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MESSAGE FROM VICE PRINCIPAL, DAVID LEEN

I was very pleased to be asked to introduce this edition of the Simmarian and also to tell you a little about my role at St Mary's. As Vice Principal for Resources my remit includes human resources, finance, the estate, IT and catering.

As a Chartered Accountant by profession it is inevitable that I try to capture the essence of my role with some numbers: so in 2013 St Mary's has some 800 staff, an annual income of nearly £40m, an estate covering nearly 50 acres with 48,000m² of buildings worth £130m, and on a busy day the refectory will serve over 2,000 customers!

A particularly exciting project is the proposal for a new 2000m² library/learning resources centre which is currently the subject of a detailed feasibility study; and on the IT front we are to about to 'go live' with the new CRM system which will help us to capture the whole student journey, from first enquiry through to alumni, and thereby improve our service.

This edition of the Simmarian details a number of events and reunions which we hope you will enjoy reading about, and will perhaps inspire you to organise one of your own.

David Leen
Vice Principal

Ex-Sabbatical led Team Wins First Alumni Pub Quiz



On Wednesday 5th June, six eager teams converged on the SU bar for a night of tipples and trivia. In the first ever St Mary's alumni pub quiz, teams of 4 tackled subjects including sport, entertainment and general knowledge, along with a 'beat the intro' music round.

While Born in the 80s captained by Mary Wade (PGCE 2008) came second, it was Team SU captained by ex-sabbatical Ben Solomon (Film & TV/Sport Science 2009) who came out victorious on the night, taking away a bottle of wine each.

We will be running another alumni pub quiz on Thursday 3rd October 2013 from 6.30pm, again in the SU bar. Teams can contain up to 6 members and should be captained by a graduate from St Mary's University College. To register your team for the next quiz, email alumni@smuc.ac.uk or phone 020 8240 4007.



Simmarians Invited to Tour Strawberry Hill House

In 2007 St Mary's University College leased the use of Strawberry Hill House (also known as Walpole House) to the Strawberry Hill House Trust to restore and open it to the public.

The Strawberry Hill House Trust is currently working on an oral history project in partnership with St Mary's University College. The project aims to create an oral archive, allowing us to explore and understand how such varied groups of people have historically used the house.

Oral histories are being collected from those people who worked, studied and lived there, as well as from those who worked tirelessly to save the house, eventually forming the Friends of Strawberry Hill (FOSH). We are also interviewing the trustees, architects, historians and craftsmen who made the restoration possible.

Therefore, we would like to invite our alumni to an exclusive alumni tour of the house on Sunday 14th July at 10am, followed by high tea. We would love our alumni to also take this opportunity to share their memories and anecdotes, so a representative from Strawberry Hill House Trust will be in attendance on the day.

The oral archive will be kept in the Strawberry Hill Archive Room (and in the University College library) and we envisage it will become a valuable resource for, among others, scholars, local historians and schools.

Tickets for the tour and tea are priced at £18. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To register your place, please email alumni@smuc.ac.uk or call 020 8240 4007.

More information about the work of the Strawberry Hill House Trust can be found at www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/index.php.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

1940s

Tom Byatt (1940) Now living in Staffordshire and would like to hear from any fellow alumni from the class of 1940. Please contact the alumni office on 020 8240 4007 to get in touch.

1950s

Pat Morgan (1953) Now retired after 37 years in Southern Africa teaching with English Prov. Jesuits in Harare and helping mostly in Johannesburg. Please contact at patmorgan@eircom.net.

1960s

Peter Collings (1960) Four Primary and Middle Headships. Ofsted Inspector. Visit Gibraltar regularly.

Kevin Cook (1965) Lecturing part-time on international development issues; researching aspects of social capital in Kenya; Trustee of two charities – Strawberry Hill Overseas and Community Concern (SHOCC) and Wells for India. Spend vacations at house in Kenya and travel in the area.

