

Simmarian

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Welcome...

Welcome to this issue of The Simmarian.

As I write, we are approaching the end of our anniversary year. We celebrated our 150th anniversary with a packed calendar of events, the highlight of which was our Anniversary Mass, Lunch and Garden Party. Heidi Topman (1991-1995) writes about this special day on page 3. We also hosted a weekend of sporting events and you will find a full report of this on pages 6-7.

We also include reports of the Alumni reunions held at college this Autumn. We have changed the format for 2001 reunions and will be arranging a reunion weekend to which all Simmarians are invited. Please see the box opposite for further details.

As usual, I enclose an Alumni Reply form. Please use this to inform us of any change of address or employment. You may also use the card if you wish to appear in our 'Where are they Now' columns. We also welcome photographs for use in our extended Alumni Profiles.

Our new range of merchandise has proved to be very popular and items may be ordered by post using the order form on page 12. Don't miss the opportunity to purchase our anniversary book '150 Years of St Mary's College' which is a beautifully presented, definitive guide to our history.

Finally, a special welcome to our many new readers including those who graduated this year and to those who have recently re-established contact via our website. (www.smuc.ac.uk)

I hope that you will enjoy reading this issue of The Simmarian.

Karen.

Karen Smith
Alumni Officer



Honorary Degrees

The University of Surrey awarded Honorary Degrees at the St Mary's College Degree Conferment Ceremony, held at Westminster Cathedral on July 14, 2000. Honorary Degrees were conferred upon Tanni Grey OBE and Ann Thompson.

Tanni Grey OBE was presented with the Degree of Doctor of the University, *honoris causa*. Tanni has an outstanding list of achievements in sport at national, world and Olympic level. She has won five Paralympic gold medals and five World Championships and has broken over twenty world records on the track. She has also competed in six London Marathons, winning four of them, and was the first British woman to complete the marathon in less than two hours.

Ann Thompson was presented with the Degree of Master of the University, *honoris causa*. Ann has played a leading role in the development of the degree in sport rehabilitation at St Mary's College, the first of its kind in the country. Ann was Vice-Principal of the School of Physiotherapy at the Middlesex Hospital, London, following which she was Head of School at University College, London, Hospital Trust. Ann was recently awarded a Fellowship of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.

Reunion Weekend 2001 September 7-8-9

Next year, we are organising a reunion weekend to which every Simmarian is invited. The weekend should follow the following format:

Friday September 7

8.00pm *Social Reunion in Student Union Bar and Hall
1980's and 1990's students*

Saturday September 8

8.00pm *Social Reunion in Student Union Bar and Hall
1960's and 1970's students*

Sunday September 9

11.00 am *Mass*
pm *Tour of Walpole House*
8.00pm *Social Reunion in Student Union Bar and Hall
1930's, 40's and 50's students*

Accommodation will be available on campus on a 'first come first served' basis and may be booked from April 2001 via the booking form which will be included with the next issue of The Simmarian. *Individual year group reunions will no longer take place but organisers of established year group reunions are welcome to meet during the weekend.*

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I am very pleased to introduce this autumn issue of 'The Simmarian' as the year of our 150th anniversary celebrations draws to a close. There have been some memorable occasions, most notably the Anniversary Mass, lunch and Garden Party and the weekend of sporting events. These events brought together Simmarians of different generations and from

many parts of the world. It was particularly joyful to see such a large group of Gibraltar Simmarians with us for the Anniversary Mass. They brought with them a plaque which listed every student from Gibraltar since the link was formed during the Second World War. The plaque is displayed at the base of the College Chapel.

We received a number of good wishes from Simmarians who were unable to travel to Strawberry Hill for the Anniversary Mass including a message from Tom Baker who did so much to strengthen the Simmarian network in the north east and who was a very active President of the Simmarian Association in 1995. Shortly afterwards we heard the news of Tom's death. I would like to pay tribute to his work for the Simmarian Association. He was always positive, forward-looking and immensely supportive of the College.

As we look forward to the academic year now starting, our student numbers are at the highest since the college as founded and we have had very positive outcomes from the inspections of our teacher training courses reported this summer. We can look forward therefore with confidence beyond our celebrations. Over the course of the year I have had the opportunity to meet many former students at reunions here or in some part of the country. I am looking forward in particular to being part of the Liverpool reunion in November and I hope to meet many more Simmarians at Strawberry Hill in the months ahead.

With best wishes

Dr Arthur Naylor
Principal

Anniversary Lectures by Honorary Fellows

The journalist and author, Clifford Longley, visited St Mary's in March to lecture on the position of the Catholic church in contemporary Britain. The lecture formed part of the college's programme of events for 150th Anniversary celebrations. The lecture was later published in a shorter form in 'The Tablet' and led to much comment and correspondence. Mr Longley is the editorial consultant on The Tablet and contributes a regular column to the Daily Telegraph. He was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by St Mary's in 1999.

The well known author, Dr Sheila Cassidy, visited St Mary's in April to discuss the theme of courage in adversity based upon her work with young women with breast cancer. Dr Cassidy was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by St Mary's in 1996. She is an eminent writer and speaker on spirituality and prayer.

Contact Service

If you have lost touch with a fellow Simmarian, the Alumni Office may be able to help.

All information is held under the Data Protection Act. We do not give out individual's details without their prior consent. The Alumni Office will forward stamped mail or contact an individual on your behalf. Please inform us of any change of address and if you have details of a Simmarian who may not be on our records, please let us know.

Careers Information Exchange

The Careers Information Exchange allows Simmarians to provide current students with information about professions in which they are interested. If you would like to be a representative for your profession please complete the Alumni Reply Card.

