 2005, and has also competed for England in two Rugby World Cups.

Staniford may also get the chance to compete in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, with the prospective inclusion of Rugby Sevens.

After her time as a Sport Science student at St Mary's, Staniford completed a Masters in Education at the University of Hertfordshire.

## Former Drama Student Appears in ITV Drama

Former St Mary's Drama student Monsay Whitney, recently appeared in the BBC Drama *Call the Midwife*, where she played Hilda Levons in the programme's Christmas special.

Since graduating in 2008, Monsay has already appeared in a string of productions including *Saved* at the Lyric Hammersmith and BBC's *Holby City*. She was also part of the original cast of *When Women Wee*, which was directed by fellow alumna, Steff O'Driscoll, and is currently being made into a film entitled *Powder Room* starring Jaime Winston and Sheridan Smith.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ST MARY'S MOST RECENT GRADUATES



St Mary's held its Winter Graduation Ceremonies in February this year. Videos from the ceremonies can be found on the Your St Mary's You Tube channel [www.youtube.com/user/yourstmarys](http://www.youtube.com/user/yourstmarys), and a photo gallery can be found on the Your St Mary's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/yourstmarys](http://www.facebook.com/yourstmarys).

## SU Election Results

The Students' Union recently held their Sabbatical elections. Congratulations to the new SU President, Aedan McDonagh (Rehabilitation) and the new AU President, Pietro Palladino (Sport). They replace Charlie Benson (SU President) and Luke Allen (AU President).

Are you a Simmarian Ex-Sabbatical? If so we'd like to love to hear from you about an upcoming event in June. Please get in touch via email [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).

## St Mary's Alumna Becomes Skeleton World Champion

A former student has become the Bobsleigh Skeleton World Champion after competing in St Moritz, Switzerland last month.

Shelley Rudman, who studied Sports Science at St Mary's, won the World Championships ahead of the USA's Noelle Pikus-Pace and Canada's Sarah Reid. In 2006, Shelley took Silver at the Winter Olympics, the first Briton ever to do so. She is now preparing for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.



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## ST MARY'S GRADUATE PUBLISHES CHILDREN'S BOOK

A Primary Education (BA ITT) graduate recently published her first children's fiction book, *Don't Stir the Tea!*

Inspired by her studies at St Mary's, which explored the value of books in creating context for primary education lessons, Julia Cutri wrote *Don't Stir the Tea!* as a way of engaging with boys in the classroom and encouraging them to read.

The short story is based on an eight year old boy with a vivid imagination who, with the help of some dizzy little people, finds out exactly why correct food preparation is so important. The book is for parents and children who take pleasure in cooking at home together and celebrates some of the endearingly traditional English snacks and nibbles that British children will recognise.

Julia commented, "I really wanted a resource for food technology lessons so in the end I published my own! I have tried and tested the book in schools, and pupils and teachers have really enjoyed it. I hope many others will too."

St Mary's Senior Lecturers for Design and Technology Dot Jackson and Sally Aston commented, "Julia was an enthusiastic member of the Primary Design and Technology cohort at St Mary's and engaged fully in the sessions. We are thrilled that the course has clearly influenced her and commend her tenacity to fulfil her ambition to publish a book. We follow her success with interest and hope to see more publications in future!"

## St Mary's Launches Media Centre



On Monday 18th March, the Marketing department at St Mary's launched a brand new Media Centre that forms part of the external website.

With photo and video content as well as all the latest news, events and blog posts, the new Media Centre is a one-stop-shop for anyone looking to find out more about what is going on at the University College.

St Mary's PR and Marketing Officer Marina Boor commented, "The Media Centre replaces our old news webpages and has been designed to offer journalists, staff, students, alumni and other interested parties the chance to find out all about what is going on at the University College, in one, easy to use place.

"New features such as blog posts and image galleries will encourage users to interact with St Mary's through social media sharing and commenting on stories, whilst there will be a greater emphasis on staff research, and teaching and learning activity.

"We really look forward to hearing what people think about the new site."

Vice-Principal Dr Claire Taylor added, "This is a tremendous resource that will showcase a wide range of activity and I am sure we will see the media centre quickly develop into an indispensable tool for anyone with an interest in St Mary's."

You can see all the latest news by visiting [www.smuc.ac.uk/news](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news).

