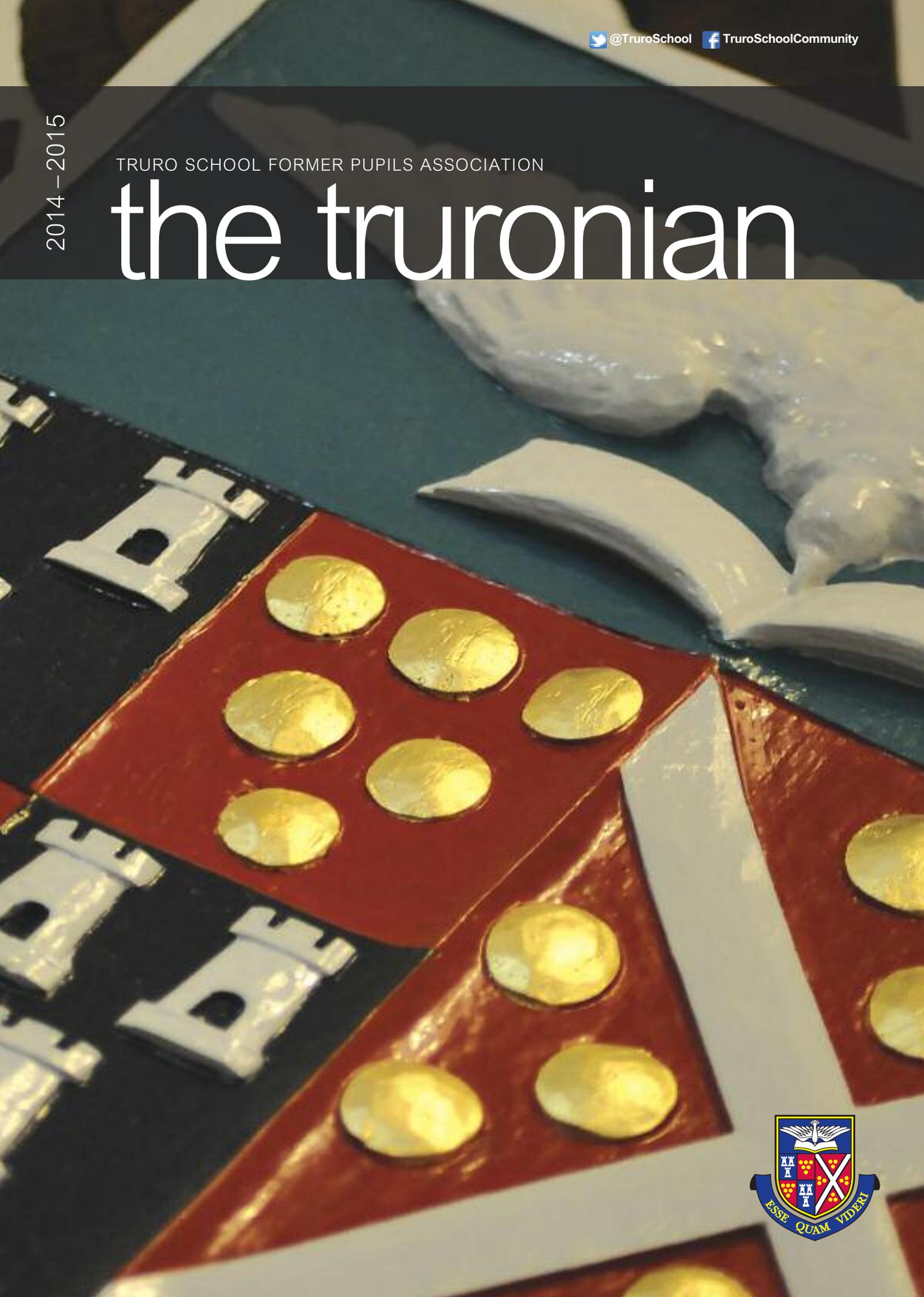


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## President Report

With time I have come to meet and be acquainted with growing numbers of our former pupils, former parents and former staff. You are such an important and loyal part of the Truro School community and I feel a strong responsibility to ensure we are proactive in helping you to remain connected to this fine place.

My trip to the Isles of Scilly, home to a good number of alumni who experienced school life as a boarder, was a wonderful adventure. It also served as confirmation that my boarding strategy for Truro School today is the correct course of action. Life as a boarder brings its own unique set of experiences and with it forges lifelong friendships. Truro School has developed its facilities in the last year to support my belief in this valuable part of our School life today, as it was in our recent history.

Speech Day 2014 was a very special occasion; we were treated to a masterful speech by Connie Schneider (CO95). Her three pieces of advice for students were

1. **Trust nobody**
2. **Be a home wrecker**
3. **Show no sympathy**

She talked directly to our leaving students, imploring them to; learn for yourself, make up your own mind, don't believe everything you read; travel, leaving parts of your heart/soul with the people you meet and places you stay along the way; and instead of showing sympathy, show empathy. She touched the whole audience with words that go to the heart of what we aim to bestow upon our own students. Values that I know Association members carry with them long after school.

I am moved to understand what a greater number of our alumni are doing. Aided by the School's new Development Office we have looked to improve our two way communication between School and Association members; to find out where you are globally; find out how many countries you have left a piece of your heart in; and what discoveries you have made for yourself along the way. The feature articles in this edition have begun to answer these questions, showcasing the hard work, determination and innovation some of you have shown in recent years.

Looking further back, our School Archive offers a glimpse of School history from just beyond living memory. We mark the anniversary of the Great War, with our first instalment of remembrance stories. Jo Wood, our School Archivist, continues to research Truro School during this period and will relay tales over the coming year across our multiple media channels.

Finally, considering our successful list of events in the last 12 months, I look to the next opportunities to come together as a community. Following on from the outstanding *Haydn's Creation from Scratch* performed on the evening of the Annual Reunion Dinner, after the gripping sports fixtures during the day, again this year we aim to celebrate your multitude of talents. We expect large audiences and healthy participation for these events and thank you in advance for your support.

I hope you enjoy *The Truronian* and look forward to seeing as many of you, from far and wide, in the coming year.

**Andrew Gordon-Brown**



## Chairman Report

Every leaver of Truro School is an "Old Truronian" and upon leaving becomes a member of the Truro School Former Pupils' Association, of which I have the honour of being the Chairman. The TSFPA Committee are a mixed group of hard working volunteers who ensure that the Association continues to be a success year after year. The past 12 months have been no exception.

The September Annual Reunion dinner was another roaring success, showcasing the School's talented music department, before enjoying the company of old friends spanning decades of school history over an excellent meal. The Decennial Reunion format is proving to be immensely popular and we're looking forward to the classes of '05, '95, '85, '75 and '65 joining us this September. The London Reunion again appreciated a great turn-out and I would urge anyone in the Big Smoke to venture to Mayfair this October to ensure its repeated success.

We're looking ahead to the upcoming year with great anticipation, not just for our events but also in formulating a new communications strategy to reach our alumni more effectively with increasingly relevant information. The first step in this plan is our newly designed TSFPA newsletter – we hope you like it! With improvement in our communication across the former pupil network, we will look to support the School's Career Department and Development Office more effectively.

On behalf of the committee, I'd like to thank the School for their continued support of the TSFPA and most importantly thank you, our members. Your support of our events and sending us news for our online newsletter through the year, and for this annual publication, makes a huge contribution that we greatly appreciate.

**Sophie McGannity (CO98)**

## Hello from the Development Office

It is my pleasure to join Truro School and re-launch the Development Office, working alongside some fabulous people for such a rewarding cause. Working with the wider Truro School community, supporting organisations such as the TSFPA, I aim to bring together all people who have an interest in the future development of our school. Whether we be forging links between our Careers Department and TSFPA, or organising a get together of our oldest Old Boys or a spa day for our youngest Girls, I hope to cultivate a strong sense of Truro School community. I am proud to have worked with the TSFPA on the re-design of this publication and hope you enjoy reading it as much as we have enjoyed collecting the wonderful stories from far and wide.

You can reach me on [la@truroschoo.com](mailto:la@truroschoo.com) – I would love to hear your stories of School life.

**Lucy Alldritt – Development Manager**

“cultivate a strong sense of Truro School community”

I am responsible for bringing the Archive to life, as well as preserving and adding to it. From the success of last year’s Archive Exhibition, I look forward to creating another exhibition in September this time on the history of science in Truro School. Did you know that in the 1930s Truro School had the leading science laboratory in the county? If you would like to explore our archives, please do not hesitate to contact me on [jvw@truroschoo.com](mailto:jvw@truroschoo.com)

**Jo Wood – School Archivist**

Since the School kick-started the Development Office again, I have been a voice for the TSFPA members. As a former pupil myself I feel well placed to ensure the TSFPA and School hear our views. Although I will primarily be looking after the TSFPA members, I will also be working with Lucy on the wider Truro School community activities, hoping to bring people together on every possible occasion. My main responsibility is to ensure we can stay in touch with you – please enable me to keep your contact details up to date by sending me any changes!

You can contact me on [tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

**Steve Floyd – TSFPA Administrator**



## Truro School Today

Dear Alumni

It has been a whirlwind year for Truro School, with the launch of the Headmaster’s Strategic Plan 2014 to 2020 and the first steps taken towards realising its aspirational contents.

