

# Simmarian

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## Welcome

Welcome to this issue of The Simmarian and especially to all of our new members who graduated this summer. Membership is free on graduation - all you need to do is keep us informed of any changes to your details on the Reply Card enclosed with each issue.

As our membership grows each year we now have over sixteen thousand Simmarians on our database. In order to continue to provide a free magazine in the coming years we are returning to a one issue per year format. In doing so, we hope to improve the size and content of the magazine and would welcome your comments, suggestions, articles and photos. The next edition will be sent to you in September 2002.

It was a pleasure to meet so many Simmarians at the recent reunion weekend. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make the weekend such an enjoyable experience. Details of next year's reunion weekend are opposite.

I hope that you enjoy this issue of the Simmarian.

With best wishes

*Karen.*

Karen Smith



## St Mary's College Receives Catholic Teaching Award

In July 2001, the St Mary's College MA in Catholic School Leadership received an award for its 'Outstanding Programme for Catholic Teacher Recruitment and Formation' from the National Catholic Educational Association, USA. The award was presented at a conference held in Boston.

A number of St Mary's staff and students were invited to attend the ceremony and to speak at an annual conference on improvements in Catholic education. Some of the teaching materials pioneered on the St Mary's MA are now being used in international teaching programmes.

## 2002 REUNION WEEKEND

September 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

Strawberry Hill

In 2002 we are returning to our previous format of inviting individual year groups to organise a reunion at college.

So if you would like to organise a reunion for your year group, contact the alumni office for an information pack.

## Data Protection Act

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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I am very pleased to introduce this autumn issue of 'The Simmarian'. As I write we are looking forward to welcoming to Strawberry Hill the next generation of Simmarians. Last year with almost 2500 undergraduates we had the largest student population in the history of the college and while numbers grow and the range of subjects increases the staff work hard to maintain the spirit of community that lies at the heart of St Mary's.

In the course of this summer work started on a new building to house a Centre for Excellence in Initial Teacher Training. The project which is now around £3.6 million in scale will be the largest in cash terms in the history of the college and is supported by a grant from the Higher Education Funding Council. When completed it will provide fine modern facilities for all aspects of teacher training at the college.

This autumn we look forward to the appointment of a new Chairman of Governors following the appointment of Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue as Bishop of Lancaster. Bishop O'Donoghue developed a great interest in and affection for St Mary's in his time as Chairman of Governors and he has of course moved to a part of the country where historically there are strong Simmarian connections.

Over the course of the year I have the opportunity to meet former students from the North and South of the country and from further afield. It is always a great pleasure when this happens because of the esteem in which so many former students hold St Mary's and the inspiration this gives to those of us who serve the college today.

With best wishes

Dr Arthur Naylor  
Principal

## Historic Lantern Restored to Strawberry Hill House

A replica of a lantern owned by Horace Walpole has been hung in the entrance hall of Walpole House. The original lantern was designed by Richard Bentley in 1753 and has been recreated by metal and glass craftsmen in England and America. The three-year project was partially financed by the Walpole House Guides and by the 'Friends of Strawberry Hill'.

The 'Friends' was established to promote, support and improve one of the earliest and most influential houses built in the eighteenth century gothic revival style. If you would like information on joining the 'Friends of Strawberry Hill' please call Anna Chalcraft on 020-8977 4978 or write to her at the Conference Centre at St Mary's.

### 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 individuals details without their prior consent. The Alumni Office will forward stamped correspondence. We will let you know if we have lost contact with an individual. 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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## Strawberry Hill Overseas Concern ~ (SHOC)

Kevin Cook writes: SHOC is a charity whose major concern is to forge links with Simmarians working in what we call the 'third world'. SHOC was founded in 1970 and since then has raised over £100,000 for nearly 100 projects around the world. Last year SHOC was the college's entry in the prestigious Queen's Prize competition and, whilst it did not get through to the final judging, our entry was highly commended.

The major achievement of the past twelve months has been to reach the £16,000 target we set ourselves to support the work of a past student, Sister Mary Ann Katiti (1996-98), now headmistress of Angelina Tembo School at Kabwe in Zambia. A total of £16,725 has been raised over the past 2-3 years through the efforts of the Chaplain, the college and local community, and SHOC. The largest single donation was the £5336.39 received from Coventry Catholic schools who raised the money as a part of their Millennium Celebrations. We are most grateful to Simmarian D.C. Daly, headmaster of St Peter and Paul Catholic Primary school for organising this collection. The money collected has helped Sister Mary Ann rebuild her school. Currently we have a student taking a year out from her studies to teach at the school and we hope to continue to support Sister Mary Ann in this way.

SHOC's next major project is to support the

## The 2001 Reunion Weekend

The 2001 reunion weekend was held on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Strawberry Hill. Over 300 former students from the 1980's and 1990's met in the SU bar on the 7th and over 150 people from the 1960's and 1970's attended on the 8th. Sunday's tours of Walpole House were followed by a social reunion for students of the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's.

work of the FIC brothers in Ghana. In particular we want to help Joachim Naah who, after graduation, returned to Ghana to become headmaster of St Gabriel's schools in Tumu in the Upper West region. A recent letter from Joachim spoke of the 550 children of ages 4-16 in ten classes. Joachim oversees a staff of 16 teachers. SHOC has contacted Joachim and has asked him to cost a major project that would benefit his school.

We continue to support other projects in Guatemala (Dee Smith), Sierra Leone (Sister Mary Gallagher) and Nigeria (Fr Vinnie O'Brien). Financial donations are always welcome and cheques should be made payable to St Mary's College and sent to Kevin Cook at the college. Thank you all for your continued support.