Careers Services For Alumni

The St Mary's Career Service is available to alumni for up to three years after graduation. Services include an individual analysis of career options, guidance on CV preparation, applications and interviews, use of careers software and use of the extensive careers library. Contact the Careers Adviser on 020 8240 4281 for further information.

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college news

St. Mary's College 150th Anniversary Mass - Sunday 28th May 2000

Heidi Topman

The mass celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of St Mary's College was probably the highlight of the anniversary celebrations this year. As a former student (1991 - 1995) I was very pleased to be able to attend this particular event. My husband John, a part time photographer and also a security officer at the College, had been asked by Fr Gerry Devlin to take photographs.

The College Chapel was packed out with past and present students and members of staff before the mass began.

This link between the past and the present at St Mary's was embodied in Francesca Byrne, a current member of staff and former student at the College who gave the Welcome to the Mass. If you were not already aware of the importance of St Mary's College to the Catholic community in Great Britain, it would have been obvious by the seniority of the Catholic clergy at the Mass. The Principal Celebrant was the Archbishop of Westminster, the Most Reverend Father Cormac Murphy-O'Connor and the Apostolic Nuncio His Excellency Archbishop Pablo Puente gave the Homily.

After the Mass was over, we migrated either to the Refectory or the Student Union Hall for our meal. The food has definitely improved since I was a student here! The meal was 'well prepared and presented'. Tom O'Connor, the television comedian and President of the Simmarian Association, gave a highly amusing and entertaining after lunch speech. I don't think that anyone in the packed Refectory was able to keep a straight face.

After the meal, we were encouraged to visit the Shannon Bar, where a range of alumni souvenirs was on sale. This met with such an enthusiastic response that Karen Smith, the PR and Alumni Officer, was rushed off her feet. My husband, John, and I decided to help out for a bit. It was fascinating to meet some of the former students from the College, several of whom told me all about the many changes that had taken place here since they were students in 1948. Oh yes, I also had my photo taken with Tom O'Connor.

A garden party had been planned, but due to showery weather, it was largely relocated to the Waldegrave Drawing Room. This gave all the guests a chance to chat and the former students an opportunity to catch up, however long ago they attended the College.



Where are they now?

1930's

Lt Col John Doyle (1938-1940) is a retired headteacher living in Southsea. He worked as a Gunnery Officer as part of his War Service and later became a Commanding Officer with the TA.

Bart Martin (1935-37) lives near Sheffield where he enjoys gardening and golf. Whilst at College, he captained the Soccer 1st XI and was a member of the swimming team.

Charles Smith (1936-38) was a headteacher for nearly twenty five years. He has taught in a wide variety of schools and served in the RAF during WW2. Charles lives in Liverpool.

1940's

John Cuthbert (1947-1949) was the headteacher of a Primary school in Wolverhampton for over twenty-eight years. He has six children, three of whom are teachers. John is currently Chair of Governors at his former school.

William Lochelt (1941-43) lives in Harrogate. He is a retired deputy headteacher. William captained the 1943 cricket team and served in the Royal Artillery and Intelligence Corps during the War.

Mick Lyonette, Jim Atkinson, Don Chidgey and Peter O'Brien (1944-46), produce a twice yearly newsletter for fifty of their contemporaries.

John Scott (1949-1951) is retired and lives in Cumbria. John is a former Senior Advisor for the Norfolk LEA. He maintains an active interest in cricket and rugby and is an organiser and member of the County Cricket Board and the local RFC.

Where are they now?

1950's

Dan Baldasera (1956-58) retires this year after thirty-three years as a lecturer in Sports Sciences at an HEI. Dan lives in Leeds.

Major Peter Drew (1955-57) rejoined the Army in 1962 after teaching. He served in the Educational Corps and retired in 1987. Peter then owned a guest house in West Wales and now lives in North Somerset.

Leo Harris (1950-1952) is a retired teacher living in Jersey. He is the author of *A Boy Remembers*, an account of the German Occupation of Jersey. Leo is the Commodore of the St Helier yacht club.

Fr Peter Lessiter (1956-58) was ordained in June 1965. Fr Lessiter is presently the Superior of his Order in Devon.

John Malone (1954-56) is the retired headmaster of a primary school in Liverpool. John was also the part time Head of an Adult Education Centre in Lancashire. He lives in Ormskirk.

Rev. Anthony Potter (1951-1954) has been a parish priest since 1982 and awaits the consecration of his new church. Rev. Potter taught in a number of Primary and Secondary schools and was the Assistant Director of a pastoral centre.

Brian Shelley (1959-1963) retires from teaching this year. Brian lives in Amersham and would like to hear from other BSc students via the Alumni Contact Service.

alumn people

Peter Hailey



Peter Hailey (1959-61) came to St Mary's having worked in the City of London. Whilst at college, he undertook vacation work at Bentalls Department Store and ran summer schools for French children. His time at St Mary's was followed by five years teaching in France. Peter then taught in London and Surrey and read for a degree at Birkbeck. Peter has fond memories of the teaching staff at college, in particular Mr Balhachet, Mr de C. Boucher and of the Principal, Fr. Cronin. Peter would like to hear from fellow students through the Alumni Contact Service.

Jonathan Holloway

Jonathan Holloway (1973-77) is a theatre, television and radio writer and producer. He has also worked as a community artist and FE lecturer and formed his own theatre company 'Red Shift'. His play 'Because it's There' premieres at Nottingham Playhouse this autumn and his theatre company is also touring with his play 'Nosferatu the Visitor'. Jonathan remembers that the college theatre was always open and busy, the result was a round the clock hothouse atmosphere with ad hoc companies competing for time to rehearse and build sets – altogether a fantastic environment in which to learn one's craft. Jonathan is married with five children.



