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# SimmarianOnline

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I completed my first year in post as Principal on 30th September 2011, it was heartening to see the progress we have made in strengthening our relationships with you, our alumni, and in bringing you more fully into the St Mary's family. In this we have been greatly helped by the work that was done by Director of Alumni Relations and Development Martin Thornton, and by our intern Lydia Smith. Both members of staff have now reached the end of their fixed-term contracts; I would like to thank them for their contribution to the Alumni Office, and wish them the best of luck in their future pursuits.

This has been a tremendously exciting year for St Mary's, as we have achieved top results from the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) and Ofsted for our teaching, and navigated a careful course through the choppy and changing waters of UK Higher Education, especially with the major increase in fees that undergraduate students will have to pay from September 2012 onwards. We have set a fee level at £8,000 which represents the cost to us under the new system; we have chosen not to use the introduction of higher fees to make a windfall profit from our students, 25% of whom come from families that earn less than £15,000 per annum. Nevertheless, we will greatly improve the level of service we provide to our students by being more efficient in our operations and by building up other income streams.

We approach the coming years under this new funding system with great confidence, based on our trust in the distinctive and highly valuable education we offer our students. Our mission is to help prepare students for flourishing lives and successful careers through excellent, research-based teaching in a community of trust and respect built on our Catholic ethos and



Professor Philip Esler, Principal

identity. We are aiming for the complete development of the human person – intellectually, spiritually and physically – as symbolised on our campus by the close proximity (which you will recall) of library, chapel and running track. The physical dimension, especially our strong interest in sport, is vitally important to this mission and will be fostered by the opening of our new £8.5 million sports building. We are also now working actively to improve the look and amenity of the campus and we are very close to achieving university title.

While our fundamentals are sound and we are on an upwards course, much remains to be done. We hope that you, our alumni, will be strongly behind us as we move forward, remembering your own happy times at St Mary's and eager to see new generations of students enjoy that same unique type of higher education that you yourselves have enjoyed.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Professor Philip Esler  
DD (Oxon), FRSE, Principal

## VISITORS TO THE CAMPUS



Usain Bolt, World and Olympic champion in 100 metres, 200 metres and (along with his team mates) the 4 x 100 metres: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/049-usain-bolt.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/049-usain-bolt.htm)



His Excellency Datuk Zakaria Sulong, The High Commissioner representing Malaysia in the United Kingdom: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/047-education-in-malaysia.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/047-education-in-malaysia.htm)



Current Business Secretary Dr Vince Cable MP: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/036-vince-cable-visit.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/036-vince-cable-visit.htm)



Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/075-pope-benedict-xvi-lecture.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/075-pope-benedict-xvi-lecture.htm)

To see how the campus has changed visit our virtual tour [www.smuc.ac.uk/virtual-tours](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/virtual-tours)

## ST MARY'S NEWS

### Seb Coe Opens St Mary's New Sports Facilities



In October Seb Coe opened our brand new £8.5million sports centre. The facilities will be used by athletes from the South African, Irish, Chinese and Japanese national Olympic teams who will be using St Mary's as their Pre-Games Training Camp next year.

Full story: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/105-sports-centre-opening.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/105-sports-centre-opening.htm)

### Vice Principal Moves to Ireland



Prof Hayes with students at Summer Graduation in 2007

Prof Michael Hayes, Vice Principal of St Mary's, left this Autumn to take up his new responsibilities as President of Mary Immaculate College in his native Limerick, Ireland. Michael joined St Mary's from Roehampton University in January 2001 as Head of Theology, Philosophy and History and became Vice Principal in September 2007 and Professor of Catholic Pastoral Studies in September 2010. He is a well-known academic in the field of Pastoral Theology, as well as a priest and qualified Psychotherapist, and returned to his hometown of Limerick after living in the UK since 1980.

Full story: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/041-prof-michael-hayes.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/041-prof-michael-hayes.htm)

### Students Raise Money Carol Singing



Many of you will have participated in our annual carol singing at Piccadilly Circus when you were students. This tradition of raising money for charity through carol singing has continued, with students again joining St Mary's Chaplaincy this December to sing their hearts out for a good cause.

Photos from past carol singing events can be found in Facebook photo albums from [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/facebook.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/facebook.htm). The page also has links to photos from past graduation ceremonies and Students' Union election days.

### St Mary's to Keep Bees

June marked the return of honey bees to St Mary's. Bees were originally kept at St Mary's by Prof Robin Gibbons from the School of Theology, Philosophy and History, and to celebrate their return St Mary's Principal Prof Philip Esler transferred the bees to their new home, a Beehaus on the balcony of the School of Education. It is hoped that the bees will play a part in promoting awareness of sustainability issues on campus.

Full story: [www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/046-bees.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/news/2011/046-bees.htm)

### Centre for Irish Studies Relunched

In November an Irish Studies alumni celebration marked the 21st anniversary of the 1991-1992 cohort of BA (hons) Irish Studies students and relaunch of St Mary's Centre for Irish Studies. Prof Lance Pettitt, Head of St Mary's School of Communication, Culture and Creative Arts and Director of the Centre, hopes that the relaunch will increase public awareness of the University College's Irish Studies undergraduate programme and our MA in Irish Studies that will start in September 2012.