## 1966-1969 Year Group

Steve Lawson and his informal group of Simmarians from 1966-1969 would like to hear from anyone in their year with whom they are not in touch. Please contact Steve care of the Alumni Office.

This summer saw the demolition of 'K Block', a two-storey block located behind the refectory. The building is being replaced by a £3.6 million Centre for Excellence in Initial Teacher Training part-funded by the Higher Education Funding Council. The new facility will house the Department of Education.



K Block before & during demolition



## 50 Years Ago

The re-building of the war-damaged portions of the college has been proceeding slowly but steadily, and now practically the whole of the New Wing is completed and occupied.

Fr Cronin, Principal  
The Simmarian Newsletter, March 1951

### 1920's

Patrick Brennan (1928-31) gained a doctorate in 2000 at the age of 90. He taught in schools in Manchester before serving in WW2 and later became a university lecturer. Patrick lives in Stockport.

Gerard Curran (1929-32) is a retired head teacher, Gerard lives in Maidstone.

### 1930's

John Brennan (1938-40) lives in Stockport. He served in the Far East from 1940-46. He gained his PhD in 1978 and retired as the head teacher of a primary school in London in 1980.

Thomas McErlean (1936-38) served as a Infantry Captain in WW2. He was the head teacher at a Catholic High School in Worthing for 24 years and was awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice in 1990. Thomas lives in Littlehampton, West Sussex.

### 1940's

Gil Houghton (1941-43) lives in Manchester. Gil is a retired head teacher whose hobbies include golf, gardening and supporting Manchester United.

Gerard Murphy (1945-47) is a retired university professor. Gerard lives in Canada and has five children.

Maurice Reaney (1947-49) was the head teacher of a high school in Croydon for thirty one years. Maurice was awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice in 1986. He lives in Wallington, Surrey.

### 1950's

David Briggs (1957-58) taught in North Staffordshire for nearly 30 years. David then became a tour manager with a holiday company and is currently taking Open University courses in history. David lives in Leek in Staffordshire.

Terry Clifford (1957-60) retired from teaching as a maths consultant in Winnipeg, Canada, where he emigrated in 1968. Terry was actively involved in teaching unions throughout his career.

## Where are they now?

John McAvoy (1958-60) spent 20 years as a probation officer in Australia and now teaches at a university in the Czech Republic. When in the UK, John lives in Shropshire.

Terence Metcalf (1954-56) lives in Tampa, Florida. Terence has taught in London, Los Angeles and Cincinnati and is now retired.

Edwin (Ted) Pearce (1953-55) retired after a 35 year teaching career. Ted enjoys playing veterans' tennis, travelling and watching rugby. Ted lives in Cardiff and would like to hear from old friends via the Alumni Contact Service.

Gerard Richards (1954-56) lives on the West Coast of New Zealand's South Island where he owns a 12 acre property and livestock. He enjoys playing the violin and flute and playing golf. Gerard would like to send his best wishes to his old friends.

Peter Sexton (1956-58) taught the children of the British Forces for most of his career, working in Aden, Cyprus, Singapore and Germany. Peter has now retired and lives in Cardiff. He would like to hear from old friends through the Alumni Contact Service.

Cyril Tiernan (1956-58) lives in Canada where he emigrated in 1960. Cyril taught in Secondary and Elementary schools in British Columbia, Alberta and the North West Territories. Cyril would be pleased to hear from any contemporaries via the Contact Service.

1960's  
John Evans (1960-63) took early retirement after a 30 year teaching career in schools, colleges and universities. John now works in local politics and is a Town Clerk and the Chair of the local authority Probation Board. John lives in Rhywney.

John FitzSimons (1961-64) was on the Great Britain national athletic team, winning the Commonwealth games in 1966. John moved to the USA and entered the California Bar in 1976. After living in Australia, John returned to California and now works in private legal practice.

## alumni profiles & news

### Billy Connolly

Billy Connolly (1975-78) worked for London Transport after leaving college. After four years, he travelled to the USA to work with children. He returned to the UK to train as a psychiatric nurse, working in London until 1999. After spending one year in New Zealand, Billy is currently working as a charge nurse in Melbourne, Australia.



### Jenny Mosley



After twelve years of teaching Jenny Mosley (1968-1972) started a consultancy company providing national and international training. Jenny is a best selling author on self esteem and has been featured on several BBC television programmes and in numerous national newspapers. Jenny specialises in 'Circle Time' training and her latest book, 'All Year Round' will be published in October. She is a Visiting Lecturer at London University and a lecturer at Bristol University. Jenny can be contacted via her website [www.jennymosley.demon.co.uk](http://www.jennymosley.demon.co.uk) or on 01225 767157.

### Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko

After leaving St Mary's, Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko (1976-1979) did his PhD in Exercise Physiology in America. His primary research interests are in the area of ageing and physical activity. Wojtek is Head of the Department of Kinesiology at an American university and has been a keynote speaker at many international conferences and meetings. Wojtek served on the World Health Organisation Scientific Advisory Committee and currently chairs the USA Active Ageing Partnership. He is also the President of the International Society on Ageing and Physical Activity.

### Henrietta Creasey



Henrietta Creasey (1995-98) studied broadcast journalism after leaving St Mary's. She joined a new radio station in Southampton before working for a leading radio station, Spire FM. Henrietta works on the station's early morning news programme. Henrietta comments that St Mary's gave her a good grounding for her career and enabled her to make a number of life long friends.