Then and Now

The Refectory



For many years the college refectory was situated in the 1920's college buildings near to the old reception. A stained glass window commissioned for the college's 75th Anniversary in 1925 is positioned above the door. The old refectory is now used as a teaching facility by the Drama Department having been used by the Art Department for many years. The current refectory has been in use since the 1960's and houses a self-service restaurant, a snack bar and a breakfast bar.

Word Puzzle

Form a sequence of seven words based on the letters 'simmaries'. Start with a one-letter word, and by adding a letter each time, finish with a seven letter word. Clue: your list should include a personal pronoun, a personal pronoun with verb, two nouns, two verbs, and one adjective.

The first five readers to send in the correct solution will win St Mary's pen sets. Please send your entry, marked 'Word Puzzle', to the Alumni Office.

Thanks to Peter O'Brien and the Fifty Years On newsletter for permission to print this quiz.

Congratulations to the winners of last issue's Word Search who won St Mary's pen sets: Des Heneghan, Sarah Passman, Lucy Sharp, Gervaise Stringer and Karen Thomas

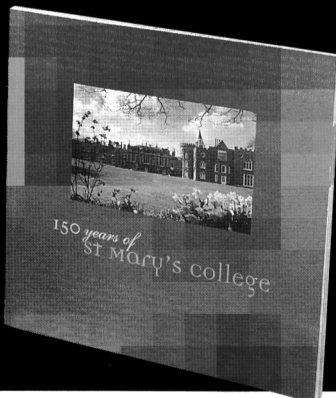
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25 Years Ago

For 125 years St Mary's has been a monotechnic establishment with all its courses devoted to the training of teachers. This September, for the first time, we are also running courses for other than intending teachers; these courses lead to the award of new degrees in combined studies, the BA, BSc and B Humanities, all internal degrees of the University of London.

H.V. Sheppee, former Assistant Vice Principal, in The Simmarian Newsletter, November 1975

simmarian staff

Andy Phillips (1975-1979) is Head of External Services at St Mary's. Andy was educated at St Mary's (now Carmel Comprehensive) in Darlington and followed a successful teaching career after leaving college, returning to work here in 1991.

Why did you decide to train at St Mary's?

My grandfather, George, studied at St Mary's in Hammersmith from 1919-1921. I had decided to teach and applied to a few places but I chose St Mary's. Knowing that my grandfather had been to Brook Green certainly influenced my choice. Also, a number of teachers at my school had trained at St Mary's so it seemed natural choice to come here.

Can you tell us a little about student life in the 70's?

I joined as the new unit degree started. Student numbers were much smaller then and I remember that Jim O'Hara used to organise very popular Irish nights. In the first year, I stayed in Queen Mary at the top of Old House. It was like being in a submarine - the corridor seemed about a foot wide although I'm sure it's wider. It seemed to take three and a half steps to walk from my room door to the window and when my trunk arrived there scarcely seemed room for both of us. In the second year I moved to Hampton Hill and I've never moved away - I now live within walking distance of the college.

In the Anniversary book, 150 Years of St Mary's, you describe an incident involving a famous pop star...

On the first day of term the Geography Department organised a tour of the area taking in all the local sites of interest. The tour finished at the Barmy Arms in Twickenham. As we were getting off the coach someone shouted 'There's Pete'. I thought they were referring to another student but they had actually spotted Pete Townsend from The Who who lived nearby. I was very impressed - my first few days in London and he was a pop star. Nigel, Kevin and the rest of the staff were left behind rather rapidly as we approached en masse for autographs.

Could you name any students or members of staff who you particularly remember?

I particularly remember John Moran, Head of Geography. My neighbours on the corridor were John Reece and Steve Munday, both of whom still teach. I had come down with two other students from school, Paul Sesnan and Bridget Coggins. I later shared a house with Bridget and seven other students in Hampton Hill.

How did your career develop after leaving college?

I started teaching at Feltham College where I stayed for eight years. Then I undertook advisory work in Hounslow and then lectured at the Institute of Education. I arrived back at St Mary's in 1991.



What was it like returning to college as a lecturer?

It was very different coming back in a teaching capacity. I had been away for twelve years but some of my colleagues had taught me, including Kevin Cook and John Iddon who, of course, are still here. Kevin and I had always kept in contact - we worked together on a project while I was at the Institute. I returned to lecture in Geography with the Education Department.

You are now Head of External Services. What does your role involve?

We organise professional development courses for teachers both in schools and at college. Some of our courses include the MA in Catholic School Leadership, a Post Graduate Certificate for middle managers and a number of leadership courses for middle and senior managers. I enjoy my role because it offers me the opportunity to work with fellow professionals from a wide range of different institutions. It has also given me the opportunity to travel, recently I've led management training in India, worked with partnership colleges in Boston and New York and visited Mexico to work on a project with the Mexican Embassy which was recently published by The Geographical Association.

We always hear mention of the unique atmosphere at college. What makes St Mary's special for you?

It's a person centred place and a very caring environment. We are concerned with the students' well being and want to ensure that they get the best out of their time here.

Where are they now?

1960's

Peter Angus (1965-1968) has been headteacher of a primary school for twenty-one years. He read for a BA (Hons) and a MEd. Three members of Peter's family are Simmarians. Peter lives in Derby with his wife, also a teacher.

Rosemary Barker (nee Lord) (1967-1970) married Geoff (1967-70). They have two children. Geoff is a police officer and Rosemary teaches English at a secondary school in Bridport. They live in Dorset.

