

FORMER PUPIL NEWS



Shout out to Class Of 2013! Congratulations on your Amazing achievements!

Kiani Pay (CO13) Joining the Royal Navy

Former Pupil Kiani Pay is on her way to becoming a Royal Navy Nurse. **Well done Kiani!**



Kiani studied with the NHS at Southampton to graduate with a degree in adult nursing before applying for a job at Treliske Hospital in Truro. This move back to Truro was going to be a stop-gap as her ambition was always to join the Royal Navy. However she was successful and was offered the job. Kiani joined the surgical ward at Treliske Hospital while she was waiting for her assessment dates for the Navy to come through.

Kiani passed the AIB to join the Navy as a Nursing Officer; the assessments took place over a day and a half at HMS Sultan in Gosport and included essay writing, practical leadership tasks planning exercises, psychometric tests, an interview and a 2.4km run!

Kiani will be beginning her officer training at the British Royal Naval College where she will undertake thirty weeks of naval officer training divided into ten weeks militarisation and a further twenty weeks marinisation. On completion, Kiani will be posted to Derriford Hospital to complete an 18 month clinical rotation and junior officer leadership course. After that, she will have the opportunity to specialise and is aiming for trauma and orthopaedic or intensive care nursing, with the aim of being deployed with the commando surgical forward group that are the medical capacity for the Royal Marines. When asked what her inspiration is, Kiani said:

My mum is a paramedic so I always heard the exciting stories she was involved with in her profession and I wanted to do something similar. However, I didn't like the aspect of her job that meant she didn't get to see her patients throughout their hospital admission and then recover and go home.

The careers officers put me in touch with a naval liaison officer and once I spoke with him I knew it was something that I had to do

EVENTS

Friday 7 April 2pm-5pm

TSFPA

Reunion Afternoon Tea



If you were at School prior to 1965 please join us in the Truro School Dining Hall for the chance to reconnect with old school friends and enjoy a cream tea!

Please let us know you are coming!

tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Or

Telephone Katy:
01872 246094

Saturday 15 April

TSFPA

Easter Sports Fixtures



Are you interested in playing rugby, hockey or football alongside other former pupils? Please get in touch!

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And

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**Hockey Match: Truro vs Former Pupils!
Get involved!**

Henry Lloyd- Laney (CO13)

Amongst the team crowned iGEM Champions



Henry Lloyd-Laney (CO13) was among the first ever team from Imperial College London to win the iGEM Competition! The iGEM (International Genetically Engineered Machine) Competition is an international student prize for synthetic biology. The team took the grand prize and five major prizes, beating nearly 300 other undergraduate teams from all over the world, including Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge with their cell co-culturing project, [Ecolibrium](#)

The other five major prizes, included: “Best Foundational Advance Project”, their competition category, “Best Poster”, “Best Wiki”, “Best New Basic Part”, and “Best Education and Public Engagement”.

The team involved twelve students from the Departments of Bioengineering and Life Sciences. The prestigious award was presented at the iGEM Jamboree event in Boston on Monday 31 October 2016. I hope you can all join Truro School in congratulating Henry and the rest of his team on this incredible achievement!

Henry said: *I really fell in love with Biochemistry in sixth form, especially during my EPQ - thanks to all the teachers who let me indulge in my interests that weren't really on the syllabus, especially Mr Sampson, Ms Cobner and Ms Garcia. And to Mrs Rainbow for everything else.*

Henry has had PhD offers from Cambridge and Imperial College London and is currently deciding between the two. We look forward to hearing more from Henry in the future!

Oli Broadhead (CO13) and Iris Berger (CO14) Walk across Sumatra



This month Oli returned to Truro School to talk to the students about his amazing journey, an incredibly inspirational talk of adventure that certainly won't be forgotten!

During the summer of 2016, undergraduate Biology students Oli Broadhead and Iris Berger set out to walk across Sumatra, starting by assessing the biodiversity of the untouched forests that surround the 3080 metre Mount Kurik, on which they attempted the very first ascent. Read about their fantastic adventure's documenting the wildlife in the hope of protecting the vulnerable forests.

Saturday 9 September

TSFPA Annual Reunion Dinner

All former pupils, Former Staff, Current Staff & Guests

Please join us in the
Truro School Dining Hall
7pm-11pm!

Tickets £25 pp!

Come and help us celebrate with those
who left school
10, 20, 30, 40, 50
and 60 years ago:

Classes of:

07 - 97 - 87 - 77 - 67 - 57

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London Networking Event Thursday 12 October

60 Former Pupils gathered last year to enjoy an evening with Former Headmaster, Paul Smith. This year he will be joined by current Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown.

