

the Simmarian

Welcome to this issue of The Simmarian and a special welcome to our new readers who graduated this year.

As you will see, we have changed the format of the magazine to a new compact edition to reflect the changes to national postage charges. We've still managed to pack in all of the regular features along with news about our current staff and students.

In this issue you can read about the latest news on the refurbishment of Walpole House and about our involvement in the 2012 Olympic Games.

We have an interview with Geraldine Davies, the new Head of the School of Education who took up post following the retirement of Professor Pat Wade.

We are in the process of creating a network of

alumni from the School of Education so please complete the form on page 26 if you trained to be a teacher here.

Our range of exclusive alumni merchandise has been expanded and an order form is enclosed with this issue.

I hope that you enjoy reading this issue of The Simmarian. With very best wishes from St Mary's.

*Dr Karen Kendel-Smith
Head of Alumni Services*



A Medal for Pat



At last year's Academic Mass, Bishop George Stack, Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Westminster and Chair of St Mary's University College Governing Body, presented the Pro Ecclesia Medal to Professor Pat Wade who retired as Head of the

School of Education last year.

Pat was an invaluable member of the St Mary's staff who contributed not only to the School of Education but also to the building of the university college community. Professor Wade said, "It has

always been an honour to work at St Mary's and my whole history is wrapped up here. I came to St Mary's as a student in 1969 and, through a series of happy accidents, retired as Head of the School of Education. I hope that I will be able to continue to contribute to St Mary's University College in some way in the years to come."

Oona Stannard, of the Catholic Education Service and one of the university college's Governors, said, "Pat exemplifies the best of living her faith and dedicating her life to others through education. She has been a superb example of selfless service to thousands of people and her passion for Catholic Education continues to shine through. St Mary's University College and the wider Catholic community have benefited enormously from Pat's lifelong contribution to Catholic Education. She has an indomitable spirit that lights up all around her."



Letter from the Principal

The most significant development since I last wrote in the Simmarian is the lease of Walpole House to the Strawberry Hill Trust to enable a £8.9 million restoration project to be undertaken. Work began in late 2007 and the project is due for completion and the House reopened in 2010. It removes from the university college the burden of maintaining a listed building that we could not use for teaching purposes and enables us to invest our resources in much better facilities.

In April 2008 the refurbished and greatly expended refectory opened and planning permission is currently being sought for a project of up to £9 million to build new facilities for the wide range of programmes now offered in the Human Sciences.

I hope that you will find in our alumni magazine a sense of the spirit and optimism that there is on campus as we invest in creating a high-quality environment for our students and staff.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur Naylor".

Dr Arthur Naylor
Principal

University College News

2008 Awards Dinner

St Mary's held its annual Awards Dinner on February 5. The evening was introduced by Dr Michael Hayes, Vice-Principal and following a welcome by the Chair of the Board of Governors, Rt Rev George Stack, the university college Annual Report for 2007 was presented by Dr Arthur Naylor, Principal.

Rt Rev Edwin Regan, Ms Anji Phillips and the Religious of the Assumption were this year's recipients of Honorary Fellowships from the university college.

Honorary Fellowships are conferred on people eminent in their chosen field who have made an outstanding contribution to society.

Rt Rev Edwin Regan, Bishop of Wrexham and President of the National Board of Religious Inspectors and Advisors for a number of years, has been centrally involved in the development of policy on Catholic education as a trustee of the Catholic Education Service.

From 1946-1977 Maria Assumpta College was a co-worker with St Mary's in the education of Catholic teachers and education for the fulfilment of the individual in the service of society is the heart of the work of the Religious of the Assumption.





Ms Anji Phillips is the Director of Education and Children's Services, London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, which in 2007 achieved an outstanding judgment from OFSTED in the Joint Area Review.

Under her directorship a strong partnership model has been developed which has brought the university college into closer working with Richmond upon Thames.

During the evening, student achievements were celebrated and a number of scholarship students spoke about their experiences at St Mary's.

Pennsylvania Link

A high level delegation from De Sales University, Pennsylvania, visited St Mary's earlier this year to further cement the developing relationship between the two academic communities. The Very Reverend Fr. Bernard O'Connor OSFS, President, Dr Karen Doyle Walton, Provost, and other senior officers from De Sales visited the university college to meet staff and students.

Dr Michael Hayes, Vice Principal, said: "This visit is a further step towards strengthening the collaborative arrangements between St Mary's University College and the Catholic universities and Colleges in the United States".

The De Sales visit included a tour of the campus, sampling the lunch menu in the refectory and academic presentations by the Schools. The day formally ended with the official signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the universities, which will enable students to study in the United States for a period of time during their studies. This agreement will also create opportunities for staff exchanges.

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STAFF NEWS

Dr Michael Hayes, former Head of the School of Theology, Philosophy & History, is a new Vice-Principal of St Mary's. Dr Hayes succeeded Professor Dick Fisher, who is concentrating on developing sport in the university college.

Dr Hayes has responsibility for Academic Quality and Registry; International Development; Human Resources Strategy; Marketing; MIS Strategy; Student Services and Widening Participation.

Dr Anthony Towey has been appointed Head of the School of Theology, Philosophy and History.



MARKETING NEWS

The website has been an essential part in ensuring another successful recruitment cycle for St Mary's. We have appointed a Web Content Editor to update the site on a daily basis with news, events and course information using supporting photos taken from our extensive photographic archive.

We have recently commissioned a company to supply a new virtual tour which will go online very shortly.

We have distributed the spring edition of The Gazette, our community newspaper, to over 21,000 homes in and around the local area. A PDF of this can be found in the news section on our website – www.smuc.ac.uk.



We have continued to raise the profile of St Mary's locally, nationally and internationally with the use of targeted advertising and marketing campaigns.

ACADEMIC NEWS

St Mary's Lecturer Advises Hampton Court

Dr Glenn Richardson, Director of History, has joined the Research Advisory Panel at Hampton Court Palace to assist in its preparations to mark the 500th anniversary of the accession of King Henry VIII in April 1509.

Dr Richardson is one of a number of Tudor history experts assisting the curators at Historical Royal Palaces in planning a series of exhibitions and events to be held at Hampton Court throughout 2009.

"This is an exciting and interesting project" said Dr Richardson. "The events planned for 2009 will give people a great opportunity to take a new look at Henry VIII and to really see why he's important for more reasons than just having six wives".

Staff and Students Celebrate with Grenada

Staff and students from the Geography and Tourism departments at St Mary's University College met Formula One racing driver, Lewis Hamilton, when they were guests of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at the Independence Day celebrations to mark Grenada's 34th birthday in February.

The students have completed a wide range of project work that includes research in agriculture, community development, heritage, cultural geography, sports geography and the impact of the cruise industry on the island.

Dr Kevin Cook, Director of Geography, said, "This is the third field visit to Grenada as a part of the Level 3 module 'Field Work in Developing Areas'. It has, once again, been a tremendous success introducing students to a new culture and engaging them in challenging research."



Nutrition Diploma

The Professional Short Course unit at the School of Human Sciences has now been approved as a centre offering courses leading to the qualifications of The Royal Society of the Promotion of Health.