Patrick Barrett (1960-1963) is a retired deputy headteacher and lives in Hertfordshire. He would like to renew acquaintance with his Strawberry Hill contemporaries via the Alumni Contact Service.

Brian Jones (1960-1963) is the headteacher of a comprehensive in Co. Durham. Brian lives in Bishop Auckland and sends his regards to friends from St Mary's.

James McPhillipe (1962-1965) was a member of a country dance band during the 60's and would like to hear from fellow Simmarian members. He still plays in Irish music sessions and is an acting principal. He is married with four children and lives in Northern Ireland.

Philip Knight (1966-1969) is a retired primary deputy head living in Penzance. He has performed abroad as a Cornish language singer and is a bard of the Cornish Gorsedd for services to the Cornish language. He is a guitarist in a country dance band and played in the college beat group.

Where are they now?

Kevin O'Farrell (1964-67) lives in Vancouver having recently retired. He enjoys squash and swimming and would like to hear from Simmarian from his year group via the Alumni Contact Service.

John Wade (1964-67) is the managing director of a motor vehicle transport company. He retired from teaching in 1995 and lives with his wife near Newcastle.

1970's

Susan Crawford (nee Ryan) (1976-79) married in 1985 and moved to Toronto in 1986. Susan supply teaches and has two children, Amy and Andrew.

Barry Hodgkinson (1972-1975) lives in Hayes. He retired from headship in 1996 and is now the facilities manager at a large business complex.

John and Sheila (nee Corless) McLaughlin (1971-1974) married a year after graduating from St Mary's. They have two children. John is a driving instructor and supply teacher and Sheila specialises in Early Years teaching. They live in Cheshire.

Kevin Ruffand (1971-1974) lives in Iowa. He is an aircraft builder and writer and his latest book *Flying with Angels* is about microlight flying. Kevin would love to hear from anyone who remembers him via the Alumni Contact Service.

David Shannon-Little (1974-1977) married Mary (nee Worth) of the same year group. Dave and Mary have five children and both work in the same school. They live in St Albans.

sports report

St Mary's sport the future is bright.....

The 1999/2000 academic year once again threw many sporting challenges for the St Mary's sporting fraternity. Having to adopt David versus Goliath role due to institution size, St Mary's again sought elite recognition in a wide range of sports.

In recent times St Mary's usual suspects, Women's Hockey, Men's Rugby and Athletics, have enjoyed considerable success. This year however was to prove that other sporting clubs were forming national reputations.

Women's Hockey cemented their national reputation reaching the BUSA final for the second time in three years. Unfortunately coming second on the day to a very strong Loughborough team. For the Simms faithful, who braved the elements to support the side at the national hockey stadium, were rewarded with a forceful gutsy performance that was administered with true St Mary's passion.

Expertly coached by Lorna Goodwin with notable season performances from newly graduated captain Susie Clapp, Sobhian Kane and Viv Doran, the Ladies did become Southern Premiership winners on route to the final. Hopefully with a good intake for the forthcoming year we can go that one step further and lift the elusive BUSA crown.

Men's Rugby Union had mixed fortunes. Similarly previous losing BUSA finalists big things were expected from the team. Crowned Southern Premiership champions in December, Simms proceeded into the All England final verses Durham and cruised to 32-10 victory, with three pushover tries.

Having qualified for the Times Student European Cup, St Mary's hosted a pool that contained University College Dublin and Cardiff University. Winning both of the pool games allowed progression into the quarterfinal knockout stages where we lost by a single point margin to the University College Cork (the holders) 10-9. In BUSA the team were eliminated once again at the quarter-final stage by a big streetwise UWIC side. 20-10. The year did however finish in a positive way with Brian Shelbourne (scrum-half) and Simon Amor (fly-half) being selected for England Students in the student World Cup in Italy.

In athletics we appear to be going from strength to strength. In the BUSA finals (indoor and outdoor) led by Allan Staerck (aka OB1) we achieved some very good performances and as a result some international recognition for our athletes. These achievements were as follows: -

Results

BUSA Indoor (Cardiff)

Rob Paul	High Jump	Gold Medal
Bianca Liston	110m Hurdles	Gold Medal
Anthony Soalla-Bell	Shot	Silver

BUSA Outdoor (Stoke)

Rob Paul	High Jump	Gold Medal
Bianca Liston	110m Hurdles	Gold Medal
Mike Corrigan	Triple Jump	Bronze
Andy Frost	Hammer	Bronze

Representative Honours

Rob Paul	High Jump	British Students
Bianca Liston	110m Hurdles	British Students, GB U23
Andy Frost	Hammer	GB U20
Darren Thompson	Long Jump	GB U23

Our Gaelic football tradition also continued. The men's side and women's side won the British University championships, which allowed progression to tournaments held in Ireland. The men's side participated in the Trench Cup played at UCG in Galway. Unfortunately knocked out in the semi-final many good performances throughout the tournament, in particular Brian Kennan, Roy Brennan and Eric O'Reilly, added to St Mary's strong reputation in Gaelic football. This was also epitomised by the ladies side who played in the McNally Plate Competition played in Belfast and deservedly won the tournament. Fiona Loghnan was voted player of the tournament and Adelle Grennan was selected to play for British Universities.