Come along and meet other former pupils at the East India Club!

Please register your interest with Katy:

tsfpa@truroschoo.com



East India Club

16 St James's Square

London SW1Y 4LH

[Read Oli's Blog Here](#)

Peter Mathesoningle (CO54)

Life in Nevada

After school and an interesting time in the RAF Peter joined the John Dickinson Company. (He says Basildon Bond may ring a bell), in a management training programme. From then on for Peter it was pretty much move, move, move. In the UK he lived and worked in Hemel Hempstead, Liverpool and Reading, before an opportunity arose to move to Canada to launch the product line there.

After making the move Peter continuously travelled around Canada for six years, mostly based out of the Toronto area. Peter said: What a wonderful country. Warm in terms of hospitality, a little chilly weather-wise!

In search of sunshine and warmth, Peter's next move was to California with another paper manufacturing company, where corporate moves and "ladder climbing" meant Peter found himself living and working in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco. The final move with The Boise Cascade Corporation was to Charlotte, North Carolina, for a total of fifteen years until retirement.

By that time Peter's family was spread out all around North America and Canada. A daughter and family in New York; a son and daughter both chose to marry Canadians and make their home there; another son in San Diego and yet another in Las Vegas! Which is what brought Peter to live in Nevada. Peter and his wife Maaike now enjoy small-town life in the high desert of rural Nevada in a town with the Indian name "Pahrump". Their location, is about an hour west of Las Vegas and about the same from Death Valley across the state line in California. Maaike spends time riding her horses with friends and Peter keeps himself busy as a volunteer with the local Sheriff's agency.



The view at sunset from Peter's back Garden

We asked Peter to tell us more about his work at the Sheriff's agency:

Here at the Nye County Nevada Agency we have nearly 30 sworn volunteers based in and around the town of Pahrump where I live. We range in age from 50 or so to 85 in one case.

On application, one has to go through a very thorough FBI background check to unearth any felonious conduct in one's past.

Having cleared that hurdle, we all attend a modified version of the Police Officers Standard Training (P.O.S.T.) which covers many aspects of police work including, use of force, traffic control, accident investigation, court document service, and to a limited extent, The use of personal protection, Baton, pepper spray, handcuffs and so on.



The primary duties of our folks are the service of court documents to those required to attend court. Maintaining a close watch on properties made vacant by vacationing residents, traffic control at accident sites and helping with the investigations involved with highway fatalities.

In the last two years my assignment is to perform duties as an "evidence technician". An interesting fancy name for work involved with documenting evidence from varying crimes, from driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol to murder.

At this agency we are not armed with firearms and our assignments are designed to keep us largely out of potential harm's way. The minimum requirement for time served as a volunteer is only 15 hours each month, but most of us put in significantly more than that. It is not hard to rack up the hours when a fatal traffic accident investigation at 3 am, for example, can take five or six hours.

Although some tasks are certainly wearing on us older folks, we all feel a keen sense of duty and a willingness to "pay back" in some measure to a community which has served us well.

Kris Pigman (CO73)

The Pigman Companies



While Kris only attended Truro School for one year, he remembers his time at Truro well and looks back with great fondness. Kris was born and raised in Berlin, Maryland, USA and succeeded in winning an English Speaking Scholarship when he graduated with honours from the Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

Kris made the journey across the Atlantic in 1972 and spent the next year at Truro School. Alongside studying for his A-levels, Kris made the most of his year by making lifelong friends, playing rugby on Truro School's 1st team, falling in love with a beautiful English schoolgirl, and traveling throughout Western Europe and to the Far East. After leaving Truro, Kris returned to the USA and attended Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, on a baseball scholarship and earned himself a B.S in Economics from the University of Maryland.

Many years on Kris is now the president of The Pigman Companies which he founded in 1994, The Pigman Companies is a commercial real estate development company that provides expert knowledge in development, construction, financing, investment amongst many other things!

Before the creation of TPC in 1994, Mr. Pigman was a titled officer and partner of The Koll Company of Newport Beach, California. Prior to joining Koll in 1989, Mr Pigman was president of The Sandpiper Companies, a real estate development firm headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, and an executive with Coldwell Banker Commercial Real Estate Group.