In April 2014, we launched the Truro School Elite Fencing Academy Programme in partnership with Truro Fencing Club. This involved moving the Truro Fencing Club on campus and simultaneously creating the Cornwall Fencing Centre. The Centre boasts an eight piste training facility in the Old Gym, and team of internationally renowned coaches working with our students to develop the best fencers in the country. The Elite Academy Programme will safeguard continued success for our fencers long into the future.



Current Truro School Fencers



Poltisco Junior Girls' Boarding

In May 2014, we proudly opened a junior girl’s boarding house, refurbishing the Poltisco building in accordance to Cornwall Council’s conservation regulations to maintain its Regency splendour. Opening Poltisco added to our suite of boarding facilities now catering for up to 90 boarders, both girls and boys aged 11-18.

**Nancy Kenward (CO96)** has been appointed House Mistress of Poltisco in addition to teaching Geography and taking on Head of Careers. Meanwhile **Claire Murphy** was appointed as Head of Boarding to oversee the implementation of our reinvigorated boarding strategy. Boarding at Truro School has traditionally been such a mainstay of School life, we are delighted to see it move from strength to strength.

Another of our pillars has of course been music; melodies heard from every corner of the School, beyond the confines of Epworth House (current location of the

Music Department). Recognising our musical as well as academic provisions, Truro Cathedral has partnered with the School to launch the Cathedral’s first female choir. Truro School has committed to educate the girl choristers, backing the programme with a 25% scholarship and means tested bursaries available for all successful choristers. We have enjoyed recruiting our girl choristers over the last six months and keenly anticipate the start of their choral careers in September 2015. Their first performance is scheduled for 11 October 2015 at Truro Cathedral – I hope to see many alumni in the congregation.



Girl Choristers at the Be A Chorister For Day event

A further significant achievement this year has been facilitating the launch of the Cornwall Music Service Trust (CMST) on 1 January 2015. CMST was created following the closure of Cornwall’s instrumental tuition service. On hearing the service was in jeopardy, Truro School joined forces with **Gareth Churcher**, then Brass Team Leader, and offered our help to ensure co-curricular music lessons remain fully accessible to all children and young adults throughout the county. With a concerted effort the newly formed trust was set up in just three months. Truro School have created a home for CMST with office space, human resources assistance and access to business consultancy. With such support, a stable model for growth under the title of a registered charity has been generated. It is a fine example of Truro School’s commitment to reach far into our community for Cornish wide benefit.

In the next 12 months we will no doubt bring you more exciting developments; in the meantime to read the School’s Strategic Plan 2014-20 please visit <http://www.truroschoo.com/senior/about-us/strategic-plan/>

Best wishes  
**Rachel Bayliss – Bursar**



# Jeremy Mills (C077)

Lion Television



mix together the inserts for the following morning's radio programme, and encouraged me to return and help out. I was in my element and eventually convinced them I was ready to drive the desk on the live broadcast. By my late teens I was employed in the School holidays as a Regional Station Assistant.

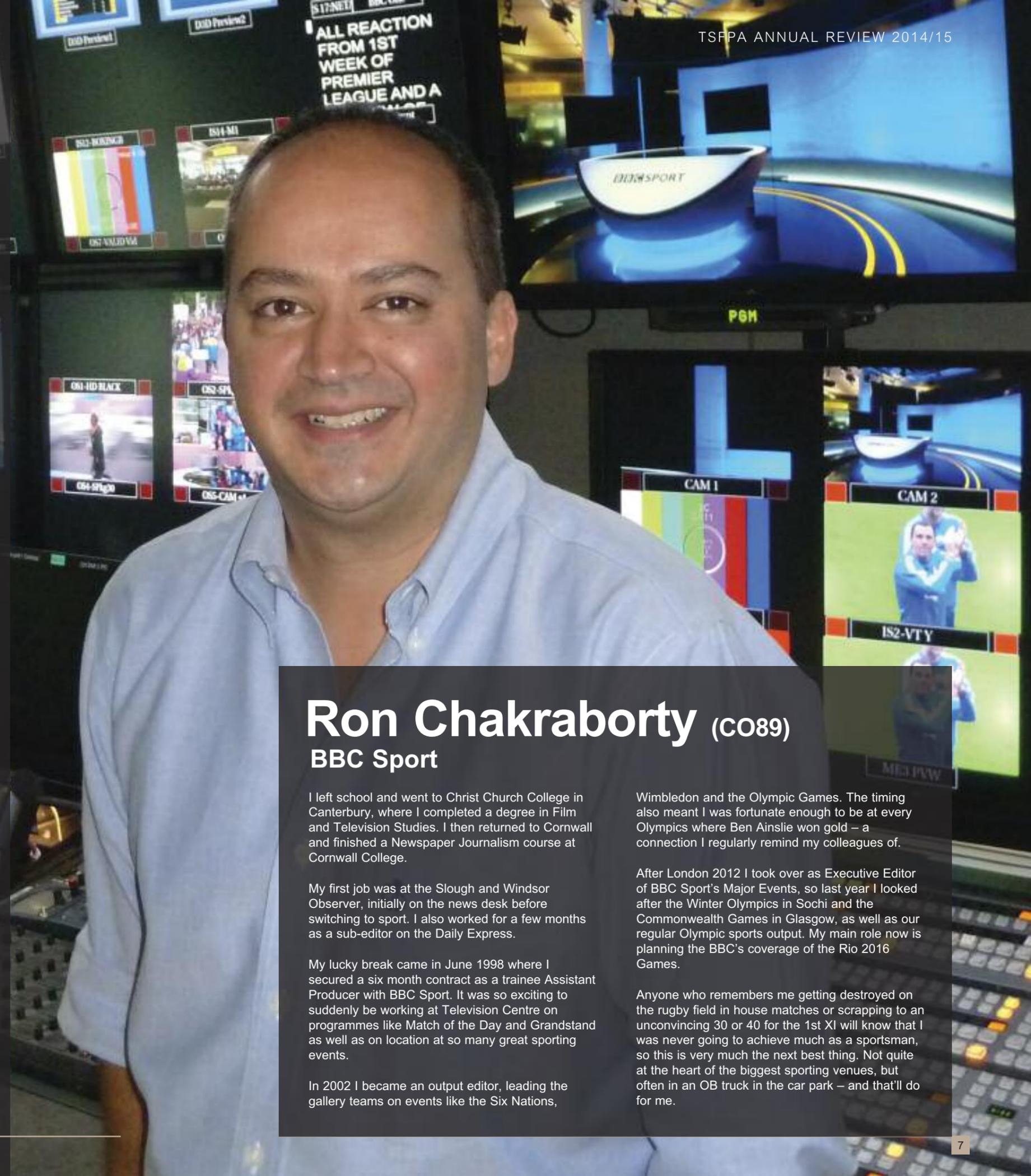
BBC Plymouth was my 'university' in terms of learning a trade, and where I became infected by the intense camaraderie that's so much part of our bizarre business. This was the heyday of regional BBC TV, so alongside the nightly Spotlight news we made music shows, quizzes, film dramas, gardening shows, and documentaries – gloriously, and subversively, away from the glare of London chiefs!

But in my mid 20s a London executive did spot some of my work and I was offered the chance to move to London. I moved to producing and directing long-form documentaries and series, spending several fascinating years immersed in recording people's lives. In the early 90s I became an executive producer and set up a unit focussing on prime time documentaries for BBC One - our first series being Airport.

After 18 years on the BBC staff I decided to set up my own independent company, Lion Television. In the early days we chronicled the madness of the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool, explored the often uplifting stories of Children's Hospital, and Castaway 36 men women and children to a remote Scottish island for the whole of the year 2000 – a project so ludicrously ambitious that only years later do I wonder how we all survived the experience! In the ensuing 18 years we have produced hundreds of hours for broadcasters around the world from blue-chip docs to a quiz set in the back of a taxi. 18 years on, having sold Lion, I am looking for the next part of a bizarre, but thrilling, odyssey that has been a life in TV.

My interest in television started at the age of 10 when a behind-the-scenes item on Blue Peter inspired me to become a TV director. By the time I started Truro School I was already dabbling in 8mm film making. Mr Worsely White reinforced that interest through the school film club he ran so energetically. I instinctively eschewed fiction for fact, and projects included documentaries about RNAS Culdrose and the Fal River oyster sailing boats. A passion for accessing places that say 'no unauthorised entry' was ignited and remains with me today! Every spare minute was spent learning about cameras, lighting, editing, stop frame animation and putting together soundtracks by editing tape.

At 15 years old my experience of manipulating sound gave me exposure to the professional media world at BBC Plymouth. At an informal visit the studio, managers realised I could record, edit and



# Ron Chakraborty (C089)

## BBC Sport

I left school and went to Christ Church College in Canterbury, where I completed a degree in Film and Television Studies. I then returned to Cornwall and finished a Newspaper Journalism course at Cornwall College.

My first job was at the Slough and Windsor Observer, initially on the news desk before switching to sport. I also worked for a few months as a sub-editor on the Daily Express.

My lucky break came in June 1998 where I secured a six month contract as a trainee Assistant Producer with BBC Sport. It was so exciting to suddenly be working at Television Centre on programmes like Match of the Day and Grandstand as well as on location at so many great sporting events.

