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EVENTS

October 12th 2017

**London Networking
Reunion**

12th October 2017

East India Club



Come along to this FREE event and meet other former pupils for an evening of conversation, over a drink and refreshments.

Nancy Kenward and Jane Rainbow will be attending and are very much looking forward to catching up with some familiar faces.

Please register your interest with Katy:

tsfpa@truroschoo.com



PLEASE CONFIRM IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND AS WE WILL NEED TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE GUEST LIST FOR THE EAST INDIA CLUB.

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Note

Truro School Annual Reunion Weekend 2017

Sports Fixtures and Reunion Dinner

The weather was kind during the afternoon as CO17 were welcomed back to School, not as pupils but as the newest members of the TSFPA. Following tradition the first sports fixtures of the new academic year started with the new *School* teams playing against the *Former Pupils*. All the players and supporters had much enjoyment and you can read the match reports below. Our thanks go to all those staff members who helped make the afternoon fixtures such a success, especially James Austin, Sonya Newton, Leanne Manley, Duncan O'Neil and Jayne Grigg (for her great action photography).

The celebrations continued into the evening as the annual dinner paid special tribute to those from the years of 07, 97, 87, 77, 67 and 57. The groups shared memories, reminisced and realised how quickly time passes. There were also former pupils from other year groups present and many of our *Seniors* including 2 former pupils from CO48 and the 3 James brothers.



Wyndham (CO66), David (CO59) and Gareth (CO64) James



Above: Isabel Vogel with her Father, Sonke Vogel (from Switzerland).

We were also delighted to welcome overseas guests from Switzerland and Australia as well as far-and-wide across the UK and the Isles of Scilly. This diversity makes the annual reunion so special. It is, after all, exactly what the **Truro School Community** is all about and it is so encouraging to see that it continues to grow, moving from strength to strength.

Thank You

We could not enjoy such a great celebration dinner if it were not for the amazing Catering Team at Truro School, led by David Connolly, Catering Manager. Again this year they created a wonderful 3 course, *Cornish Celebration* menu, and served the guests with a smile throughout the evening. A huge thank you from the TSFPA for all their hard work and support, which is greatly appreciated.



Our thanks

also to **ALL** the staff behind the scenes; especially Sarah Knowles, Facilities Team, Paul and the Caretakers, and the cleaning staff, who's contributions ensured the day was such a success.

We hope you will put the date in your diary and be a part of the celebrations next year:

Saturday 8 September 2018—Guest Speaker: Mr Philip Rule CO78

Nicky Berridge, Development and Alumni Relations Manager

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Sports Fixtures and Reunion Dinner

U18 School vs Former Pupils Netball Match

The Netball match got underway at 1.15 in the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports centre with the new Truro School team coming together for the first time to take on a very strong Former Pupil team.

With no subs due to injury and unavailability the Truro School team put on an excellent display in their first match together, leading the former pupils 16-14 going into the last quarter; nevertheless a lack of subs and fitness let the Former Pupils gain an advantage and winning 23-21.

Report by: Sonya Newton (TS Director of Sport)



All the players, past and present, after the match



The Triumphant Former Pupil Team

Winners Trophy presented by Andrew Gordon-Brown, Headmaster

Truro School 1st XV VS The 2016 Former Pupils XV Rugby Match

The Rugby kicked off at 2.30 on the Truro School pitch as the wind was picking up for the afternoon. The School 1st XV and Former Pupils XV played in a well-fought rugby match played in fantastic spirit.



CO17 Former Pupil Team



School 1st XV Team

The Former pupils started the brightest and put the school under a great deal of pressure in the first 15 minutes and eventually a well-constructed move and some excellent footwork from William Hooper led to a try which Will converted to give the former pupils a well-deserved 7 point lead. Shortly after, the 1st XV stole a line out and the ball and after a wonderful break from Callum Penry he linked with Dom Goodwin who out flanked the defence and scored under the posts and with Mike Austin's conversion the scores were level. Just before half time the former pupils applied more pressure and the school gave away a penalty and again Will Hooper scored the points to take a 10-7 lead into the break.