Centre webpages and information about the new MA: [www.smuc.ac.uk/irish-studies](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/irish-studies)

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

(Text appears unedited)

### 1950-1960

#### Bernard John Dunn 1950-1951

Aged 88 Serious illness three years ago but now fit and in rude health my son is writing this because I am not a silver surfer! Would love to receive any information on contemporaries still alive (an ever decreasing number)

#### James Neville (1951-53, 1960-61)

James celebrated his 91st birthday on 6th July this year. He studied physics and maths at St Mary's and remembers two 'brilliant' lecturers, Mr Hopper and Dr Scott. James went on to earn a further degree from the Open University and has enjoyed a long career teaching in schools in London, Belfast and Limerick and particularly loved remedial teaching. His wife passed away in 1984 and he retired in 1986. James says he has happy memories of his years at St Mary's.

#### Gerald Richards 1954-56

Student Union President, 2nd year. Helped construct the first Country Dance Band. Played violin. Unfortunately clashed several times with Fr Cashin over heavy footsteps outside his study. All he needed was a strip of carpet. Have kept in touch with Roddy Beare, Dave Relton, Tony Wilson and John Ryle. All good fellows.

#### Phil Snelders (1956-1958)

Taught in secondary and primary schools then entered teacher training, beginning at Borough Road, perhaps as compensation for losing so much blood on their hockey field. Ended up as Deputy Head of the School of Education, De Montfort University, Leicester. I was instigator and co-editor of a series of books in Philosophy of Education, author of articles and book reviews in that subject, and in Curriculum; was conference organiser for the Philosophy of Education Society of GB for 21 years. I gave up part time voluntary teaching at 75, after 50 years in the profession. Now involved with my son's work as an editor of a series of sessions preparing young people for adult life. Greatest achievement: 3 children, 5 grandchildren and one great grandson. They, together with my wife's 5 grandchildren, fill the house at weekends. Would like to get in contact with Maurice Halpin.

### 1960-1970

#### Antony James Short 1960-1963

Enjoying retirement

#### David Ronald Thomas 1960-1963

Living in Southern Ontario after a long career as a teacher and a driving instructor. Was President of local rugby club in Alberta and spent many years involved in local drama scene.

#### Prof. Michael Paul Breen 1961-1964

Recently completed a four year full-time Fine Art degree at Dundee University (at aged 68). Hoping now to get into writing fiction – a lifelong ambition from earliest beginnings at Simms in 1964.

#### John Christopher Schools 1961-1964

Retired but actively involved in bowls as a player and an administrator.

Where are you now? Let us know – fill in the online form [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/now.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/now.htm) or email [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk)

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Alumni Inducted into Hall of Fame



At the opening of St Mary's new £8.5 million sports facilities (see previous page), the University College unveiled its Hall of Fame for Sport, which recognises outstanding individuals at the highest levels of sport. St Mary's alumni Dave Bedford and Rebecca Romero MBE were the first two sports people to be inducted.

Bedford is a former 10,000m world record holder and is now Director for the Virgin London Marathon, which is a partner in St Mary's highly successful Endurance Performance and Coaching Centre (EPACC), for many years the home of 2012 Olympic hopeful Mo Farah.

Double Olympic medallist Romero secured Silver in quadruple sculls in Athens 2004 and a cycling Gold in the individual pursuit in Beijing 2008, and recently announced her retirement from Olympic competition.

Watch Dave and Rebecca's Hall of Fame acceptance speeches on our YouTube channel:  
[www.youtube.com/yourstmarys](http://www.youtube.com/yourstmarys)

#### Are you trying to get back in touch with a former classmate?

Then email us at [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk) (let us know when they studied here and, if possible, what course they studied). If we have up to date contact information for them, we'll forward them your contact details. If we can't contact them, we'll feature your request in *Simmarian Online* as other Simmarians may be able to help you get in touch.

#### Have you seen any news stories involving former students online or in a newspaper?

Then please email the link to [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk) or send the newspaper clipping to:

Alumni Office  
St Mary's University College  
Waldegrave Road, Twickenham TW1 4SX

## Join Our Silver Simmarian Campaign



*Prof Esler with fellow Silver Simmarian donor, St Mary's Deputy Principal Prof Janine Griffiths-Baker*

Against a backdrop of government funding cuts in Higher Education and the increased fees which have been introduced as a result, St Mary's students need our support now more than ever. We have therefore launched St Mary's Silver Simmarian campaign.

The campaign will allow you to support our students directly by contributing to scholarships, bursaries and our hardship fund, or by donating to a specific trust, project, or department. Your support will have a direct impact on the lives of our most aspiring current and prospective students.