Course will include a Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Nutrition. This is a qualification suitable for people with supervisory responsibilities working in the catering and hospitality industries and others who are in a position to promote healthy nutrition.

The Diploma is also relevant for individuals working in the health, caring or teaching professions who might have a role in the promotion of healthy eating or the preparation of meals, menus and diets. The learning outcomes cover a study of the nutritional requirements for a healthy diet, the effect of food processing and cooking on nutritional content and the effect of diet on health.

Irish Language Grant

The Irish Studies degree has been awarded a grant from the Irish government to promote the teaching of Irish. Early this year, a beginner's class was launched alongside a more advanced option.

Dr Conor Carville, the Director of Irish Studies said that the funding is part of the Irish government's aim to encourage the study of Irish outside Ireland. "St Mary's students will once again have the opportunity to study this fascinating language", he said.



An Interview with Geraldine Davies

In this special feature, Geraldine Davies, Head of the School of Education, shares some of the new directions being taken within the School



Since I took up my post following Professor Pat Wade's retirement, I have found out a great deal about what works well within the School – particularly that the reputation for initial teacher training is outstanding, with a wonderful staff, highly professional, motivated and dedicated.

We are a significant part of St Mary's, as forty percent of the student numbers are within Education, so part of our aim is to raise the profile of Education. To do that we have to enable our staff to become more research focused.

This is not to detract from their primary responsibility, teacher training, but to help develop their own areas of interest.

For the very first time, Education is contributing to the Research Assessment Exercise. I have Dr Lorna Goodwin to thank for drawing together huge amounts of paperwork and driving the process within the school. Lorna and Dr Maureen Glackin are our two most recent PhD successes and they are both very much in the forefront of the process of drawing on research to inform our teaching.

We have already demonstrated expertise in training teachers, so this new shift allows us to offer more to teachers who are already in post. We have bid to the TDA for an additional Masters level qualification. We want to expand the range of Masters courses that we offer for teachers in schools, looking at the development of pedagogy and professional values and practice, and building an MA portfolio, which takes pedagogy as a strong theme, both in the Primary sector and in specific subject areas in the Secondary sector. For example we are developing a PE Masters programme,

building on the strong tradition that St Mary's has with physical education.

We have appointed two new visiting professors. Sir John Rowlings's expertise is in School Leadership and in leading change. He is tasked with raising the standard of GCSE results in a broad spectrum of London schools in this current year. His role within the London Challenge Group of schools is focused on GCSE performance, but the techniques he uses to effect change are applicable to any sector. John has led three days of InService training for our programme and academic directors, and has used some theoretical frameworks for change. He is also working closely with them on a one to one basis, mentoring and supporting them through effecting that change. This provides theoretical expertise running concurrently with their practice, thus making theory of management leadership actually impact on practice.

Our second visiting professor is Professor Paul Clarke whose expertise is mainly in the area of sustainable school improvement, modelling how an institution, and the members of staff within that institution, can implement and develop an improvement agenda, and find the resources and expertise within themselves to make that change. Paul will be working with our own staff, to support them in effecting the changes. We will be modelling, internally, some of the practices that he has been developing out in schools.

We have developed the Retreat, Refresh and Renew programme for serving head teachers. I have come from a secondary headship fairly recently and I know that there has been a great deal of work carried out from the National College for School Leadership, and from the dioceses and local authorities, about preparation for people to take on a headship – and some good support too, offered for people who are new in post.

However, I couldn't find anything that could be appropriate for those who were experienced and successful head teachers, and so we developed the '3Rs' programme, which, at the moment, is aimed specifically at head teachers in Catholic schools. This allows them to spend five flexible days at St Mary's which can be taken in groups, or singly, and booked at very short notice.



We have had six head teachers so far come onto our programme since its inception last September. Participants start by spending a day with either me, or one of the academic directors, and we explore what they want to achieve. We have a pool of staff to draw on to cover most areas of expertise and, in some instances, they may just want an opportunity for time to read and reflect. Many of the participants want time to spend on a spiritual retreat, and Fr Gerry Devlin has provided help and support for this.

There is now also a renewed interest in attracting students from Gibraltar. Gibraltar students have, over the years, formed a very important part of St Mary's. Along with Paula Askew, the Director Outreach and Partnerships, I visited Gibraltar before Christmas where we were wonderfully hosted. We visited two secondary schools, met the Director of Education and one of the advisors, as well as some of the members of the Gibraltarian Simmarian Association. Paula has gone back to their Careers Fair, where a St Mary's stand will be exhibited. We hope to strengthen still further the link that has existed for a very long time between Gibraltar and St Mary's.

There is absolutely nothing in the School of Education that needs fixing. I have a great staff and there is a wonderful working atmosphere. That's a wonderful position to be in and I have Pat Wade to thank for that. She did an outstanding job and the great professional and personal regard in which she is held within the School is really a great credit to her – and I do thank her for all that she has done. I hope I'm able to create the conditions here for an even more exciting future.

Alumni Postbox

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

If you have lost contact with someone we recommend that you look on the Friends Reunited website. Thousands of our former students have registered with the website and this is an excellent way to contact old friends. If you would like advice about how to use Friends Reunited, please contact us and we'll send you a fact sheet.

If you cannot locate the person you wish to contact, we can check our database to see if they have registered with us. As all information is held under the Data Protection Act, we cannot give out the details of former students without their prior consent. However, we can forward stamped mail or contact an individual on your behalf asking them to contact you.

If you wish to contact more than five people, we suggest that you ask to be included in 'Where Are They Now'. Mention that you would welcome contact from former friends and we will forward any messages to you.



Don't forget to tell us if you change your contact details and if you have details of a Simmarian who may not be on our records, please let us know.

St Mary's Careers Service and Simmarians – working together to inspire future generations

Would you like to help us by inspiring future generations of Simmarians about possible career paths? St Mary's Careers Service is looking for Simmarians from all professions and industries to get involved with the Careers Information Exchange Project. We encourage alumni to provide informal careers information and advice about areas of work in which they have experience.

There are many mediums of information exchange from email or phone contact right through to work shadowing and job opportunities. There will also be the chance to take part in alumni careers evenings or to give mini talks or presentations at Careers Fairs such as the Teaching Appointments Fair, the Experience Works Fair, the Sports Careers Forum and the Media Careers Forum.

In the coming year we would like to expand the numbers of alumni taking part in the project. If you would like to find out more about getting involved please contact careers@smuc.ac.uk or call us on **020 8240 4055**. You can also complete the [Alumni Reply Form](#) stating that you would like to participate.

Recent alumni feature on our careers website www.smuc.ac.uk/careers, which features real insights from alumni inspire current students. If you'd like to appear, please contact careers@smuc.ac.uk.

If you would like help and advice regarding your own career options and completed your SMUC course in the last two years, you can join [GradClub](#). Sign up at www.smuc.ac.uk/careers or directly at www.gradclub.co.uk.

ALUMNI NEWS

Maggie Gold (MA Heritage Interpretation, 2000) has co-edited *Olympic Cities*, a book which provides an overview of the changing relationship between host cities and Olympic events from 1896 to 2012. *Olympic Cities* is published by Routledge. Maggie is a course leader in Arts and Heritage Management at a London university.