To see how the campus has changed visit our virtual tour

[www.smuc.ac.uk/virtual-tours](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/virtual-tours)

## Congratulations to New Year Honours Recipients

St Mary's congratulates athletes Mo Farah and David Weir on their inclusion in the Queen's New Year Honours list. St Mary's alumnus, Mo Farah lived and trained at the University College for 10 years before relocating to the USA in 2011. He was granted Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) for his services to athletics after securing two Gold medals in the men's 5,000m and 10,000m events in the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Wheelchair athlete, David Weir uses the sport science facilities at the University College's Centre for Health, Applied Sport and Exercise Science (CHASES) several times a week. He also received a CBE after securing four Gold medals in the London 2012 Paralympic Games in the 500m, 800m, 1500m and marathon events.

Also recognised was Lord Seb Coe, who opened the University College's new £8.5 million sports centre in October 2011. Lord Coe was granted Companions of Honour (CH) for his services to the London 2012 Olympic Games.

## 1973 GRADUATE RUNNING HIS 4TH LONDON MARATHON

St Mary's alumnus Paul Taylor will be running this year's London Marathon on 21st April to raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Paul ran his first marathon in 1983 after seeing the London event route pass just yards from his house the year before. This year will be Paul's 6th marathon and 4th time running the London marathon, having previously run in the Paris Marathon.

Paul is raising funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind and welcomes donations up to a maximum of £5 via cheque made out to Guide Dogs for the Blind and mailed to 2 Syon Lodge, 132 Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, London, SE12 0HY.

## St Mary's Charity Receives £10,000 Donation

A generous donation of £10,000 has been given to the St Mary's charity Strawberry Hill Overseas Community Concern (SHOCC) to help support one of its lifetime partners, Orkolili School in Tanzania.

The anonymous donor's generosity has extended even further with a promise for an additional £10,000 in an attempt to match every pound raised by the charity. The money will contribute to building a long awaited dining hall for the school.

An essential part of any educational institution, the new dining hall will help the children learn essential life skills such as table etiquette and awareness of others. The head of Orkolili School Yohanna Mcha commented, "When children eat together they acquire a sense of respect for other people's needs and it minimises selfishness."

SHOCC trustee Elizabeth Byrne Hill said, "This is terrific news. What an asset! The hall will not only make assemblies possible – which, of course, we take for granted in the UK – but it will become a community resource and generate funds for the school through lettings."

Work has already begun to construct the roof of the new hall which will see new life injected into the school and will be an inspiration to the children.

## ENTERPRISING ALUMNA SETS UP OWN BUSINESS

Not content with being an Olympic medallist in both rowing and cycling, St Mary's Alumna, Rebecca Romero, has set up her own sports performance business. You can find out more online [www.romeroperformance.com](http://www.romeroperformance.com).

Are you also an enterprising Simmarian? If so the Alumni Relations Office would love to hear from you – please get in touch [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).

## Photos of the St Mary's Athletics and Cross Country teams from 1948-1949



St. MARY'S COLLEGE, STRAWBERRY HILL, MIDDLESEX. 1948-49



St. MARY'S COLLEGE, STRAWBERRY HILL, MIDDLESEX. 1948-49

Our thanks to James Donohoe (Education, 1969) for sending us these pictures. Do you have any old pictures from your time at St Mary's that you would like to share with the community? Please email [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).

### Share Your Memories

If you would like to share your memories of your time at St Mary's, send us up to three paragraphs and we'll include these in Simmarian Online. Please send them to [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk), or post them to Alumni Office, St Mary's University College, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham TW1 4SX.

## Drama Alumni Amnesty

In 2014 the Drama St Mary's Theatre will be 50 years old and our planning for the celebrations are already under way. We have already started collecting and collating images, objects and stories from people who have been involved with the Theatre in its 50 year history and begun to display them in our box office.

So, do you have any stories about your time at St Mary's? Been involved in a Drama production? Maybe even have some photos or artefacts that may be interesting to us? Or could you help us decipher people and plays from some of the images we already have?

We're hoping to create an archive which chronicles the life of our theatre and we'd love for as many former students to be involved as possible.

If you think you may have some interesting theatre stories then please contact Patsy Burn – [patsy.burn@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:patsy.burn@smuc.ac.uk).

## VARSITY RESULTS



Here are the full results for the 2013 West London Varsity against Brunel.

