

## FORMER PUPIL NEWS

### London Networking Reunion – 20 October 2016



Former Headmaster Paul Smith, centre, along with his wife Kathy, on the far left, pictured with some of the attendees at the East India Club in St James's.

*It was a real delight to meet so many former pupils at the recent London Networking Reunion and a great credit to Nicky Berridge, Alumni Relations Manager, that so many responded to her invitation to gather together.*

Kathy and I particularly enjoyed meeting so many from our time at Truro School and are so proud to hear what a great success so many are making of their lives. It is a reflection of the exceptional quality of the education provided at Truro School that so many confident, poised and interesting young men and women have embarked on their careers in the city, in so many varied professions such as law, finance, physiotherapy, architecture, music and modelling! However it was even more heartening to hear that the friendships forged in Cornwall are flourishing in the "big city" and providing a bulwark against the modern challenges of employment uncertainties, high rents and university debt.

The East India Club provided a suitable venue for such an august gathering and, as would be expected, prompts me to a quote or two.....

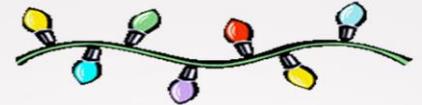
"Friendship improves happiness and abates misery, by doubling our joy, and dividing our grief" Joseph Addison

"If you throw a ball. You hope it will reach a wall and bounce back so you can throw it again. You hope your friends will provide that wall" Pablo Picasso

We are sure that the Truro School Former Pupils Association will continue to provide just such a wall and we look forward to future opportunities to stay in touch and offer an open invitation to any who remember us to visit our new home in Suffolk.

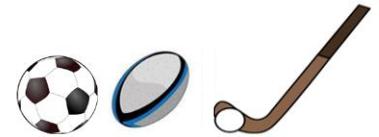
Paul and Kathy Smith

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS



### CHRISTMAS CATCH UP

**Saturday 17 December**  
7pm in the dining hall  
Pizza and a Beer or  
Glass of Wine.



### EASTER SPORTS

2017

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### AFTERNOON TEA

Friday 7 April 2017



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**DECENNIAL REUNION**  
9 September 2017



Further Details for all these events  
are on Page 3.



## Philip Rule (CO78) Truro School to the Metropolitan Police

*Philip Rule, pictured left at the London Networking event, joined the Metropolitan Police from school. He kindly sent in a piece about his experiences and his time at Truro School.*

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Philip Rule, far left, with Patrick Stevenson (CO64) and Allan Church, former member of teaching staff.



Anthony Oliver (CO03) with Nicky Berridge and Mireille Sfeir



Barnaby Smith with Charles Jones and Jerry Stevens (All CO07)



Frances Harris (CO09) Lydia Manuell (CO08) Matt Rogers (CO07) Camilla Wehmeyer (CO07) and Kathryn Harris (CO07)



Ravi Saravanamuttu (CO74) with Patrick Stevenson (CO64)



Left Geoff Ross (CO10) with Alex Hurry (CO11)

See all the photographs of the event in the Former Pupils Section of the Truro School website.  
<http://www.truroschoo.com/tsfpa-london-networking-reunion-2016/>

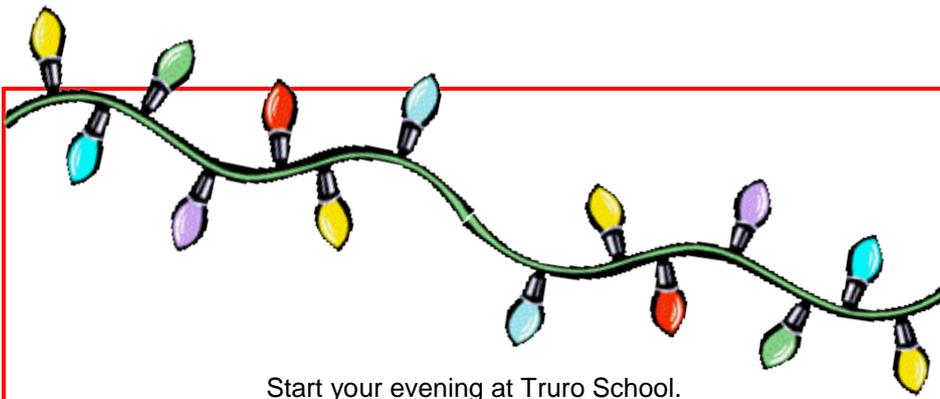
## Gabrielle Cecil (CO11)

### Liberal Arts Degree to Laura Ashley Brand Ambassador



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*Pictured left on a photoshoot for Laura Ashley and on the left of the group shot at the East India Club. Gabrielle writes of her life since leaving Truro School*



Start your evening at Truro School.

