

# Truro School Former Pupils' Association newsletter *online*



JULY 2015



The Headmaster, Dame Marjorie Scardino (Guest of Honour) and Rev Aubin de Gruchy at Speech Day

School win the Opie Shield.  
House captains James Bishop and Christina Homer



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Saturday 5 September 2015. All FPs and guests invited.

London Networking Reunion – Thur 1 Oct from 6pm  
Upstairs bar The Masons Arms, 38 Maddox Street, London W1S 1PY

## FP News

### John Mitchell (CO77) OBE

John recently visited Buckingham Palace to pick up an OBE for Services to UK – Afghanistan Cultural relations.

He was Director of the British Council in Afghanistan for two years.

John (CO77) initially worked with Barclays Bank, ending up as a Corporate Manager in London. In 1994 he left banking to undertake voluntary work in Nepal, subsequently joining the British Council. He has worked in Hungary, Zambia, Algeria, India, Afghanistan and he is now Director British Council Morocco.



The picture above shows he hasn't changed much since School.

The picture below shows Kabul is quite a change from Truro.



## 1976/77 unbeaten 2<sup>nd</sup> XV rugby photograph

The appeal for a photograph of the all-conquering 2<sup>nd</sup> XV team of 1976, coached by Graham Baines in his first year teaching at Truro School (who retired last year) and captained by Paul Kendall, brought great results. Both Tony Halliday (CO78) and Joe Clift (CO78) were able to email me a copy.

Played 14    Won 14    Points for 627    Points against 42

Back row (l to r): Ian McNair, John Ashton, Mark Solomon, Rod MacKenna, Nick Godfrey, Andy Peck, Gary Ward, Matt Hocking, Tim Tinker

Middle row (l to r): Dave Eggins, Paul Kendall, Mr. Graham Baines, Charlie Phillips, Tony Halliday

Front row: Joe Clift and Mark Glasson



Fellow players have fond memories of trying to whip 'Soggy' Solomon into some kind of frenzy so that he could fully apply his power and bulk, but it normally took a while to get him to that point.

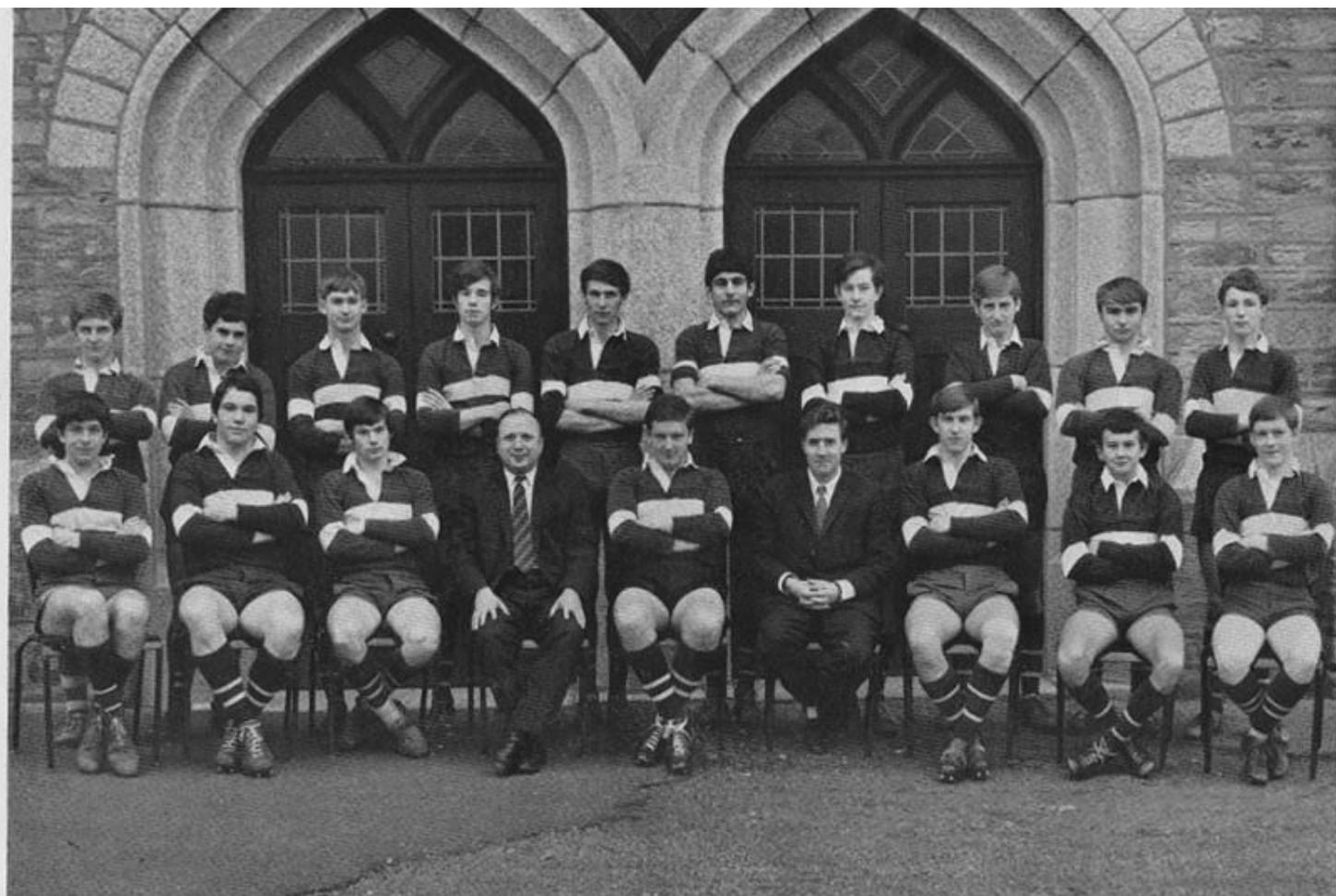
## Colin Benney (CO69) organising a Classes of '68 and '69 table for Annual Reunion Dinner

