

FORMER PUPIL NEWS

Rob Pedley (CO89)

Honoured in Her Majesty's 90th Birthday Celebrations

West Midland Police constable Rob Pedley, 45, was awarded an MBE for his outstanding contribution to policing and the community as part of the Queen's 90th Birthday Honours. Rob is the brains behind the Precious Lives project to steer teenagers away from violent crime.



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Congratulations Rob from everyone at Truro School.

We look forward to seeing the photographs when you receive the award in the Summer.

Edmund White (CO87)

Completes Marathon Number 6 – Supporting Alzheimer's Society



For the past 10 years Edmund has worked in London as Art Director of *National Geographic Kids* magazine. He first started running marathons in 2013. Until then he was never a keen runner but that all changed when he moved to Brighton.

I was a rather unfit smoker and when I turned 41, I decided to stop; we moved to Brighton from South London; I married my long-term partner, Craig, and I decided to get fit - guess it's a bit of turning 40 cliché.

He ran the Brighton marathon again in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and has added Edinburgh in 2016, finishing in a time of 3:53, just 3 minutes over his personal best but 27 minutes quicker than Brighton 2016.

This year Edmund decided to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society, in memory of his mum. So far he has raised £484.00, including gift aid on his [Just Giving Page](#)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 2 July 2016 Leavers Indian Summer Ball

There are just a handful of tickets left for the Summer Ball. It is set to be a wonderful evening and this year 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.

Don't miss out - [Booking Form](#)

Speech Day Live Streaming - 8 July 2016

Share in our annual Speech Day by using the link below which will be live from 10.45 am on Friday 8 July.

The stream will be via YouTube in HD with full stereo sound and may only be accessed via the School's website:

Link: [Speech Day Live Streaming](#)

TSFPA Speech Day Cricket Match Friday 8 June – 1.30 pm



The Former Pupils v School 1st XI cricket match will take place on the School cricket field with refreshments and, *fingers crossed*, good weather!

There are still places available in the Former Pupils team. **If you are available to play please let me know: tsfpa@truroschoo.com** Even if you are unable to play, please come and support the teams at this annual event.

10 September 2016 TSFPA Annual Reunion Dinner

Thank you for all the new bookings following the last newsletter.

Class of '76 are certainly leading at the moment and a few of that year seem to have taken on the unofficial role of *Year Captains*, doing a great job canvassing their year, contacting over 50 other former pupils and the bookings have started to arrive – so a huge *thank you* to those former pupils.

If you haven't booked your table yet, please get in contact as soon as possible.

[Booking Form](#)

If you wish to make a payment for your ticket using BACS – bank details are below:

Barclays Bank
Truro School Former Pupils Association
Sort Code: **20-87-94**
Account Number: **33707679**

Guest speaker will be David George (BBC Spotlight Journalist and CO76) and our music department have kindly agreed to provide some accompaniment for the pre-dinner drinks.

Class of 86

We really need some bookings to make our evening complete. Please come and join us.

Constantine (Costa) Manolchev (CO01) From Sophia to the South West

Constantine (Costa) Manolchev was a young boy living in Bulgaria when he was offered the opportunity to attend Truro School. Costa has written an account of the events which led him to School and to ultimately settle in the South West.



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The pictures left are of Constantine and fellow former pupil Howard Shallard-Brown (CO01).

In Costa's words:
A before and after moment, the first taken in 2000 and then re-visited in 2016

Trevor Jaggar (CO43) Cruising up the Rhine

After leaving Truro School in 1943 Trevor Jaggar went to Bristol University and then spent almost 3 years in, what is now known as Tanzania, (then called Tanganyika). On returning to the UK he trained as a teacher.

After 7 years teaching in Bristol and Anglesey, Trevor became the first Head of Vyners School in Middlesex. Following that, he was a lecturer for 3 years at Exeter University. He then joined what was formerly known as the Inner London Education Authority, finishing up as Chief Inspector (Schools) covering 1000 schools. Once retired Trevor returned to Tanzania 17 times (to date): *I was successively, Executive Secretary, Chairman and Vice-President of the Britain-Tanzania Society and the Tanzania Development Trust. Also did a spell as Chairman of the London Borough of Hillingdon Education Committee and Chair of the Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education for Hillingdon.* At the moment, Trevor is still on the Executive Committee of the Wills Hall Association (Bristol University) and attends many alumni events.

