

FORMER PUPIL NEWS

Firstly - *Thank You*



I could not start this month's newsletter without first saying an enormous *Thank You!* After the April edition, I received over 100 emails, from Former Pupils answering my request for news. Stories from far and wide, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, Germany and Croatia, (to mention but a few) and some from nearer to home.

ALL were most welcome and really interesting, such a delight to read. I have some great stories and news to report in the coming months and some I will save until next year's *Truronian* (2016-2107 edition) as they will make great features.

Please don't feel you have been overlooked or forgotten if your news doesn't appear in this month's newsletter, it's just that I received so much – which was amazing. Please keep them coming.

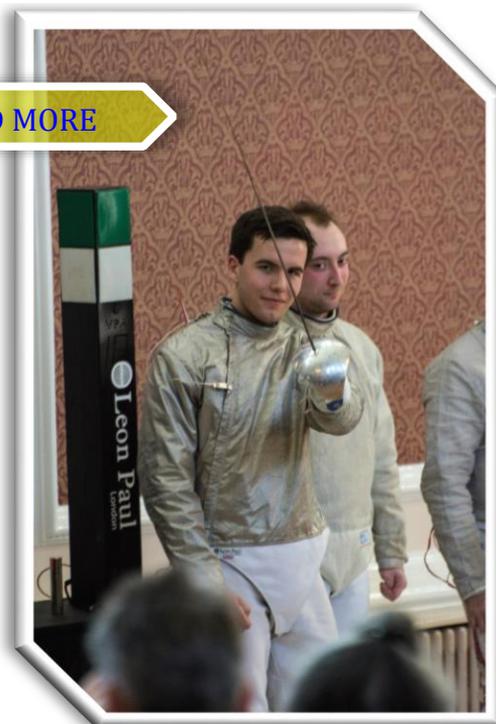
Also thank you to those who have already joined the new, official [Truro School Community LinkedIn](#) page.

Nicky Berridge

Tom Harvey (CO13) Awarded Highest Honour for a Cambridge Athlete

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Tom Harvey is in his penultimate year studying law at Cambridge University and has just been awarded one of the most prestigious awards which can be bestowed upon a Cambridge athlete.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

09-10-11 June Royal Cornwall Show STAND NUMBER 398

We would like to extend an invitation for you to join us for refreshments during the three days of the Show. Please come and enjoy a glass of wine, pause for a chat or meet up with old friends on stand 398 where you will receive a warm welcome.

Last year we were delighted to receive an enormous number of current pupils, former pupils, parents and friends to the Truro School stand along with many prospective parents and pupils. We hope to repeat this again this year.

On display will be examples of work produced by our students and there will be an array of archive memorabilia such as old photographs and images of Truro School.

Saturday 2 July 2016 Leavers Indian Summer Ball

Tickets are selling very fast for this event – come and be part of what we hope to ensure will in future be *the must attend event* in the Truro calendar.

The Ball is open to this year's leavers, former pupils, parents and friends.

Please see later in the newsletter for more details in the full advertisement.

Download the Summer Ball
[Booking Form](#)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10 September 2016 TSFPA Annual Reunion Dinner

Lots of bookings received since the last newsletter – thank you.

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

So far we have the following bookings:

Seniors	04
Class of 66	10
Class of 76	20
Class of 86	02
Class of 96	14 (table of 10 pending)
Class of 06	21

Guest speaker will be David George (BBC Spotlight Journalist and CO76).

Were you taught Geology by Mr Ian Kenyon anytime over the past 35 years?