50 Years Ago

There are 282 students in College this year; 154 First Year, and 128 Second Year. Of this number, 37 are Brothers, 5 are from Malta, 1 from Gibraltar, 1 from the Channel Islands, 9 are doing the 3 year degree course and 2 the 1 year Diploma Course

Editor, The Simmarian Newsletter, January 1950

sports report

The real success story this year was seen in men's cricket. Building upon an undefeated season in 1998/99 coach Andrew Reid-Smith had big ambitions for his side. He was not disappointed with a second successive league championship win. After promotion into division one, a determined St Mary's side secured a four-wicket victory against Staffordshire University in a tense final held at Luton. Good performances in the final from Jodi Goble and Tim Murtagh with the bat, tight bowling throughout and some cat like wicket keeping from Elliot Hill helped the Simms side edge home to victory.

Away from competitive cricket the team widened its fixture list hosting a Lashings invitation side. This side contained a host of West Indian superstars most notably Richie Richardson former West Indies captain and world best batsman, and Stuart Williams another test match regular. Although coming second in the two fixtures valuable experience was gleaned in the games. Coach Andrew Reid-Smith explained "hopefully these fixtures will encourage and develop the talent we already possess". Proof that we possess such talent was recognised by England U19 selectors who selected Tim Murtagh for the test series verses Sri Lanka. Tim had a successful series taking wickets with regularity and also contributing with the bat as well.

St Mary's cricket year was completed with the great honour of securing a fixture against the MCC. Brian O'Gorman, a former Simmarian, helped greatly with the organisation of the fixture and we would like to thank him for his efforts. A wonderful event for the college played at Teddington Lock in front of a large number of spectators, saw victory for Simms in the final overs. Although a splendid end to the year, we hope that this proven record in conjunction with the BUSA results will allow promotion into the cricket premier league. This promotion is under question due to leagues restructuring. Watch this space.

As I am sure is evident, the previously mentioned success has been achieved with considerable commitment and dedication of both athletes and support staff. I would like to take this opportunity to give recognition to all those that have, and are, helping to elevate and sustain St Mary's reputation in the elite sporting arena.

Toby Booth
Director of Sport

PS As we go to print St Mary's stars Mandy Nicholson and Matt Wells are competing in the Sydney Olympics.



The Dog Brothers

The Dog Brothers is a society for former members of the St Mary's rugby club. The group plays in various rugby tournaments all over the country and hold a number of social reunions.

If you are interested in joining the society, contact Mary Murphy (1991-1995) at mmurphy@tsisoft.uk.com.

Where are they now?

Jon Vines (1972-1976) taught for twenty-three years before re-training as an ambulance technician. Jon married Brenda (nee Ruane) (1975-1978) and they have two children.

Bridie Williamson (nee Swan) (1978-1981) married in the college chapel in 1982. She is a supply teacher and has three sons. Bridie lives in Braintree.

Angie Wynn (1970-1973) lives in Surrey and teaches at a primary school in Thames Ditton. She has four children, two of whom were baptised at St Mary's.

1980's
Martin Bane (1984-87) lives in the USA. He is a director of sales and marketing for a soccer company based in California.

Andrea Casey (nee Yates) (1989-92) married Simon. They have a baby boy, Joseph, and live in Plymouth. Andrea teaches drama in Cornwall and would like to say hello to her friends.

Stuart Charlton (1989-1992) works for the BBC as an advertising manager. He married in 1996 and has a son. Stuart lives in Surrey.

Nicholas Corp (1989-1992) lives in Bristol where he is the sales director for a well known motor manufacturer.

Helen Giberson (nee Morris) (1984-1987) has worked for an airline for over twelve years. She is married and has a five year old son. Helen lives in Dorking and would be interested to hear from friends from the Geography and Sociology course via the Alumni Contact Service.

Where are they now?

Maria McCarthy (nee Theobald) (1980-1983) is married to Alan (1981-1984). Alan and Maria have three children and live in Devon.

Frank McMorro (1980-1984) has taken a year out of teaching in order to manage the county's first professional women's football team. Frank lives in Hampton.

Richard Mill (1988-1992) lives in Leeds and is a secondary school teacher. He would like to hear from friends from St Mary's via the Alumni Contact Service.

Sally Papworth (1985-1988) has taught for eleven years. She has just taken a career break in order to travel. Sally is based in Lincolnshire.

Helen Peel (nee Shayer) has two daughters and runs French language teaching clubs. She lives in Monmouthshire and would like friends from St Mary's to contact via e-mail helenpeel@aol.com

Kirsty Warwick (1987-1991) toured as a stage manager for some years before becoming the residential stage manager at a leading theatre in Sheffield.

Jane Watson (nee Byrne) (1985-1989) teaches at a secondary school in Kettering. She would like to hear from old friends via the Alumni Contact Service.

1990's David Atkin (1994-1997) lives in Dublin where he is a sales representative. David would like to hear from anyone he knew at college via the Alumni Contact Service.

reunion reports, associations and clubs

1944-46

Mick Lyonette writes:

This was the seventh consecutive annual reunion of the 1944-46 Simmarians and the third held at Strawberry Hill. The welcome we received from Dr Naylor and his staff was truly heartwarming - we were made really welcome immediately.



We missed all of our absences - may God go with you all. We enjoyed our first meal in the refectory together re-making friendships. Afterwards we talked and reminisced together in the grandeur of the Waldegrave Drawing Room, background music courtesy of John and Mary Passman. Our reminiscences were enhanced by the proximity of a well stocked bar, located in our old billiard room.

The following day, Mass was celebrated by our chaplain, Fr. Alex Fleming assisted by our Deacon, Rev G Marsh. We then boarded the coach to Windsor and had an enjoyable visit before returning for dinner. Afterwards, we were joined by Karen and Dr Naylor for our entertainment in the Waldegrave Drawing Room. Mary Passman accompanied the songs on the grand piano and the evening came to an inevitable close after the 'Coll Chorus'.