Recently Trevor and his wife Eiry, enjoyed a cruise where they joined the boat at Amsterdam and went all the way up the Rhine to Basle stopping on the way at a number of moorings including: Kinderdijk, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Mannheim, with a trip to Heidelberg. Speyer, Kehl including a trip to Strasbourg, Breisach, followed by a couple of days at Lucerne.



We climbed many hills but the special one was taking a cable train to the top of Mount Pilatus (on Lake Lucerne) and returning by gondola.

We send Trevor and Eiry our very best wishes as they celebrate 61 years of marriage this July – Many congratulations to you both.

Duke of Edinburgh Diamond Anniversary Celebrations Buckingham Palace Garden Party

2016 marks the 60th Diamond Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which was celebrated on 16 May with a Garden Party in the grounds of Buckingham Palace.



Truro School Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown and Mike Cucknell, Outdoor Pursuits and Activities Coordinator, were invited to attend this prestigious award along with one randomly chosen Gold Award participant. It just happens that Rob Pryce (present U6) was the participant who was invited which was apt as he has been an outstanding DoE prefect over the last two years and thoroughly deserved this privileged.

Mike Cucknell reports: *We were very lucky on the day as the sun shone and the grounds of Buckingham Palace were splendid in all their colours and immaculate lawns. Our celebrity for the day was Ray Mears who gave an inspirational toast to the participants and a few wise words for their future.* The school also received a plaque to commemorate our involvement with the Award which we have proudly displayed in the reception area.

Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown added: *It was a real privilege to be part of these Diamond Anniversary celebrations. The DoE award has a significant and positive impact on the lives of so many youngsters and I am really proud of the efforts of our students. Last year Truro School had more successful award winners than any other school in the South West.*

Read the Headmaster Blog:

<http://www.truroschoo.com/headmasters-blog-17-may-2016/>

The Duke of Edinburgh Award at Truro School continues to go from strength to strength with over 100 Bronze, 40 Silver and 30 Gold participants involved in 2016.

PROPOSED EVENTS



October 2016 London Reunion

We would like as many London-based Former Pupils to join us for an evening of networking and a general catch up. We aim to hold the event in October.

Can you suggest a suitable venue?

Do you know of an easily accessible wine bar or club that would let us use their facilities? Or maybe your place of work has suitable facilities they might be happy for us to utilise?

If you have any ideas please get in contact: tsfpa@truroschoo.com



Class of 13 - 14 - 15 Are you home for Christmas?

Would you like to meet up with old school friends for a drink in Truro before you hit the town to celebrate?

Please let me know if you are interested and we would be happy to arrange something if numbers are sufficient.

Email: tsfpa@truroschoo.com

OBITUARY NOTICES

If you have an obituary notice which you would like us to place in the newsletter, please email:
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**Antony Charles
THOMAS**
26 April 1928
7 April 2016

With great sadness we report the death of former Truro School Governor, Professor Charles Thomas, who died on Thursday 7 April, at his home in Truro shortly before his 88th birthday. He leaves wife Jessica, 4 children; Richard, Martin, Susannah and Lavinia and 11 grandchildren.

**John Spencer
KENDON (CO39)**
10 September 1924
12 April 2016

It is with much regret that the School has learnt of the passing of former pupil John Spencer Kendon who died peacefully in his sleep following a short illness on Tuesday 12 April 2016, aged 91. Beloved husband of Pauline (deceased), survived by his son Colin, and grandchildren, Emily and George.

**Colin Graham Lindsay
BEVERIDGE (CO40)**
14 February 1922
01 June 2016

Truro School were sincerely saddened to learn of the passing of one of our oldest former pupils.

Mr Colin Beveridge passed away on Wednesday 1 June 2016, peacefully in hospital aged 94.

Mr Beveridge had a long and rewarding career as a veterinary surgeon and latterly retired in Bodmin, Cornwall. He leaves wife, Dorothy (Penny) and three children, Robert, Timothy and Catherine.

