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Saturday March 31 2018

Easter Sports Fixtures

If You are interested in playing Hockey, Rugby or Football, register your interest on tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Friday April 6 2018

Afternoon Tea

A chance to catch up and reminisce in the Truro School Dining Hall

Important Notice

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If you do not complete this, soon you will stop receiving invitations to events, reunions and this monthly newsletter!

Thank you to all those who have already chosen to OPT-IN.

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2017 London Networking Reunion

This is the second London Networking Reunion to take place at The East India Club. Last year's event proved so successful that we felt Paul and Kathy Smith might appreciate a little help with hosting this special gathering so Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, along with Jane Rainbow, Nancy Kenward and Reverend Aubin de Gruchy went along to lend support.

We were not disappointed, this year's LNR attracted more attendees than last year. Over 70 booked, for what proved to be a very enjoyable gathering. Some came along with guests and others arranged to meet up with their fellow former pupils on the night.

As with the TSFPA Annual Reunion Dinner, this event attracts former pupils of all ages from our senior TSFPA members, Mr Trevor Jagger (CO43) and Mr Tom Stross (CO48) to some of the newest, such as Charlie Hatcher and India Heaton (CO16).

Last year we produced a resume booklet to inform guests about the chosen career paths of their fellow former pupils and Katy, Communications Assistant in the Development Team, repeated the exercise again this year. It made fascinating reading, evidencing the enormous diversity among our alumni - solicitor, surgeon, Interior designer, accountants, police officers, civil servant, management consultants, editor, events manager, property developer, trainee barrister, commercial events officer, physiotherapist, photographer, teacher and many, many more.



Jane Rainbow and Nancy Kenward were very pleased to have been asked to attend.

Reflecting on the evening they said: *It was really wonderful and truly memorable.*

Nancy and Jane were able to initiate new contacts with a number of former pupils willing to offer help and advice to current TS students, either in their particular area of expertise or just about life living in London. This is one of the best forms of help our students can receive and is always welcomed from a former pupil, as someone who has previously *walked in their shoes*.

We are absolutely delighted that Paul and Kathy have already agreed to host this event again in October 2018

2017 London Networking Reunion – *By Former Headmaster, Paul Smith*



It was, once again, a delight and an honour for Kathy and I to join so many former pupils at the East India Club in London in October, for what has become a much-anticipated annual gathering.

As always it is a joy to share memories and renew friendships in such a historical setting. We shared tales and reminiscences with so many former pupils whose association with the school varied from those who had left 80 years ago to those who were at the school last year!

Kathy and I were particularly delighted to see Max Levene there and, as ever, were inspired by his remarkable positivity and resilience in adversity as he told of the challenges of living and working in London.

It was also heartening to hear from the Headmaster of the continuing successes of the school in both the academic and extra-curricular field (and to see him cope so well with the heckling from a distinguished former pupil who I understand is addressing the Former Pupils dinner in September!) and to catch up on the lives and careers of teachers, Jane Rainbow, Nancy Kenward and the Rev. Aubyn de Gruchy.

Nicky Berridge and her team are clearly doing a fine job in reinforcing the links between the school and its alumni although Nicky set me a prep. of writing a few words for the newsletter and finding a suitable quote for such a memorable occasion.



I can do no better than refer to Shakespeare's Richard II:

“I count myself in nothing else so happy
As in a soul remembering my good friends”



Former Pupil Attendees:

Nicola Alesbrook	97
Michaela Best	79
Lizzy Buss (<i>née Woods</i>)	97
Nathaniel Capone	03
Michael Carreras	64
James Carrick	96
Will Cecil	09
Rebecca Ewart	11
Ian Gallehawk	77
Dominic Gilchrist	09
Stephen Goddard	89
Tim Green	80
Ann Gripper	98
Harry Hall	09
Thomas Harvey	13
Victoria Hatcher	83
Charlie Hatcher	16
India Heaton	16
Sam Hodge	11
Max Holdsworth	12
Trevor Jagger	43
Jonathan Jenkin	97
Charlotte Kippax	11
Katie Knowles	08
Vigneshwar Kumaravel	09
Max Levene	10
Richard Lodge	00
Gabriella Lobb	11
Floyd Macdonald	86
Jonathan Mailes	13
Derek Man	07
Lydia Manuell	08
Steven McGrady	81
Emma Milton	07
Naomi Munro-Lott	10
Andrew Peck	78
Russell Pike	78
Christopher Pooley	75
Michael Pooley	76
James Pooley	12
Glyn Rees	94
Philip Rule	78
Lawrence Sly	09
Adam Smith	03
Thomas Stross	48
Adam Strowger	03
Trystan Thornton	11
Joseph Toms	97
Jeremy Treadwell	74
Timothy Tregidgo	61
Emily Trevail	11
Felicity Turner	07
Vikram Watts	74
Anna Whitford	14

