



**TRURO SCHOOL  
FORMER PUPILS'  
ASSOCIATION**



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**FP Cricket v Staff**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 6pm

**FP Cricket v School**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1pm lunch 1:30 start

Confirmed players

Jack Brighthouse	08
Josh Neve	08
Paul Hewitt	07
Theo Gayton	08
Matt. Hotton	08
Joe Grassby	08
Chris Mude	08
Richard Spall	09
Tom Glover	03
Pete Child	74

**Former Pupils' Day**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September Mixed Hockey,  
Netball and Rugby v School

**TSFPA Committee Meeting**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 7:30pm

**London Reunion**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct from 6pm

**TSFPA Annual Dinner**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 6:30 for 7:30pm  
School Dining Hall

**Last 4 Years' Leavers Reunion**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 6:30pm to 9:30pm  
School Dining Hall

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## Chapel Anniversary Service and Reunion Lunch – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

This was attended by almost 50 people and in Rev. Aubin de Gruchy's absence was taken by Russell Buley. Russell is no stranger to the School having been the Chaplain here and a local lay preacher.

One of the most 'senior statesman' present was Laird Pengilly (1934-38) who had boarded and remembered high junks on the steam trains on his way home at the end of term, getting off at Gwinear Road (between Camborne and Hayle), well before Beeching's savage cuts to the railway system. I had the pleasure of sitting with Laird and the 'senior statesman' Michael Mably (35-40) and his wife of 65 years. Having just attended the Chapel Anniversary Service with the war memorials listing former pupils and staff who had died in war and reading news about Michael (aged 20 when his ship was sunk) from the January 1944 Truronian, it brought home to me what sacrifices were made for their country and those who came after.

Michael Mably was on the 'Cornwall' when it was sunk and was 38 hours in the water before he was picked up and taken into Durban. He was home early in 1943 and was then Leading Seaman. He went to H.M.S. King Alfred passing out as Sub-Lieut. On the way back from Gibraltar he was in action and seriously wounded in the head. He unfortunately became dangerously ill with septic meningitis and was operated on for the removal of an abscess. The last news from his Doctor is that his condition has very greatly improved but it will be a long time before he is about again.  
Home address:—"Freefolk," Polzeath, N. Cornwall.

### TRURO SCHOOL PREFECTS. Summer 1940.



*Standing* :—Pascoe, A. Mendez, R. Norris, D. Martin, B. K. Mably, M. F.  
Truscott, R. D. Davies, D. W. Murch, A. Praed, R.  
*Sitting* :—Pawlyn, P. C. Visick, A. T. Hill, D. S. Beveridge, C. (Head Prefect)  
Beasant, T. Evans, W. A. Martin, E.

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**Andy Mulligan publishes his first work of fiction – Ribblestrop**  
**£6.99**

Many of you will remember Andy Mulligan for his English and drama teaching at School. When Andy first left Truro School in 2003 Gordon Neill wrote 'He was a first-rate, if deeply eccentric, form tutor, much loved by a series of first and second year pupils. The Theatre Studies department flourished under his stewardship, to the extent that a subject that initially appealed to only three or four diehards per year was, by the time he left, attracting enough students for two sets'.



**Biography**

Andy Mulligan was brought up in South London and educated at Oxford University. He worked as a theatre director for ten years before travels in Asia prompted him to re-train as a teacher. He has taught English and drama in India, Brazil, the Philippines, Cornwall and the UK. He now divides his time between London and Manila.

**Description of Ribblestrop**

Roofless dormitories, distracted teachers and a lethally dangerous underground labyrinth - Ribblestrop's visionary headmaster is out of his depth even before the pupils arrive! And when they do - what a bunch! There's Sanchez, a Colombian gangster's son hiding from kidnappers; Millie, an excluded arsonist and self-confessed wild child; Caspar, the landlady's spoiled grandson; the helpful but hapless Sam and his best friend Ruskin, plus a handful of orphans from overseas, who are just happy to have beds - even if they are located in a roofless part of the building... Anything could happen - and anything does!