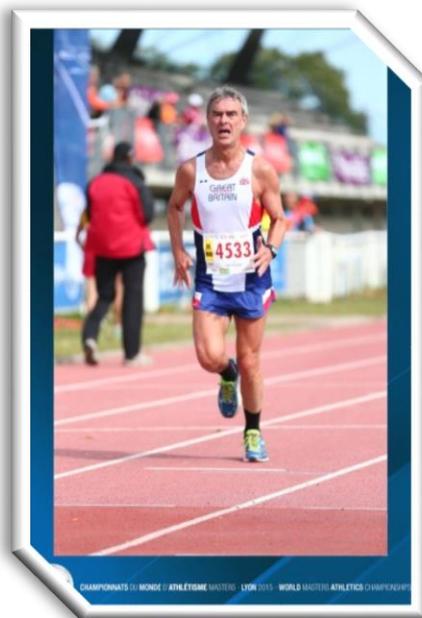
Ian Kenyon will be joining us at the dinner as special guest (and of course Mrs Kenyon) and we hope you will help us celebrate Ian's 35 years at Truro School and retirement from Head of Geology. Why not come and join the *Geologist* table?

Of course, the dinner remains open to all former pupils and friends – So perhaps you could organise a table of friends and be part of an evening to remember?

Link to the [Booking Form](#)

Nigel Haywood (CO73) London Marathon – 3 hours, 9 minutes

Nigel Haywood retired from the Diplomatic Service in 2014; his last appointment was as Governor of the Falkland Islands. Since retiring Nigel has been extremely busy:



In November 2015 he began a PhD at Bournemouth University studying the genetics and habitat preferences of the Falklands Fritillary - a butterfly. He was lucky enough to get a Vice-Chancellor's scholarship and, also a sports scholarship from the University. The sports scholarship stems from marathon running.

Nigel won a team bronze medal representing Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the World Masters Athletics Championships in Lyon last summer. He also ran the recent London Marathon in an amazing 3:09:11, placing him tenth in the 60-64 age group (out of 550+ entries in the category).

In addition to all this Nigel has also just taken music exams for the first time in his life- he passed Grade 4 on the bassoon. Nigel said: *They're the most terrifying thing I've done, ever. How do people do them when they're scarcely even teenagers? You learn an awful lot when you retire.*

Rose Hatcher (CO03) Fish Factory Art Space Founder and Curator



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Fish Factory Art Space on Falmouth Wharves will celebrate five years at the forefront of Falmouth's independent art scene with an open invitation party on 3rd June from 6pm.

Fish Factory founder and curator, Rose Hatcher will be presenting an archive of colourful happenings from years gone by and also some of the 'collection' of forgotten art and ephemera for your delectation and amusement.

Steve Dunn (CO76) Visits Cornwall from Australia

Steve Dunn (Treliske and Truro School from 1968 to 1976) visited Cornwall in May for his Mum, Rosie's 80th birthday party.



Steve migrated to Australia in 1990 where he worked in Government in Chief Executive roles for both fisheries and maritime departments, and where he is now based as an international consultant and very part time trout fly-fishing blogger, writer, and charter boat operator:

<http://flystream.com/2016/05/10/9133/>.

It is also the 25th anniversary of the passing of Steve's Dad, Tony Dunn. Tony was a strong supporter of Truro School providing trucks and labour during the construction of what, in the mid 70s were the new band hut and sports hall. Tony's brother, Colin (*pictured with Steve and Rosie above*) is another former pupil who still farms at Strickstenton near Lostwithiel. Steve says he's gone back to Australia for a rest.

Glen Heather (CO09) Camborne School of Mines

Former pupil Glen Heather and students from the local Camborne School of Mines (CSM), University of Exeter, have achieved overall third place in the world at this year's intercollegiate Mining Games held in Butte Montana.

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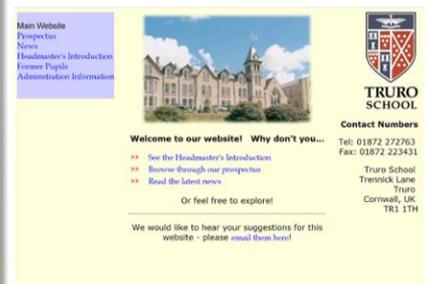
Our recent launch of the new, official, [Truro School Community LinkedIn](#) page has been really successful with over 200 new members in just one week. If you have not already done so, I'd like to invite you to join and start posting items to help make this a really useful resource for general items of interest, information and advice.