On our last day we celebrated our Millennium Reunion Mass in the Chapel, assisted by Des Cunningham.

Thanks go to John Tasker and Dan Chidgey. In the words of Vera Lynn, 'We'll meet again some sunny day'.

1952-54

Ted Balmer writes

This, our second reunion, flowed the same pattern as before; leisurely breakfasts in the ref, gatherings in the King's Head pub in the evening, then on to a Teddington High Street restaurant for supper. We visited old haunts during the day in small groups. A highlight was the showing of a short video, compiled by Brian Battagel, of a visit to Simmarians in the 1980's. By chance he had been



joined by Father John who acted as a guide for the rest of the video.

We were housed in the Old House accommodation, in rooms identical to those of 46 years ago.

Our thanks to Karen, Noreen and all the other members of staff who made us feel very welcome throughout.

1967-70

Mike Byrnes reports

Although we originally planned a 30 year reunion for those who left in 1970 the evening was enhanced by the presence of the 1968 Freshers, organised by Dave 'Torchy' Simpson.

About 150 people attended, although by the end of the evening there seemed to be double or even treble that amount - perhaps my eyesight was a little unfocused by then. A small pre reunion party took place in that traditional meeting place, the Waldy, on Friday evening. Saturday evening took the form of drinks and an informal buffet in the SU Bar.

The effort people made, and the distances travelled to be there, was amazing. It's impossible to list everyone, but Des Rogers and Mickey Kerr came from Ireland, Sylvia Mahoney (nee Taylor) made it from Philadelphia, whilst Tom McPartland topped the lot by coming from Australia. A great evening. Regrets? Such a wonderful night that didn't last long enough and that so many more people who could have come didn't.

Finally a big thank you to Karen from the Alumni Office who kept nagging me to get things going. It was largely due to her efforts that the evening happened at all.

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Chris Curtis writes

Forty years on and we held our first reunion. Most had retired, but still turned up from all corners to explore the old haunts and see some old faces. We met in the Tartan Bar and spent an enjoyable evening chatting, studying photos and other mementos, and tucking into the ample buffet.



When the Tartan Bar closed, we transferred downstairs to the Student Union Bar where a double reunion for 1967 and 1968 was in full swing. We were made very

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welcome and met up with more old acquaintances. The most noticeable thing downstairs was the number of female Simmarians (our reunion having been an all male affair - apart from the few partners who graced us with their presence). After a night in College rooms (more nostalgia!) and Sunday breakfast, there was a chance to look round the College and grounds before Mass, when the Chaplain welcomed us and prayed for our deceased colleagues.

The Simmarian Association

Ken Breen writes; The long tradition of the annual reunion of members of the Association was continued this year at Easter but sadly, with diminishing numbers. Letters were received offering apologies for non-attendance mentioning sickness or family ties or the difficulties of travel. Those who were present enjoyed, as always, the good fellowship of a chat over a beer in the bar and many stories of absent friends were retailed with relish. Father Gerry and the Chaplaincy team gave enjoyable, reflective and spiritual Easter services.

The local clubs continue to flourish in various parts of the country. In particular there are active groups in the North East, in Manchester and in Liverpool. If you are not part of one of them already, contact Karen and she will give you the necessary details.

On your behalf, the Association made three major donations which have now become a tradition in themselves. Three donations of £1000 were given to the Strawberry Hill Overseas Concern, the Chaplaincy and to the Principal for the help that is given to those students who are not eligible to benefit from help with fees or maintenance from government sources. In later reports more details will be given of the Chaplaincy gift. SHOC is the subject of the college entry for the new Queen's Award to Education and we currently await the judges' verdict. Kevin Cook was central to the putting together of an impressive presentation pack which may eventually be available for general use.

The Mass for Deceased Simmarians will take place on November 12th 2000.



The Association held its AGM in the Waldegrave Drawing Room on Saturday April 22, 2000. Pictured left to right are Fr. Gerry Devlin, Dr Arthur Naylor, Joe Torri (President 1999/2000), Tom O'Connor, Karen Smith and Ken Breen (Secretary). Tom O'Connor

became President of the Association and Karen Smith was elected as Vice President.

The Irish Simmarian Association

The Irish Simmarian Reunion 2000 will take place on Saturday October 14 at 5.00 pm at the Derryhale Hotel Dundalk. All Irish Simmarians are welcome, please contact the Secretary, Frances Jordan, Tel: 01868 767713.

Liverpool Simmarians

F.B Harris (Hon Sec) writes; Our main activities; the Annual Mass and the Christmas lunch, were well attended with twenty six members present at each.

Very sadly, we lost the attendance of a very frequent member with the sudden death of Mike Hewlett (1945-47). Mike had become a headmaster in Liverpool and was an active and loyal Simmarian who had frequently taken part in visits to the college. We offer prayers and condolences to his wife and family.

Our Chaplain, Fr. Alec Fleming (1944-46) is recovering from a knee operation which we hope will enable him to continue with his excellent work. Our prayers and good wishes go to him and to John Malone who is recovering from a heart operation.

The Charitable work of the Liverpool Club still continues thanks to the efforts of Jim Moran and Terry Roose.

Mick Lyonette has organised further reunions with other members of his year group. This group has established links with the Liverpool Club and regularly meets in Liverpool.

Manchester, Salford and District Simmarians

K Madden writes; Eileen Hogben (nee Barber) died in June. With her brother George she is believed to be one of the first brother and sister combination at Simmaries. She was a member of a special Maths course for mature students in 1957. In later years she and her husband Terry - a Simmarian - lived in St Anne's on Sea. Matt Tobin, another loyal Simmarian of much earlier vintage died in July.