In the second half, the school team began to exert more and more pressure, which led to a penalty, which Mike converted to level the scores. With confidence building, the 1st XV attacked again and a magical offload from Callum Penry saw Jordan Opie score under the posts and with Mike adding the conversion the school led 17-10. As the former pupils tried to get back into the game, the school team defended well and were able to prevent the former pupils scoring again. A late foray into the former pupil's territory saw them give away a penalty, which Mike converted to give the School a win 20 points to 10.

The game was supported by a good crowd who were entertained by both sides attempting to play running rugby, I would like to thanks Jonny Wood and William Hooper for organising the former pupils and I wish all the boys the best as they move on to pastures new.

Report by: James Austin (Sports Teacher)



Celebrating together after a hard fought match.



Annual Reunion Dinner

After the excitement of the afternoon sports matches had died down, Former Pupils began arriving at the school for the evening event.

Guests gathered in the Staff common room on the 2nd floor of the main building (which many of you will remember as the library) for welcome drinks, a lot of chat, and music from school music department, led by Martin Palmer.

School Researcher and Archivist, Jo Wood, had as usual, put together a wonderful display of old photos and memorabilia relevant to the school days of those present. Sparking many conversations this went down very well and was enjoyed thoroughly.

At 7.30pm Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, sounded the original School dinner gong, signalling guests to make their way down the stairs and into the Dining Hall to enjoy a fantastic dinner, conversation and in true reunion style - a few drinks!



Above: Rachel Vaughan with Andrew Gordon-Brown

All guests were warmly welcomed by the new TSFPA Chair, Rachel Vaughan, (CO98) and TS English Teacher, who invited everyone to join in a minutes silence as a mark of respect to all those Former Pupils no longer with us.

During the evening Andrew Gordon-Brown led the Loyal Toast and addressed the gathering, thanking everyone for joining 97th annual reunion dinner the celebration. We were privileged to be joined by World Scrabble Champion(2016) Brett Smitheram who challenged guests to a match which took place throughout the evening, Even his former teacher Mrs Ann Weeks took a turn but Brett emerged triumphant. Thank you Brett, everyone enjoyed the game.



Above: Attendees from the CO97



Above: attendees from the CO87



Above: Brett Smitheram with former teacher, Mrs Ann Weeks.

To see more photos from the reunion weekend, you can view them in the Former Pupils online photo gallery here:

[Reunion Weekend 2017](#)

Photo Gallery



Above: CO07



Above: Former Staff and Guests



Above: CO97



Above: CO87



*Above: John Brimacombe,
Terry Webb, Geoff Jenkins,
Hugh Davies (CO67)*



*Above: Jonathon and Fiona Angilley with
Leah Hayward and David Angilley*



Above: One of the Seniors Tables

Julia Goldsworthy (CO97)

Politician and Guest Speaker at this years' Dinner

Julia was born in Camborne, Cornwall, where her mother was a local teacher, and she went to school locally at the St Meriadoc Primary School in Camborne before attending Truro School. She took a gap year between school and starting university in 1997, and in 2000 she graduated from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge with a BA (Hons) degree, in History. She then spent a year at Daiichi University of Economics in the Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, and the following year completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Economics at Birkbeck College, London, in 2002.

Between 2002 and 2004 Julia worked in Westminster as an economics researcher for the Liberal Democrat MP for Truro and St Austell: Matthew Taylor, who represented the seat next to the one she would go on to represent. In 2004, she was appointed as a regeneration officer with the Carrick District Council where she worked until her election to Westminster less than a year later

Julia Goldsworthy became the Liberal Democrat MP for Falmouth and Camborne from 2005 to 2010. In 2005 she was appointed as a spokesperson on health and in 2006 appointed Vince Cable's deputy in the Treasury team. Later on In December 2007 Julia became the Liberal Democrat shadow secretary on Communities and Local Government.

As an MP, she worked on issues such as the Axe the Tax campaign against council tax, pensions, student tuition fees, health funding formulas and the abolition of central housing targets on local communities.