### Alumni Weddings

Jacqueline Payne (1992-96) married Steve Bottoms in July 2000. A number of Simmarian friends attended the wedding, held at All Saints Church, Woodford Green, Essex. Jacqueline is a senior science teacher and Stuart is Head of PE at a school in Gidea Park. The couple live in Buckhurst Hill, Essex.



#### Charity Walk - 'Carers National Association'

Sharon Flower (nee Barber) (1975-79) set off from Brighton on Mother's Day this year to walk a total of 1150 miles to Cape Wrath in Scotland to raise money for the charity 'Carers National Association'. Following the death of her father, Sharon cared for her severely disabled mother for many years. If you would like to donate to Sharon's campaign, please contact her via the Alumni Office.

#### Physical Education US Exchange Students 1970-71

Jan Arnold ('Arnie'), a graduate of Frostburg State College in Maryland, wishes to re-establish contact with the St Mary's students who went to Frostburg as part of the exchange programme in 1970-71. Jan can be contacted at [Picasso309@aol.com](mailto:Picasso309@aol.com).

# simmarian staff

## Michelle Rodrigues - Conference Manager at St Mary's College

Michelle Rodrigues studied English and Classics at St Mary's from 1991-93. Michelle read for an MA in Heritage Interpretation after completing her undergraduate degree. Now the college's Conference Officer - she was previously Careers Officer. She lived in South Africa until the age of 16 and returned to the UK to take her GCSEs and A levels at Hyton College for Girls in Liverpool.



### Why did you choose St Mary's as a place to study?

Initially I chose the college as a friend from school recommended it and a number of girls from Hyton had come previously. I came to see the college and was impressed with the beautiful grounds and welcoming atmosphere. I love the old house and grounds, and they continue to be one of the reasons why I have stayed here as a member of staff.

### What were your initial impressions of college as a student?

I had a sense of a small and friendly community. Students from different year groups all knew one another and I felt immediately welcome. I made many friends and am still in touch with so many people.

### So you were fully involved in the social life of the college?

Yes, particularly as I worked in the bar from Freshers week until I started to manage it part time. It was a very good way to meet lots of people from different courses and years. I have fond memories of the balls and of the various locations of the SU bar after it burned down at the end of my first year. We had discos in C1 (the old chapel) and drinks in what is now the studio theatre.

### What are your memories of the staff while you were a student?

Everyone encouraged you and help was always available whenever you needed it. Students'

work was closely monitored and that encouraged people to do their best.

### What was it like to work with members of staff after having studied here?

It was a little strange at first but a very positive experience. As I had worked in the Conference Office during holidays and in the bar I had already developed a professional relationship with many people. It was different working with academics after having been taught by them but I was immediately accepted as a member of staff.

### You started as the Careers Officer here?

Yes, I worked in the Careers Office for a year and also worked part time in the Conference Office. I enjoyed working in the Careers Office as it was nice to work with students. I was involved in graduate fairs and teaching fairs which gave me further experience in conferencing. I also enjoyed organising days with prospective employers such as the Army and the RAF.

### What do you enjoy about your work as the Conference Officer?

I love organising weddings and contributing to one of the most important days of someone's life. I particularly enjoy working on the weddings of former students and as the years go by I have seen many people return here for their weddings. I like working with the public and if a conference goes well I get a real sense of achievement. I also enjoy working on parties and special events and we have hosted parties for Mick Jagger and for Bob Geldof. We frequently work on events for television and sporting celebrities. The college is used for filming and recently we have had crews from 'Jonathon Creek' and 'The Mrs Bradley Murder Mysteries'.

### What makes St Mary's a special place?

It is special because everyone is so friendly and supportive. Lots of former students return to work at the college and my work with current students keeps me young!

Don't forget to visit the St Mary's web site at [www.smuc.ac.uk](http://www.smuc.ac.uk) for news and information on alumni services, undergraduate and postgraduate courses, open days and academic departments.

## Where are they now?

George Gandy (1961-64) lives in Loughborough. He has been a Great Britain team coach at numerous international athletic championships, including the Olympic Games. George is the Director of Athletics at a university in Leicestershire.

Chris Glynn (1960-63) was the first student actor to speak in the college theatre. Chris taught Drama and English, becoming the English and Drama Advisor to his LEA and later the English and Drama Inspector. Chris now directs the School Inspection Service for one of OFSTED's largest contractors.

James Hagerty (1961-64) lives near Leeds. He is the author of school text books, a book on Roman Catholic military chaplains and has written articles on Roman Catholic history. James is the head teacher of a grammar school near Bradford.

Barbara Harcourt (1969-73) was Head of Classics at a school in West London until she had to take early retirement due to a progressive lung disease. Although bedridden, Barbara studies, read and writes and enjoys contact with friends. Barbara lives in East Twickenham.

John McKenna (1966-69) is a senior lecturer in accountancy at a management centre. He enjoys cricket and has been a member of the same club for 32 years. John would like to hear from old friends via the Contact Service.

Michael Mumford (1963-66) is a semi-retired teacher living in Andover, Hants. Michael was a Labour Party candidate in 1997 and in 2001 and has been married for 34 years.

Michael Small (1965-69) has been the deputy head teacher at a high school in Warrington for 20 years. Michael lives in Liverpool and would be happy to renew old acquaintances from his college years through the Alumni Contact Service.

1970's

Martin Baker (1971-74) lives in New Barnet, Hertfordshire. He is the Head of Inspection and Advisory Services for an LEA. Martin is a former college rugby club president.

Sheila Daly (1973-76) teaches at a primary school in Surrey. She has set up three school related websites. Sheila lives in Walton on Thames.

Eamonn Eustace (1972-75) taught in inner London until 1987 before teaching in Bermuda for ten years. Eamonn is currently teaching languages at a comprehensive school in Sheffield. He lives near Chesterfield.