**Saturday 17 December. 7pm in the Dining Hall.**

Pizza and a beer or glass of wine.  
Meet up with your classmates  
before you head into Truro for the evening.

Let us know if you are coming along  
[tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)  
so that we can cater for the correct numbers.  
See you soon

DIARY DATES  
**CHRISTMAS  
CATCH UP**

SATURDAY 17  
DECEMBER

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**EASTER  
SPORTS  
MATCHES  
2017**

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**AFTERNOON  
TEA**

Did you attend Truro School prior to 1965? If so, you are invited to join us for a cream tea, a catch up and a visit to the Truro School Dining Hall

Official invitations will follow shortly.

**Friday 7 April 2017**

Last year we welcomed almost 100 former pupils, their wives and partners to this popular annual event

If you would like to join us please telephone

**01872 246094**

or

[tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)



**Friends of Truro School**

**Christmas Fair**

**Thursday 15 December 2016**

**4.30 pm – 6.30 pm**

**Old Sports Hall**

**Easter Sports Matches 2017**

Are you a hockey, netball or rugby player?  
Would you like to be part of the 2017 Easter Matches  
that take place here at Truro School.

Please let us know whether you would like more information so that  
we can compile teams for the annual event.

We are also hoping some former pupils will offer to be  
co-ordinators for the teams.

Are you able to help?

Email: [tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)



## Rob Pedley MBE (CO89)

### PC Rob Pedley tells of his proud day at Buckingham Palace

PC Rob Pedley, of the West Midlands Police Force, was formally made a Member of the British Empire by royal appointment at Buckingham Palace earlier in the month when he was presented with his medal by Prince William.

Rob runs West Midlands Police's **Precious Lives** project – diverting children away from violent crime and gang culture - which, since launching in 2011, has now reached more than 100,000 teenagers across the region. Alongside Marcia Shakespeare and Alison Cope – mums who have experienced the trauma of lives lost to gun and knife crime – Rob tours the region's schools on a campaign to 'deglamorize' gang culture and steer clear of crime.

Rob proudly reported *It was an amazing experience. There were around 60 people receiving honours and I felt very privileged to be among them. It was also Armistice Day and we collectively observed the two minutes silence in the palace's main ballroom...it was very moving.*

*I expected Prince William to say something like 'so what have you done then' – but he asked about the Precious Lives scheme and seemed genuinely interested to hear about our work. It was a great day and a fantastic experience.*

Rob was quick to thank others for the success of the Precious Lives project.

He added *I feel privileged to be in a position where I can influence young people and help them make the right life choices. I'm just doing my job as a PC in line with our values of giving our communities 100 per cent and to police with confidence, pride and passion. I haven't achieved the success of the Precious Lives project alone. I have had support at every step from WMP colleagues, plus Marcia and Alison, and my family in allowing me to rebuild my life to where it is today.*



## Byran Wills-Heath (CO97)

### Computing Careers Talk



Nancy Kenward, Careers Advisor writes: *On Friday 11 November we held another business lunch, this time focusing on the computing industry. Byran Wills-Heath (CO97) from Bluefruit Computing and Martin Howard, who works for the Navy using software for aviation modelling, joined 10 students from the fifth and 6th Forms in an informal talk over lunch about the opportunities in the field, and the different routes into computing careers.*

## Andrew Body (CO81)

### Lodge & Thomas Auctioneer

The Anonymous art auction that took place on 10 November was a big success.

After an introduction from Mr David Meads, Head of Art, we heard from Mr Joe Taylor, Founder and CEO of the Wave Project, who explained the formation of the award winning organisation which uses surfing to help young people reduce anxiety and improve confidence. Their surf courses are proven to help clients feel calmer, more motivated and positive about their future.

The auctioneer, Andrew Body (CO81), from Lodge and Thomas, made the whole evening a very enjoyable event, adding humour to the evening and encouraging sales for the worthwhile cause.



Andrew said: *I was delighted to be asked to conduct the recent auction of art at Truro School. I would never have guessed when I joined the school in 1979 as a sixth form pupil to study my A-levels, that 37 years later I would be standing in front of a lectern in the Heseltine Gallery as an auctioneer selling 90 works of art!*

*All 90 lots were sold, some even had commission bids and it was wonderful to see the diverse range of styles produced by students as well as a number of established artists, all of whom kindly donated their works.*

Total proceeds in excess of £4,500 were raised for the Wave Project – an excellent result.

Please look out for future events and thank you for your support.

## Jamie Z Downes-Atkins (CO05)

### Zennor Made

*Jamie recently visited Truro School and met up with the Design Technology staff.  
He will be exhibiting at the Christmas Fair on 15 December.*

*Read how his introduction to woodwork at Truro School has inspired a passion which has become his business.*



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Save the date.....