In the 2010 General Election, Julia stood in the new seat of Camborne and Redruth which she lost by only 66 votes (0.16%) to the Conservative challenger George Eustice, who is also a fellow Truro School Former Pupil (CO92). After her defeat, she worked as a special adviser to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander. Five years later she stood again for the seat. However, on this occasion, Julia finished fourth with 5,687 votes.

She names former Cornish MP David Penhaligon (1944–1986) as her greatest hero. Her election in 2005 meant that the Liberal Democrats held all the Westminster Parliament seats in Cornwall, for the first time since 1923.

The TSFPA and the Development Team were delighted that Julia joined us at this years dinner and filled the role of our guest speaker for 2017 perfectly– recounting her time at Truro School and how she felt her education helped her with her career.

Thank You Julia.

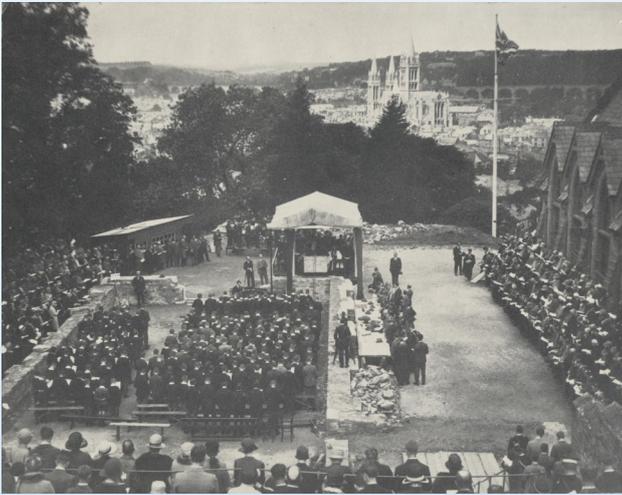


Chapel Anniversary

90 years since the laying of the first stone

On Sunday 24 September at midday a service was conducted to celebrate 90 years since the Duke of Cornwall visited the school to lay the first stone in the building of the School Chapel.

Below: Photographs from the School Archive which depict the ceremony in 1927.



The 90th Chapel Anniversary service took place on Sunday 24 September at Midday.

Pupils in the Art club, staff members and parents had been working on banners created to represent the various parts of the community for the last few months were flown for the first time to give thanks for the Truro School family and to give thanks for our sacred space we are all privileged to enjoy. The chamber choir enhanced the worship with their renditions of *Rejoice in the Lamb* by Britten and *Magnificat* by Herbert Brewer as well as helping with some rousing hymn singing.

The preacher was Mr Graham Baines a former member of staff who served the school for 37 years. His text was “*the stone the builders rejected has become the foundation stone*” Psalm 118:22.



*Left to right below: Sean Pope (Deputy head Academic),
Reverend Aubin De Gruchy (School Chaplain),
Mr Graham Bains, Emma Ellison (Deputy Head, Pastoral)*

He spoke of how on completion of second temple, opened 515 BC, after 20 years of building, the Jewish leaders looked at the new temple and saw that one of the stones that builders had originally rejected had become the foundation stone of the new temple. In Matthews Gospel, Jesus likens himself to the stone the builders rejected.

He reminded the congregation how Jesus, rejected by world, has become the cornerstone on which so many build their lives.

Mr Baines challenged the congregation and the school to look beyond the current secular world to the spiritual foundation found in Jesus and in the love and power of God.

The service proved to be a wonderful celebration for all who attended and a reminder of the spiritual foundations on which Truro School stands.

Written by: Reverend Aubin de Gruchy

London Networking Reunion An Invitation from Paul and Kathy Smith

Paul and Kathy Smith are looking forward to meeting up with Truro School Former pupils when they host the London Reunion again on Thursday 12 October. This year they will be joined by current Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, Nancy Kenward (Head of Careers) and Jane Rainbow (Joint Head of Sixth Form).

Paul and Kathy are still very connected with the School and we always look forward to hearing from Paul after each newsletter. Both Kathy and Paul enjoy hearing all the news from former pupils and hearing what everyone has been doing since they left school.