Deborah Hacquart (nee Greenham) (1976-79) has lived in France for 21 years. She teaches English at a school in Alcase. Deborah would be happy to hear from fellow students via the Alumni Contact Service.

Des and Linda (nee Knott) Kelly (1973-76) have been married for 23 years. Des is Deputy Head at a large Catholic comprehensive in Chelmsford and Linda is a SEN teacher. They live in Chelmsford and have two teenage sons.

Deirdre Lee (nee McKenna) (1979-82) returned to the UK having lived in New York and Rome. Deirdre and her husband have two daughters.

Linda Marsden (nee Jamieson) (1973-76) is a voluntary Modern Languages co-ordinator at her daughter's school, teaching French and supervising and hosting French assistants. She lives in Ramsbottom.

Stephen O'Connell (1972-75) lives in Salisbury. He joined the Army in 1982 and is a Lieutenant Colonel employed in plans and performance management.

Peter Pledger (1978-82) is the Executive Director of a London Learning and Skills Council. Peter is a former President of the St Mary's Students' Union. He lives in Surbiton with his wife and young daughter.

Sports Report- Sustaining output . . . .

Once again the academic year provided us with many sporting achievements to celebrate.

In athletics we again reinforced our reputation as serious competitors. At the BUSA indoor meeting Bianca Liston won gold in the sprint hurdles, as did Rob Paul in the high jump. Bianca followed this up with a bronze at the AAA Championship. At the BUSA track and field outdoors Andrew Frost (hammer) and Rob Paul (high jump) took gold. A number of impressive efforts saw the club finish fifth overall in the men's team competition. Following their wins both Andrew and Rob represented BUSA in their events at the 'uk: athletics' Aqua-Pura International at Loughborough University. Andrew Frost also made a number of appearances in a British vest at Under 23.

The track and field squad had two other very successful appearances during the year. At the Kinnard-Sword trophy meet at Kingsmeadow track the men's field events team came away with the Sword Prize with those competing on the track finishing a close second in the Kinnard competition. Ten days after the BUSA Outdoors Athletics Championship, St Mary's had its finest victory in recent years at Bath. In a three-way competition between Team Bath, University of Wales Institute Cardiff and St Mary's, an exemplary team performance saw St Mary's win all three competitions outright. Strength in depth was the order of the day with notable performances from several members who doubled up in events in which they would not usually take part. Our hammer throwers competed in the high jump and the 1500m to ensure maximum points.

The Ladies cross-country squad retained the London Colleges League Championships and the men slipped to fifth overall. This was in part because we were unable always to field a full team. In addition the club entered a men and women's team in the Hyde Park Relays with a number of credible performances in a very strong field.

The women's hockey & men's rugby sides showed early promise in their respective BUSA league competitions. The hockey team faltered slightly but easily qualified in third position. The rugby team managed to repeat the previous year's achievements winning the Premiership for record second year in succession.

The knockout stages of the respective cup competitions started in February. Both sides have enjoyed considerable success in recent years

<b>Women's Hockey</b>	
Helen Moffatt	England Universities.
<b>Men's Rugby Union</b>	
Simon Hunt	England IRB 7's (top try scorer). England Students England Students U21's
Lee Starling	England Students
James Cockle	England Students
John Williams	England Students U21's

so had high expectations within the competition. Despite some narrow victories and fragile performances both teams managed to progress to the semi-final stages. Then on what can only be described as a sombre Wednesday, Exeter University eliminated both Simms teams. As both sides had defeated Exeter in the league stages of the competition, the sharp exit from the cup could only be described as a dreadful case of underachievement by college sides that were capable of lifting the trophy.

Ladies Gaelic Football once again proved to be too strong for the other British Universities winning the championship in Middlesborough. This allowed qualification for the All Ireland tournament but unfortunately they did not get to participate due to the foot and mouth outbreak.

The final great success story was the continued success of the cricketing fraternity. The men's sides elevation into the Premiership for the first time caused some anxious moments for coach Andy Reid-Smith. However, with good winter training the side proved to be in good

form and was unfortunate not to progress to the knockout stages of BUSA. The Simms team finished joint second in the group but failed to qualify after being beaten by the Oxford side. The fact that the weather prevented Simms playing Cardiff, the group's weakest side, deprived us of the points needed to qualify outright.

Another high point of the cricket season was the two annual invitation games against the MCC and Lashings that were played at our Teddington Lock site. The MCC game was a closely fought affair with Simms coming home narrow winners. The Lashings game boasted a truly world class opposition that included Brian Lara, Junior Murray, Jimmy Adams, Stuart Williams and Richie Richardson.

A number of St Mary's students have achieved some notable representative honours over the past academic year. Tim Murtagh represented British Universities v Pakistan where he took five Wickets. He has played a number of games for Surrey this year as well as representing the college. Stephen Price, Andrew Mawson achieved international recognition playing for England Universities and Andrew was given the extra honour of captaining the side. Other notable St Mary's performers this year are shown in this table.

Name	Sport	Achievement
Matt Wells	Sculling	GB Olympic semi-finals
Nick Roddis	Football	World Student Games
Steve Perkins	Football	World Student Games
Natasha Maddocks	Volleyball	World Student Games
Womens Basketball	Basketball	BUSA semi-final
Claire Holloway	Fencing	Great Britain Squad
Mens Tennis Team	Tennis	BUSA ¼ Finals

Although we failed to make the complete journey to the top of the pile in our sporting achievements we have sustained our output and have seen considerable improvement. Sport is a hard master to serve however and we will continue to focus our efforts towards getting to the top whilst keeping our true blue and white spirit.

