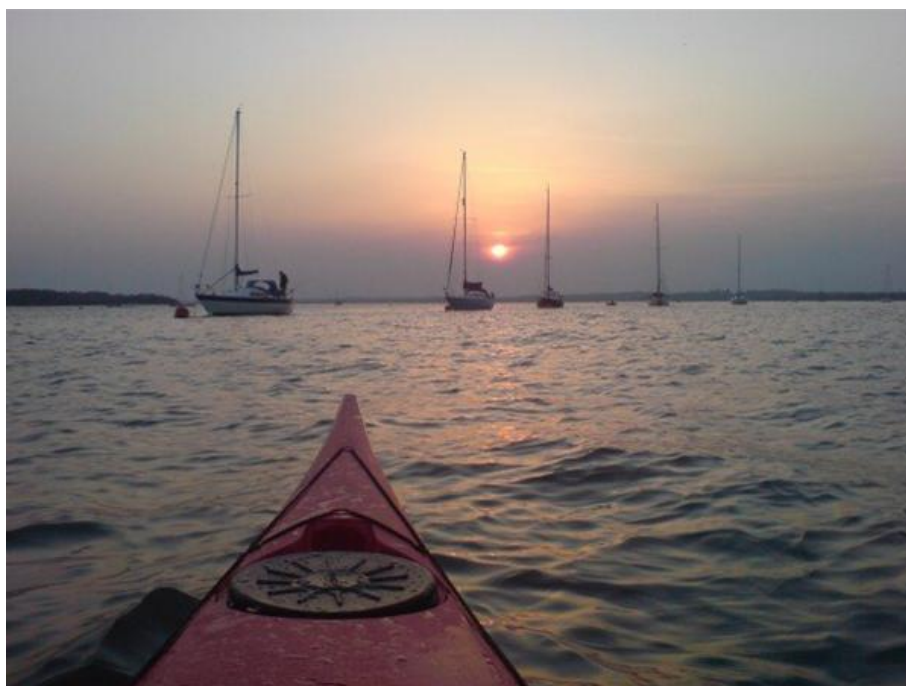




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Summary of Future Events

Last 4 Years' Leavers Reunion

Monday 21st Dec 6:30pm to 9:30pm
School Dining Hall

Good Friday Sports – Smickett v Schinter

Friday 2nd April 2010
Mixed Hockey 1pm
Netball 1:45pm
Rugby 2:30pm
Barbecue and refreshments available

TSFPA Annual Dinner

May/June 2010

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FP News

Sam Stuthridge (CO94) canoeing for 'Help for Heroes'

Check out their website by clicking [here](#)

Sam is a Major in the Royal Engineers based in Germany and has just completed a 500km sea kayak trip, unsupported, from Nijmegen (Holland) along the Waal River to Rotterdam, along the coast of Holland, Belgium and France before crossing the channel at Calais/Dover and finally paddling up the Thames estuary to finish at the Tower of London.

If you would like to donate, he and his paddling partner, Colin Appleby, have a [JustGiving page](#)



Sam Stuthridge (CO94) and his paddling partner Colin Appleby

BBC Countryfile (Sunday 22nd Nov 7pm) coming from a flower farm on the Isles of Scilly - Class of '64 check it out

Richard Stevenson writes 'the Countryfile Programme on BBC1 on Sunday evening is coming from a flower farm on the Isles of Scilly. Julia Bradbury and Matt Baker are on the Isles of Scilly, for the late flower-picking season and to see how ruby-red cattle are moved from island to island, to provide them with the best grazing land.

Might be worth looking out for some old buddies from the Class of '64 like Andrew Julian, who is a flower farmer on St. Martins.

