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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

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## MESSAGE FROM VICE PRINCIPAL DR CLAIRE TAYLOR



I am delighted to have the opportunity to welcome readers to this edition of the Simmarian and to introduce myself as one of the newest members of St Mary's staff.

I joined St Mary's on 1st September 2012 as Vice Principal (Students and External Relations), having been at Bishop Grosseteste University College Lincoln in a variety of roles since 2002.

I was attracted to the role at St Mary's because of the clear commitment shown to a rounded education for our students and because of the ambition St Mary's has to be a flourishing and successful institution, with a distinctive identity in the new Higher Education environment.

Over my first few months it has been a privilege to get to know many aspects of life at St Mary's and I have learned to appreciate how important the sense of community is here at St Mary's. I have particularly enjoyed working with the Students' Union to improve student representation and put the student voice at the heart of SU activity; an ongoing project that will continue to develop over the coming year. In addition, I am working with colleagues across a range of Schools and Departments to look at how we can further improve the quality and accessibility of learning opportunities on offer to our students, building upon the already very high levels of student satisfaction we achieve in the National Student Survey.

As this term comes to a close, I would very much like to invite all alumni, as important members of the St Mary's community, to the Feast Day Mass and Dinner next Friday, 7th December at 5.00pm in the University College Chapel. Please confirm your attendance with Caroline Cole, Assistant Chaplain, on email: [caroline.cole@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:caroline.cole@smuc.ac.uk) or call 020 8240 4002.

**Dr Claire Taylor**  
Vice Principal

## 'Hello' from the New Assistant Chaplain



My name is Caroline and I'm the new Assistant Chaplain at St Mary's. I started in October and it's been a busy but enjoyable start, getting to know students and staff and arranging events such as the Interfaith dialogue and charity carol singing.

I'm new to London as well as St Mary's, having spent last year teaching in Leicester. Before that I spent quite a few years as a youth worker at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick and have also worked as a school and university Chaplain. My passions include tea, cheese, real beer, hill walking and cooking.

It's a real privilege to be involved in a place that continues to be special to so many people even after they have left. I have already met some of the alumni and look forward to meeting more of you. Please do drop by the Chaplaincy if you are visiting the College.

## OUR NEWEST ALUMNI



Congratulations to students who graduated at our Summer graduation ceremonies at Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday 18th July, the latest additions to our alumni community.

YouTube video with interviews can now be found at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2j1yybyzfm](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2j1yybyzfm). Photos from the day have also been posted on [www.facebook.com/yourstmarys](http://www.facebook.com/yourstmarys) and links to these photo albums, along with albums from previous Summer and Winter graduation ceremonies, can be found at [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/facebook.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/facebook.htm).

## GOOD NEWS

### St Mary's at the top of the London university medal table

Students and alumni from London universities won a total of 15 Olympic medals at London 2012. St Mary's University College was top of the table thanks to the outstanding performances by superstar alumnus Mo Farah, who won gold in both the 5,000 and 10,000 metres. He is joined on the medal table by Moe Sibhi who won bronze in the men's eight rowing at Eton Dorney.

University	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
St Mary's University College	2	0	1	3
King's College London	1	0	1	2
Kingston University	1	0	0	1
University College London	0	3	0	3
Birkbeck, University of London	0	1	0	1
Goldsmith's University of London	0	1	0	1
University of East London	0	1	0	1
Brunel University	0	0	1	1
London South Bank University	0	0	1	1
Middlesex University	0	0	1	1
Total	4	6	5	15

There were a total of 15 Olympians associated with St Mary's, including alumni and current students. There were also 4 Paralympians with an association to St Mary's, including David Weir, who won an amazing 4 gold medals.

### St Mary's students are amongst the most satisfied in the UK

According to the 2012 National Student Survey (NSS), students at St Mary's University College, Twickenham, are amongst the most satisfied in the country. The National Student Survey is conducted annually across all publicly funded Higher Education Institutions in the UK and asks final year undergraduate students to provide feedback on various aspects of their learning experience.