Helge Jani (CO94)

From studying to running his own Business

25 years ago, in September 1992, Helge arrived at Truro School where he spent one year as a Sixth Form border. Although only at Truro for 1 year, Helge describes his time as a unique experience, which has had a long-lasting impact on him laying foundations for a special relationship with the UK, the school, and even one of his best friends today: Robert Hille. The two boys met here at Truro School even though they were both from Hamburg, Helge was even Robert's best man at his wedding just this year. Helge and Robert have returned to the School for frequent visits together, in 1995, 1997, 2002 and in 2012.

After finishing school back in Hamburg, Helge studied political science at the University of Potsdam, near Berlin, but he was always enticed by England, so decided to return to the UK in 2002. Helge continued his studies at the Institute for German Studies (University of Birmingham) and completed his PhD. In his thesis, he analysed the changes in Germany's foreign policy in a post-unification environment, aptly referred to as the 'Berlin Republic'. Coming from a German-British perspective, this work equipped Helge with new insights into his own country.

Years later, when Helge's father sold his transportation company, he, along with his Father, had a special opportunity to set up a new business. They transformed the business headquarters into a business park by modernising it and subsequently renting it out. This was the cradle of their new firm, *Jani Immobilien*. They have been steadily growing, not only managing their own estate, but also similar properties for external clients.

Helge finally threw anchor in Hamburg. In his free time, he volunteers at the BürgerStiftung Hamburg, a charitable organisation that supports children and young people. He tells us: *The city resonates its own vibrancy stemming from the energetic harbour. Walking alongside the rivers Alster and Elbe offers new horizons and is always inspiring for fresh ideas and thoughts.*



Robert Hille (CO94)

Fond Memories and Lifelong Ties



Robert with Andrew Gordon Brown and Jayne Grigg

Last Month the Development Office was delighted when we received a call from former pupil Robert Hille, wishing to visit the school and take a tour of the grounds.

Robert was on Holiday with his new wife Nadine (their honeymoon in fact!) and he wanted to show her where he came to school in England, even if only for one short year.

Truro School had a big impact on Robert and he remembers his days here with great fondness. Robert says that his time at Truro School has been most defining to him, and he remembers:

I was impressed by the staff, values and the educational system of this public school and during my returning visits in 1994, 1997, 2006 and 2012 I was able to observe and experience a prosperous place combining tradition and modernity.

During Robert's time at Truro School, he met his best friend Dr Helge Jani who, as mentioned above, after 25 years of friendship was best man at his wedding.

Robert works as the Commercial Director for the Staeitsch Theatre, GmbH, which is similar to a limited company. Robert takes a leading role for 4 theatres in Hamburg and 2 festivals as well as organising guest appearances in Hamburg and throughout Germany. All the Theatres have their own importance in Hamburg's cultural history and so run versatile season schedules. Roberts says: *In a nutshell my role entails: policy, politics, budget, grant applications, sponsoring, controlling, marketing, administration and the coordination of 40 employees.*

DR Dunecan Massey (CO94)

Consultant - Intestinal Failure and Small Bowel Transplantation Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

Dunecan left Truro School in 1994 to read Medicine at Gonville and Caius, Cambridge. For his intercalated degree, Dunecan studied the effects of caffeine on decision making and discovered that caffeine reduces reaction times but does not affect accuracy. The bad news for high caffeine users is that they wake up slower than non-users and are effectively just topping up. Dunecan later used the same experimental method to diagnose early cognitive impairment in patients with liver disease, publishing a paper on the novel test with his own part II students.

Dunecan started teaching physiology when he joined the clinical school, and has been doing so for some 20 years now and is an examiner for first year physiology for the University and is known for setting very difficult essays! Dunecan is an assistant Director of Studies for medicine at Caius and is one of the interviewers for undergraduate entry to medicine. Dunecan is also a stakeholder for the BMAT exam and has the pleasure of vetting the papers each year. Last year he was appointed as an undergraduate Tutor, which has given great insight into how non-medical undergraduates live, and work at Cambridge.



Dunecan with his family in Verona, before going off to the Opera

After Dunecan's medical House-jobs, he specialised in Gastroenterology and took time out of registrar training to research the genetics of Crohn's disease. Dunecan's PhD thesis was: *How the genes associated with Crohn's affect autophagy*, a central cell process that has been implicated in the development of the disease.