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

Imogen Ridley (CO96) Owner and editor of St Ives Local Magazine



Imogen left Truro School in 1996. After studying English Literature at the University of East Anglia she went to work for Mary Portas at Yellow Door, a creative communications agency. However, Imogen soon missed Cornwall and so trained for her PGCE at Bath University. She then taught English, Media and Psychology for ten years in Camborne and Falmouth School before setting up her own business, *St. Ives Local*, which recently won the Highly Commended, Best New Magazine award from the Association of Independent Magazine Publishers.

Imogen says: *Being part of a community is incredibly important for my family and me. I have been lucky to have been part of many different communities so far: the schools I have worked in, the Royal Navy community (through my husband's job), and now through my business helping local businesses and events link with the local community of St. Ives.*

Imogen is married to George, an officer in the Royal Navy, and they have a beautiful seven-month old daughter called Elin and a labradoodle called Meor, named after the stunning Porthmeor Beach. As well as running *St. Ives Local* www.localmagazinescornwall.co.uk (a free community magazine which is delivered to the residents and businesses of St. Ives, Carbis Bay and Lelant) and looking after their daughter, Imogen is also studying for an MA in Writing For Young People at Bath Spa University which she will complete in December. Her manuscript is about a teenage girl struggling to follow her dreams of becoming a sponsored surfer. The theme of sporting achievements is close to Imogen's heart. She has cycled from John O'Groats to Lands End and from Roscoff to Biarritz, walked the whole of the Cornish coastal path in ten days and ran the Paris marathon.

Imogen says: *I really enjoyed my time at Truro School. I have been back to Truro School a couple of times in the last few years. One visit was for a friend's art exhibition in the Heseltine Gallery where I chatted to my old art teacher Mr Heseltine and another for a talk by the talented Meg Rosoff in the Burrell Theatre. The pupils are lucky to have such wonderful facilities and the opportunity to engage with current authors.*

Imogen is hoping to join the TSFPA committee later in the year.

Join the TSFPA Committee

We are always keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining the Truro School Former Pupils Association committee as we warmly welcome fresh ideas to engage with our alumni. The Committee meets approximately 5 times a year, usually on a Monday evening.

If you are interested please email: tsfpa@truroschool.com

Clare Tresidder (CO10) and The Seaweed Gardeners South West England Young Enterprise Company of the Year Award Winners

Claire has been supporting The Seaweed Gardeners, a group of 4th Year pupils with the vision of turning materials usually thrown away into something useful that will benefit the environment, whilst embracing the opportunities that were available to them living so close to the sea. Read their story and exciting achievements so far...

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Locryn Williams (CO14) From Rugby to Judo

Former pupil, Locryn Williams was all set for a promising career as a professional rugby player when his dreams were shattered as a result of injury. Locryn has used his difficult experiences to his advantage and now has a promising future with his second sporting passion – judo.



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Images of Truro School

Do you have an iconic image of Truro School? Something that makes you instantly think of school and evokes memories of school days? Perhaps it's the *snake* or the *chapel* or perhaps it's *your old school blazer*?

Please let me know:
tsfpa@truroschoo.com

LINKEDIN Truro School Community

Our recent launch of the new, official, [Truro School Community](#) LinkedIn page has been really successful.

With over 270 members it is proving to be a useful networking tool and we are pleased to say we managed to secure a work placement for a Lower Sixth student using this method of engagement.

Please visit the page and comment or post questions or ideas – we will be very pleased to hear from you.

Opt-In Forms Recent Leavers - Please stay in touch

If you have a son or daughter who is leaving the school this term, please encourage them to complete the Opt-In form which was recently emailed to them, if they haven't already done so.

Our aim is to stay in touch with as many former pupils as possible. We also hope to get feedback on how we can help them in the future and what type of event they would like us to host for them. If they are unable to find the form it will be available again when they collect their exam results later in the year.