TRURO SCHOOL WEBSITE A trip down memory lane

As we celebrate the launch of our new website, we thought it would be a good time to take a trip down memory lane and go back to the school's first-ever website, originally launched in 1999.

Have a browse and let us know if it brings back any memories.

[1999 Website](#)



TSFPA AGM Monday 27 June 2016

The Annual General meeting of the TSFPA Committee will take place on Monday 27 June 2016.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the Sixth Form Centre at Truro School. All welcome.

The [2015 TSFPA Accounts](#) are available to view on the Truro School website.

Rosie Hawkins (CO12)

Troop Commander - Sek Kong Troop in 246 Queens Gurkha Signals

Rosie Hawkins left Truro School in 2012 and is now a commissioned officer in the British Army. She commissioned December 2015 into the Royal Signals and is now a Second Lieutenant in the Corps that deals with the Army's communications systems when on exercise and deployments.



In August 2016 Rosie will start her first official posting which will be in York at 2 Signal Regiment where she will be Troop Commander of Sek Kong Troop in 246 Queens Gurkha Signals.

This means she should have the opportunity to spend three months in Pokhara Nepal studying the language of Nepali. After that Rosie can expect to be deployed for six months to the British Falklands Islands to assist in the communications – all this within her first year of troop command.

Rosie says she feels fortunate to play hockey for the Corps team and to horse ride at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in front of the Queen as part of the Services Team Jumping Class which is held every year.

She says: I am loving every minute of my new career and cannot recommend it enough to pupils of TS to consider it as an option either straight after A levels or post graduating. The Army's values and standards echo what TS taught me and I am proud to call it my school and of my Cornish heritage. I enjoy being kept up to date on activities at the school through your Facebook page and the emails.

Tamsyn Hogan(née Ryall) (CO98)

Search and Rescue Helicopter Pilot

Over the course of the last year, the military (RAF and RN) have handed over the responsibility for Search and Rescue to a civilian organisation after more than 70 years of conducting operations. For the last 10 years Tamsyn Hogan has been part of this amazing team.

Post university Tamsyn completed her Initial officer training at RAF Cranwell before continuing her flying training at the Defence Helicopter Flying School at RAF Shawbury in Shropshire; first on single engine Squirrels and then twin-engine Griffins. Part of this training involves a short detachment to RAF Valley on Anglesey to learn the disciplines of hovering over the water, mountain flying, and winching – all the very essence of Search and Rescue Operations. She gained her pilot wings in May 2006 and was delighted to be posted to Search and Rescue.

(Right: Tamsyn with daughter Daisy)



Tamsyn completed a 6 month course in Search and Rescue (SAR) learning to fly the Sea King at RAF St Mawgan: *I have to say it was some of the best months of my air force career. I loved being back in Cornwall, playing hockey for my old club in Falmouth and flying over the North Cornwall coast. It was great. Unfortunately for me, the RAF didn't have any operational helicopters in Cornwall (the Navy had that responsibility from Culdrose) so a posting to Royal Marines Barracks Chivenor in North Devon was the next best thing.*

Tamsyn has remained with the SAR team and feels it has been a great privilege and honour to be part of the final decade.

Tamsyn's full story will appear in the 2016-2107 edition of the *Truronian* next year – it is a great read!

Thies Gudewer (CO86) Fourth Generation of Family Firm - Hamburg, Germany

In 1895 Dietrich Rosier began his trade selling breads and pastries, now more than 100 years later his great-grandson, Thies Gudewer (Truro School 1984 to 1986 continues to run the family business. The company has evolved but the original ethos and integrity of the family firm remains strong today.



Thies is the fourth generation of his family to lead the business and says: *It was always clear to me as a small boy that I would take over the firm one day.*

He recalls how he played with his sisters at the business premises and even earned his first wages packing bags with straw, earning ten pfennigs per bag. The children often accompanied their parents to trade fairs and learnt the ways of business.

Dietrich's daughter, Johanna (Thies' grandmother), fell in love and married a sailor named John Gudewer. John returned after the war and entered into the family business to work with his father-in-law.