Of course if you miss it or can't get the BBC then you can always catch it on the [BBC website.](#)'

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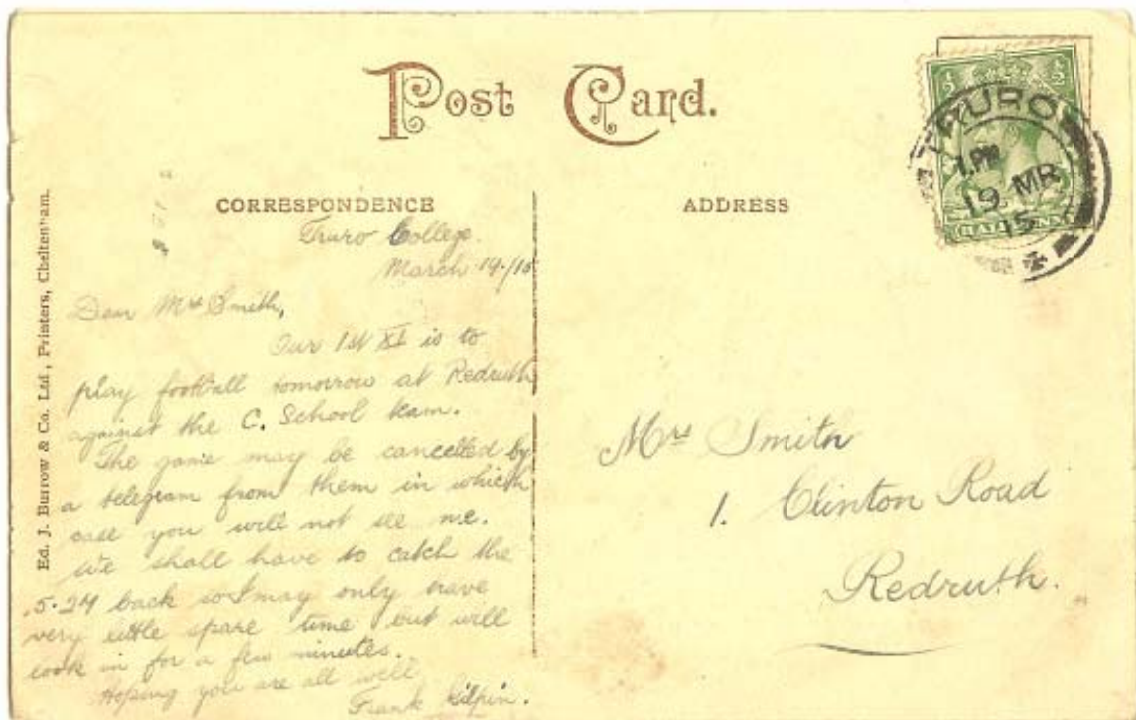
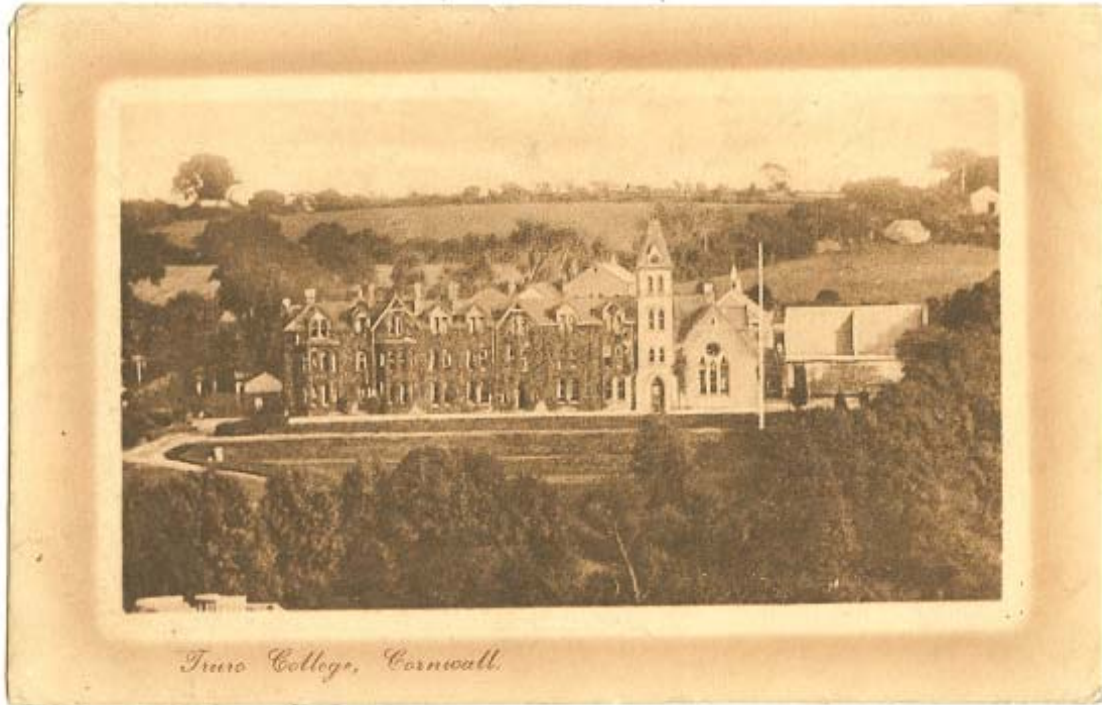
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1915 Postcard from **Frank Gilpin (1909-15)** to
Chris Smith's (CO70) grandmother