Click [here](#) for more details of Ribblestrop

**Roger Lear (1960-67) is retiring from Truro Prep**

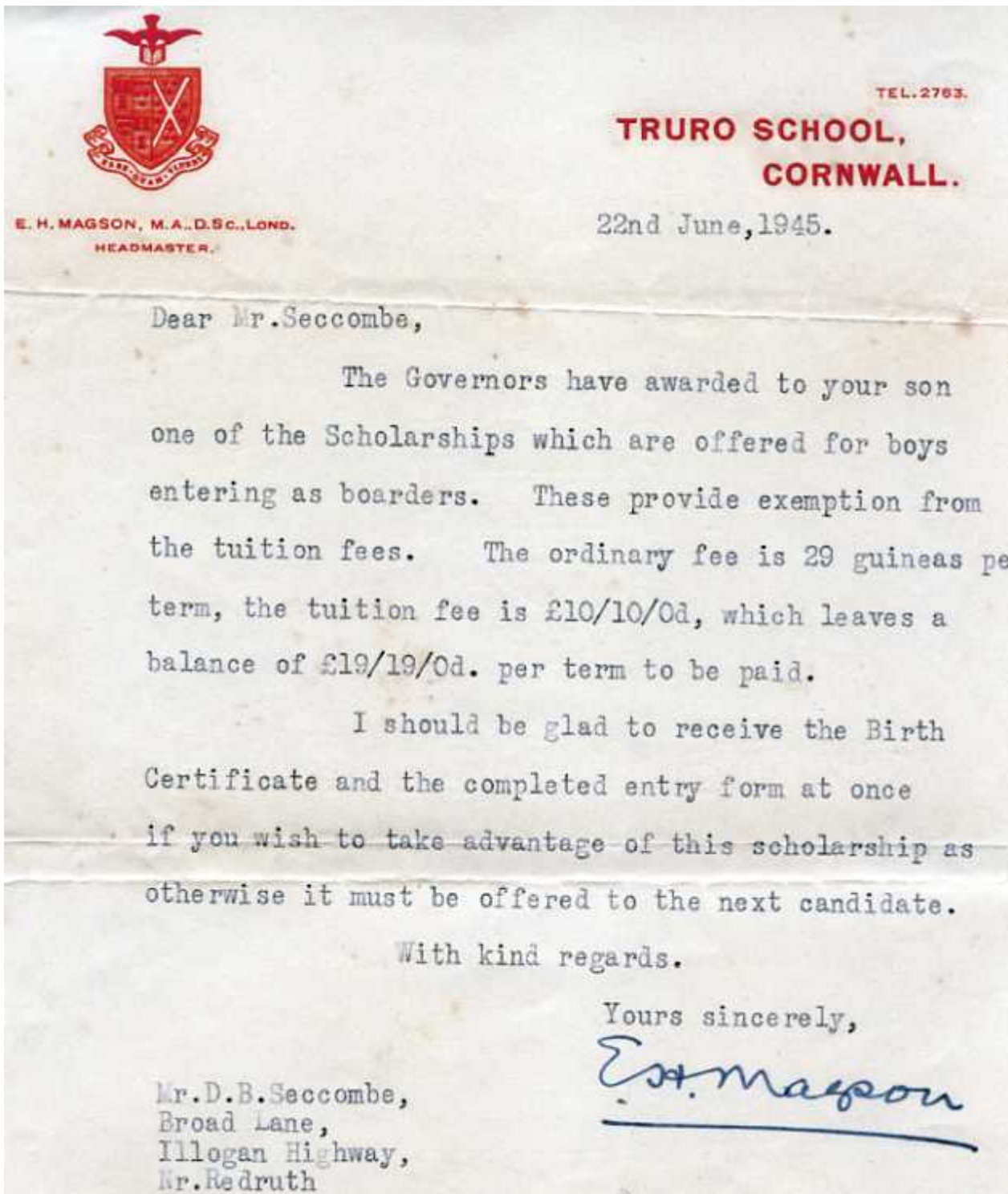
Jane Grassby, the deputy Head at Truro Prep (Treliske to most of us) is compiling a book of comments to be presented to Roger on his retirement party on the last day of term.

If you would like to receive a sheet of 'special paper' on which to write your message / memories please contact Jane Grassby at Treliske (address below), or me and I will forward the request. Alternatively simply write your comments on a sheet of paper and send to Jane or send in an email to [hl@truoprep.com](mailto:hl@truoprep.com)

Attn: Jane Grassby  
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Over The Years – Letter from Dr Magson to John Seccombe's (1945-50) father offering a scholarship towards the termly fee of 29 guineas (just over £30)



## Classes of '98, '99 and 2000 Reunion report

About 35 people attended this reunion on 11<sup>th</sup> April with people coming from as far afield as Japan, Hong Kong, Cheshire and Helston.



