

FORMER PUPIL NEWS

Introducing Our New Communications Assistant Katy Sweeney

We say a fond farewell to Helen, who left for pastures new (Wiltshire) just before Christmas, with husband Dave. As they begin a new chapter in their lives and we wish them well, we warmly welcome our newest edition to the Development Office Team: Katy Sweeney.



Katy graduated from Falmouth University with a degree in Events Management in 2013, and went on to work in Community Fundraising for *Surfers Against Sewage*, before being accepted for the Communications Assistant role at Truro School.

Having grown up in Cornwall my entire life, it is an honour to find myself here at Truro School; talking to members of the Cornish Community and people who grew up around Truro, just as I did! I am excited to hear your stories and updates so please get in touch.

I can't wait to get started!

Ellen Husain (CO94) BAFTA Award – 2016 Breakthrough Brit

Former Pupil Ellen Husain (CO94) was recently named by British Academy of Television Arts (BAFTA) as a Breakthrough Brit 2016 - one of two Producer-Directors chosen across the UK film, games and TV industry, and the first natural history film maker to be selected!



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Ellen: pictured (centre) with the other *Breakthrough Brits*
Photography by: Charlie Clift /BAFTA

EVENTS

Friday 7 April

TSFPA Reunion Afternoon Tea



If you were at School prior to 1965 please join us in the Truro School Dining Hall from 2pm until 5pm

If you have any old school photographs we would love you to bring them along so that Jo can scan them if we do not have copies in our archive.

Please confirm you will be coming along by emailing:

tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Or

Telephone Katy:
01872 246094

Saturday 15 April TSFPA Easter Sports Fixtures



If you are interested in playing Football, Rugby or Mixed Hockey please register your interest at:

tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Or

[Join our Facebook Event](#)

If you don't want to play why not just come along to support the teams!

Doug Luke - Alan Luke - Henry Heath - Mike Ricks (All CO64) Christmas Celebrations in Australia – Boys of 4X

This lovely photograph was taken at Doug's home on Korinderie Ridge, the day of the Christmas Caberet.



Doug lives in a bush community with several families, and two or three generations, living in separate self-built houses in a large area of Australian forest. Many of the inhabitants are quite talented musicians and even the children play all kinds of instruments. Once a year they put on a cabaret night, singing and dancing, and a community dinner, Mike attends with Doug amongst other guests. Mike said: *I go there once a year with volunteers to pull out invasive plants. This year Doug just happened to get four of us TS old boys together.*

Alan and his partner Jennie stayed with Doug for three days, which they enjoyed immensely. All four boys are now 70!

The St. Agnes boys hadn't seen Henry in almost 50 years. They said: *meeting up with him again was a great pleasure!*

Left to right: **Henry 'Hunchy' Heath** from Perranporth, now living in Australia; **Mike Ricks and Doug Luke** Both from St. Agnes, now living in Australia **Alan Luke** From St. Agnes - still in the UK

Mike Ricks (CO64) Cornwall to Canada to Australia

Mike grew up in St. Agnes and was one of the County Council scholarship boys of those days. After leaving Truro School he went to Dartmouth and became an Officer in the Navy for six years but decided it wasn't the life for him. So, after a change of career, he found himself working at South Crofty Mine from 1970 to 1972. Enjoying the hot dangerous work, Mike went on to Camborne School of Mines from 1972 to 1974 and in early 1975 he immigrated to Canada with his wife at the time.

Mike said: *We spent 6 years in Northern Saskatchewan in a remote settlement, mining uranium and I loved it up there in the wilderness, we had a dog team and built a log cabin. We became Canadian citizens before I took a mining job in Tasmania, Queensland, Western Australia, intending to go back to Canada later.*

Finding the life style more comfortable in Australia Mike decided to stay. *I live on North Stradbroke Island, near Brisbane, in the sunshine and since Mum and Dad died I have no urge to make the long journey back to Cornwall again. I started at Truro in 58 and graduated in 64, we were the so called fast stream. Standout teachers for me were Lupi, Eric Taylor and Fishy Scales. Freddy Wilkes was another lovely man. I do get the invites to the Former Pupil reunions but it's just too far and expensive really. I rely on those I am still in touch with; Cyril Harding, John Mulhouse or Clifton Jelbert to tell me who's still alive and/or successful and generally keep me up to date with life in Cornwall.*



Mike has built many boats whilst living in Australia, the largest a 36' Catamaran. Now that he is retired it tends to be *Dories* for rowing and sailing (The Dory is a small, shallow-draft boat.)