Should you see someone wearing a solid silver lapel pin bearing our University College Coat of Arms, it means they have been recognised by St Mary's for their extraordinary generosity in donating to this campaign. Wherever possible, I will personally present your award so I can thank you for supporting our students. I hope you will wear your pin with pride at all times of the year, but particularly when you are welcomed back to campus for our annual 'Donor Dinner' and other St Mary's events. In addition your name and picture will be published here in pages of Simmarian Online, unless you choose to remain anonymous.

When Martin Thornton, our Director of Alumni Relations and Development, asked me to launch our new campaign by becoming its first donor, I had no hesitation in doing so. As Principal I see first-hand the challenges our students face and, as a member of a generation who received their education for nothing, I feel it my duty to help wherever possible.

Your support will enable St Mary's students to continue to benefit from our unique offer of the development of the whole person: intellectually, physically and spiritually. We want our students to have successful careers but also flourishing lives, committed to working towards a more just, prosperous and inclusive society to ensure that our values as a University College are real and lived out, not just notional.

I urge you to join me in supporting this campaign and I hope to be presenting you with this special Silver Simmarian pin in the near future.

On behalf of our students present and future – thank you.

**Professor Philip Esler**  
St Mary's Principal

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### 1960-1970 continued ...

#### Tom Clapperton 1962

Lots of voluntary work – some in schools. I sing in three choirs – DIY SVP Ecumanism – Street Pastors. Armchair rugby spectator.

#### Francis William Nickson 1964-1967

Play a lot of bad golf. 4 children, 4 grandchildren. Voluntary work at local hospital.

#### Peter Anthony Murphy 1964-1967

Town Crier, City of Brampton. President, Brampton Historical Society. Life member, Brampton R.F.C.

#### John Woodley 1964-1967

Vastly enjoying my long teaching career of 43 years and looking forward to a few more years.

#### Brendan Francis Johnston 1965-1968

Lecturing. Involved with Colleges rugby in Ireland (Co Founder and presently PRO)  
[www.studentrugby.com](http://www.studentrugby.com) On board of Colleges and Universities Sports Administrators in Ireland  
[www.cusai.ie](http://www.cusai.ie)

#### Paul Richard Speakman 1965-1969

Retired as Head of Languages in 1998. Former Chief Examiner French (Writing) 1982-1989. Volunteer at the Commonwealth Games Manchester 2002 working as Liaison with Team England.

#### Peter Bourdillon (1966-1967)

I was at Strawberry Hill doing my PGCE at London University. I had come from Southern Rhodesia at the time (now Zimbabwe). I had done my initial degree at UCD, Dublin in Ireland from 1963-66. I am now retired and live in Harare, but the main career that I was involved in was secondary education and then professional tertiary education. In 1967 I started teaching in a well-known co-ed secondary school, Chaplin High School in Gweru. Over the years, I progressed through English Department Head to Senior Master, after which I became Education Officer for English for Harare in the Ministry of Education of Education. I left the ministry and joined the Zimbabwe Institute of Management as a senior manager as Registrar and Administration Manager for about 13 years, when I first retired. I worked for a firm of lawyers for a bit and then for the Dorothy Duncan Braille Library for about 6 years, when I finally retired in late 2010.

#### John Frank Nowikowski 1966-1969

Living in Mexico.

#### Humphrey Vincent Needle 1966-1969

Enjoying Retirement.

#### Kevin Forster 1967-1970

Enjoying doing all the things I did not have time to do before I retired.

#### Michael Francis McNally 1967-1970

Retired from being a deputy head in 2007 and now work for the college in administration.

#### Kathy Patricia Smith (f. Robinson) 1969-1971

Married fellow alumni, Philip Smith.

#### Barbara Ann Harker (f. Mullen) 1969-1972

Retired.

Simmarian Associations – We want to hear from you – news, updates and reunions! Please email [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk)

## SEPTEMBER REUNION WEEKEND – AN OVERVIEW

A Reunion Weekend took place in September, and after a couple of early arrivals had introduced themselves to our Principal, Prof Philip Esler, the reminiscing kicked off in earnest over a few drinks in the bar at nearby hotel The Pope's.

Those with clear heads rose early the following morning and made the most of the sunshine with a long walk along the river for lunch and shopping in Richmond, and one hardy Simmarian was observed running laps of St Marys' running track before we all reconvened outside the Students' Union on Saturday evening for a picnic buffet with the Principal. Prof Esler spoke to the group about our new sports facilities, the Papal visit last year and our Olympic involvement, before chatting with guests individually over drinks.

Former students had come from as far afield as Holland and Australia to join their classmates, who were predominantly made up of those commemorating forty years since graduation, and most stayed until the bar closed. After the Principal departed I heard some tales that can't be repeated in this publication, and after the bar shut a dozen or so (many of whom had featured in the aforementioned tales) stayed up another hour or so singing songs beside the running track.

An impressive number were welcomed by Father Gerry Devlin and the Principal in the College Chapel on Sunday morning before returning (with some assistance from the RAC) to the four corners of the world.