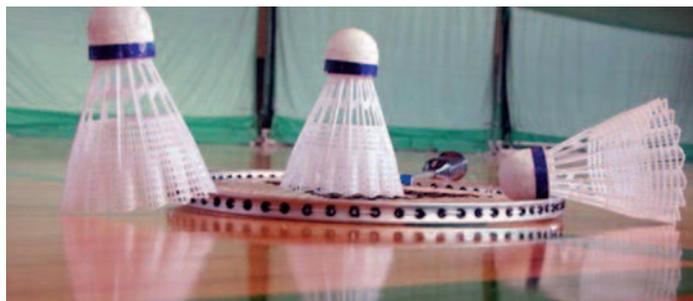
Out of the 122 institutions included in the survey the results showed that St Mary's students are highly satisfied with the quality of teaching, ranking the University College joint 15th.

The survey results also provided data for the recently published Sunday Times University Guide, which placed St Mary's sixth for students being most satisfied with the overall quality of their course. It also identified the University College as the fifth cheapest place to live as a student in the country.

### St Mary's featured on Sky Sports News

A community badminton scheme which runs at St Mary's University College, Twickenham, was recently featured on Sky Sports News. The 'No Strings Badminton' scheme runs in conjunction with Badminton England and allows members of the public to play badminton at St Mary's for just £2 a session, offering the perfect opportunity for those new to the sport to begin playing.

Since the end of the London 2012 Olympic Games, the scheme has seen a



sharp increase in the number of people attending the twice weekly sessions, a trend that has been seen at similar sessions across the country.

In a piece that explored the increasing popularity of badminton and the impact of the Olympics on sport, Sky Sports News filmed a No Strings session and interviewed Sport St Mary's staff and players. St Mary's Sports Officer Tegan Pickles commented, "Since the Olympics, we have seen a big influx of people wanting to get back into sport, from those who have played before to complete beginners, and the No Strings Badminton sessions really cater for this."

The badminton sessions run on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and Saturday mornings from 11am to 2.30pm. For more information please contact Tegan Pickles on 020 8240 4132 or email [tegan.pickles@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:tegan.pickles@smuc.ac.uk).

### Drama Graduates Win Theatre Prizes in South Korea

A cohort of MA Physical Theatre (International Ensemble) graduates from St Mary's University College, Twickenham, has won two South Korean theatre prizes after touring the country this summer. As part of the postgraduate programme, the students set up their own theatre company called Caketree, which aims to create imaginative theatrical experiences to engage and stimulate all ages by exploring various traditional and contemporary forms of theatre, dance and visual arts. The company devised two productions called *Across the Border* and *If Only*, which they performed previously in the UK at a number of venues including the Battersea Arts Centre in Clapham.

Following on from this success, Caketree was invited to tour South Korea, performing at the Koechang International Festival of Theatre and the Miryang Summer Arts Festival, where they were awarded the title of best play and best director.

Student Erica Mileham said, "We had a fantastic time and were overwhelmed by the welcome we got from the festivals. It was an amazing experience that we hope is just the beginning of our adventures in South Korea."

Kasia Zaremba Byrne, MA Physical Theatre (International Ensemble) Director at St Mary's said, "The MA Physical Theatre programme is designed to create theatre companies who tour internationally. This year's students have excelled as they also won prestigious awards. I am really proud of their achievement"

### Alumna Enjoys Play Success

St Mary's alumna, Vickie Donoghue, is enjoying success with her debut play *Mudlarks*. After a successful run at Battersea's Theatre 503, it has now moved on to the Bush Theatre.

If you missed an event, see the video at [www.youtube.com/yourstmarys](http://www.youtube.com/yourstmarys)

## Mo Farah Visits St Mary's after Olympic Win



Double Olympic Gold medallist Mo Farah returned to his former training ground, St Mary's University College, Twickenham, last month for a coaching session on the athletics track.

The former student trained at St Mary's for nine years before moving to the USA 18 months ago. He regularly returns to the University College's Strawberry Hill campus to train when he is back in the UK, but this was his first visit since becoming a double Olympic Gold medallist three months ago.

He was greeted by students and staff who were keen to get a glimpse of him and, after signing autographs and taking pictures, set about training with fellow 10,000m Team GB athlete Chris Thompson, who accompanied him on the visit.

## Fiji Rugby Team Trains at St Mary's



Players from the Fiji Rugby Union Team recently spent the day training at St Mary's University College, Twickenham, in preparation for the match against England. On Saturday, 10th November, Fiji took on England in the QBE Internationals tournament at nearby Twickenham stadium. Ahead of the game, the team based themselves at St Mary's where they took part in gym and outdoor training sessions on the rugby pitch.