Our most senior active Simmarian, Bill Glynn (1933-35) has recently moved to live with one of his daughters in Bromley. We will miss him and wish him well in his new home. Bill has recounted what he knew of the history of our association. The club

Where are they now?

Hannah Avard (1995-1999) teaches in a middle school in Bury St Edmunds. She would like to hear from friends from St Mary's via the Alumni Contact Service.

Nicholas Baker (1994-1995) is a collections administrator in a rare books library. Nicholas lives in Slough.

Tim Butler (1993-1996) lives in Cheltenham and is a medical sales representative. Tim can be contacted via the Alumni Contact Service.

Francesca Clements (1995-1999) works for a solicitors' firm in Harrow as a legal secretary. She intends to train as a legal executive. Francesca would like to say 'hello' to everyone from her year group.

Stuart Day (1995-1998) lives in Fareham and is an air traffic services assistant. Stuart hopes to visit Australia and New Zealand this year. He would love to hear from anyone who knows him via his e-mail address stuartjday@yahoo.com

Victoria Dowers (1991-1996) teaches in an Infant's school in the East End of London. She would be happy to hear from anyone with whom she has lost contact at vdowers@talk21.com

Marilyn Griffin (1994-1997) teaches lip reading and communication skills to the deaf and to people with learning disabilities. Marilyn lives in Pinner.

Christopher Knight (1995-1999) is self-employed as a commercial trainer on PC based communications systems. He married in April this year and would like to say 'hi' to everyone. Christopher lives in Surrey.

Where are they now?

Karen Marr (nee Calder) (1993-1997) would like to announce the birth of her first baby Emily, born in April 2000. Karen and her family live in Feltham.

Jennie Parish (1991-1995) adopted her daughter after working with her in Romania as a volunteer during college holidays. Jennie lives in Addlestone and is a primary school teacher.

Mags Reilly (1994-1998) plans to tour Australia in 2001. She would like to contact anyone from St Mary's who is teaching or working in Australia. Mags can be contacted via the Alumni Contact Service.

David Sharp (1995-1998) graduated from RAF college in 1999. He is currently training to become a fighter controller. David is based in Northumberland.

Heidi Topman (1991-1995) married college security officer John in 1998. Heidi is currently organising an exhibition in Wimbledon and is a researcher in history. She would love to hear from anyone who remembers her via the Alumni Contact Service.

Sally Weston (1990-1993) managed the England Lacrosse squad at the 1997 World Cup and is helping to organise the 2001 World Cup (women's lacrosse). Sally would like to hear from anyone who may be able to offer any help.

Don't forget to return your Alumni Reply Card if you would like to feature in 'Where Are They Now'

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was first formed following a meeting in the Albany Hotel in September 1907 and was named the Manchester, Salford and District Hammersmith club.

Kev McLoughlin (1943-45) an active member of our group now lives in the south. Whilst on holiday in Wales, he visited Father Peter Flanagan (1943-45), now Parish Priest at St Joseph's, Crickhowell, Powys, NP8 1DG. In the short time Kev was there he soon realised the great difficulties Fr Peter faced in that part of the Lord's Vineyard. Fr Peter would be delighted to hear from anyone from 1943-45 and perhaps such readers might remember him when considering mass offerings.

We are hoping for another good attendance at our annual autumn mass and we are all indebted to our dedicated Simmarian priests - Canon Tony Dorran, Dean Frank Austin and Father Frank Parkinson.

North East Simmarians

Tony Knox writes; Michael Morris (1952-54) wrote an article promoting St Mary's and the North East group which appeared in our diocesan newspaper Northern Cross. We have lost Frank Broughton (1940-42) Ted Robinson (1951-53), our originator Jack Battle (1925-27) and our Teeside leader Tom Baker (1935-37) in the past year. Your prayers please for all of them. Adrian Woodcock (1962-65) retired early as a PE teacher in Durham due to heart problems. This year in the British Transplant games he won Gold in Badminton and Tennis and Bronze in Table Tennis.

We continue to alternate our monthly lunches between Stockton and South Shields and occasionally have visitors from Yorkshire and Cumbria. Those wishing to join us should ring Tony Knox on 0191 2748179.

Malta

Joseph Zammit Mangion wrote to congratulate the college on the anniversary issue of *The Simmarian*. He wishes St Mary's College at least another one hundred and fifty years of prosperity and of good education. Mr Mangion enclosed an article written by Paul Miceli (1945-47) recalling the experiences of post war Maltese students. This has been added to the college archives.

Gibraltar Simmarians

Clive Beltran and John Chincotta write; A small delegation of Simmarians led by Lionel Perez (1963-65) flew to the UK to take part in the college's 150th anniversary celebrations in May. To mark the occasion a large brass plaque, bearing the names of the 157 Gibraltarians who have attended St Mary's College since 1942 had been mounted in the college chapel in time for the celebrations. The delegation presented the principal with a Gibraltar Commemorative Coin on their own behalf and a collection of photographs on behalf of Gibraltar's Minister for Education, Dr Bernard Linares.



Hardly a year has gone by without Gibraltarian representation at our Alma Mater ever since our first student qualified during the Second World War. This anniversary year is no exception and the names of those who are now commencing their studies will, no doubt, be featured on the plaque. Lionel Perez pictured with Dr Naylor

75 Years Ago

This is our last term at Hammersmith and during the Summer Holidays the old College will be vacated for ever! We know that the Spirit of Simmaries will never die, that her ideals and traditions will be maintained as zealously as ever at Twickenham, yet we cannot see, without a pang, the passing of the old place, of these very walls within which we write.

