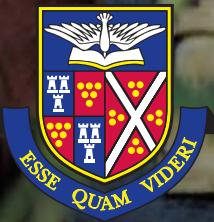


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TRURO SCHOOL FORMER PUPILS ASSOCIATION

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A message from the President

It's fair to say that one of the highlights for me in 2016/17 has been the splendid levels of engagement with our alumni. The Truro School community is strong and growing and I offer a big thank you to former pupils who have supported our TSFPA events so enthusiastically over the last year. The London Reunion was more popular than ever and I look forward to teaming up with Paul Smith (2001-2012) this year when we will co-host the same event, once again at The East India Club, in October 2017. The annual reunion dinner was so well attended that I'm wondering if the time will come when we will need to expand into a larger space. As ever, the annual cream tea with our Senior alumni was a jolly affair. The TSFPA committee are committed to building on the events and communication we offer our alumni so please do get in contact to pass on ideas. My thanks go to Graham Murdoch (CO81) who steps down as Chairman, passing the baton to Rachel Vaughan (CO98).

Hopefully you will all have received a letter from Guy Dodd, Chairman of the Truro School Foundation, announcing the official launch. True to form, Guy insisted on personalising every single letter which was a great effort. I am sure that the work of the Foundation is going to be of huge significance to the future development and prosperity of our school and look forward to sharing further details of our plans in the coming year.

One of the marvels of modern technology is that Truro School now boasts our very own Broadcast Services Van which has been engaged in live-streaming various events. Speech Day 2016 was one of the first to be streamed and I heartily recommend you login to hear the memorable address of our guest of honour, **Paul Myners** (CO66). Paul delivered a powerful message

with great humour targeted at all those students who didn't feature on the list of prize winners. Paul has kindly sponsored a new award –

The Lord Myners of Truro Cup for Grit – which was awarded for the first time at Speech Day 2017. This is a terrific addition to our named awards and went to an Upper Sixth student who has successfully confronted some very tough personal challenges and leaves Truro School with a bright future. Perhaps appropriate that he was presented the award by **Rob Pedley MBE** (CO89), Speech Day 2017 guest of honour, who spoke movingly about how he has drawn on the values he learned at school to help him deal with life as a paraplegic after an horrific skiing accident. He delivered such a wonderful speech about the freedom we have as humans to choose the attitude we bring to any circumstance.

It continues to be a privilege to lead this fine school and to accompany our pupils during this formative period of their lives. It's the people not the buildings that are the school and the energy, enthusiasm and joy that they bring continues to be a source of great pride.

Esse Quam Videri.

Andrew Gordon-Brown
Truro School Headmaster



Chairman's Report

The Association has held a series of successful events over the period which this edition of the Truronian covers, commencing with the Afternoon Reunion Tea attended by over 90 people.

This was followed by the Annual Dinner, which was part of the Reunion Weekend, (at the beginning of September).

In October, 60 Former Pupils attended the London Reunion at the East India Club, St James Square providing a great opportunity for Former Pupils to meet and engage in some networking.

The Easter Sports Fixture once again proved very successful, with an excellent gathering at the School of both players and supporters.

The Association covers a wide group of Former Pupils and therefore we endeavour to provide services and hold events to suit all age groups. In order to communicate

with everyone, we are endeavouring to use electronic means and social media but whilst maintaining more traditional methods for those who still prefer this. However, new data protection regulations mean that ALL Former Pupils need to complete the 'Opt-In' because otherwise we will not be permitted to communicate with you, so please see the full details of what is required on the final page of this magazine.

To conclude, it has been my pleasure to serve as Chairman over this period but I have now handed over to **Rachel Vaughan**, who is a current parent, Former Pupil (CO98) and a Teacher at the School, and I wish her a successful term of office.

Graham Murdoch (CO81)
TSFPA Chairman (June 2016 – June 2017)



Dear Former Pupils

I would like to take this opportunity to thank TSFPA very warmly for its very generous gift of £14,000 to the (relatively) newly formed Truro School Foundation (TSF).

You will know that the TSF has been created as a means of bringing the whole Truro School community together and also - but by no means only - to encourage giving. In the first instance the focus is to be on raising funds to help children to attend the School where family circumstances cannot stretch to the full fees.

The Trustees spent some time discussing how best to distribute your gift and came to the conclusion that they did not want to see it just swallowed up in the general fund. We decided that the best course was to use it to pay for necessary extras for pupils who were attending with bursary help. We are thinking of things like Geography field trips, Theatre visits, materials for Design Technology and Art and such like. The aim is to avoid situations where a bursary holder could be disadvantaged in these essential areas.

For obvious reasons the names of the recipients will be confidential but **Gerald Chegwidden**, who is both a member of your Committee and a Trustee of the

Foundation, will keep TSFPA fully informed of the way the funds are distributed.

While writing may I thank very warmly those of you who responded to my letter about TSF early in the Spring. If you haven't sent back the card please do so. It isn't about committing you to anything, still less at this stage asking you for financial support - I know well that there are times when this will be possible and there are times when other commitments mean that it is not. It is about asking for your support in principle, asking you to say 'yes, *I think we should try to make access to the School as wide as possible*'.

I have wandered from the main purpose of this. On behalf of the Trustees thanks again to TSFPA for its valuable help towards the work of the Foundation. It is very much appreciated and we look forward to continuing our close cooperation with TSFPA in our shared aim of supporting Truro School and its community.

With good wishes

Guy Dodd
Chairman
The Truro School Foundation




2017 Leavers Venetian Masked Ball





Tamsyn (née Ryall) Hogan CO98 An Office with a View!

It was my great privilege and honour to be a part of the military Search and Rescue Force for the final decade of more than 70 years of Operations. Over the course of 2015/16, the RAF and Royal Navy handed over the responsibility for UK Search and Rescue to a civilian organisation, so I thought I would take a minute to reflect on the amazing time I had as part of this unit.

I first got involved with the RAF by chance at Cardiff University whilst studying Zoology. During the Freshers Fair I was enticed by a sign that said *learn to fly for free*. Being a pilot was always something I had considered but had done little about (hence the Zoology degree! Dr Blake and Mr Baines were the inspiration for that). The club I ended up joining (after an interview, medical and aptitude tests) was the University of Wales Air Squadron. Over the next few years and alongside studying for my degree, I was taught how to fly the Grob Tutor (training aircraft), gained an insight into the ethos and workings of the RAF, and imbibed a beverage or 2!

Post University I completed my Initial Officer Training at RAF Cranwell before continuing my flying training. I gained my pilot 'wings' in May 2006 and was delighted when I was told I would be posted to Search and Rescue.

I completed my 6 month course in Search and Rescue (SAR) learning to fly the Sea King at RAF St Mawgan, and I have to say it was some of the best months of my air force career. I loved being back in Cornwall, playing hockey for my old club in Falmouth and flying over the North Cornwall coast. It was great. Unfortunately for me, the RAF didn't have any operational helicopters in Cornwall (the Navy had that responsibility from Culdrose) so a posting to Royal Marines Barracks Chivenor in North Devon was the next best thing.

Chivenor's area of responsibility was large; we covered the southern half of Wales, the Bristol Channel up to Gloucester, Somerset, Devon, western Dorset, and some of North Cornwall. Although we could be called upon to go anywhere in the country and I conducted rescues that took me in and out of London and as far as Dumfries in Scotland.

My daily routine consisted of a 24 hour shift with a crew of 4; 2 pilots, a winch operator and a winch man. Until 10pm we would be on 15 minutes readiness i.e. if the scramble phone rang we would be airborne and on our way within 15 minutes (normally it took 7 or 8), then from 10pm until 8am it would drop to 45 minutes readiness so we would have a bit of time

to rouse ourselves from deep sleep to operating an aircraft at night in potentially foul weather. At 8am we would be back on 15 minute standby and then handover to the next crew at 10am. Behind the aircrew there is inevitably a support team and I was very fortunate to have an extremely knowledgeable and experienced set of engineers who maintained the Sea Kings to keep them flying 24/7, 365 days a year – not an easy task on an aircraft designed in the '60s!

Obviously part of Search and Rescue is the searching element and I conducted many an hour using the Mk1 eyeball, NVGs or the Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR) searching for injured, vulnerable or simply missing people.

Other uplifting (excuse the pun!) operations include winching to a submarine 150 miles offshore, recovering numerous hypothermic teenagers from Ten Tors practice marches, rescuing a sailor who had gone overboard but was entangled in lines and was being dragged and submerged behind her yacht, and saving a fisherman with an amputated foot.

Throughout my time on SAR in Devon, Suffolk, Anglesey, and the Falklands, I have been extremely fortunate to work with some amazing people. The sense of professionalism and camaraderie were second to none and it was a truly rewarding job where we could make the difference. Figures have only been collated since 1983 but since then 26,916 people have been rescued by military search and rescue helicopters. Extrapolating back to the start of operations, tens of thousands more would have been directly affected by these rescue helicopters and that's not to mention the indirect bearing on those casualties' family and friends. There would be times when we would grumble about being airborne – namely 3 o'clock in the morning in horrendous weather, 2 hours into a search for someone who may, or may not, be there. But on a beautiful sunny day, flying over the beaches of North Devon waving to the holiday-makers it was a truly epic office to work in!

Since writing the article, I am now back where I started at the Defence Helicopter Flying School at RAF Shawbury, but this time teaching the next generation of military helicopter pilots. I recently qualified as a helicopter instructor at the Central Flying School and look forward to passing on the benefit of my time and experience as a military pilot to those who follow after.

Professor Laurence Hurst CO83 Fellow of The Royal Society (FRS) to be appointed President of the Genetics Society 2018

Laurence Daniel Hurst (born 1965) FMedSci FRS is a Professor of Evolutionary Genetics in the Department of Biology and Biochemistry at the University of Bath and the Director of the Milner Centre for Evolution. He will shortly become the President of the Genetics Society and is a leading authority on the evolution of genetic systems.

Professor Hurst attended Truro School from 1976 to 1983 and completed his Bachelor of Arts in Natural Sciences (Zoology) at Churchill College, Cambridge, in 1987. After a year at Harvard University he returned to the UK and was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Oxford in 1991.

Prof Hurst was a Royal Society Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge from 1993 to 1996 and has been a Professor at the University of Bath since 1997. He says: *My research interests cover a broad span of evolution, genetics and genomics. My group dominantly use computational and mathematical techniques to understand the way genes and genomes evolve.*

"I liked the fact that in maths and science there was a right and a wrong answer. Even in primary school it was clear that I had a brain for science."

We asked Professor Hurst what led him into this field: *It took me to my second year at University (in Cambridge) to realise that I was most interested in "why" questions rather than "how" questions. Why questions in biology are about evolution. I also realised that I gravitate towards simple systems as these we have a hope to address. In this regard I could never be a neurobiologist - far too complex. So understanding gene and genome evolution became a natural home. I was fortunate that at the same time the amount of data was increasing at an astonishingly fast rate, meaning that, if you are careful enough, you can get quite robust answers to quite profound questions (and not everyone can say that).*

Professor Hurst recalls his time at Truro School: *I threw the javelin at school and held some records for a while. Other than that I played football and cricket but not in any of the senior teams. I was quite active in the choir and in the school plays - there may be some very embarrassing photos from those!*

Did he always love science at school? *Very much so. I liked the fact that in maths and science there was a right and a wrong answer. Even in primary school it was clear that I had a brain for science. Early on I was fascinated by marine biology and fish. This gave way to a fascination with psychology. Eventually I started to settle on biology, but still unsure where my interests lay. I thought medicine for a bit, then biochemistry. I was fortunate not to have to decide before going to University as my course left things rather open.*

Professor Hurst has a very impressive list of awards and honours to his name spanning his career but 2015 was a particularly momentous year; elected a Fellow of both the Royal Society and the Academy of Medical Sciences recognising the impact of his work into the nature of genome structure. We believe Professor Hurst is the first Truro School Former Pupil to receive the prestigious award of Fellow of The Royal Society (FRS). This is an award and fellowship granted by the Royal Society of London to individuals the society believes to have made a substantial contribution to the improvement of natural knowledge, including mathematics, engineering science and medical science. Fellow of the Academy of Medical Science (FMedSci); the comparator to the royal society for medically related folks.

His recent accolades demonstrate the impact of his work into the nature of genome structure. They follow a long career of research in his field and his work has recently been applied to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases such as cystic fibrosis and cancer and found to be deeply insightful.

In 2018 Professor Hurst will take on his new role as President of The Genetics Society which is one of the world's oldest societies devoted to the promotion and understanding of genetics. Past presidents include Nobel Prize winners and many of the past century's most influential geneticists. In 2019 it will have its centenary. Professor Hurst explained: *It will be my responsibility to steer the society for 3 years from 2018. I'm very interested in developing the society's connections with public engagement and with schools. Among the more enjoyable tasks I get to present several medals and awards - including The Genetics Society Medal which I was awarded a few years ago. One medal (The Mendel Medal) is at the President's discretion.*

How did he feel to receive these latest accolades? *When I received the letter saying that I had been elected to be a Fellow of The Royal Society, I'd be lying if I didn't say that I was thrilled to bits. This is a really wonderful accolade. When I signed the Charter book I was*

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permitted to also have a look at the signatures of other Fellows before me. I asked to look at Darwin's (naturally), while my daughter wanted to see Turing's. It is quite humbling to be in such company.

We asked how he likes to spend his leisure time and whether he manages to return to Cornwall very often? *Not as often as I should or as often as I would like. My parents still live in Truro, so I try and visit once a year. Leisure time - what is that? I have a bit too much on my plate, but walking the dogs is excellent therapy. I used to play the trumpet a bit and love listening to music.*

During one of his precious visits to Cornwall Professor Hurst has very kindly offered to return to Truro School to deliver a lecture and is liaising with Sarah Finnegan, Head of Biology. Sarah told us: *Since I met Professor Hurst at a meeting for Heads of Biology in the South-West he has been extremely helpful and generous with his time. Genetics is an incredibly complex subject and he has offered advice on some brilliant, delving questions posed by our students. He has also supplied us with extension reading material to enhance both our and their understanding of this field. His expertise and willingness to use it to help us in educating young minds provides an incredible opportunity.*

We are eagerly anticipating Professor Hurst's visit to talk to the sixth form students in the spring term on "Nothing in biology makes sense." He will discuss many fascinating areas including colour blindness, testicular size in primates, language evolution, evolution of the genetic code and why yeast make alcohol even when they have oxygen. However, the overriding aim of his presentation will be on helping students with the element of the A level that they find most challenging - exam technique. We are so very grateful for his support.



Miss Sarah Finnegan
Head of Biology and
P.S.H.E.E.

I've been at the school for 3 years, am Head of Biology, PSHEE plus Medics, Dentists and Vets. I'm passionate about the natural world, especially helping young people understand how amazing it is.

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Brett Smitheram CO97

World Scrabble Champion 2016

On Wednesday 31 August 2016 over 100 of the world's top Scrabble players came together from every continent to contest the Mindsports International World Scrabble Championship in Lille, France. Among the attendees were multiple previous world champions, as well as the majority of the present top 10 rated players on the planet, including me, then ranked at number 3 (but having previously been ranked at number 1).

The tournament was set to run over a total of 5 days, with 24 games being played Wednesday – Friday, after which the top 8 would progress to quarter-finals (best of 3), semi-finals (best of 5) and grand final on Sunday 4th September (also a best of 5).

Given the quality of the field I knew that it would be a challenging event, as befits a world championship. My opening game was memorable – I scored 685 and won by over 300. By the end of day 2 I had 1 of the highest average game scores of the entire field (at around 475.6). However, a run of poor luck had led to a number of very small losses, meaning that heading into the final day of qualifying, I had to win 7 of the 8 remaining games.

Given that I then found myself twice paired against the world number 4, this wasn't going to be a simple task. I was delighted to win 6 of the first 7, placing me in a showdown with Nigel Richards, the present world number 1, for a place in the finals. Fortunately, I edged it. Having been down and out, I suddenly found myself in the quarter finals. In a blur of games, I won my quarter-final 2-0, and came back from 2-1 down to win the semi-final 3-2. So, having fought my way back from 2 precipices I realised I'd made it to the Grand Final.

My opponent was none other than Mark Nyman, champion in 1993, runner up in 1999 and known to many as having been producer of Channel 4 TV show Countdown.

Game 1 saw my tiles alternate from nightmarish to sublime, culminating in a comfortable 582 – 363 win. Game 2, however, was a different story. Appalling combinations for me were met with some great tiles and strong play from Mark, leaving me 176 points adrift with only 6 moves remaining – it was looking like we'd be tied at 1-1. A quick succession of increasingly huge plays, overhauled his lead and I somehow won 451 – 403. We were both shell-shocked and I was shaking. Had that really just happened in the final of the world championship?

Lunch was a welcome chance to calm down and recompose myself. 2-0 up. I just had to keep it together. Play each game as it comes, I repeated to myself.

Mark opened strongly, playing 3 consecutive 7/8 letter words, I was well adrift but again I managed to turn it around and won 638 – 377. With only a minute or so to come to terms with what had just happened, I was whisked away to record press releases and start the first of many media interviews. I've now been interviewed by everyone from the BBC and ITN, to Al Jazeera, the Wall Street Journal and even on the ABC (Australia.)

My hope has been to use the media coverage to raise the profile of Scrabble as being truly globally accessible and really should be something that we are actively trying to get children playing, to promote language and mathematics skills as well as social interaction.

It's been a long journey from when I first picked up the tiles at Truro School, playing in the Library, in the sessions Ann Weeks arranged, and being taken under the wing by Mary Oram (wife of the Bursar at the time and a keen Scrabble player.) I've travelled the world with the game, and met people from such diverse backgrounds, but I've made it. I'm World Champion... and I'm already studying to defend my title.