I'm now retired and have 2 grandsons, by coincidence I now have a Canadian wife/partner, Joy Montgomery - life has been interesting, and a good one!



Uganda Trip – World Aims 2017 An Appeal from Our Rev: Reverend Aubin de Gruchy

Over the past few years, World AIMS (World Action in Methodist Schools) has grown significantly at Truro School. This initiative has given students the opportunity to get involved in a variety of ways, including: raising money for charity, supporting the work of Amnesty International, learning about Fairtrade and selling Fairtrade items, helping to protect and preserve the local environment, and finding out about and contributing towards our partnerships with schools in Uganda and more recently Slovenia.



Truro School is sending another group of Sixth Form students to Uganda for two weeks during July 2017. The pupils who have been selected completed applications and were interviewed and will now be undergoing training to prepare them for the adventure ahead. The trip will involve visits to a variety of community development organisations like *Voluntary Action for Development* who work with the poorest of the poor in rural Uganda, charities that work with street children in Kampala, as well as an opportunity to spend time at *Bethany High School*, one of our overseas partnerships schools and the *African Hearts Prep School* at Ssenge, with whom Truro Prep has had ongoing links. We will also have time to experience Ugandan culture, explore Kampala and its surroundings and do some game viewing as part of the *RandR* in the last few days.

The Uganda trip will be organised by Truro School staff alongside Mr Wycliffe Sande and his team in the UK and Uganda, from *Sandfield Travel*. We will also hope to receive some guidance and orientation from Mrs Heidi Bukeera, (nee Munson,) who taught at Truro School a few years ago and although in the UK at the moment is now based in Uganda. The staff members who will be accompanying the group will be Miss Emily Hargreaves (Geography, PSHEE teacher and House mistress), Mr Phil Brewer (Director of Staff Welfare and co-curricular activities including school trips and Rev Aubin de Gruchy (Chaplain and World AIMS coordinator) who have all travelled to Uganda before.

The estimated cost of the Uganda trip is currently £2100 for each student. We hope to be able to lower the cost further by raising money through various fundraising activities within the coming year as well as raising funds for the various charities we will be working alongside.

The students selected to go to Uganda go as representatives of the Truro School and it is important that those who do, go on merit, not simply because their parents can afford it. The two students that we are raising funds for have consistently contributed to other activities and work within the school and wider community. They are really keen to work alongside the charities we will be visiting and will without any doubt make a most worthwhile contribution to the group and trip. Any assistance toward funding them would be greatly appreciated.

Rev Aubin de Gruchy

If you would like to help please email tsfpa@truroschool.com to find out how to contribute.

EVENTS

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: £25.00 per person

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

We would especially like to
hear from anyone who would
consider being a Year Rep.
Could you help us gather
together your classmates?
Maybe you have a
Facebook group?

Please email tsfpa@truroschool.com
to register your interest and request
a booking form
Or
Telephone Katy:
01872 246094

Also please join our [Facebook
event page](#)

London Networking 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.

Please register your interest with
Katy:

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James McCabe (CO12) Congratulations From Truro School

James McCabe (CO12) graduates from the University of Southampton with a Bachelor's degree in Science Oceanography.

James has begun working for *Wavepower* - an innovative company tackling the issues of renewable energy, trying to solve one of the last remaining tough challenges in renewable energy, harnessing the wave's energy to generate electricity. This type of energy is sustainable and ecologically sound!

James joined wave power almost immediately after finishing his final exam in June 2016.

I was lucky enough to find a job which started almost immediately after finishing my exams!



He works as part of a small team understanding and assisting with the environmental consenting measures needed to install Wave Energy Converters into the ocean, amongst other things!

Well done James, we wish you every success for your future career.

We want to know...

- Have you graduated?
- Got married?
- Got a new job?
- Had a new baby in the family?

We want to celebrate your life milestones with you! No matter what they are, if they're important to you, they're important to us! Please let us know what you have been up to at: tsfpa@truroschool.com

Nick Schulkins (CO72) Memories of Truro School and a life in the RAF

Prompted by seeing his former classmate Professor John Curtice (CO72) on the lunchtime news, Nick Schulkins shares with us his journey after leaving school, his work with the RAF, his interests and fond memories of former classmates and teachers who inspired him.