Chris Coombs (1965) Ended professional career as Head Teacher, Rift House Primary School, Hartlepool. Was tutor for NPQH. Local councillor. Member of Cleveland Police Authority. Governor of two primary schools and one FE college.

William Carville (1967) Enjoying retirement.

Mario Greening (1967) Enjoying retirement; still active on the Cardiff Bench (2013) in my 30th year as a Magistrate. I now enjoy taking as many holidays as I can and flying RC model aeroplanes with my son.

John Quinn (1967) Reading. Enjoying my grandchildren. Organizing the Canadian Forum on Theology and Education (www.cfotae.ca). Writing my blog (www.scouserquinn.com). Maintaining my facebook (www.facebook.com/NewCatholicTimes). Attending Simmarian reunions and visiting the Liverpool Simmarian Club when I am in England. I taught for close to 45 years at elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels in England, Jamaica, USA and Canada. My wife, of 43 happy years, Nora (O'Malley) and I have 4 children, one granddaughter and a second due in July.

John Nowikowski (1969) Retired and living in Mexico, working as a freelance journalist and photographer.

Stella Good nee Foot (1969) Various roles Girl Guiding, Safeguarding Rep for Parish, looking after youngest grandchild while her parents work.

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ALUMNUS COMPLETES MARRAKECH CHARITY BIKE RIDE

St Mary's alumnus, Andy Phillips, who studied Geography from 1975 to 1979, recently took part in the Marrakech Atlas Etape (MAE) charity bike ride in aid of Education for All Morocco.

Education for All Morocco was established five years ago with the aim of enabling teenage girls from remote mountain villages in the Atlas Mountains south of Marrakech to get a secondary school education. The charity works by raising funds to build boarding houses (three so far), where girls can travel to on either a Sunday night or Monday morning and be looked after during the week by a 'house mother' whilst they attend the neighbouring secondary school.

There are currently over 100 girls living in three houses, attending three different secondary schools (all in separate valleys) and plans are in place to build at least one, if not two, new houses, each accommodating between 36-48 young women.

So, on 28th April 2013, the inaugural MAE began – 140 riders from many different countries, including a contingent of elite riders from the Moroccan Olympic squad, set off on the 140km ride to the top of Mount Oukaimeden. Following the Etape, two of the trustees, Mike McHugo and Andy Phillips, hosted a week's cycling through the Atlas Mountains, visiting the three boarding houses and spent time learning more about the impact this project is having upon not only the lives of the girls and their families, but also their future aspirations.

If anyone would like to know more about the work of Education for All Morocco, then please visit the website, www.educationforallmorocco.org, and for more information about the Marrakech Atlas Etape visit www.marrakech-atlas-etape.com. If you are interested in being a volunteer in one of the boarding houses (female only), then please contact: andy@apa-ec.co.uk for further information.

Basketball Society Reunion Report



About 15 ex-Simmarian basketball players returned to the University College as part of the Greenford Cardinals Basketball Club reunion event which took place on Friday 3rd May. While the play was not quite on a par with what we imagined we were like in the 70s, the entertainment value was immense and all 100 spectators, players and families had a great time. The evening ended with a disco, dominated by Irish dancing led by Eamonn Whelan (1973-77) who also happened to be birthday boy for the night. Other attendees included Charmaine McHale (nee Barfoot, 1974-77), John and Jenny McGarel (1967-70), Richie and Madeleine Rudd (1974-78), Berni Bransfield (1975-78), Mark Dunning (1975-79), Eugene (1978-81) and Mary O'Reilly and their two sons (both currently at St Mary's), Declan Bolger (1981-82), Will Goodall, Tony Halloran (1973-76) as well as Micky 'Chips' and Geraldine Davies (1973-77).