St Mary's Director of Sport Andrew Reid-Smith commented, "We were delighted to have the Fiji team

training at St Mary's, they are an exciting side and our students and staff were really keen to watch them train. The University College offers world-class facilities for national teams preparing to play against England."

St Mary's regularly hosts international sports teams and athletes at its Strawberry Hill campus, including the England 7s rugby team and Paralympic champion David Weir. Fiji went on to lose the match 54-12.

## Pat McQuaid Presents Olympic Gold Medal to Bradley Wiggins

St Mary's Alumnus, Pat McQuaid (1969-71), had the honour of presenting Bradley Wiggins with his gold and record seventh Olympic medal at Hampton Court Palace. Pat McQuaid has been the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) president since 2006.



## Law Programme Launched at St Mary's

St Mary's University College, Twickenham, has expanded its undergraduate course offering after launching a new Law (LLB) degree. The first cohort of students has now enrolled on the three year course for the 2012/13 academic year, building on the success of St Mary's existing BA (Hons) in Business Law, which began in 2006. The launch of the new LLB course means that, as one of three distinctively Catholic University Colleges in the UK, St Mary's is the first to have a single honours qualifying Law degree.

As part of the new course, the University College will be investing almost £300,000 in the provision of a new Law library, with core acquisition of both electronic and hard copy law publications.

There will be a strong focus on work experience, with St Mary's Career Service continuing to establish links with local employers to enable students to gain placements with solicitors, barristers and legal advice providers. If any alumni would be able to assist in helping us provide valuable work experience for these students we would like to hear from you.

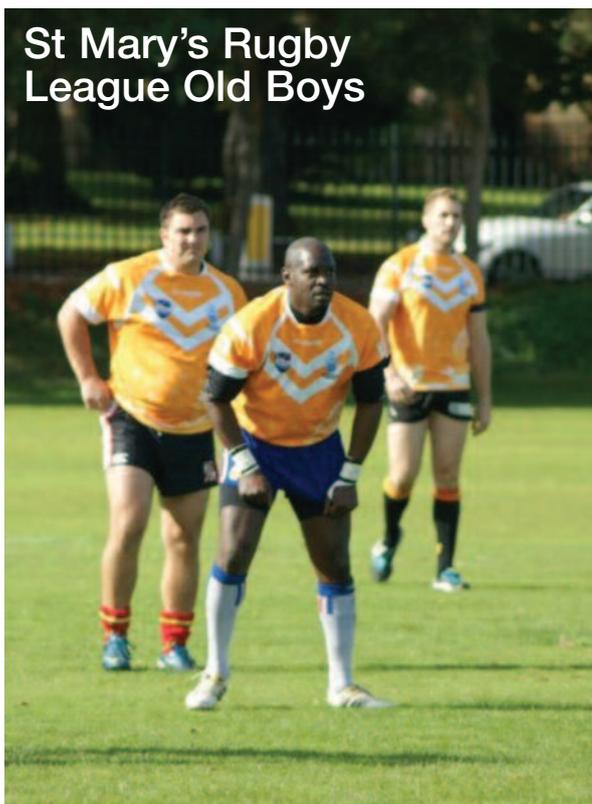
The University College also plans to develop a free legal advice clinic. Working with local legal firms, in the future, students on the course will be able to gain experience providing free legal advice to the local community.

St Mary's Deputy Principal Prof Janine Griffiths-Baker commented, "I am delighted that we have been able to expand our existing student offering with this new Law course. We have already made significant investment with a new library provision and work experience projects, and are also looking to double our current staff base over the next three years."

St Mary's Programme Director Christopher Hull added, "St Mary's provides a Law degree that is intellectually challenging and vocationally relevant within a vibrant and supportive academic community in which students can flourish, acquire a sense of vocation and professionalism, and graduate with the ability to use their skills and knowledge to contribute to the betterment of society as successful, conscientious professionals."

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## St Mary's Rugby League Old Boys



Old Boys have been going now for well over ten years and have amassed over a hundred members as part of their growing tradition of fun and comradeship. Old Boys have a strong history within the university and student/rugby league as a whole, progressing from a social club to a Super Eight team, with a number of players also achieving professional, representative and International honours.

We will be bringing you regular updates and match reports of the team's progress. If you would like to get in touch with Old Boys, please contact current club captain Marc Simon at [marc372@gmail.com](mailto:marc372@gmail.com).