In 2002 I became an output editor, leading the gallery teams on events like the Six Nations,

Wimbledon and the Olympic Games. The timing also meant I was fortunate enough to be at every Olympics where Ben Ainslie won gold – a connection I regularly remind my colleagues of.

After London 2012 I took over as Executive Editor of BBC Sport's Major Events, so last year I looked after the Winter Olympics in Sochi and the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, as well as our regular Olympic sports output. My main role now is planning the BBC's coverage of the Rio 2016 Games.

Anyone who remembers me getting destroyed on the rugby field in house matches or scrapping to an unconvincing 30 or 40 for the 1st XI will know that I was never going to achieve much as a sportsman, so this is very much the next best thing. Not quite at the heart of the biggest sporting venues, but often in an OB truck in the car park – and that'll do for me.

## Della Matthews (C085)



I grew up on a farm near Falmouth. It was an idyllic childhood in many ways, but there were few opportunities for travel as my father always had to be around to milk the cows. As a result I developed an acute interest in what lay beyond the farm gate from an early age. Little wonder then that I took Geography as an A Level at Truro School (in 1985) and then went on to study it at university.

Much as I enjoyed my Geography course, I found writing more enjoyable than the actual subject matter itself. As a result I got sucked into student journalism big time. I was forever chasing stories for Cherwell newspaper in Oxford, with lots of nights spent helping to edit the newspaper. I also did work experience at the Falmouth Packet newspaper and the Western Morning News during my holidays.

All of those late night production deadlines helped me to secure a place at Cardiff University on its one year print journalism course. From there I became a trainee at the Press Association which was then based in Fleet Street. The PA is Britain's main domestic news agency and it helped me to up my game in terms of delivering fast and accurate copy.

I had been applying for job / work experience opportunities at the BBC since I'd left school and I

eventually made it on to their news trainee scheme when I was 24. I desperately wanted to move to the Beeb as I appreciated the wealth of journalistic opportunities which were on offer there, and twenty five years on, I haven't been disappointed. Since joining I've worked for a wide range of outlets including Radio Sheffield, the Six O'clock TV News and Radio 4's 'The World at One'. Some of my best times were spent doing reporting assignments while I was based at Radio 5 Live to countries as diverse as Zimbabwe, Morocco and the Philippines.

I spent two years working in South Africa helping to set up a co-production between BBC World Service Radio and the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC). The work was uniquely challenging and rewarding and I learnt so much from my time there. On returning to Britain I joined BBC World TV. I started off as a producer, working through the ranks to Assistant Editor.

I never meant to stay so long at the BBC. The organisation is changing fast. These days there's a huge emphasis on social media, citizen journalism and user generated content. Production techniques are rapidly evolving and the way news is broken, shared and consumed is vastly different to what it was even five years ago. It's an incredibly exciting time to be working for the BBC. These days my role is less about reporting the stories and more about organising how we cover the main themes of the day in challenging and innovative ways. I've been lucky enough to work with some highly accomplished presenters including Naga Munchetty, Nik Gowing and Truro School's very own Ros Atkins!

My advice to anyone who's interested in joining the BBC is to get as much hands-on journalism experience as you can along the way. Don't wait to take a media studies course. Start writing / taking pictures / recording footage / reporting / blogging wherever and when ever possible. So many people want to be journalists; you need to be extremely hard working, persistent and lucky in order to succeed.



## Ros Atkins (C093)

### BBC Worldservice

If I think back to the discussions we used to have in the Sixth Form during English classes with Mr Scott and History with Miss Thomas (now Mrs Rainbow), what we were trying to do then and what I try and do every day at work have a lot in common.

I've been a news presenter for the BBC World Service radio for a good few years, and more recently I've moved onto BBC World News television too. Every day we're coming to new information and having to quickly decide what matters most and what questions we need to ask to understand the subject better. The processes share a lot with how we had to approach learning about 19th century France or First World War poetry.

Where the BBC and school differ, is that while we were encouraged to express our opinions in the classroom, doing so on air is a fast track to being relieved of your duties.

I can remember being in a Truro School careers session and being asked what I wanted to do and replying, 'journalist' without giving any real thought to the practicalities of how to achieve that. Back then many, perhaps most, routes into the industry didn't involve a journalism qualification or technical know-how, and there was no asterisk next to this career option saying 'number of paid jobs decreasing'.

I'm aware it's a more daunting prospect today. But I hope that if there's a boy or girl who is 14 now, as I was in 1988 in that careers meeting, they still choose journalism if that's what they aspire to. The more I do the more I find the communication and research skills it teaches are useful in many aspects of life, and, without meaning to sound too pompous, it's fulfilling because it feels like it matters. It's also important to remember as you view an industry in flux, that the appetite for journalism hasn't gone away, it's just we're all changing how we want to consume it and pay for it (or not as the case may be!).

Every day, I'm kept on my toes by people straight out of school and university who are doing really well. It's hard, but it's possible, so I hope the next Cornish generation keep journalism on their list of options.

Coming back to being in the classroom in the Sixth Form, I remember talking about many issues, but I don't remember gender coming up a lot. Nor did it when I was at university. Looking back it feels like we'd collectively switched off to the differing experiences of boys and girls and men and women, thinking perhaps that those inequalities were rapidly becoming things of the past. Evidently, that's not proved to be the case.

Last year I made a documentary called All That Stands in the Way looking at gender inequality through the lives of four teenage girls in London, Lesotho, Iceland and Jordan. I'm hoping Truro School might show it to its pupils and that it'll start a few discussions I never thought to have when I was there. It's on YouTube if you'd like to see it, and if you work at or have kids at schools which might be interested in showing it then do get in touch.

I should also mention that you can listen to BBC World Service through iPlayer Radio and on DAB radios. To see BBC World News television you need to be outside of the UK. If you're on holiday and switch on the TV and get BBC News, that's us.



## Tiling to the Top

Julian Prichard (CO87) took over as general manager for BASF Construction Chemicals UAE in December 2014. He sat down with industry magazine *BIG Project Middle East* to share his thoughts on this new role. Julian has kindly allowed us to share this interview with TSFPA members and detail his journey from the spires of Truro to the sands of the Dubai – it makes for a fascinating glimpse at what hard work and vision can achieve.

Julian started his Truro School career at Treliske in 1974 as a boarder at 7 years old. One of six siblings from St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, he confesses "I was never much of an academic, but loved sport, especially rugby, where I was captain for most of my playing years at Treliske and later Truro School." In fact the peak of Julian's rugby career, after playing throughout the 90s for Rosslyn Park London and Dubai Exiles, came when he gained 4 international Caps for The Arabian Gulf in the 2003 World Cup qualifying rounds.

At 18 years old in the Sixth Form Julian studied Metal Work Engineering and Craft Design and Technology. He recalls, "I achieved two 'C' grades, with the help of the late Roger Shaw the beloved Pentreave House Master, my mentor and family friend." On leaving Truro School in 1987, Julian initially went to work in Uganda for a construction company, where "I realised that I certainly was more practical than an academic". On his return a year later Julian enrolled into South Bank University to study Building Surveying. With an HND under his belt, he headed once more for the airport.

Back in the early 1990s, Julian Prichard was one of those young people who decided to set off for pastures new and unexplored. In his own words, he landed in Dubai on a one way ticket, fresh out of university, with "all his worldly possessions crammed into a rucksack". "I didn't have a job, but I came out to look.

"Dubai was new then and no one really knew where it was at the time. I managed to get a job within the first couple of days working on the Bani Yas Underpass, next to the Deira City Centre. At that stage, my job was to install all the ceramic tiling on the underpass and to apply carbonation coating," he recalls. "In my interview, I said that I had tiled a few bathrooms before. Now I was doing 1,000sqm a day! But honestly, it was actually quite fun and a real eye-opener in terms of starting my career in the Middle East." Now more than two decades into that career, Prichard has been announced as the general manager of BASF Construction Chemicals UAE LLC.

This means he will be overseeing the UAE, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain and Yemen from the Dubai-based regional headquarters of the Construction Chemicals division. Having joined BASF in 1994, Prichard was, until recently, the construction systems manager – Gulf States. "It'll be a huge challenge. At the end of the day, the business has been running extremely efficiently and profitably thanks to our professional team. A lot of eyes are looking at Dubai because we've done so well over the years," he asserts. "We've got an extremely solid foundation and our people are the foundation of the business. There's some great talent here and we need to empower people for the future and give them the opportunity to grow with the business. It's a challenge that I'm looking forward to."

In Dubai, you can be working on a Burj Khalifa or an Atlantis type of structure, but equally, you can be working in the outer regions, building smaller projects. Prichard sums up neatly "what I love about Dubai, and certainly about the UAE, is that we seem to be the incubator of innovation."

What Julian showcases is the unique Cornish or Scillonian determination that breeds success through hard work and innovation driven by creative vision, which is applicable wherever in the world our alumni find themselves. We wish Julian all the best of luck in his new role.

You can read the full article by *BIG Project ME* at:

[http://issuu.com/thebigprojectme/docs/bigproject\\_december\\_2014](http://issuu.com/thebigprojectme/docs/bigproject_december_2014)

## Haydn's Creation and Jazz Concert from Scratch

On the night of the TSFPA Annual Reunion Dinner, the Chapel rang out with the sound of Truro School's returning musically talented recent leavers.