There are two future basketball society events planned. Firstly, on the weekend of 7th September 2013 there is a reunion of all basketball players from the 70s and early 80s. There are about 40 on the current data base. Secondly, the 40th Anniversary of the Greenford Cardinals will take place at St Mary's on Saturday 3rd May 2014. If you are interested in attending either event, please contact Tony Markowski, 020 8751 9804 or tmarkowski@riversacademy.org.uk. Cheers,

Tony (1975-78)



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Message from Paul Taylor

I would like to express my thanks to anyone who supported my 2013 London Marathon appeal for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Any cheques received have been sent to Guide Dogs. I asked for support at a level of just £5.00 because I have had such good support over many years and there are so many charity appeals these days; I just wanted symbolic support from anyone who wished to give it.

At nearly 72 this was to have been my sixth marathon, and in March I did the Hastings half-marathon, running for the first time with my 27 year old daughter Rachel. It was a freezing cold day and I hadn't remembered Hastings being so hilly. I finished OK, rather slower than a 27 year old but it was a good day. However, it did plant a seed that I wasn't fully ready for another marathon. On the Thursday before the marathon, I decided that discretion was the better part of valour, and withdrew. I didn't want to embarrass myself or be a nuisance to anyone on the day and I have got my 'carry' to next year, so I live to run another day! I'll only be 73 next year so plenty of time. Rachel, a primary school teacher in her first year, has applied for the ballot for 2014 so, who knows?

Best wishes,

Paul Taylor (1970-1973)

CONGRATULATIONS



The Alumni Office is pleased to announce the marriage of Dr Russell Schechter (Programme Director of Creative and Professional Writing) to former Alumni Officer, Dr Karen Kendel-Smith, this May. We're sure many of you have fond memories of Karen and will join us in wishing Russell and Karen a happy future together as husband and wife. Since leaving St Mary's in 2011, Karen is now a full time mother to their daughter, Samantha, 3.

GOLF DAY

The Alumni Office is looking into an opportunity to run an alumni golf event with dinner at one of the local courses here in Twickenham. We've already had some expressions of interest, but would like to hear from any more alumni who would be interested in attending such an event. Please drop us an email to alumni@smuc.ac.uk or call us on 020 8240 4007 to register your interest.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

1970s

James Kerr (1970) Retired from teaching. Was Headteacher in a Special School in Ireland for 34 years. Enjoyed my teaching career, but glad now to be free to enjoy my family and do some travelling.

Prof Ronald Barnett (1971) Academic writer, speaker and consultant on university and higher education matters. Latest book: 'Imagining the University', Routledge, 2013.

Greg Byrne (1972) Writing poems, stories and plays.

Patricia Lewis nee Unsworth (1972) Retired from full-time teaching in 2008.

Clare Kaczowski nee Mallon (1975) Recently worked for AITSL (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership) writing government policy and continuing as member of teacher focus/consultation group; now back in a school/classroom and loving it as a special needs teacher preparing for retirement!

Helen Soucie nee Wright (1979) Married to Daniel and living in Québec after a career teaching PE in England and Jordan followed by a university career in Sports Science in Singapore and finally as a medical writer for over five years before being fully retired in 2012. Spent nearly three years in France learning the language. We have five fit and healthy grandchildren.

1980s

Peter Norrie (1980) Taught for two years after Graduation in 1980. Then completed an MBA in 1982/83 and entered the City of London. Travelled the world but always remember St Mary's where I obtained an upper second honours degree, that allowed me to receive a Social Science Research Grant to complete my MBA. The rest, as they say, is history as I have had a reasonably successful Investment Banking career. I am also currently and have been a for a few years, Chair of Governing Body at Rutlish School, Wimbledon, previously attended by myself and also by Sir John Major.

Maxine Martin nee McDonald (1983) 3 children. CQSW. Bachelor of Acupuncture. Writer.

Richard Glenny (1985) Deputy Headteacher. 11-16 Comprehensive. Married to Charlotte. Two daughters.

Susanna Statton nee Ring (1987) Left NHS management in 2010 as Head of Organisational Development and started my own business as consultant and coach. Last year I had a kidney transplant and am now organising a comedy night for Kidney Research. I am a member of Putney Arts Community Theatre and have written numerous plays for performance at the theatre.

Gary Ferguson (1988) Married with one child. Living in Hampshire and getting involved in the junior dinghy sailing circuit.