The 1964-67 Reunion September 7-9, 2007

Over 60 members of our cohort group attended the '40th year of leaving' reunion, along with three former members of staff including; Andrew Sinclair (Education) who was our guest of honour, along with Roy Groves and Bill McLoughlin (both Physical Education), and we were joined by several members of the 1952-54 cohort who were celebrating their annual pilgrimage to St Mary's.

The event began on Friday afternoon with a few earlybirds playing golf at Strawberry Hill Golf Club, supported by a few non-playing friends from the terrace bar of the clubhouse. This was followed by a very sociable drinks reunion session in the SU bar on Friday evening.

A full Saturday programme began in the Pope's Grotto at noon with an afternoon consisting of a tour of traditional Twickenham taverns – a pub crawl with an educational cryptic quiz.

As expected, Saturday evening was the most popular social event, when we were joined by several members of the 1966 first women's intake at St Mary's, who provided dance partner opportunities for the highlight of the evening; the guest appearance of former members of the original college rock band PM Squared. These mature but talented rockers entertained us with all the popular sounds of the sixties numbers well into the night, before a few tired but exhilarated boppers braved the experience of 'Rawalpindi's revenge' in Twickenham.

The Sunday reunion mass was celebrated by our former colleague Canon Robert Plourde, who inspired us with a poignant sermon, and dedications were delivered by Peter Murphy in memory of the thirteen of our known deceased colleagues, along with former Head of PE staff, John Kane, together with a special eulogy by Peter Booth to our former mentor, Joe Jagger, who died last year. After this very moving ceremony we adjourned again to the Pope's Grotto for a final lunch and farewell drinks party, before friends headed off home or back to college for a tour of Walpole House before the renovations began.

In summary, the overall response and turnout to this latest reunion was the best so far in the five events to date with over 120 contacts made out of our total cohort group of nearly 250 individuals, but we are hopeful that we might even surpass this success in the future.

We are currently updating our contact list, and thanks to the efforts of Tony Aitken, we now have the dedicated website at www.simms64.co.uk, which will make it even easier to keep in touch, pass on news and information, as well as develop plans for the possible future reunion event for 45 years of our leaving college, which will coincide with the London 2012 Olympics. Lets all get in training!
Cheers and Best Wishes,
John White and Peter Murphy
Reunion 2007 Coordinators

Forthcoming Reunions

Year group members are automatically sent letters of invitation to their reunion, approximately three months in advance. If you would like a fact sheet about arranging your own reunion, please contact the Alumni Office.

1968-71 Reunion Strawberry Hill

September 5th, 6th, 7th 2008
Black tie and posh frocks!

Sports Report

St Mary's and London 2012



St Mary's University College has been chosen as one of the official venues for Pre-Games Training Camps for the London Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012 and will now seek to attract Olympic teams to train in London in the period leading up to the Games. The university college will be able to help teams prepare in seven sports: Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Fencing, Handball, Indoor Volleyball, and Weightlifting.

St Mary's will also be leading the SW London cluster of organisations for these camps under the umbrella of *Go South Go*, which represents all the local authorities, universities, colleges and many of the sports organizations and bodies in South London.

Professor Dick Fisher, who oversees the development of sport across the university college, said, "We are already a designated high performance centre for sport and the only university in London to host an English Institute of Sport hub-site, so we

were hoping to be in the official prospectus and are delighted to have this confirmed by LOCOG. We are already in contact with several countries and will work with our *Go South Go* colleagues to make a real success of this wonderful initiative. We now have to go into phase two of the process and prepare the detail for our page in the official prospectus, which will be published in time for the Beijing Games".

Gold Medals for Simmarian

Rebecca Romero, a St Mary's Honorary Fellow and former student (1998-02), won two gold medals at the World Track Cycling Championships in Manchester on March 27: one for the women's individual pursuit and one in the women's team pursuit. The wins follow her World Championship women's quad sculls rowing win in 2005, and silver medal in the women's quad event at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

This means that in three years Rebecca has been a World Champion in two different sports, and has become a World Champion in cycling only two years after starting the sport.

"Rebecca is a classy athlete who has worked incredibly hard to become a World Champion in both rowing and cycling," said Andrew Reid-Smith, Director of Sport St Mary's. "With Rebecca's motivation and sheer determination she has a very real chance of following her Olympic silver in rowing with a cycling medal at Beijing."

St Mary's Students at the World University Cross Country Championships

The 16th World University Cross Country Championships took place in Mauquenchy, Northern France on April 6. St Mary's position as the UK Athletics Endurance Performance Centre was reflected in three students being selected to run; a better representation than any other university.



In muddy and difficult conditions, Faye Fullerton took the lead with just 200 metres to go, winning the individual gold and securing victory for the Team GB women's team. With her individual and team medal, Faye now has three World University Cross Country gold medals, having already secured a 1st place with the victorious women's team in the 2004 Championship. Andy Vernon (6th place) and Keith Gerrard (14th place) were the first two finishers for the men's team having completed a 10.8km course in driving snow.

St Mary's wins BUSA Cross Country Championships

St Mary's university college won the overall title at February's BUSA Cross Country Championships in Swansea. Over 1150 students from all over the country competed in this national competition.

This year the Championships took on even more significance with competitors aiming to gain selection for the World University Cross Country Championships. St Mary's role as the UK Athletics Endurance Performance Centre (UK A EPC) was reflected in the strength of the team and leading into the competition expectation was high.

The men's team set the standard for the day with Andy Vernon (European U23 cross country bronze medallist) and Keith Gerrard setting a tough pace for the opposition, gaining 1st and 2nd in the men's 'A' race. Mitch Goose, Tom Boardman and Ben Lindsay finished in 15th, 16th and 18th respectively and Steven Connor in 50th place meaning that with the first 4 runners scoring St Mary's comprehensively won the men's title with 34 points beating Loughborough (89 points), Birmingham (109 points) and Oxford (124 points).

The women's 'A' race saw St Mary's gain another individual title with a classy display from Stephanie Twell (European Junior Cross Country Champion) beating Emily Pidgeon (Loughborough) and Stacey Johnson (Birmingham). Jessica Sparke finished strongly taking 5th place and Rose-Anne Galligan and Linzi Snow finished in 15th and 16th respectively.

Overall the women's team finished in 2nd place on 21 points behind Birmingham (15 points) and beating Loughborough (29 points).

Bertie Powell ran bravely in the men's 'B' race setting a difficult pace throughout the race and summoning the will and determination to hold onto 2nd place. Overall the men's 'B' team finished in a creditable 3rd place behind Loughborough and Birmingham. Andrew Reid-Smith said, "I was incredibly impressed by the ability of the athletes, their motivation to achieve, the way they supported each other and represented the university college.

The presence of Mick Woods and Craig Winrow, coaches from the UK A EPC, was tremendously beneficial and appreciated by the students."