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## SIMMS RL VS OLD BOYS HT: 18-16 FT: 28-32

On a day filled with nostalgia and mirth, it was St Mary's that were left rueing their missed conversions in one of the closest Old Boys games to date. Had St Mary's had all their regular team at their disposal, this score line could have been very different.

With the Old Boys winning the wrestling match to decide kick off, thanks to an impressive display of ground skills from Michael "Roadkill" Bennett, spirits were high from the old men in yellow. This merriment was dramatically cut short when vice-captain Robbie Marr was rushed to hospital with a broken collarbone, ironically he was tackled by one of the Old Boys who had moved over to help numbers.

The Old Boys' dreadful start continued when James Szymik scored the first try for St Mary's, using his pace on the wing to exploit the under-prepared and under-trained Old Boys.

Realizing that this was not going to be a simple turnover, the Old Boys began to fight back with Szymik making up for his earlier indiscretion and scoring for the Old Boys before Jamie Macrae zipped over the line, pulling up with injury as he did so.

Both teams traded tries after that with the Old Boys appearing the most dominant, big centre Michael "MD" Darren showing why he was once a 1st team regular, bursting through 4 tacklers to touch down before St Mary's responded with fine displays from Alex Linton and Josh LC to send the current squad in leading 18-16 at the half.

A never say die attitude is something that has always been apparent among the St Mary's ethos, and none more so than within the Old Boys' division which was very evident, as well as the help of the half-time samosas courtesy of Naz, as a rejuvenated team hit the pitch. Within minutes the Old Boys had begun to take a commanding lead of the game, with Wayne "Mc BFG" Parillon smashing his way through the youthful defense to regain the lead for the Old Boys before Adam Barley managed to step his way through the defense, setting the ball up for Tom Sadler to sprint the remaining distance.

The greatest try was yet to come though and fittingly it came from the oldest of the Old Boys with Marc "Blade" Simon breaking through a tackle on the Old Boys' own 20 metre line and proceeding to gallop down the entire length of the pitch to thunderous applause from the crowd.

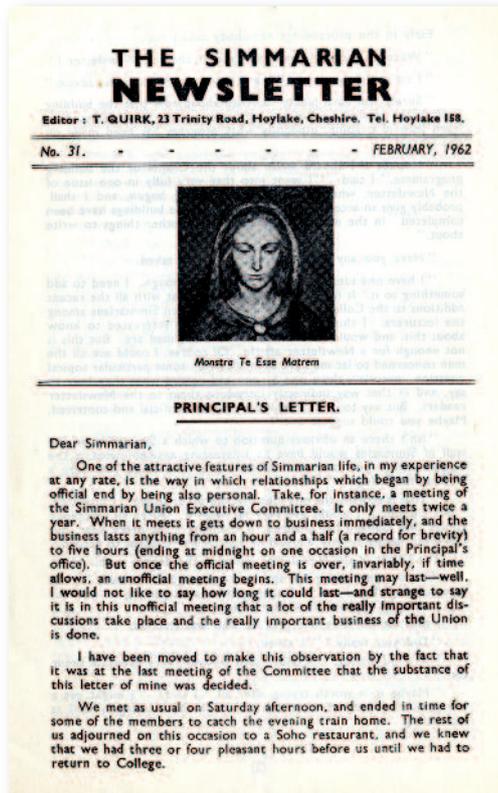
With a 14 point lead in place and 5 minutes left on the clock, the Old Boys began to loosen their grip on the game giving the 1st team a chance to restore their pride. Two quick tries in the last 5 minutes, including a very impressive solo effort from Ryan Ellis, left the Old Boys with their hearts in their mouths but, in the end, it was not enough as the Old Boys rode out the end to win for their fourth successive year.

**Adam Barley**

### Share Your Memories

If you would like to share your memories of your time at St Mary's, send us up to 3 paragraphs and we'll include these in Simmarian Online. We're also interested in any photos from yesteryear you have of yourself and your classmates at St Mary's. Please send them to [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).

## 50 Years Ago



'The Simmarian Newsletter' front cover in 1962

'Term opened on September 20th with a record number of 482 students. This represents a steady increase of 100 over the past three years but it is a mere trickle compared with the vast influx expected in 1962 when the full effect of the three year course on numbers will be seen. Even this year history was made by the return of thirteen students for their fourth year in Simmaries.'