I am always impressed at the strength of feeling Simmarians hold for their alma mater and it was a joy to see old friends greeting each other on the same spot they had first met over four decades earlier.

Thank you to those who attended for allowing me to be part of your reunion and please get in touch if you would like to be part of the 2012 event starting on Friday 31 August 2012 or if you would like some help getting a group of friends together at any other time of the year.

**Martin Thornton**  
Director of Alumni Relations and Development

## September Reunion Weekend – Feedback

I remember St Mary's, in 1968, became a wonderful and welcoming home for us teenagers, away from home for the first time. Three or four years later, we left as young teachers with our qualifications, ready for our future.

Over 40 years later, at our reunion, we received the same welcome from St Mary's, and an opportunity to relate our various tales. Some had achieved terrific things, while others had endured much heartache. The bond between us all, however, was unbroken and the mutual love and respect was very evident. St Mary's is indeed a special place! Every reunion, for any year, is a clear indication that we are all very fortunate to have had a tremendous education at St Mary's.

**Alan Jeffers (1968-1971)**

We hold an alumni reunion weekend every September. Information about year groups participating can be found at [www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/forthcoming-reunions.htm](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/alumni/forthcoming-reunions.htm) nearer to the time. If you are interested in organising for your former classmates to meet at this event then please email us at [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk)

## Student Travel Bursaries Funded By Alumnus



*Peter Daley with his wife at St Mary's Thanksgiving dinner last month*

Former student Peter Daley generously donated \$7,000 to St Mary's earlier this year for travel bursaries that have allowed seven students to study for a semester abroad. Peter said: "I am passionate about supporting student travel so that the next generation can enjoy the opportunities I received by travelling."

Peter trained as a teacher at St Mary's between 1959-1962. At the time of graduating there were very few opportunities to teach in the UK so he decided to emigrate to the United States. During the 1960s people were required to be US nationals in order to teach, something he had not realised until arriving in America. He applied to a recruitment agency to find a job and, after numerous fruitless attempts to place him, the agency finally hired him to work on commission for them. After working there for two

years he spotted an opportunity to become a runner with a Wall Street firm. He landed the job just as the NASDAQ market was starting in 1971; none of the seasoned traders wanted anything to do with the world's first electronic stock exchange, so they left it to unseasoned traders and runners to look after. Luckily NASDAQ boomed and anyone who was involved from the start was well positioned. In 1972 President Nixon floated the US dollar, which created the foreign exchange market as we know it, and as one of the few foreigners working at the bank Peter was put in charge of the foreign exchange desk – mainly by being in the right place at the right time.

He was involved in the foreign exchange markets from their inception, purchasing a seat of the New York Mercantile Exchange along the way and retiring in 1995. After trying retirement for a couple of years he founded his own bank, which opened for business in 2000. Peter is now fully retired, although he still has an interest in the bank. He now enjoys spending his time between his house in New Jersey and his beach house in Long Beach Island. Peter also supports Sage Eldercare, local theatre, enjoys racing his sail boat and has generously supported Ratcliffe College, his former school.

## Student Benefits From Donation

Rushil Sawhney (far right) is just one of the students fortunate enough to have benefitted from Peter Daley's generosity: he is studying for one semester at the University of San Francisco. Having migrated across the pond in August Rushil describes his experience so far:

Rushil said of the opportunity, "San Francisco is amazing ... and more! Throughout my time here I have been constantly learning and benefiting from



this experience – I don't only mean academically, but also learning about myself, my culture, the culture around me, and about San Francisco. In the seven weeks I've been here, I feel like I've gained more than the whole of last year put together. I feel that's the benefit of studying abroad.

"I've had opportunities here that I feel are rare to come by in England. For example, I'm enrolled in a Public Speaking class – although many such courses are offered in England, constantly studying and practising speaking in public, twice a week, over eighteen weeks is actually uncommon. This is just one example of something I'm genuinely benefiting from."

Martin Thornton, Director of Alumni Relations and Development, commented, "We would like to thank Peter for his very generous donation to help St Mary's students travel. Last month we held a Thanksgiving dinner for the benefit of American students studying here, and it was great to be able to welcome him as one of our guests. I am also pleased to announce that Peter has graciously accepted the role as St Mary's Alumni and Fundraising ambassador for North America."

# DOUBLE GRADUATION FOR HUSBAND AND WIFE SIMMARIANS

Clare Sherry and her husband James last year celebrated their third graduation together. "We both attended St Mary's and graduated with a degree in PE and Geography, followed by a PGCE in Physical Education, so being awarded our Masters in Education Management from the University of Ulster is our third graduation together," she said.

The couple are PE and Geography teachers, who currently teach in Co. Monaghan and Co. Cavan. Prior to this they worked in London for a number of years before taking the opportunity to travel around the world for eighteen months then settling in Newtownbutler, Fermanagh.

Full story at:

<http://news.ulster.ac.uk/releases/2010/5507.html>

Thanks to Teresa O'Donovan for sending us this story earlier this year.