St Mary's Student is World Deaf Squash Champion



Student, **Jamie Mathews**, won the World Deaf Squash Championships held in Cape Town, South Africa last November. Jamie, who is studying PE in the Community/Sports Science, defeated England teammate and former champion, Philip Thomas, to secure the title. A combination of ruthless play from Mathews and unforced errors from Thomas decided the match. Jamie, 21, was also a member of the England team that won the team event, overcoming Australia, South Africa, Scotland and Holland.

He started playing squash at the age of four and had a very active involvement in junior squash tournaments around the country. He now plays in Division 1 Surrey Cup and in Division 1 for Surrey, Middlesex and Sussex teams and has also played for the Surrey County Men's 1st Team.

[More sports news overleaf >](#)

Famous Former Athletes at St Mary's

Sebastian Coe and **Wendy Sly** were the surprise guests at the National Junior Endurance Performance Camp at St Mary's last year. Around 80 of the best young runners in the country attend the week long camp, which is sponsored by the London Marathon, and were treated to a question and answer session based on how these two famous former athletes shaped their careers.

Participants also enjoyed video footage of some of Lord Coe's greatest races whilst he gave a commentary as some of the races unfolded.

Professor Dick Fisher said, "It was an inspirational session for coaches and athletes alike and, in Seb's case, was fitted in with a very tight schedule of meetings for his daytime job – organising the Olympic Games".



St Mary's to Host Skills Academy

St Mary's university college is one of nine Universities selected by the *Youth Sport Trust* to host and organise the new Regional Multi Skills Academies. These are part of a pilot scheme which aims to give gifted and talented children the opportunity to attend a large scale event and gain expert coaching and guidance.

Local students from Richmond (Whitton) Schools Sport Partnership and Richmond College will gain leadership experience alongside more experienced university students. Teachers and practitioners will have a training day on how to develop talented youngsters and aid their development.

MARATHON NEWS

Dr Glyn Howatson and his MSc student, **Jess Hill**, collected data from a group of 18 volunteers competing at this year's London Marathon. The aim of the study was to examine how effective consumption of a cherry juice before and after the Marathon could aid in recovery. Cherries have a naturally high concentration of anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidative properties which may be of benefit in recovery from activities like the Marathon. The findings may have implications for the management dozens of clinical pathologies that have an element of oxidative and/or inflammatory stress.

Volunteers, many of whom were former students, worked on the study on the day of the marathon.

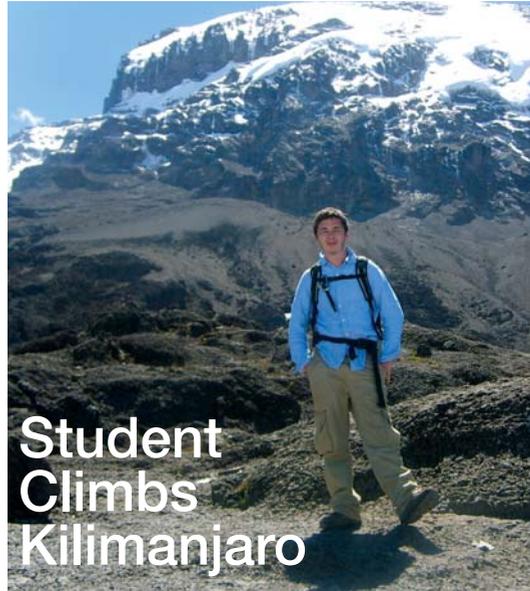
Dr Howatson said, "Interestingly, there is little or no information of how individuals respond to the Marathon with regard to muscle damage, inflammation, oxidative stress, immune response. We aim to start plugging this gap in knowledge; the data from this investigation will provide us with a global picture of the implications of such an arduous endurance task and of course whether cherry juice may help to reduce the negative effects of ultra-endurance exercise and perhaps have implications for more life threatening clinical pathologies."

Lecturer Rita Moustakim ran the Beirut Marathon in November. Rita ran the marathon to raise funds for *Education Action International*, a charity working in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East to improve access to quality education for refugees and people affected by conflict. The charity supports teacher development, literacy and advocacy training programmes as well as providing refugees and asylum seekers with education advice and training in the UK.

Tim Holder of the School of Human Sciences, ran the New York Marathon in November, raising money for *The Prostate Cancer Charity*. Tim crossed the finish line in Central Park after 4 hours and 18 minutes. The New York marathon attracts two million spectators and 315 million television viewers worldwide. Tim, whose father battled with this form of cancer, was delighted to have taken part.



The London Marathon



Chris Pavitt, a student studying Law and Psychology, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro for the charity *Camps International* last year. *Camps International* primarily helps with bio diversity and rehabilitation projects in certain parts of Africa.

During the climb, Chris suffered from acute mountain sickness which manifested itself in severe headaches and hallucinations.

Chris said, "How do you ready yourself to climb the tallest free-standing mountain in the world? All you can do is overcome the challenges that are put in front of you, or the challenges you put in front of yourself."

"A trip like this is a life changing experience, and certainly had an impact on my life and the way I think about things. On the way back down I had time to reflect on the trials I had faced and what I learnt about myself when forced into those moments of fight or flight".

The money donated to *Camps International* helped fund projects to provide African children with a safer, more stable future. For more information please see www.campsinternational.com or email cpavitt@hotmail.com.

Alumni Associations and Clubs

Liverpool Simmarian Club

The Annual Mass for deceased members of the Club was celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Saturday 24th November 2007. Father Alex Fleming (44/46), Club Chaplain and Father Godric Timney OSB (70/71) concelebrated the Mass assisted by Deacon Gerald Marsh (44/46).

Father Alex paid tribute to six of the club's recently deceased members: John Cummins (54/56), Brian Fowler (63/66), Austin Hughes (43/45), Joseph Harrington Hunt (45/47), Joe McKeating (59/62) and Gerry O'Brien (54/56).

Forty six members and wives dined in the Gibberd Room within the Cathedral building. This was a highly successful occasion and relatives of the deceased were entertained as special guests of the Liverpool Simmarian Club. We were very pleased to welcome to the lunch Des Cunningham (40/42) returning to his native Liverpool to visit old friends. Des won the accolade for the oldest Simmarian present!

On the 3rd December 2007, John Paschal Malone (54/56), our President, died peacefully in hospital surrounded by his family. College contemporaries and all those of his many friends will remember his bubbling enthusiasm, his love for Simmaries and his tremendous pride in serving as President of the Liverpool Simmarian Club. His Requiem Mass at St Anne's Ormskirk was so packed with mourners that the church was unable to house them. Fifteen priests concelebrated, a tribute to his lifelong service to the Church, to Catholic Education and in particular his contribution to matters liturgical and musical.

At our recent AGM, Gerry Wright (52/54) was installed as the new President. Gerry and his College contemporaries will, in September, meet at Strawberry Hill for their 54th Simmarian Reunion.

Our College Feast Day Mass and Christmas lunch continues to be one of the highlights of our year. Twenty two members attended, all in good voice, in good heart and by the meal's conclusion, in very good spirits.

The Liverpool Simmarian Club continues to meet on the last Thursday of each month at The West Lancashire Golf Club.