- Cricket:** St Mary's 105, Brunel 106-4 (Brunel win)
- Volleyball:** Brunel 3-0 St Mary's (Brunel win)
- Badminton womens:** Brunel 6-2 St Mary's (Brunel win)
- Badminton mens:** Brunel 8-0 St Mary's (Brunel win)
- Rowing womens:** Brunel 1-3 St Mary's (St Mary's win)
- Rowing mens:** Brunel 2-2 St Mary's (Draw)
- Basketball mens 2:** (Brunel win)
- Basketball mens 1:** (Brunel win)
- Basketball womens:** (Brunel win)
- Football 3:** Brunel 0-1 St Mary's (St Mary's win)
- Football 2:** Brunel 0-4 St Mary's (St Mary's win)
- Football 1:** Brunel 1-3 St Mary's (St Mary's win)
- Netball 2:** (Brunel win)
- Netball 1:** (Brunel win)
- Hockey womens:** Brunel 1-4 St Mary's (St Mary's win)
- Hockey mens:** Brunel 2-2 St Mary's (Draw)
- Rugby Union womens:** Brunel 24-5 St Mary's (Brunel win)
- Rugby League:** (St Mary's Win)
- Rugby Union mens:** (St Mary's Win)
- Table Tennis:** Brunel 10-7 St Mary's (Brunel win)
- Athletics mens:** (Brunel win)
- Athletics womens:** (Brunel win)

If you were a member of one of the sports teams during your time at St Mary's, or even if you weren't, but are now a keen sportsperson, then make sure to keep your eyes peeled for news about our Alumni vs Students Sports Day.

## ALUMNI BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENING

Are you interested in finding out more about how to best use Social Media to help your business grow, or becoming part of a business network made up of fellow Simmarians? If so, you may be interested in our first alumni networking event on 25th April where Alumnus Colm Hannon, Managing Director and Co-Founder eSocialMedia (<http://esocialmedia.co.uk/>) will share some of his expertise and advice to help you make the most of these new communication platforms. The event will start with registration from 5pm. To book your place email [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk) or phone 020 8240 4007.

## Alfred Hitchcock: The Untold Story

Alumni are invited to a public lecture by Professor Charles Barr (St Mary's University College) on Tuesday 16th April at 7pm.

It may seem that, by now, there is nothing new to say about Hitchcock, subject of two recent popular biopics and of more extensive academic study than any other figure in film history. But some parts of his career are still being explored, especially his early years in Britain before he signed his first film as a director in 1926 – and the process can suggest new perspectives on his work overall. This extensively illustrated lecture draws upon ongoing research in British and American archives.

To register your place email [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).

## DRAMA ST MARY'S IN THE WEST END

Drama St Mary's will this year conclude its exciting and successful Spring/Summer season with their graduate showcases in Central London.

The programme begins on 7th May with the Theatre Arts Graduate Showcase at the Soho Theatre. This event, in its third year, sees the Drama and Theatre Arts graduates perform to an invited audience of industry professionals, directors, actors and agents. The aim of the event is to put students in contact with professionals who could be future employers - giving them the best possible start in the industry when they graduate this coming Summer.

To end the season the postgraduate students present two showcases at the Tristan Bates Theatre, housed within the Actors Centre.

The MA Physical Theatre and International Ensemble students bring their mix of devised theatre and storytelling to the Tristan Bates Theatre between 12th and 15th June. Working under their company title – Haste Theatre – the students combine their training in ensemble work, mask work and visual comedy to create a unique piece of devised theatre.

Finally, the MA Directors will showcase two plays on alternate evenings - 17th to 18th June and 21st to 22nd June. The students have worked all year with directors Sarah Esdaile and Chris White developing their directorial skills and these productions, working with a cast of professional actors, is the culmination of their studies.

For further information about these events, or any of our Drama St Mary's season please visit [www.dramastmarysreservations.weebly.com](http://www.dramastmarysreservations.weebly.com). Alternatively follow us on Facebook or Twitter, or contact Patsy Burn – [patsy.burn@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:patsy.burn@smuc.ac.uk).