Together again - On the Board of the Cornish Pirates

Peter Child CO74

Peter was brought up in Cornwall and came to Truro School from Treviske in 1967 and left in 1974. After school Peter joined ECC International (now Imerys) where he qualified as a chartered management accountant becoming a Fellow in 1985. Nowadays Peter is on the COIS LEP Employment and Skills Board, a Director of Cornwall Marine Network, Vice Chair of The Cornwall College Group and works in the renewable sector representing a leading international wave power company called Waves4Power as well as CEO of the Pirates.

Peter told us: *Colin and I grew up next door to each other but it was still a surprise to get a call from Colin asking me how was retirement and did I fancy helping out at Cornish Pirates – an offer I couldn't refuse!*

As interim CEO Peter works with the coaches and staff running the Pirates and is heavily involved in delivering the Stadium for Cornwall in Truro. Having been based in Cornwall for much of my career the local dimension helps working with the Council and Developers. We have brought Truro City on board as partners with Truro and Penwith College and we plan to be in the Stadium for 2019/20 season which is only 2 years away. There is a lot to do but it will be a fantastic facility for all of Cornwall and hopefully take the Pirates toward Premiership rugby in the future.

Alongside such business involvement and still busy schedule, Peter is a family man, married to **Heather** and together they have 3 children, twin girls **Brittany** and **Nicola** (CO05), and son **Tom** (CO10). Peter told us: *Brittany works as an Account Director in Bristol and Nicola is a Senior Physiotherapist at Swindon Hospital. Tom is also in Bristol working as an Environmental Engineer.*

Peter is looking forward to meeting up with Colin over the summer and reminding him the Lions beat the Chiefs 34 to 6 and ex Pirate Jack Nowell scored 2 of the tries.

Colin Groves CO80

Colin left Truro School in 1978 aged 16 at the end of 5th Form having also attended Treviske Prep School. After completing A Levels Colin went to The London Business School and also Derby University where he studied Accountancy and was sponsored by British Rail eventually qualifying as a Chartered Accountant.

Colin's work took him and his family to New Zealand, he tells us: *It is a beautiful and stunning country with extremely friendly people - it is hard to beat the outdoor way of life.* Colin and his wife Andrea and their twin daughters Abigail and Isabelle enjoy life to the full.

Colin is now a permanent NZ resident and has spent the past 23 years primarily as Director of M&A at Tetra Laval. He describes himself as a rugby business man, a Cornish / Kiwi. He captained Truro, played for Cornwall at all levels, was Vice President for 12 years and also played for the England Colts.

Where did his love of rugby begin? For me school was all about sport, the only subject that I was any good at was mathematics. I started playing rugby at Treviske and I have so many fond memories of Truro School that it is untrue – mostly of the games fields or swimming pool. My first rugby coach at Truro School was Kenny Palmer and the most influential rugby teacher was Alan Johnston and I caught up with him recently at a Pirates game along with my 5th Form class & Latin teacher, Roger Dunbar.

Both Colin and Peter, along with long time Pirates owner and supporter Dicky Evans, are working with 2 other Truro School former pupils, **David Pooley** (CO76) and **Hugh Murrell** (CO81).

Having joined the board of the Cornish Pirates in September 2016, Colin is bringing a wealth of knowledge to the club: Pirates are clearly a sleeping giant and we are not going to get ahead of ourselves, as there are a lot of challenges ahead, but I will be disappointed if eventually we are not getting 15,000 fans in watching us play Premiership rugby in a proper stadium.

Roger Opie CO65

The Road to High Sheriff 2018

Former Pupil Roger Opie (CO65) will become the High Sheriff of Bristol during 2018-19. He is currently a Deputy Lieutenant: In the United Kingdom, a Deputy Lieutenant is a Crown appointment and one of several deputies to the Lord Lieutenant. Roger was commissioned into this role by Mary Prior MBE, Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Bristol in 2016.

High Sheriff duties include receiving royal visitors, looking after High Court judges, supporting the charitable and voluntary sectors, making awards for crime reduction and working with organisations supporting young people.

Roger was born and brought up in Redruth, Cornwall and completed all of his secondary education at Truro School, leaving after Sixth Form. Several staff from his school days are well remembered by Roger:

Tony Aldwinkle particularly supported my cricket and through his teaching encouraged me to take a degree in Economics. As Wickett Housemaster Ken James was an ever present source of encouragement.

After completing A levels, Roger left Cornwall to attend the University of Wales, graduating with a degree in Economics. His studies continued with some post graduate courses at Bristol University.

Roger has always been a keen sportsman and was a keen runner until very recently, specialising in 10k and half marathon races. He attributes that interest to the organisation of cross country training and fixtures arranged by Alan Monks.

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I enjoyed cross country running and represented Cornwall at school and senior levels as well as captaining my university team. I enjoyed school cricket too. Always a Redruth Rugby supporter (even when they come up to Clifton!), I joined Clifton Rugby Club over 40 years ago as a very average player and now serve as Press Officer, write match reports and also do some radio commentating, including occasional work for Radio Cornwall.

Roger taught Economics and then spent time in Headship before taking on a national role as Director of Education at The Industrial Society to further his enthusiasm to connect business with education. His work in promoting school leadership, employability of young people and corporate social responsibility in businesses allowed him to lead project teams across the UK and overseas. His one special memory is working with Zulu communities in South Africa.

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Roger's commitment to charitable work with disadvantaged young people resulted in him receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) in 2015, as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours, through his work with the Bristol based charity, Ablaze. Since 2005 thousands of young people across the wider Bristol region have been supported by businesses and community volunteers delivering support in schools through Ablaze programmes. The aim is to raise aspiration and attainment and improve skill levels to boost young people's chances in continuing education, employability and life.

Roger was appointed CEO of Ablaze in 2008 and when the QAVS was received he commented: *The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service must be attributed to our dedicated trustees, enthusiastic staff, responsive young people and welcoming schools but above all the business volunteers who give their time generously. They work with passion and commitment to benefit young people.*

Roger lives in Bristol, near the Clifton Suspension Bridge, with his wife, Mary, and enjoys family life with his children and 2 grandchildren. Roger is very proud of his Cornish heritage and much time is spent maintaining his Cornish identity at their St Ives cottage.

Asking Roger about the preparations and plans for next year when he commences the role of High Sheriff he told us: *As well as now rapidly learning the ropes of the legal and ceremonial parts of the High Sheriff role there is encouragement to run campaigns to benefit the community. I will be initiating a drive for sports clubs in the Bristol area to work with disadvantaged and disabled young people to develop skills and self-confidence.*

We send Roger very best wishes from everyone at Truro School and wish him every success with his plans and all the challenges his new role brings. We very much look forward to further reports and updates and maybe a visit from the High Sheriff!

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Roger & Mary Opie presenting Cornish cheeses at their Blas Kernow (Taste of Cornwall) charity event for Arthritis Research in Clifton.

Ben Price CO99

GB Elite Duathlon Team

After leaving Truro School in 1999 Ben went to University of Bristol and got a 2:1 BSc in Geology. He then had 2 post Uni gap years; playing cricket in Australia in the winter and for Gloucestershire 2nds and Cornwall Minor Counties in the summer, then during the ski season as a ski guide in Les Arcs.

Ben's Father, Simon Price, was an English teacher and Deputy Head of Truro School from 1990 to 2010. Following the family tradition, on returning from his travels Ben completed teacher training at University of Gloucester. He secured a position at Dean Close School in Cheltenham, Gloucester, where he has been teaching for 10 years. Ben told us: *I teach geography and am now a day housemaster having been director of studies and master in charge of cricket along the way.*

In 2009 Ben married Rachael and they live in Gloucestershire with their 2 young children, Barney aged 7 and Kiki aged 5. Asked if he visits Cornwall much he replied: *We usually visit Cornwall during Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays and the odd half term as Mum and Dad are still there and Barney and Kiki love it.*

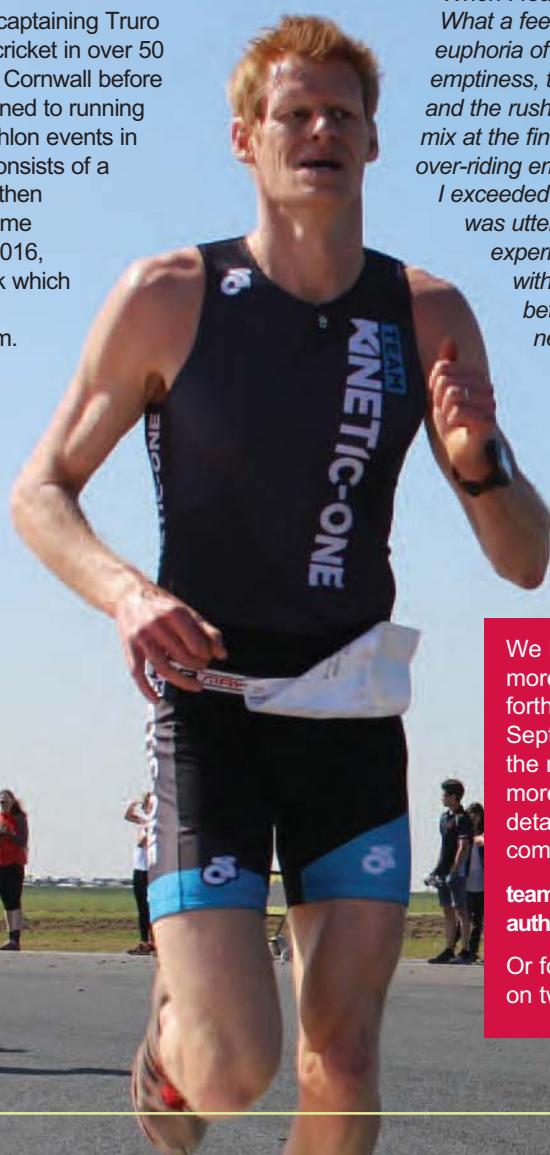
Ben has always been a keen sportsman, captaining Truro School cricket team in 1999, and playing cricket in over 50 minor counties championship matches for Cornwall before work and injury forced him to stop. He turned to running and cycling and started competing in duathlon events in 2009. Duathlon is an athletic event that consists of a running leg, followed by a cycling leg and then another running leg in a format bearing some resemblance to triathlons. In November 2016, Ben ran a time of 31.29 for the Telford 10k which was inside the benchmark time to be considered for the GB Elite Duathlon Team. Further strong results led to selection for the GB Elite team and Ben was among 3 athletes chosen for the European Long Distance Duathlon Championships which were held on 21 May in St Wendel, Germany.

Asked how his pupils react Ben said: *Some of them are very excited about it. Others are not fussed because they are not interested in endurance sport. I think they respect the hard work I put into my training though!*

Ben has represented GB in his age group before, but the elite race was a big step up. Commenting on his selection, Ben said: *I was really excited to be selected for the elite team. It was a proud moment for me after many years of committed training and hard fought progression. To wear the Elite GB tri-suit for the first time was a great moment.*

The race involved a 10k run followed by a 60k bike followed by another 10k run. Ben finished 15th overall and 2nd among his fellow Brits (just 10 seconds behind one of his team mates). Ben told us: *It was easily the hardest race of my life: 3 hours 11 minutes of smashing myself! It was a really hilly 10.5k run followed by a 63k bike leg which included over 1200m of vertical climbing followed by the same tough 10.5k run to finish. The final run was 6 minutes slower than the first because we were all so broken!*

When I found out that I had placed 15th - What a feeling, it was crazy. The relief, euphoria of racing well, the physical emptiness, the mild heat stroke, the pain and the rush of endorphins was a heady mix at the finish. What a concoction. My over-riding emotion was one of pure elation. I exceeded my expectations with 15th and was utterly delighted, what an experience, loved rubbing shoulders with the best and I'm keen to get better and have another crack next year!



We look forward to hearing more from Ben after his forthcoming races in September and October but in the meantime you can read more about Ben and more detailed reports of his competitions at:

teamkineticone.wordpress.com/author/teamk1benprice/

Or follow Ben @benpriceduath on twitter and instagram.

Ellen Husain CO89

BAFTA Award Winner Breakthrough Brit 2016

Following her feature article in the last edition of the Truronian we thought we would update you on the continued success of Former Pupil Ellen Husain (CO94).

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

Ellen is a freelance wildlife filmmaker specialising in underwater as well as terrestrial content, mostly for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Her work takes her all over the world with subjects ranging from killer whales and humpback whales, oceanic white tip sharks and tiger sharks to insects, cheetahs, and albatross. Ellen was a producer on multi-award winning BBC1 series, *The Hunt* – narrated by Sir David Attenborough. Previous projects she has worked on include *Life Story* (BBC1 2013) – also narrated by Sir David Attenborough, Emmy-nominated *Ocean Giants* (BBC1 2011) – narrated by Stephen Fry, and Emmy-winning *South Pacific* – narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch (BBC2 2009).

Ellen was born in London and used to come to Cornwall every summer when visiting her Grandmother in Portscatho. Ellen and her parents moved to the Roseland Peninsula when she was 11 years old and although now based in Bristol, she returns often to visit her family. Growing up on the Cornish coast, Ellen has always had an affinity with wildlife and art, but when it came to selecting a degree she felt she had to choose between creativity and science. She told us:

Growing up in Cornwall was fundamental to what I do now.

Ultimately it was the natural beauty of the Roseland Peninsula that got me interested in marine biology and photography - I travel all over the world now, but I'm still constantly blown away by how stunning Cornwall can be.

We hope to welcome Ellen back to Truro School very soon as she has very kindly offered to come and talk to our students about her career path.

*"If you'd told me as a Truro School Sixth Former that I would one day be working as a producer on an Attenborough BBC TV series like *The Hunt*, I would have been pretty surprised"*



Rob Pedley CO89

Honoured in Her Majesty's 90th Birthday Celebrations

West Midlands Police Constable Rob Pedley, 45, was awarded an MBE for his outstanding contribution to policing and the community as part of the Queen's 90th Birthday Honours. Rob is the brainchild behind the project to steer teenagers away from violent crime.

Rob attended Treloiske first followed by Truro School from 1982-1987. He left after GCSEs doing all sorts of jobs until in 1994 he joined the West Midlands Police. After undertaking the stringent selection process, he was accepted into the specialist tactical firearms unit in 1997, dealing with organised and armed gang crime.

Rob said: *I never ceased to be amazed at how different my day-to-day life at boarding school was compared to the sort of work I was doing; attending armed robberies and fatal drive-by shootings in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Coventry.*

Sport was always an important thread in Rob's life, he recalls: *Fondest memories being of a time in Epworth House with Mr Worsley-White and in Hall House with Mr Thompson and playing 2nd row for School throughout all my years.* Whilst working as a physical training instructor on the tactical firearms team he completed multiple team endurance mountain races in Snowdonia and the Cheviot Hills and 3 Ironman distance triathlons. Until in 2008, when in a split second, Rob's life changed dramatically. Whilst snowboarding alone in Zermatt he fell 240ft down a ravine in bad weather. With 9 broken ribs, both lungs punctured and his spine broken in 4 places he fought to stay alive for 90 minutes until he was eventually rescued by helicopter. After 6 days in a coma and 19 days in Swiss intensive care Rob was given the devastating news that he was paralysed from the chest down. Despite the odds, he returned to work, in a wheelchair, still as a police officer but retraining as a police trainer.

In 2010 he created an initiative taking victims of gang crime into inner city schools to highlight the life changing consequences of carrying weapons and being involved with street gangs. The Precious Lives campaign combines his own story and that of Marcia Shakespeare, whose daughter Letisha, 17 (alongside her friend Charlene Ellis, 18) was killed in a drive-by gang shooting in Aston over New Year 2003. Together Rob and Marcia demonstrate how lives can change forever in just seconds, from a small choice. They have been joined by Alison Cope, whose son Joshua Rivera was fatally stabbed in Selly Oak in 2013. By sharing his own experience and the experiences of mothers of murdered teenagers, Rob has spoken to over 100,000 young people in the West Midlands.

Rob's family and children were immensely proud to see him recognised for determination to continue to make a difference to our society, despite overwhelming odds.

Rob said: *It was an amazing experience: there were around 60 people receiving honours and I felt very privileged to be among them. It was also Armistice Day and we collectively observed the two minutes silence in the palace's main ballroom...it was very moving. I expected Prince William to say something like 'so what have you done then' – but he asked about the Precious Lives scheme and seemed genuinely interested to hear about our work.*

Along with my family, I was photographed with lots of tourists as we entered the courtyard...and when my children told the taxi driver their dad was collecting a medal he told us he didn't want paying for the journey! It was a great day and a fantastic experience.

Rob was quick to thank others for the success of the Precious Lives project.

He added: *I haven't achieved the success of the Precious Lives project alone. I have had support at every step from West Midlands Police colleagues, Marcia and Alison, and my family in allowing me to rebuild my life to where it is today.*

It is an honour to receive the MBE, and I feel privileged to be in a position where I can help make a difference. I am passionate about giving the best I can to the communities of the West Midlands and get great satisfaction from hopefully having a positive impact on young people's lives. I speak of the choices we make and the values we choose to live by. I have always believed the values by which I have policed and lived by were firmly founded at Truro School.



Kris Pigman CO73 In touch again after many years

Mr Kris Pigman is a former pupil now living in the United States. We managed to re-engage with Kris after the London Networking Reunion last year when a fellow former pupil, Ravi Saravanamuttu, enquired after him. We did a little searching, sent off an email and were delighted to receive a response from Kris:

What a pleasant surprise. It's nice hearing from my old school and learning that old friends from decades ago asked about me.

While Kris attended Truro School for one year, he remembers his time at Truro well and looks back with great fondness. *I attended Truro for the '72-'73 academic year. I played Rugby on the 1st XV, fell in love with an English girl at a school down the street and was able to travel extensively throughout western Europe. It was one of the best years of my life.*

Kris was born and raised in Berlin, Maryland, USA and succeeded in winning an English speaking scholarship when he graduated with honours from the Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. Kris made the journey across the Atlantic in 1972 and spent the next year at Truro

After leaving Truro Kris returned to the USA and attended Rollins College in Winter Park, FLA, on a baseball scholarship and earned himself a BS (equivalent to our BSc) in Economics from the University of Maryland.