We now have around 4000 students!

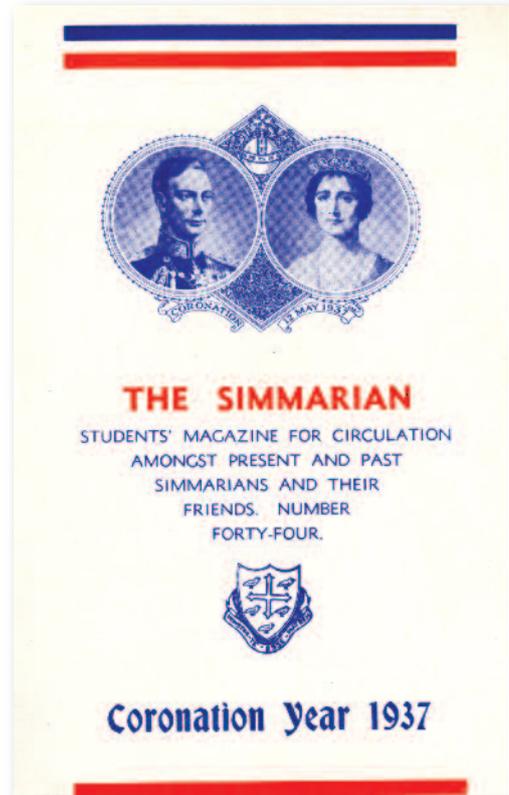


The Library and Chapel under construction in 1962.



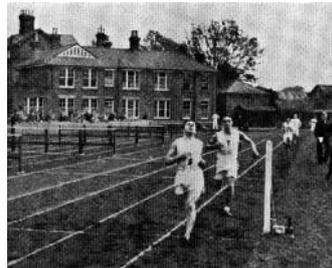
How they look in 2012.

## 75 Years Ago



'The Simmarian' front cover in 1937

'Tea-time conversation in the college refectory on Tuesday, June 30th last, was limited to discussion of an exciting rumour that Her Majesty Queen Mary was in the act of visiting the college. The doubts of all were removed after the meal, when the whole body of students streamed down to the entrance to the 'old house', and saw, drawn up in the drive, two limousines bearing the royal arms.'



The old running track in 1937.



The new updated version in 2012

## KEEP IN TOUCH

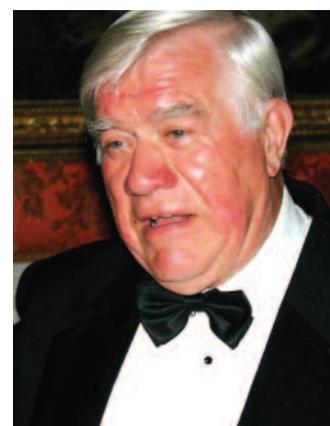
To keep in touch and ensure you are updated on events and benefits, we encourage all former students to keep the Alumni Office up to date with their details on the Alumni Response Form at [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni)

## REUNIONS

Need help organising your reunion or an event? Whether it's some informal drinks in London, or an entire weekend on campus reliving your student days, staying in halls and having a drink in the Student Union bar – we're here to help. From advising on room bookings, promoting your reunion or sending out invites, just let us know what you're planning and we'll see how we can best support you.

For alumni rates on sports facilities hire see [www.smuc.ac.uk/sport/facilities/index.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/sport/facilities/index.htm)

## Reunions and Photos



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## 'Sporting Simmarians, 1960-63, Get in Touch!'

1960-63 – This is an appeal to all simmarians who trained at any time during that period, especially any members of the rugby, football or any other sporting teams. Some of us met in 2010 but the response was disappointing and we are hoping to get a better response this time. We are also looking to meet in Cheshire as well as a lot of those who came last time were from the north.

If anyone can help in tracing people from that time it would be greatly appreciated. Names that come to mind are Tony Patterson, Frank Daly, Hughy Furlong, Tom Foster, plus anyone really who played in the sports teams at that time. I can be contacted by email at [mayo\\_mike24@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mayo_mike24@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone 01213 081752.

