

FORMER PUPIL NEWS

Brett Smitheram (CO97) World Scrabble Champion

Brett Smitheram recalls the Championship on August 31 when over 100 of the worlds' top scrabble players came together from every continent to contest the Mindsports International World Scrabble Championship in Lille, France. His report is available to read if you click on the link below.



Brett is pictured with Mark Nyman, champion in 1993, runner up in 1999 and known to many as having been the producer of Channel 4 TV show Countdown.

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CHRISTMAS CATCH UP

Would you be interested in a Christmas get together at Truro School? You could meet up with fellow students before you head out into Truro. Please let us know and we will be happy to arrange something - if there are sufficient numbers.

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Save the Dates

Afternoon Tea

Did you attend Truro School prior to 1965? If so why don't you join us for a cream tea, a catch up and a visit to the Truro School Dining Hall

Friday 7 April 2017

Last year we welcomed almost 100 former pupils, wives and partners to this event. We hope to welcome even more guests in 2017.

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Decennial Reunion 9 September 2017

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

We will keep you informed with the details through the newsletter and 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.

Class of '64 Former Pupils Reunion

Pictured in the Chapel, this group of former pupils started Truro School in 1957 and returned on October 1st for their fourth reunion.



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Richard Stevenson (CO64)

Co-ordinator of the fourth Class of '64 Reunion



Richard Stevenson with his twin brother Patrick, who also attended Truro School.

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Richard said: *In 1995 my wife, Catherine, and I holidayed on the Isles of Scilly and met up with old school friends for the first time since I left school in 1962.*

Doug (Jock) McKirgan (CO64) and Chris (Bill) Bishop (CO61)

Canadian Connections



Largely due to Richard ('RAS') Stevenson's leadership, many of the Class of '57 have been meeting together at the School every five years since we turned 50. We come for the memories but also because we like each other. This year, most of us are 70 and our reunion was on October 1.

As usual, the School did us proud. Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, and Alumni Relations Manager, Nicky Berridge, could not have been more welcoming. We were given a tour led by senior students so that we could see the changes from last time. I've lost track of when the new things were added, but the whole is hugely impressive. I found myself wishing I were a pupil again, which was a very odd thought.

I left Truro School in 1964 and graduated from the Royal School of Mines as a mining engineer in 1967. I came at once to Canada; to Sudbury in Northern Ontario to work in a nickel mine there. This was in the very early days of computers and, intrigued by them, I accepted an assignment to a group trying to use computers in the mine's technical work. As a result, I accidentally changed careers.

A few years later, I relocated to Oakville, a town on the shore of Lake Ontario close to Toronto.

A few years after that, I bumped into Chris 'Bill' Bishop, of the class of '61, who had been our troop leader when I was in the Scouts. Neither of us had known the other was in Canada, much less living in the same town.

Chris too was working with computers. We've become fast friends.

Here's a picture of us looking pleased with ourselves. We used to be much prettier.

Chris told us how he gained the nickname of 'Bill' and what took him to Canada. Please click on the Read More arrow to see his story.

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Are you a former pupil now resident in Canada?

We'd like to hear what you have been doing since leaving Truro School.

Martin Wilmshurst (CO64)

Former Pupil travelled from Australia for the Reunion



Martin writes: It just simply amazes me how after between 50 and 60 years we all meet up again and carry on as if it was just only recently. Memories from the last reunion so fresh and then the build-up this year to a crescendo in October was for me so special.

Being so far away I do keep in touch with quite a few and look forward to our reunions and then on the Sunday it seems like a failed soufflé! All over and I make my way back saddened but with wonderful memories.

I guess like everyone else, to me the school appears to be a lot smaller than it seemed to have been in 1957! From one tuck shop to multiple outlets is certainly progress plus also from one music room to a whole building with multiple musical options! Amazing!

For someone who now lives overseas these reunions are so very special because it just confirms that lasting and sincere friendships were cemented at Truro School all those years ago.

Truro School will always have a very special place in my heart.

Stephen Webb (CO73)

1966 Intake – 50th Anniversary Ride



Pictured above at the start in Topsham: Stephen Webb and fellow former pupils, embarked on a cycle ride to mark 50 years since starting Truro School.

Read all about their adventure and plans for another.