Geoff Farrell

North Eastern Simmarian Association



The North Eastern Association continues to meet each month at the Sea Hotel, South Shields and on alternate months at the Hardwicke Hall Manor Hotel, Blackhall. The luncheons are well attended and have proved very popular over the years.

Mass for deceased Simmarians was offered by Fr M Cairns at St Joseph's Parish Church, Blackhall on Thursday November 29, 2007.

G Coleman

Manchester and Salford Simmarian Association

The Manchester and Salford Simmarian Association was formally disbanded in September 2007. This decision was taken after our annual Mass and reunion which was attended by over thirty Simmarians and wives. Once again, Canon Tony Dorran and Father Francis Austin concelebrated and our debt to them has been incalculable.

The decision to disband did not come lightly. Our Association was formed in 1907 and it was felt that if closure had to come then the centenary seemed an appropriate occasion. We from this part of Lancashire are justly proud of our loyalty to our Alma Mater. So many of our Catholic population have been influenced by great Simmarian teachers. That will be the legacy of this once thriving association.

Kevin Madden

Ontario

Anthony (Tony) Hegarty (1951-53) the 'President-for-Life' of the Ontario Branch of the Simmarian Union has died following a brief battle with cancer. He served as an elementary school principal for many years in Toronto and taught in Catholic schools in England and Toronto for a total of fifty years.

He was instrumental in organizing a number of Simmarian reunions.

Gibraltar

At the 13th Annual General Meeting of the Gibraltar Simmarian Society held in June 2007, the following members were elected to the Committee :
President: Vincent Latin JP; Vice President: Albert A Traverso; Hon Secretary: Anthony Teuma; Hon Treasurer: John R Norton.

The newly-formed committee decided that every Gibraltar student who had gone to St Mary's is entitled to become a member of the Gibraltar Simmarian Society and an up to date list was duly compiled. All members were issued with a Membership Card and a letter outlining the Committee's aims and programme for the year 2008. A very successful reunion in honour of Our Lady was held on the 6th December, 2007 at the Mediterranean Rowing Club. This was the 13th Annual Dinner held and it was very well attended. We were honoured with the attendance of former lecturer Michael Murname and his wife Meg and also by our very own Simmarian Minister for Education and Mayor of Gibraltar Clive Beltran and his wife Sylvia. A record number of prizes, donated by local firms, were raffled towards the end of the evening and the money collected (just under £200) was donated to the 1/4th Scout Group (£50) and to the Gibraltar Community Association (£100).

Thank you ... to all those who contributed to the 2007 Simmarian Magazine Appeal. Listed below are the donors who indicated that they were happy for us to acknowledge their donation. We would also like to thank all of the donors who wished to remain anonymous.

Beeby, Richard	Kemp, Peter
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Chaplaincy at St Mary's



The beginning of a new academic year is always extremely busy as the Chaplaincy team establish a presence on the campus. Our aim is to inform new students of the Chaplaincy groups and activities, as well as the outreach programmes which are available. We are delighted with the positive response from students who are participating in the various Chaplaincy groups and taking part in the Ministry of Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan and Musicians. It is wonderful to see so many students taking the opportunity to give of their time freely in serving the needs of others.

The students have been busy fundraising for worthwhile causes since the beginning of the academic year and a group of students raised money for the Mustard Seed community in Zimbabwe. The evening included music, information regarding the work of the community and a fashion evening. It was a truly multicultural event and involved a large number of students and staff who raised over £1200. The Simms Lourdes group were very busy fundraising to raise money which enabled us to sponsor children with learning difficulties to travel with the HCPT pilgrimage at Easter. The Simms Lourdes group raised £1300 and Group 181, which is associated with the university college, expressed their heartfelt thanks for all the money which was raised by the students.

The Chaplaincy has been working closely with the Shooting Star Hospice in Hampton to raise funds which will help with the care of young people who are terminally ill. Along with a third year student, Jason Arday, we organised a football tournament which involved over 100 students and members of the local community. The evening raised £1200 and it also heightened the profile of the Hospice on campus and the great work which volunteers and staff undertake each week. We also invited volunteers from the Hospice to bring along a car which was being raffled locally to raise funds and, on the day, students sold over £500 worth of tickets.

During the Season of Lent we organised a Lenten Appeal which raised £1900 and the money was donated to Project Life which is co-ordinated by Sr Dee Smith, a former student in Guatemala. The centre aims to provide education in the prevention of AIDS as well as diagnostic and community services for people living with HIV/AIDS. We also gave money to the Lima School Project in Peru, which is developing a school for young disadvantaged children whose families are unable to afford full time education. After two years of successful fundraising this school is opening after Easter and so far have signed up 120 children.

The Chaplaincy team organised a Lenten Retreat for students at Cumberland Lodge, Great Windsor Park from the 28th February until 2nd March 2008. The weekend involved self exploration, prayer and reflection on the Easter gospels. The retreat concluded with a Service in the Royal Chapel in the presence of the Queen and Prince Philip.

We organised a Memorial Mass in the University College Chapel for Frankie Marzetti, a second year student who sadly died from cystic fibrosis early in the New Year. We were joined by members of Frankie's family and her close friends. During the academic year there has been Silent Meditation in the Crypt every Tuesday and the RCIA group has continued to meet weekly as students prepare for reception into the life of the Catholic Church. The students took part in the Rite of Election at Westminster Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent.

Throughout the year Mass is celebrated in the University College Chapel and in the Crypt every day. There is a multi faith Prayer Room situated

below the main University College Chapel which has private washing facilities and is used regularly by a small number of students. During the academic year we organise liturgies when staff and students come together to celebrate in the University College Chapel, these include the Academic Mass, the Feast Day Mass, Penitential Services, the Christmas Carol Concert and the liturgies which are celebrated in the University College Chapel during Holy Week and Easter. This year we were joined by a good number of students who remained on campus during the Easter holidays.

The Assistant Chaplain, Mrs Rebecca Walker, gave birth to a baby girl Molly on the 28th December 2007. In Rebecca's absence we are delighted to welcome David Wheat as the temporary Assistant Chaplain. David was Assistant Director of the Walsingham House Residential Youth Centre based in Canvey Island, Essex. David had recently worked with the Diocese of Westminster at the SPEC Centre in London Colney. He has contributed a great deal to the work of the Chaplaincy since the beginning of the New Year.



Catherine Hughes, the leader of the music group, became the Ty Ga Karate World Champion at the Championships which were held in the Excel Centre, London, at the end of October 2007. Catherine won two gold medals in the Kata and Cumite disciplines and she is also part of the British team. Catherine contributes so much to our community as leader of the music group, senior resident and Vice President of the men's rugby league team.

The Chaplaincy is always looking at ways of enhancing the student experience at St Mary's and aiming for greater involvement of staff and students in serving the needs of others. Our aim is to maintain and develop the distinctive identity of St Mary's and its ethos as a Church university college. The Chaplaincy is committed to facilitating personal development through a vibrant sacramental life, retreats, discussions, prayer groups, spiritual direction and mutual support. As a team we will continue to encourage students to engage with the up-building of our own community and the local community, as the outreach programmes and Chaplaincy groups complement the academic life of the students at St Mary's.