Toby Booth.

### Kenya 2001

A number of students visited Kenya this summer as part of a Geography research module. Through interpreters, the students worked with local people on a range of geographical projects. Whilst at their field centre, the students presented the local primary school with a number of teaching resources and played the local football team.

### Staff Publications

Dr Phillip de Souza's latest book, 'Seafaring and Civilization; Maritime Perspectives on World History' was published in June. The book explores the way in which seafaring has been an essential medium in the expansion and development of human society.

The book launch of 'Truth and Memory: The Church and Human Rights in El Salvador and Guatemala' took place in September. The book was edited by Fr Michael Hayes, Head of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies and David Tombs.

## The Simmarian Old Boys Football Society 25th Anniversary Tour

see Page 11 for details

### Did You Know?

The college theatre, built in the 1960's, was of a revolutionary design. It influenced many other theatres including the National Theatre Cottesloe auditorium. The theatre was built in the round and was the work of the former Head of Drama, Colette King.

Some of the country's top athletes, including the England rugby team and the London Broncos, have used the sporting facilities at Strawberry Hill for training. The college is also regularly used by many international athletes and Olympic champions for assessment, monitoring and training.

In the 1880's, the morning bell rang at 6.30 am and lights went out at 10.00 pm. Students had under three hours recreation time each day and had a homework period each night from 8.00 pm until 9.30 pm.

Melanie Mellor (nee Owen) (1978-81) teaches in a primary school in Ross on Wye. She is married with three children. Melanie would love to hear from anyone who remembers her via the Alumni Contact Service.

### 1980's

Anna Maria Baghiani (nee Lewis) (1981-84) lives in St Brelade in Jersey where she is a supply teacher. She would like to hear from friends from her English and French classes via the Alumni Contact Service.

Jane Bruder (1984-88) works in a university library in Oxford. Jane lives in Headington and would like to hear from any of her contemporaries at St Mary's via the Contact Service.

Andy Clarke (1984-87) lives in Leeds where he is a training advisor. Andy would love to hear from anyone who remembers him at [andrewclarke@btcellnet.net](mailto:andrewclarke@btcellnet.net).

David Craig (1998-90) is a Personal Adviser for Disabled People at a charity. David lives in Tyne and Wear and would like to say hello to all former members of the 'Geordie Society'. He would also like to hear from old friends via the Contact Service.

Stephen Curran (1984-85) runs a primary Maths and English tuition company. He has written six Maths book and is currently reading for another degree in Music. Stephen lives in Twickenham.

Joseph Gribbin (1989-92) undertakes research work for three universities. In addition to his degree from St Mary's, he has a MPhil and PhD. Joseph lives near Cornwall.

Paula McMahon (1989-92) lives in Australia. She is married with one son and is a social worker. Paula would like to hear from fellow students via the Alumni Contact Service.

Philip Monger (1989-93) is a Care Assistant working with elderly people. Philip lives in Stockport and would like to hear from students and staff who knew him whilst at St Mary's.

## The changing face of St Mary's - New Study Opportunities

Marion Lowe, Registrar, writes: The college has been changing rapidly over the last few years, expanding and providing new opportunities for students. Last year, the college took more students than ever before. This article sets out the changes and the much wider study opportunities available to a new generation of Simmarians.

### Teacher training: the heart of the college mission

Many know St Mary's as a predominantly teacher training college. Teacher training still remains at the heart of the college's mission and nearly a third of our students are training as much needed teachers. In Secondary PGCE we offer around 100 places in several subjects as well as an undergraduate PE programme. Opportunities in Primary have been changing with the recent introduction of a part-time PGCE available over eighteen months as well as an expanded full-time programme. There is also a new three year Primary Initial Teacher Training Degree (which is especially suitable for mature students) which runs alongside the traditional four year programme.

In addition to the opportunities available for teacher training at the college itself, we are also involved in a School-based PGCE programme in conjunction with the Portsmouth Diocese and its Catholic primary schools. This programme is based at the Holy Family Primary School in Southampton. This is an exciting development for the college providing teachers for Catholic schools across a much wider area.

### New undergraduate subjects

Although the college has offered flexible BA/BSc programmes for many years, the college now offers a much broader range of subjects including new innovative programmes which respond to the changing pattern of student applications often for more vocationally orientated degrees. In 1998 the college introduced half degrees in Health and Human Biology, Management Studies and Media Arts and all these programmes saw their first graduates this year. In introducing new programmes such as these, we try to ensure that they will provide students with skills for the workplace. With the Management Programme,

in line with the college's mission, there is a strong ethical dimension to the studies. Media Arts places an emphasis on practical skills such as video and radio production as well as theoretical studies into the effects of the media on our society.

Education and Employment was a new degree programme introduced in September 2000. This has grown out of the successful Education Studies programme and includes the study of education in a wide number of contexts such as the workplace. In September 2001 the college will see its first Psychology students for some years.

Next year we hope to have students on our new Third World Studies programme which will allow students to study development issues with opportunities for field work in Africa, another programme closely related to our mission. We will also be introducing a half degree programme in Health, Lifestyle and Nutrition. This will allow students to study such issues as the effects of stress on health and the diet and lifestyle required to remain healthy. A further programme for 2002 entry is in Professional and Creative Writing which will provide students with writing skills in a range of different contexts from creative writing, journalism and academic publishing.