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## Upcoming Alumni Events

- 16th April – Alfred Hitchcock Lecture
- 20th April – SIMMStock
- 25th April – Alumni Business Networking
- 3rd May – SHAS Final Year Research Forum, 2-4pm
- 4th May – Basketball Reunion BBQ
- 7th May – Theatre Arts Graduate Showcase
- w/c 20th May – Media Arts Show of Work
- 12th-15th June – MA Physical Theatre Graduate Show
- 15th June – Alumni Reunion in the SU
- 17th-18th/21st-22nd June – MA Directing Graduate Show
- 31st Aug – 25 Year Reunion
- 31st Aug – 40 Year Reunion
- 7th Sep – Basketball Reunion Black Tie Dinner

Alumni Boat Party – details to be announced

To find out more, register your interest or book your place at any of the above, please visit [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/events-and-reunions.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/events-and-reunions.htm), email [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk), or call 020 8240 4007.

## ALUMNI REUNIONS AT ST MARY'S

Pamela Morrissey and friends are interested in holding a reunion for the class of 1974/1975. Any interested parties can contact Pamela directly to register their interest via [pam.morrissey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pam.morrissey@hotmail.co.uk).

### Other planned reunions for 2013 are as follows:

- 4th May – Basketball Reunion BBQ
- 31st Aug – 25 Year Reunion
- 31st Aug – 40 Year Reunion
- 7th Sep – Basketball Reunion Black Tie Dinner

Are you interested in holding a reunion? If so Alumni can take advantage of free room hire on the weekends of 31st August-1st September and 7th-8th September. Outside of those dates alumni are also entitled to 10% off room hire. If you are interested in attending an existing reunion, or organising your own then please contact the Alumni Office, [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk) or phone us on 020 8240 4007.

### Strawberry Hill Conferences and Banqueting

Wedding Receptions, Conferences and Private Parties

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

10% discount on all room hire bookings received before 31st May 2013



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### 1940's

**Bernard Weston (1946-48)** Teaching until 1994 including 15 years as Senior Lecturer in Education at Digby Stuart College.

### 1950's

**John Hodson (1957-59)** Golf, Gardening and VW Camper holidays.

### 1960's

**Gerry Miller (1961)** 19 years as regular army education officer. Head coach of 20 years to the RMA Sandhurst rugby team.

**Lawrence Kelly (1961-64)** Lots of travel. Volunteer work with elderly and Crown Court.

**Kevin Cook (1962-65)** I retired as Head of the Department of Geography at St Mary's in 2008. I was then offered part-time lecturing in Geography at Northampton University, which I am enjoying. I am Trustee of the St Mary's charity, SHOCC that raises funds for local and international projects. As I write this synopsis of my post-St Mary's career, I am visiting one of our most successful projects in Guatemala where I am staying with Simmarian, Dee Smith (1972-1975).

**David Stacey (1963-66)** Enjoying my retirement playing bowls, cycling, walking, photography as well as working in Safeguarding & Child Protection.

**Stella Good nee Foot (1966-69)** I look after my youngest grandchild while her parents work. I run a Rainbow Guide Unit and am District Commissioner for Girl Guides. I am also a Mentor and ID Verifier for both Girlguiding and my Parish. I am on the Parish Council and wonder how I ever found time to go out to work!

### 1970's

**John Graham (1969-72)** Taught for 35 years in St Helen's Merseyside as History teacher and became Head of History in High Schools in the town. When retired I lived in Greece for five years and now residing between Wigan and Austria.

**Frederick Crispin (1972)** Enjoying retirement with my grandchildren and family in Manchester and London plus many other activities through the Oldham U3A. Plus church activities and helping with my previous school Duke of Edinburgh award scheme by monitoring their hikes for Bronze and Silver awards. Go out about eight times a year to monitor. Also run an area club in the Manchester and Lancashire area as an organising representative for the Audi Quattro Owners Club of Great Britain.

**Philip Barnaville (1976)** Completed 20 years teaching Science in various schools in the South East. Senior teacher/Deputy Head. Now own and run public house and restaurant with family.

**Patrick Parsons (1974-78)** I am a Research Scientist, chief laboratory of inorganic and Nuclear Chemistry and Deputy Director, Division of Environmental Health Sciences. I also have an academic appointment with the University at Albany where I am Professor and Chair of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences ([www.wadsworth.org/resnres/bios/parsonspj.htm](http://www.wadsworth.org/resnres/bios/parsonspj.htm)).

**Liz Russell nee Byrne (1976-79)** I left St Mary's in 1979 and have been teaching in Liverpool ever since, and I am Headteacher of a large secondary school. I am married and have two grown up daughters. Despite the years that have passed, I still have strong memories of life as a Simmarian. Seems like yesterday!