Chris Smith (CO70) recently found the postcard shown below in one of his father's books.



Frank wrote in the postcard

Dear Mrs Smith,

Our 1st XI is to play football tomorrow at Redruth against the C. School team.

The game may be cancelled by a telegram from them in which case you will not see me.

We shall have to catch the 5.27 back so I may only have very little spare time but will look in for a few minutes .

Hoping you are all well

Frank Gilpin

Ed - The 'C. School' mentioned was probably the Redruth County Boys Grammar School'.

With Remembrance Day being last week it seems very appropriate to include information about Frank Gilpin, including a letter from the battlefields in France while he was fighting in the First World War.



Frank E. Gilpin (TS 1909-1915)

Truro College Magazine, December 1915: Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant, entered the Woolwich Royal Military Academy last Easter. Present on School Cadet Corps parade on 27 October. In the Royal Garrison Artillery

Truro College Magazine, July 1916: Frank Gilpin writes from France, June 29th

'As yet we have had no casualties in this battery ... Our infantry are splendid. Their courage, patience, and endurance are marvellous. I think they earn at least £1 a day each, and often a VC, but they get neither. One could not wish for a finer set of men and officers. They are cheerful and willing in the midst of constant danger, and besides having the physical qualifications of the soldier they are admirable men themselves.

Now is a trying time for all, and the Hun is no fool to deal with – neither is our Staff for that matter. It is wonderful how coolly and smoothly everything works out. Everyone seems to be doing his best. I met Will some weeks ago... Today one of our fast 'planes, which was observing a Siege Battery, was brought down with a bullet through the petrol tank and a few through the body. The pilot and the observer and 'plane got down safely and the operators were not wounded'.

Truro College Magazine, April 1917 2nd Lieut. F.E. Gilpin writes from France:

"I have just been reading last term's magazine for the second time, and find it a very interesting number. I'm longing to get a few days of leave in England, and if I do I shall come home to Cornwall without delay.

We have had rather a rough time ourselves of late, and it is rather marvellous that I am alive to-day. Fritz has destroyed my splinter-proof dug-out by dropping an 8in. armour piercing shell on to the roof, which was only 6 in. deep and made of clay and sheet-iron. I'm pleased to say I was not there when that one fell, although I was in it when a previous shell came five yards away. I thought it quite 'napu' with us then, but we scrambled out after having been rattled like army biscuits in a biscuit tin!

The blast of the explosion blew out the candle and threw it with a smack on to my face. The other poor fellow just out from England was scarred terribly, and, as Tito Tregea would say, he was 'tremblin like a leaf!' I was badly frightened myself, but somehow sub-consciously I seemed to have experienced the same incident before, and I 'sort of' knew the programme of what was to follow immediately. Shortly after we'd got away the dug-out was destroyed, and the next day we were digging out remnants of clothing and the remains of three pairs of footwear. I rescued several things which had been hurled about in all directions, but I had not much except what I was wearing at the time. ...

Our battery was mentioned in despatches for the Somme fighting, as we did some jolly good work. Will's battery is a few miles further up the line, and I am afraid he is in for a rough time. ...I am sick of the horrible sights and the awfulness of war. ...With all the best wishes for a successful term.”

Below, the 1914 1st XI, with Frank Gilpin (captain) in the middle of the front row.



IMMINENT FUTURE EVENTS

Last Four Years' Leavers Xmas Reunion - Monday 21st December 6:30pm to 9:30pm
School Dining Hall
Former pupils from the Classes of '06, '07, '08 and '09
Drinks and pasties provided

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

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