

FORMER PUPIL NEWS

Pre 1960's Reunion Afternoon Tea

We were delighted to welcome almost 100 guests to our reunion afternoon tea on Friday 15 April. A cream tea and much conversation was enjoyed by all and everyone already seems to be looking forward to next year.



Our guests included 63 former pupils, most of whom attended the School prior to 1960, and they brought along wives and partners to enjoy the afternoon.

Jo Wood, School Archivist, provided a large amount of material which was thoroughly appreciated by everyone, including, old school uniform, photograph albums, sports pictures, school newsletters, dinner menus and much more. Many guests went away with copies of photographs to show their grand-children and just as many brought pictures with them to share with us.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

19-20-21 May Devon County Show

If you are visiting the Show, please remember to drop in and say Hello. We will have, among other things, an archive display and DT exhibition.

Find us on **Avenue A, Stand 100**. Come and join us for refreshments and a chat, we'd love to see you.

09-10-11 June Royal Cornwall Show

We will be offering refreshments and a place to pause and meet up with old friends. Stand number will follow in the next newsletter.

Saturday 2 July 2016 Leavers Indian Summer Ball

Chosen by the students, the theme this year is *Indian Summers*. As of 4 May we will be opening up bookings for the Ball to former pupils, parents and friends.

Please see later in the newsletter for the full advert.

Download the Summer Ball
[Booking Form](#)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10 September 2016 TSFPA Annual Reunion Dinner

60+ tickets have already been reserved for the Annual Reunion Dinner 2016, scheduled for Saturday 10 September when our guest speaker will be David George (BBC Spotlight Journalist and CO76).

Classes of 06, 96, 86, 76 and 66 are warmly invited to celebrate their milestone decennial anniversaries.

Of course, the dinner remains open to all former pupils and friends.

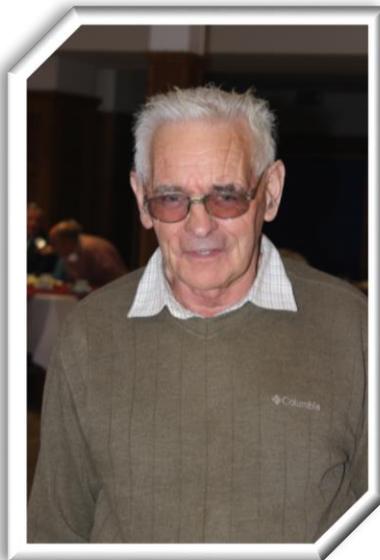
Why not organise a table of friends and be part of an evening to remember?

We already have tables booked for CO76, CO96 and CO06 so please do get your booking forms in very soon.

Since our Pre 1960's reunion afternoon we also have bookings from some of our Seniors who are looking forward to meeting up with friends once again.

Come on classes of 66 and 86, don't be left out, we really would like to see all of the decennial years represented.

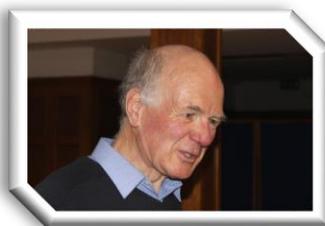
Link to the [Booking Form](#)



Guests came from far and wide, from Penzance to London and one even came from New Zealand. Mr Grainger Brown (*pictured left*) who now lives in New Zealand and was holidaying in Cornwall. We had lost touch with Mr Brown and so he had not received an official invitation but arrived to ask if he could look around the School and take some photographs. Having explained he would have been on the guest list if we had had an email or address, Mr Grainger was warmly welcomed and afterwards emailed to say:

Thank you for a great unexpected Friday afternoon. I am really pleased to see that Truro School is in good fettle.

We have received so many thank you letters and emails conveying how much everyone enjoyed the afternoon, including from Reverend Anthony Watts (*pictured below*) who emailed afterwards to say:



I enjoyed the whole afternoon. It was very good to meet up in particular with Cyril Harding and John Platts from my year and reminisce about rugby teams and the like as well as to hear of their lives since leaving Truro. I also enjoyed meeting others from earlier years and hearing their accounts of school days.

Perhaps the most significant part of the afternoon for me was an unexpected sense of being part of such a rich and far reaching story that involves and continues to involve and touch so many people. I left with a greater sense of appreciation of the story and of what the school means to me and gratitude for it. Thank you for helping to bring that about.

Mr Paul Bourdeaux (*pictured right*) wrote:

Thank you so much for arranging such a great afternoon. It was so good to meet up with very old friends and swap life experiences. From conversations it was clear that Truro School played an important role in our later successes.



And Mr George Bassett (*also pictured above*) wrote:
A superb day. Long time since I've had as much fun. The School looks great. Thank you.