For further information on Chaplaincy groups and activities please take time to look at the website www.smuc.ac.uk/chaplaincy

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.

We welcome full obituaries from friends and relatives of former students and members of staff. These are retained in our archives where they are available to anyone who wishes to read them.

John Adamson 1940-42
Anna Bowers 2002-06
John Brennan 1956-59
Peter Cassidy 1957-60
Hugh Colton 1943-45
Tony De Souza 1964-67
Major Sir John Francis Etienne 1938-40
Brian Fowler 1961-64
Joseph Gallagher 1951-53
Anthony Hegarty 1951-53
Patrick Hill 1934-36
George Howard 1949-51
Tom Jose 1945-47
John Kirby 1947-49
Albert Lomax 1943-45
Frankie Marzetti 2006-07

John Malone 1954-56
Gerry Mason 1952-54
Edward McAllister 1936-38
Br. J McDermott 1947-49
Gerard McGoldrick 1936-38
Joseph McKeating 1959-62
Michael McLaughlin 1934-37
James McNamee 1956-58
Robert MacSweeney 1961-64
Rory Moore 1944-46
Thomas O'Riley 1937-39
John Passman 1944-46
Colin Rowan 1949-51
Philip Stuart 1966-69
Geraldine Turner 1976-79
Bernard Williams 1954-56

† Staff

Paul Donovan
John Frost
John Kane
Sheila Kent
John Raynes

100 years ago

Changes made by the authorities have been well received, notably the appearance of cocoa at the supper table, the extension of optional teas to Sundays and the big all round improvement in the food.

'The Simmarian' Christmas 1908

75 years ago

Early in the year a most interesting lecture was given in the Smokeroom on the use of the talkie in elementary education and it was illustrated by sound pictures. We all spent a most entertaining and profitable evening.

'The Simmarian' June 1933

50 years ago

'We have this year eight women students...they come and go and one hardly notices them around the place. I doubt if it would ever happen that we would open our doors to women students equally with men.'

'The Simmarian Newsletter' December 1958

25 years ago

Student life follows the usual pattern, but it is modified by the severe economic climate. Money is scarce and overdrafts are becoming bigger and bigger.

*'The Simmarian Newsletter'
Spring 1983*

Strawberry Hill Overseas and Community Concern (SHOCC)



We've done it!

After many months of negotiations with the Charity Commission and with a local bank, the successful birth of Strawberry Hill Overseas and Community Concern can be officially announced. We now have a charity number – 1120787 – and our own bank account. It's all very exciting and not a little frightening but it will open up all sorts of opportunities for us.

Thanks to great work by Elizabeth Byrne Hill, we have received our first major donation of £3000. We are immensely grateful to the Sir Harold Hood Charitable Trust for this kind donation to our work. The money has already been sent, in its entirety, to fund the building of Chekereni Secondary School in Tanzania and building began in Easter week. This will be the second school SHOCC has helped to get started in the Moshi area, under Mount Kilimanjaro. Our first is Orkolili.

The Orkolili story is an interesting one. The Secondary School was founded in 2002 by a

teacher who sold her family house to establish the school. She purchased a small piece of land from the Maasai tribal elders in the area and was given permission to start a school. Her first eight pupils ate and slept in her unfinished house and studied amongst building materials, waiting for a classroom to be completed.

This is where SHOCC came in. Through the initiative of Elizabeth Byrne Hill, one of our Trustees, sufficient funds were raised to build four girls' dormitories and a flat for a matron. This enabled the girls who had been sleeping in the classroom to move into more appropriate accommodation. It also freed up the classroom as teaching space.

A group of St Mary's Level 3 Community Drama students were present at the official opening of the dormitories. Laura Beagle, one of the students, summed the occasion up when she said, "the opening ceremony was a very emotional occasion.

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SHOCC Continued ...

We all felt moved by the gratitude of the African students”.

St Mary's IT department generously gave time to clean up computers to be sent to J.K.Nyrere School (also in Moshi) and Mayfield School, Sussex (working with SHOCC) has donated 240 excellent science text books.

There are now over 100 children studying at Orkolili – children who would not otherwise have seen the inside of a secondary school. Of course this is not the end. Orkolili's plans for the future are ambitious but SHOCC will, with your support, achieve them. We would like to construct and resource physics and a chemistry laboratories at a total cost of just over £16,000 and to construct a boys' dormitory at a cost of around £12,000. No government funds are available at present but the school passed its first inspection in January 2007 and there is some hope that teachers' salaries will be funded at some date in the future. We look forward to the day when graduate teachers from St Mary's will join these schools for the experience of a lifetime – and to provide some assistance to the hard-pressed teachers!

In her letter of thanks to us the head teacher wrote, 'I would like to assure you that your donation was like a glass of water on a parched tongue. It was highly appreciated, dear friends, and may God bless you abundantly.'

Since I last wrote in the last issue, we have received a letter from one of our other projects. Sister Rebecca Janacek is working many miles north of Marigat in the Kenyan Rift Valley. She was able to return to Nairobi during the recent disturbances but is now back helping to improve the livelihoods of the local semi-nomadic Pokot people. She has managed to drill two boreholes and equip them with solar-powered pumps and heavy-duty water tanks. Lack of water is a major problem in this very dry part of Kenya.

The nearby Barpello High School has just finished its first year and 42 students have completed their first year of studies.

It was in Barpello that Sister Dee Smith (now running another SHOCC project in Guatemala) was responsible for the construction of ten primary schools. Readers of earlier magazines will remember SHOC helping fund water tanks for each of these schools. The Barpello secondary school have developed from these ten schools. I was able to visit the school in 2007 and it is a most impressive witness to the work of the Church in that area. I shall also be visiting Dee with a party of geography teachers in the summer of 2008 and I will be able to report back on her latest achievements in the next edition of the Simmarian.

I cannot end this report on donations received during the year without mentioning Rik Mellor. Rik is a member of staff in the School of Human Sciences at St Mary's and in the summer of 2007 he and a friend cycled from John O'Groats to Lands End. They very kindly selected SHOCC as one of the charities they would support and donated several hundred pounds to our work.

This summer (2008) they have set themselves an equally daunting challenge – to swim every lake in the Lake District that is over 1km in length. There are 16 such lakes and the total distance is nearly 60 miles.

Rik has a web site that provides information about the cycle ride and it will be possible to support his Lake District swimming challenge on line. Details may be found on www.johnngoat.com Why not support SHOCC by following his challenge and contributing to our work at the same time?

I end this note about SHOCC by inviting you to contribute in another way. Cheques, made payable to SHOCC, can be sent to me here at St Mary's. If you are a taxpayer, we can obtain a further 28% from the Inland Revenue. Simply attach a letter to your donation stating that you are a taxpayer and we will reclaim the 28%. All of your donation will go towards a SHOCC project.

Although I officially retire in August 2008 having reached the grand old age of 65, I will continue to look after SHOCC's day to day work from the university college. As they say, 'Once a Simmarian, always a Simmarian'.