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Emily Trevail (CO11) Happy New Year from Nepal

Emily sends New Year Greetings from Nepal where she is currently working with the disaster relief charity All Hands. Emily is assisting with the recovery programme for a School that was affected by the earthquake.



Emily has also been raising money for the charity by walking the Cornish coast path with her brother, Jack (CO14). You can read more of her story on her [Just Giving page here](#)

Colin Groves (CO80)
Chairman of Waikato Rugby, New Zealand
Now part of the Cornish Pirates

Colin Groves has rugby in his heart, but he also has many other strings to his bow! After graduating as a chartered accountant from the University of Derby he has forged a successful career which took him to live in New Zealand and become a very successful businessman! He now revisits his Cornish routes and joins the Cornish Pirates Board!



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Peter Child (CO74)
CEO of the Cornish Pirates working with another former pupil.



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Peter, who was in September appointed Interim CEO of the Cornish Pirates, runs a consultancy business in Marine, Renewables and Management. Previously Managing Director of A&P Falmouth, better known locally as Falmouth Docks, which is one of the largest private companies in Cornwall, he was also a Director on the A&P Group UK main board.

John Stobart (CO73)
From Treliske to The Frankfurt Radio Symphony

John Stobart (one of six brothers to attend Truro School!) shares with us his journey from School to relocating to Germany and becoming the Sub-Principal horn for the Frankfurt Radio Symphony for the last 36 years! He reflects back on how his German lessons at school came in very handy!

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CAN YOU HELP?

A – Z of Careers

Does your career begin with one of the following letters?

K
Q
X
Y
Z

Are you perhaps a
Kiln Operator?
Knee Surgeon?
Koala wrangler?
Quantity Surveyor?
X-ray Technician?
Youth Worker?
Yacht Builder?
Zoologist?
Zoo Veterinarian?

If so please contact Katy:
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David Meads,
Head of Art

Former Pupils
Please be a part of our
Hall of Fame

Please get in touch if you are a former A level Art or Design student?

We'd like you to be part of our *Hall of Fame* project led by David Meads

We want to hear from you!

Please email Katy:
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Truro School Oxbridge six

Six students from Truro School have beaten the odds to secure places at Oxford and Cambridge universities! Congratulations!



Blues Award

➤ Did you receive this high accolade while at university?

Please let us know as we would like to include you in a forthcoming feature article.

Email: tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Six students from Truro School have beaten the odds to secure places at Oxford and Cambridge universities! Former Pupil and Cambridge Graduate Saffron Jones had spoken to the students previously, providing first hand advice on what to expect through the application process and gave them a few interview tips! Piran Venton will be reading Mathematics at Cambridge; Edward Sidebotham will be reading Languages. At Oxford University Christopher McCabe will be reading Earth Sciences, Jasmine Savage will be reading History and Economics, whilst Luke Richardson and Alistair Ross will both be reading Chemistry.

We look forward to hearing how they all get on!

Engineering and Geology – Business Lunch

Former Pupils: John Wililams (CO95) and Alex Young (CO13)

On Friday 2 December TS Careers department held another business lunch, this time centred upon engineering and geology. As usual, this was a popular lunch and well attended by 5th form and sixth form students.



We were lucky enough to have a range of visitors:

John Williams (CO95)
Design Manager at Nomenca

Dr Andy Wetherelt
Camborne School of Mines
and a mining engineering graduate

Alex Young (CO13)

Between them they offered a wealth of advice on A level combinations for engineering degrees, work experience and internship tips and the relative pros and cons of the different mining, geology and engineering degrees available

We were very grateful that our visitors were able to give up their time to attend such a worthwhile event.

If you feel you would be able to offer careers advice and tips to our students, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact tsfpa@truroschoo.com and we can put you in touch with the Careers team.

*Nancy Kenward
Head of Careers*

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Peter Jerry
SOLOMON
(TS 1948-1953)**

31/03/1936 - 30/03/2016

It is with regret that the School has learnt of the passing of former pupil Peter Solomon who died peacefully following a long illness on 30 March 2016 aged 79.

