

Enjoy Retirement



**I CANT QUITE BELIEVE IT'S 32 YEARS SINCE WE
FIRST MET ! INCREDIBLE HOW TIME PASSES
WHEN YOU GET IMMERSSED IN DOING NEW AND
FUN THINGS.**

**IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO WORK WITH YOU, AND
SO MUCH THAT HAS CHANGED THE FACE OF CMR
AND CARDIOLOGY HAS COME OUT OF 30 BRITTEN
STREET. IT'S REALLY REMARKABLE. FROM FLOW
TO T2*, THE IMPACT HAS BEEN WORLDWIDE.**

**SO NOW IT'S TIME TO PUT YOUR FEET UP AND
HAVE A BIT MORE RELAXATION. ENJOY IT ALL.
HAVE A WONDERFUL RETIREMENT.
ALL THE VERY BEST FOR THE FUTURE
DUDLEY**

Dear David,
You are a legend in CMR and in this
department. It has been a huge privilege to
have you as a mentor and a friend all these
years. Thank you for your kindness,
patience and support. Your encouragement,
trust and guidance have made me a better
scientist. It has been extremely fun to work
with you.

I wish you all the best in your retirement,
although I will continue to rely on your
advice.

Thank you for everything and very best
wishes, Sonia
Sonia Nielles-Vallespin

We only met briefly last year during the course and I feel ever so fortunate to have met you.

Your legacy to this department and to the CMR world is well established and does not need a mere CMR fellow like me to point out.

What will stay with me always is your politeness, your kindness and your willingness to listen to my questions and my ideas.

Thank you so much for allowing me to share my passion of CMR physics with you.

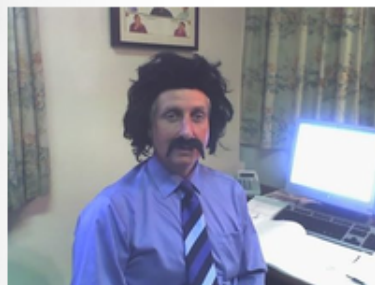
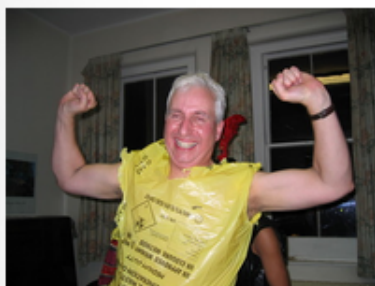
Have an amazing retirement.

Christina (CMR fellow)

Happy retirement
Prof! Thank you
for all your help
and support over
the years
Claire

It does seem like only yesterday that Donald, Ray & yourself interviewed a fresh faced 19yr old me for a job which went beyond the usual...from squeezing behind techron gradient amps to rebuilding the smis to run real-time imaging back in the early 90s, the physics and engineering feats from a small team of dedicated and enthusiastic individuals, lead by you, was an entry into cmr like no other. Fond memories are plentiful & I will raise a virtual glass until we meet again, enjoy the break :)

Steve Collins



Hasta la vista Firminator,
will you be back?
we'll all miss you hugely.
Much love
Gillian Smith

Hi David, it has been good
to work with you over the
past year and the impact
you've had on the
department and CMR is
very apparent. I hope you
have a fun retirement.
Jack

Ah David, wishing you a
very happy retirement!
Thank you for all your
support. I'm very jealous
of all the cycling time
you'll have now 😊
Laura-Ann

Hi David,

*Can't really believe you are old enough to retire, are you sure?
You have been a great mentor all these years and it has been a
pleasure to work with you. You will be missed, but happy for you and
your newfound freedom. Hopefully we will keep in touch.*

Warmly,

Pedro

David,

Thank you for your support, encouragement and
guidance over many years!
I hope that we are able to celebrate with an
appropriate "Firmin Cheers" sometime not too far
into 2021.

Andy

Donald



Dear David,

Thank you for all of your support and friendship over the last 30+ years.

Enjoy retirement - trust me, I think you will find that it is rather nice.

Jennyx

Hi David,

thanks for all the guidance you've given me over the years.

A few memories that will stay with me - you and Peter ducking in and out of the 3T at Charing Cross, cycling back to Kingston with you from the pub, limoncello!

Hope you have a great retirement!

Iain Pierce

Dear David,

I shall miss knocking on your door, perching on the green sofa and having a natter! And who will hand out the Christmas presents now?

Thank you for all your help, kindness and being so supportive. We are sorry to see you leave, but wishing you much happiness and all the best for a wonderful retirement,
love Zohya xxx





Dear Professor Firmin,

Thank you for your fascinating lectures and teachings, for your smile and approachability! I join in the admiration of the CMR legacy you together with the team have built over the years. This legacy is a truly wonderful gift you are giving to the world!

Have a very happy retirement!
Maria



Dear David,
Could this Leunig sketch be of retirement?
I wish you contentment, time with your family and time to explore new interests, and old interests in new ways. Thankyou for your openness and generous support over the years. When the time's right, I look forward to catching up.
With warmest greetings,
Philip
phikilner@gmail.com

Dear David,
wishing you a wonderful
retirement and a
thoroughly enjoyable next
chapter. with best wishes
Miriam

Dear David,
Wishing you a wonderful retirement. It has been a
great pleasure and immense privilege to have
known you for a number of years, initially by
reputation and then as someone who could make
MRI physics both enjoyable and understandable to
registrars, then as my PhD examiner, and now for
several years working together either side of our
thin shared wall!

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It is always wonderful to experience individuals like
you who combine great intellect with accessible
communication and above all a friendliness and
sense of fun.

Your contribution to the development of MRI has
been profound, well beyond the contribution you
have made to the development and support of so
many individuals locally. You will be greatly missed
by all of us. Thank you for all you have done.

With warmest wishes,
John



Sending appreciation one card at at time.