Many years on Kris is now the president of The Pigman Companies, which he founded in 1994. The Pigman Companies is a commercial real estate development company that provides expert knowledge in development, construction, financing and investment amongst many other things!

Before the creation of TPC in 1994, Kris was a titled officer and partner of The Koll Company of Newport Beach, California. Prior to joining Koll in 1989, he was President of The Sandpiper Companies, a real estate development firm headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona; and an executive with Coldwell Banker Commercial Real Estate Group.



Business aside, Kris is a proud family man with three children: *I now live in Sacramento, California and am the proud father of 3 bright, happy, successful and beautiful children. My eldest daughter, Morgan Leigh (24), is earning her Master's Degree in Sports Marketing from University of San Francisco. My son, Mason Eric (22), is a Senior at Baylor University studying Business and Entrepreneurship. My youngest, Makenzie Love (20), is a Junior at University of California, Berkeley.*

Sadly, I've not returned to the U.K. in too many decades. A visit is long overdue.

We hope Kris will come back soon and visit us at School – we think he might notice a few changes!



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Kirit Patel MBE CO69

An inspirational legacy

In July 2016, Kirit Patel (who attended the Truro School from 1967-69) passed away from a sudden heart attack.

Kirit was best known as an entrepreneur: for co-founding and leading the highly successful Day Lewis pharmacy chain which now has over 300 pharmacies nationally, including a strong presence in Cornwall and Devon.

The youngest of 6 children, Kirit was born on 29 December 1949 at Kisumu, on the shores of Lake Victoria in Northern Kenya, where he spent his childhood.

He was initially sent by his parents via boat to their home state of Gujarat in India for his schooling. A self-confessed mischievous child, Kirit did not particularly settle in rural India, where his laid-back attitude did not go down well in the local community, which was particularly traditional. Corporal punishment was administered freely. He returned to Kenya and begged to go to England instead to complete his A-levels there. Despite having never been to England, Kirit was an Anglophile - a fan of rock 'n' roll music and football (the year was 1966 after all!) and he longed to live in the big city, London. By chance, the school master at Kisumu Boys High School was an expatriate teacher who previously taught at Truro.

The connection was made, and Kirit enrolled at the school - mistakenly thinking it was in London. He often recalled the journey amusingly at the dinner table. Firstly as he mistakenly disembarked in Paris (not aware that he had to connect on to a second flight for London), and secondly as he travelled a rather long way by train to Truro - eventually realising that it certainly wasn't in London!

His 2 years as a full boarder at Truro School, in Hall boarding house and School day house, were without doubt the most formative of his life - and he often remarked about this to us, his children. For him, the camaraderie amongst his fellow pupils, the need to take decisions and face consequences, and public school values of loyalty, trust and teamwork underpinned much of his future entrepreneurial success.

During school holidays, Kirit could not afford to keep travelling home to Kenya so instead lodged with a local couple, Marlene and Tommy Wall, with whom he always remained close friends. Unbeknown to his housemaster, Kirit spent most of his holiday time with the local biker community, collecting a regrettable tattoo in the process which he subsequently removed many years later!

At Day Lewis's 40th anniversary celebrations held at Kensington Palace, Kirit delivered a memorable speech full of sentiment and reflection. His Truro School experience featured heavily and that section is quoted below:

Boarding school taught me many things, amongst them the value of comradeship and survival. We lived by the bell, and it did not matter what you did in between the bells, as long as you did not get caught. And if you did get caught, you did not snitch on anyone. It was about being one team. I treated my housemaster as a second father. Until he told me one day: "Patel, I am not your father! Don't keep asking me every time you want to do something, just do what you think is right." So his comments threw me, but decision making from that day on was easy - I learnt that if you wanted something, you just went for it.

During his career, Kirit had a tremendous impact on society. Day Lewis employs nearly 3,000 people and countless more have worked with the company previously. Now, more than a million patients walk through the doors each month.

Having studied Pharmacy at Portsmouth University, Kirit and his brother JC Patel, bought their first 2 pharmacy shops, at Southborough, Kent, in May 1975. Kirit grew the business in his own mould, putting full trust in his employees, training, trusting and empowering them to make the right decisions. The mantra that he regularly shared with other pharmacy business owners was: Look after your people, and they will look after your patients.

The company continued to grow by acquisition. By the early 2000s, Day Lewis had become the largest family owned pharmacy chain in the UK, and, indeed in Europe. 2008 was a particularly important year for Kirit. He purchased 31 pharmacies from Boots, predominantly in the South West.

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Kirit was deeply proud to own pharmacies and serve patients in his adopted home of Cornwall - and the group is now the second largest in the county. Kirit was known to pre-order enough pasties to fill the home freezer each time he visited his Cornish shops.

Outside of Day Lewis, Kirit served the pharmacy industry passionately. He was appointed into some of the industry's most important representative positions: he was treasurer of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, vice-chairman of the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee, and an adviser on the Government's Small Business Council and Better Regulation Task Force. He was chairman of the National Pharmacy Association, and a non-executive director of Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust. In 2005, He was awarded an MBE from Her Majesty the Queen for his services to the pharmacy profession.

While he was an astute and pragmatic businessman Kirit believed in having fun. He was always the last to leave a good party and on one occasion he fell off the table on which he was dancing, during an industry ski trip. He fractured a rib in the process but insisted on skiing the final piste home. He flew aircraft, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, drove for charity from Britain to India via Ukraine, China, and Everest base camp, and was a passionate supporter of Liverpool Football Club. He also enjoyed golf, skiing and driving his fast cars - and would happily throw the keys to anyone interested in taking one for a spin.

Kirit continued to invest in his education throughout his life. He gained an MBA from Westminster University, completed a Diploma in Philosophy at Brighton University, and attended the Advanced Management Programme at Wharton Business School in Pennsylvania.

A week before his passing he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate at Bath University, by HRH Prince Edward, and was asked to deliver the keynote address for the 2016 graduating class.

He shared 4 inspiring messages with the students:

- **Aspire to achieve the impossible**
- **Build a network of support**
- **Never stop learning**
- **Respect and care for people**

Education was important to him personally and he was proud to donate The Day Lewis Prize for Initiative and Enterprise, which is awarded each year at Truro School Speech Day.

Kirit had instructed that in the event of his passing, we should hold a celebratory party at his home - with colourful dress code, live music and champagne. We fulfilled his wish, and with less than a week's notice, more than 3,000 people attended.

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Written by Sam Patel.

Sam is Kirit's son and now leads Day Lewis alongside his brother Jay and sister Rupa.



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Celebrating Our Ladies

Nicola Alesbrook

(née Simpson) CO97

Tournament Manager for Rugby World Cup

After leaving Truro School Nicola went to St Mary's University, Surrey to study Sport Science. From there she secured a position at Harlequins Rugby Club and stayed for 5 years as their events manager moving to World Rugby in 2005.

“It's been a fantastic job that has taken me all over the world. France for RWC 07, then New Zealand for 4 years...”

Nicola told us: *I have been working for World Rugby (the world governing body of rugby) for 11 years as the Tournament Manager. It's been a fantastic job that has taken me all over the world. Firstly France for RWC 2007, then we moved to New Zealand for 4 years for RWC 2011. We then moved back to England ahead of RWC 2015 with several trips to Japan preparing for RWC 2019. Nicola is married to Alex, they live in Surrey with their 2 sons, Stanley is 5 and George nearly 6 months. I come back to Cornwall a few times a year as my family are still in St Ives and I am hoping to attend the reunion dinner in September to catch up with friends and staff.*



Nicola Alesbrook



Emily Barlow



Caroline Bathgate



Hilary Frank

Emily Barlow CO08

DC Investment Strategist and Assistant Vice President, State Street Global

After leaving Truro School Emily completed a Masters Degree in Chemistry at Oxford University. Her first job was as a General Management Graduate at Zurich Insurance and after leaving the scheme she gained further experience and moved across to pension investments. She told us: *I am now an Assistant Vice President at State Street Global Advisors working as a DC Investment Strategist in London. I'm basically a product specialist (on DC pension investments). I do a mixture of investment design, sales, research and market messaging.* Emily lives in London but says: *I return to Cornwall often as my family still live there and I keep in touch with quite a few friends who are still located in the County.*

Caroline Bathgate (née Mould) CO96

Chartered Surveyor, Partner, Knight Frank

Joining Truro School for Sixth Form Caroline studied maths, English literature and geography, the latter of which she went on to make her undergraduate degree at Exeter. She joined Weatherall Green & Smith on a trainee programme, completing a post graduate estate management course at University of Southbank and continued her studies, becoming a qualified Chartered Surveyor in 2002. She is now a partner within the European valuation team at Knight Frank, travelling extensively across the globe. Caroline is married to Richard (also a surveyor!) They live in London and have a little boy, Harry, who will be 7 this year. Caroline says: *I return to Cornwall occasionally, although not as often as I would like.*

Sharon Cox CO92

Professor of Epidemiology & Nutrition at Nagasaki, School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health

Having left Truro School in 1992 after A levels, Sharon went on to graduate from UCL in 1996 with BSc Hons 1st Class in Biochemistry and then in 1998 from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) with an MSc in Public Health Nutrition. In the same year Sharon also received a Team Gold medal with the England Fencing team at the Commonwealth Games, Kuala Lumpur. She was part of the British Fencing team from 1997 to 2000. Sharon started working for LSHTM in 2002 and she completed her PhD in 2003. Sharon's most recent post came in 2014 when she was appointed as Professor of Epidemiology & Nutrition at Nagasaki, School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health (TMGH), with joint appointment at LSHTM as Associate Professor. Sharon told us: *I live in Nagasaki with frequent travel to the UK and other research sites. My hobbies include travel and outdoor activities, ice and rock climbing, skiing and horse riding in multiple locations – Europe, Africa and Americas.*

Rebecca Davison CO99**Physiotherapist**

Becky graduated from UWE Bristol with a BSc(Hons) Physiotherapy in 2003 and came back to work at Treliste for 4 years before moving to the Lander Medical Practice in Truro where she still works. Alongside her work in Truro she completed an MSc in Sports Physiotherapy and has been working in the field of sport as well as the NHS. Since then she has taken up a role with a private practice called Ocean Physio based in Exeter where she works 2 days a week at Exeter University. This mostly entails working with the high performance sports students, in particular the university 1st XV rugby team: one of the top university rugby teams in the country having won the BUCS championship by beating Loughborough University at Twickenham last year and getting to the final again this year. She is also working with the GB U23 Rowing squad and is going to the World Championships with them in Plovdiv, Bulgaria in July.

Victoria Harvey CO98**Director of Admissions at Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge University**

Victoria left Truro School in 1998 having completed her secondary education at Truro School and went on to graduate with a BA (Hons 1st Class) from University of Exeter, MPhil (dist) from Oxford and a PhD from Cambridge. She is now the Director of Admissions at Lucy Cavendish College (Cambridge University) and lecturer in French Renaissance literature. Victoria is also a Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College which means she forms part of the Governing Body and is a trustee of the College. Her day job consists of 3 main parts: Director of Admissions, College Tutor and finally, as Lecturer and Supervisor in French Renaissance literature. Victoria has an 11 year old daughter Isabella and in their spare time they play *Real Tennis* (the grandfather of lawn tennis!). In 2016 she played for the University Blues team in the Varsity match at Lords.

Hilary Frank CO84**Councillor, Mayor of Saltash Working in Japan to deliver the Rugby World Cup in 2019**

After leaving Truro School Hilary studied Japanese at the School of Oriental and African Studies, a path which has taken her on many exotic journeys over the years.

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She tells us: I'm in the middle of the latest adventure right now as I'm sending this to you from Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan, where I'm working with the team who will deliver the Rugby World Cup in 2019.

Hilary lives in Saltash - where she is currently Mayor. The only time I've been back to Truro School was last year when my 10-year old daughter took part in an indoor athletics championships. Wow! The sports hall is stunning!

Rose Hatcher CO03**Fish Factory Art Space Founder and Curator**

Rose Hatcher left Truro School in 2003 and went on to pursue her artistic talent at the Royal West of England Academy, Bristol. In 2009 she graduated with a BA in Photography and was a finalist in the Association of Photographers Student Awards in 2009. In 2011 she opened the Fish Factory Art Space on Falmouth Wharves. She says: *It's hard to believe we've made it this far, through all the challenges of running a DIY grassroots art space in temporary premises.* Rose faces a new challenge as The Fish Factory searches for new premises: *We need a large permanent space in the Falmouth or Penryn area with potential for creating workspaces and a gallery.*

Julia Goldsworthy CO97**Politician**

Julia was born in Camborne, Cornwall and educated locally at the St Meriadoc Primary School in Camborne before attending Truro School. She took a gap year between school 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 she worked in Westminster as an economics researcher for the Liberal Democrat MP for Truro and St Austell, Matthew Taylor. In 2004, she was appointed as a regeneration officer with the Carrick District Council where she worked until her election to Westminster. Julia became the Liberal Democrat MP for Falmouth and Camborne from 2005 to 2010.

"We are delighted that Julia has agreed to take on the role of after dinner speaker for the 2017 Annual Reunion Dinner when she will celebrate 20 years since leaving Truro School"

In the 2010 General Election, she stood in the new seat of Camborne and Redruth which she lost by 66 votes (0.16%) to the Conservative challenger George Eustice, and a fellow Truro School Former Pupil (CO92). She was then appointed as a special adviser to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander.

We are delighted that Julia has agreed to take on the role of after dinner speaker for the 2017 TSFPA Annual Reunion Dinner in September when she will celebrate 20 years since leaving Truro School.

Celebrating Our Ladies

Rose Hawkins CO12

Troop commander of Sek Kong Troop in 246 Queens Gurkha Signals

Rose left Truro School in 2012 and is now a commissioned officer in the British Army. She commissioned in December 2015 into the Royal Corps of Signals and is now a

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Lieutenant in a Corps that manages the communications systems for the Army whilst on exercise and deployed. In August 2016 Rose began her first post with 246 Gurkha Signal Squadron at 2 Signal Regiment based in York. She is the Troop Commander for Sek Kong Tp and works with Nepali soldiers as part of the Brigade of Gurkhas within the British Army. Rose plays hockey and horse rides for the Corps and enjoys partaking in the many Gurkha festivities associated with Nepalese culture.

She says: *I’m proud of my Cornish heritage and my links to Truro School; a fantastic school which set me up extremely well to enjoy the diversity of Army life.*

Bonnie Mably CO10

Junior Architect, Copenhagen

Bonnie left Truro School Sixth Form and then graduated from Falmouth Art School having studied Fine Art. Bonnie says: *I’ve had a bit of a round-about route, starting at Falmouth Art School, then moved to London to work for a design studio - which is where I really had my design education.* Bonnie is now a Junior Architect, for Norm Architects in Copenhagen, Denmark. With a background in branding and strategy, Bonnie’s role is to develop concepts and stories into spaces and architecture. She’s passionate about design that amplifies human experience. She told us: *All I can say about my journey is, if there’s a will there’s a way! I had no contacts in the industry, so simply cold called. It’s made me think anything is possible!*

Natalie Lander (née Poat) CO87

Multi-tasking - Salem International College, Germany

After studying Sport & Recreation Management in Sheffield, a year working at Liberty of London then gaining a PGCE from Leeds University, followed by 9 years working in primary education in Reading, it was all change for Natalie and her family when they moved to Germany where they have now been for 15 years. Natalie lives and works at Salem International College, the Sixth Form of Schule Schloss Salem, a German boarding school that offers both the German Abitur and International Baccalaureate, situated on the shores of Lake Constance. Natalie told us: *Currently I am a house parent for 31 Sixth Form students (Mr Dunbar would laugh at this, I’m sure!), extra-curricular activities coordinator, Director of our International Summer School, year book coordinator, services coordinator and mentor and I’m about to also take on a 15 month maternity cover as Head of Staff Recruitment! We thought we would be here for 3 or 4 years, but aren’t planning a move back to the UK anytime soon.*

Kirsten Leslie CO88

Private Psychotherapy Practice & Supporting Staff at Royal Cornwall Hospital with Stress and Mental Health Management

Kirsten joined Truro School to continue her education into Sixth Form having not enjoyed her earlier secondary schooling. After leaving school she embarked upon a nursing degree which she absolutely loved. She then moved into the area of psychotherapy, cognitive behavioural and trauma therapy. She said: *For about 20 years, I did both things alongside each other until I was fortunate enough to get my dream job that I do now. It’s an honour and a privilege and I genuinely wouldn’t be where I am without Truro School.* Kirsten is currently undertaking her doctorate whilst working full-time at Royal Cornwall Hospital, supporting staff with stress and mental health management, a role she thoroughly enjoys. She combines this role with her private psychotherapy practice teaching resilience and stress mental health.

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Alexandra Lyons

(née Vitai) CO07

**Solicitor at
Clyde & Co**

Alex went straight from Truro School to King's College London to study Law with French Law. This was a 4-year degree during which she spent 1 year at the University of Paris, Panthéon-Sorbonne. During the summer of her penultimate year Alex was offered a training contract at Clyde & Co. After completing her degree Clyde & Co arranged for her to undertake the 1-year Legal Practice Course at Kaplan Law School in London, along with the other future trainees. Alex then spent 2 years at Clyde & Co as a trainee solicitor, spending 6 months in 4 different seats or departments. She qualified into the Energy Insurance Litigation team, advising insurer clients on energy losses around the globe.

Polly Milne (née Robertson) CO01**Managing European Logistics & Sustainability Reporting, Better Grain**

Leaving School in 2001 Polly went on to study Art History at The Courtauld Institute before pursuing a career in journalism. For several years she lived in London and worked for the American entrepreneur and art collector Thomas Kaplan. She now works for a company called Better Grain: *My role is to manage both our European logistics and our sustainability reporting - which is quite a journey from my art historical roots!* Polly is also responsible for maintaining the company's relationship with the United Nations Global Compact, and has recently written the company's first Communication on Progress report - a document which provides valuable information to stakeholders on Better Grain's progress in meeting their commitment to align strategies and operations with the UN's 10 Principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. Polly lives in Hampshire with her husband and their 2 young children.