Business aside, Kris is a proud family man with three beautiful, bright, and charismatic children: Eldest daughter Morgan, who is earning her master's degree in Sports Marketing at the University of San Francisco, son Mason who is a senior at Baylor University studying Business and Entrepreneurship, and youngest daughter Makenzie who is a junior at the University of California, Berkley. Kris now lives in Sacramento, California.



Gather your old classmates and reserve your place at this year's reunion dinner!

We are dedicated to making your reunion evening a night to remember!

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Truro School Head Girl

Accepted at a US Ivy League University

Head Girl, Maria, has been celebrating this term after receiving an unconditional offer to study Mechanical Engineering at Columbia University in the city of New York.

The Ivy League university is currently ranked number sixteen in *The Times Higher Education World University Rankings* and last year had over 30,000 students apply, with just a 6% admission rate.

Maria, who has also been awarded a Sports Scholarship to continue her fencing throughout her undergraduate studies, sent off her application in November after sitting her SATs, a standardised university admissions test in the US. However, the rigorous application process began back in January 2016.

Maria, who is a member of the Truro Fencing Club at Truro School and is competing for Team GB at the European and World Championships this year, says she is looking forward to continuing her fencing at a high level at Columbia, who have won the NCAA Fencing Championships for the past two years.



Overseas University Advisor at Truro School, Lucy Jupp, has been guiding Maria through the application process and says she has done extremely well to get into such a prestigious university.

Lucy, who is in her third cycle of Overseas University applications at Truro School, has a rigorous process in place for assisting students in making the right decision for their future, and also helped Maria's sister Yvonne Chart (CO15) secure a place at Northwestern University, Illinois in 2015.

Mrs. Jupp has been really helpful, she has this massive handbook for people interested in going to university in America with all the information on SATs. She has reminded me of deadlines the whole way through the process and made sure I've had help whenever I've needed it

Colin Groves (CO80) Talks to the Sixth Form



Colin Groves (CO80) who featured in the January newsletter; has this month returned to Cornwall with the exciting work he is doing with the Cornish Pirates' new stadium! While he was here he visited Truro School to talk to the sixth form students, to offer careers advice and talk of possibilities and opportunities for them in New Zealand!

Many thanks to Colin for taking the time out of his very busy schedule to come back and inspire the next generation of Truro School leavers.

Nick Cameron (CO59)

50 Years in Australia and reflecting on his days at Truro School

Nick Cameron tells of his time as a Truro Schoolboy and his journey to eventually settling down in Australia. Although he does not like to use the word retired!

He talks of his love of sailing and remembers trying to crash the set of Treasure Island in a creek near Tolvern!

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Carol Tippett-Bukta (CO81)

Teaching English in Germany



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Carol talks of her life since leaving Truro School, on finding love and moving permanently to Germany. Carol tells us in her own words her moving story of life events through the years, and her desire to find former classmates from her time at Truro.

If you knew Carol please get in touch with Katy on tsfpa@truroschoo.com and she can put you in touch!

Do you still have your old school badge? We are trying to get a collection of all the badges ever given out! We would love you to send a photo of your badge, along with the year you received it to us!

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John Speake (CO59)

Former Pupil in Australia

John first went to Australia in 1966, as a *10 Pound Pom* he says. The trip was intended to be a working holiday, but then John got diverted to Papua New Guinea, which was on the way “home”. Indeed he did return briefly to Truro in late 1969. However, he was having such a good time and said the conditions were so generous that he returned to PNG again and again before finally calling it quits in 1974. In the meantime John picked up a Masters in Public Health from UCLA and returned to Australia with the intention of settling down. However, (again) when he was offered a job in New Caledonia he could not resist the lure of the South Sea Islands and spent a further 6 ½ years there before returning to Canberra.

John says:

I have always dated my “conversion” to the moment I realised that I felt worried because Australia was losing the test match. It was not until a visit some 30 years on that I realised the Old Dart had become a foreign country. Having said that, I look back on Cornwall and Truro School with the greatest affection. Indeed, when we were last there, I took my grandchildren to the school and rashly promised that; all things being equal, they could have at least a term at Truro School.



Above: John in sixth form.



When asked what I do now, I say that I am a very happily retired Public Health Dentist, living on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

Left: John and his grandchildren.

Patrick Thomas (CO16)

Selected for the prestigious Royal Society of British Artist's 'Rising Stars' Exhibition

Patrick Thomas (CO16) was recently selected as one of the Royal Society of British Art's (RBA) Scholars of 2017 after submitting his oil painting self-portrait.