Attended	Class of '98	What doing
Yes	Jenny Webster (nee Miller)	Occupational therapist at the Royal Marsden NHS Trust
Yes	Rachel Royston	
Yes	Rachel Vaughan (nee Jenkin)	Teacher at Truro School
Yes	Guy Vaughan	Vet
Yes	Oliver Cuthell	
No	Kevin Rickard	Working for a financial adviser's in Cheshire
No	Rebecca Wilson (nee Goldsworthy)	I am getting married on 4/4/2009 to a wonderful chap called Rory and we are moving to Downe House School in Berkshire where I will take up the House Mistress post of Aisholt House on 18th May 2009.
No	Daniel Fujiwara	I completed undergraduate and masters degrees in Economics and I have been worked in London as a Government Economist for a couple of years and I worked in Tanzania for a year and a half as an Economist in the Treasury of Tanzania. I am currently doing a PhD in Economics at the Australia National University in Canberra, Australia. I am married and we have just had a baby boy in September 2008.
No	James Turnbull	Head of Online Advertising, British Gas/Centrica. Married and living in Surrey.
<b>Class of '99</b>		
Yes	Jane Bulpin	Youth orchestra and children's choir administrator for the Hallé in Manchester
Yes	Matthew Stillwell	
Yes	Rebecca Davison	Physiotherapist
Yes	Simon Mathieson	Doctor in The Army

Yes	Heidi Paddy	Veterinary Surgeon at Chapelfield Veterinary Partnership, Long Stratton, Norwich
Yes	Daisy Robinson	Doctor at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital in Exeter
Yes	Laura Evans	Managing a clothes shop in Falmouth
Yes	Mark Braybon	Leaving School, Southampton University to do Oceanography, Plymouth University to do a Masters in Oceanography and Hydrography, now working for Subsea 7 as an Offshore Surveyor, based in Feock but working on off-shore survey vessels worldwide, currently based off Angola.
Yes	Jonathan Green	Leaving school, Southampton University to do Ship Science / Naval Architecture. Worked for two and a half years in Plymouth for Devonport Yachts as a Package Manager. Now working for A&P Falmouth as a Programme Manager, living near Penzance.
Yes	Emma Green - High School guest	
Yes	Leung Chun Yip (Sherman)	
Yes	Wataru Hayashi	I am currently working in Japan, selling medical equipment.
Yes	Alistair Nute	
Yes	Susanna Sawle (nee Bones)	Current Occupation, Chartered Surveyor in North Wales/Cheshire.
No	Hans-Christian Mook	Currently I am a Lawyer in Hamburg, Germany.
No	Stephen Body	Vet in Aberdeenshire
No	Dominic Etheridge	Working as a dentist in Australia where I plan to reside permanently. Getting married in April 2009.
No	Alaister Shakerley	Now working for ENI as a Petroleum Geologist. Living in Milan but travelling the world with my work.

### **Class of 2000**

Yes	Helena Pritchard	International Accommodation Officer - University of Glamorgan
Yes	Bryony-Jane Hadley (nee Hill)	Reception teacher at Porthleven Primary School
Yes	Virginia Hosken (nee Walker)	Teaching at Newton Poppleford Primary School in Devon
Yes	Gary Billing + partner	Whirlwind Sports - Manager
Yes	Tim Webster	Tennis coach at Sutton Tennis Academy
Yes	Chloe Brooks	Currently the head technician for the University of the West of England's (UWE) Fine Art courses, and also a practising artist. My website is <a href="http://www.chloe-brooks.co.uk">www.chloe-brooks.co.uk</a> I have had exhibitions around the UK and currently have an upcoming solo show in Lisbon, Portugal. Living in Bristol.
Yes	Justin Clark	I am currently working as an Editor for the Institute of Physics Publishing (IOP Publishing) - managing and editing 5 of their journals. I also help run an independent record label and music promotion outfit, and I am also a musician in 2 of the bands on said label. Living in Bristol.
Yes	Matt Rogers	
Yes	Ben Proctor	
Yes	Harry Price	
Yes	Hugh Gripper	
Yes	Hugh Gripper guest	
No	Oliver Knights	Adventure racing course director for IMG (UK) Ltd Based in London. Wish all my class mates well !!
No	Kathryn Robinson	I recently qualified as a Doctor from Leeds medical school and am practising at Wakefield General
No	Mitch Holmes	Currently lives in Lisbon, Portugal, where he and his partner both teach English as a foreign language in Cambridge Language School
No	Richard Lodge	Currently living in London and working for C. Hoare & Co, the last family-owned UK Private Bank
No	David Saunders	Doctor in Sydney, Australia
No	Leah Glass	Working as a Geo-physicist in Perth, Australia