[Many more photographs can be seen on the website:](#)

Jo Wood also introduced our new *oral history project* at the event, which was met with great enthusiasm and interest. More on this later in the newsletter. We will certainly be holding this event again next year and look forward to seeing everyone again.

Jayne Grigg in Hong Kong and China Catching up with Former Pupils

Jayne Grigg, Admissions and Development Director, recently visited Hong Kong and China on a recruitment trip to promote Truro School. Whilst there she managed to catch up with some former pupils.



Probably the best part of my recent recruitment trip to Hong Kong and China was being able to host our first ever alumni reunion in Hong Kong.

Five of our former students (*pictured left*) joined me for a good chat over a glass of wine.

Claire Mak (CO 09) - Royce Chan (CO 09)
Yannie Ho (CO 11) - Cherry Wong (CO 12)
Alison Chan (CO 11)

As eager as I was to find out about what they have been up to since they left Truro School, they were even more eager to find out what was happening here. They enjoy hearing the news of other former students in the monthly newsletter but what they really wanted was the gossip – which teachers are retiring, getting married, having children! Keen to get everyone involved they were setting up a *Whatsapp* group as we sat around the table! (If you are not now in the group, and would like to be, do let us know).

The tales they recounted of their time at the school gave a fascinating insight into what is so very different about the two education systems and certainly assisted me in how to promote Truro School to new students over the following 10 days. From what they all told me, I think it is safe to say that attending Truro School and living in Cornwall sets a very high standard to try and match.

I would like to thank them all for making me so very welcome, so far away from home, and to apologise that after 3 hours of chattering I had to give in to jetlag. I look forward to visiting again in the future although I suspect the Headmaster might hijack the next trip!

Jayne Grigg



OBITUARY NOTICES

If you have an obituary notice which you would like us to place in the newsletter please email: tsfpa@truroschool.com

Clifford John Walter Hosken
31 October 1937
12 March 2016

We were saddened to hear of the passing of former pupil John Hosken who died on Saturday 12 March. John leaves wife Gillian.

Robert Owen Vincent
13 July 1949
06 April 2016

Truro School were saddened to hear of the passing of former pupil Robert Vincent who died following a long illness.

Robert passed away in hospital on Wednesday 6 April leaving wife Joan, two children and five grandchildren.

Edgar Thomas Edwin (Ted) Gundry
27 November 1933
14 April 2016

It is with sadness we report the passing of former pupil Ted Gundry who died in hospital following a long illness.

Ted was a widower and one of the founding members of BBC radio Cornwall.

Tributes are welcomed for the above gentlemen which will be included in the 2016-17 edition of the *Truronian Annual Magazine*.

Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony Nigel Terry (CO62)

Lady Mayoress of Truro, Lorrie Eathorne-Gibbons was kind enough to preside at the recent ceremony in memory of the late Nigel Terry.



The weather was kind and the Truro School grounds staff had prepared everything wonderfully for the planting of a tree in memory of Nigel Terry. Nigel attended Truro School from 1954 – 1962.

Lady Mayoress Eathorne-Gibbons outlined Nigel's esteemed career and rise to fame. Mr Andy Cameron spoke warmly of Nigel's early days in productions at School. The guests recounted their own stories and recollections over a cup of tea afterward in the School dining room.

The tree planted: Eucryphia Milliganii

Lynus Lau (CO15) Exhibits Artwork at Prestigious Event

For the second time in as many years Lynus Lau, now a former pupil, has had his work accepted and hung at Lloyds Register Gallery in the City of London.



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Peter Pascoe (CO54) GWR Steam Rail enthusiast

Peter Pascoe was at the School as a day-boy from Camborne from 1947-1952. Daily travel to and from School was by the old GWR steam trains. This journey created his love for the steam railway which has been rekindled in recent years.

The lure of the GWR was always in the back of Peter's mind and recently he realised that there were still almost 150 GWR steam locomotives remaining. He therefore, began the task of photographing every one mainly to let other GWR enthusiast know that so many locomotives still existed.

As a result, Peter has created a website which currently contains about 2400 images of all 147 trains. Quite a number are still in steaming condition, some are currently being restored or overhauled but many are still awaiting restoration.



Peter (pictured left) thought there maybe a number of old school boys who also remember the journey, up to approximately 1960, when the withdrawal of steam engines began.

Peters website:

www.existing-gwr-locos.co.uk

Ben Luxon, (CO55) Stage Manages Production at the Minack Theatre Monday 27 June to Friday 01 July

Cornish born international opera star Ben Luxon, CBE, will be bringing a community theatre group from the small town in which he now resides, in Massachusetts, to the Minack Theatre during the week of 27 June to 01 July 2016.