## TSFPA Annual Decennial Dinner 2017

Saturday 9 September 2017

Truro School

6.30 pm to 11.30 pm

The “**2017 Decennial Years**” Dinner will especially celebrate all our **Seniors** and classes of:

**67 ~ 77 ~ 87 ~ 97 ~ 07**

We would like to find a representative for each of these year groups, to help “rally the troops” and make sure your year has a great turn-out.

**Can you Help? Maybe you have a School Facebook group?**

Please email: [tsfpa@truroschool.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschool.com)

Each table will be hosted by a former or current member of teaching staff.

Who would you like to host your table?

**ALL Former Pupils and guests are welcome**

even if this is not your decennial year.

The 2016 Dinner was a sell-out with 125 guests attending so don't miss out.

Register your interest and reserve a group table as soon as possible,  
**its not too soon!**

Tickets:  
£25.00

There is already interest from former students who left in 2007, '97, '87 etc.

The details are above and on the Truro School website.

Please encourage your classmates to up-date their details on the Alumni section if they do not already receive a monthly newsletter.

You can register your interest and reserve a group table now.

**ALL FORMER PUPILS** are welcome - even if this is not your decennial year.

### Dave Richards (CO64)

Thank You



Dave Richards (CO64) pictured with his 'Thank You' gift from the Reunion Dinner held in October.

He thoroughly enjoyed catching up with old friends and former members of staff. He is looking forward to repeating the event in September 2017.

## Brett Smitheram (CO97) Visit from the World Scrabble Champion

We were delighted to welcome Brett into school when he visited Cornwall early in November. He had a tour and lunch with the Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown. Brett brought along the World Championship trophy and is pictured here holding it along with the school scrabble cup.

Brett has kindly compiled a scrabble challenge for former pupils. Something to puzzle over during the Christmas break.

See below for details and have a go yourself.



Challenge former pupil and World Scrabble Champion, Brett Smitheram, at his own game!

Find your highest scoring single play with the set of letters 'AIRGUST' and let us know your score.

Possible and highest scoring answers will be shown in the next newsletter.

\*All answers currently on the board are permissible. i.e. 'joseph' is played as a lady's long coat, not the name.

Email your answers to [tsfpa@truoschool.com](mailto:tsfpa@truoschool.com)

No Prizes...just for fun. Good Luck!

We will ask Brett to supply future puzzles, if enough readers are interested. Please let us know if you enjoyed the challenge and would like more.  
email: [tsfpa@truoschool.com](mailto:tsfpa@truoschool.com)

## Julian Hanwell (CO74)

### The Bell is silent



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*Julian Hanwell called in for a school tour during his visit to Cornwall in October. He related the tale of the 'Bell Boy' and has kindly forwarded a record of his visit. Please click on the 'Read More' arrow to see how the school day ran with precision to the sound of a bell.*

*If you were a pupil during this time this may **ring a bell** with you.*

*Please let us know your recollections of your time at Truro School.*

Today the bell hangs silently in the Heath Hall for all to see

## Oral History Project Launch

Truro School Archivist, Jo Wood, has begun work on the Oral History Project. Jo has arranged several appointments with former pupils who have expressed an interest in taking part in the scheme. Volunteers are invited into Truro School to record recollections of their time here.

Once the recordings have been compiled and edited, we hope to make them available to both past and present students. The project will also be an element of the **Afternoon Tea** to be held next year on Friday 7 April for pupils who attended pre 1965.

If you would like to take part or require any further information, please feel free to contact Jo Wood on 01872 246075 (Thursdays and Fridays) or email [jvw@truroschool.com](mailto:jvw@truroschool.com).

We look forward to hearing from you and hope this will develop into a vibrant and interesting element of Truro School for the future.



We would like to wish all our former pupils a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The next issue will be in January, as the Alumni Office will be closed over the Christmas period. Please do submit any stories or items you would like included to [tsfpa@truroschool.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschool.com)

We look forward to hearing from you in 2017.

## ARCHIVE ATTIC

### Scrapbooks Saved from the skip!

The Archive was recently given three scrapbooks saved from a skip in a house clearance, charting part of the career of the actor Nigel Terry (CO64). The scrapbooks include items from his days at Truro School, including photos of school drama productions that haven't been seen by the Archive before.

Do you recognise yourself in any of these photographs?



*Othello 1962*



*Juno and the Paycock*



Many thanks to Robbie Luxton for kindly passing the scrapbooks on to us. If you have any items of interest we could add to the archive, please do get in touch.



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# Hall for Cornwall Annual Concert

**7pm Wednesday 8 February 2017**



**Tickets from the  
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**01872 262426**