### 1980's

**Philip Fitch (1980)** Teacher in a school in Loughton. Spent time teaching in Abu Dhabi and Kuala Lumpur. Married with two children. Daughter, Joelle, at Warwick University. Enjoying playing golf.

**Katrina Cochrane nee Lewis (1984)** After a spell as an Air Stewardess after St Mary's, I went back to college to do PGCE and completed Masters in 2001. Married with 2 sons.

**Caroline Cross (1982-85)** In 2012 I was elected onto Irthlingborough Town Council (Northamptonshire).

**Neil Chapman (1985)** Deputy Director at HMT. Loved the area and always lived in Teddington. Very active in Bushy Park Run and wife Jeanette in Friends of Strawberry Hill.

**Mary Beeken nee Martin (1986)** Although teaching is my main career, I am also the author of two novels. Copies of my books have been sold in many countries around the world including Japan and India.

**Dermot Clarke (1988)** Married with 4 children to Julia (also ex-simms). Living in Cheltenham and partner in a law firm.

**Laura Echavarría nee Croxton (1988)** Still married to, and in love with, the man I met on interview at Simms in October 1984. Married Jesus in August 1989 at college. Currently living in Scarborough.

**Lisa Beattie nee Evans (1986-89)** I am the (21 years) happily married mother of two beautiful children and working full-time as an Advisory Teacher for children with Additional Learning Needs.

### 1990's

**Anthony Lacono (1990)** Married to Tamsin (nee Old) we met first term 1st year at St Marys. Three children: Molly (16), Freddie (12) and Phoebe (10). Tamsin is teaching at Box primary.

**Michael Duffy (1991)** Married with a 5 year old daughter. A failed rock star, but had a good time trying!

**John Godkin (1992)** I am married and live in Ripley with my wife and two children. I teach mathematics and am the union rep. I have two cats. I am also writing a science book.

**Gayle Hincks nee Lloyd-Jones (1991)** Married with 9 year old son, Jack Dafydd.

**John Price (1994)** I am working in the Health and Fitness industry for an American company based in Connecticut and Boston, where I travel twice a year. I am living in Basingstoke with my wife, Laura. Health, fitness and sports play a big part in my life although, these days, my participation is mainly limited to golf and general fitness. I still see a few old mates from St Marys which is a great way to roll back the years!

**Caroline Portch nee Baverstock (1994)** Mummy to a 3 year old girl and studying accountancy part time.

**Aleisha Woodley nee Buckley (1994)** Assistant Head teacher, married, happy!

**Nathan Flatman (1997)** After working in arts marketing for the last 10 years, including project manager for the City of Culture 2013 team, I have now returned to England to work for Midwich, one of the UK's B2B distribution companies.

**Rachael Reece nee Wesch (1998)** Currently on maternity leave and emigrated to Australia in September 2012.

**Victoria Penrose nee Barker (1998)** I am teaching Drama almost around the corner (at St Catherine's School, Cross Deep, Twickenham). I am married with a son who turns 2 in June 2013.

**Thomas Ash (1999)** Working as a subject Librarian at Croydon, but living near Twickenham. Married to Catherine who was doing same course in the year below. We have two girls: Emily, 9 and Ruby, 3.

### 2000's

**William Doran (1997-2000)** Head of Pastoral SLT member for Hope Academy, Cayman Islands. Married to Karen (also from Simms). Father of two children, Caitlin and Jacob. After working in UK for several years, I set up the Thembinkosi Foundation Charity (Number 1128661) working towards building a school in Zambia. The school is now up and running. I was then offered the chance to set up and run the A Level Theology course in the Cayman Islands. This is the first time in this country's history that A Level Theology/Religious Studies has been taught. I am currently working in Hope Academy as the Head of Pastoral. This is a new school and we are currently setting up a Senior Leadership Team to take the school forward. I need to complete my Masters degree in order to begin training to become a principal.

**Karen Boyles (2002)** Compiling tenders for a pipeline construction company. Volunteer archaeologist. Current dig is the Dig for Shakespeare at Stratford-Upon-Avon.

**Vibeke Harrison nee Hurdman (2003)** Married in 2008, had a son in 2010, and now assistant subject leader at a Catholic Secondary school.

**Alexia Antoniou nee Anthony (2003)** Senior Manager in primary school 8 years after graduating. Just completed my first 10k run at 47 years old. My youngest son is currently applying to St Mary's.