The first half of the concert, Haydn's Creation, boasted an all-star line-up of former pupil soloists, conductor and orchestra leader. Soprano, **Lydia Manuell (CO08)**; Alto, **Felicity Turner (CO07)**; Tenor, **Farran Roland (CO07)**; Bass, **Charlie Murray (CO09)**; Conductor, **Matthew Rogers (CO98)**; and Orchestra Leader, **Jack Vosper (CO09)**.

The orchestra comprised former pupils as well as current pupils and peripatetic staff. The choir was also represented by each area of our Truro School community - former and current pupils, plus Truro School Choral Society members made up of parents, friends and staff. It really was whole school community ensemble!

After the interval (held in the Heseltine Gallery Studio amongst the splendour of Snapshots in Time, the School's first archive exhibition) classical formalities gave way to Jazz, directed by the infamous Simon Latache. Simon, Assistant Director of Music, has been at Truro School since 1983 and now in his 33rd of teaching music! He conducted **Felicity Turner**, accompanied by a Jazz Band of pupils, current and former, closing the evening in suitably colourful and cool style.

**Martin Palmer**, Director of Music said "this was a wonderful opportunity for our alumni to return, giving our



current students a real flavour of what a career in music can look like. It was a pleasure to catch up with every alumni and 'hear' how their musical talents have developed. I hope to do something similar again soon."

You can see and hear what the Truro School Music Department is up to by following their Facebook page.



# Easter Smickett v Schinter Sport Fixtures

The annual matches took place last year on Easter Saturday between teams of former pupils, Smith and Wickett against School and Vinter. The weather was again superb and some excellent hockey and rugby was played.

## Mixed Hockey

Several sixth-formers played in the mixed hockey for which we are extremely grateful. They certainly contributed to the game and this is something we are likely to continue with in future years.

Schinter won the mixed hockey match by 3 goals to 2, having been 2 goals down at one stage.



**The Schinter mixed hockey team:**  
(top image): Hayley Hardstaff, Joe Parry, Adi Shields, Maddie Davison, Kiran Bhardwaj, James Coston, Peter Ashworth, Sunil Tanna, Harry Lobb, Jack Warren and Matt French-Constant

**The Smickett mixed hockey team:**  
(bottom image): Simon Reed, Dan Whitmore, Jess Pascoe, Rob Hodge, James Rawling, Luke Rugg, Sam Wheeler, Aime Tall, Alex Reed, Jack Carr and George Baird

## Rugby

Approximately 40 players joined us for the Smickett v Schinter rugby match. Scrums were unopposed so there was no shortage of people volunteering to play in the front row. Smickett were the outright winners by 24 points to 19. Unfortunately not all our alumni are identified in the team photograph, please email Steve Floyd to help us rectify this situation!

TSFPA would like to say an enormous 'thank you' to Mark Nicholas who contacted the majority of the hockey players and umpired the match on the day, as well as helping with the shirts and barbecue. Many thanks Mark.

Thanks to **Richard Pryor (CO76)** who refereed the rugby. A very quick winger back in the 70s at School.

We also had our own former pupil physiotherapist in attendance for the matches. **Becky Davison (CO99)** is a chartered physiotherapist and does work at Truro School as well as the Lander Medical Practice.

The players had the benefit of new shirts, partly funded by our sponsors. Many thanks to them.



**The Smickett v Schinter rugby team:**

(top left)

**Back row:** Tom Carne, Ben Pollard, Joe Healey, Jon Hyatt, Tom Clarke, Tom Byrne, Rory Loftus, unidentified, Digby Parsons, unidentified, unidentified, Harry Somers, Nick Carne

**Front row:** Charlie Pendarves, Theo Gayton, Calum Turner, Richard Pryor (CRRS referee), Dave Hewitt, Tom Somers, Ben Ackner, James Pooley



(bottom left)

**Back row:** Michael Woyton, Charlie Goldsmith, Lister Metcalfe, Harry Goldsmith, Tristan Nolan, Andrew Chilcott, Pete Bush, George Masters, Josh Conlay, Tom Collinge, Tom Pascoe

**Front row:** Adam Crocker, Joe Hicks, Tristan Parry, Ross Wolhuter, Freddie Gleadowe, Chris Mude, Henry Conchie, Matt Sweet, Ollie Smith

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## FP Football v School

### Tom Tallis (CO13) reports

Following the former pupils' victories in rugby, mixed hockey and netball, the pressure was on for the old boys' football team, class of '13, to make recent history. If the old boys could secure the win against an excellent Truro School 1st XI, it would be the first year in modern times the former pupils would take a clean sweep against the school first teams. With early news that our captain, **George Williams**, would return from Thailand just hours before kick-off, training and team selection was left in the reliable hands of myself and **Ryan Jelbert**.

With three training sessions behind us, the boys were in high hopes of a victory. As match day arrived in true Truro School style the first team football pitch had not only been replaced by rugby posts, but also a 200m running track, so portable goals were in place for the big game.

The game started in a sloppy fashion, with no clear cut chances for either team. We old boys used all our experience to change formation into a free flowing 4-5-1 formation, which could quickly turn into a 4-2-4 attack. This swung the pendulum into our hands and we began

to dominate possession. Attack after attack barraged the first XI back four and this soon bought a goal mid-way through the first half, following a sublime run and cross from **Ryan Jelbert** and nearly tucked home by **Toby Armstrong**.

An inspirational half time team talk came from the gaffer, **Simon Collinge** (CO74 and current Truro School Maths Department). We started the second half confident of more goals. With the wind playing a key role in the game, an untidy yet nevertheless controlled second half from the old boys saw out a comfortable win.

The class of '13 have triumphed in every former pupils' fixture and a huge amount of credit has to go to the teams, with second to none preparation being key. Man of the match went to **Ryan Jelbert**, but in truth could have gone to a number of old boys players.

Thanks to **Glynn Hooper** (Truro School Games Department and Head of 5th Year) and **Simon Collinge** for organising the game.



**Back row:** Michael May, James Evans, Josh Alford, George Fortey, Harry Walker, Jack Gleadowe, Curtis Pay, Louis Dyer and Alex King.

**Front row:** James Channon, Joash Moosavinia, Andrew Hodding, Christian Vroon and Ryan Jelbert.



**Back Row:** Gus Angillely, Matt Teagle, Jack Reed, Toby Armstrong, Lee Humphreys, Tom Tallis, Nick Byrne and Will Knox.

**Front Row:** Michael Ahrens, George Williams, George Hooper, Kieran Barlow, Ollie Young, James Townrow and Guy Whittaker.



## FP Cricket v Staff

The Former Pupils, captained by **Ryan Jelbert** (CO13), beat the staff in a highly entertaining game. Unfortunately the following day's match against the 1st XI was rained off.

**Back Row:** (l to r): Kiran Bhardwaj (CO12), David Hoskings (CO11), Alan Hoskings (CO84), Jack Gleadowe (CO14), James Austin, Adam Gustafsson, John Cornish, Charlie Goldsmith (CO10), Richard Spall (CO09), Saul Berger, Rob Monk (CO87), Ben Green, Chris Kendall, Mark Huckle

**Middle Row:** Charlie Hoskings (CO15), Ryan Jelbert (CO13) Capt, George Williams, Angus MacKinnon, Chris Dennis (CO73)

**Front Row:** Ben Hoskings (CO13), Michael Austin, Zac Berger

## Former Pupils Day September 2014

Former pupils' teams played their traditional matches against the School in netball, mixed hockey and rugby on the first Saturday of the Michaelmas term.

Many thanks to **Millie Deacon** (CO14) who organised and captained both the netball and mixed hockey teams and **Locryn Williams** (CO14) who did likewise for the rugby team.

The School netball team beat the Former Pupils 14-12 in a very closely 'fought' match.

As you can see we are missing team photographs from the Hockey and Netball matches. We need participants and spectators to send photos into us from our events and welcome any comments to accompany them!

Send pictures to [tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)





## Truro School in 1915

### At home

The day to day running of the school was little affected by war in 1915, although some teachers left to join the military and there were fewer teams available to play against in sports matches. Opinions and concerns about the war were often aired by pupils in the school's debating society meetings held in the library, including whether 'the government should control the food supplies in war time' - a motion that was carried with 14 votes to 4. It was still several months before strict rationing was enforced at the school. A British Red Cross first aid course was held and parcels were sent to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (a regiment which many old boys joined).

The summer term was 'on the whole, a happy and prosperous one; but the shadow of the great war has hung over us'. The school's cadet corps was formed, to

help boys leaving the school who wanted to go on to the Woolwich Military Academy. The first drill took place on 7 May with 94 cadets on parade, including eight masters, with the headmaster, H.W. Vinter, as cadet-captain. On 1 July the cadets were affiliated to the 4th Battalion of the DCLI, with the new title of 'B' Company, 1st Cadet Battalion of Cornwall. The cadet corps continued to grow and was nicknamed 'Caesar's Legion'.

By December 1915 it was noted that 'once more a term has slipped away, and we cannot help noticing at almost every hour that the great war is still raging'. Vinter's continuous correspondence with old boys provided them with a constant reminder of Truro during the turmoil.