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Lucy Maling CO08**Orthopaedic Surgeon, RCHT**

Lucy completed the 7 years of her secondary education at Truro School from 2001 - 2008. She then went to medical school at the University of Birmingham from 2008 – 2013 and has now returned to Cornwall, working as a Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon in training at Royal Cornwall Hospital.

Judith Mitchell CO86**Partner at KPMG, Lausanne, Switzerland**

Judith joined Truro school when girls were accepted only in the Sixth Form in 1984, and recalls that she really enjoyed her 2 years: *They were the most enjoyable 2 years of my whole school career.* Judith told us she started working in international tax quite by accident, but has stayed with it ever since: *It is an area that is constantly evolving and has given me the opportunities to travel and work in many different countries. I spent the first 6 years of my career in the tax department at Deloitte in Paris and then moved on with them to Sydney for another 8 years.* Judith is now a partner in the tax department at KPMG in Lausanne, Switzerland, where she has lived for the past 12 years, with her 3 children and tells us: *Switzerland is now very much home and is a wonderful place to live - skiing in the mountains in winter and enjoying lake Geneva in summer - couldn't ask for more!*

Emma Pearson CO06**International Freelance Translator**

After graduating from Truro School in 2006 Emma went on to study Russian, German and European Studies at the University of Bath. She then studied a Masters in Translation and Professional Language Skills, also at Bath. Since graduating from university Emma has been working as a freelance translator in Vienna, Austria. Her 3 main clients are the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), where she works in-house as a translator on short-term contracts throughout the year.



Rose Hawkins



Kirsten Leslie



Lucy Maling



Bonnie Mably

Celebrating Our Ladies

Carolyn Visahan
(née Puxley) CO94

Teaching Maths at Seoul Foreign School, Korea

Carolyn's brother attended first through to 5th Form, and she followed but only attended Sixth Form for the final 2 years of her secondary education and graduated later from City University. Carolyn has since done some engineering for Motorola, finance for Intel, a bit of TEFL (teaching English as a Foreign Language) in Spain, Italy, Sweden and Australia. She now teaches maths at Seoul Foreign School in Korea.

Gemma Passmore CO01 Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist

Gemma Passmore left Truro School in 2001 and went on to study at St George's Medical School in London, then The Open University to do a masters and also Edinburgh Napier for her advanced practice modules. She is now a band 7 Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist in Lancaster. Gemma has just returned to the mainland having lived on the Shetland Islands for the past 5 years running the Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapy service there. She was also the Children and Young People's Allied Health Professions (AHP) Lead. Gemma does a great deal of fundraising and work with military charities such as Help for Heroes and Combat Stress. In recognition for all her charity work Gemma was chosen to carry the Olympic Torch through Cardiff in 2012.



Gemma Rawlinson



Verity Perham



Connie Schneider



Emily Waller

Verity Perham (née Slater) CO95

Solicitor & Partner, Stephens Scown

Verity was one of the first girls that came into the 3rd year when the whole school (and not just the Sixth Form) went co-ed. Verity studied Biology, Chemistry and English at A level at school and thought she would continue into medicine. However, after a swift change of heart, she went to the University of East Anglia to study law. *I was a complete tomboy and enjoyed the metalwork, woodwork and football we could do with the boys. I was in the same year as Ben Ainslie and we trained together to sail for the National Sailing Squad throughout our years at School – taking every Wednesday afternoon off to sail. I was offered routes into a professional sailing career but decided it was not for me.*

In 2002 she decided to focus on employment law as her specialism and moved to a Truro firm and started building up her local client base. She was made an Associate Partner in 2006 which was a great achievement after only being qualified for 4 years and is now a Partner at Stephens Scown based on Malpas Road, Truro. Verity married in 2008 in Falmouth to an old childhood friend, Matthew Perham and they have 2 children, Oak and Rose. **Verity is also a Trustee of the Truro School Foundation.**

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Gemma Rawlinson (née Holt-Young) CO01 Proprietor, Box and Cox Vintage Hire and Space and Rock

Following A levels Gemma continued her studies with a BSc in Social Anthropology in London and returned to Cornwall in 2006. She then spent 6 years working in Children's Social Care for Cornwall Council. In 2012 she decided to pursue her life-long dream of working in the wedding industry, setting up her own event hire business; *Box and Cox Vintage Hire*. In 3 years the business has tripled in size and Gemma has now begun preparations to launch her second major wedding business; *Space & Rock*. It's a new national platform which links those who own spaces suitable for occasional weddings, with couples seeking alternative options to the traditional wedding venue.

Molly Somers CO14**Studying International
Tourism Management
and Spanish**

Molly attended Truro School for all of her secondary education including Sixth Form.

She tells us: I left in 2014. I am now at Plymouth University studying BSc (Hons) International Tourism Management and Spanish and loving it. I am fundraising secretary for the netball club and have raised over £2800 for the English Federation of Disability Sport this year. I am also captain of the 3rd team and will be vice chair next year. So it keeps me busy!

Molly studied Spanish and German at A Level at school and still uses her language skills. She will be spending the summer of 2017 working in France to further improve her French, which she is very excited about and will take a little more time to decide what she will finally end up doing.

“ On graduating from Newcastle I was elected to be the Welfare and Equality Officer at Newcastle University Students' Union for a year.”

Connie Schneider CO95**Judicial Affairs Officer, Department of
Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations, New
York**

Connie Schneider first joined the United Nations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2014, after 8 years of working *in the field* for the European Union, the Red Cross and some non-governmental organizations and a previous stint as a city solicitor in London and Paris. One of the tasks of the United Nations is to maintain international peace and security. Connie works for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, which from New York, supports peacekeeping missions such as MINUSMA in Mali or UNAMI in Iraq. Connie returns to Cornwall often and has visited Truro School on a number of occasions to support, encourage and inspire current students. Her last visit was for the 2014 Speech Day, when she was welcomed as guest of honour.

Naomi Stubbs CO99**Author and Associate Professor of English, City
University of New York**

After completing her education at Truro School, Naomi took a gap year, 6 months working to save and then pay for 6 months teaching and travelling in India. She completed a BA in English and Drama at Queen Mary's, University of London, and an MRes (Master of Research) at the Centre for Editing Lives and Letters (then part of Queen Mary's), followed by her PhD in Theatre History at The Graduate Centre, City University of New York. Naomi currently lives in New York City and is an Associate Professor of English at the City University of New York (LaGuardia). Naomi is an accomplished Author having published one book with a second under contract.

Emily Waller CO10**Policy and Campaigns Officer, mental health
charity, 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. 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. She was chosen from over 4,000 applicants to be one of a cohort of 100 on the Charityworks graduate scheme. As a result of the graduate scheme Emily was able to secure her current role as Policy and Campaigns Officer at Mind.



Victoria Harvey



Polly Milne



Alexandra Lyons



Sharon Cox

Careers and Business

The Careers Department within Truro School has continued to expand this year and we have made great use of our former pupils again. The Autumn term signified the beginning of our business lunches for 5th years and Sixth Formers and this year we welcomed many visitors such as Helen Angove of City Asset Management who is a former parent and has provided our students with fantastic information and experience in investment banking, Alex Maidwell-Smith (CO11) who is a trainee doctor and president of the UCL medical student union, John Williams (CO95) from the engineering firm Nomeca (who has since offered some fantastic work experience to 2 of our Lower Sixth Form students), Byran Wills-Heath (CO97) from Bluefruit and many others too numerous to mention here! We are so grateful for their support, advice and insight and we look forward to welcoming many of them back again next year.

Alongside our business lunches we have hosted some stand-alone talks, most notably from **Professor Paddy Royall** (CO92) who gave a fascinating talk on colloidal transmissions to a packed out audience of interested chemistry and physics students. **Colin Groves** (CO80) gave a great talk about opportunities in business and his career in New Zealand and the UK. More recent former pupils attended our annual UCAS and Futures day for the current Lower Sixth and were able to share their experiences

about particular subjects and gap years. **Fin McCormick** (CO13) gave a great insight in to careers in real estate and opportunities in Dubai and a current parent, Paul Trudgian talked about starting up your own business. It is so important for our pupils to get first hand advice about the range of opportunities which are available to them: although many students will continue to move from Truro School on to university, there are an increasing variety of alternatives such as the new apprenticeships and school leaver programs. We are lucky enough to be able to access a huge network of former pupils who can assist in so many ways, from providing mentoring and work experience opportunities to giving advice on the best halls of residence at a particular university.

Many of these former pupils are members of LinkedIn and the Development Office and I have been working hard to encourage former pupils to connect with us on the Truro School Community LinkedIn page. In the last month alone I have been able to advertise 2 jobs (one in Truro and one in Manchester for a graduate trainee risk analyst) and a 10 week internship opportunity with Cornwall County Council. We aim to continue to offer help and advice wherever we can, long after our students leave the Sixth Form, while they are at university and beyond. This includes help with CV writing, interview techniques, references and much more. We would encourage all former pupils to connect with us so that they too can access this amazing network of Truro School alumni.



Joy and delight for Truro School students

With around a one in five chance of acceptance per application, admissions to Oxford and Cambridge are extremely competitive. Despite the stiff competition, the 6 successful students result in a 42% acceptance rate for the school's Oxbridge applications.

The successful applicants represent over 5% of Truro School's 117-strong Upper Sixth Form year group.



Piran Venton and **Edward Sidebotham** have received conditional offers for Cambridge to study Mathematics at Corpus Christi and Languages at Selwyn respectively. Four students received offers from Oxford: **Christopher McCabe**, to read Earth Sciences (campus to be confirmed); **Jasmine Savage**, to read History & Economics (campus to be confirmed); **Luke Richardson**, to read Chemistry at Magdalen; and **Alistair Ross**, to read Chemistry at St Edmund Hall.

Having gone through the interview process before Christmas, each student's long wait over the festive period seemed like a blur in the past as they received their good news from the universities.

Edward Sidebotham said:

"I was in a Biology lesson when the letter arrived at home, I'd asked permission to have my phone on as I was waiting to hear and my dad text me the news. It was a massive relief, I had been waiting for so long to find out and I didn't know if I should have been focusing on other universities as well and making different plans, even though Cambridge was my top choice."

When asked why Oxford and Cambridge are such sought after universities, **Ms Harriet Thompson**, Truro School's Director of Student Progression, said: "Oxbridge Universities focus heavily on the tutorial method of teaching. Rather than just having all of your teacher-pupil contact time in lectures with hundreds of other students, Oxford and Cambridge students have access to extremely small class sizes, sometimes even one-to-one sessions with the leading professors in the country."

Over the last few years Truro School have invested in the development of Oxbridge applications and expect to keep performing well above the national acceptance rate average in the future. Students have been able to attend open days at both Oxford and Cambridge where they were given the

chance to speak one-to-one with top professors in their chosen fields of study, as well as having a guest speaker visit the school from Oxford University.

Truro School's alumni have also played a role in the success with a visit from ex-student and Cambridge University graduate Saffron Jones, who provided first-hand advice and experience on what to expect during the application process, including interview tips.

Jasmine Savage, who has been accepted into Oxford, commented: *The mock interviews were great for preparing me for the real interview day.*

2016 Oxbridge Success Sneha Sen accepted to Cambridge with straight A*s

Sneha was very happy with her A Level results in 2016, with A*s across the board in French, German, Maths and EPQ. She said it was an emotional goodbye having studied at Truro School for 6 years: *Everyone was really helpful and supportive. The classes at A Level are quite small so you get a lot of pastoral support.*



Sneha was accepted into the University of Cambridge and commenced her studies in Linguistics there from September 2016. We asked how her first year had been and she told us: *I started studying Linguistics at Cambridge as planned, and I've really enjoyed my first year. The course has been really interesting and I've found that the way things are taught at Cambridge really suits my learning style. In April this year, I attended a national undergraduate linguistics conference and presented my research from an online survey I conducted on the existence of a subjunctive mood in English. I've also really enjoyed getting involved with the clubs and societies that Cambridge has to offer, and I'm going to be taking over as President of Polyglossia, Cambridge's modern languages society, next year.*

Asked if there was any advice she could offer Sneha told us: *I really feel completing my EPQ at Truro made adjusting to university study a much smoother transition for me and so I'd like to encourage others who are aspiring for top universities to do the same.*

We intend to follow Sneha's progress through university and will have another update next year.

ARCHIVE ATTIC

Truro School in 1917

At home

The school magazine reported that in January 'ere the term was a day old we felt the effects of General Winter's disregard for others.' The cold spell continued and at the beginning of February the Cadet Corps' 'enjoyed the unique experience of re-assembling on Pencalenick Pond, which, for the first time for many years, was sufficiently frozen over to allow sliding and skating'.

During the year the Cadet Corps was enhanced with the formation of a small band thanks to the donation of drums, bugles and cymbals. 'A search soon revealed many musical cadets, who, with the assistance of a couple of instructors, have come on at such a pace that, without a doubt, route marches of the future will be enlivened by the martial notes of 'Kitchener' or 'The Boys' Brigade'. The band's first public appearance was on the 24 May. A band-instructor was formally appointed and the band became a feature of every important parade.



Cadet Corps Band c. May 1917. The first members of the band were A.C. Rowe, Parry, Bradbeer, Bolton (side drums), C.F. Roberts and Glasson (bass drum), Keast (cymbals), and Dyer, Boutwood, Hoskin, Thomas, H. Trewin, L. Woodley, Exell and Pearce (bugles).

By December 1917 the effects of war were increasingly impinging on daily life. At Speech Day the headmaster reported that 'catering at times has been very difficult, but Mrs Opie has been able to procure an adequate supply of good food, and the boys have generally been in good physical form. The thanks of all are due to her for her splendid management in most difficult times'. An agricultural society was formed and 'the ground under the new tennis court has been turned up and potatoes have been planted'. It was noted that 'the school is very full, and it is quite impossible to increase our numbers until the scheme for new classrooms is carried through. The plans are drawn, but we are compelled to wait until the War is over...'

At War - 1917 Roll of Honour

Andrew, FE: Pte in 4th DCLI. By July 1916 was in 1st Royal Devon Yeomanry but was seriously ill in a military hospital and later invalided out of the army.

Andrew, WL: It is very obvious to us out here that Germany is beaten. All the prisoners we take are delighted to become captives. Within the last few months we have been over the top several times. The worst part of all is the waiting previous to going over...Pte in 29th RF. December 1917 joined the RFC, training at Exeter College, Oxford.



Andrew WI

Annear, JC: Promoted to Captain in RE by December 1917 and stationed at Boulogne.

Atkinson, SG: Staff, Physics, Chemistry and Maths teacher

Andrew, WH: Went to France in 1917 as a sapper, attached to the AA Searchlight Section. 'The first night we arrived here we were welcomed by having two bombs dropped 200 yards away from us at 3am. We went out and saw shells bursting, and the sight was very thrilling'.

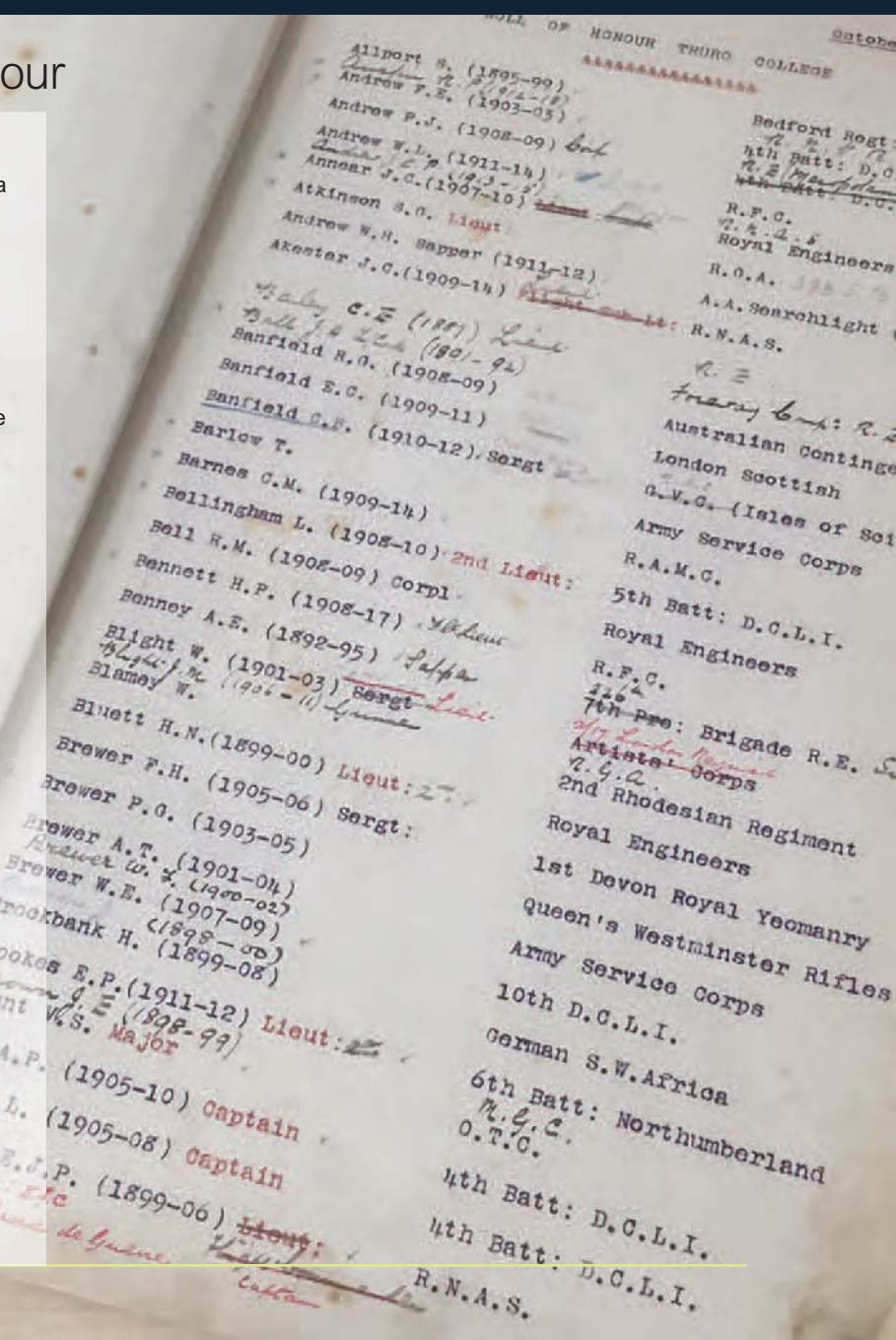


Athinaan SC

Akester JC: Gazetted a probationary flight officer on 28 March 1917 after RNAS pilot training. He took part in the battle for Polygon Wood on Sept 26th. While flying on a fighting machine by himself to check enemy troops and assist advance of our own land forces, he was attacked by four enemy machines, wounded, brought down in the Ypres district and captured. His name was in the Casualty List, but we are glad to learn that he is progressing favourably in hospital. His squadron commander writes of him as 'a fine officer, a very good pilot, and always very willing'. POW, 'I little thought when I saw my first aeroplane in 1912 at Truro, that it would be another such that I would land in behind the German lines in 1917'.