### Postgraduate and other opportunities

As well as new undergraduate programmes, the college is introducing new masters programmes. From September we will be collaborating with local education authorities to offer a new MA in Continuing Professional Development for newly qualified teachers. The programme in Applied Human Science has also been successfully re-validated and renamed the MSc in Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity and is designed especially for exercise and health professionals. Although the Department of Theology and Religious Studies no longer offers the MA in Theology and Religious Studies, from February we hope to offer masters programmes in Chaplaincy and Pastoral studies which will be for those working or intending to work in these areas.

In addition to masters students, we have a growing number of research students who are studying for PhD with established researchers in History, Sociology, Theology, English and Sport Science

We also offer a variety of short courses in such

Carolyn Naylor (nee Fooks) (1989-90) lives in Exeter with her husband and two young children. She would like to hear from other Heritage Interpretation students via the Contact Service.

Daniel O'Donnell (1985-88) has been in the army for 9 years. He has served all over the world and is currently a Company Commander in the Parachute Regiment. Daniel lives in Colchester.

Barbara O'Reilly (1988-92) is married with three children. Barbara lives in Belfast and would love to hear from anyone who remembers her, especially her former room mates at college.

Judith Pawson (nee Durrant)(1986-89) lives in Huntingdonshire. She is Head of Year and Head of Drama at a school near Cambridge. Judith would love to hear from anyone who remembers her from college.

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Zeenat Ahmed (1993-96) has been a primary school teacher for four years and is her school's Literacy Co-ordinator. Zeenat lives in Enfield and would love to contact old friends via the Contact Service.

Susan Bartlett (1993-97) lives in Brentford. Susan has two daughters and would like to hear from anyone who remembers her via the Alumni Contact Service or at [suebartlett@yahoo.com](mailto:suebartlett@yahoo.com).

Elizabeth Bell (nee Cotton) (1992-96) became a foster carer in 1999 and has fostered over 22 children. She lives in Torquay and would like to hear from members of the St Mary's Folk Group.

Jo Brooks (1994-98) and Doug Andrew (1994-98) were engaged last year. They will be teaching in Cairo from September and would be delighted to hear from old friends at [dougandrew@hotmail.com](mailto:dougandrew@hotmail.com).

Marie Dalton (1995-99) is a primary school teacher living in Limerick. Marie would like to hear from former classmates and from the SDN class group through the Contact Service.

areas as nutrition, coaching awards, fitness training, aromatherapy, reflexology and massage. We also hope to offer certificates in management studies in the future.

### New college, same values

Although the range of subjects we offer is growing fast with the exciting developments outlined above, the college still holds onto its values. The college recently re-affirmed its mission to create a supportive community for both staff and students and this is reflected in the comprehensive student support services that we continue to offer to all students today. We aim, in these days of mass higher education, to offer a student-centred education where students are valued as individuals whatever their background.

### How you can help the college

We believe that the college has a lot to offer today's generation of students, whether school leavers or mature students coming back to study after a break. We have an exciting range of programmes and excellent support services, not to mention a very good graduate employment record (in a recent national league table of all 147 university and colleges, St Mary's was ranked 29<sup>th</sup> well above many established 'old' universities.)

The last issue of the Simmarian, highlighted the Educational Liaison team and what they are doing to spread the message about what the college has to offer. However you can help too as it has been shown that recommendation is a very important way of student finding out about the college. If you know anyone considering a degree, PGCE or Masters, you could recommend St Mary's and thereby continue the college's traditions.

### How to find out more

If you would like to know more you can contact the Recruitment Team on 020 8240 4814 or for a prospectus contact 020 8240 4028.

## Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue installed as Bishop of Lancaster

Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue was installed as fifth Bishop of Lancaster on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2001. As a result of his move to the North of England, Bishop Patrick resigned as the Chair of the college's Board of Governors. With his generosity of spirit and unfailing support, Bishop Patrick contributed much to the college and carries with him the good wishes of all at St Mary's.

Bishop Patrick is being succeeded by Bishop George Stack who, earlier this year, was made an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Westminster. Bishop George is a former student of St Mary's and we warmly welcome him as our new Chair of Governors.

## Secondary Education OFSTED Inspections.

The Department of Education was delighted to report improvement in each of the subjects reviewed by OFSTED following their recent inspection of the college's Secondary Education provision.

## Council of Church Colleges Conference

The Council of Church Colleges, currently chaired by the Princlial Dr Arthur Naylor, held its national conference at St Mary's in September. Delegates included governors, principals and heads of departments from Catholic, Anglican and Methodist institutions of higher education. The conference was attended by many distinguished contributors including the Council's President, Lord Dearing.

## www.smuc.ac.uk

St Mary's had launched a new-look web site featuring information on departments and services, courses, academic research, news and job vacancies. The web site has been designed to provide fast access to information for prospective students, current students and alumni. Don't forget to look at our improved alumni pages for information about all of our services for Simmarians.

### 75 Years Ago

Social activities have been confined in the past to Whist Drives which were held in the Library, and the usual sweeps. This term they will include a series of Dances, beginning with a Grand Carnival, to celebrate the first organised dance in the new college.

F. Moffatt, Chairman of Smokeroom Committee  
The Simmarian, Whitsuntide 1926

Richard Ford (1991-94) lives in the Wirral. Richard is an Export Sales Executive and competed in the European Masters Swimming Championships in Mallorca this summer. He would like to contact anyone from his History and Theology classes.

Ross Hamilton (1994-00) lives in Shepperton and would love to arrange to meet friends from St Mary's via the Contact Service.

Russell James (1996-00) lives in Kent and works on the Isle of Sheppey as a pharmaceutical analyst. Russell would like to hear from old friends through the Alumni Contact Service.

Susannah Kelleher (1991-94) has a young daughter and lives in Cleveland. Susannah is planning to read for a MSc and would like to hear from old friends from her year.