Sharon Henderson nee Ryan (1988) I have been teaching since 1990, in 4 secondary schools. I married Paul in 1998 and we have 2 children. I have directed shows for a local theatre group, including large-scale productions at The Liverpool Empire and the Royal Court.

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DRAMA CELEBRATION AND MEMORABILIA AMNESTY

Drama St Mary's are compiling an archive of pictures, posters, and memorabilia in preparation for their 50th birthday in 2014. But amongst all the various artefacts already compiled there are some mysteries lurking ... do you know anything about these pictures?

Maybe you remember the show?
Maybe you recognise the faces?
Maybe you know who directed it?

Any information you have would be greatly appreciated and would help us to develop and expand our archive.

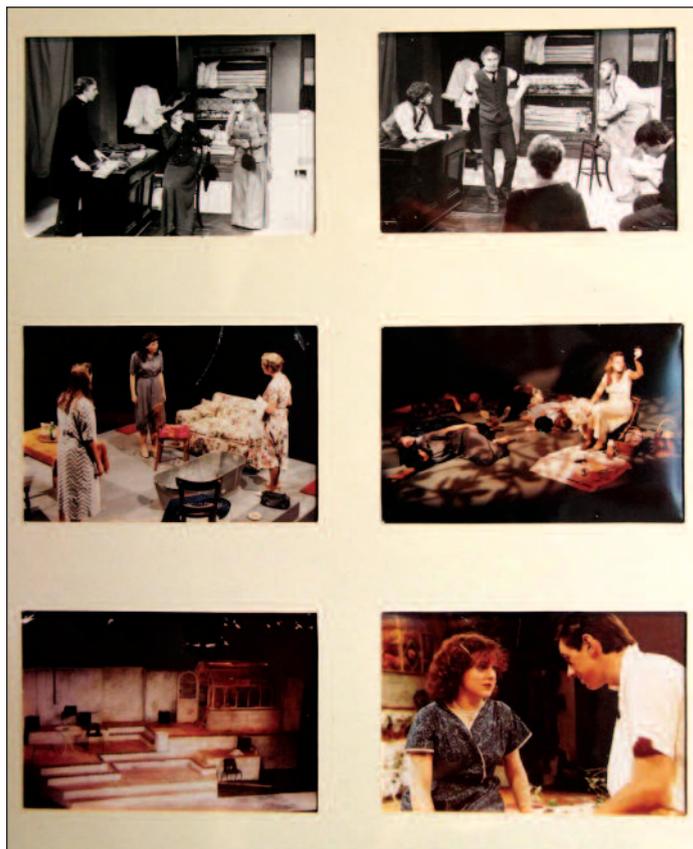


Drama 1

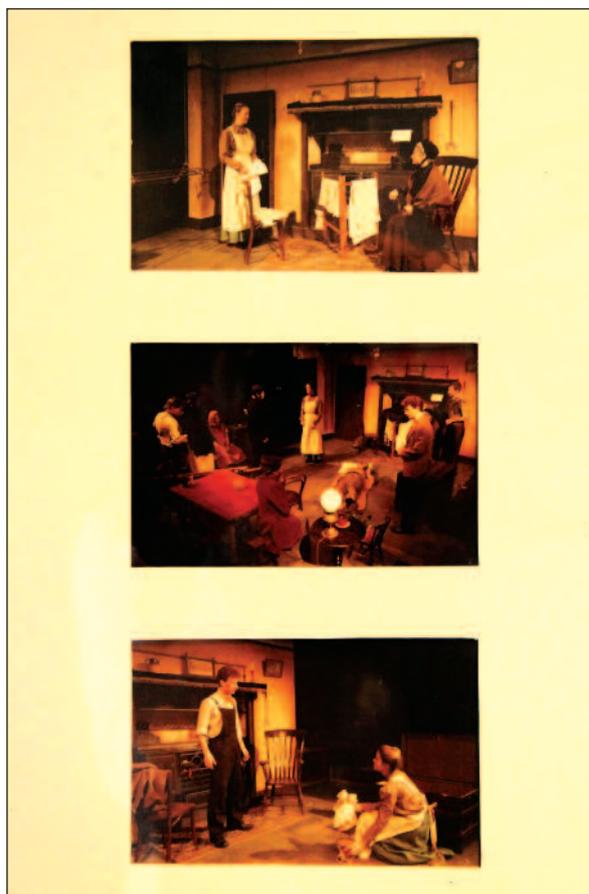
Drama 1 (Top to Bottom): 'A Day in the Life of Joe Egg', Peter Nichols; 'Separate Tables', Terrence Rattigan; 'Black and White', Harold Pinter.