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The speeches once again expounded a feeling of patriotism; that war brought forth the realities of life and death, and that one's duty was to act to benefit the country and even the world. Sir George Smith, chairman of the governors, spoke of the changed prospects for boys at the school; the careers and jobs of 25 to 27 year olds were now being taken up by 18 year olds, giving them increased responsibility and 'the coming time was giving an opportunity for the youth of this country such as never had been known for a century'.

A fund was started to raise money for a war memorial sports pavilion. The headmaster Mr Vinter noted that 'during the past three years my correspondence has been very heavy, but it has been a great delight to be in touch with so many O.B.'s...' From this a roll of honour was drawn up in October 1917, listing all the serving former pupils and staff that they knew about. At this time there were 301 on the list, 100 officers, 39 NCOs and 162 privates. Later additions written in took the total number to over 400.

H.L. Whitburn
13.2.1917, aged 42

R.C. Crewes
17.2.1917, aged 34

H.A. Seymour
19.4.1917, aged 22

W.H. Hosking
3.5.1917, aged 21

L. Davies
3.6.1917, aged 34

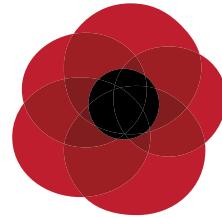
F. Pengelly
6.6.1917, aged 38

H.J. Brewer
16.6.1917, aged 33

P.B. Stevens
9.7.1917, aged 42

L.S. Spargo
5.8.1917, aged 25

TRURO SCHOOL



REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN

E. Little
12.10.1917, aged 21

F.H. Brewer
21.10.1917, aged 26

J.E. Oxenberry
13.12.1917, aged 23

G.M. Friend
25.12.1917, aged 26

Ball, JA

Banfield, EC: Private d. 1.11.1914, Belgium



Ball, JA

Banfield, CB: 2nd Lieutenant d. 21.3.1918, RFC, France



Banfield, CB

Barnes, C

Bell, RM: Corporal d 19.4.1918, Despatch Rider, 1st division signal company, RE



Barnes, C

Bellingham, L: In 1917 he was in Ayrshire training to be an officer. In 1940 he volunteered for service again and was a Major in the Wiltshire Regiment. He served in India and Burma, and died from wounds received during an air raid in Burma on 30.3.1943.



Bellingham, L

Bennett, HP: One of the first of the school's Cadets to see active service, he left school in 1917 and joined the RFC. The school magazine in April 1918 reported his first flight.

'A budding airman usually makes his first ascent in a RE 7 – an obsolete type of machine which is appropriately christened the 'Flying Bedstead' or 'The Tinder Box'. I was fortunate enough, however, to have my first joyride in a DH 4, one of the latest types of machines... It would be difficult to describe the sensations of the first ten minutes. The first sensation is one very similar to that in a lift propelled by the swiftest machinery. You look over the side for the first time and experience feelings of nausea, some degree of fear, and

an overpowering desire to grip hold of something. This very soon passes, and you seem to be etherealised – a creature of air only, not of flesh and blood. A sense of confidence and security comes to you and you start to enjoy flying in earnest.... It is remarkable how everything stands out in miniature from above... I had soon a perfect view of all Kent. Over Ashford we made a spin from 5,000 feet down to 100 feet, and remained at this height for practically all the rest of the flight – diving on trains, climbing up and zooming at 135 mph, chasing sheep and cows in the fields, circling church towers, skimming over roof and hedge, putting the wind up the troops at Lydd – these all are immensely diverting and in the ordinary day's work. What else is flying but a sport? – a sport fit for the gods.'

Blight, W

Blight, JM

Blamey, W:

Private,
Rhodesian Regt.
d. 20.6.1915 in Kenya



Blight, JM

Brewer, FH: Corporal d. 21.10.1917, Army Supply Corps attached to 4th Australian Depot Supply Column in Belgium. He was in charge of a detachment of twelve lorries conveying walking wounded from an Advanced Dressing Station to a Casualty Clearing Station behind the line and died from shell fire while supervising the unloading of petrol. He was known for his good steady influence on his men and contempt for danger to himself.

Brewer, PG



Brewer, PG

Brewer, AT



Brewer, AT

Brewer, WE



Brewer, WE

Burling, EJP:

He joined the Royal Navy Flying Service in 1914 and was on patrol duties in Belgium. In 1916 he was promoted to Flight-Lieutenant and went to Port Said, where his work was mentioned in dispatches. In November 1917 he was promoted to Flight-Commander. He recalled his first flying experiences:

On a calm day the motion is quite smooth, but on a gusty day the machine is "bumped" up and down, and rolls about very similar to a ship in a rough sea ... Landing that machine safely is by far the most difficult part of it all, as this has to be done while travelling at a fairly high speed and requires a good eye and judgement. At a height it is very cold and you have a peculiar sense of loneliness, the panoramic views obtained are splendid, but everything looks so small and you wonder you can possibly land again in the Aerodrome, which looks about the size of a penny ... in the air you lose all the sense of speed; looking over the side to the ground does not give you that uncanny sensation felt when looking over a cliff or from a high tower. Do we get nervous? Not often! Our main object is to fly well and make a good "landing" in front of "those in authority", who we know are carefully watching our little efforts..

Truro School: Your Story

Highlights from the Truro School Archive Oral History Project

In November last year I began interviewing former pupils about their time at Truro School as part of the ongoing oral history project. The interviewees so far attended the school from 1940 to 1965. In addition to recollections of teachers, headmasters and contemporaries, the recordings have given some fascinating glimpses into school life back then.

The earliest memories of the School, in this project so far, begin during wartime in the 1940s. **Michael Bourdeaux** (TS 1942-52) recalled that his first few months at Treliiske coincided with the bombing of Falmouth and so nights were often spent sheltering in the cellars. At the 'big school' **Douglas Nance** (TS 1940-48) remembered that they went up Trennick Lane at night because it was safer than being in the school during an air raid. Generally, however, they felt they were little affected by the war, despite rationing, Kent College evacuees in the school and the air raids.

As a boarder the journey to school was often by train, especially when petrol was scarce in wartime. **Stuart Bird** (TS 1959-64) recalled coming to Cornwall by steam train, with a compartment reserved for Truro School pupils. **Peter Greenslade** (TS 1956-65) recollects when a parent made quite a spectacle when he came to Treliiske in a tiger moth aeroplane and landed on the playing field.

The daily routine was governed by the school bell, marking the lessons and breaks. Prep after school was supervised by a prefect; to be able to read 'naughty books' during prep they were covered in brown paper with a serious title written on the cover. Looking at the steam trains crossing the viaduct was a distraction for both **Roger Smout** (TS 1954-59) and Peter Greenslade while doing prep in the library. Saturday morning school was a common feature while sports matches were played on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Permits to go into town were granted on Wednesday

afternoons, though for some this was quite rare.

Pupils were referred to by their surname and generally discipline was quite strict, even 'unbelievable', meted out by masters and prefects. The cane was still in use for major transgressions, with other forms of 'antique' punishment including balancing a book, ruler and chalk on outstretched arms for a length of time, doing lines, polishing dormitory floors, making a prefect's bed, or making a housemaster's morning tea for a week. Those who smoked were often in fear of getting caught, and learnt of places to hide unseen from the masters. Pranks ranged from apple-pie beds, to flying toilet seats from the flag pole, to putting a master's car onto the roof of the science block. Boarders' adventures included midnight feasts, midnight swims and trips out to visit the nearby girls' boarding house.

From the interviews, boarding was quite daunting to begin with, many overcoming homesickness, but



generally it was 'quite fun' when they got used to it; the Spartan dormitories with rows of beds, cold showers, open windows and frozen washbasins.

Boarders, while they had more opportunities for school sports, drama and music, were often envious of the day boys who were perceived to have a better social life and more food.

Outside the classroom there were a variety of activities. School sports featured heavily for some rugby, cricket, football (although this was dropped by Mr Creed), athletics, cross-country and the introduction of tennis. Peter Greenslade remembered swimming in the outdoor pool with its bamboo, open-fronted changing rooms a fair distance away, while Michael Bourdeaux recalled the pool was being dug out in his final year, and he had swum in the river at Sunny Corner instead. **Alan Murton** (TS 1944-51) recollects sneaking out of the library to hear John Kendall-Carpenter play in the Varsity rugby match on the radio, while **Francis Trewin** (TS 1948-53) was faced with having to play opposite Kendall-Carpenter in the School vs Old Boys match and told 'no chance today!'

The drama society and the annual school play cropped up many times,

from Robert Shaw proclaiming 'Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears...' from Julius Caesar in the School Chapel to Alan Scales' King Lear with a big beard and deep voice which Francis Trewin recalled 'brought the house down', to Alan Murton's Scot with a Cornish accent and **Bryan Wearne's** soliloquy which gained spontaneous applause in Henry V.

A Young Farmers' Club was set up during Mr Creed's tenure as Headmaster, and **Francis Trewin** was asked to look after about 20 goats and pigs. He recalled being able to excuse his lateness to lessons because he was milking the goats, with little objection from the masters. On at least one occasion the goats escaped from their enclosure on the playing field and were seen sliding down roofs of buildings and jumping off.

In the 1940s the Methodism was very strong at the School, with Mrs Magson entreating boys to 'take the pledge' and Dr Magson giving memorable sermons in the school chapel. By the 1960s the chapel had 'started falling down the hill' and while repairs took place the daily assembly was held in the quad, even if it was raining. There

were several recollections of walking in a crocodile each Sunday, in best suits, Eton collars and mortar boards, to St Mary Clements in the centre of Truro or further across town to Kenwyn Church depending on the preferred denomination.

The end of the Christmas term was marked with the Masters' Feast with plays performed by the staff which Peter Greenslade recalled 'had to be seen to be believed!' and 'tremendous food, ten times better than it was normally'. Bryan Wearne recalled the hymn at the start and end of term 'was the worst and the best hymn in the book!' The final Sunday before leaving school – for sixth form boarders at least – was marked by throwing mortar boards off Boscastle Bridge into the river.

'It was fun [at Truro School]...but couldn't wait to leave... [although it was] sad when it all came to an end.'

So far the project has shown how the school played a formative role in the interviewees' lives and that it often it was 'a different world' back then.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the project so far.



Jo Wood
Researcher/Archivist

I am constantly researching and building the TS archives and the Oral History Project is certainly helping to piece together the history of the School. If you would like to take part please let me know. I work part-time on a Thursday and Friday (term time only).

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Lord Myners CO66

Guest of Honour Speech Day 2016

The School were delighted and privileged to welcome Lord Myners as guest of honour for Speech Day in July. After very kindly presenting our students with the many awards and prizes associated speech day, Lord Myners address, amused, amazed and entertained the audience of pupils, former pupils, parents and staff alike. His humour and the tales of his time at Truro School were especially warmly received by our students. Many of our leavers were heard to say afterwards, they felt he was talking directly to them and they certainly enjoyed his renditions of school days – one of the best speeches they could remember. Paul Myners conveyed a message to our students that you can achieve anything you set out to do and that anyone, even if you have not achieved awards or outstanding examination results, can still go on to achieve great things. The prolonged and rousing applause which followed his speech certainly reflected the enjoyment of the audience.

Paul Myners is a former pupil of Truro School and now lives in London but has had a home in Falmouth for over 30 years. He is married to Alison, a Psychotherapist and Chair of The Institute of Contemporary Art, and has 5 children, the youngest of whom has just taken her A levels.

Paul Myners is Chancellor of the University of Exeter and a member of the court of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

He has a first class honours degree in Education and started his working life teaching typewriting in a girls' school in inner London. He then proceeded, via financial journalism with the Daily Telegraph, to a career in the City of London, running one of the largest fund management companies in Europe. He retired from full-time executive employment in his early fifties and then pursued a plural career including Chairing Marks & Spencer, the Guardian Media Group and Land Securities. His non-commercial portfolio included Chairing the Tate, the Low pay commission and membership of the Court of the Bank of England. Paul was also a Director of Singapore's sovereign wealth fund, GIC. He produced reports and led reviews for Conservative, Coalition and Labour governments covering a wide range of public policy issues.

In late 2008 he was appointed a Minister in the government of Gordon Brown, serving the Treasury where he was responsible for managing the recapitalising of the British banking system. He is a partner in Autonomous Research LLP and Chair of Cevian Capital UK and has a number of other directorships including CQS, a quantitative credit investment manager, MegaFon, a Russian mobile telephone company and Rothschild Capital Partners.

We send our thanks and enormous appreciation to Lord Myners and we certainly hope he won't leave it too long before returning to the School again to delight our students and staff with more stories of his time spent here.



Truro School Speech Day Friday 8 July 2016

This year we were very pleased to be able to offer, for the very first time, live streaming of Speech Day and we are pleased to report the event was watched across the globe.

As the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Hall began to fill the audience were treated to musical accompaniment from the Chamber Orchestra playing **Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 2**. This was followed by an Oboe Trio: *Queen of the Night, Mozart* and Saxophone Quartet: *Toccata and Fugue, Bach*.

Reverend Aubin de Gruchy opened the proceedings with prayers followed by Chairman of Governors, **Mr Kim Conchie**, welcoming everyone present.

Headmaster, **Andrew Gordon-Brown**, then addressed the gathering, delivering an account of the past year and thanking a great many people for their help and contribution to the smooth running of the School. The Headmaster also recognised many members of the team who would be leaving Truro School for pastures new or retiring from school life. He then introduced Lord Myners, guest of honour, and invited him to present the numerous prizes and awards which Lord Myners duly did with great gusto and enthusiasm for every individual. Lord Myners was then invited to address the audience.



The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Head Boy, **Tobias Copeland** and Head Girl, **Phoebe Piercy**. After a hymn and prayers by The Chaplain, the morning's events came to a close for another year and were followed by refreshments in the Old Sports Hall.

The Opie Shield

A close competition, this year's winners of the **Opie Shield** were:

School House: 191 points

Closely followed by:

Vinter: 184 points

Smith: 172 ½ points

Wickett: 152 ½ points

2016 Speech Day Cricket Match

Former Pupils v School 1st XI

It was a great end to the term to play the former pupils on the afternoon of speech day. It was lovely to see so many former players and say farewell to those who have represented the school over the past years.

In a very tight game the Former Pupils emerged the victors by six runs. Thanks to all those who turned up to play and special thanks to **Andy Lawrence** and **Chris Rowe** (CO76) for their help on the day.



**Rob Pedley MBE
CO86**

**Guest of Honour
Speech Day
2017**



A message of strength and resilience

Rob Pedley delivered a very personal account of his time at Truro School and since leaving. He told the audience how much he had enjoyed the sport, the teaching and the friendships he made. He was able to speak directly to his parents, via the live broadcast, as they watched from home, sincerely thanking them for the gift of his education. Something he said he had only come to recognise the true value of in his later life. Rob told how after leaving Truro School he didn't really know what he wanted to do, his working life began by moving from job to job, then finally he settled on a career and he joined the Police Force and ultimately became a tactical firearms officer in the West Midlands Force. He dealt daily with gun crime, gangs, drug related crime and shootings. In his leisure time Rob remained a keen sportsman, he would give anything a try and especially enjoyed all outdoor adventure sports. Rob then revealed the details of the snow-boarding accident in 2008 which

left him paralyzed and changed his life forever, affecting all those he was close to. He had broken his back in 4 places; he would not walk again. The audience listened transfixed as he told his story, not in a gloomy melancholy way, but in positive way, explaining how this tragedy, the result of a split second decision, took his life in a completely different direction. He recalled how he had needed to pull on all the resources he had learnt throughout his life in order to summon an inner strength to muster all the courage determination and commitment he could find – something he believes we are all capable of and he made a point of emphasising this to the students. His story was both inspiring and empowering. Rob attributed much of his strength of character to the values he'd learnt at Truro School and which he said continued to shape and have significant bearing on his life every day.

Truro School Speech Day Friday 7 July 2017

The Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Hall filled with excited chatter as parents, former staff, current staff, honoured guests and pupils all took their places. Hush fell as Deputy Head, Emma Ellison, approached the lectern inviting everyone to stand and welcome the platform party. The group entered to the Chamber Orchestra playing: *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*, Handel. Reverend Aubin de Gruchy opened in the usual manner, with prayers and Kim Conchie, Chair of Governors, delivered an inspiring and personal welcome speech in which he remarked that his time at Truro School, as a parent, was coming to an end. In his role as Chair of Governors (in which he would continue), Kim reflected on both the good and the difficult times of the past year, but spoke of the strengths and resilience of Truro School, focussing upon the positive and bright future ahead.