**Victoria Abrahams (2004)** I have been working at the theatre for 5 years and am responsible for our flagship opera project and a number of other resources and activities. I deliver career talks and have a number of resources available for students wishing to pursue a job in the theatre.

**Damien Egan (2004)** I am a Labour Party Councillor and Cabinet member at Lewisham Council. I was elected in May 2010.

**Nicky Dunderdale nee Krapez (2001-2004)** I direct the development of a unique insurance system that we launched in Feb 2013. Go to [www.pshpc.com/Gladis/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.pshpc.com/Gladis/Pages/home.aspx) – I made her!

**Gareth O'Hare (2004)** Teacher of ICT, secondary.

**Claire Bowyer nee Maguire (2005)** I married Kirk Bowyer who I met in Waldy 13 in November 2002. He did sports rehab.

**Sandra Pye nee Cullen (2000-2005)** Currently teaching and coaching. Married. One daughter.

**Emma Morris (2004-07)** Recently completed my physiotherapy training at Southampton University and have just got my first junior physiotherapy job.

**Rosalind Graham-Hunt (2003-2007)** I am being made Head of Pastoral Care at Old Coulsdon Congregational Church and have a second interview for the role of Irish Envoy to the Commonwealth.

**Bryon Madden (2009)** After graduating I pursued a career in PE teaching. I was working in business development before starting a PGCE course. I decided to carry on in this role and I am now working in a successful consultancy company and doing very well.

**Stefanos Achilleos (2012)** Working as a performer.

**Rebekah Joy (2012)** MA Christian Theology.

**Jennie Wright (2012)** I am a full-time proof reader for a financial company in London. I am also a freelance proof reader/editor, where I mainly proof read/edit novels for e-book authors.

**Stephanie Lupano (2012)** Currently on a gap year and will be taking a postgraduate degree in Physiotherapy.

**Michelle Markey (2012)** Year 3 teacher in Ruislip, Hillingdon.

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 visit the Alumni website [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni) and 'Send us your contact details', or alternatively, you can email us at [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).

## Rest in Peace

Basil Tomlinson 1963-1966

Frank McKeon 1941-1943

Francis (Frank) Stanier 1941-1943

## Farewell from St Mary's

The following members of academic staff at St Mary's have recently left the University College. We wish them well with their future endeavours:

Dr Steve Talbot – Head of School of Sport, Health and Applied Science  
Rev Dr Robin Gibbons – Senior Lecturer, School of Theology, Philosophy and History  
Paula Askew – Academic Director, School of Education

## ALUMNI POSTBOX

One of the Alumni Office services is helping to reconnect lost alumni – if you know anyone named below, then please get in touch.

**Simon Ford (1989-1992)** is looking for Isobel (Ellen Valerie) Fairweather.

**Cathal McCosker (Movement Studies and Biology 1989)** is looking for Martin Hurl, Jess Fox and Chris Jones of the same year group.

Are you trying to trace an old school friend? If so, get in touch via [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk) or phone 020 8240 4007 to see if the Alumni Office can help.

Keep in touch – complete the Alumni Response Form at [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni)

## ST MARY'S CAREERS SERVICE WOULD LOVE ALUMNI REINFORCEMENT!



The Careers Service is always looking out for enthusiastic St Mary's alumni to get involved with spreading positive 'employability and careers' messages to current students.

Our Careers Consultants deliver 'Careers in the Curriculum' workshops, lunchtime 'all student' presentations, sector focused forums and job fairs throughout semesters one and two of each academic year. Our delivery always benefits from being reinforced by 'real' stories from St Mary's graduates.

If you would like to get involved by presenting your 'story' or 'tips' to students in person, or via an online biography, please get in contact by email to Magdalen Attwater, Head of Careers Service at [attwaterm@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:attwaterm@smuc.ac.uk).

## St Mary's Opera Group

Are you an opera fanatic? Or never been, but often wanted to try it? Whether an opera novice or expert, the St Mary's Opera Group is for you. The group first formed about three years ago. We have a news mailing about twice a term, informing the group about performances to book, both as individuals and as a group booking, and we often have a meal before the show as well. We have seen around a dozen productions together over the years and the next group visit is in May to see Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra* at Guildford's G Live Centre – a new venue for us.

If you would like to join us or just be on the mailing list, contact Dr Trevor Stammers, Programme Director in Bioethics and Medical Law on [trevor.stammers@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:trevor.stammers@smuc.ac.uk).

## How did we do?

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



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