After some years the business changed instead of selling food they began to trade in fertilizers and seeds. Thies recalls that this must have come about due to the food shortages created by the Second World War. He tells of the seed bar, an enormous large wall unit with various drawers in which seeds were kept and were sold to customers in paper bags by the shovel - he remembers it looked like an old pharmacy.

The business has always been a family concern, first run by his Great-grandfather and his father, then his father and himself and now it is Thies, his wife, Natascha and his sister, Inken, who run the company. The success of the company is largely due to diversification, constantly reviewing market trends and adapting accordingly. The seeds are long gone and have been replaced over time with new ventures and the enterprise is now that of garden design. They have moved with the times and have, as well as the busy retail outlet, a website (www.gudewer.com). Thies says: *We have no reason at present to make any major changes but if the need should arise we will adapt naturally and make necessary changes as the market dictates - and if all else fails we will start back at the beginning and sell buns!*

Jack Trevail (CO14) Summer Placement with Rolls Royce

Jack is currently studying Engineering Design at the University of Bristol. The University encourage all students on the course to undertake summer placements between the first and second year of study and Jack has managed to secure a placement with Rolls Royce in their Defence Design department in Bristol.

As part of the engineering course students also complete a year in industry during the third year and so the aim of the summer placement is to gain experience in industry beforehand.

Jack says: *This is a good opportunity to learn more about the different areas within engineering and will hopefully help me to make a decision as to how I might want to specialise as my course develops. I am really looking forward to the opportunity of working with Rolls Royce.*

Jack's father, Phil (CO81), grand-father, Michael (CO50) and both his sisters Emily (CO11) and Alice (CO09) are Truro School former pupils. More about this talented family in news later this year.



Ross Cairns (CO98)

Private Sports Clinic - Australia

Ross left Truro School in 1998 and went to Medical School in Southampton. From there he graduated with a 1st class intercalated degree in Physiology and Biochemistry and then graduated with distinction from medical school. After finishing his Pre-Registration House Officer year in Winchester, Ross migrated to Australia.



Having moved to the Central Coast he met Vanessa, who is a paediatrician, and they married. Ross and Vanessa are now settled in Newcastle, NSW and have 2 young boys (Jack 4 and Harry 2).

Ross continued to play semi-professional football in Australia until, sadly, he suffered a knee injury. (Ross was keen for teachers Simon Collinge and Mark Nicholas to know this.)

Ross specialises in Sports and Exercise medicine and after he completed further specialist training, he began his own private clinic in 2014, *Newcastle Sports Medicine* www.newcastlesportsmedicine.com.au.

(Pictured left: Taken when the Central Coast Mariners won the A-league (the Aussie version of the Premier League)
Below: With the Australian junior team.

He also works for the Australian Olympic Football team and a professional Football team known as the Central Coast Mariners. Ross is the chief medical officer for Northern NSW Football and the Hunter Academy of Sport. In addition to all that he is also a conjoint lecturer at the University of Newcastle and is currently developing a sports medicine curriculum for undergraduate medical students which will be one of the first of its kind in the world.

Ross says: *Life is fantastic in Australia with good weather and people that love being outside, exercising and enjoying life. Perhaps my finest moment in Australia though came a few years ago when I took on my Australian best mate's grandma (who came from Truro) in a pasty-off. It was a dead heat according to the judges but Cornwall (and Truro) was being celebrated on the other side of the world!*



Pavao Perse (CO98)

ENT Specialist - Croatia

Pavao Perše attended the sixth form at Truro School in 1996/7. Home for Pavao was Croatia. After he returned to Croatia from England he went on to study medicine at the University of Zagreb.

After completing his education Pavao began work as an ENT resident. He is now married to Ivana and has 2 beautiful children Jakov and Tena, aged 5 and 7.

Pavao has now achieved the level of ENT specialist and head and neck surgeon at a tumour clinic in Zagreb, Croatia.