Andrew Gordon-Brown addressed the gathering with a vibrant account of the past year and whilst bidding farewell to those members of staff leaving at the end of the summer term, he also recognised long-standing members of staff both past and present. He highlighted individuals, thanking them for their loyalty, tireless efforts and hard work and for devoting many years of service to Truro School. After summarising all the amazing achievements of the last year and sharing exciting plans for the future, it was time to say "good-bye" to the Upper Sixth Leavers. With his customary words of "Go Well" The Headmaster wished them, good luck and much success with their onward journey, quoted the wise words of another former pupil, the late Kirit Patel, MBE (CO67), "*Aspire to achieve the impossible - Build a network of support - Never stop learning - Respect and care for people.*" Drawing to a close The Headmaster introduced Rob Pedley (CO86), the 2017 Speech Day

Guest of Honour to present the Speech Day awards. Rob warmly presented the 2017 prize winners with their gifts and trophies. With the long list complete the final award as always; the Opie Shield won again by **School House**.

School: 156 points
Vinter: 145 points
Smith: 138 points
Wickett: 121 points

Rob Pedley then delivered an inspiring speech which was followed by a musical interlude by the Upper Sixth Ensemble: *Cross the Wide Missouri* (Traditional American Folksong) arranged by D Bisig and M D Palmer.



As usual with Speech Day tradition *The Vote of Thanks* was given by Head Boy, **Edward Myers** and Head Girl, **Maria Chart**. The Chaplain, Rev Aubin de Gruchy closed proceedings with the Final Benediction after the hymn *Mine eyes have seen the glory*, Julia Ward Howe. And so we look forward to 2018.

Rob has been advised to retire after his accident, but instead he worked hard on his recovery and gained a teaching qualification enabling him to begin a new career (still with West Midlands Police Force) fighting crime through inner city schools. By talking and educating young people, explaining how poor split second decisions can change lives, drawing on his own experiences and working with others who have suffered through tragedy, Rob has made an enormous difference. He is not angry; he is positive, happy and enthusiastic for life and this message came across in his speech despite the fact that there were many damp eyes in the house. Rob explained that in his darkest hours, he had never dreamed he would or could achieve so much after his accident. In 2016 Rob received an MBE in the Queens 90th Birthday Honours, awarded for his outstanding work with inner city communities.

Rob addressed the students but especially the Upper Sixth leavers, telling them that they too possessed this kind of determination and the power to succeed in whatever life sent their way. They may not yet realise how well their Truro School education, and the bonds of friendships they had made during this time, would equip them for the future, but they must believe they too possessed such inner strength. They must make the choice to use the values and tools they have been given to the best of their ability. Life, Rob said, is all about choices. Finally, he thanked all the parents for making the choice of Truro School for their children and thanked the teachers and staff for choosing their profession and for their commitment to all the pupils. As he ended his speech and wished all the students success for the future he was given a lengthy standing ovation from everyone in the room.

2016 TSFPA Annual Reunion Dinner

Saturday 10 September 2016

The evening was enjoyed by 125 former pupils and guests from a variety of year groups. They ranged from the seniors who left in 1948, to those more recent leavers from 2010, as well as former and current staff. The Decennial years specifically being celebrated at this years' event were classes of 06, 96, 76, 66 and of course all our seniors.

"The atmosphere was lovely with lots of laughter as former pupils and staff recalled their time at Truro School."

The evening started with pre-dinner drinks in the Heath Hall with musical accompaniment provided by our Music Department, the Schools Saxophone Ensemble and Clarinet Choir under the directorship of Rebecca Brenton. At 7.30 the gathering was called to order by Headmaster, **Andrew Gordon-Brown**, using the old School gong encouraging everyone to take their seats in the Old Dining Hall. The School Latin Grace was

delivered by TSFPA Committee member and former pupil, **Gerald Chegwidden** (TS 1950-1958). Catering Manager, **David Connolly** and his wonderful catering team served a *Traditional Cornish Menu*, including salmon followed by chicken with a red pepper sauce and French apple tart which was enjoyed by everyone.

TSFPA Chairman **Graham Murdoch** (CO81) said: *The Committee were delighted with the attendance this year, which has gone from strength to strength. The increased interest in Decennial Reunions has helped to encourage former pupils to keep in touch and to visit Truro School.*

Researcher and Archivist **Jo Wood** arranged another fabulous power-point display and booklet which included pictures of the School in days gone by, former staff, with sporting and drama photographs depicting many of those in attendance.

The evening was rounded off by former pupil **David George**, (CO76) and BBC Spotlight reporter, who very kindly delivered the after dinner speech, relating stories from his career in journalism.



2016 Leavers v School 1st XV Rugby

Saturday 10 September 2016

On Saturday 10 September, the 1st XV played the annual opening match of the season against the Former Pupils (2016 Leavers). In front of a large crowd, the game proved to be very competitive and at half-time the school led 10-7 courtesy of a try by Sam Haywood and a conversion and penalty from impressive fly-half Will Hooper. Hugo Page scored a try from close range for the Former Pupils, converted by Matt Poole.

The 1st XV made six replacements during the second half and increased their lead through a superb solo effort by U16 player **Troy Sixton**, converted by Hooper who also landed another penalty. An excellent defensive effort in particular against older and bigger opponents laid the foundation for an impressive 20-7 win for the school.

"The Committee were delighted with the attendance this year, which has gone from strength to strength. The increased interest in Decennial Reunions has helped to encourage former pupils to keep in touch and to visit Truro School."

Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, attended with his wife, Harriet and chatted with TSFPA Committee members, former staff members, former pupils and their guests. He very much enjoyed hearing stories from some of the seniors and said: *The atmosphere was lovely with lots of laughter as former pupils and staff recalled their time at Truro School.*

It was lovely to welcome back some much loved familiar faces too, including former Headmaster **Guy Dodd** and his wife **Helen**, **Brian** and **Lorna Jackson**, **Alan Monks** and **Ann Weeks**.

We very much hope to see many of the guests returning again for the 2017 dinner and perhaps some new faces too. Although the 2017 Annual Dinner will celebrate the classes of 07, 97, 87, 77, 67 and all our seniors, **all** former pupils and guests are encouraged to attend and will be assured of a warm welcome.





If you are a member of this year group and would like to be reunited with your former class mates, please get in touch by contacting tsfpa@truroschool.com or write to us at **Truro School Development Office**, as Richard Stevenson and friends are keen to make contact with any fellow pupils from this era.

When we were 70!

On Saturday 1 October 2016 the 4th Reunion of the Classes of 1962- 64 took place at Truro School reuniting 56 former pupils, wives and partners, former teaching and support staff. This group of former pupils started Truro School in 1957, some aged 11, some aged 13 and a number were entered into the accelerated programme – hence the variation in the class of year.

The first of these reunions took place in 1996 when the group celebrated reaching the age of 50(ish) and was brought together mainly by the efforts of Mr **Richard Stevenson** (TS 1957 - 1962).

Richard tells how it all began: *In 1995 Catherine and I went on holiday to the Isles of Scilly and Cornwall where we met up with my old school friends like Andrew Julian, KAT Low, Francis Hicks and John Bourdeaux for the first time since I left school in 1962. In Truro we met James Vage and we considered the possibility of holding a reunion in the following year when we would all be 50. Mr Dodd, headmaster at the time, invited us to hold the reunion at school using the chapel and the dining room. Between us we tracked down 73 from our year of which 49, many with partners, attended the reunion. It was such a success that it was suggested we hold another reunion in 2006 when we were 60 and so we did. When I suggested that we all meet up again at 70 in 2016, KAT Low said that we might not make it to 70! So we decided to hold the next reunion when we all reached 65 in 2011,*

when Paul Smith hosted the evening. And that brings us up to 2016 when we were 70.

Attendees travelled from far and wide – Australia, Canada and New Zealand, as well as all across the UK including the Scilly Isles, especially to attend the reunion and meet up again with their old friends. The day began at noon, meeting in the School Chapel, welcomed by **Nicky Berridge**, Development Manager. Headmaster, **Andrew Gordon-Brown**, hosted lunch in the Heath Dining Hall. After a busy afternoon, watching rugby, touring the School and Truro, everyone returned for pre-dinner drinks (courtesy of the TSFPA) followed by dinner at 7.30 pm in the School Dining Hall hosted again by Andrew Gordon-Brown. The Celebration of Cornish Fare created by **Mr David Connolly** and his catering team, was highly praised by everyone.

Nicky Berridge said: *This was such an enjoyable day. It was a long time in the planning with Richard and I exchanging many emails so it was nice to finally meet him and Catherine and put faces to all the names. Everyone was so warm and friendly, it was an absolute pleasure to be involved. We heard some wonderful stories and I am so looking forward to them all returning again for reunion number 5.*

A final word from Richard: *Another successful reunion held at Truro School and roll on 2021 when with a bit of luck and a following wind we will be 75!*

2016 London Networking Reunion

A word (and quote or 2) from Paul Smith

It was a real delight to meet so many former pupils at the recent reunion in London and a great credit to Nicky Berridge that so many responded to her invitation to gather together over drinks and nibbles.

Kathy and I particularly enjoyed meeting so many from our time at Truro School and are proud to hear what a great success many are making of their lives. It is a reflection of the exceptional quality of the education provided at Truro School that so many confident, poised and interesting young men and women have embarked on their careers in the city, in such a wide variety of professions such as law, finance, physiotherapy, architecture, music and modelling! However it was even more heartening to hear that the friendships forged in Cornwall are flourishing in the "big city" and providing a bulwark against the modern challenges of employment uncertainties, high rents and university debt.

The East India Club provided a suitable venue for such an august gathering and, as would be expected, prompts me to a quote or two...

"Friendship improves happiness and abates misery, by doubling our joy, and dividing our grief" Joseph Addison

"If you throw a ball. You hope it will reach a wall and bounce back so you can throw it again. You hope your friends will provide that wall" Pablo Picasso

We are sure that the Truro School Former Pupils Association will continue to provide just such a wall and we look forward to future opportunities to stay in touch and offer an open invitation to any who remember us to visit our new home in Suffolk.

Paul Smith, (TS Former Headmaster 2001-2012)



The 2017 London Networking Reunion will take place at The East India Club on **Thursday 12 October 2017**. We are delighted to say that **Paul and Kathy Smith** will be

hosting the event again and this year will be joined by current Headmaster, **Andrew Gordon-Brown**, Nancy Kenward, Head of Careers, and Jane Rainbow, Co-Head Sixth Form.

Please let us know if you would like to come along:

Email: tsfpa@truroschool.com or telephone **Katy** on 01872 246094.





2017 Easter Sports Fixtures

On Saturday 15 April former pupils returned to Truro School for the traditional Easter Sports Fixtures. We were delighted that the TSFPA matches were able to take place this year thanks to the great response from our alumni. The day began with football in the morning, organised by Glynn Hooper, bringing together 14 former pupils to tackle the Truro School current team. Hockey and Rugby matches were played in the afternoon, with 14 hockey players (plus Truro Hockey Club players) and 25 rugby players participating. Everyone gathered afterwards in the Heath Dining Hall, for a hot pastry, a few drinks and a lot of reminiscing.

Matt Mullaly - CO86 and member of the TSFPA Committee worked closely with the Development Office and helped enormously with the planning of the rugby match. The players were divided into the Smickett (Smith and Wickett) and Schinter (School and Vinter) teams and at the end of a hard fought battle Schinter were the victors, 4 tries to 2. Matt ran the former pupils rugby club for some years and was able to encourage former pupils to take part and reported on the game afterwards:

Another group of talented sportsman are emerging into the Truro School Former Pupil Rugby Club and were

able to get a decent run out and play some encouraging open rugby. We were fortunate to be refereed by **Darren Beconsall** (a current parent) who was alarmingly knowledgeable and left us in no doubt about his interpretation of being offside at the ruck. There were a number of former players on the side lines supporting, I hope they will join in next year.

Former Pupil rugby players:

Ben Andrews CO10
Andrew Chilcott CO93
Tom Collinge CO08
Adam Crocker CO08
William Doble CO05
Gordon Dunne CO10

Oliver Edmond CO16
Andrew Gaukroger CO12
Freddie Gleadowe CO10
Jack Gleadowe CO14
Charlie Goldsmith CO10
Joseph Hicks CO08
Max Holdsworth CO12
Lee Humphreys CO14
Harry Lobb CO14
Lister Metcalfe CO98
Thomas Morcom CO12
Jack Mulcahy CO12
Matthew Mullaly CO86
Andrew Munro-Lott CO14
Charlie Pendarves CO12
James Pooley CO12
Harry Somers CO06
James Twist CO13
Ross Wolhuter CO06

Former Parent

As I write this it's hard to believe that almost a year has passed since that round of 'lasts' in Ellie's life – her last lesson, her last exam (hooray!), her last assembly, her last speech day. However, her bond with many of the people she came to know in her 12 years at Truro School will continue for years to come.

Ellie started in year 3 at the Prep, and we remember our very first Hall for Cornwall concert that same year. Ellie sang in the choir, loving the music, and then we all sat, transfixed, as we listened to the musicians at the 'big' school. They seemed so grown up and their musicianship and confidence so inspiring. As a family of





Players and supporters gathered afterwards for well-earned refreshments in the Heath Dining Hall and Jayne Grigg, Director of Admissions and Development commented: It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces returning to school to get involved in the sport and also those who came along to support them. It is too easy to stand in the Heath Hall, looking around, imagining that somebody has wound back the clock - until I spot they are holding beer cans!

The Development Office would like to thank all the players for making the day such a success and to all the supporters who braved the chilly weather - we look forward to bringing everyone together again next year.

Our thanks go to **Amy Cadwell** (née Tall) - CO10 who, although was unable to take part on the day, helped to organise Former Pupils and an opposing team from Truro Hockey Club. The hockey match was enjoyed by everyone despite the Former Pupil kit mysteriously going astray from the changing room before the match and equally mysteriously re-appearing after the game! The score ended on 7-6 to Truro Hockey Club.

Former Pupil hockey players:

Peter Ashworth CO09
Kiran Bhardwaj CO12
Jack Carr CO11
Vicky Funke CO02
Charles Hatcher CO16
Charles Homer CO10
Alex Maidwell-Smith CO11
Jane Mitchell CO02
Alexander Money CO02
Jordan Pascoe CO12
Alexander Reed CO09
Simon Reed CO02
Luke Rugg CO12
Neil Stevenson CO12

Match report by Glynn

Hooper: **Gus Angilley** who captained the 1st XI from 2014 - 2016 had put a strong Former Pupil squad together.

In the early exchanges they showed some real quality and could have taken the lead through **James McCabe**, but he blazed his shot wide.

The 2nd half started with the 1st XI playing with much more purpose as they recognised they needed to be at their best if they were to beat the talented Former Pupil team.

With 10 minutes to go the 1st XI changed their formation to try and win the game.

This had the desired effect as **Mike Austin** reacted well to a long ball and finished with a calmness he has shown all term.

It was a great advert for football at Truro School and a thoroughly enjoyable one. It was also lovely to welcome **Simon Collinge** and **Mark Nicholas** back to run the Former Pupil team.

Former Pupil football team:

Gus Angilley CO16
Matt Collinge CO11
Sam Cumins CO16
James Deiraniya CO14
Ben Ellis CO16
Seb Firth CO16
Tom Franklin CO16
Charlie Hatcher CO16
James McCabe CO12
Mike McKelvey CO16
Danny Park CO18
Sam Read CO11
Toby Robinson CO15
James Walker CO16

music lovers, we felt confident that Ellie's time at Truro School would be full of wonderful experiences and great opportunities.

Roll on 12 years, and there was Ellie, all grown up, playing at the Hall for Cornwall, Principal Oboe of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain and with a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music. She was so fortunate to have wonderful teachers, not just Tamsin Robinson for oboe, but across so many subjects.

But there was so much more to her time at Truro School than music and studying. In the lower school on Wednesday afternoons, she would go surfing. She also tried sewing, ceramics and football. Coming from the South East, with its hothouses and focus on academic and only academic, it was a breath of fresh air to come across a place where Wednesday afternoons were given over to fun!

I think Ellie would look back on her sixth form as her favourite time, where new friendships were made and old ones deepened over coffee in the café. She got to study her beloved English literature and Russian history in detail, but also loved going to the gym, sailing, partying with friends (all those eighteenths!) and the increased sense of independence.

My final memory of Ellie at Truro School – for now – was with her group of friends, dancing and laughing at the Leavers' Ball. There they were, warm, confident and happy young people saying farewell to a wonderful chapter of their lives, and prepared, ready and excited to start writing the next one.

Helen Sullivan

2016 Afternoon Tea Reunion

We were delighted to welcome almost 100 guests to the 2016 Afternoon Tea Reunion on Friday 15 April 2016. A cream tea (wonderfully prepared by Truro School catering department) and much conversation was enjoyed by all.

Our guests included 63 former pupils, most of whom attended the School prior to 1960, and they brought along wives and partners to enjoy the afternoon.

Jo Wood, School Researcher and Archivist, provided a large amount of material which was thoroughly appreciated by everyone, including, old school uniform, photograph albums, sports pictures, school newsletters, dinner menus and much more. Many guests went away with copies of photographs to show their grand-children and just as many brought pictures with them to share with us

Guests came from far and wide, from Penzance to London and one even came from New Zealand. **Mr Grainger Brown** (TS 1946-1955), who now lives in New Zealand and was holidaying in Cornwall. We had lost touch with Mr Brown and so he had not received an official invitation but arrived to ask if he could look around the School and take some photographs. Having explained he would have been on the guest list if we had had an email or address, Mr Brown was warmly welcomed and afterwards emailed to say: *Thank you for a great unexpected Friday afternoon. I am really pleased to see that Truro School is in good fettle.*



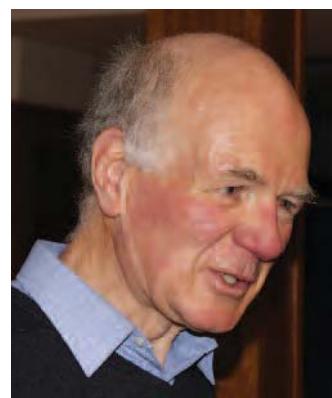
We have received so many thank you letters and emails conveying how much everyone enjoyed the afternoon, including from Reverend Anthony Watts (TS 1958-1965) who emailed afterwards to say:

I enjoyed the whole afternoon. It was very good to meet up in particular with Cyril Harding (TS 1958-1965) and John Platts (TS 1958-1966) from my year and reminisce about rugby teams and the like as well as to hear of their lives since leaving Truro. I also enjoyed meeting others from earlier years and hearing their accounts of school days.

