

SimmarianOnline

WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

Welcome to this, the first edition of Simmarian Online. We hope that you enjoy reading the latest news about life here at St Mary's as our new academic year begins.

As part of a University College-wide review, we have replaced our annual paper-based Alumni magazine, The Simmarian, with this online version which will be available to you via email and on our website each semester.

To help us stay in touch and to improve the range of services we currently offer you, we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill in our online response form if you have not already done so. Completing the form

by 31st October 2010 will automatically enter you into a draw to win one of ten St Mary's goody packs. It will also register you to receive the new Simmarian Online.

Additionally, you might also like to join our Facebook page and check out our Alumni webpages. Over the coming months we'll be adding more photo albums featuring former students, staff and past events – if you have any photos from your time at St Mary's that you would like to share, please email them to us at alumni@smuc.ac.uk.

With very best wishes from all at Strawberry Hill.

[St Mary's Alumni Office](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dr Arthur Naylor

This is my final message to alumni as Principal before I stand down on 30th September. My successor is Professor Philip Esler, whose profile appears elsewhere in this edition. I wish him every success and I

know that he will receive a warm welcome from alumni wherever he meets you in the years ahead.

It has been a truly momentous summer at St Mary's. In July we awarded the first St Mary's undergraduate degrees in our new robes and colours at Westminster Cathedral. On 17th September we welcomed Pope

Benedict XVI to our University College as part of his state visit to the United Kingdom, where he spent the morning in a packed programme that was seen worldwide on television. The end of September sees Strawberry Hill House (Walpole House) reopen after a £9 million restoration programme.

To students joining St Mary's at the end of September, aspects of the campus will look very different to how you may remember it, with the new Sports building taking shape at one end of the campus and the restored Strawberry Hill House at its other. What they will also find, I hope, is the same spirit and sense of identity as Simmarians that generations before have experienced.

With very best wishes and thanks for the kindness that I have been shown by Simmarians of all ages in my time as Principal.

[Dr Arthur Naylor Principal](#)

NEWS

New Principal Appointed

In June Bishop George Stack, Chair of Governors at St Mary's, announced the appointment of Professor Philip Esler as Principal of the University College in succession to Dr Arthur Naylor.

Bishop Stack said he was "...delighted to welcome Prof Esler and, together with my fellow Governors, I look forward to working with him at this important juncture in the life of St Mary's. He will bring undoubted academic and administrative expertise to this post as well as a deep commitment to the Catholic ethos of the University College."

Speaking of his appointment, Prof. Esler said, "I am both honoured and excited by my appointment. St Mary's University College is a distinctive institution within UK higher education. Dedicated as it is not only to teaching, research and knowledge transfer, the University College continues to be inspired by the Christian values which are at the heart of its Catholic foundation."

"As it moves to full university status, St Mary's will continue providing high quality academic and professional higher education. It will also build on its Catholic tradition to highlight the moral, spiritual and religious dimensions of teaching and research, and to produce interdisciplinary work on the big challenges like flourishing communities, world peace and the future of creation. I see St Mary's becoming a powerful moral voice in UK Higher Education."

Prof Esler joins the University College from the University of St Andrews, where he is currently Professor of Biblical Criticism. From 1st September 2005 to 31st August 2009 he held the position of Chief Executive of the UK



Professor Philip Esler

Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Prior to this he gained extensive experience in managing complex change at a senior level of a university from three years as the Vice-Principal for Research at St Andrews. He also held the post of Dean of the Faculty of Divinity and for four years he served on the Board of Scottish Enterprise Fife.

Earlier in his career he worked for ten years as a litigation solicitor and then barrister in Sydney, Australia. He was also a co-founder of a successful Christian monthly news magazine in Australia focusing on justice and peace issues.

Prof Esler's main research interest lies in the interpretation of biblical texts using social-scientific ideas and perspectives. He also publishes and teaches in the areas of the Bible and the visual arts, and early Christian identity in Rome. Earlier this year he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Prof Esler will take up his position on 1st October 2010. Photos of the new Principal and all St Mary's previous Principals can be found on our website.

To see how the campus has changed visit our virtual tour www.smuc.ac.uk/about/virtual-tours.htm

The Papal Visit



On 17th September the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, visited the University College as part of the first Papal State Visit to the United Kingdom. He came to the campus to lead three events during the second day of his four-day state visit.