## ST MARY'S MARRIAGES

St Marys strives to provide students with Spiritual, Physical and Intellectual development during their time here. It is unsurprising then, that such a supportive environment has led to many students not only gaining an academic qualification, but also finding great friends and life partners. Below are just a few examples of students who have met and married, many returning to the University College Chapel to take their vows.

### Emma (nee Hill 2003-2007) and Damian O'Byrne (2002-2005)



Over the past 9 years, Emma and Damian met, studied, worked, undertook postgraduate study, and finally married at St Mary's. They first met around 2004 during their time as students and quickly became close friends, Damian studying Media Arts and English and Emma a BA in Primary Education with QTS.

When Emma returned to St Mary's in 2009 to complete her master's in Education: Leading Innovation and Change, Damian was working in the Media Arts department and the pair reconnected. After Damian finally plucked up the courage to ask Emma out on a date at the annual Strawberry Hill Fun Day in the grounds of St Mary's, they soon became a couple and were engaged on 8th August 2010.

Emma and Damian were married by Father Stewart Hasker on 29th July 2011 in the University College

Chapel. The day had a reunion feel, as many of Emma and Damian's friends and family were returning St Mary's alumni, including Damian's father Barry who studied here from 1962-1965.

After spending a sunny two Weeks in Hawaii on honeymoon Emma and Damian have settled into their lives as a married couple. Damian is still teaching in the Media Arts department and Emma is working at St James' Catholic Primary School in Twickenham.

Damian said: "St Mary's has always been special to us both, and we have great memories of our time at uni. With so much of our joint history linked to the University College it made sense to get married here where it all began! The day was perfect and it was amazing to have all our friends and family around us at what has become a very special place for both of us."

### Patricia (nee Durrant, 1980-1984) and Mark Davies (1979-1982)



"I was at St Mary's doing a BEd in English and RE and Mark was doing a BEd in PE and Geography. He left Simms to start teaching in the North West in 1982, but after a year he moved back to teach at the London Oratory in Fulham. By then I was teaching in Chiswick.

"We married on 2nd August 1986 in the College chapel and had our reception in the Waldegrave Ballroom. It was a wonderful day and it meant so much to us to be married in the place where we had met. We were married by Father Loftas, who had just joined the College, and it was his first wedding ceremony – I don't know who was more nervous, him or us!

"Our best man was Marc Boucherat, another Simms student and a great friend of Mark's. He cut short his own honeymoon in Scotland to be with us. He had married Mairead Small, another Simms student, the week before us, in North London. They have remained our great friends – in fact, we all celebrated our 25th wedding anniversaries together in the Lake District in August this year!

"St Mary's was such a special place for all of us. We have really happy memories of our time there and can't believe how quickly the years have gone since we were there! It is hard to believe that our own children are now at universities themselves! Our son Oliver was born in 1990 and we went on to have twins (a son, Matthew and a daughter, Hannah) in 1992.

"We moved to Suffolk in 1988 but came back to St Mary's last year with Hannah and Matthew to show them around on one of our open days. That was a real trip down memory lane for us!" **Patsy Davies**

### Ruth and Phil McBride

Congratulations to Ruth (Kennedy) and Phil McBride, who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this year. They met on their first day at St Mary's in 1976 and married on the 8th August 1981.

### Dom and Beccy (nee Twigley) Tinnely (2003-2006)



Dom and Beccy met in 2006 whilst studying Teaching and English Literature at St Mary's. They married in 2009 and have a baby, Aoife. They now run an activity centre in Kolve, Somerset.

### Other Couples Married at St Mary's

Marie (Nee Keany, 1973-1976) and Paul Campbell (1974-1976)

Paul (1971-1974) and Clare Bryan

Jane (nee Tipping) and Steve Meredith

Pippa (nee Bewley, 1996-2000) and Ian Crossman (1996-2000)

Kate (nee Brown) and Chris Browning (1990-1994)

### Did you meet your partner at St Mary's?

We would like to hear your story, so please email [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk) with a photo if possible.

### Would you like to share your memories of your time at St Mary's?

Then send us up to 3 paragraphs and we'll include these in *Simmarian Online*.

We're also interested in including any photos from yesteryear you have of yourself and your classmates at St Mary's, if you'd like to send them.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Dinner with the Principal in New York March 2012

The first of a series of evening events in which St Mary's Principal Prof Philip Esler will be hosting an alumni dinner will be held when he visits the Big Apple at the end of March. This dinner will be for a limited number of alumni and should provide the perfect occasion to meet other US Simmarians, rekindle old friendships and catch up on news from your alma mater.

Demand is likely to be high so please reserve your place as soon as possible by emailing [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).

### Dinner with the Principal in Dublin March/April 2012

Prof Esler will be visiting Dublin in the Spring and will be hosting an alumni dinner there. This will be similar to the New York event above, this time reuniting a limited number of Irish alumni.

Again, this is a free event and demand is likely to be high, so please reserve your place as soon as possible by emailing [alumni@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@smuc.ac.uk).