Dr Kevin Cook
SHOCC Trustee

Developing Opportunities

International expansion

St Mary's is strengthening links with a wide range of overseas institutions with a view to increasing the number of students taking part in exchange programmes and the recruitment of more overseas students. The university college has recently appointed a Head of International Office who will be working to put St Mary's on the world map. Amongst a range of collaborative arrangements are links between St Mary's and Catholic universities and colleges in the USA.

Popularity continues

Meanwhile UK recruitment continues to be strong and the popularity of the university college is clear. New foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate programmes continue to develop in response to changing trends in application patterns and student interests.

The new 2009 undergraduate prospectus outlines expansion in the areas of Drama and a new Foundation degree in Healthcare Studies and there are new postgraduate programmes in the fields of Sport and Education.

Postgraduate Opportunities

St Mary's offers an increasing number of postgraduate programmes as well as primary and secondary PGCEs. All programmes are offered on a part time basis allowing participants to combine work and study while some are attended full time by those who want a more intensive programme.

Recommending St Mary's

We know that recommendation is a very important way for people to find out about St Mary's – so you are very valuable to us! You may be a teacher who could tell your students about us – we can provide you with posters, leaflets and open day information.

You may also wish to discuss the possibility of you and your students visiting us. You may know someone who is interested in coming to St Mary's to study or you may be interested in returning to St Mary's for postgraduate study.

If you can help us spread the word or would like any more information about our programmes of study, please contact the recruitment team on **020 8240 2314**.

Undergraduate Open Days

Potential students and their families and friends are very welcome to visit, tour the campus and find about the courses and facilities at one of the Open Day this Autumn.

Saturday	13 September
Wednesday	29 October
Wednesday	5 November (Open Evening)

Visitors should book on **020 8240 2314** or through the website www.smuc.ac.uk

Creative Writing MA

St Mary's University College is offering a new postgraduate programme in Creative Writing Studies – Creative Writing: the Community.

Students will be able to choose whether to enrol for a Postgraduate Certificate (2 taught modules), Diploma (4 taught modules), or an MA (4 taught modules plus a Portfolio of Creative Work with an accompanying critical dissertation), and may study full or part-time (normally one year or up to three years, respectively).

The programme will be of interest to those who wish to develop their own creative writing skills whilst increasing their ability to enable others to write effectively in a variety of social and educational contexts. It will be valuable for freelance writers, teachers, and those with undergraduate degrees in related subjects who wish to make writing, and the teaching of creative writing, part of their career.

For further information visit www.smuc.ac.uk/Courses/Postgraduate/Creative-Writing-Studies or contact **Professor Robyn Bolam**
Tel **020 8240 4119** Email bolamr@smuc.ac.uk

Where Are They Now?

1930's

Tom Byatt (1938-40) lives in Stoke on Trent. He would like to hear from friends from his years in College.

Charles Smith (1936-38) is a retired head teacher. He lives in Liverpool.

1940's

Anthony Duckett (1943-45) lives in Alberta Canada.
Thomas Johnson (1946-48) is a retired head teacher living in Surrey.

1950's

Peter Collins (1950-52) taught in schools in South London and in Clevedon until his retirement.

Gerald McBride (1959-61) retired after thirty eight years teaching; sixteen of those as a head teacher. He lives in Liverpool and has seven grandchildren.

John Lodge (1959-61) retired in 1992. He is recovering from a stroke and lives in Leeds.

Pat Morgan (1950-52) taught in Zimbabwe and South Africa. He would like to hear from old friends from college.

Harry Oliver (1957-59) taught mainly in Canada. He now lives in Durham.

Evarist Saliba (1957-58) worked for the Foreign Service of Malta and also headed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Brian Shelley (1959-63) retired after forty years teaching Science in London. He now provides private tuition and lives in Amersham.

1960's

Chris Boyle (1961-64) lives in British Columbia and is happy to hear from old friends.

Kathleen Brennan (nee Chapman) (1967-70) taught in a number of primary schools and now runs three holiday cottages in East Devon.

Vincent Gunn (1965-68) is a retired head of PE living in Middlesbrough. His interests include playing the guitar and the study of French.

John Kennedy (1965-68) lives in Swindon. He enjoys motorcycling, photography and home brewing.

Frank McMahon (1966-69) retired after twenty five years of headship. He is a freelance consultant and lives in Bedford.

Francis Morton (1964-67) lives in Bradford and enjoys travelling, particularly to the USA.

Kevin Mullen (1967-70) retired to Dorset in 2006. He is a retired head teacher and also taught TEFL in a variety of countries.

Eileen Rigg (nee Dolan) (1966-69) taught Music in schools for many years and now teaches privately. She lives in Stockport.

Roger Skelton (1965-68) spent thirty nine years teaching and retired last year. He lives in Blackburn.

Chris Whitfield (1964-68) is the Principal of a school in Bangkok.

1970's

Paul Batley (1973-76) has been teaching in Western Canada since 1980. He volunteers of a number of organisations including Victim Services and the local adult hockey team.

Richard Hayes (1978-81) teaches in a referral unit. He lives in Cheadle and would be happy to hear from anyone from his era.

Vivienne Holland (nee McGee) (1974-78) completed her Masters in 1998. She now lives and works in Merseyside and welcomes contact from old friends.

Christopher Holmes (1972-73) taught before completing his PhD and is an engineering research manager. He lives in Clitheroe.

Michael Lynch (1972-76) taught in Zambia, Kenya, Saudi Arabia and Brunei. He has been teaching in Ipswich since 1989 and is married with two children.

Veronica McCoy (nee de Bruce) (1974-77) lives in Fiji. She moved from teaching to staff development and now works as a consultant. She would like to hear from Simmarians in Fiji or Vanuatu.

John McSweeney (1977-79) has lived in Australia for twenty six years and works at a Catholic high school. He enjoys keeping fish and fishing and would be happy to hear from anyone who remembers him.

Mauria Nash (nee Clarke) (1978-81) moved to Australia in 1986. She would love to hear from former students from her year.

Brendan Nolan (1971-72) is a Parish Priest in Wexford. He would be pleased to hear from anyone who remembers him.

Peter Norrie (1976-80) taught until 1982 then studied for an MBA. He has worked in the City of London for over 20 years and now works for a large Dutch bank.

Edmund O'Callaghan (1977-80) is a retired teacher living in Henlow Village. He now plans to travel as much as possible.

Nicky Woodroffe (nee Wagstaffe) (1979-83) lives just outside Cambridge and has been teaching at her current school for twenty years. She has two daughters.

1980's

Jane Bruder (1984-88) lives in West Oxfordshire and works as a university Reader Services librarian. She would love to hear from anyone who remembers her.

Wendy Freeman (1987-90) is Human Resources Director of a marine environmental company in the Caribbean which she set up with her husband **Dr Steven Freeman (1991-94)**.

Roger Horton (1987-90) has lived in Texas since 1999. He is married with two children and is Managing Director of Shipping Brokerage for a PLC.

Joseph Keating (1987-88) lives in China where he is a teacher at an international school.

Marco Matchiori (1987-90) is a police officer. He lives in Southampton with his wife and step-son and trains new recruits into the constabulary.

Philip Mulcahy (1983-86) is a teacher and lives in Bournemouth.