In the first event of the day, held in the University College Chapel, the Holy Father prayed with representatives of religious congregations, including those who have a charism for education and the history of education. He then blessed the Chapel and presented the University College with a mosaic.

He then went on to meet 3,500 school children and students in celebration of Catholic education at 'The Big Assembly' event, which took place on the University College Running Track.

Finally, he met with religious leaders of various denominations and faiths in the historic Waldegrave Drawing Room to discuss religion and belief in our society.

St Mary's was specially selected by the Vatican for its first-rate facilities and location, and for the outstanding contribution the University College has made to Catholic education during its 160 year history.

More information, including photos and videos, can be found on our website.

The Papal Visit also launched 'The Year of Catholic Education 2010/11'. The School of Education will be creating a diverse series of initiatives ranging from sport to leadership in Catholic Schools to celebrate this year. More information on these will appear on the School's website over the course of the year.



Clock Tower Renovation



We are pleased to announce that the two-stage renovation and modernisation of the clock mechanism in the University College's clock tower is now complete. We now have a working clock in the tower, thanks to the donation made by former Head of the School of Education, Prof Patricia Wade.

The work included replacement period dial hands, synchronous clock mechanism and automatic restart clock controller - making the clock fully automated and self-correcting in the event of any power failure.

Prof Wade said, "The clock looks splendid. I feel I have a part ownership in it, purely because I am so pleased that it is ticking again."

Where are you now? Let us know - fill in the online form www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/now.htm or email alumni@smuc.ac.uk

The Papal Visit from the Chaplaincy's Perspective

A Papal State Visit or a Beatification are significant occasions for any Catholic community, but the two combined makes for something very special indeed. When we found out officially that Pope Benedict XVI was to visit St Mary's, we were all delighted and looking forward to the privilege of welcoming the Holy Father to the University College.

The Pope was to start his visit to St Mary's praying with representatives of religious congregations in the University College Chapel. Before the arrival of the Pope, we sang Morning Prayer in the Chapel and it was with great joy that the Holy Father walked down the centre aisle to greet all who were assembled. What an amazing moment.

Read the rest of this feature on the Chaplaincy website.

Fr Gerry Devlin
St Mary's Chaplain



Strawberry Hill House Renovation

Strawberry Hill House (formerly known colloquially as Walpole House), Horace Walpole's Gothic villa, will doubtless have a special place in the heart of every St Mary's alumnus as the source of many happy memories during their studies. It has been a very exciting time for the building over the last few years as the restoration has progressed from concept to reality, with the house reopening to the public in October.

The generous offer from the University College of a 120 year lease on the historic building and its four acres of gardens allowed the Strawberry Hill Trust to raise millions of pounds in funding from major institutions and hundreds of private donors, including dozens of readers of The Simmarian.

Donations were matched by further funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, allowing a total of nearly £9 million to be allocated to the project. It is amazing to think that hundreds of people from around the world are justifiably able to say that they have done their part in preserving Strawberry Hill for future generations.

Expert craftsmen from the principal contractor, E Bowman & Sons of Lincolnshire, alongside architects Inskip + Jenkins have agonised over every aspect of the villa, ensuring that the project has become a restoration in the most accurate sense of the word, presenting the building and its decor as it was recorded to be in the late 18th century. Visitors will be enthralled by the shimmering whitewashed exterior,

sumptuous silk wall coverings, and the glittering gilded vaults of the Gallery and Tribune.

Strawberry Hill will appear a very different house from that remembered by former students. To help visitors understand Walpole's extraordinary construction, an informative and witty audioguide has been produced, featuring a tour of the villa given by Horace himself, alongside his housekeeper Margaret. Additionally, every visitor will receive an abridged copy of Walpole's own Description - the guide to the house written and printed at Strawberry Hill.

Alumni are sure to recall visits to the house as part of their studies, and the Trust has employed a Learning Coordinator and a Community Development Coordinator to ensure that the property is available for formal and informal learning by children and adults of all abilities and interests. They are already working with the University College to develop study units for students joining courses in 2010.

We hope that many of you will take the opportunity to return to Strawberry Hill and view the house - perhaps while reminiscing about your own experiences as students! Tickets are available from the Trust's website and we urge you to make bookings in advance in order to avoid disappointment. Tickets for adults at £8.00 include a free audio guide and copy of the abridged description.

Nick Smith
Property Manager, Strawberry Hill

Strawberry Hill House on the Web

Channel 4 News featured this report 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.