Pavao says: *In my spare time, which is scarce, I enjoy reading a good book, playing basketball, or football, riding a bike, or just having a pint or two.*



Martin Wilmshurst (CO64) Establishing Former Pupil Reunions in Australia

Many of our Australian readers will already have received communication regarding Martin's aim to reunite former pupils of Truro School who now reside in Australia. This is clearly not an easy task given the size of the Country.



Martin passed the 11+ exam and had been accepted at Berkhamsted School in Hertfordshire. However, Martin's parents were friendly with the parents of a boy named Andrew Julian (CO64) - both boys' fathers were Colonial Police, Singapore. Mr and Mrs Julian spoke highly of Truro School because their eldest son Simon (CO61) was pupil at the time. Mr and Mrs Wilmshurst and young Martin visited Truro and the rest, as they say, is history.



Martin's first boarding house was Poltisco, then Epworth, followed by Tower and Hall dormitories. Martin recalls: *I really enjoyed my time at Truro – didn't shine academically or get school colours! But was an enthusiastic member of the Scouts, I remember Mr Jackson fondly as Assistant Scout Master. I recall my weekends, going on Scout Hikes, reaching Exeter one weekend accompanied by fellow pupils, Jim Sayell (CO64), Andrew Julian and Chris York (CO64). My grandparents were somewhat surprised as we "camped" with them*

Martin visited Truro on a few occasions prior to Richard Stevenson (CO64) starting his years' reunions and since then has managed to keep in contact with other former pupils. He says: *Really is amazing to think that after nearly 60 years we still chat as if it was yesterday – a big "thank you" to Richard!*

Martin retired in 2014 but keeps busy with the local Rotary Club and will in fact be his club President from June 2016 to June 2017. He is also writing a book based on anecdotes from his life working and living in various parts of the world and combining with unusual recipes, including those from Kazakhstan, Siberia, Papua New Guinea, USA, Saudi Arabia, Colombia, Africa, Laos, Vietnam, China and of course England. In fact, he says the first part is all about when he first came to Truro as a boarder in 1957 and some of the gastronomic delights enjoyed then!

Martin will be returning to the UK to attend a Former Pupil Reunion in October this year and we really look forward to catching up with him then.



If you are located in Australia and haven't already made contact with Martin regarding his idea to organise former pupil reunions please email tsfpa@truroschoo.com and we would be delighted to put you in touch.

Dominic Etheridge (CO99) Dental Practice - Australia

After 7 years at Truro School, Dominic Etheridge left in 1999 and went to study Dentistry at Bristol University, graduating in 2004 (along with another former pupil Jonathan Cowie CO99) who he still keeps in touch with and will be seeing in September when he visits Europe for a holiday with his family).



After 2 years working in Falmouth Dominic and his girlfriend Kate, moved to Perth in Western Australia in 2006, where they have now lived for almost 10 years. They recently celebrated their 7-year wedding anniversary having *tied the knot* in Phuket, Thailand back in 2009 and now have two beautiful children, Evie who is almost 5 and Sam who is 1. Dominic's parents still live in Truro and Evie was lucky enough to visit them in 2014 when they returned for a holiday and stayed in St Agnes above the beach where Dominic first learnt to surf. Dominic says: *Although we are now true blue Aussies (Australian Citizens) I still have very fond memories of my Cornish upbringing and my surgery is decorated entirely with Cornish art work of coastal scenes of St Ives, Falmouth and St Mawes.*

He went on to say: *Perth is an amazing place to live with very enviable weather, although it is a long way from anywhere - it is closer to fly to Bali in Indonesia than any other state capital in Australia - hence its reputation as the most isolated territory Capitol city in the world! I enjoyed 7 amazing years at Truro School and I'd love to one day see the boys rugby tour visit Perth and play against the private boys schools out here (Christchurch grammar school, Scotch College among others) and I'd make an effort to dig out my old school tie and blazer and get out to support them (unless my son is playing against them of course)!*



Christopher Johnston (CO11) PCMD Medical Student

Chris is currently in his 4th year at the Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry which is part of Exeter University. He will be taking his finals in June 2016. Chris will then be heading to Newcastle to study an MRes in Medical Sciences in September.