Perhaps the most significant part of the afternoon for me was an unexpected sense of being part of such a rich and far reaching story that involves and continues to involve and touch so many people. I left with a greater sense of appreciation of the story and of what the school means to me and gratitude for it. Thank you for helping to bring that about.

Mr Paul Bourdeaux (TS 1949-1956) wrote: *Thank you so much for arranging such a great afternoon. It was so good to meet up with very old friends and swap life experiences. From conversations it was clear that Truro School played an important role in our later successes.*

Mr George Bassett (TS 1951-1956) wrote: *A superb day. Long time since I've had as much fun. The School looks great. Thank you.*





2017 Afternoon Tea Reunion

On Friday 7 April, 80 former pupils and their guests filled the Truro School Dining Hall for the Annual Afternoon Tea Reunion. This year the reunion was celebrating all those who left Truro School before 1965. The TSFPA and the Development Office team would like to thank everyone who came along and made it such a fantastic day. Many of the faces were familiar but we also welcomed some new ones who were greeting old friends again for the first time in very many years. Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown warmly welcomed all the visitors, sharing news of the School and stories from previous former pupil reunions. We were delighted to be joined by former members of teaching staff including, Brian Jackson and Former Headmaster, Guy Dodd.

Once again Jo Wood, school archivist and researcher, delighted everyone by producing another exceptional archive display including an interesting selection of

memorabilia specific to many of the former pupils' time at Truro. Jo also prepared a power-point presentation of photographs sent in over the years by many former pupils which was played throughout the afternoon. The presentation was transferred to DVD and was given to each former pupil as a little memento.

As always David Connolly and the Truro School catering team didn't disappoint, supplying a beautiful spread of scones, jam and clotted cream, washed down with copious amounts of tea and coffee.

The Afternoon Tea Reunion has become one of the favourite events in the Truro School Former Pupils Association calendar and as they left many guests were asking the date for next year. We are very happy to say we have already set the date which will be **Friday 6 April 2018**. We look forward to welcoming you all again.



Truro School Leavers

We welcome the following GCSE and A Level 2015 leavers to the TSFPA. To receive alumni news and stay in touch, please update your contact details with the Truro School Former Pupils' Association by emailing tsfpa@truroschool.com or visiting <http://www.truroschool.com/senior/about-us/former-pupils/truro-school-alumni-census/>. 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 2016

Richard Allison	Natasha Dolan	Luke Hawley	Elizabeth Lawrence	Nikitas Papacalodoucas	James Stevenson
Augustus Angilley	Alysia Draper	Carissa Ho	Bethany Lee	Curtis Pay	Alysia Stringer
Oliver Baker	Max Dyer	Andrew Hodding	Finley Lees-Matthews	Alice Paynter	Eleanor Sullivan
Harvey Bayley-Skinner	Oliver Edmond	Jacob Holmes	Kieron Li	Imogen Penny	Patrick Thomas
Oliver Bird	Angus Edmondson	Daniel Hubble	Oscar Lloyd-Laney	Phoebe Piercy	Lucy Turriff
Toby Broadhead	Ben Ellis	Jonathan Hunkin	Francis Lowry	Matthew Poole	Charles Upton
Claudia Brown	Laura Ellis	Bromley Hurn	Annabel MacKinlay	Robert Pryce	Hannah Vanstone
Timothy Caklais	Georgiana Ewart	Sebastian Hurry	Bethany Masters	Rory Pugh	James Walker
Veronica Chow	Sophie Fergusson	Dominic Jarvis	Michael McKelvey	Heng Qiu	James Wason
Octavia Copeland	Rebecca Fisher-Jackson	Benjamin Jenkins	Otto Mead	Harry Revell	Peter Watson
Tobias Copeland	Tom Franklin	Julia Jones	William Mitchell	Georgia Rowe	Alice Wen
Talan Cracknell	Robert Grigg	Oliver Jones	Nathaniel Moosavinia	Agne Rudzikaita	Eloise Williams
Samuel Cumins	Ella Haase	Sara Kidd	Ankie Ng	Millie Sampson	Brian Wong
Euan Davidson	Alexander Hardman	Anvesh Kumar	Lauren Nilsson	Erin Sawyer	Abigail Wood
Jemima Davison	Charles Hatcher	Olujide Kuti	Megan Orpe	Sneha Sen	Billie Wood
Oliver Dobbs		Christy Law	Edgar Page	Matthew Shaw	Abbie Young

Valetes

Staff Leavers 2016

Ashley Burt Resident Caretaker	Michael Forrester Religious Studies Teacher	Ian Kenyon Head of Geology (Stepping down as Head of Department but still continuing to teach part-time)	Simon Latarche Music Teacher / Head of Year	Claire Nineham History Teacher
Simon Collinge Mathematics Teacher / Head of Year	Tim Gerard Resident Caretaker	Matthew Lovett Headmaster of Truro Prep School	Matthew Lovett Headmaster of Truro Prep School	Sonia Tucker Payroll Administrator
Sarah Eastburn Assistant Head of Mathematics	Mark Huckle Head of Religious Studies	Tessa Nichols Head of Marketing	Tessa Nichols Head of Marketing	Victoria Vyvyan English / Drama Teacher



Upper Sixth Class of 2017

Darryl Afrifa	Helena Clark-Davies	Samuel Haywood	Mollie Martin	Maisie Read	Rianna Snow
Daniel Alford	Chloe Collenette	Rory Heard	Rohin Mathew	Phoebe Reynolds	Isaac Solomon
Athena Angilley	William Colton-Taylor	Tegan Hooper	Caitlin Maxwell	Luke Richardson	Stan Somers
Simon Aydarov	Florence Conchie	William Hooper	Oliver May	Alex Riley	Chloe Spindler
Henry Balkwill-Ruddick	Jamie Craze	Nicholas Howes	Christopher McCabe	Simon Riley	Oliver Stewart
Sophie Ball	Willem Curran	Penelope Hsu	Lilly Menear	Thomas Rimmington	Edward Stratton
Guy Batten	Alana Dalton	Lucia Hudson	Lilly Moore	Kitty Rolls	James Straw
Daniel Boden-Dodd	John Dalton	Thomas Hurley	Paul Morris	Alistair Ross	Hetty Tetley
Tristan Bowden-Freeman	Connor Davidson	Jack Irving	Maiya-Jade Murray	Bradley Rowe	Sophie Thomas
Lily Boyes-Hunter	Oliver Davies	Lucy Jenkins	Edward Myers	Charlotte Rowe	Sophia Thompson
Jenna Bray	Calum Dunn-Rundle	Lucy Johns	Yuki Ng	Bethany Rutter	Anna Trew
Charlotte Brenton	Imogen Eddison	Matthew Johns	Sophie Nicholls	Jasmine Savage	Jennifer Twist
Thomas Burgess	Elliot Edmondson	Adam King	Oliver Norris	Tessa Shaw	James Venning
Thomas Cary	Amy Ellis	Patrick Lane	Justin Or	Edward Sidebotham	Piran Venton
Maria Chart	Sebastian Firth	Olivia Laskowski	Lowena Paling	Sean Silcock	Gabriel Vyvyan
Hector Chiu	Torin Gillies	Sasha Lawrence	Lara Petty	Jewel Simpfendorfer	Ross Warren
Alan Choy	Jack Goldsmith	Abigail Leigh	Matthew Pitman	Eden Sixton	Harry Whinney
Jack Clark	Joshua Hart	Molly Leigh	India-Rose Preston	Jarod Smokvina	Madeleine White
	Edward Hatcher	Bethany Leighfield	Lily Lovell	George Sneesby	Bethany Williams
			Ruairi Mannall		Johnny Wood
					Sophia Wright

Staff Leavers 2017

Briony Armstrong Admissions Assistant	Nick Fisher Deputy Head (Academic)	Jenny Keymer Music Administrator	Mark Nicholas PE & Games/ Biology, Teacher and Deputy, Houseparent (Poltisco)	Michelle Santelli Facilities Assistant	Michael Verran Maintenance Manager
Claire Bennett Teacher of Mathematics	Patrick Harty Biology Teacher	Alicia Livingstone Head of Classics	Genevieve Rosier MFL Teacher	Nichola Sherriff Business Development Manager	Sarah Wheatley HR Manager
Debra Bone School Office Administrator	Barry Holding Swimming Pool Manager	Margareta Lugg Exam Access Assessor	Andrew Sampson Teacher of Religious Studies / EPQ Co-Ordinator	Harriet Thompson Director of Student Progression	Graham Whitmore Director of Sport
James Chew Physics Teacher	Ruth Huckle Music Teacher			Samuel Tomlinson Teacher of History	

Obituaries

Norman James BEALE (TS 1947–1950)
Peter BERRINGTON (TS 1927–1932)
Colin Graham Lindsay BEVERIDGE (TS 1930–1940)
Julyan Francis BUNNEY (TS 1936–1943)
Keith Terence (Terry) CLOTWORTHY (TS 1966–1972)
John Michael COCK (TS 1945–1948)
Thomas Brian (Reverend) COLEMAN (TS 1964–1973, Chaplain to Truro School)
David Gerry FERRY (TS 1950–1959)
Thomas Pearce FIDDICK (TS 1937–1943)
Sean FLANNERY (TS 1979–1983)
Edgar Thomas Edwin (Ted) GUNDROY (TS 1943–1949)
Michael HARDY (TS 1953–1958)
Lady Mary HOLBOROW (Former Governor 1979–1988)
Clifford John Walters (John) HOSKEN (TS 1949–1954)
Richard Alan JORY (TS 1956–1959)
John Spencer KENDON (TS 1934–1939)
Nigel John MALLETT (TS 1957–1968)
David MENHENNET (CB, D Phil) (TS 1940–1947)
John Stuart MORRIS (TS 1954–1959, Former Teaching Staff)
Alexandra Grace (Alex) NEW (TS 2002–2006)
Michael NEWMAN (TS 1949–1952)
Kirit PATEL (MBE) (TS 1967–1969)
Alan Charles REYNOLDS (TS 1973–1980)
Stuart ROLLS (TS 1989–1997)
Dennis Gordon SALT (TS 1941–1939)
Philip George SMITH (TS 1957–1964)
Peter Jerry SOLOMON (TS 1948–1953)
Antony Charles THOMAS (CBE, FSA) (TS 1977–1990, Former Governor)
Nicholas James (Nick) THOMAS (TS 1980–1987)
Roger Michael TREWHELLA (TS 1967–1971)
Edward John TREWIN (TS 1943–1950)
Jack TRIGGS (1980–2003 Former Teaching Staff)
Christopher John (Judge) TROMANS (MA, FRSA) (TS 1953–1960 Former Pupil, Former Governor)
Robert Owen VINCENT (TS 1957–1966)
John David Repton WILLDAY (TS 1944–1950)
William Henry (Bill) WILLIAMS (TS 1936–1941)
George WILLIAMS (CBE) (TS 1930–1936)
Christopher Lionel WOOSEY (TS 1951–1956)

Obituary Tributes

Reverend Brian COLEMAN (TS 1964–73) Chaplain to Truro School

Brian Coleman was born in Walls End, the son of a Methodist Minister. He loved studying whilst at school but also found time for the piano and became an outstanding pianist and organist able to turn his hand to both classical music and Jazz. He was Head Boy at Whitcliffe Mount Grammar School (Dorothy, his wife, was also a Head Girl!). He was quite an athlete and held the school record for high jump and long jump for several years. He was the school's Victor Ludorum. Besides this, he was also captain of Rugby and Athletics. In his final year he won all six athletics events that he entered.



After school he joined the RAF where he worked in the mapping department, travelling to both India and Iceland where one of his highlights was playing the organ of Reykjavik Cathedral. During the war he played for the Swing-commanders, Dance band of Coastal Command. After the war he went to Leeds University to study Theology. He could talk several languages including French, Hebrew and Latin. He trained for the ministry at Headingly.

He met Dorothy when he was 27. They both loved music, the church and walking. (Well Dorothy loved classical music and was never too sure about the jazz!) They got married at Worsley Methodist church in 1950. Family holidays were invariably spent at Methodist Guild Holiday homes with most Christmases spent at Treloyan Manor in St Ives.

Brian ministered in several churches in the North West and Lois, his daughter arrived whilst Brian was at Luddenden Methodist Church, near Halifax. He moved on to a ministry in Bath where son John (TS former pupil 1964–1973) arrived on the scene. Next he was asked to go to Caversham where he looked after two churches. These were happy days but back then ministers were expected to spend only 5 years in each church. Brian was then asked to go into the chaplaincy, and so he came to Truro School where he stayed for nine years: the happiest years of his life. Brian was able to put both ministry and music to good use. Brian and Dorothy built a huge circle of friends gaining the love and respect of many. They ran an open house and the boys from Truro School were always made welcome. On Sunday evenings Brian and Dorothy entertained boys, Brian with his piano playing, Dorothy with her food and chocolate being a high spot!

In 1973 Brian and Dorothy were asked to go to Bournemouth, to Punshion Memorial (a grand church on the sea front, now gone...) After four years here they went back into the chaplaincy at Woodhouse Grove School, another Methodist school at Yeadon, near Bradford. Missing Cornwall, and the good friends they had made there, they came back to join the St Mawes circuit living in Probus and looking after 8 country chapels.

Brian retired at 64 and the whole family moved to Carey Park in Truro. Brian remained on the circuit plan and preached nearly every Sunday and, of course, remained very involved in music. During his years of ministry he wrote several published hymns and he occasionally did Prayer for the Day on BBC radio 4

Brian was approachable, a good listener, yet humble and charming. He considered goodness, truth, humility and loyalty to be very important. It's probably true to say that he expressed his emotions best when at the piano rather than the pulpit. He didn't bash the bible (as some may have wished) but opened it, studied it, and invited others to gain a deeper understanding of its contents, and he did this in a reflective and questioning way. Brian was an academic first and foremost and spent many hours in the study, preparing sermons - he always wrote a new sermon and never reworked an old one – and the school benefitted hugely from his preaching, his music, his unquestioning loyalty and his love and guidance.

Tribute written by: John Brian Coleman

John (Clifford John Walter) HOSKEN (TS 1949–56)

John sadly died in March 2016, so is deprived of the opportunity to tell you himself how he valued his time at Truro School. However, after almost 38 years of marriage, enjoying listening to him recalling his years at Truro, I hope I can say what he would have wanted to say.



John was enormously proud to have been at the school. Whenever asked about his youth he'd talk about Cornwall and Truro School. He felt very fortunate to have had the chance to go to Truro as one of the first intake of scholarship boys. That must have been in 1948, when he was coming up to his eleventh birthday. I think there were 7 scholarship boys and 6 of them – as I remember – were from Bosvigo School in Truro, which speaks highly of Bosvigo's teaching.

I've read of other public schools where, when the scholarship scheme was launched it was looked on as an experiment, boys might be made to feel inferior or

considered to be 'guinea pigs'. This was definitely not the case at Truro school, for John or the other scholarship boys. He used to tell me about his first day at the school, and how he was greeted by one of the boys who had been at the junior school – Treliste? – who had played against John in a school cricket match and welcomed him as a 'jolly good cricketer'.

John – Clifford John Walters Hosken, John to family and friends, Hosken CJW at school - had a very high regard for the education he received at Truro School. Throughout his life he often drew on facts he'd learned in a particular class. He singled out History and English classes, and frequently talked about 'Bert' Willday, his English teacher. He had great respect for Mr Willday, and was inspired by his teaching. In fact John went on to become a journalist. His first job was on The West Briton, later he was on the Western Morning News in Plymouth, the Daily Herald in Manchester and the BBC in London where he was the Radio Industrial Correspondent, later Radio's Aviation and Environment Correspondent, a State Occasion Commentator on all major State Occasions (the State Opening of Parliament, the National Service of Remembrance at The Cenotaph, and the Papal Mass in Coventry amongst them) and made a number of radio documentaries, especially for BBC World Service, plus having three series of his own show on Radio 2. He took great pride in the good use of English, bearing in mind Mr Willday's insistence that the boys must never use the verb 'To Get' in any essays they did for him!

Of course I also heard about the grievances! That Truro was a Rugby playing school and John wanted to play football. His petition for boys to play football, with a large number of signatures, was tossed onto the ground by the Sports teacher, so I'm told, and trampled underfoot. He wasn't inclined to be part of the Rugby tradition, and managed to get sent off, or otherwise avoid playing.

John felt hugely honoured when, in 1984, he was asked by the headmaster, Derek Burrell, to address the boys at the Annual Speech Day in St Mary's Church. For a Truro School scholarship boy (and a local Truro boy) this was the chance to say publicly how much he valued his time at Truro School. He was able to share with the boys and their guests some special memories, and to encourage the boys to make the most of their time at the school. The fact that he spotted Mr Willday in the audience was an unexpected pleasure.

I know from so many conversations with John over many years how important a part the school, its teachers and his fellow pupils played in John's life.

From all I've heard, I can say that he looked on it as a happy and fulfilling part of his life, and was always grateful to the school for the education and opportunities it gave him.

On John's behalf, let me say 'Thank you Truro School'.