Mike Brennan

## LinkedIn



Check out our new St Mary's Alumni LinkedIn group: [www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4261105](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4261105) launched in January 2012. LinkedIn is a business related social networking site used predominately for professional networking. We'll be continuing to keep our Facebook ([www.facebook.com/yourstmarys](http://www.facebook.com/yourstmarys)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/yourstmarys](http://www.twitter.com/yourstmarys)) sites updated (also worth following, if you aren't already) but have created this LinkedIn alumni group to give you even more opportunity to engage with St Mary's and each other.

## Upcoming Events

### The Christmas Carol Concert 3rd December



There will, once again, be the Christmas Carol Concert held in the Chapel at 7.30pm.

### 'A Political Cabaret' 7th December

Applied Theatre level two students will be bringing you a firm favourite that promises to be loud and controversial as it pokes and prods the current political scene. It will be shown at the Dol.cHe Vita café and is completely free starting at 6.00pm. For more information visit <http://dramastmarysreservations.weebly.com/whats-on.html>

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

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



## Feast Day Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception 7th December



Mass will be celebrated at 5.00pm in the University College Chapel followed by the Feast Day Dinner in the Refectory and a social in the Students' Union. For more information and to find out how to get your free ticket contact - Caroline Cole at [caroline.cole@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:caroline.cole@smuc.ac.uk) / Tel:020 8240 4002

## Liverpool Simmarian Club – University College Feast Day 8th December

Mass at 11am at St Joseph's, Blundellsands, followed by lunch at The West Lancashire Golf Club. For more information including how to buy tickets visit [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/events-and-reunions.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/events-and-reunions.htm)

## Future Alumni Events to Look Out For

### Cinema Launch Event

Early next year we will be hosting a launch event to celebrate the opening of our new film screening facility. Make sure we have your up-to-date details to be part of it!

### Business Networking Events

In Spring 2013 we will be launching a series of business networking events for St Mary's alumni that will help your career development and networking.

### Early Summer Boat Party

We will be organising a fantastic boat party along the Thames this Summer. The party will include great food and amazing entertainment. Look out for more information!



For more information on any of the events or to give us your ideas or suggestions for future events please get in touch – [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk) or 020 8240 4007.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## 1950's

**Mr Cyril Meadows** (1957-59) Visited Simmaries for the first time since 1959 last March. Involved with the SVP and the Son of Divine Providence.

**Mr Robin Webster** (1957-60) Ageing positively.

## 1960's

**Mr Michael Watson** (1962-65) Headmaster of two Catholic Schools over 21 years. Took early retirement and now work across 24 local authorities supporting Heads and Governors in pre and post inspection scenarios. Particularly interested in Performance Management. Work across all age ranges in both State and Independent Schools.

**Mr Kevin Clayton** (1962-65) Retired to Dundee after 40 years teaching in the London Borough of Ealing. First 20 years at Cardinal Wiseman and second 20 years at Northolt High School. At the moment I take an adult Woodwork evening class at the local High school.

**Mr Roger Goode** (1962-65) Still coaching/President of Cardiff Schools Rugby Union. Coaching juniors and playing bowls at Rhiwbina Bowls Club. Following my son playing professional rugby.

**Mr John Snell** (1963-66) Playing golf. Ending my 28 years with England Schools under 16 Rugby. Having been involved with County and divisional schools for 41 years.

**Mr Peter Colquitt** (1966-70) Enjoying retirement after 42 years and 247 days of teaching.

**Mr John McSorley** (1967-70) Retired in Spain after teaching in London and Australia.

**Mr Dave Dorgan** (1968-71) I had to give up mountaineering and mountain rescue owing to bad legs but I've recently had a full knee replacement – very successful!

**Miss Geraldine McMahon** (1969-72) Very soon after St Mary's sent to the Royal College of Music for further 4 years of study. Now work in the UK as a professional musician after having lived in Ireland and America. Also set up and run a website called [www.affairsoftheharp.com](http://www.affairsoftheharp.com) dealing with buying and selling second-hand harps, and all to do with harps in general!

**Mr Victor Carnall** (1969-74) Retired from teaching in 2002, at the age of 57. Now my mother's full-time carer. Still seriously playing music (piano, violin, etc.), and composing original works, mainly for solo piano.

## 1970's

**Mr Phillip Barnaville** (1973-76) After 20 years as a Science teacher finishing as Acting Deputy Head, I retired from teaching in 1999.

**Mrs Teresa Heys** (1974-78) Living in Witney, two grown up children. Taught for 27 years, then decided to spread my wings. Bought a Rolls Royce, was a chauffeur for a year, travelled abroad for a year, then moved into stress management and haven't looked back.