Daniel O'Donnell (1985-88) is the Operations Director for a corporate security company. He splits his time between London and the Middle East.

Kathryn Smith (nee Roberts) (1982-85) is married with three boys. She lives in Neath and is a lecturer in Business Studies.

Tracey Smith (nee Needs) (1982-86) teaches Music at junior schools in Hounslow and Richmond.

Edward Turner (1989-93) owns a security business and lives in Reading. Anyone who remembers him (and his disco dancing) please get in touch.

Sian Williams (nee Smith) (1980-83) worked in Personnel for fifteen years then retrained to work in early years education. She lives in Egham and is married with two boys.

1990's

Isaac Benrinoj (1992-96) lives in Gibraltar where he is a teacher.

Eleanor Bell (nee Mooney) (1994-97) is married to Simmarian **Andrew Bell** and they live in Brighton. Eleanor works for the Brighton and Hove Economic Partnership.

Elizabeth Carvell (1991-95) is the deputy head teacher of a primary school in Devon.

Darren Collinson (1990-93) is an insurance branch manager in Abu Dhabi. He is married and has a daughter.

Tina Foley (1996-00) is Head of Performing Arts at a Catholic school. She lives in Swindon.

Laura Hunt (1998-01) lives in Surrey and is a make up artist specialising in independent fight films.

Fiona McCann (1990-94) is a primary school principal living in Derry. She would love to hear from anyone who knows her.

John Metcalfe (1993-96) lives in Sicily and lectures in Ancient History after gaining his doctorate.

Kerry Morris (nee Gordon) (1993-96) coaches gymnastics. She lives in Newmarket and has three children. She would love to hear from anyone who knows her.

James Mudie (1993-98) lives in Switzerland. He is Fundraiser and Projects Manager for an environmental charity.

Rebecca Own (nee Norman) (1994-97) is a pensions administrator. She lives in Clevedon and is married to Simmarian, **Gareth Owen**.

Dan Piggott (1995-98) is General Manager for a healthcare company. He is married with one son.

Christian Richards (1994-98) has his own company specialising in architectural design and property development. He welcomes contact from anyone who remembers him.

Donna Shoulder (nee Gregory) (1996-00) lives near Croydon and is married with four children. She would love to hear from anyone who remembers her.

David Simmonds (1995-98) is a senior analyst with Thames Valley Police. He lives in Oxford.

Where Are They Now?

Continued ...

Sarah-Jane Smith (1990-94) is the head teacher of a primary school. She lives in Lincolnshire and would love to hear from friends from St Mary's.

Kate Vincent (1998-01) lives in Brighton. She is a production manager working in television production.

Laura Witham (nee McMenemy) (1998-01) is a Scenes of Crime Officer for Sussex Police. She lives in Burgess Hill.

2000's

Judy Buckley (2002-05) lives in Cork and works as a community health worker.

Elizabeth Crumpton (2002-05) is a jewellery buyer for a major shopping channel. She lives in Purley and is travelling this year.

David Gardiner (2000-03) married Simmarian, **Sarah Roberts** in 2006. He is training for the priesthood in the Church of England and the couple live in Cambridge.

Chris Jowett (2004-05) lives in Horley and is a primary school teacher.

Jenna Luiten (2003-06) is taking a masters in Sport and Exercise Psychology and lives in Cornwall.

Naomi Pietersen (2000-04) lives in London and is a community projects co-ordinator.

Elizabeth Raven (2001-04) is a drama teacher at a high school in Essex. She lives in Southend on Sea.

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

If you wish to contact anyone who is featured in the magazine, please write to the [Alumni Office](#) or email kendelk@smuc.ac.uk. As all information is held under the Data Protection Act we cannot give out the details of former students without their prior consent. However, we can forward stamped mail or contact an individual on your behalf asking them to contact you.

Walpole House – the restoration begins



Walpole House has been handed over to the Strawberry Hill Trust on a 125 year lease. The Trust, which is formed of a number of experts in the management of restoration projects, will be masterminding a £8.2 million restoration project. Lottery funding was obtained, along with donations from individuals and other sources. Although the Trust is independent from St Mary's; it will work closely with the university college during the restoration programme.

Walpole House was the home of the Vincentian priests who taught at the university college from the



1920's until the mid 1990's. "If the house had not been lived in for so many years, the original features of the building might have been destroyed," said Dr Arthur Naylor. "Over the years St Mary's prioritised maintaining the exterior of the building from the elements, which has made the restoration project possible."

The house was registered as a building at risk by English Heritage in 1996, and in 2004 was included on the World Monuments Watch List of 100 Most Endangered Sites. In 2004 it was featured on the BBC2 programme Restoration. "Other buildings on the programme were in ruins and I feel that viewers didn't vote for the House to be restored because it looked in good order," said Dr Naylor. "The time is now right to restore the House and make it more accessible to the public."

The restoration programme includes necessary structural repairs and renewal of services, the conservation of the remarkable historic fabric, including a unique collection of renaissance glass, and the restoration of exterior features. The garden will also be restored to something reminiscent of Walpole's original design.

The lease was transferred to the Strawberry Hill Trust in September 2007 and Walpole House will fully reopen in 2010. The interior of the house will be open to the public and to specialist groups.

"Walpole House will be a heritage centre with a

strong educational dimension", said Dr Naylor.

"Space will be leased to create an Education Room and discussions are taking place as to how we, as a university college, can bring a stronger educational dimension. One third of our students are on teacher training programmes and the School of Education will work with the Trust's Education Officer and with local primary schools to develop teaching and learning initiatives."

The university college also plans to develop specialist courses, conferences and degree programmes which are related to the House. A new history module which studies the life and work of Horace Walpole and the creation of the House is currently being developed. Due to be taught for the first time in 2009, the module begins with a survey of the life of Horace Walpole, his family, education, circle of friends and the origins of his interest in Enlightenment thought. "The module is one of several ways we are planning to allow the history students at St Mary's to use the resources of the then renovated house to enhance their learning," said Dr Glenn Richardson, Deputy Head of the School of Theology, Philosophy, and History.

Tours of Walpole House will run until September this year and then the House will be closed until 2010. For more information, or to arrange a private tour, please call **0870 626 0402**, or email strawberrytour@btinternet.com

Did you train to be a teacher at St Mary's?



If you completed your teacher training at St Mary's we want to hear from you.

The School of Education wants to develop a database of the career paths of former education students. This database will provide a research base for the effectiveness of St Mary's training over the years. How many of our past students have gone on to become curriculum post holders, pastoral leaders, assistant heads, deputy heads and head teachers? How many have remained in the profession for longer than 5,10,15 years? What interesting stories do they have to tell and what lessons can we learn in the School of Education for our current and future training programmes?

If you would like to help us with this research please complete this form and return it to [Dr Karen Kendel-Smith, Head of Alumni Services, St Mary's University College, Twickenham, TW1 4SX](mailto:karen.kendel-smith@smuc.ac.uk)

If you would like to display a flyer in your staffroom or circulate to friends who trained with you at St Mary's, please contact us.

School of Education Database

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Previous positions held

(please include school and dates if possible)



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