In 2014, Dunecan was appointed as a Consultant in Intestinal Failure and Small Bowel transplantation at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. The Hospital is a regional referral centre for intestinal failure and the only adult centre in the country to transplant both the liver and small bowel, with referrals from around the world.



When not running around after three children, Dunecan play blues guitar in an open forum and has just recorded an album of original music with (as Dunecan describes them):

Three other middle-aged chaps who should also have known better.

When asked about his school memories from Dunecan told us:

I have fond memories of my time at Truro School. I suspect the school is very different now - back then I had a sense of it turning out "solid chaps for the Empire". Sport and doing the decent thing featured highly in assembly, for which lateness was unthinkable. I was grateful for the opportunity to grow academically and developed a lifelong love of science. Above all, in a time before league tables, I was grateful not to have been subjected to the immense pressure to succeed that seems to blight school children today.



Russell Pike (CO78)

Work, travel and a change in direction

Russell was amongst the attendees at the London Reunion on October 12, and told us all about his impressive career in the textiles industry, until changing career paths later in life and is now an Associate partner at St. James's Place Wealth Management.

Russell recounts his memories of playing Hockey in his school days, back when it wasn't an official sport played at the school. He remembers trying to recruit players to make up a team to play in the local Hockey Tournament.

Russell left School in 1978 and enjoyed a couple of months of freedom in the Cornish sunshine before embarking on the beginning of his career, moving to Coventry and joining the textiles company *Courtaulds*. Russell has enjoyed an adventurous career, living and working in many different countries including Africa, Germany, Spain, France the USA, to name just a few.

With such a successful career Russell still remembers his time at Truro School fondly:

I was only at Truro for 2 years of my life, but they were a vital 2 years and they helped set a foundation and mould me into what I am today – and for that I will be for ever grateful.

[Click here to read more](#)



Rob Piper (CO73)

Selected for the British Masters Judo Squad

Former Pupil, turned Truro School Teacher, Rob Piper recently competed in the British Open Masters Judo Championship in Cardiff. He won a National Bronze Medal in his weight and age category. This now ranks Rob number 4 in the UK for his weight and age group. This particular championship was an Open Championship which means there were also people from across Europe competing – so this makes Rob's achievement even more impressive. So impressive in fact, that just last week while on holiday, Rob found out that he has been selected for the 2017-18 British Masters Judo Squad! Congratulations Rob!, from everyone at Truro School!



Emily Waller (CO10) **Campaigns and Policy Officer at Mind**

Emily left Truro School in 2010 and went to Newcastle University where she studied English Literature. *On graduating from Newcastle I was elected to be the Welfare and Equality Officer at Newcastle University Students' Union for a year (which is a full-time paid one year role). I led on student welfare campaigns and promoting student equality especially amongst marginalised groups. As part of my year in this role I organised Newcastle's first Mental Health Conference, which was attended by 200 delegates, and has since become an annual event.*

Following this, Emily worked at Edinburgh University for a year, as a student advisor, supporting students on housing, wellbeing and financial issues. She was chosen from over 4,000 applicants to be one of a cohort of 100 on the *Charityworks* graduate scheme, where she completed a one year placement at the mental health charity Mind, alongside attending regular training sessions on different aspects of charity sector work and producing two pieces of research for Mind.

As a result of the graduate scheme Emily was able to secure her current role as Policy and Campaigns Officer at Mind. *I work in the national office, based in Stratford in East London. My role is primarily to lead our work on improving access to psychological therapies, and also on the experience of marginalised groups, such as LGBT, Black and minority ethnic communities, when accessing mental health services. As a team we work with Government, the NHS and other national stakeholders to improve national policy and services so that people with mental health problems get the support and respect they need.*



The Wiseman Brothers

Dr Patrick Wiseman (CO68) Philosophy, Law and the U.S.



When Patrick left Truro School in 1968, he went on to the University of Kent at Canterbury (UKC), at the time one of the “new” universities. There he studied mathematics and philosophy for his first year, moving to philosophy alone for the next two. At Truro School, Patrick remembers he had been a founding member of the Folk Club and had performed at several local venues, including the Folk Cottage at Mitchell. Naturally, Patrick joined the Folk Club at UKC, and became a regular performer, with a varied folk repertoire including several of his own compositions. There was a time when he thought he might become a professional singer-songwriter, but told us:

I came to my senses when an American visiting professor at UKC, from the University of New Hampshire, suggested I'd enjoy graduate school in the United States. He helped me with applications to several schools and, when I was offered a place at the University of Colorado, in Boulder, Colorado, he said, “go there, it's one of the few livable places in the United States.”

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Dr Michael Wiseman (CO59) Truro to Munich



Much like his brother Patrick, Michael too has had a very successful career and ended up settling over seas – along way from Cornwall.