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SAVE THE DATE - Decennial Reunion 9 September 2017

OBITUARIES

If you have an obituary notice which you would like us to place in the newsletter please email: tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Dr Michael HARDY (CO58)

06 February 1940

27 September 2016

Truro School are greatly saddened to report the passing of Former Pupil

Dr Michael Hardy,
who died on

Tuesday 27 September.

Michael died at home following a long illness after surgery last year.

A service for family only was held on Friday 7 October.

Mr Michael NEWMAN (CO52)

23 June 1936

September 2016

With great sadness

Truro School report the passing for former pupil Mr Michael Newman who died earlier this month aged 80.

Michael is survived by his wife Pamela, his children Helen, Sarah-Jane and Paul, his step-children Karen and Paul, his 7 grandchildren and 3 step grandchildren.

Tributes are welcomed for the above gentlemen which will be included in the 2016/17 edition of the Truronian Magazine

Alex Maidwell-Smith (CO11)

Medical student in his final year offers help and advice to prospective future students

Nancy Kenward, Head of Careers, was delighted with a visit by Alex Maidwell-Smith earlier this month. Alex kindly chatted to prospective medical students about his experience of medical school training so far.

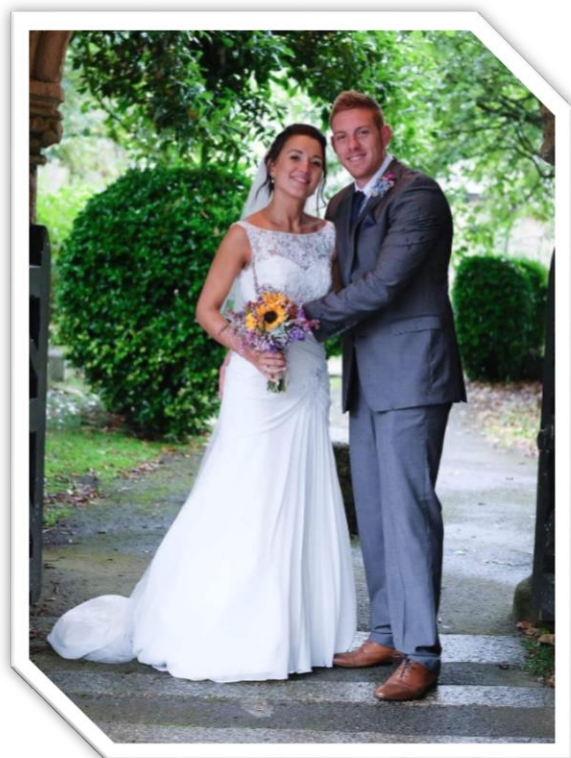
Alex is the former president of UCL Medical School Student Union and he was able to offer a wealth of advice and information about applications, interviews, and what to expect in the first years of training. Our 5th and Sixth Formers who are currently interested in a medical career asked some great questions and took away some very practical tips about work experience and likely interview questions.

Alex said: *As you reach the end of a six year degree course, you start to look back and think where it all started - for me that was at Truro School. However, when it came round to applying to medical school, I remember not having many opportunities to chat with current medical students or even junior doctors (potentially more useful than the crusty old professor universities wheel out at open days!). It was great to be able to give something back through speaking to prospective students - I hope they found it useful! I was also able to catch up with some old teachers as well as see how much the school has changed over the last five and a half years - a lot as it turns out!*



Celine Clarke nee Phillips (CO06)

Former Pupil marries in Gwithian Church



Beautiful Pictures from the wedding of former student Celine Clarke nee Phillips.

Celine's parents are former Truro School teachers David Phillips and Genevieve Annequin-Phillips. Her bridesmaids were Carly Acres, Megan Cornish (CO06), Anna Szeptietowska (CO06) and Emma Pearson (C006). The ceremony took place on 3 September, followed by a reception at The Watermill, Lelant.

We wish Celine, and her husband James, the very best for their future together.