Performances:

27 June to 01 July at 8.00 pm

28 & 30 June at 2.00 pm

Tickets can be obtained from the Minack Theatre website:

<https://www.minack.com/>



UPDATES

The Mongol Rally Former Kelly College Students Supporting the Max Levene Trust

We featured Michael Parlby and Edward Blackwell in last months' newsletter and their planning for the Mongol Rally. We are very pleased to report that their fund-raising pot has now grown to £865 so they have almost reached their target of £1,000.

If you would like to support Mike and Ed, and help them reach their target, please donate via their [giving page](#):

We'd love to hear from any former pupils or friends who have already undertaken this challenge – so please let us know by emailing or sending photographs to:
tsfpa@truoschool.com

Jazz Concert Wednesday 25 June

The new Truro School *Live Channel* streaming of the final Jazz Concert arranged by Simon Latache was a fantastic success, reaching an international audience across 27 different countries with over 800 viewings.

Congratulations to Simon and all those involved.

NOTICES

TSFPA AGM Monday 27 June 2016

The Annual General meeting of the TSFSA Committee will take place on Monday 27 June 2016, in the Sixth Form Centre at Truro School. All welcome.

Luke Brotherhood (CO15) Jaguar Land Rovers Advanced Apprenticeship

Congratulations to Luke, who has been offered a place on Jaguar Land Rover's prestigious Advanced Apprenticeship Scheme. Luke will follow the Scheme's Automotive pathway, giving him the opportunity to work at the forefront of vehicle technology, supporting test developments to existing models and helping to build entirely new experimental concepts. He will learn to work with mechanical and electrical components as well as developing a range of traditional hand fitting and machining skills; gaining experience at one of Jaguar Land Rover's manufacturing plants or vehicle workshops while also studying to gain a number of academic and vocational qualifications.

Jaguar Land Rover were listed in the *Top Employers for School and College Leavers 2015/2016* awards, named as one of the *Best Companies to Work For*, by *The Sunday Times* and have also won a number of other accolades for their apprenticeship programmes so gaining a place on the scheme is a very impressive achievement.

Clive Ellison (CO81) Centenary Church - 116th Annual Concert

Organist Clive Ellison attended Truro School 1974 -1981 and became organ scholar under Henry Doughty. He studied at Dartington College and is currently organist at St Agnes Parish Church. Clive recently played the organ on Good Friday at the 116th successive and unbroken annual concert by the Camborne Wesley Methodist Church.



Also performing at the concert was Soprano Cheryl Rosevear who is a peripatetic music teacher at Truro School. Cheryl was born and educated in Cornwall and hit the national headlines when she became BBC Choirlgirl of the Year.

ARCHIVE ATTIC

Following the Pre 1960's reunion we were very kindly given some material for our archive by Mr Cyril Harding. Among the items were some newspaper cuttings.

Do you recognise yourself or any friends? Do let us know please. Contact jvw@truroschool.com



Fine New Year gifts for these students of Truro School, who have gained places at university. From left to right they are: David Pencheon, of Bodmin (St Catherine's, Cambridge), Jeremy Edmonds, of Perranwell (Oriol, Oxford), Keith Harris, of Truro (Trinity, Cambridge), Stephen Brooke, of Truro (Fitzwilliam, Cambridge), Jonathan Bunt, of St Agnes (Jesus, Cambridge), Peter Ham, of Redruth (Downing, Cambridge – Greystone Scholarship), and Richard Simpkin, of Truro (Queens, Cambridge).

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Western Morning News Monday, November 27, 1961

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Western Morning News, Saturday, February 4, 1961.



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NOTICE BOARD

Everyone has a story to tell
We'd love to hear yours

We would like to create an oral history archive of your memories and stories of school life when you were here.

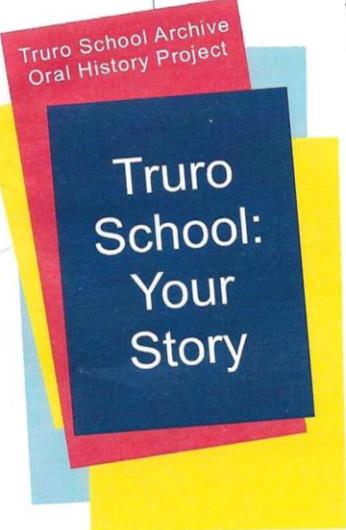
An oral history archive will help us

- Learn more school life
- Fill in gaps in our knowledge of the school's past
- Share the past with present and future generations of pupils

If you would like to take part please talk to Jo or Nicky about the project.