### Dinner with the Principal in London

Later in the year, Principal Prof Philip Esler will be hosting an alumni dinner in the beautiful Waldegrave Drawing Room on campus. Details will be published in the next Simmarian Online. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to revisit the grounds, meet up with old friends and reminisce about your time at St Mary's.

### SIMMStock Festival Saturday 21st April 2012

The newest and biggest annual Students' Union event, SIMMStock will be entering its third year. It is a celebration of the cultural diversity and talent of our students, local residents and alumni and has proved to be very popular with former students keen to return to campus for a day of music, fun and (fingers crossed) sunshine.

More information will appear at [www.smsu.co.uk](http://www.smsu.co.uk) and [www.facebook.com/yourstmarys](http://www.facebook.com/yourstmarys)

## CAREERS SERVICE



### St Mary's Alumni with the Careers Service Working together to inspire future generations

Help your University College by inspiring future generations of Simmarians about career paths they might take ...

St Mary's Careers Service is looking for Simmarians of all professions and industries to get involved with our Careers Link Project. We encourage alumni to provide informal careers information and advice about areas of work they have experience in. There are many mediums of participation from Facebook forums to email or phone contact, right through to work shadowing, careers evenings on specific sectors and mentoring.

St Mary's current students would like to hear from more alumni about their careers so if you would like to find out more about getting involved please contact [careers@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:careers@smuc.ac.uk) or call us on 020 8240 4055.

#### Careers Services for Alumni

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

If you completed your SMUC course over two years ago you can make use of our consultancy service C2. For more information see [www.C2careers.co.uk](http://www.C2careers.co.uk).

If you are looking for an internship you can use the recently launched Step London Graduate Internship Programme which provides paid internships in project-based, graduate level work in a wide range of occupations for between 8 and 24 weeks. A high proportion of interns on the programme gain full time employment either during, or soon after the internship period. See <http://www.careers.lon.ac.uk/output/Page822.asp>

Thanks and hoping to hear from you soon.  
The St Mary's Careers Service Team  
[www.smuc.ac.uk/careers](http://www.smuc.ac.uk/careers)

## Study with us again

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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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## 1970-1980

**Rosemary Rehill (formerly Webb) 1970-1973**  
I teach second grade in a public school in USA.

**Tim Michael Cullen 1970-1973**  
Retired. Learning languages and cooking skills. Watching rugby and sport.

**Paul Vincent Standen 1970-1973**  
Teacher and examiner.

**Fr. Joe McKeever 1970-1972**  
Full time parish ministry.

**Clare Marie Kaczkowski (f. Mallon) 1971-1975**  
I have been a Principal and Assistant Principal in government and independent schools and now work for the RACGP in the Education Directorate.

**Paul Christopher Bryan 1971-1974**  
Having retired as the Head of a primary school in Hull I have started a tutoring company called Primary Tutors, which is going very well. I am still married to Clare a simmarian and we have two grown up sons and a lovely granddaughter. We are enjoying life and looking forward to our racehorse Buddy Twosocks making his debut in the coming months. I still keep in contact with the lads I played rugby with at St Marys in the early seventies and regard them with real affection. We have reunions every 5 years and when we meet it is as if time has stood still.

**Antony Michael John Halstead 1972-1975**  
Headteacher of an 8 class primary in rural Somerset. Married with 2 boys, 9 and 15. Still playing vets football for Arthritico Madrid, cycling, skiing, and surfing (badly) in N Devon and occasionally Hawaii. Worked in 7 schools, including a year in BC, Canada, and have travelled all over the world leading teachers study groups (at government expense). Still enjoying the job after 35 years so mustn't be doing it right. Enjoyed St Mary's but have never kept in contact with anyone or set foot in the place since leaving in 1975. Younger sister Joann did a BHum at Simms in the 80s but died tragically young leaving two kids.

**Bernard John O'Connor 1972-1975**  
After teaching in Stevenage got scholarship to study Mandarin in Taiwan, taught in China and Australia and now back in UK. Having taught Geog/Hist/RE/Citizenship for 38 years I moved back to ESOL – much more rewarding – all kids thank me for the lesson! Currently researching, writing, lecturing and publishing on local/national geology, history and archaeology. Playing bridge, drinking red wine and eating good food.

**Martin Roddy MBE 1973-1976**  
I'm 56 and enjoying retirement of a sort! I taught for 5 years and then joined the Police Service, retiring in 2010 after 35 years. I am now employed by Wales Rugby League as a Community Development Coach based in Wrexham and working throughout North and Mid Wales. I still live in Cheltenham with my wife Tess who is also a rugby fanatic and my biggest supporter!!! Son Mike is a Police Sergeant in Oxford.

**Paul Campbell 1974-1979**  
Last year completed thirty years teaching in Catholic schools, including 18 as a headteacher firstly in Kilburn, NW London, and more recently at Christ the King school in Islington. Married (in College) in '86 to Marie (nee Keany – also ex-Simms, '73-'76). Two children now in their 20s. Still playing guitar (as badly as ever!). Living near Wembley.