Colin has asked me to contact the Classes of '68 and '69 and those from the rugby team of 1967-68 to get as many back as possible for a table at the Annual Reunion Dinner on Saturday 5 September in the Dining Hall at Truro School. Last year the table consisted of

Glyn Pascoe	CO69	David Alderton	CO69
Colin Benney	CO69	Garry Cooper	CO69
John Ellery	CO69	Jon Turner	CO69
Nicky Ellery	Guest	Neil Palmer	CO69
Geoff Jenkins	CO69		
Mary Lynn Richardson	Guest		

I am told that Chris Lidiard is in the photograph but his name is not in the list. He's actually the fourth in from the left of the back row, between David Pearce and Brian McCune.

Thanks to Peter Goudge, David James, Jon Turner and Simon Nicholas for their email replies to the question 'Whose name is missing'.



BACK ROW—LEFT TO RIGHT:

*S. Deeble, D. C. Benney, D. R. Pearce, B. McCune, Y. I. Al Radhi, C. M. G. Vivian, A. Westcott, G. M. Cooper, D. H. M. Alderton*

FRONT ROW—LEFT TO RIGHT:

*N. A. H. Palmer, R. M. Lumby, G. C. L. Mason (Vice-Capt.), Mr. Burrell, D. K. James (Capt.), Mr. Lang, S. J. Nicholas (Sec.), I. D. Marshall, T. P. Tonkin*

John Stevens (CO69) writes 'so many familiar faces - many of my peers in this photo - I left Truro in 67 after O-levels but I didn't go far - just to that big rugby rival across the Tamar ! As my peers will testify I was not a rugby player - too small ! - things changed when I started getting full-time home cooking as a day boy in Plymouth!

One of my fond memories of my time at TS was being a Catholic. I did not have to attend the many church services off- and on-site. Particularly enjoyable were the balmy summer Sunday evenings when, while most boys had to endure the evening service, a group of us , including Yaseen, played cricket, football and golf on the school fields - helped by my role i/c sports equipment - there had to be some perks for all that whitening of pads, linseeding bats and dubbing leather balls!

All the best - particularly to the CO69'

## **Kat Endacott (CO15) wins an Oscar award at Exeter College for editing a Single Camera Drama**

After picking up an interest in film editing during 4th year and having two films selected for screening at the Cornwall Film Festival in 2012 and 2013, Kat (known as Katie at Truro School) moved to Exeter to expand her portfolio and has now been rewarded for her skills in video editing.



## Truro School 1<sup>st</sup> XI football team defeat the Former Pupils

The School defeated the Former Pupils team in the annual football match by three goals to nil



## Bereavements

### Tributes to Dave Bruce (CO75)

Please pass on my condolences to Rob and let him know that I was unable to get down for the scattering of Dave's ashes. A sad day.

Guy Pritchard-Davies (CO76)

I was extremely sad to hear of Dave's passing.

Although we had never kept in touch after school days, I remember him with great fondness. He was certainly one of the 'nice' guys at school.

My two most vivid memories of Dave were helping him build his first surf board (not particularly hydrodynamic, but great transfers as I remember it!) and when he took up playing guitar and how quickly he managed to perfect Leo Kottke's finger picking style and riffs.

With sadness,

Alan (Oswald) Triggs (CO75)

I only have the memory of a very likable person who was witty and walking from Bosigran to Penzance to see The Groundhogs at a concert in I believe the "Wintergarten".

The walk back did not seem to take so long!

Mike Rees (CO74)

I remember Dave- even though he was year below- as being a vibrant, funny, active friend, a star on the rugby field.... what to say? This filthy disease seems to be targeting the best and brightest. I am gutted.

Condolences to his family, especially Rob.

Regards, Rob Riddle (CO74)

Very sorry to hear the sad news about Dave. I have good memories of playing rugby with him. If I remember he was a big lad for his age and during the first year or two playing in the school rugby team opposing teams often asked if we were playing an over age player. He would receive the ball and plough on with two or three opponents trying to bring him to ground!

My thoughts are with all his family

Chris Pooley (CO75)

Many memories....Watching his torpedo conversion from the touch line sail through the uprights when Dave was (a forward) in the U 13 s, discussions in the lane and bike shed, making our own surf boards with Andy Blewett and surfing with them both on Wednesday afternoons.

RIP Dave

David Pooley (CO76)

No stories, just saddened to hear of this too soon passing. For me Dave Bruce was always the 'go to' man on the sports field, football or rugby, the guy you always knew would be first on the team sheet and rightly so. Someone in a way you always wanted to emulate for his prowess.

My condolences to his family.

Kevin Ryder (CO 75)

## Future Events

### Edinburgh Fringe

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from 2pm to 3pm each day from  
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### Annual Decennial Reunion Dinner for everybody but targeting Classes of '65, '75, '85, '95 and '05 Saturday 5 September 2015

This dinner is, as always, for ALL former pupils, but with an emphasis on the Decennial years ie. Those who left 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50 years previously.

Click [here](#) and select the 'Annual Reunion Dinner 2015' link for a form. If you would like me to post you a form please let me know.

### London Networking Reunion Thursday 1 October 2015

Upstairs bar of  
**The Masons Arms**  
38 Maddox Street, W1S 1PY  
6pm onwards  
Food provided. Buy your own drinks.

**Jo Wood, School Archivist, is available to help with research on former pupils**

Jo Wood, our Archivist, is available to research any family members who were former pupils.

Please initially contact her on  
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