SUMMER GRADUATION CEREMONIES HELD



Summer graduation ceremonies were held at Westminster Cathedral in July, with students graduating for the first time ever with degrees awarded by St Mary's. Consequently graduands at the ceremonies were dressed in the University College's new gowns, which feature the St Mary's colours of blue and white.

Principal Dr Naylor said, before the ceremonies, "This is a very special day in our 160-year history, as we award degrees in our own name at Westminster Cathedral using the powers we were granted by the Privy Council in 2006. Congratulations to all graduates."



Three different ceremonies were held on the day and were attended by students, guests and St Mary's staff. Students were awarded with BA, BSc, and Foundation degrees over the course of the day. Bishop George Stack, Chair of Governors, conferred the degrees and presided over the ceremonies.

Photos of this year's graduation ceremony, along with those from previous years' ceremonies, can be found on our Facebook page. See our Facebook Photo Albums page for a list of these and other photos available.



Student Newspaper Launch Marked by MP Visit

The launch of the University College's new student newspaper, SIMMSNews, at the start of the year was marked by a visit to the campus from David Lammy MP, who, at the time, was Minister for Higher Education and Intellectual Property.

Read more in the News section of our website, or check out the first two editions of the newspaper here.



Vince Cable MP Visits St Mary's

Dr Vincent Cable, MP for Twickenham since 1997, visited St Mary's prior to May's general election and recorded an interview for the current affairs show that appears on the University College's student radio station, SMUC Radio.

During the interview Dr Cable MP answered questions about the speculation regarding his suitability for the role of Chancellor of the Exchequer and what would happen in the event of a hung parliament.

He also gave his views on increases in tuition fees, which he believes in the long-term should be phased out and replaced with a different system. He spoke about internship opportunities for graduates and also stressed the importance of young people voting. Dr Cable MP is now Secretary of



State for Business, Innovation and Skills. Photos of the visit can be found on Facebook.

Vice Principal Awarded Professorship

Congratulations to Vice Principal Dr Michael Hayes on his promotion to Professor of Catholic Pastoral Studies, which was confirmed by the St Mary's Academic Board this month.



Retirement of Professor Brian Robinson

Professor Brian Robinson, Head of the School of Communication, Culture and Creative Arts, retired on 30th September 2010 after 31 years at St Mary's.



Dr Eaton Presented With Award

At a formal dinner for the Governors of St Mary's University College, former Vice Principal Dr Mary Eaton was presented with the award of Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice for services to the Church in Education.

Read more in the News section of our website.

Karen Kendel-Smith on Maternity Leave

For those of you who know her or have had dealings with her through the Alumni Office, Alumni & Public Relations Officer, Dr Karen Kendel-Smith is currently on maternity leave. In her absence, Marketing Manager, Ruth Mellor, is temporarily dealing with Alumni Office affairs. To contact her you can still use the alumni@smuc.ac.uk email address.

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Key Appointment Made in Bioethics

Dr Trevor Stammers has been appointed as the new Programme Director for the MA in Bioethics. He replaces the outgoing Professor David Jones who has now taken up the post of Director of the Anscombe Centre for Bioethics at Oxford.

Reader Wins History Award

Dr Glenn Richardson, Reader in Early-Modern History and Director of the History programme, has received a Scoulodi Foundation Historical Award from the Institute of Historical Research.

Drama St Mary's Partners Charity in Malawi

St Mary's Applied Theatre degree has partnered with the charity, Theatre for a Change (TfaC), in Malawi. The two organisations will buy an existing theatre space in the centre of Malawi's capital city, Lilongwe, to act as a safe space for disadvantaged groups in the community to meet and explore changes they wish to make to their lives.



Irish Ambassador Visits St Mary's

His Excellency Bobby McDonagh, Irish Ambassador to the United Kingdom, paid his first visit to St Mary's, during which he conducted a seminar on Ireland and Anglo-Irish relations.

More Charity Managers Pursuing Postgraduate Study

More charity managers are entering postgraduate study to equip them for the challenges of leading diverse organisations during difficult times. The MA degree in Charity Management has seen a steady increase in senior managers signing up for postgraduate study since the course started a year ago.

Iraqi Delegates Visit

Delegations of senior ministry officials from Iraq and Kurdistan completed a fact finding visit to the School of Education in June.