**Darrel Gardner (1978-79)**  
I attended St Mary's as an American student 1978-79. I returned to my home in Alaska after obtaining my law degree, and I am presently a practicing attorney with my own law office in Anchorage.

## 1980-1990

**Pauline Theresa Denny (f. Sullivan) 1981-1984**  
After leaving St Mary's I went into accountancy and tax. After working for several firm's of Chartered Accountants I now run a Chartered Accountancy practice with my husband. We have two children – a daughter of 15 and a son of 10. I still keep in touch with some ex-students from St Mary's.

**Linda Margaret Tottem 1982-1985**  
Recruitment within asset management in the City of London.

**Zaharah Atan 1984**  
I'm in charge of the co-curricular of the school as well as teachers and many more. 99% of the parents and pupils can communicate in English. I wish to hear more about my ex-lecturers, like Mr Harley, Miss Wendy Bloom, Mr Ken, etc.

**Suzanne Holden (f. Carmichael) 1984-1987**  
Living in Australia – great place to live! Married to ex St Mary's student with 2 children.

**Carolyn June Clark (f. Farmery) 1985-1988**  
I've just been accepted for training as a Licenced Lay Minister in the Church of England.

**Steve Allan Meredith 1986-1989**  
Married Jane (nee Tipping ) in 1991 who also attended St Marys as her father did before her. We have 4 children. Tom in University at Loughborough, Mollie in 6th form and twins, Will and Meg, in secondary school. We live in St Helens where Jane teaches in De La Salle School. Jane and I visited St Marys on a weekend last year for the first time since 1989 – stayed the weekend in the area soaking up the memories. Even attended mass and did things like picnics! (How times change!) We are very happy and occasionally recall moments from Simmaries with affection.

**Ruth McGovern (f. Kay) 1987-1991**  
Married with two girls, ages twelve and seven.

**Cliona Devereux (1987-1990)**  
After 13 years living in Luton, my husband, Paul, and our boys, Darragh (5), Cian (3) and Colm (1), have moved back to Milton Keynes to be near my parents. I've been rotten at staying in touch with friends but remember my student days and friends very fondly.

**Kate Jane White (f. Bishop) 1988-1992**  
I work as a passenger escort for a young autistic girl. I am part of her larger care team and am responsible for her safety travelling to and from school. I am divorced and have a gorgeous 13 year old son, Bryn, who has Asperger's syndrome.  
**Sara Louise Leman (f. Molyneaux) 1988-1992**  
I moved to Sydney, Australia in 1999. I am married and have a daughter. I was a teacher for a number of years but now work in publishing. I write an online reading program for young children.

**Anne-Michelle Lewis (f. Davies) 1989-1993**  
Phase Leader in large Primary School in Luton. Year Two teacher with responsibility for Literacy. Married Jeremy, whom I met on the course at St Mary's!

**Nicola (Nikki) Dhillon (f. Keane) 1989-1992**  
I am a counsellor specialising in working in the deaf community.

**Nicholas James Corp 1989-1992**  
Travelling. Spending time with my three children (Lewis, Ella and Mia).

**Paul Derrien 1989-1993**  
Still compete in athletics, and represent SMRAC based at the university.

**Mark Jones 1989-1993**  
Married for the last 10 years. 3 children – 2 girls and a boy. Wondering where time has gone since leaving St Mary's!

**Helen Payne (f. Taylor) 1989-1992**  
Married and looking after 3 daughters.

**Tracy Ann Rose (f. Welch) 1989-1992**  
Was working in public affairs/customer liaison before the kids arrived. Still with Jules and was living in Maastricht in The Netherlands until last summer.

## 1990-2000

**Helen Llewellyn (f. Morgan) 1990-1994**  
Married with two children.

**Kate Sarah Browing (f. Brown) 1990-1994**  
Married Chris Browning (ex Simmarian) in 1995. We have 2 children aged 4 and 7.

**Lucy Sharp 1990-1993**  
I play hockey for Havant Hockey Club.

**Dr Mark Philip Cresswell 1990-1993**  
Programme Leader for MSc/MA courses. Consultant for World Health Organization dealing with malaria control and disease modelling/prediction in Africa.

**Rich James Neasom 1991-1994**  
Run the standards and evaluation unit responsible for the RAF's Manning directorate.

**Veronica Kaneti 1991-1994**  
New mum!

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### 1990-2000 continued

**Julian Joseph Mazgon Ballard 1992-1997**  
Events, innovations, promotion of an invention.

**Ryan Francis Langford 1992-1996**  
Married and looking forward to first headship.

**Clare Leonard 1992-1995**  
After working as a Civil Servant for 12 years with the Land Registry, I decided to pursue a career in Education. My husband and I are currently living in the USA where I am pursuing an MSc in Education at the University of Houston, Clear Lake. I am also the Vice President for the University's Student Government Association as well as being heavily involved with several student organisations. In addition, I am the volunteer Headteacher for the United Space School, run by a charity called the Foundation for International Space Education based in Houston, Texas. This is a programme for students aged 16-18 from over 20 different countries.