They told us recently:

It seems more than 4 years since we were at the helm as our time has been filled with grand-parenting; golfing and gardening; school governing and helping run the village shop and the local Church in Suffolk.

We are most grateful to Nicky, Katy and Jayne for keeping us informed of the many amazing achievements of current and former pupils which, no doubt, will be elaborated on when we meet at the East India Club in October.

In the meantime if any former pupils have ventured to the "far east" we would always be willing to introduce them to hospitality – Suffolk style!

Best wishes,

Paul and Kathy.



There's still time to register if you would like to attend the London Reunion!

Please Email Katy: tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Jeremy Rowe (CO83)

Head Teacher at Sir John Lemman High School

Jeremy joined Truro School in 1976 after winning a scholarship, and in his words: *Entered the incredible world of Mr Burrell, Mr Worseley-White, Mr McKenzie, Mr Smith and many others.*

After Jeremy left Truro School in 1983 he went to the University of Hull, followed by the traditional years of not quite knowing what he wanted to do. During this time, Jeremy pursued many career options, including being: a stand-up comedian, a music rep, a trainee building society manager and a teacher in Romanian orphanages. Jeremy worked in the Orphanages a total of 3 times with the Cornish based charity, The White Cross, he told us that this experience was: *Incredibly uplifting and truly memorable.*

At the age of 28 Jeremy went to UCL to do his PGCE, and went to Essex where he learned his craft. From 2003 until 2008 he returned home to Cornwall, spending five brilliant years as Deputy Headteacher in Pool, before gaining a Headship in Suffolk, at Sir John Lemman High School which, having begun life in 1632, makes Truro School look like a youngster.

Sir John Lemman High School was established in 1631 and has been on its present site for a hundred years. The old school is now the *Beccles Museum*. In 1914 the school became the County mixed grammar school on its present site in Ringsfield Road. In 1971 the school became a comprehensive high school and grew in size. From 2012 they have also welcomed year 7 and 8 students for the first time.

Jeremy told us:

I've loved everything I've done, and look back with fondness of the seven years I spent "high on the hill". Being a teacher has been a privilege. Showing young people what they can become is both a humbling & rewarding experience.



Dr Stuart Bird PhD (CO64)

In a past life

In a response to a career question we were delighted to receive an account from Dr Stuart Bird:

In my former life I trained as a Chemist (not a Pharmacist) but you know : stinks, bangs and colours! It was down to dear George Pester who taught me a great love of the science at Truro School.

I studied at Chelsea College of Science & Technology part of London University, and eventually the college was absorbed into King's College London, along with Westfield & Queen Elizabeth's College. My first degree (Hon BSc) (Upper II) was in just Chemistry, and then I was awarded an SRC grant to study for my PhD at Chelsea as well. The specialism was in the Tin Halide Bond (or inorganic chemistry of Tin compounds). I was there from 1964 to 1970 based in the King's Road Chelsea!

It was whilst studying there I met my lovely future wife Janet Tregoning, a Cornish lass!, at Chelsea Methodist Church. She was teacher training at Southlands College which is now part of Roehampton University.

My research wasn't without incident, and apart from publishing 7 papers with my supervisor Dr John Donaldson, I suffered a chemical explosion, and ended up with 140 stitches in my face, but fortunately no loss of eyesight. They say every chemist often experiences an explosion - but I wouldn't recommend it.

From there I went to work at Hirst Research Centre in Wembley (part of GEC), where I was working on thin film garnets for computer memories for two years, working at this material science lab.

Derek Burrell encouraged me then to change path and go into teaching. I taught Chemistry & Physics at 4 different schools : Harrow Weald Grammar, Merchant Taylors' School, Sevenoaks School, and finally St Catherine's School, Bramley where I was Head of Science.