School of Education Receives Full Funding

The School of Education has received Training and Development Agency (TDA) funding in full for £25,400, the maximum amount that could have been awarded. The grant award will allow the School to deliver a high quality training programme to all trainee teachers.

Cracknell and Fogle visit CHASES Centre

Olympic gold medallist, James Cracknell, and television presenter and adventurer, Ben Fogle, visited The Centre for Health, Applied Sport and Exercise Science (CHASES) earlier this month.



Sporting Centres Launch Celebrated

A reception was held at the University College in April marking the opening of three specialist Centres of Sport. The Centres were developed alongside each other by staff from Sport St Mary's and the School of Human Sciences.

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St Mary's Athlete Breaks Record

St Mary's postgraduate student, Steph Twell, achieved a new Scottish record in the 5000m at the IAAF Diamond League athletics meeting in Brussels recently.

St Mary's Athletes Achieve Success in Barcelona

Five athletes from the University College represented Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the European Championships in Barcelona over the summer, helping the team to its best ever finish.

South African Minister Visits St Mary's

Rev Dr Makhenkesi Stofile, South Africa's Minister of Sport and Recreation, visited St Mary's earlier in the year to see where his national team will base their Pre-Games training camps for the London 2012 Olympics.



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

ST MARY'S CAREER SERVICE

Helping Current Students

St Mary's is pleased to say that many Simmarians have chosen to stay in touch with the University College by helping its Careers Service. Alumni can get involved and support current and future students by, for example, submitting careers profiles for publication on the **Careers website**, linking up to students interested in following similar careers via email or phone, taking part in Facebook Q&A sessions, or attending careers related events on campus, such as the Creative Industries Forum.

How We Can Help You

Perhaps you are still struggling to find the right career for you and would like some support for your own ambitions? As an alumnus of the University College you can either join **GradClub**, which is aimed at helping recent graduates, or seek guidance through our careers service partner, C2. The **C2 service** was set up to provide a specialised service for graduates and equivalent level professionals at later stages in their careers.

Whatever your career stage, we wish you all the best with your endeavours and would love to keep in touch. Hope to hear from you soon!

Magdalen Attwater

Head of College Careers Service

FAMOUS SIMMARIANS

Peter 'Pete' Postlethwaite OBE



Pete was born in Warrington, Cheshire on 7th February 1945, the fourth and youngest child of Mary Geraldine and William Postlethwaite. He trained as a teacher at St Mary's from 1965 to 1968 and taught drama before training as an actor at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

He began his acting career at the Liverpool Everyman Theatre where his colleagues included Bill Nighy, Jonathan Pryce, Antony Sher and Julie Walters.

Some of his most famous works include, The Usual Suspects, Clash of the Titans, The Lost World: Jurassic Park, Romeo & Juliet and In the Name of the Father. However, he is perhaps best known in the UK for his role in the ITV drama series, Sharpe.

Pete is also a veteran of the Royal Shakespeare Company and other acting troupes. He was made a St Mary's Honorary Fellow in 1998.

Scottish Simmarians

Donna McMillan (1987) is interested in setting up a Scottish Simmarian Group. If anyone is interested in joining Donna or would like to offer advice please email alumni@smuc.ac.uk

REST IN PEACE

Alumni

2010

Br Cuthbert Donovan, Daniel (1952-54)

McLoughlin, Kevin (1943-45)

McNally, James Arthur (-1944)

Moroney, John (1967-70)

Mulligan, John Francis (1943-1945)

Yates, Frederick Edward Alan (1944-46)

2009

Bryan, Kenneth (1945-47)

Capper, Gerald (Dates Unknown)

Chidgey, Daniel (1944-46)

Daniel, Clare (2000-04)

Grady, Bernard (1952-54)

Holgate (nee Pioli), Eileen (1968-71)

Howes, Brian (1951-54)

Johnson, Jim (1958-1960)

Murwill, Ralph (1999-03)

O'Brien, Gerald (1954-56)

O'Brien, James (1973-76)

O'Connor, Liam (1935-37)

Reilly, Tom (1965-68)

Roberts, Gerard (1946-48)

Smith, James (1948-51)

Tobin, Dennis (1942-45)

Weaver, Bernard (1945-47)

Wade, John (1964-67)

Staff / Honorary Fellows

2010

Power, Michael OBE KSG

Press, Nigel (1963-95)

Ray, Donald (former Head of Music)

Notifications and obituaries for the Rest In Peace section of the website and the next edition of Simmarian Online may be submitted to alumni@smuc.ac.uk

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1950-1960

Bernard John Dunn 1950-1951

Aged 88. Serious illness three years ago but now fit and in rude health. My son is writing this because I am not a silver surfer! Would love to receive any information on contemporaries still alive (an ever decreasing number).