Tribute written by: Mrs Gillian Hosken

Obituary Tributes

David MENHENNET (TS 1940–47)

David was a Cornishman, from a Redruth family, who won a scholarship to Truro School and travelled daily by train from his home. When he was in the Sixth Form he was a boarder at the School for some time. He won an open scholarship to Oriel College, Oxford, to read Modern Languages and after two years' National Service in the Navy (he never went to sea)

he went to Oriel in 1949. He enjoyed his time in Oxford and was awarded a First Class Honours Degree in French and German in 1952.

He was interested in an academic career at that time and so he did research into Bernadin de Saint-Pierre (French writer and botanist) and Classical Romanticism in the early Nineteenth Century. He was awarded the Zaharoff Graduate Scholarship (for DPhil in French, University of Oxford) from Oriel and the Queens College Laming Travelling Junior Fellowship, studying for 2 years in Oxford and at Le Havre, Paris where Bernadin's manuscripts were. He continued studying on a part time basis and completed his thesis in 1959 when he was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy Degree by Oxford University.

In the meantime he had seen an advertisement for the post of Library Clerkship in the House of Commons Library and he decided to apply. He was appointed to the position and began working there in September 1954. He became Deputy Librarian in 1967 and the Librarian in 1976. He was Librarian for 15 years during which time the Library's remit widened. Many more staff were employed and the services the Library offered increased considerably. David's work was very varied. He began as a Research Officer for MP's in a non-political sense, he then became Head of the Research Section of the Library, and as the Library expanded he became involved in the administration, liaising with other departments within the House of Commons. He retired from the Library in 1991 and was awarded a CB Honour for his service to the Library and the House of Commons. At this time the Library provided an established Public Information Service, the Vote Office, a full computerised system, and research divisions which included, science, agriculture, social policy, European Union, International Relations and Home Affairs, et al.

David loved every minute of his working life at the House of Commons and had many friends amongst staff and Members of Parliament, but he never lost his love for Cornwall and the sea. David and I were married for 61 years and together spent many holidays in the county. He was living in Bishop's Stortford when he died on February 5th 2016.

Tribute written by: Audrey Menhennet,



John Stuart MORRIS (TS 1954–59)

Former pupils were sad to hear of the death of John Stuart Morris who taught German and French at the School from 1954 to 1959.

John was educated at Christ's Hospital, the Bluecoat School near Horsham. In 1950 he won a place at Queen's College, Oxford, to study German and French. On graduating, he was appointed to teach German and French language and literature at Truro, as a young colleague of Cyril Wilkes. A man of peace, John had objected to National Service on grounds of conscience, and he went straight into teaching.



John was a born teacher, engaging, enthusiastic and energetic. For 4th formers just starting German, he swiftly brought to life the austere pages and Fraktur typeface of Deutsches Leben, the textbook then in use. The Second World War was still fresh in everyone's mind, but John was proactive in organising exchange visits with schools in Frankfurt. Former pupils will also remember with gratitude the warm hospitality shown by John, his German-born wife Maria and their very young family at their home in Truro, which gave pupils an opportunity to place their German studies in a congenial and authentic setting.

After leaving Truro, John taught at schools in Bristol, Walsall and Oxford. In 1973 he was appointed as Headmaster of Eastbourne Grammar School for Boys and later oversaw its merger with the High School for Girls. He became Principal of Eastbourne Sixth Form College in 1979 and retired from the post in 1993. Former students there remember him with great admiration for his fairness, approachability and enthusiasm, a feeling that will be shared by old Truronians who knew him.

John's career is an eloquent testimony to his outstanding academic, administrative and interpersonal skills, and the loving support of his wife Maria during their 61 years of marriage.

John was a man of strong faith, preaching regularly as a Methodist Local Preacher for over 40 years. Among his many interests, he was an accomplished bassoon player. His greatest pride was in the members of his family and their successes over many years.

John had a stroke in June 2015. He died peacefully in his sleep at a nursing home in Eastbourne on 28 December 2015, leaving Maria, four children and nine grandchildren. A Service of Thanksgiving was held on 18 January 2016 at the Central Methodist Church, Eastbourne, with readings by his children, Jenny, Carol, Michael and Christopher.

*Tribute written by: Bill Jones and Herbert Fleming
(Truro School 1951-1959)*

Alexandra Grace NEW (TS 2002–06)

Alex found beauty in the world and people around her, she genuinely found it. An enchanting soul, and truest original thinker. Alex was an artist, complex, honest, deeply contemplative and inspired by life around the globe, in Barbados, Cornwall, Uganda, Kenya and London. She lived her life to the fullest, a gentle philosopher by nature; as children we had infamous car journeys filled with stories and conversations, to which Alex would always intriguingly ask... 'but why?'. This canvassing of life was present through her studies, in which Alex achieved highest classification in her Bachelor and Master degrees. Alex loved unconditionally, in return she was loved beyond measure, she had more friends across the globe than one could imagine. Whether hosting a tea party, reggae night or curating an art exhibition, Alex's charisma, charm and attention to detail was ever present.

When diagnosed with melanoma cancer at aged 19, Alex truly did not let cancer define her. She lived, created, travelled, learned and loved even more deeply.

Alex's strength, grace and love will be everlasting in our hearts. We love you, Alexandra Grace. Until we meet again.

Your Family



For Our Beautiful Friend, Alex, with love

Alex New was a true child of the world. Having grown up in Barbados, Uganda and Kenya, Alex brought a slice of the tropics with her when she arrived at Truro School in 2002, as well as her laid back sense of punctuality.

Whilst much of her first year was spent learning new tricks to warm up, including the novel idea of washing her teeth with warm water, her sunshine and happiness lit up all of our lives from her very first day.

Alex was a friend to all. She was interested in everyone, and underneath her kindness and gentle nature lay a fierce intelligence and strength. She was deeply loyal to those that are lucky enough to be able to call her a best friend.

Truro School was the foundation of our friendship, which for some of us has lasted twenty-six years from Polwhele School aged three. Our friendship circle grew over the years as we joined school at different stages. Many of us were fellow boarders with Alex, along with her sister, Ella, and brother, James. Life was innocent and carefree, our biggest worries involved finishing homework on time to play cards and watch the latest episode of 'The OC'. Our school years have given us amazing memories - dancing the night away, singing

from the top of our lungs, laughing until we cried. It's a testament to these friendships that eleven years after leaving school, we are closer than ever.

Alex loved music, it was part of her soul - although her saxophone lessons didn't quite work out due to her reluctance to carry it up the hill from the boarding house. She introduced us to the music of the world, with reggae and Bajan beats becoming the new soundtrack to our parties. DJ Alex made endless playlists for our beach BBQs and taught us how to dance like a true Bajan.

One of our most loved characteristics of Alex was her curiosity and endless gentle questioning. She had an unquenchable thirst for learning and was a keen Historian and Philosopher. She gained top A-level results in Art, Philosophy and Theatre Studies. Her love of drama meant that she seized all the freedom, creativity and silliness that the Burrell Theatre offered her, starring in numerous school productions.

Above all, Truro School allowed Alex to pursue her main passion, Art. Mr Heseltine and Mr Meads were fundamental to Alex's journey as an artist; mentoring, providing encouragement and giving the space to create. Alex's art was always inspired by her surroundings - landscapes of countries she had lived in brought to life on the canvas before her. Injections of rich colour, movement and beauty carefully marked onto each artwork. It was this truly unique portfolio of work which gained Alex an Unconditional place on the Foundation Course at Falmouth School of Art. Alex would go on to achieve the highest classification in her Fine Art BA and Global Art MA in London.



Alex found beauty in the least likely places and she invited us all into this world which we would have otherwise passed by.

Alex passed away from cancer on 5th December 2016. She was and remains at the heart of our friendship group. Art, friendships, loyalty, laughter, curiosity and dancing defined Alex. Cancer was not a part of this list. We will continue to celebrate her life in the unique and colourful way in which she lived.

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Donations to the Alexandra Grace Foundation to support the arts and cancer research can be made at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alexandragrace-new

*Tribute written by: Clio Horner, Jenny Busby,
Kitty Jenkin & Lucy Todd (CO06)*

One of the main reasons I went into teaching was due to that magical relationship I had with my art teacher who inspired me and helped make me who I am today. After 10 years teaching at Kingswood School in Bath I took the scary decision to move to Truro School and try and become accepted in the school and Cornwall's wider community. I have now been at Truro School for 12 years and have taught so many students. Alex was one student who stuck out from the crowd, who made me feel wanted and valued as a teacher and who seemed truly imbedded in the Cornish life, balanced with her other life in Africa.

I will always remember her for her positivity, kindness and openness to listen and trust what this new teacher was saying. It was a joy to teach Alex as she was enthusiastic, and showed a genuine passion and a desire to develop her art. I hope I was able to influence her in a small way and have a tiny part to play in shaping her as a person. Above all of this her amazing smile was the thing that stood out the most. She could light up a room with it and make a bad day seem great. Alex is someone I will always remember and if I am asked why I became a teacher I will say

"To have the chance to meet amazing young people who have helped me improve as a human being".

Tribute written by: David Meads, Head of Art, Truro School

Stuart ROLLS (TS 1996–1998)

Stuart was born in Oxford and moved to Cornwall with his mother Scarlet when he was 7. So began his love of all things Cornish, particularly pasties, Godrevy beach and Cornish ale. Truro School was lucky to have him as a pupil where he excelled in sports. His achievements were vast; a 400 meter champion, a rugby star playing for school, Penryn Rugby Club and county and was a passionate and skilled cross-country runner. At 16, he was diagnosed with cancer, whereupon his sports took a back seat whilst he battled the disease with enormous humour and determination. Stuart was an incredibly popular guy, always cheerful, compassionate and generous with both his friendship and time and was loved by everyone he met.

At Northampton University he gained a BSc in Psychology, after which he travelled to Germany, New Zealand, India and the USA but his heart remained in Cornwall and returned to start work as an outreach worker for the charity St Petroc's Society. He spent 12 years helping the homeless turn their lives around. His gregarious character, selflessness and compassion

led him to make deep friendships with all those around him and find a kindred spirit in his loving partner Bobbi.

Stuart's cancer tragically re-occurred in the summer of 2015 and throughout his treatment he maintained his wonderful sense of humour and generous spirit. Despite extensive treatment and constant positivity, Stuart very sadly lost his battle and died on 30 March 2017. His funeral was held at Camborne Crematorium on a beautiful spring day, where the standing room only chapel was filled with family and friends, all dressed in sports shirts and bright colours, to remember one of life's true gentlemen and heroes. The service was deeply moving and personal, and of course tongue-in-cheek at times. Even with Stuart no longer there, he could still make everyone laugh. A celebration of his life was held afterwards in Lelant where mourners toasted Stuart with Cornish ale and of course, pasties. It was a truly fitting send-off to a wonderful man who will be hugely missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Tribute written by: Sophie McGannity

Philip George SMITH (TS 1957–1964)

Philip & I became & were friends throughout our time at Truro School. Initially, it was our involvement with the Truro School Scouts that really cemented our comradeship. We accompanied each other on our obligatory hikes for the Scouts First Class Badge achievement. This in turn led to other weekend Scout adventures such as Savage Camps, and hikes to wherever. Inevitably this developed into closer bonds resulting in weekend exeats (permission for temporary absence) me to his family home in Ladock and later Phillip visiting my home in Devon. Memories I cannot and will not ever forget. We were mates. So sorry to hear this news. RIP

*Tribute written by: Martin Wilmshurst, Australia
(Truro School 1957 -1964)*

Judge Christopher TROMANS (TS 1977–90 Governor (1975–2005)

I was proud to have known Chris both as a pupil, a few years older than me at Truro School, and as a governor.

It is in challenging times that great people step forward and in the early 1970s such a challenge faced Truro School as its future as an independent school was at serious risk with its proposed sale to Cornwall County Council to incorporate into the maintained system.

Into this situation stepped three former pupils, John Heath (TS 1952-1960), Barry Grime (TS 1943-1949) and Chris Tromans, to put forward a rescue package which maintained the school which we today value so highly and which is such an iconic symbol of Cornish identity. I know how much John valued the team around him and his view that without the support of Chris and Barry the project would not have been viable.

I personally found Chris to be a source of wise counsel and generous practical advice, knowing that whatever was discussed, discretion and honesty were guaranteed. Truro School benefited greatly from the precision and accuracy of the advice he offered and the confidence which flowed from his contributions was palpable.

He was sorely missed when he moved to Tavistock but it was always a pleasure to meet him and his wife Gillian as he kept in touch and supported the school at a variety of functions.

*Tribute written by: Cyril Harding
TS 1958-1965, Governor 1993 Present*

John WILLDAY (TS 1944–56)

John Willday died at home in Sennen just before Christmas, 2016. He was 79. He joined Treliske in 1944, moved on to Truro School and then in 1950 went off to board at Uppingham. That was not a happy experience and he returned to Truro for a final VIth form year, from 1955 to 1956.



It can't have been an easy move. It is never absolutely comfortable to be a pupil in the school where one of your parents is teaching and John's father, Bert, had already clocked up more than thirty years as a charismatic second master - a legend in his own time. It isn't surprising therefore that John kept quite a low profile in this final round of his Cornish education. He was known for his sharp intellect and lively sense of humour and for his sporting abilities - he played for the 1st Rugby XV and for the Cricket XI and was awarded colours in both sports. He was also appointed Warden of Wickett House. All this was quite an achievement in the space of a single year. At the same time he did enough work to gain three decent A Levels, a county scholarship and a place at St Andrews university.

Even in these two years at Truro there were signs of the man he was to become - passionate about sport, a very quick mind, a ready laugh and a core, not always worn on his sleeve, of very high principles.

After Truro it was two years' National Service in the DCLI, eventually commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, and a happy time as an undergraduate at St Andrews where he played his sports, read Classics and Economics and took the prestigious, leading part in the annual Kate Kennedy Celebrations.

There followed a very successful teaching career first at Epsom College, then at Cheltenham College (where he was form master to his future wife, Prue) and finally at Norwich School where he ran the rugby and was in charge of the boarding in addition to taking a full role in the classroom - full immersion schoolmastering, that was the way things were back then.

Everyone taught by John has the same reaction to him. They were swept along by his enthusiasm, struck by the way in which he managed to be friends with his pupils - while at the same time preserving that essential gap between teacher and taught - and delighted by the warmth of his approach, something in which Prue joined wholeheartedly during the days at Norwich.

In 1992 John retired from Norwich and returned with Prue to his Cornish homeland, to the house on the cliff at Sennen which had been built by his father. His two children, Rupert and Rachel (who was very sadly to die in a motor accident shortly after leaving school), attended Truro School and John became Chairman of the Truro School Society, helping strengthen the invaluable link between the School and the parental body.

He involved himself very widely in the community of West Cornwall, more proof - if it was needed - of his keen sense of commitment. He was Chairman of Penwith College, overseeing its successful union with Truro College, Chairman of the Cheshire Home in Marazion, twice President of Penzance Rotary and for two years boarding advisor to the Island School on Scilly. For a number of years he got up early once a week to help at the Penzance Breakfast Project for the homeless. Along with all this he found time to host, together with Prue, a very successful B & B, many of the guests becoming life-long friends.

His last five years were beset by increasing health problems which he faced with remarkable courage. In spite of cruel physical problems he continued to show his quick wit, his strong sense of right and wrong and his great determination. The weekend before he died he attended a performance of the Messiah in Penzance and the following day Prue drove him to Exeter for a lunchtime reunion with his family. That was John all over; get on with it, whatever the obstacles.

A life well lived; he will be much missed.

Tribute written by: Guy Dodd, Former Headmaster

Thank you from The Development Team – for an amazing year!

Firstly, we hope you enjoyed the 2016-17 edition of the Truronian as much as we have enjoyed compiling it!

Having now been involved with a full complement of annual events, one of our favourite gatherings is the Spring Afternoon Tea Reunion, when many of our guests arrive sporting their TSFPA badges and old school ties. It is such a privilege listening to the stories from our seniors which are so interesting, often hilarious but always enlightening and informative. It's certainly not just our current pupils that occasionally misbehave and get up to pranks, demonstrating that the penchant for mischief is as old as the school itself!

Katy and I have been truly amazed by how far and wide Truro School Alumni are spread across the globe. This year alone we have had visitors from Hong Kong, China, Germany, USA, Canada, New Zealand and of course all across the UK. We plan to have a world map displayed on the office wall to demonstrate TSFPA world coverage.

Katy has been able to feature some amazing articles in the TSFPA monthly on-line newsletter which is reaching more and more of you. Our news is only as good as the stories you tell us, so please keep them coming and if you have recently changed your postal address or obtained a new email address, do let us know. We would particularly like to hear from TSFPA University students who have just graduated, what are your plans for the future?

The achievements and aspirations of our alumni are truly astounding. Many have come back to school, giving wonderful talks and career accounts, something which always inspires our students. There is no better way to ignite their drive and enthusiasm than hearing of the endless possibilities from someone who has walked in their shoes. Going forward our aim is to be a source of information and help, somewhere they can refer to for

support and advice, long after they leave the school. One of the ways we can do this is by providing a means of accessing the wealth of knowledge, expertise and experience held within the hugely valuable Truro School Community, essentially our former pupils, former parents, former teaching staff and current teaching staff. We hope to bring back many more of our alumni to engage with staff and pupils, so please get in touch if you are interested. It can be anything from mentoring, careers advice, offering work experience, working or studying overseas, acting as a university contact or simply just sharing the best tips for surviving university and starting out in the workplace.

Katy and I met with the 2017 Upper Sixth Leavers the day before their Leavers' Service. We presented them with their Truro School Former Pupil Association badges, not just as a memento of their time here but hopefully to also remind them we are still here to help whenever and if ever they need us. We would like them, and their parents, to remember we genuinely look forward to hearing all their news, university related, work related, personal achievements, weddings and in the future of new family additions. Please, stay in touch!

Finally, we hope you are enjoying all the stories and reports within these pages and a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed. If you have comments, ideas or suggestions for future publications, please let us know.

Very best wishes

Nicky Berridge
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Katy Sweeney
Communications Assistant





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