**Mrs Anne Renn** (1974-78) I retired in 2011 after 32 years at Gumley House Isleworth as head of Drama and English. I am a grandmother. I act and direct at Questors Theatre Ealing. I am about to start rehearsing in 'After October' by Rodney Ackland. Opens Nov 7th. I am directing 'Enron' which opens in last week of April 2013.

**Ms Anna Tideswell** (1976-79) Moved from London to Cambridge. Live half the year in Cambridge and half the year abroad. Trying to learn Spanish.

**Mr Phil Blackmore** (1977-80) from Deputy Head back to the classroom and loving it.

## 1980's

**Mrs Sarah Teague** (1983-87) I have delivered and now manage family learning courses for parents, to support them support their child's learning. Recently, I have additionally taken on responsibility for workforce development across the Council.

**Mrs Lynn Mears** (1986-89) Married with twin daughters who are 10 and another daughter who is 8. Working part time as a reception teacher. Living locally in Thames Ditton. Often drive past St Mary's with very fond memories.

## 1990's

**Mr Phil Hawkins** (1990-91) After teaching for 20 years in high schools in Croydon, I now head an education charity working in Brazil helping young people in poverty. I moved to Goiânia, central Brazil 2 years ago with my wife and family.

**Mrs Elaine Harrold** (1991-94) I have been married to David Harrold since 2000. We met at St Mary's in 1993.

**Mrs Eleanor Levett** (1993-96) Software development for HSBC – managing new projects from inception to live.

**Mr Robert Thornton** (1993-97) I emigrated to Australia in 1999 and have since then worked in my current school that caters for students who are disengaged with mainstream schooling and many have abuse related trauma. My work with these students has been recognised through being awarded Advanced Skills Teacher status and I have presented at several seminars relating to my work. I am currently studying psychology (Choice Theory/Reality Therapy/Lead Management) with the William Glasser Institute. I also run my own outdoors fitness business for over 7 years. I have participated in several ultra-marathons to raise money for disadvantaged children and have also learnt to play trumpet. I play in the Onkaparinga City Concert band and we have been State Champions twice in the past 5 years.

**Mrs Joanne Buchanan** (1994-97) I am living in Australia and planning to go back to Uni to study Midwifery

**Mr Matthew Harris** (1997-00) Having stayed in the Twickenham area after graduating from St Mary's, I got a job with a publishing company and now work on two aviation magazines as an Editor. I also started dating my very good friend from St Mary's (Gemma Whitehead, student there from 1998-2002) and in 2008 we married. We're still in the Twickenham area – Gem, incidentally, is teaching children with SEN at a school in Earl's Court.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? continued ...

**Mrs Caroline Donald** (1999-02) I married a Simms – Matthew Donald in 2008 and we now have one daughter, Megan, who was born in 2010. I have worked for years with disadvantaged young people, first in Zambia and then in the UK. I more recently worked as a grants officer, giving out grants to charities to run youth programmes and have just started at Roedean to set up their new bursaries programme.

### 2000's

**Miss Jane Tetzlaff** (2000-01) Teaching Religious Education at FHS for the past ten years. Teaching ballet - my own business.

**Miss Ria Burnett** (2000-03) In my role I support the Chief Executive of a Private Healthcare Service Provider. I am studying for a Diploma in Business Administration. I am finally a home owner.

**Mrs Siobhan Divers** (2002-06) I got married to Stuart Divers (Past Student) on 13th April 2011 at St Mary's University Church by Fr Gerry Devlin.  
**Mrs Margaret Backhouse** (2003-06) I am currently working for the Student Counselling Service at Imperial College and have worked in student support at Kingston University and UCL before Imperial.

**Mr Sandy Matthews** (2005-08) I've been freelancing as a technician for the past few years in various roles such as sound, lighting, video and stage management. I've toured the country with different companies and have worked at the Edinburgh Festival for four years. I was running my own company with a friend and business partner for a couple of years but now I work as a technician in a school using a range of skills. I'm moving to Australia for a year to work and travel, this summer.

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## REST IN PEACE

Joseph Bonello (1970-71)  
 Rory 'Spock' Tierney (1969-72)  
 Michael James Davies (1970-74)  
 Edward Trevor Parfitt (1961-64)

## How did we do?

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



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