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Oral History Project

If you enjoy talking and recounting your memories, you will enjoy this experience.

All that is required is for you to enjoy a cup of tea, tell us your stories and Jo will record them. In the future we will transcribe all the recordings and keep them safe for future generations to enjoy.

You can come to the School or Jo can arrange to visit you in your home if you prefer.

Contact Jo: 01872 246010 or email jvw@truroschoo.com

An Evening of Lectures

Dr. Robin Shail, The Geology of Cornwall

Dr. Dee Edwards, Archaeopteryx: New Views of an Iconic Fossil



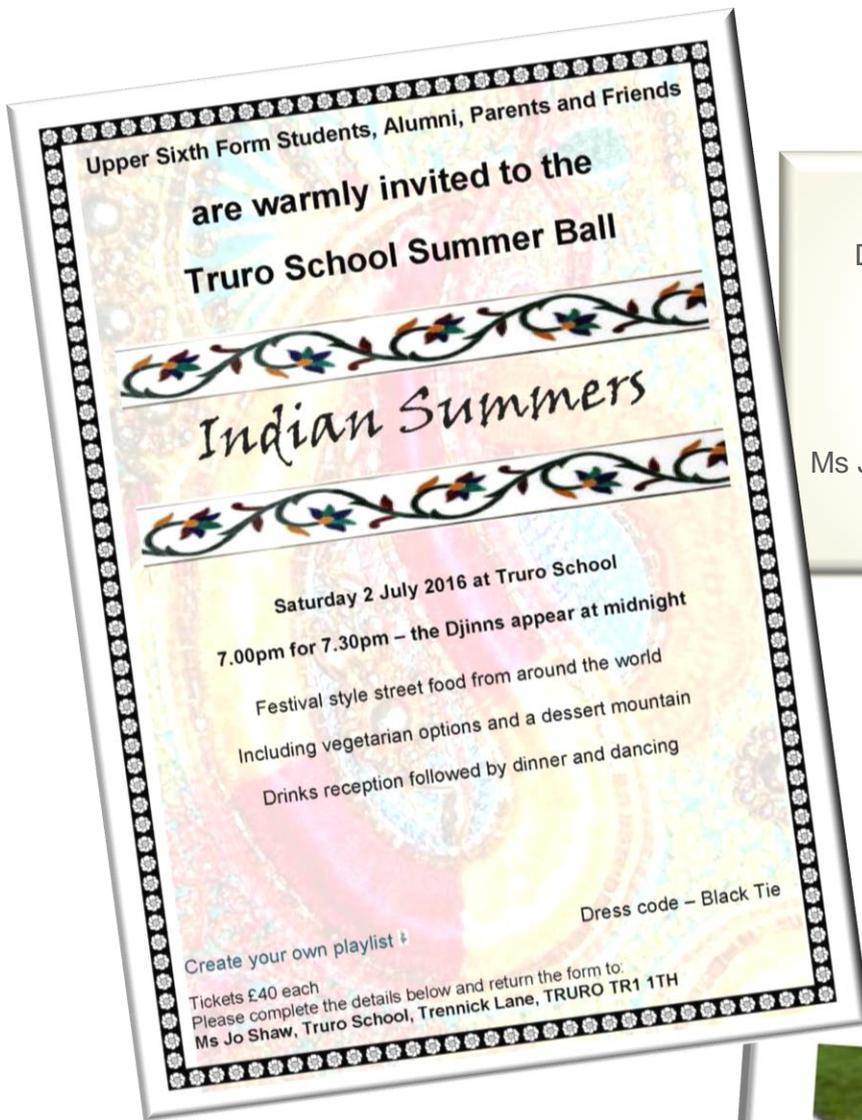
Come and help us celebrate Ian Kenyon's 35 years in Geology at Truro School and retirement from Head of Geology

Friday 17th June 2016, 5.00pm to start 5.30pm
The Gallery, Truro School

If you would like to attend please email for an invitation.
We would also like to invite contributions to a book containing good wishes, memories and photographs for Ian.

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Elouise Gill eg@truroschoo.com



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or email:

Ms Jo Shaw: jms@truroschoo.com

Workshops

**Saturday 11 June
&
Saturday 25 June**

Price £90.00 for two-day course

10 am – 4.30 pm

All materials and refreshments are included. Bring a packed lunch.

For full details contact Nichola
Sherriff 01872 244039
Or email ns@truroschoo.com



**2 DAY CREATIVE CERAMIC POT
BUILDING & RAKU FIRING
WORK SHOP** Saturday June 11th & 25th

All materials and refreshments are included. Bring a packed lunch. £90 for 2 Days 10am—430pm. Held at Truro School, Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH. For further details call



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