*The corps gathered together for its first group photograph on 14 July*

### At war

Letters back to the school from former pupils included postcards from E.C. Banfield's brother Ralph:

**April 24th.** *We are now on the way to the Dardanelles. We have been eight weeks in this old boat. Everybody is in tip-top spirits...*

**May 27th.** *You have heard of the attack on the 18th, the enemy seemed to come up in droves just at dawn, and fell like corn mown down with a scythe. It was rather exciting whilst it lasted. To-day has been very quiet... The first week was simply the limit, did not have any sleep for the first five days... On the Friday we mustered on the beach, hardly half the Batt: turned up...*

**June 5th.** *Another week gone and we are still in the same place... Nothing much really happened this week. Most of us can sleep in any position now, standing, sitting, lying, or kneeling comes natural...*

### Casualties 1914-1915

E.C. Banfield, 1.11.1914, aged 19  
W. Blamey, 20.6.1915, aged 41  
R. Gilpin, 3.7.1915, aged 25  
A.E.T.H. Varcoe, 5.9.1915, aged 34  
F.H. Thomas, 2.10.1915, aged 31  
J. Paynter, 8.10.1915, aged 30  
H.A. Millard, 13.10.1915, aged 19  
T.S. Roberts, 22.11.1915, aged 21

Lieutenant Robert Gilpin, RFA, wrote on 14 June 1915, from Ezra's Tomb, Iraq

*I thought of May 1st, 1902, the day I joined Truro College. Funny how my mind went back to that day while sitting in the hot Persian Desert.*

The school magazine in December 1915 recorded that

*Second-Lieutenant F.H. Thomas, formerly of St Just, was killed in action in France on October 2nd... He received a commission in September last in a Tunnelling Company of the Royal Engineers, and left immediately for France. He parted with John Paynter at Rouen, and it is pathetic to relate that both were killed within a fortnight.*

Jo Wood – School Archivist

# Annual and Decentennial Reunion Dinner September 2014

The Annual Reunion Dinner held at Truro School this year was the first of a new format targeting 'Decentennial' reunions within the dinner, amid a weekend of annual alumni events. The netball, mixed hockey and rugby matches, followed by a superb BBQ, were held on the Saturday afternoon, and a Chapel Anniversary Service held on the Sunday morning. (More news and photographs of those events can be found in the October 2014 Online Newsletter.) Our Director of Music, **Martin Palmer** also treated us to a Haydn's Creation and Jazz Concert from Scratch on the Saturday evening, with several former pupils playing in it and many additional alumni forming the audience (see page 11 for full article). The weather was beautiful on Saturday 6 September, allowing us to enjoy a drinks reception on the Terrace before dinner and the concert, bathed in Cornish summer sunshine.

Those who graduated School 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago were specifically invited, but the annual dinner was (and will be for 2015) for all former pupils to attend. 110 people in total enjoyed a wonderful three course roast dinner, making it the best attended annual reunion for many a year.

At the dinner we were very lucky to have **John Rhys Davies (CO62)** (which is the stage name of HJ Davies, Head Boy in 1962-63) as our guest speaker. John flew in from New Zealand to join us and as you would expect of the well-known actor, his timing and speech were superb. Thankfully John appeared to have misplaced his axe on route from New Zealand, though he did not hold back with his opinions on marriage, teenagers and



(above) John Rhys-Davies, Watson and Ann Weeks, Brian Jackson and several other pupils from the early sixties, on the Terrace prior to dinner.

hoping your children do better than you did in life. It was a special evening, with Watson Weeks, one of his drama teachers from the 1960s, also attending the dinner. I think Watson's reaction to John's speech and career was one of quiet satisfaction - a job well done Watson!

Many thanks to all those who attended the dinner. I think it's fair to say everybody enjoyed themselves, especially the huge table from the Class of '94 - pass the port please!

The Annual and Decentennial Dinner 2015 will be held on Saturday 5 September. The Decentennial Reunions will be the Classes of '65, '75, '85, '95 and '05, open to all those who did or would have left in the Upper Sixth in those years, as well as any other former pupil who wants to join the party.

**Steve Floyd (CO76)**

## Then and Now: 50 years on



### Photographs of 5 FPs from the Class of '64

Mike Carreras, Andy Cameron, Stuart Sylvester, David Stocks and Stuart Bird all attended the Annual Reunion Dinner and Decentennial Reunion.



1: Former Staff, 2: Mixed table, 3: Class of '94 4: Angilley table, 5: Headmaster and Governors' table, 6: Part of the Class of the 'early 60s' table, 7: Mixed table, 8: Part of the Class of '04

## Isles of Scilly Reunion

In November 2014 Andrew Gordon Brown and I braved the Atlantic winter weather, launching off the coast of Land's End in a rather unsteady SkyBus towards St Mary's, Isles of Scilly. Having organised an afternoon tea at the Star Castle Hotel for all former pupils living on the Scillys, there was no deterring us! The afternoon was superbly attended, with School graduates from five decades represented.

Boarding school life formed much of the conversation, with questions on how it had changed in recent years. I also learned a great deal about flower farming, the history of the islands and the long connection with Truro

School. Being such a success I hope this becomes an annual event, although perhaps best to be brought forward into summer to guarantee more travel conducive climes!

**Lucy Alldritt**

*Andrew Gordon Brown with Mrs Pritchard and two of her daughters Amelia and Helena, CO96 and CO00 respectively.*



## Class of '67 Impromptu Reunion

Three former pupils from the Class of '67 contacted Steve Floyd at very short notice to organise a tour of School. That was the starting point for a very last-minute reunion tour and lunch for 11 former pupils, some of whom hadn't seen each other since they left School 47 years ago!

*(Main image) Philip Andrews, Terry Webb, Ken Holland, Patrick Vickers, Andrew Barker, Jeff Webb, Peter Thomas, John Brimacombe, Peter Luff, Glyn Mainwaring.*



*Terry Webb and John Brimacombe wearing their original caps. Amazingly John's looks like it still fits.*

## London Networking Reunion



The London Networking Reunion was held in the upstairs function room at The Masons Arms, a Greene King pub in Mayfair, with approximately 40 former pupils able to drop by. Being my first TSFPA event, it was wonderful to witness a broad spectrum of our former pupil community together, from our oldest attendee Mr **Trevor Jaggard**, who was at School from 1937 to 1943, to the young women who left school in 2010, and the all the decades represented in between.



About 40 former pupils attended the reunion with many stories from School being told. It was wonderful to see such a broad spectrum of our former pupil community together...



As I found, the 'Networking Reunion' is a good opportunity to speak to other alumni who may be in the same line of work and able to offer nuggets of advice to younger members. It also provides the opportunity to swap stories of School life through the various ages. One former pupil particularly enjoyed hearing stories of her father while he was at Truro School. **Phil Rule (CO77)** gave some wonderfully detailed descriptions of various antics he and **Jim Barlow (CO77)** got up to whilst at School. Thankfully, realising the delicacy of the situation and being early on in the evening, Phil, a retired police officer, managed that very fine balancing act of satisfying Sarah Barlow's (CO10) curiosity with 'selected' stories whilst withholding others. *So much for the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth!*

**Lucy Alldritt**



# Obituary Tributes

## Louis PASCOE

Louis (aka Lou) Pascoe was a long standing member of Truro School support staff, as technician in the Physics Department. Lou died peacefully, aged 88, on 29 January after a short stay in Amberley House Nursing Home, Truro. Lou had remained a Truronian all his life, initially training as a plumber, then working with the Water Board and finally taking up his role at Truro School. He also actively pursued various leisure activities including sailing (through which he met his wife, Barbara), snooker, shooting and model aeroplanes. At the School, Lou was a well know character who presided over an 'Aladdin's Cave' (his prep room) filled with a myriad of components and devices that he was always willing to demonstrate to any interested pupil brave enough to venture inside. Many a happy break-time could be spent finding out more about thermistors, Windshurst machines, optical prisms and smoke generators, to name just a few. Lou was one of life's real characters. His possibly gruff exterior concealed a heart of gold and a genuine interest in helping young people navigate the mysteries of physics and electronics. Our sympathy and best wishes go to his wife Barbara, children Jane, John and Richard, his grandchildren and great grandson. Thanks to Mike Lister (CO70) for the sad news.

## Alistair Macintosh (Larry) LAW (CO72)

Passed away at Derriford Hospital on 12 September 2014 aged 61. Dear Father of Natasha. Son to Iain and Rosemary. Brother to Jonathan (CO74), also known as Larry.



## Alan Fletcher POWNALL (1922-27)

Died in July 2010, peacefully in Italy, aged 99. He was fit and healthy until the end but finally 'ran out of puff'. He is greatly missed by his wife Carole, daughter Anna and her husband, and two grandsons.

## Reginald J. RANDALL (1935-39)

Died in March 2011 aged 89. He had some fond memories of his school and with a long medical career as a GP, regarded with affection and respect by his patients. Reginald had a long retirement and was 89 when he died. He had strong values alongside a gentle nature. I'm sure his great strengths were founded on the values he was taught at school as well as those of his parents.

## Wesley James BREWER (1933-39)

Died in March 2014 aged 90. He was immensely proud of being an Old Boy of Truro School and remained enthusiastic to know what was happening at the School.

## Nick RICKFORD (CO92)

Sadly died in March 2014 aged 39.

## Brian Russell KNIGHTS (CO59)

Died on 12 December 2014 following a stroke aged 74. He and his wife Evie lived in Arundel, West Sussex. He had been suffering with lymphoma cancer and diabetes for a few years and didn't recover consciousness from the stroke, passing away two days later.