Brother Peter Kingsley (1998-99) joined the Italian monastic community, 'Fratemita di Gesu' in 2000. Peter would like to send his best wishes to everyone who knows him and would like to invite friends to get in touch or to visit him in Florence.

Sarah Lewis (1993-96) is engaged to Richard Smith (1993-97). Sarah is a Pensions Administrator and Richard is an Operations Manager. They would like to hear from anyone who knows them via the Contact Service.

Matt Lovell (1993-98) teaches at a school in Bangkok. He would like to hear from anyone who wishes to contact him at [mattlovell74@hotmail.com](mailto:mattlovell74@hotmail.com).

John Lynch (1991-94) lives in Kent. John is a primary school teacher and would like to hear from anyone who knew him at college via the Alumni Contact Service.

Anna McLauchlan (1992-96) spent 18 months teaching in New Zealand and teaches at a school in central London. She lives in London and would like to hear from friends from her courses via the Contact Service.

## TOCUARO:

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or e-mail: [cookk@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:cookk@smuc.ac.uk)

The Simmarian Association held an Executive Committee meeting and, subsequently, the Annual General Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> September as part of the recent Reunion Weekend. Karen Smith was inducted as President of the Association for the coming year in succession to Tom O'Connor.

The Annual Mass for Deceased Simmarians will be celebrated in the college chapel on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am followed by coffee in the Senior Common Room. A regular meeting of the Executive will be held in the afternoon. If you have any views on the timing and form of the Annual



The Simmarian Association Executive Committee

Reunion or any other matter relating to the future of the Association, please contact Karen Smith at college.

### Liverpool Simmarian Club

Frank Harris (Hon Secretary) writes: The Liverpool Simmarian Club, now consisting almost entirely of retired teachers, continues to function in a rather reserved manner. Jim Moran and Terry Rose continue with our benevolent work while Mick Lyonette arranges our monthly luncheons, usually attended by eight to ten members. Our former venue is being converted into a retirement home for which we are not quite ready so we meet in nearby venues until a permanent replacement is found.

Our main event in 2000 was the Annual Mass for Deceased members at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on 25<sup>th</sup> November. As a form of celebration of the second millennium it was decided to invite the college Principal to attend along with members of the Simmarian Association Committee. Invitations were also extended to members in Manchester, St Helens and Blackburn. The Mass was followed by an excellent lunch at the Liverpool Harbour Club and seventy three members were present. We look forward to our activities this year and send good wishes to all.

### Manchester and District Simmarians

Kevin Madden (1943-45) writes: In May the sad news of Bill Glynn's (1933-34) death was reported. Bill had died on the 11<sup>th</sup> at his daughter's home in Bromley. He had left our area some twelve months previously but kept in touch despite his failing health. Bill had written many interesting and amusing articles for the Simmarian and was a fascinating raconteur. There will be prayerful remembrance of this loyal Simmarian at our next annual mass. May he rest in peace.

I shall soon be making arrangements for our annual mass. Could I appeal to local Simmarians to consider joining us? The annual mass is an unbroken tradition of which we can be proud and it would be very disappointing if it were allowed to 'wither on the vine'. If any reader would like further information please contact Kevin Madden, 8 Ker St, Blackley, Manchester, M9 6PJ telephone 0161 740 6007.

Father Peter Flanagan, who wrote to me recently, would be pleased to hear from any of his college contemporaries at St Joseph's Penydra, Brecon Rd, Crickhowell, Powys, NP8 1DG. His corner of the Lord's vineyard is very arduous.

### North East Simmarians

Tony Knox writes: The North East Group will meet on the last Thursday of October for lunch at South Shields. The Annual Mass for deceased Simmarians will be celebrated at St Joseph's, Norton on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am. This will be followed by lunch at Stockton and members attending should ring Tony Knox on 0191 274 8179 so that bookings can be made. Representatives from around the country will be present including those from Simmaries.

### The Gibraltar Simmarian Society

Clive Beltran writes: Just before the summer break, members of the Gibraltar Simmarian Society, led by Leslie Linares (an expert on the local flora), went on a tour of the very top of the Rock of Gibraltar. The views of the Mediterranean and the Straits leading out to the Atlantic, with the north African mountains as a backdrop, are breathtaking.

Leslie's detailed descriptions and explanations of some of the hundreds of local species of extremely colourful and varied flowers were informative as well as relaxing, particularly for those members who are still teaching and were coming to the end of the academic year. Following the two hour trek, the group descended to the St Michel's cave area for refreshments.

### Malaysian Group

St Mary's has maintained a close link with Malaysian students for over ten years as part of a teacher training programme developed in conjunction with the Malaysian government. The last cohort of Malaysian students left the college this summer. Currently, there is no alumni group for the many former St Mary's

Rhianwen Moore (nee Jones) (1991-95) married in 1998. She has two sons and lives in Caerphilly where she teaches PE. She would like to send her best wishes to anyone who knows her and would be happy to hear from old friends.

Simon Puttick (1993-96) is a Business Development Manager for a French travel company. Simon would like to send his best wishes to the 1993-96 Sports Science Group.

Katherine Spong (1997-00) lives in Bodmin, Cornwall. Katherine would like to say hello to everyone who studied English in 1997-00. She works for a supermarket chain.

Karen Thomas (1993-96) is Head of RE at a comprehensive school in the Vale of Glamorgan. Karen would love to hear from old friends from St Mary's via the Alumni Contact Service.

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

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students from Malaysia. If you are interested in forming a Malaysian group please contact the Alumni Office for assistance.