In 1989 our 2 children Timothy & Emma were heading off to University, and Janet & I found paying for both of them together at Leeds University a struggle. Janet had been teaching primary for 22 years, and me at secondary for 15 years, prompted a change of career. I then took the risky step of going into financial services, proving advice on pensions, investments, mortgages & life cover, to help the financial burden. It worked, as after 4 years Janet could leave teaching I earned enough to pay the University fees, and cover both our salaries. Funnily enough it was 'Fishy' - sorry - Mr Scales who said: *Bird, science is not for you, why not try the bank!* Perhaps he was right!

Written by: Stuart Bird



Left: Mr Stuart and Mrs Janet Bird (left) with Mrs Elizabeth Arundell and Mr Stuart Sylvester (CO64)

at this years' Afternoon Tea Reunion in April

Remember, if you have missed a story or would like to revisit any news story from past editions, they are all available on the

[Former Pupil Section](#) of our website for future viewing.

Family Notices

David

Willcocks

(TS 1944-1948)

27/12/1935 – 03/09/2017

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

David leaves behind his wife Barbara, and their 3 children, Andrew, Paul and Susan and 5 grandchildren.

Barbara remains in the family home.

Our thoughts are with David's family at this time.



Truro School Former Pupils Association
Requests the pleasure of your company

2017 London Networking Reunion
Thursday 12 October 2017
6-9 pm

The East India Club
16 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4LH

This year's event will be hosted by Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown and Former Headmaster, Paul Smith accompanied by his wife Kathy. Jane Rainbow and Nancy Kenward will also be in attendance.

The aim of the evening is to meet up with other Former Pupils, chat and enjoy some light refreshment, with the first drink courtesy of the Development Office. Many of those attending have established careers in the City or have lived in the London area for a number of years. They all have wealth of knowledge and experience to share.
We hope you will join us.

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Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH



Alternatively please telephone:
Nicky or Katy on:
01872 246010 / 01872 246094

The East India Club Dress Code:

Gentlemen should wear business attire or a jacket, including collar and tie, with tailored trousers.
Ladies should dress in smart separates, elegant dress or business attire. Trousers should be tailored.

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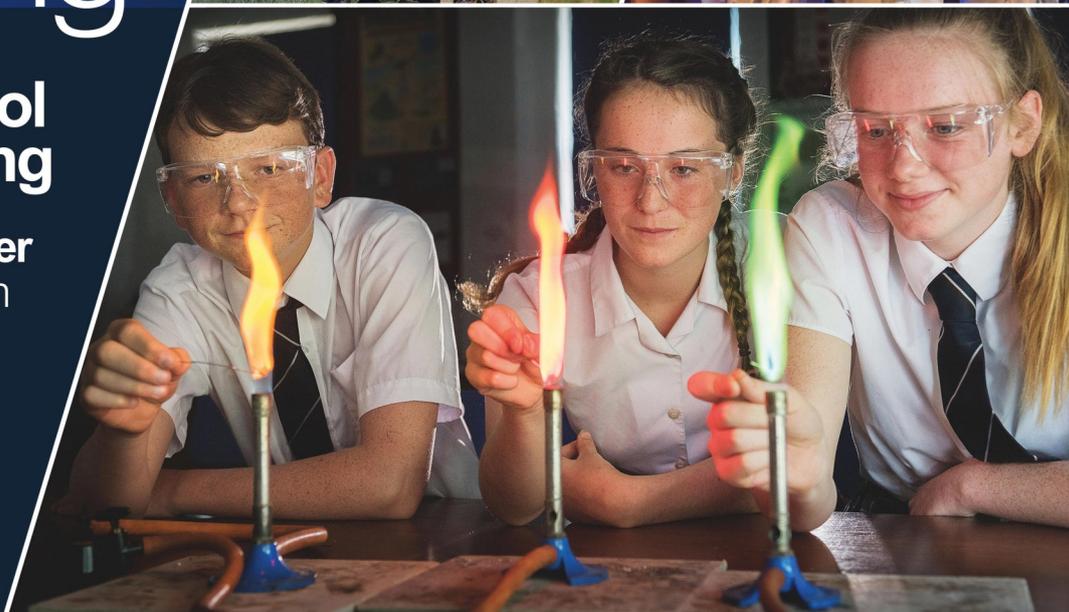
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