## Jenny LEATHES

Died on 12 April 2014 after a long fight with cancer. Jenny's funeral, a celebration of her life and then a woodland burial, was held on Friday 25 April at Trereife House outside Penzance. Five people spoke including an excellent tribute from Guy Dodd. As well as contributing much to art and especially to ceramics over many years her major contribution was in building up DofE. DofE had a very low profile before Jenny arrived, but under Jenny it became a major part of school life and many hundreds of pupils passed through it. Jenny also ran Ten Tors, another major part of school life. I never helped Jenny in this but for seven of these years I was running the Sixth Form and so was very well aware of the involvement of so many pupils, and always remember how helpful Jenny's contributions were to writing UCAS references. After she retired due to her cancer she took on many challenges including running the London marathon and was an inspiration to many. Her service was packed far exceeding the numbers expected and people were standing in the corridors, the entrance hall and possibly outside. I can't think of any staff who contributed more to what happens outside the classroom. *Tribute from Nigel Baker (CO67 and former staff member).*

## John Milner BOULDEN (1942-56)

Passed away in Sydney, Australia on 9 August 2014 after a long illness. He leaves a wife, six children and fifteen grandchildren. John always had very fond memories of his years at school, especially his time playing cricket and rugby. He was in the 1st XI in 1955 and 1956 when he captained the team. He was in the 1st XV in 1955-56. John went on to become the Company Secretary of a large insurance company in Sydney, whilst also teaching accounting two nights a week at a Technical College for 25 years. He was extremely proud of his children; they all gained University degrees and are now working in their chosen fields.



## Barry GRIME (1943-49)

Died in April 2014. As well as being a former pupil Barry had also been a School Governor.

## Michael LEWIS (1941-50)

Died suddenly on 15 April 2014 aged 81. He had been suffering from several recurrent illnesses for two years. He had been an active member of the London Branch of the Former Pupils' Association.

## Rev John HARPER (CO52)

Has died.

## Robert BATHO (CO62)

Died on 30 May 2014 aged 67. Rob was a prefect and head day boy before he left Truro School in 1963. He then took up a university apprenticeship with Rolls Royce and went up to Corpus Christi College, Oxford in October 1964 to read PPE.

## Derek Haydn ENDEAN (1945-52)

From Truro passed away unexpectedly at the Royal Cornwall Hospital on 9 March 2013, aged 78 years. Devoted husband of Margaret and much loved father of Sarah.

## William James Russell (Russ) BARBER

Passed away suddenly but peacefully at Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treiske on Thursday 16 October 2014 aged 72 years. Russ taught at Truro School back in the early 70s.

## John TREWHELLA

Passed away at Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treiske on 2 January 2014 aged 83 years following a long battle with deteriorating health. John's three sons, Roger (CO72), Jem (CO76) and Ross (CO78), all came to Truro School.

## Charles Paul Thomas WILSON (CO61)

Died in September 2013.

## John WILSON-CLARIDGE (1949-53)

Died in January 1993 from prostate cancer.

## William Henry Ernest Alfred (Ernie) THOMAS (1940-44)

Died at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth on 13 November 2014 aged 85. He had health problems for a number of years but was suddenly taken unwell, admitted to A&E. He died after two days in hospital but after a peaceful night. His son Louis (CO71) writes 'I know that he was proud of his association with the school both as pupil, parent and former pupil and had good memories of his time there. I was also lucky enough to be taught by two of his masters who would refer to him on occasion.'

## H. Roy DUNCAN (1959-1966)

Died on 30 August 2014 leaving his wife Barbara and two daughters, Armored and Bryony. Roy went to school in 1959 and left in 1966. He had two brothers at the school David and Colin. The Duncans are Scillonians and were at Truro School as boarders like many others as they had passed the 11+. After school Roy soon returned to St Mary's to live and work. He bought the Golden Spray, one of the inter-island boats, which he operated until he retired. He contributed to Island life in many ways; lifeboat crew, council member and Chairman of the council for many years, JP, drummer in the Blues Band and other groups to name but a few. He was a good friend to me and many others at school. *Obituary from Paul Taylor (1959-1965).*

## Michael Garnett CARLING (1945-48)

Died on 1 March 2014 aged 81.

Born in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire he grew up in a small community, earning a reputation for an insouciant attitude to life which was generally how he was seen as an adult. Despite his happy-go-lucky attitude he surprised everyone by gaining a scholarship to St Albans School where he made life-long friends despite leaving after a year when the family moved to Cornwall. His parents wanted him to continue to be educated in the Private Sector hence his arrival at Truro School in 1945. Michael had a serious side to him which appreciated the Methodist services, the hymns and membership of the choir all of which remained of life-long importance to him.

Aware that he would have to do National Service, he left school prematurely after gaining Lower School Certificate. He joined The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and quickly rose to the rank of Sergeant. He loved the life, remaining in the army for twenty nine years and having gained his Majority, held several Staff jobs in Divisional Headquarters. He enjoyed postings in the Caribbean, as well as Cyprus, Belgium and in various stations in Britain, retiring in 1979. Michael died at home surrounded by his family on 1st March 2014. *Tribute from Katharine Carling.*



## Peter William (PW) BERRIDGE (1938-47)

Died peacefully at home in Higher Porthpean with his beloved and devoted wife Joan on 16 November 2014 aged 82. Formerly of Veryan, he was a greatly loved and appreciated Dad to Anne, Robert and Ian.

## John FAULL (1937-43)

Died on 31 December 2013 aged 88.

## Obituary Tributes

### James Edward (Ted) KERKIN (1946-49)

Died on Saturday 10 January 2015 suddenly at home, aged 82 years. Much loved husband of Leola, loving father of Courtney (CO79) and Phil (CO81), father-in-law to Karen. A thanksgiving service was held on Saturday 24 January at Truro School Chapel following a private family committal at Penmount Crematorium.

### W H David PODD (1942-47)

Died in July 2011, aged 81.

### Charles THURLOW (1946-54)

Died recently, aged 78. In his later years Charles was an historian and publisher of great distinction. Charles was a quiet, intense, humorous and very skilful man who undertook the labour of love of publishing learned work about Cornwall in high quality books at reasonable prices. I very much doubt if Charles made a penny from his efforts but he extended our understanding of Cornwall and her people, of their achievements and their legacies. He set very high standards for himself and his authors and contributed greatly to the academic canon of Cornish life, and to read one of his articles, or his publications is always a rewarding pleasure. His finest achievement though must be Wheal Martyn China Clay Museum - he was one of a complex team but his tenacity, charm and erudition ensured that it is, and will continue to be, one of the finest industrial heritage interpretative centres on the planet. I think that, in his scholarship, his compassion and care, his standards, his demeanour and his self-effacing leadership, Charles Thurlow was undoubtedly one of the great old boys of Truro School, and I hope that his legacy is acknowledged and enjoyed by all for whom the school is a special place. *Tribute from Bert Biscoe (CO71).*

### Stephen Clement WICKS

Teacher at Truro School 1950-76. He died on Tuesday 13 January 2015, peacefully at Mountford House, Truro aged 89. Much loved and missed by wife Peggy, children Sarah, Matthew and Polly.



### Robert (Robin) TCHERTOFF (1940-45)

Died a few years ago. His son has just notified us of his death and said 'He had been very happy to have re-established contact with his old School'. Robin had generously donated to the 2008 Organ Appeal and having emailed him an image of the Air Training Corps card found in the archives Robin wrote 'I cherish those days. I went on a glider course in August 1945 in Weston Super Mare which ended very well for me but sadly very very badly for the our teacher.'

### Victor Charles WATTON (CO68)

Died on 2 January 2015. Charles left Truro School in 1969 and went on to Lincoln College, Oxford. Charles had an international career in the oil industry, running companies in Peru, Chile and Spain as well as in the UK. At 50, he changed course and became Finance Director for the RNLI: a job he very much enjoyed until he retired.



### Philip John TREVENNEN (CO73)

Died on 1 January 2015 at St Julia's Hospice, aged 60, after a long battle against cancer. From a young age Philip had always had a passion for photography. This went back to the days when he joined the school camera club and became fascinated with developing and printing black and white photos. He saved up for his first 'serious' camera whilst in his mid-teens, even declining an invitation from a friend to spend a holiday with his family in Alaska. (Where during that holiday his friends' parents entertained an American President, during a visit to the oilfields!) He was a talented landscape photographer and his striking images, often portraying Cornish land and seascapes at their best, have sold well for a number of years at numerous outlets around Cornwall. Exhibitions of his work have been held not only in the UK but also in Holland and China, where his Cornish photos featured in national newspapers. For several years he also supplied the photos used in the Truro Cathedral calendar, proceeds from which help maintain the fabric of the cathedral.

### Peter Davies BERRINGTON (1927-32)

Died on 13 March 2015 aged 96 years. With his sister, Valerie, he was sent from India aboard ship to England to attend school. Following his time at Truro he went onto Taunton School and on leaving school applied to the Indian Police and was accepted with a post in the Punjab and Northwest Frontier provinces. He was in the Police in India for 8 years, rising to the level of District Superintendent, and left upon Independence in 1947. After India, he emigrated to British Columbia, Canada where he met his wife, with whom he had three children. In 1960 he moved to California and lived the rest of his life there. He is greatly missed by his family including his three children and many grandchildren.