1960-1970

Peter Anthony Murphy 1964-1967

Town Crier, City of Brampton. President, Brampton Historical Society. Life member, Brampton R.F.C.

Tom Clapperton 1962

Lots of voluntary work, some in schools. I sing in three choirs – DIY SVP Ecumenism – Street Pastors. Armchair rugby spectator.

Barbara Ann Harker (nee Mullen) 1969-1972

Retired.

Brendan Francis Johnston 1965-1968

Lecturing Involved with Colleges Rugby in Ireland (co-founder and presently PRO) www.studentrugby.com. On board of Colleges and Universities Sports Administrators in Ireland www.cusai.ie

John Frank Nowikowski 1966-1969

Living in Mexico.

Kevin Forster 1967-1970

Enjoying doing all the things I did not have time to do before I retired!

Antony James Short 1960-1963

Enjoying retirement.

John Christopher Schools 1961-1964

Retired, but actively involved in bowls as a player and an administrator.

Paul Richard Speakman 1965-1969

I retired as Head of Languages in 1998. Former Chief Examiner French (Writing) 1982-1989. I Volunteer at the Commonwealth Games Manchester 2002 working as Liaison with Team England.

David Ronald Thomas 1960-1963

Living in Southern Ontario after a long career as a teacher and a driving instructor. Was President of local rugby club in Alberta and spent many years involved in local drama scene.

Humphrey Vincent Needle 1966-1969

Enjoying Retirement.

Michael Francis McNally 1967-1970

Retired from being a deputy head in 2007 and now work for the college in administration.

Francis William Nickson 1964-1967

Play a lot of bad golf. 4 children, 4 grandchildren. Voluntary work at local hospital.

Kathy Patricia Smith (nee Robinson) 1969-1971

Married fellow alumni, Philip Smith.

Prof. Michael Paul Breen 1961-1964

Recently completed a four year full-time Fine Art degree at Dundee University (at aged 68). Hoping now to get into writing fiction – a lifelong ambition from earliest beginnings at Simms in 1964.

John Woodley 1964-1967

Vastly enjoying my long teaching career of 43 years and looking forward to a few more years.

1970-1980

Rosemary Rehill (nee Webb) 1970-1973

I teach second grade in a public school in USA.

Fr Joe McKeever 1970-1972

Full time parish ministry.

Paul Campbell 1974-1979

Last year completed thirty years teaching in Catholic schools, including 18 as a headteacher firstly in Kilburn, NW London, and more recently at Christ the King school in Islington. Married (in College) in '86, to Marie (nee Keany – also ex-Simms, '73-'76). Two children now in their 20's. Still playing guitar (as badly as ever!). Living near Wembley.

Paul Christopher Bryan 1971-1974

Having retired as the Head of a primary school in Hull, I have started a tutoring company called Primary Tutors, which is going very well. I am still married to Clare, a Simmarian, and we have two grown up sons and a lovely granddaughter. We are enjoying life and looking forward to our racehorse, Buddy Twosocks, making his debut in the coming months. I still keep in contact with the lads I played rugby with at St Marys in the early seventies and regard them with real affection. We have reunions every 5 years and when we meet it is as if time has stood still.

Clare Marie Kaczowski (nee Mallon) 1971-1975

I have been a Principal and Assistant Principal in government and independent schools and now work for the RACGP in the Education Directorate.

Paul Vincent Standen 1970-1973

Teacher and examiner.

Antony Michael John Halstead 1972-1975

Headteacher of an 8 class primary in rural Somerset. Married with 2 boys, 9 and 15. Still playing vets' football for Arthritico Madrid, cycling, skiing, and surfing (badly) in N Devon and occasionally Hawaii. Worked in 7 schools, including a year in BC, Canada, and have travelled all over the world leading teachers study groups (at government expense!). Still enjoying the job after 35 years, so mustn't be doing it right. Enjoyed St Mary's but have never kept in contact with anyone or set foot in the place since leaving in 1975. Younger sister Joann did a BHum at Simms in the 80's, but died tragically young leaving two kids.

Tim Michael Cullen 1970-1973

Retired ... Learning languages and cooking skills, watching rugby and sport.