The Medical Sciences MRes is a research-based course with a taught component that is equivalent to an MSc. It provides a springboard into a career that involves a working knowledge of scientific research.

Chris told us: *The MRes consists of a 4 month taught component and an 8-month research component. For the first 4 months you select 3 modules to study in depth and sit a compulsory module in statistics. The modules I would like to study are surgical anatomy, cardiovascular science and musculoskeletal science, as I am hoping to go into a surgical career. After this we spend 8 months conducting an in-depth research project with an expert in a given field of medicine. I have not confirmed my project yet, but I am hoping to do it in the field of cardiology.*

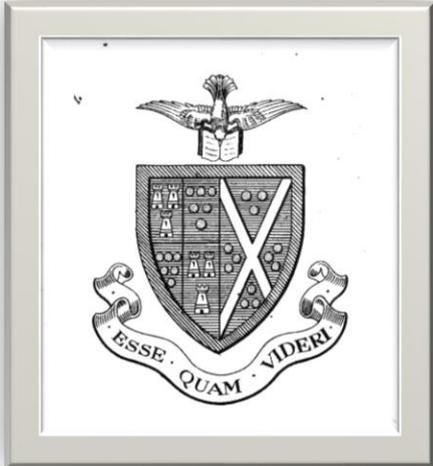
Good Luck with your finals Chris and we look forward to hearing how things go in Newcastle.



ARCHIVE ATTIC

This month Jo has decided to run a little competition:
Do you know the year(s) these School badges were in use?

Answers to Jo Wood: jw@truroschool.com



EVENTS

Indian Summers - Summer Ball 2016

Black Tie, Ball Gowns and Cocktail Dresses
(Non-spicy food is also available)

Download the Summer Ball:
[Booking Form](#)

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The Headmaster cordially invites
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Summer Ball 2016

SATURDAY 2 JULY at TRURO SCHOOL

Dress code ~ black tie 7.00pm for 7.30pm Tickets £40
Enquiries to Ms Jo Shaw, 01872 246078, jms@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.

Mark Vanstone mv@truroschoo.com
Elouise Gill eg@truroschoo.com

Were you taught by
Ian Kenyon?

Don't miss this
celebration!

Email:
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Truro School's Boarders and Staff Supporting

Children's Hospice Southwest – The Rainbow Run Sunday 26 June 2016 RAF St Mawgan, Newquay

On Sunday 26 June the boarding community (38 staff and boarders) will be taking part in the Rainbow Run to raise money for [Children's Hospice Southwest](http://www.chsw.org.uk), a charity that provides hospice care for children with life-limiting conditions and their whole family across the South West.



At Truro School we are committed to supporting local charities and it is a privilege to raise money for Children's Hospice South West. The boarding community, who have in the last two years raised over £1200 for the charity, are excited to be taking part in this year's Rainbow Run.

Last year's event was a huge success and we are expecting this years, since it is the charities 25th anniversary, to be even more special

If you would like to support this event and help the School raise their target for Children's Hospice Southwest please visit their [JustGiving](#) page.



SIR BEN AINSLIE SPORTS CENTRE

Based at Truro School, the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre is Cornwall's premier sports facility. Opened in October 2013 the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre boasts some of the best facilities in Cornwall.

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HESELTINE GALLERY

Truro School's onsite bespoke Gallery area. A range of exhibitions have been displayed in the Heseltine, including David Andrew, Clarissa Beothy and Robert Jones.

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BURRELL THEATRE

The Burrell Theatre is Truro's hidden gem in the heart of Cornwall. The theatre produces and receives a diverse mix of theatre, dance, live music and film and with a seating capacity of 200 or a standing capacity of 350.

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**THE FISH FACTORY ART SPACE
FALMOUTH WHARVES**

Lots of artwork, performances games, food, drink and of course the famous *melon raffle!*

All are welcome to join in the festivities

**Friday 3 June 2016
From
6:00 pm**

For more information, please visit
www.fishfactoryarts.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—4.30pm. Held at Truro School, Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH. For further details call



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