Drama 2 (Top to Bottom): 'The Sea', Edward Bond, 'Touched', Stephan Lowe, 'Sudden Last Summer', Tennessee Williams.

Drama 3: 'Lawrence Country' 3 plays by DH Lawrence.



Drama 2



Drama 3



Drama 4



Drama 6



Drama 5

Drama 4: A panel taken from 'The Lark' the Drama Societies' first performance in the 'new theatre'.

Drama 5-9: Believed to be from around the late 80s/ early 90s and taken by the then university photographer, Robin Cottrell.



Drama 7



Drama 8



Drama 9

If you recognise these pictures please drop us an email at patsy.burn@smuc.ac.uk or, alternatively, give our department a call on 020 8240 4103. We'd really love to hear from you.

Don't forget, we're still holding a 'Drama amnesty', so if you have been involved in the Drama department at St Mary's and have any pictures, programmes, posters or memorabilia that you think may be of interest and could possibly be involved in our 50th birthday celebrations, please keep sending them in to Patsy Burn, St Mary's University College, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham TW1 4SX.

Share Your Memories

If you would like to share your memories of your time at St Mary's, send us your photos and stories and we'll try our best to include these in the Simmarian Online. Please send them via email to alumni@smuc.ac.uk, or post them to Alumni Office, St Mary's University College, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, TW1 4SX.

ALUMNI REUNION SUNDAY 28TH JULY

In 2011 Joe Loughran (1972) and a group of fellow Simmarians came up with the idea to host smaller, informal and more frequent gatherings, outside of the usual 'big' anniversaries. They hold 3-4 meetings a year and the group has over 120 members whose time at St Mary's covers the late 60s to the mid 70s.

They are looking to recruit new members from that period (or close by). Anyone interested in joining the group contact list can get in touch with Joe by email joe@theloughrans.co.uk, or via the facebook group 'St Mary's University College Strawberry Hill Alumni'.

Their next reunion date has been set for Sunday 28th July – venue to be confirmed dependent on numbers attending.

Big Simmies Reunion



Alumni, staff, students and guests at St Mary's University College, Twickenham raised £1,645 for charity at a fundraising event which took place on Saturday 15th June.

More than 80 people attended The Big Simmies Reunion, which was held in the Students' Union Hall. The evening was organised in aid of Enabling Evie, a cause for a former St Mary's student and her family.

Along with raising money, the evening gave alumni the opportunity to catch up with old friends and lecturers whilst enjoying live music from local alumni band The Basis and DJ Sid Trotter. There was also a raffle with prizes including a health and fitness experience at SP&Co Chelsea, VIP Bath rugby tickets and dinner at 64th bar and restaurant in Clapham.

Events and Reunions at St Mary's University College

Planned events and reunions for 2013 are as follows:

- 14th July – Strawberry Hill House Tour
- 17th July – Health & Wellbeing Ideas and Funding Workshop
- 31st August – 25 Year Reunion
- 31st August – 40 Year Reunion
- 7th September – Basketball Reunion Black Tie Dinner
- 3rd October – Alumni Pub Quiz

The 2014 Alumni Reunion weekend with free room hire for alumni events has been confirmed as 29th-31st August. Outside of those dates alumni are also entitled to 10% off room hire for any function type. If you are interested in attending an existing reunion, organising your own, or booking rooms for a business or social function then please contact the Alumni Office, alumni@smuc.ac.uk or phone us on 020 8240 4007.