## The Simmarian Old Boys Football Society

Paul North writes: Many years ago I was invited to tour as a rookie to Paris with the Simmarian Old Boys Football Society. The touring party was established back in the late 1970s. Since then the annual tours have become a way of life for many former Simmarians, an act of pilgrimage for Phil McBride, Mark Macauley, Ged Murphy and Matt Tallon, - never missing a single tour.

May 2002 marks the most eagerly awaited 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour for us, which is destined to be to the sunny and relaxing climes of the Algarve in Portugal.

We are exceptionally proud to have managed to stay together as a touring group for so long, which is no small achievement considering the pressures and commitments we all face in our daily lives. Football has always been important to us. Our record of playing and winning abroad is mighty impressive.

Last year marked a rather eventful point in our long history, as it was the first time that we played golf on tour. The golf tournament was a great success and it was decided that future tours should include golf as a permanent fixture to complement our now sporadic games of football. This decision was made by our board, which includes our President Bob Pearton (AOP), Chairman Andy Balsdon, Lord Chief Justice

(when present) Les Reed, and Mark Macauley.

During the coming months the Society has agreed to meet up before the annual tour in order to celebrate our coming silver anniversary. The idea is to gather together over a weekend and play a few rounds of golf, then retire to the comfort of the bar. We are also intending to play a few games of football before May 2002, an exhibition match against Borough Road would be nice, but I understand it no longer exists - huh!!

Much has happened in our lives since those eventful forays into France, and I am proud to be apart of a genuinely great bunch of lads, who understand the meaning of staying in touch throughout the year. I value greatly the camaraderie and spirit of being a Simmarian on tour. I can't quite define what it is that keeps me going back year after year, but perhaps in another 25 years time I will be able to tell you.

If you would like to know more about this year's tour or forthcoming golfing event please contact our Secretary Paul North on [pjnorth@msn.com](mailto:pjnorth@msn.com).

## 1944 - 46 Reunion

Mick Lyonette writes: The 2001 reunion of the 1944-46 group was held at St Chad's, Whittle-le-Woods, near Chorley from September 7th-9th 2001.

We owe great thanks to our host Father Alex Fleming (1944-46) and to everyone else who organised and contributed to this reunion - probably our best ever!

## Rest In Peace

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

Bernard Clancy 1963-66 London	Kevin Finn 1945-47 Sunderland	Frank Hynes 1955-57 Middlesborough	Terry McDermott 1952-54 Sunderland	Tom (Des) Murphy 1949-51 Lancashire	Arthur Rosati 1927-29 Devon
Patrick Clifford 1955-57 Tyne and Wear	Gerry Forrest 1945-47 Warrington	Christopher Laird 1940-42 Middlesborough	John McKenna (Snr) 1929-30 Letchworth	Patrick O'Connell 1942-44 Suffolk	Kieran Sorohan 1994-97 London
Anthony Joseph Davis 1944-46 West Midlands	Fr. John Gallagher Dates Unknown London	John Madden 1953-55 Cardiff	Ken McTiernan 1944-46 Middlesborough	Len Parsons 1954-56 Richmond, N. Yorks	Leslie Tudor 1951-53 Cardiff
Frank Divine 1947-49 Coniston	Bill Glynn 1933-35 Bromley	James Mallins 1949-51 Esher	Tom Moreland 1952-54 Bradford	John Redmond 1936-38 Chislehurst	Joe Walsh 1956-58

**Dr David Balhatchet**, died after a short illness on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001 aged 74. Dr Balhatchet joined the staff of St Mary's in 1951 and was appointed Head of French in 1975. He took early retirement in 1983 after 32 year of dedicated service and went on to gain a D Phil from Oxford in 1988. He was awarded a distinction by the Cornish Language Board and installed as a Bard in 1992. Tony Holland (1953-55) recalled David's sense of humour, his gentleness, his loyalty, his willingness to help and his unflinching kindness and concern. Tony recalls David's 'strong, unswayable and courageous adherence to his beliefs and values which, allied to his generous kindness, made of this decent man ... a kind of hero.' In a second warm tribute, Peter Hailey (1959-61) comments that David was, and remains, warmly understanding and strongly supportive. Peter comments, 'My use of the present tense is intentional. I am very aware that his faith and humanity lives on - an ongoing source of reassurance and strength.'

**Jackie Coughlan**, Secretary to the Principal from until 2000, died in July 2001. Jackie was appointed during Fr Desmond Beirne's principalship and worked with Dr Naylor from his appointment in 1992 until her retirement. She died after a long and brave struggle against cancer. Dr Naylor writes: "Jackie Coughlan had friends as much as colleagues at St Mary's. I will always be grateful for the support and kindness she gave to me in the years we worked together. May she rest in peace."

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## St Mary's College Alumni Merchandise

The book, '150 Years of St Mary's College', gives a full account of our fascinating history. This beautifully presented volume includes many unpublished photographs.

The college badge, featuring our coat of arms in full colour, is an inexpensive way of showing the world that you are a Simmarian. Our bear sports a white ribbon embroidered with the coat of arms in blue and is produced by one of the world's best-known toy manufacturers. The tie is in blue fabric and features the coat of arms in full colour. Finally, the limited edition blue and white porcelain anniversary mug will brighten any coffee break.

Please complete the order form and post to the Alumni Office, St Mary's College, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, TW1 4SX. Your order should be dispatched within fourteen days of receipt. There may be a surcharge for overseas deliveries, please contact the Alumni Office for further information.

A small number of items from our previous range ('window' ties, letter openers, bags and pen sets) are still available at discounted prices. Please contact the Alumni Office for further details.



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