## Speech Day 2014 - Former Pupil Returns



Connie Schneider



Anna Whitford



1st XV captain Locryn Williams, presenting his England U18 rugby shirt to the Headmaster, with Kim Conchie, Chairman of Governors, applauding.



Harry Lobb



Andrew Gordon-Brown

Transcripts of the speeches made by the Headmaster, Guest of Honour **Connie Schneider (CO95)**, Head Girl **Anna Whitford (CO14)** and Head Boy **Harry Lobb (CO14)** can be found under the Latest News/Archives/July2014 section of the Truro Senior School website. And they are well worth the read as some superb oratory was heard which moved the whole audience in the fitting environment of the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre. There were four Headmasters in attendance; the current **Andrew Gordon-Brown** and former **Paul Smith, Guy Dodd** and **Brain Jackson**, who was acting head between Barry Hobbs and Guy Dodd.



Holding the refurbished Opie Shield aloft, the house captains of School House, Ollie Williams (CO14) and Georgie Goldsmith (CO14)

The Headmaster's speech mentioned the following staff leavers; **Gretta Lugg, Dave Hunt, Sophie Brookes, Rob Piper, Jonathan Lewis, Melissa Macleod, Chris Moncaster, Jane Flood, Judith Eastburn** and **Tim Tall**. Mr Gordon-Brown went on to say:

"Tim Tall has led the department for so many years, built a great team around him and is the living manifestation of our school motto, *Esse Quam Videri*. He came to Truro School as a boy, he worked here as a man, he retires as a legend."



Connie, who returned to Cornwall especially to speak to our 2014 leavers, is a dedicated rule of law professional known for her work in the fields of international justice and humanitarian action in conflict zones across the world. At one point during her superb speech she asked all the leavers to stand up, 'I would like the leavers amongst you to get up for a second. Take a good look. Take a look at your friends, and your family, and remember this day, because whether you choose to stay in Cornwall, or travel the world, this, TODAY, is where it starts: the rest of your lives.'

**Steve Floyd (CO76)**

**Leaver Valeria Duca (CO14)** drew caricatures of teaching staff and put them on the wall in the Staff Room on the last day of term. Do you recognise them? Valeria has now gone onto study History of Art at St Andrews University.

If you do not recognise anyone from this selection, please visit our online Former Pupil Newsletters from May to July 2014 and Terraces 2014 for more pictures.



## Congratulations to...

### Ben Comeau (CO11)



We congratulate **Ben Comeau** who graduated with a starred first in his Music Degree at Cambridge University, achieving the highest mark of his whole year group. He also recently passed the Fellow of the Royal College of Organists (FRCO) Diploma, winning all the possible prizes at the same time.

Ben is now working as a composer, pianist and organist based in London, but will be returning to Truro School on 21 November 2015. We look forward to hearing Ben play our chapel organ in a concert to celebrate the fifth anniversary of its installation in the School Chapel.

### Hannah Hughes (CO06)

Earlier this year, **Hannah** received one of the three President's Awards from The Geological Society. President's Awards, instituted in 1980 by **Professor Percy Allen**, are conferred upon geoscientists who are within ten years of their first degree in geoscience or a cognate subject and who have made a notable early contribution to the science.



Hannah is currently in her third year of a PhD at Cardiff University. After her first degree at Oxford and a prizewinning MSc at Camborne School of Mines, she is now studying mafic igneous rocks from Western Scotland to assess their potential for nickel-copper and platinum group elements – while trying at the same time to understand the evolution of the sub-continental lithospheric mantle over time. With the publications arising from her MSc, and with more in press from her current PhD research, she will boast a substantial publication list by the time she completes her doctorate.

### Sarah-Jane Boyd (CO10)

The former England amateur international golfer turned professional in September 2014 and has just started playing in tournaments on the 2015 Ladies European Tour. Her first event was the RACV Ladies Masters on the Gold Coast in Australia - that well known European island. **Sarah-Jane** double-bogeyed the first hole, putting a ball into the lake, but recovered to complete her first round four over par. She was also four over par for her second round and missed the cut by a close 3 shots. Her brother **Robert (CO99)**, who is a doctor in Australia, caddied for her.

Her second tournament, in New Zealand where she played in the ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open, unfortunately saw Sarah-Jane again miss the cut. We wish Sarah all the best of luck in her upcoming tournaments and congratulate her on making the difficult transition to being professional.



# 'Remember the boy, support the man'

Max Levene (CO10)

This short piece is an abridged excerpt of Max's full blog which can be found in the September 2014 TSFPA Online Newsletter, where he reflects on his 2nd year at UEA Norwich.

In my first year I helped set up a peer support group for any student at UEA with a disability. This year I have done over 50 hours of volunteering for the scheme. I seem to do quite a bit of work with helping other students to use technology supplied by disabled students allowance more effectively. I am really proud of how successful the group has been.



I have also got involved with the charity Inspire by doing a bit of writing about my experiences of having an injury and just before the Christmas break (2013) I had the amazing opportunity to go to an event hosted at CITIBANK in Canary Wharf aimed at encouraging students with

disabilities to apply for jobs in investment banking. It was a really interesting day where I had the chance to meet many of the top investment banks. I applied for some internships however was unfortunately unsuccessful but I will try again this year as I really applied a bit too late.

The second term was defined by a very snap decision to run in the Student Union elections as the students with Disabilities officer. I have since been in weekly meetings and have been on a two day training course in

Great Yarmouth. It has been really interesting and I look forward to continuing my role this next year with my main aim being to improve access around the campus.

The main objective of this summer (2014) was to purchase a Power chair. Whilst I have not wanted (and still don't really want) a power chair I need to get one in order to drive myself in a Motability vehicle. If I can get driving it will give me a huge amount of independence and could be vital if I'm looking for work next year; a rather scary thought in itself!! The power chair is now set to arrive next week meaning I can move on to the next stage of getting a vehicle. The chair is going to be part funded by the Max Levene Trust Fund, and therefore it seems apt to thank all those who have donated in the past and throughout this year. It was also a great honour to have the trust put forward by Mr Austin (House Master Trennick) and Mr Whitmore (Director of Sport) to be the schools chosen charity for the RFU grand draw.

**You can donate to the Max Levene Trust by sending a cheque made out to 'Truro School' (with Max Levene Trust written on the back) to James Austin, c/o Truro School. Keep an eye out for more news from Max in our monthly TSFPA Online Newsletters.**



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## Funded Projects

This year TSFPA invested nearly £15,000 across a number of projects. At the 2014 Speech Day we were glad to see the newly refurbished Opie Shield back in operation and proudly received by School house. It now hangs in the Heath Hall for all students and staff to see. The fund also supported the Games Department with new equipment and trophies, as well as our own alumni rugby and mixed hockey teams kit for the annual Easter Smickett vs. Schinter matches. The largest project this year was repairing the stained-glass window above the chapel, now the Heseltine Gallery window. This was an ambitious undertaking that has ensured the survival of the window for many decades to come. We implore members to visit the Heseltine Gallery to enjoy the window and wonderful exhibitions held within the Gallery throughout the year.



## Truro School Leavers 2014

We welcome the following 2014 leavers to the TSFPA. We love to keep up in touch, so please feel free to email Steve [tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com) or Lucy [la@truroschoo.com](mailto:la@truroschoo.com) to update your details. The Truro School Community Facebook page is also a great way to remain in contact with each other and see what the School is up to – follow us today!

### Class of 2014

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| Michael Ahrens       | George Hooper         | Josh Poat         |
| Bolaji Ajose-Adeogun | Sally Hosie           | Zachary Roberts   |
| Josh Alford          | William Hosking       | Alexander Rodda   |
| Mary Allison         | James Hough           | Emily Rodda       |
| Beth Angove          | Candice Huang         | Kendall Royden    |
| Josephine Arter      | Lee Humphreys         | Daniel Rutter     |
| Baba Braithwaite     | Miranda Hygate        | Joe Sibley        |
| Finn Branney         | Jack James            | Chris Smith       |
| Charlotte Carpenter  | Alex Jane             | Molly Somers      |
| Jessie Chan          | Rebecca Johnston      | Ben Steen         |
| Rafael Cheng         | Liam Kirkby           | Lawrence Stewart  |
| Robert Cherry        | Aadhithyan Kumaravel  | Dominic Stratton  |
| Jack Clifford-Wing   | Yoriko Lam            | Joshua Talbot     |
| Alice Copeland       | Alex Lee              | Tom Thorogood     |
| Milly Deacon         | Kevin Li              | Robert Trebilcock |
| Taylor Dedman        | George Light          | Jack Trevail      |
| Connor Donnithorne   | Christopher Lightfoot | Christian Vroon   |
| Valeria Duca         | Harry Lobb            | Harry Walker      |
| Jack Dukes           | Luke Mansfield        | Harry Wallwork    |
| Scott Dunstan        | Aidan Maskell         | Nathaniel Warren  |
| Rhys Fairlie         | Lucy Matthews         | Alice Wheatley    |
| Maddison Fletcher    | Samantha-Jayne        | Sam Wheeler       |
| Mary Ford            | Millington            | Anna Whitford     |
| George Fortey        | Joash Moosavinia      | Will Whitworth    |
| Jack Gleadowe        | Andrew                | Leanne Williams   |
| Georgie Goldsmith    | Munro-Lott            | Locryn Williams   |
| Ellie Green          | Lloyd Nielsen         | Oliver Williams   |
| Amelia Grigg         | Crystal Obi           | Jacob Wyatt       |
| Hayley Hardstaff     | Nnebe Okoli           | Donald Yau        |
| Jack Harvey          | Tesni Patching        | Ollie Young       |
| Robert Hodge         | Abigail Piercy        |                   |
| Oliver Holdsworth    |                       |                   |
| Edgar Hole           |                       |                   |