Joseph Toms (CO97)

Cornwall to Kathmandu via Medical School



The photograph shows former pupil Doctor Joseph Toms (on the right) part of a surgical team at an outreach clinic in a remote village in the region of Nepal known as Nuwacot

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To see what took him to Kathmandu and why he will be back in Cornwall in November

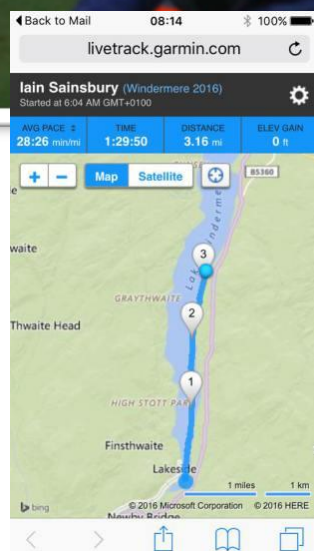
Iain Sainsbury (CO91)

Windermere One Way Challenge



Windermere One Way is one of the longest lake swims in the UK, the longest in England. When former pupil, Iain Sainsbury, finished the Dart 10k and the B2B for the second time last year he was looking for a new challenge, and this was it.

You can read his blog and see the rest of the photographs from this amazing challenge if you follow his [wordpress link](#)



From the Truro School Archive

Marking Remembrance Day on November 11th, Jo Wood, Truro School Archivist, has supplied some poignant reminders for our reflection.

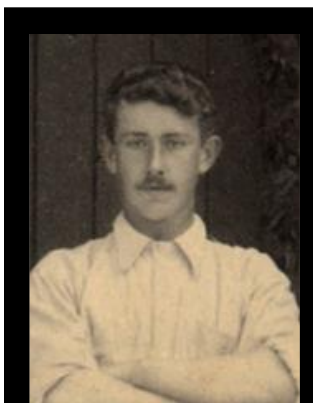


John P James

(TS 1910-1912)

died 26 October 1916

Joined the 6th Bt. Oxford & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry as a private and worked as a tunneller in the trenches.



Reginald S Gill

(TS 1895-1897)

died 6 November 1916

Served with the 8th Bt. (Service) Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in Greece.

W. Arthur Lawry

(TS 1909-1910)

died 11 November 1916

Land surveyor who joined the 110th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, in 1915 and arrived in France in May 1916.

An unknown writer, in the December 1916 school magazine, noted that:

Yesterday the Germans were sweeping our area, and a shell entered the dug-out where he was taking dinner with three friends, killing instantaneously Arthur and two others, and badly wounding the fourth ... He was respected and loved by the men of the Battery, and all who came in contact with him felt that he was a fine man, earnest, generous in sympathy, charitable to a fault.

Norman Rundell (CO39)

Three Rundell Boys

Norman Rundell kindly submitted a piece recalling his attendance at Truro School along with two his brothers, Ivor and Kenneth. Ken was awarded the Military Cross.

Pictured right: Field Marshall Montgomery pinning on the Military Cross.

The citation reading: *"Lt Rundell showed complete disregard for personal danger and his determination and courage were an outstanding example to his men."*

Norman's story is available if you click on the 'Read More' link on the right.

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NOTICES

Enjoy your own art bargain!

*Friends of Truro School and the Heseltine Gallery are proud to support The Wave Project by hosting an **Anonymous Art Auction** at 7.00pm on **Thursday 10 November 2016**. Including works by local professional and accomplished amateur artists!*



The work will be shown on 5 & 6 Nov (Sat & Sun) 10-5pm, and from 4-6pm on 7 Nov (Mon), and Weds 9 Nov, then from 6pm on Thurs 10 Nov with the auction starting at 7pm. This will be a great evening and tickets are only £10 inc. a drink.

Contact: ns@truroschool.com

Telephone bids are accepted on the night



Heseltine Gallery

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Reunion Afternoon Tea

An invitation to Former Pupils who attended Truro School prior to 1965

Friday 7 April 2017
Truro School Dining Hall
2 pm to 5 pm

Enjoy a cream tea, conversation and lots of reminiscing. Last year we welcomed almost 100 former pupils, wives and partners to this event, which has proved to be a firm favourite and is now established as an annual fixture in our calendar so this year we hope to welcome even more guests.

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 classes of:
47 ~ 57 ~ 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.

Interested? Please email:
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—it's not too soon!

Tickets:
£25.00

Please let us have a photo and details of your Graduation, Wedding or a Family Christening.

We love to publish your pictures and hear your stories.

Email items for inclusion to:

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