Bernard John O'Connor 1972-1975

After teaching in Stevenage got scholarship to study Mandarin in Taiwan, taught in China and Australia and now back in UK. Having taught Geog/Hist/RE/Citizenship for 38 years I moved back to ESOL – much more rewarding – all kids thank me for the lesson! Currently researching, writing, lecturing and publishing on local/national geology, history and archaeology. Playing bridge, drinking red wine and eating good food.

1980-1990

Zaharah Atan 1984

I'm in charge of the co-curricular of the school as well as teachers and many more. I love doing them. 99% of the parents and pupils can communicate in English. I wish to hear more about my ex-lecturers like Mr Harley, Miss Wendy Bloom, Mr Ken, etc.

Anne-Michelle Lewis (nee Davies) 1989-1993

Phase Leader in large Primary School in Luton. Year Two teacher with responsibility for Literacy. Married Jeremy, whom I met on the course at St Mary's!

Linda Margaret Tottem 1982-1985

Recruitment within asset management in the City of London.

Nicola (Nikki) Dhillon (nee Keane) 1989-1992

I am a counsellor specialising in working in the Deaf community.

Nicholas James Corp 1989-1992

Travelling, spending time with my 3 children (Lewis, Ella and Mia).

Kate Jane White (nee Bishop) 1988-1992

I work as a passenger escort for a young autistic girl. I am part of her larger care team and am responsible for her safety during travel to and from school. I am divorced and have a gorgeous 13 year old son, Bryn, who has asperger's syndrome.

Pauline Theresa Denny (nee Sullivan) 1981-1984

After leaving St Mary's, I went into accountancy and tax. After working for several firms of Chartered Accountants, I now run a Chartered Accountancy practice with my husband. We have two children – a daughter of 15 and a son of 10. I still keep in touch with some ex-students from St Mary's.

Ruth McGovern (nee Kay) 1987-1991

Married with two girls ages twelve and seven.

Sara Louise Leman (nee Molyneaux) 1988-1992

I moved to Sydney, Australia in 1999. I am married and have a daughter. I was a teacher for a number of years but now work in publishing. I write an online reading program for young children.

Paul Derrien 1989-1993

Still compete in athletics, and represent SMRAC based at the university.

Carolyn June Clark (nee Farmery) 1985-1988

I've just been accepted for training as a Licenced Lay Minister in the Church of England

Suzanne Holden (nee Carmichael) 1984-1987

Living in Australia. Married to ex-St Mary's student. 2 children. Great place to live!

Mark Jones 1989-1993

Married for the last 10 years. 3 children, 2 girls and a boy. Wondering where time has gone since leaving St Mary's!

Steve Allan Meredith 1986-1989

Married Jane (nee Tipping) in 1991 who also attended St Marys as her father did before her. We have 4 children. Tom in University at Loughborough, Mollie in 6th form and twins, Will and Meg in secondary school. We live in St Helens where Jane teaches in De La Salle School. Jane and I visited St Marys on a weekend last year for the first time since 1989 – stayed the weekend in the area soaking up the memories. Even attended mass and did things like picnics (how times change!). We are very happy and occasionally recall moments from Simms with affection.

Helen Payne (nee Taylor) 1989-1992

Married and looking after 3 daughters.

Tracy Ann Rose (nee Welch) 1989-1992

Was working in public affairs/customer liason before the kids arrived! Still with Jules and was living in Maastricht in The Netherlands until last summer.

1990-2000

Helen Llewellyn (nee Morgan) 1990-1994

Married with two children.

Lucy Sharp 1990-1993

I play hockey for Havant Hockey Club.

Ian Crossman 1996-2000

Starting Msc in Education & Technology in society at Bristol Uni. Married to Pippa Bewley, ex-Simmie also (graduated same year as me). Have son, Oliver, 2yrs and new baby due July.

Julian Joseph Mazgon Ballard 1992-1997

Events, innovations, promotion of an invention.

Rich James Neasom 1991-1994

Run the standards and evaluation unit responsible for the RAF's Manning directorate.

Ryan Francis Langford 1992-1996

Married and looking forward to first headship.

Lucy O'Dell (nee McMullan) 1994-1998

Living in Hampshire with husband and two children while working part time for a London based IT company.

Kate Sarah Browning (nee Brown) 1990-1994

Married Chris Browning (ex-Simmarian) in 1995. We have 2 children aged 4 and 7.

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