JJ Sullivan, Editor The Simmarian, Whitsuntide 1925

college news



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Strawberry Hill Overseas Concern (SHOC)

The highlight of our fundraising initiatives over the past few months was the receipt of a cheque for over £5,000 collected by pupils of all 23 of Coventry's Catholic schools. In July the three comprehensive and 20 infant and junior schools held a fun day with the proceeds being handed over after mass at the Holy Family Church in Keresley. The money has been sent to Sister Mary Anne Katiti for her school in Kabwe, Zambia. SHOC is most grateful to the schoolchildren of Coventry and especially to Jerry Daly, Headteacher of St Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School Walsgrave for organising the event. The donation brought our total funding for the Kabwe school to £16,000, raised in two years

Earlier this year SHOC heard that its bid for consideration for a Queen's Prize Award for 2000 had been accepted. This entailed providing full details of SHOC's charitable work since our inception in 1971. We included details of the support we have provided to six of our projects in Ogobia, Nigeria (Fr Vinnie O'Brien), Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (Dee Smith), Bo, Sierra Leone (Sister Mary Gallacher), Ngambo, Kenya (Sister

Jennifer da Cunha), Kabwe, Zambia (Sister Mary Anne Katiti) and Osijek, Croatia (Martin Notley). We should know whether our bid has been successful in October.

In September staff and students from the geography section visited Kenya on field work and they have established a SHOC link with Fr Leo Staples at the Catholic Mission at Sigor near Kapenguria. Fr Leo is building a new secondary school for Pokot girls and SHOC has agreed to become involved in the future development of the school. The annual geography field course at the nearby Marich field centre will allow us to keep in touch and to see the school grow. Perhaps eventually we can send out a volunteer graduate to work at the school.

Simmarions wishing to help to contribute to SHOC's work in the 'third world' should send donations to Kevin Cook at the college. (Cheques should be made payable to St Mary's College). Thank you for all your continued support.

Kevin Cook
SHOC Chair

Rest In Peace

News of the death of the following Simmarions has been received. Please remember in your prayers these Simmarions, their families and their friends.

Tom Baker 1935-37 Middlesbrough	Leslie Clarke 1926 - 29 Nottingham	Mike Hewlett 1945-47 Liverpool	Romeo Micallef 1938-40 Malta	Barbara Park 1965-67 Hull	Nicola Wickland 1989-92 Derby
Jack Battle 1925-27 Sunderland	Dennis Cronin 1971-74 Northamptonshire	Cyril Mayland 1937-1939	Jim O'Garr 1938-40 Exeter	Ted Robinson 1951-53 Bishop Auckland	Tancred Zammit 1947-49 Malta
John Bridge 1941-43 St Helens	Jim Hayes 1943-45 Glamorganshire	Brendan McGowan 1966-69 Derbyshire	David O'Neill 1943-45 Co. Antrim	Francis Salibra 1971-72 Malta	†

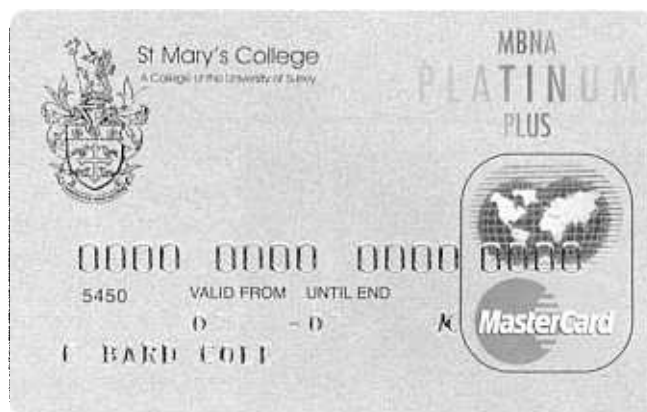
The family of Bill Fyfe, PE Dept 1957-80, would like readers to remember him. Bill's interest and pride in the sporting achievements of his former students continued throughout his life. He died peacefully in February 1998. Bill's family, Mrs Mary Fyfe, Mary Lindsay (1975-79) and Bridin Mills (1977-80) send the college warm wishes for our 150th anniversary.

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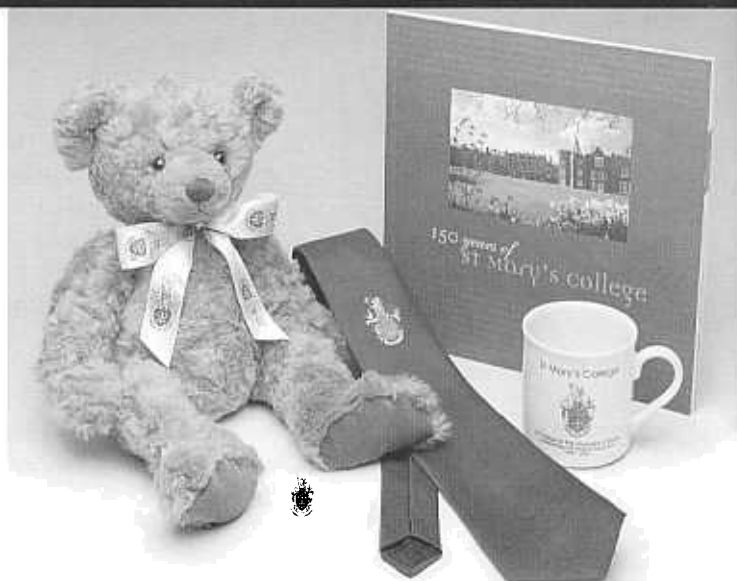
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