**Michael Metcalfe 1993-1996**  
I studied Classics and History and went on to gain an MA and PhD in Ancient History. I lectured in an American University for 4 years and am now Director of Italy and Greece for an Archaeological Travel Company, Peter Sommer Travels, which specialises in cultural and gastronomic tours of Italy, Greece and Turkey. I currently live in Catania.

**Garance Anna Rawinsky 1993-1994**  
Moved up to Yorkshire, University of Leeds for MA Sculpture Studies course in 2001. Stayed on, now lecturing in Film and Television Production based on a recently gained PGCE qualification and 30 years working in film and TV industry.

**Susan Bartlett 1993-1997**  
Mother of two girls aged 13 and 10. Oldest girl was born two weeks after sitting my finals and two weeks before my graduation ceremony! I now live in Bedfordshire with my long term partner, soon to be husband. I run my own business and am a leader of the local Brownie pack.

**Laura-Louise Acock (f. Hunt) 1994-1999**  
I am a full-time youth worker working for Kent Youth Service. I am hoping to emigrate to New Zealand next year.

**Lucy O'Dell (f. McMullan) 1994-1998**  
Living in Hampshire with my husband and two children while working part time for a London based IT company.

**Dr Emma Humphreys 1994-1995**  
Taken fast-track medical degree as a mature student and now working as a junior doctor.

**Paul Avery 1994-1998**  
Married to Lauren. Living in Colliers Wood. Still keep in touch with Big Al, Noel, DJ and Wedge.

**Ian Crossman 1996-2000**  
Starting Msc in Education & Technology in Society at Bristol Uni. Married to Pippa Bewley (also ex Simmi, who graduated same year as me). Have son, Oliver 2 years and new baby due in July.

**Natasha Philips 1996-2000**  
Transferring over to an academy this September and will be a head of mini school and will also move over to the competency curriculum being the ICT leader.

**Clare Loreto Adlington (f. Chamberlain) 1996-2001**  
Married to Simon in last year at uni (2000). Have four children who keep me very busy! Hope to teach in the future.

**Rebecca Mayles (f. Symon) 1997-2000**  
Playing national league hockey.

**Jonathan Verrill 1998-2001**  
Case manager.

**Vicci Flack 1998-2001**  
I am responsible for all the operations, finance, recruitment and general day to day running of the company, managing the client service team and team of freelance health professionals.

**Andrea Koenders-Donnan 1998-2001**  
Received a BA Hons in Theology and Religious Studies. Currently living in Salisbury.

### 2000-2010

**Catherine Close 2000-2001**  
I am a specialist advisory teacher for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

**Bernie Fife-Schaw 2001-2002**  
Serious illness forced retirement from teaching but I am now a volunteer three days a week at the Catholic National Library where I am a librarian/IT manager.

**Mr Muhammad Yasin Abdul-Mutakabbir 2003-2006**  
Trying to enhance my training to become a teacher.

**Georgina Elizabeth Nutton 2004-2007**  
I achieved my Advanced Skills Teacher in Mathematics and I am now out of class as a Leader of Learning.

**Jason Damian Drobog 2005-2006**  
Garrison Accountant at Imphal Barracks, York Garrison and live near Leeds. I am married and have two young boys and now in training to get them to become History Scholars. In my spare time I am a Treasurer for Deaf Sailing UK and I enjoy walking the Yorkshire Dales or the Lake District with my hearing dog for the deaf, called Red.

**Samantha Yardley 2005-2008**  
Studied Sports Rehabilitation at St Mary's. Worked as a Personal Trainer and freelanced with the Sports Clinic in the UK for 3 years at a private health club called David Lloyd (formerly Amida). I have now been in Dubai for 6 months working for an integrated sports medicine clinic called 'Up and Running'. I'm working as a Sports Rehabilitator alongside two others from other universities in the UK, as well as physiotherapists, Osteopaths, massage therapists and a sports medicine doctor.

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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? continued ...

### 2000-2010 continued

#### Shauneen Toner 2005-2009

I am working in South Kensington for this school year, however, I got accepted back into St Marys to do a PGCE in September 10.

#### Julie Anne Cassiano 2006-2009

Am doing a postgraduate GTP course which I have nearly completed.

#### James William Thaddee Marshall 2006-2009

I am still living in Twickenham and working in Hatton Cross. I have just registered for my Masters in Marketing at Durham University, by distance learning.

#### Conor Paul O'Neill 2006-2010

About to start a one year post as a Learning Support Tutor, before going on to Teacher Training.

#### William Nicholas Franklin 2007-2010

Starting out as an NQT in a 2-form entry in Brighton as year 2 teacher.

#### Narinder Dosanjh 2009-2010

Concentrating on getting my poetry published and running workshops to enable others to experience creative writing through [www.poetivity.co.uk](http://www.poetivity.co.uk).



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