Anonymous Art Auction

14 October 2016



Calling all Artists

Once again we will be holding an **Anonymous Art Auction** to raise funds for local charity **[The Wave Project](#)**

If you would like to be part of this amazing event and wish to submit a painting, please contact:

Nic Sherriff:

ns@truroschool.com

01872 246039

A4 canvas available from Truro School

Paintings will be exhibited in the **Heseltine Gallery**

Saturday 8 October 2016

Until

Friday 14 October 2016

Viewings:

Saturday and Sunday 10 - 5 pm

Monday to Thursday 4 - 6 pm

The finale charity auction will take place on

Friday 14 October 2016

Commencing:

7 pm

(Telephone bids on the night)

The last art auction, 2 years ago was highly successful, raising over £3000 with sales of more than 120 canvasses.

Former Art Students

On a similar note - Please also get in touch if you are a former A level Art or Design student who is now using your art or design qualification and knowledge in a career, but not necessarily as an artist per se. We have a project we would like you to be part of.

Email: tsfpa@truroschool.com

Sam Heather (CO12)

Receives The Duke of York Young Entrepreneur Award

After leaving Truro School Sam Heather went to the University of York to study Computer Science. Three years later he won an award in the Plan ENVY (Exciting New Ventures at York) competition. Sam was surprised to receive the call from the University of York as he had already graduated but returned recently for the official presentation by His Royal Highness Prince Andrew.



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Lizzie Munro-Lott (CO12) (CO12)

Final Year of Veterinary Training – Bristol University

Lizzie Munro has almost completed her 4-year of Veterinary course and shares, in her own words, what life is like for a Veterinary student in Bristol.



Life continues to be busy and exciting as I have just begun my final year of Veterinary at Bristol University.

The last 4 years have been full of new challenges and delights be that 3:00 am lambing on Dartmoor, countless exams, amazing vet balls, parties and barn dances, being shoulder deep in a cow, scrubbing in for surgery or cuddling some cute baby animals.

Living in Bristol has been wonderful as it is a city which really does have something for everyone.

With the Bristol Downs on my doorstep I was inspired to take up running and have now completed several half marathons and the Brighton marathon and feel it is safe to say that I have the running bug which might be a shock to anyone who witnessed my slow attempts at TS cross-country/sports day.

If anyone is thinking of applying for Veterinary Science I would say go for it – lots of hard work but massively rewarding.

ARCHIVE ATTIC

Jo Wood: jvw@truroschool.com

Tales from the lab Science at Truro School

PLEASE DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME!

by Dr Stuart Bird (CO64)

I owe my love of science and particularly Chemistry to Truro School.

My early secondary years were spent at Mountgrace Comprehensive in 1956-59, but then Dad was sent to South America by his building company. This is probably the best thing that ever happened to me, as I had to change schools, to board in this country. My parents wanted me to be near our family, and I was sent to stay near my cousins in Cornwall, to board at Truro School. The standard of teaching immediately improved.

I was fortunate to have George Pester as my Chemistry master all the way through 'O' and 'A' level. He inspired me to study Chemistry at University, and later teach the subject at Merchant Taylors' and Sevenoaks Schools.

One incident typified George Pester's unflappable approach to the subject, before the days of 'health and safety.' We were in our 'A' level practical class, preparing nitrobenzene. The flask (see diagram 1) contained a mixture of concentrated nitric and sulphuric acids, which we added together whilst cooling. Then benzene was slowly added, making sure the mixture didn't overheat. Unfortunately, my flask DID overheat and noxious brown fumes poured out of the condenser, to create not just nitrobenzene but potentially explosive trinitrobenzene. I was worried, and George instinctively but calmly moved us all back. By now I was at the back of the class covering behind the bench! He was very reassuring and with typical aplomb, cooled the flask under cold water, and the reaction subsided.

I wondered what gave George Pester this amazing coolness under pressure, and later learnt he was a bomb disposal officer in the army!