Peter leaves wife, Wendy, son Martin and nine grandchildren, Wayne, Siobhan, Shannon, Owen, Tegan, Corben, Alesha, Sitara and Jaxon.

**Norman James
BEALE
(TS 1947-1950)**

10/06/1933 – 16/09/2016

Truro School are saddened to report the passing of former pupil Norman Beale who died aged 83.

He was one of three brothers to attend the school: Russell Beale (CO61) - deceased and Eric Beale (CO54). Norman leaves wife Angela, Daughters Sarah and Deborah and five grandchildren.

**Edward John
TREWIN
(TS 1943 – 1950)**

26/08/1932 – 03/2016

It is with regret that Truro School learn of the passing of former pupil Edward John Trewin.

Mr Trewin died in April 2016. His Daughter Helen has recently informed us of his passing.

**Dennis Gordon
SALT
(TS 1941 - 1949)**

30/09/1930 – 11/11/2016

Truro School are saddened to report the death of former pupil Dennis Salt who died following a long illness on Friday 11 November 2016.

Dennis leaves wife Gloria and stepsons, Mark and Paul. Dennis and Gloria lived in Gloucestershire for many years.

**Nicholas James
THOMAS
(CO87)**

08/11/1968 – 30/11/2016

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death of former pupil Nick Thomas. Nick passed away suddenly following a heart attack in Yangon, Myanmar, Burma where he lived with wife Connie and their two boys Sebastian and Dominic.

Nick was a beloved 2nd son to John (deceased) and Carmen, much loved brother to Greg (CO85), Ashley (CO87) and Adrian (CO97) and brother-in-law to Veronica, Andrew and Alison and loving uncle to his nieces and nephews.

**Julyan Francis
BUNNEY
(TS - 1936-1943)**

23/04/1925 – 25/11/2016

Truro School are sad to report the death of former pupil Julyan Francis Bunney who passed away aged 91 on Friday 25 November 2016. Mr Bunney had been ill for some time and leaves wife Rowena who remains in Oxfordshire in the family home.

**George
WILLIAMS, CBE
(TS – 1930-1936)**

06/08/1917 – 01/12/2016

Truro School are sad to report the death of former pupil George Williams, CBE, who passed away peacefully, aged 99, on Thursday 1 December 2016.

Mr Williams had been ill for only a short time before he died.

He leaves wife Annick who remains in Ascot, Berkshire where they had lived for many years.

**Alexandra (Alex) Grace
NEW
(CO06)**

16/06/1988 – 05/12/2016

With much sadness and deep regret, we report the passing of former pupil Alex New who so sadly lost her long battle with cancer early in December.

The funeral took place on Monday 19 December in Truro Cathedral attended by many, including Parents Stephen and Jayne, Sister Ella and Brothers Tom and James.

**John David Repton
WILLDAY
(TS 1944-1956))**

15/06/1937 – 21/12/2016

It is with great sadness that we report the death on Wednesday 21 December of former pupil

John Willday, aged 79. Although John had been unwell for a few years before his death, the end came suddenly.

John was the son of Bert Willday, legendary Second Master of Truro School, and followed his father into the teaching profession.

He leaves his wife Prue, son Rupert and two grandchildren.

Both Rupert and his sister Rachel (who sadly died in a motor accident), also attended Truro School.

ARCHIVE ATTIC

Can You Help?

A recent tidy up in the archive led to me coming across some old(ish) drama photos that are undated and unnamed. It would be really good to know what play they come from, the year it took place and anyone who was involved. There's quite a few, do you recognise any of the photos?



In the Family

Following John Stobart's recent correspondence with us, he reminded us that he came here with his five brothers, it got us thinking – were they the largest number of one family to come to the school?

Delving into the archive revealed that there were six Spargo brothers, from St Clement, Truro, at the school in the early 20th century; two of whom died in the First World War.

Fifteen members of the Brewer family of Grampound were students at the school from the 1890s to the 1930s, including seven brothers and one cousin from the same generation.

Looking at several generations from one family, one noted example is James Wickett, for whom Wickett House was named, who was a school governor and sent five sons to the school. Two grandsons later came here as well.

Perhaps the most is four generations from the Ward and May family from the Isles of Scilly? To have a longer connection with the school would mean a continuous line from a great-great-grandfather – anyone know of one?

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Donald.minter@btinternet.com

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