After leaving Truro School in 1959 Michael went to Manchester University to study German Language and Literature with secondary French. Michael's years with the school band enabled him to play the trumpet in the university orchestra alongside his studies. After Manchester, it was on to Oxford and a Dip.Ed. where a lecture by H.-J. Eysenck led to what became a life-long interest in behavioural science.

Michael taught French and English for a few years, a couple of which were in Jamaica, where he significantly increased a meagre teacher's salary as lead trumpeter in a ska band, and where he met his future wife. After this, Michael went back to England, started a job as Head of Modern languages in a secondary school, and remembers that one second-form girl there suffered from what today would be called severe anger management problems. He recalls: *During one of my lessons, she lost her temper entirely out of the blue and ripped a school chair apart as if it were made of balsa, screaming abuse at no-one in particular. I asked the Head to contact the school psychological service, but was told there was such a dearth of educational psychologists that that would not be possible until the child went totally crazy. When, of course, it would be too late.*

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House Championship Update Wickett Leading the way

Congratulations are in order this month for *Wickett House* taking home the Gold in the House Music Competition and in the Sixth Form Top House Quiz!

The quiz took place on Monday 12 October and the *Wickett* team convincingly beat *Vinter*: 180 points to 30! Third place went to School House and Smith followed on behind in fourth.



The annual House Music Competition Semi-Finals and Finals took place on Thursday October 19 in which over a third of Truro School students took part. The competition, which is open to all students, instruments and voices, solos and ensembles was judged this year by Andrew Millington, former Organist and Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral. Andrew is also an experienced examiner and adjudicator. The competition showcased the incredible level of musical talent across all year groups at Truro School.

Truro Prep School Awarded Top Grade Possible in Latest Inspection Report

Exciting news coming from Truro Prep School this month where the results of the recent ISI inspection have just been published on the school's website.

Truro Prep and Truro Pre-Prep achieved **Excellent** in both assessed areas.

Sarah Patterson, Head of Truro Prep, was thrilled with the results and feedback given throughout the report, saying:

I am delighted that Truro Prep was given the top grade possible in this recent inspection. The inspectors found us to be excellent in both areas, from the outstanding breadth and balance of the curriculum to the pupils being at the heart of everything that we do here.



She continued:

The fact the children told the inspectors that 'they see the school as being like one big happy family where all members of the community feel involved and valued' is really heart-warming to hear.

Family Announcements



Congratulations to Sam Hodge who recently graduated from the Bachelor of Civil Law Masters degree with Distinction at Oriel College Oxford, and was awarded the Oxford University Law Faculty Prize in Constitutional Theory. Well done Sam!



Happy Birthday in advance to all of our Former Pupils with birthdays coming up in November! You can view our birthday list here. Check if you're on the list– if not please fill out the Opt-In form so we can keep in touch.

Thomas (Roy)

WOOLCOCK

(TS 1935-1941)

26/04/1925 – 12/10/2017

It is with great sadness that Truro School reports the passing of Former Pupil, Roy Woolcock.

After a long illness Roy passed away peacefully in his sleep aged 92.

Roy Leaves behind Son Phil and Daughter in-law Kath and was a proud grandfather of 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Archive Attic

In Light of the London Reunion that took place this month at the East India Club. We delved into the archive in search of photos from the London Reunions that took place in the past, and uncovered these! Can anyone tell us what year this might have been? Email us on tsfpa@truroschool.com

What do you want to see in in the archive attic? Please send through your suggestions!



Year Group Representatives Required!

The Year Group Representative (YGR) scheme is designed to foster closer links between Truro School and its alumni. YGRs will liaise with the TS Development Team, and in so doing, help to build a feeling of participation and mutual interest. The important, two-way communication stream would enable us to tailor various engagement opportunities so that they are of interest to our alumni.

YGRs would be a huge help to Truro School by helping and encouraging contact among alumni, as well as between the alumni and the School, and providing feedback on the School's programme of alumni events and communications. This do not intend this to be an onerous task, merely sharing an event on social media perhaps with your former classmates, or encouraging them to Opt-In and / or attend an alumni event but also to help us find lost alumni. We would like to be able to publish the names of YGRs along with their leaving date, on our website as a point of contact for other former pupils. We would, naturally, protect your details according to data protection.

Firstly, we need to build a network of YGR's willing to act for their alumni year group; – if you would be interested in taking on this role, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact us tsfpa@truroschoo.com



**Friends of Truro School Christmas Fair
Saturday 2nd December 2017**

Truro School

Further details available soon on the Truro School Website
– or get in touch– kms@truroschoo.com