## Recent Deaths

**John Howard Lockett (31-38)** died in November 2008. His brother, Thomas (TD) Lockett (35-42), contacted the TSFPA.

**Anthony Lawry Andrew (28-35)** died in Devon in 2008.

**Brian Lord (40-45)** recently died in Truro. He was the immediate past president of Truro Golf Club.

**James Thomas (84-91)** died recently after fighting MS for several years.

**Mike Pawlyn (43-50)** died on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009. His son, Daniel, wrote that he was proud to be a Truro School old boy.

**Bill Harris (28-35)** died on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009. Bill had been a great supporter of the School and Association.

**Ted (CEP) Stephens (40-46)** died in April 2009.

**John Richard Jones (32-38)** died in April 2009.

**Colin Dean (Class of '64)** died on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009

Colin suffered a sudden cardiac arrest whilst undergoing chemotherapy for his brain tumour. He had moved to Switzerland after retiring from his chemical research company in Camelford.

**Michael Eastoe (45-53)** died on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Amersham Hospital.

**Capt Donald Carter Penberthy (32-37)** died on 10<sup>th</sup> February .

**Cyril Denis Hore (33-39)** died on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009 has died at the age of 87. Although living in London he had always been a great supporter of the Former Pupils' Association and the School,. In the past he has attended the Annual Dinners and various other functions when he was in the county. .

**Francis Tregarthen Gibson ( )** died on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009. He was a former pupil and former member of staff. He is survived by his wife Marjory (nee Tilley), who is now 92, whom he met at School when he was a member of staff and she was Matron in about 1952.

**John Symons (1942-47)** died in 2008.

**Mark Gerry (1964-71)** died on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009 less than a year after he was diagnosed with lung cancer. He was 56.

Although born in Plymouth, Mark moved with his parents to Camborne when he was seven. He later attended Truro School, having won a scholarship. After A-Levels, he studied Dentistry at Dundee University, qualifying in 1977. He then went on to practise in Tenterden, Hayle, Brixham and Ledbury before moving to Exmouth in 1984.

He bought his own practice in Exeter Road, eventually moving to Victoria Road, in 1990.

Mark enjoyed a number of hobbies including travelling, photography, music and sailing. He was active in the community being a member of Exe Sailing Club and a member and former chairman of Exmouth Round Table. He was a keen and talented photographer but most of all an accomplished organist. He played a number of instruments including the saxophone, guitar and the organ and enjoyed listening to music.

His desire for travelling was coupled with his love of photography and he was known for the many striking pictures he would bring home from all over the globe.

There are still a few tickets available for the Summer Ball.  
Truro School Summer Ball – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July



You are invited to the

# TRURO SCHOOL SUMMER BALL



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Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Marquee - Truro School

7.30 for 8.00pm

Charabancs at the midnight hour

Live soul, funk and good times from Otis Day and the Knights plus DJ Buffet -  
Bar

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those who do not have internet access

*Forms will be processed on a 'first come - first served' basis  
Please book early to avoid disappointment*

## **IMMINENT FUTURE EVENTS**

### **FP Cricket v Staff**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 6pm

Staff team will probably include James Austin, Gary Matthews, Simon Latache, Mark Huckle, Andy Lawrence, Saul Berger, John Cornish and possibly David Phillips.

### **FP Cricket v School**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1pm lunch 1:30pm start

**If you would like to play in either of these fixtures please contact Steve Floyd, details below.**

Please let Steve Floyd know if you will be coming to any events. Contact details

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## **Esse quam videri**