ST MARY'S STUDENTS, STAFF AND ALUMNI RUN BUPA 10K

St Mary's University College, Twickenham is congratulating students, staff and alumni who ran the Bupa London 10,000 this bank holiday weekend.

The annual race sees more than 10,000 runners take in the sights of London during the 10km course, many raising money for charity. Several staff, students and alumni took part, including Mo Farah who was based at St Mary's Endurance Performance and Coaching Centre (EPACC) for 10 years before relocating to the USA.

He crossed the finish line in 29:13, his fifth consecutive Bupa London 10,000 victory. It was also a successful day for current EPACC athletes Stephanie Twell and Emily Pidgeon, who came second and third (respectively) in the women's category.

Meanwhile, former student and current EPACC athlete Andrew Osagie, took part in the Diamond League athletics meet in New York, USA. The Olympic finalist finished second in the 800m event after crossing the finish line in 1:46.44.

REST IN PEACE

Richard (Dick) Lloyd (1948-1951)



Bill Sherratt (1951-1953) pictured above circa 1952, front row second from left.

Austin Moffett (1951-1953)

Rae Carter (1952-1955)

Brian McCarthy (1956-1957)



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

1990s

Penny Hammett nee Carvill (1995) Headteacher of a rural primary school in Devon.

Philip Peck (1996) Now retired. Spend time traveling, cruising and in the garden.

Emma King nee Crisp (1997) Married with 3 children, working full time managing the events team for a city firm. Have very happy memories of St Mary's and lifelong friendships from there.

Johnny Kyriacou (1997) Since leaving St. Mary's I went on to complete a PGCE in History at the Institute of Education and began a career in teaching. Whilst teaching I managed to do a part time MA course in historical research at Birkbeck University. I am currently a Vice Principal at Kingsley Academy in Hounslow having been teaching for the last 15 years. Enjoying every minute of it!

2000s

Deborah Texeira (2001) Helping children who are amongst the most disadvantaged in society to have a better education so a better future.

Aimey Shears nee Ford (2002) I was head of drama at Tiffin Girls' School but gave birth to my first child www.enablingevie.co.uk in Jan 2012 and she was brain injured at birth and then diagnosed with cancer so I will now be her carer for the rest of my life. St Mary's ran an event for Evie on 15th June.

James Pratt (2002) From producing a documentary at the North Pole to reporting on some of the biggest sports events on the planet, life in television news has rarely been dull. As the Executive Producer in charge of sport at the Al Jazeera English TV news channel and website I now oversee editorial and logistical aspects of our global coverage, ensuring the 250 million homes which are able to watch AJE worldwide are always informed and entertained. Covering the FIFA World Cup in South Africa as well as the Olympics in Beijing and London will live long in the memory, and have also highlighted just how talented many Simms alumni are. Few things will ever compare to being in the stadium when Mo won his second gold in 2012. Hopefully we'll have plenty more St Mary's success to report on in the years to come.

Hannah Hall nee Coutts (2003) I now run my own Event Management and Team Building Agency.

Kate Sinfield (2005) I am the Club Captain of Harlequin Ladies FC and a member of the Executive Committee of Sport Richmond. But day-to-day I am teaching PE, running the rewards and house systems and Duke of Edinburgh Programmes at school, and getting married this year!

Julie Dawson (2006) We make it easy to give to small, local charities and community groups in the UK. Within five miles of where you live or work there are hundreds of charities you've never even heard of! You never hear about these local heroes because they often don't have the funds or personnel to shout very loudly for themselves. Localgiving.com is here to shout for them, support them and keep them close in your heart, in your community, at home. We liaise with bodies such as the YPI who help schools reach out to their local communities.

Lucy Walton (2006) Working as a Sports Therapist after being a volunteer coordinator in 2008.