### Class of 2016

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| Omar Abbas        | Niels Kunz          |
| Jasper Attlee     | Rebecca Lewalter    |
| Glen Badve        | Sophia Lieb         |
| Thomas Bamford    | Frederic Lower      |
| Eva Barnsley      | Beth McGuinness     |
| Isaac Barrow      | Megan McKenna       |
| Raoul Bonah       | Luke Meeson         |
| Paul Carbis       | William Michell     |
| Rebecca Carpenter | Louise Page         |
| Storm Cockroft    | Rosie Park          |
| William Collins   | George Parry        |
| Emily Coston      | Emma Pendarves      |
| Conall Cromie     | Katherine Pritchard |
| Sam Darby         | Benjamin Rowe       |
| Eleanor Davis     | Liva Rudroff        |
| James Deiraniya   | Charlotte Schneider |
| Will Dobbs        | Millie Smith        |
| Emily Drew        | Thomas Swain        |
| Mawgan Dudding    | Trystan Tom-Baird   |
| Aislinn Dunne     | James Trew          |
| Benjamin Eisma    | Chloe Turner        |
| Oliver Fawcett    | Sonny Turner        |
| Patrick Flanagan  | William Turner      |
| Sophia Foster     | Imogen Usher-Sparks |
| Eric Haywood      | Milo Vingoe         |
| India Heaton      | Benjamin Vulliamy   |
| Cameron           | Ellie Warren        |
| Hinton-Rowe       | Simon Wasner        |
| Jourdan-Leah      | Francesca Waters    |
| Holdsworth        | Leo Wendler         |
| Adam Hughes       | Harriet Whittaker   |
| Eleanor Jeffrey   | Jordan Wilkinson    |
| Louise Kitto      | Eloise Williams     |
| Belle Knowles     | Jacob Wilson        |
|                   | Ruangrit Yeamsansuk |



## Business lunches



Last term saw the beginning of our annual series of 'Business Lunches' which are hosted by the Headmaster and myself, Head of Careers. Each

lunch is held on a Friday in the Hestletine Gallery (formally the L6th Common Room) and is open to students from the 5th and 6th forms to attend.

It gives current students an opportunity to meet and question professionals from a range of industries in an informal environment, offering them a fantastic insight in to different jobs available and advice on how to reach them. We have been lucky enough to have excellent support from a number of local businesses, current and former parents and former pupils. Former pupils

**Victoria Gould (CO95)**

and **Tamsin Holman (CO91)** attended the Journalism and Media lunch in October and offered advice on breaking into journalism - both now work at BBC Radio Cornwall but have significant experience in other areas also.

**Tim Daffern**, current School governor and parent, attended the Geology and Engineering lunch and was able to use his considerable international experience across the industry to outline the huge range of opportunities within this area. The Law lunch was also supported by another former pupil, **David Williams (CO99)**, who works as a real estate solicitor for Foot Anstey in Plymouth. He was able to offer his insight on the various routes into Law, and **Helen Angove**, former parent, attended the Finance lunch and successfully explained the huge range of jobs within the industry. Helen worked in investment banking in the City for many years and now divides her time between London and Cornwall working for City Asset Management.

**Kim Conchie** is our Chairman of the Governors and a parent too. He attended the Entrepreneurs lunch and was able to offer some inspirational advice on the different opportunities available within Cornwall and further afield. He successfully demonstrated how work experience, ambition and networking can be just as vital in the business world as degrees and other qualifications.

Our final lunch was Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry and we were fantastically lucky to have all areas represented. Again, current and former parents were happy to attend and **Dr Harvey**, **Dr Dommett** and **Dr Rainsberry** were able to provide a balanced insight into the different specialisms of each industry and offer advice and contacts for work experience.

Every lunch was very well attended, particularly by the 5th Years, and I think everyone agreed how useful they had been. The Headmaster and I have been so grateful for the amount of support we have received from former pupils and parents and the opportunities they have presented to our students. If you think you could offer advice, guidance or work experience to our students please contact me on [nk@truroschoo.com](mailto:nk@truroschoo.com).

**Nancy Kenward (CO96)**

## Dear Former Parents



Welcome to the first ever Former Parents Page in the TSFPA annual publication. This page aims to give former parents the opportunity to have their say. In its first year I am pleased that **Lou Jones**, proud parent of two Truro School old boys and designer of the revamped TSFPA annual, has written

for us. He sets out his case to former parents to remain engaged with the Truro School community and explains why he feels the network of parents is equally important as the network of former pupils. A very fitting first article! As Chair of the Truro School Board of Governors as well as being a current parent, I am delighted to see that the voice of our former parents is so valued. Thank you Lou for your article – I look forward to reading many more stories from our former parents on this page in the years to come.

Kind regards, **Kim Conchie**

I did not attend Truro School as a pupil, although many of my family did. Rather, my own connection began as a parent; putting two sons through both the Prep and Main Schools (Ben: 1990-2002 and Dominic: 1995-2009) which, I guess, qualifies me as a 'fully paid up' member of the extended Truro School family and, as an ex-parent, a sort of alumnus myself!

It's a funny thing, this association with Truro school, in that, as a parent, one is pretty much in constant contact with it: dropping off; picking up; attending parent evenings; supporting teams (a lot); carol concerts; fundraisers, hosting children's friends and our children being hosted, in turn, by their friends, with much taxi work in-between. The list goes on and the School is omnipresent in our lives!

Why then, when the time comes for our children to leave the School – as cleverer, more mature individuals than when they started – does our association pretty much end? Just like that. With a big full stop. The child moves on into Higher Education or, praise be, paid employment! But the parent, after the initial shock (followed by the euphoria of waving goodbye to school fees) is left slightly bereft. Friendships and acquaintances made with other children, parents and teachers tend to drop away, albeit with some exceptions, but the old routines are most keenly missed and, over time, they too are consigned to memory, as our children, much like ourselves, move on with their lives.

So the idea of an 'Alumni of Parents', seems, to me, to be just as important a part of the School's outreach as an Alumni of ex-pupils! This is why I would advocate that all parents and, indeed, ex-parents, whether they be old Truronians or not, stay in contact with either the TSFPA or with the School itself. As I see it we are, as yet, an 'untapped resource' with much to offer, via our shared experience, common bonds and long association with the School. Maybe us 'oldies' could still be involved and useful? There's a thought!

**Lou Jones**

**Tempus Fugit**

*Ben (CO02) on the left and Dominic (CO09), taken in 1996 with Ben joining the Main School and Dominic starting at the Prep School*





# Upcoming Events 2015

**Saturday 4 April 2015**  
**Easter Sports**  
**Fixtures and BBQ**

**Football Former Pupils**  
**v School**  
10.30am

**Rugby Smickett v Schinter**  
3pm

**BBQ**  
4pm

**Friday 17 April 2015**  
**1940's Spring Reunion**  
2pm

**Friday 22 May 2015**  
**Devon County Show**  
Former Pupils' Reception 2pm

**Friday 5 June 2015**  
**Royal Cornwall Show**  
Former Pupils' Reception 2pm

**Monday 29 June 2015**  
**TSFPA AGM**  
7.30pm

**Tuesday 23 June 2015**  
**Truro School**  
**Sports day**

**Thursday 2 July 2015**  
**Former Pupils Cricket v Staff**  
6pm

**Friday 3 July 2015**  
**Truro School Speech day**

**Former Pupils Cricket v School**  
1:30pm start

**Saturday & Sunday 5 & 6**  
**September 2015**  
**TSFPA Annual**  
**Reunion Weekend**

**Saturday 5 September 2015**  
**Netball Former Pupils v School**  
1pm

**Mixed Hockey Former Pupils**  
**v School**  
2pm

**Rugby Former**  
**Pupils v School**  
2:30pm

**Annual Decentennial Dinner**  
6:30pm for 7:30pm  
Targeting Classes of  
'65, '75, '85, '95 and '05  
Guest Speaker Connie Schneider  
(CO95)

**Sunday 6 September 2015**  
**Chapel Anniversary Service**  
11am

**Alumni Art Workshop**  
**Heseltine Gallery**  
1pm – 3pm

**Alumni Music and Drama**  
**Performance Burrell Theatre**  
4pm – 6pm

**Tuesday 1 to Friday 25**  
**September 2015**  
**History of Science at Truro**  
**School Archive Exhibition**

**Thursday 1 October 2015**  
**London Networking Reunion**  
The Masons Arms, 38 Maddox Street,  
London W1S 1PY 6pm

**Sunday 11 October 2015**  
**Girl Choristers first performance**  
**at Truro Cathedral**

**Saturday 21 November 2015**  
**5th Anniversary Celebration**  
**Concert of the Chapel Organ**

**Tuesday 15 December 2015**  
**Christmas service**  
St Mary's Methodist Church followed by  
drinks at Truro School