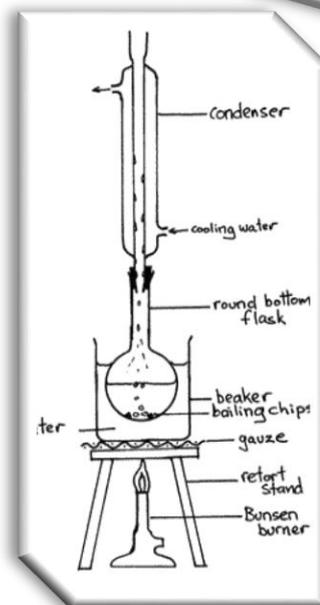
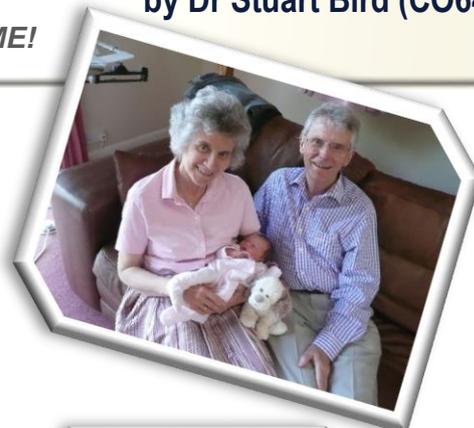


Diagram 1

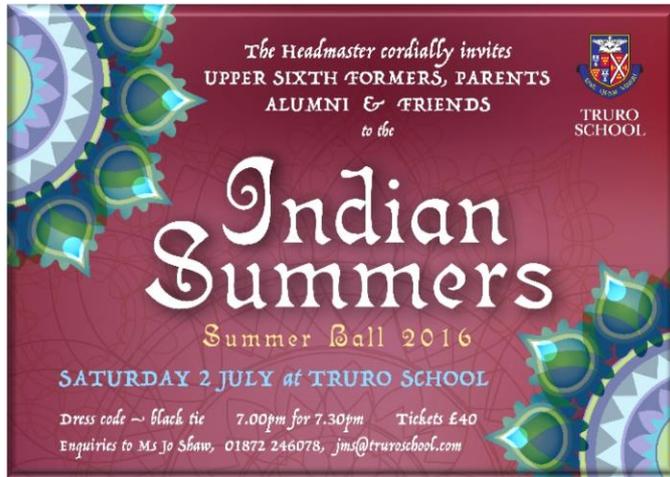
On one other occasion, I could have been in even more trouble, all of my own making! It was known that coal gas from our laboratory taps was explosive under the right conditions! I perfected a gas bomb, by flushing out a coffee tin (see diagram 2) with the gas, using holes at either end. If the gas is then lit on the lid at the top, it draws in air beneath, until the mixture becomes explosive! The opportunity then arose for me to deposit this incendiary device in Mr Kent's Physics class. He was teaching his class optics concealed behind black out curtains, and hidden from me! Just like a firework you can light the gas and retire. Or in my case disappear back to my Chemistry class upstairs. One minute later a loud bang emanated from the lab downstairs! Pandemonium set in! Who was responsible, well me of course but with the perfect alibi! Poor Mr Kent, he was a kindly fellow and Methodist local preacher, not used to the evil pranks we got up to.

All Chemists carry out experiments that are potentially dangerous. Much of the fun, but most of the hazards, have been eliminated by health and safety regulations. Had they been in force when I blew up myself at college, would have saved me from 140 stitches in my face, and nearly the loss of my sight. *Be warned!*



Diagram 2

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HONG KONG FORMER PUPILS AND FRIENDS



Kristoffer To (CO09)
Rhythmic 2nd Anniversary Gala
 in Hong Kong this summer!

Friday 26 August 2016 – 8.00pm

Lecture Hall, Sheung Wan Civic Centre, Hong Kong
 5/F Sheung Wan Municipal Services Building,
 345 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
 (MTR Sheung Wan Exit A2)

Tickets: \$150

Programme

Andy Scott: Sonata for alto saxophone and harp (Asian Premiere)
 Jacob Ter Veldhuis: *Garden of Love*
 Toshio Hosokawa: *Arc-Song*
 Bach (trans. Harley): *Sonata in G Minor BWV1020*
 Debussy: *Danse Sacrée et Danse Profane*
 Patrick Chan: *Drift* (World Premiere)
Auld Lang Syne, Autumn Leaves, Careless Whisper, Desafinado,

Musicians

Masanori Oishi - saxophone
 Judy Ho - harp
 Rod Yu - piano

are joined by three saxophonists from **Hong Kong Saxophone Association**: Anson Ngan, Martin Leung, and Chelsea Ngai

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