Nicola Ward (2007) Working with the Army in Germany. When I left university I grafted working 7 days a week, 3 jobs for 2 years (GSR for a rugby team, a football academy, and worked part time in a shop to make up a decent wage). Then working for the MOD fell into my lap. I worked for the RAF in England for 2 years. Which was amazing getting to sit in fighter planes and helicopters, I however got slightly bored and wanted a new challenge so moved to the Army and to Germany, and now would not change it for the world. Being a locum means no work security but the life adventures you are able to have living in a different country outweighs this. I also managed to take 4 months off and work a ski season in St Anton, Austria for a Sports Massage company. The degree has done me well and allowed me to travel, which is not possible with a lot of other degrees.

Laura Woodcock (2011) Living and working in London.

Lisa White (2012) Teaching Reception class as of September 2013.

Louistas Nyuuse (2012) Head of Department in a Catholic High School, Redditch, Worcestershire.

Sister Aine Costello (2012) Working 30+ hours each week. Joined a local choir. At present thinking about doing research on Spirituality and End of Life Care, but have not found a course or a venue.

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ALUMNI POSTBOX

One of the Alumni Office services is helping to reconnect lost alumni – if you know anyone named below then please contact the alumni office, alumni@smuc.ac.uk to help put them back in touch.

Lucy Walton (Sports Science and Management Studies 2006) is trying to track down Jonno from the same year group.

Sean (Francis) Brady (1965-68) is looking for Roger Lane (Former Head of Drama), Terry Lappin (1965-68), Michael Lewis (1965-68) and Eamon Boland (1965-68).

Are you trying to trace an old school friend? If so get in touch alumni@smuc.ac.uk or phone 020 8240 4007 to see if the Alumni Office can help.

How did we do?

Your views on this edition are important to us – what have we missed, and what did we do well? What would you like to see included, and what events would you like to attend? Please email alumni@smuc.ac.uk.

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STRAWBERRY HILL OVERSEAS AND COMMUNITY CONCERN (SHOCC)

In the last edition of the Simmarian Online we mentioned that the Strawberry Hill Overseas and Community Concern (SHOCC) had received a generous donation from an anonymous donor. This edition we follow up with some information about the projects SHOCC supports.

SHOCC has been supporting Orkiliili School near Moshi in Tanzania for many years. A recent anonymous donation of £10,000 enabled Yohana to complete the construction of the school hall and science facilities. There are plans to construct more dormitories and to continue to develop this secondary school.

Another SHOCC project is St Kevin's Infant School at Marigat, Kenya. SHOCC has been supporting schools in Baringo District, Kenya for over 30 years starting with supplying water harvesting tanks for schools in the Kerio Valley when alumna Dee Smith (1972-1975) worked for Action Aid in the area. More recently it has provided funding to build classrooms at the Parish school and now it has embarked on raising funds for classrooms and other facilities at St Kevins.

Our third link is with families in Northamptonshire who provide funding each year, via SHOCC, for the school fees for poor pupils attending Outspan School in Kampala Uganda.



Local beekeepers examining one of Dee's hives

Slightly further afield but again closely linked to St Mary's, is Proyecto Vida in Coatepeque, Guatemala. SHOCC has been supporting the HIV/aids work managed by alumna Sr Dee Smith for many years. Our last major contribution to Dee's work was to send £10,000 to enable the project to purchase 5 acres of land to create a project farm. This has gone from strength to strength. It now has 25 bee hives producing excellent honey; it has a papaya orchard and is producing medicinal plants for sale in local markets and for use in the hospice.

Our fifth project is much closer to home and centres on our own student body. One of SHOCC's aims is to help St Mary's students to meet some of the costs of spending a short period volunteering in the Global South. This year we have provided a small amount of funding for a student to spend a period working for an NGO in West Africa.

SHOCC is now over 40 years old and if it is to continue, it urgently needs one or two recent graduates to join us as Trustees. If anyone is interested, please contact Kevin Cook via email cook.k3@sky.com.

Kevin L Cook (1962-1965 and 1973-2008)
Trustee



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