Patrick's painting was selected to be one of 22 out of over 280 entries to be displayed in the RBA Rising Stars exhibition in London, hosted by the Royal Overseas League in collaboration with the National Association of Decorative Fine Arts.

The RBA who select scholars for their exhibition each year, say they are chosen for their "exceptional works which combine the highest level of skill, expression and draughtsmanship."

Mrs Cucknell, Patrick's former Art teacher at Truro School, travelled to London for the exhibition's private viewing on Thursday 9 February and says she was extremely proud to see Patrick's work on display.

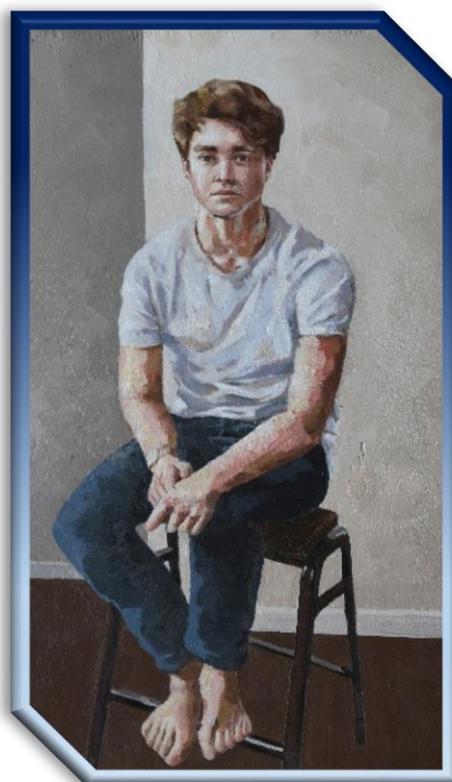
For the last eight years, Truro School have had a former pupil exhibit in the RBA Scholars exhibition. Patrick, who is now studying a Fine Art Foundation course at Falmouth University, will now have his work go on to be exhibited alongside professional artists at the prestigious Mall Galleries from 22 March to 1 April 2017.



I was really proud to be there with Patrick. When I arrived I saw Patrick's work immediately surrounded by some RSA fellows who were discussing his talent. Patrick had the opportunity to make some great contacts and it's given him a real foot in the door- Mrs Cucknell



Vicky Cucknell and Patrick with Patrick's self-portrait.



Announcements

**Christopher Lionel
WOOSEY**

(TS 1951-1956)

20/03/1940 to 31/01/2017

Truro School is sad report the passing of Christopher Woosey who lost his battle with cancer at the end of January and died in hospital.

Mr Woosey was said to be as comfortable as possible before he passed away.

**John Michael
COCK**

(TS 1945 – 1948)

D.O.B 19/06/1932

Truro School is sad to announce that we have been informed of Mr Cock's passing by his daughter, Ruth.

Mr Cock resided in St.Ives, Cornwall before he passed away.

**Judge Christopher
TROMANS**

(TS 1953 – 1950)

25/11/1942 to 03/02/2017

It is with great sadness that Truro School reports the passing of Judge Christopher Tromans who died on Friday 3 February aged 74. Mr Tromans was a former pupil, parent and Governor of Truro School and will be greatly missed by his friends and family. Loving husband of Gillian, father of Sarah (CO89) and Andrew (CO90), father in law to Simone and grandfather to Tom, Grace and Alex.

**Richard Alan
JORY**

25/11/1944 – 13/02/2017

(TS 1956-1959)

Known as Alan

Our thoughts go out to Mr Jory's family as Truro School is saddened to report that he passed away on 13 February.

He leaves behind his loving wife Mary, sons Richard and Nicholas, step children Lindsey and Stephen, four grandchildren and two step grandchildren.

We want to know...

- Have you got married?
- Graduated?
- Had a new baby in the family?
- Got your dream job?
- Retired?
- Are you traveling?

Please contact Katy with the news that's important to you!

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ARCHIVE ATTIC

Can anyone put any names to faces in these old sports photos? We would also really like to determine the year they were taken! Can you help? Email tsfpa@truroschool.com Do you have any photos from your time at Truro School? Jo Wood, Truro School Archivist would love to see them!



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CORNWALL NETBALL CAMP

5TH-6TH April 2017

Due to the success of last years Netball Camp, Cornwall Netball will be running another camp over Easter 2017.

The camp will take place from 0930-1630 on Wednesday the 5th and Thursday 6th April for children 8-14 years.

The netball Camp provides high quality coaching for all abilities delivered by Level 2 coaches from Cornwall Netball.

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