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Truro School Former Pupils' Association

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FORMER PUPIL NEWS



Ronald Maxwell Mitchell CO32

Celebrates his 100th Birthday



Do you have a big
birthday coming up? Or
know someone that
does? Let us know!

We would like to wish Ronald a very happy birthday. He turned 100 on the 22nd March just gone! We hope you had a really lovely day.

Ronald arrived at Truro School in January 1924, at that time the school was still named Truro College- He was just six years old! Ronald remained at the school until June 1932.

After attending secondary school in Cardiff he studied physics at the University of Wales' college in Cardiff (now called Cardiff University).

From July 1940 until 30th June 1946 Ronald was employed at the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company in Chelmsford. During this period he married Kathleen Elizabeth Jones.

On 1st July 1946 he joined the Home Office's Forensic Science Service and was employed at the laboratory in Cardiff. He became director of this laboratory in 1963 and in 1972 he was appointed director of the forensic science laboratory in Birmingham where he remained until he retired in June 1977.

Ronald and Kathleen were married for more than 67 years. After she died in 2011 he continued to live in Cardiff until he moved to a care home near Nottingham in 2015. He has two children, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren!

In 1910 there was said to be a roller-skating "epidemic" at Truro School.

Was there a craze in your school days? We would love to know!

In 1908 Truro School installed its first ever telephone!

It cost around £8 per year and the number was 63!

EVENTS

**Friday 7 April
2pm-5pm**

Reunion Afternoon Tea



If you were at School prior to 1965 please join us in the Truro School Dining Hall for an afternoon of conversation over a cream tea. We will also have plenty of archive memorabilia on display for your enjoyment.

**70+ Former Pupils
and guests booked already.
Please let us know you are coming!**

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Or

Telephone Katy:

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**Saturday 15 April
Easter Sports Fixtures**



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And

[Join our Facebook Event page](#)
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**Football: 10.30 am
Mixed Hockey: 2.00 pm
Rugby: 2.00 pm**

Refreshments in the dining hall after the games.

All former pupils are welcome to play just let us know!

Or come along and show your support!

Stuart Robertson CO89

Jeweller and lifeboat volunteer



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Stuart Robertson joined Rock RNLI volunteer crew last year as 'Shore Crew', and together with his volunteer colleagues, is responsible for the launch and recovery of Rock RNLI lifeboat. As well as this role, Stuart has recently agreed to also take on the role of 'Lifeboat press officer', alongside his 'day job' as a very successful jeweller!

Peter Holmes CO85

Tennis champion

Peter Holmes, CO85, recently represented Great Britain at Real Tennis in Melbourne in the Cockram Trophy, where GB successfully defeated USA, France and most importantly Australia to win the bi-annually played for Trophy. He also played in the Over 50's World Championships whilst in Melbourne reaching the semi-final of the doubles!"

Congratulations Peter!



Peter (furthest right) is photographed with the successful GB team.

Whilst at Truro School Peter said that he always preferred his sport to academia and things haven't changed for him! After leaving School he continued to play lots of tennis and squash but in the past ten years he has played mostly Real Tennis at Prested Hall in Essex, combined with Padel Tennis.

During the day Peter works with his wife at their recruitment agency, Prime Appointments, which they have owned for 25 years!

Saturday 9 September TSFPA Annual Reunion Dinner

All former pupils, Former Staff,
Current Staff & Guests

Please join us in the
Truro School Dining Hall
7pm-11pm!
Tickets £25

We already have bookings – so please
return your reservation
Form and payment asap.

Come and help us celebrate with those
who left school
10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 years ago:
Classes of:
07 - 97 - 87 - 77 - 67

Join our [Facebook](#) event page and
share it with your friends.

Thursday 12 October London Networking Reunion



We are very pleased to confirm that the 2017 London Networking Reunion, will once again take place at:

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

This year former Headmaster Paul Smith will be joined by current Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown is hosting the event.

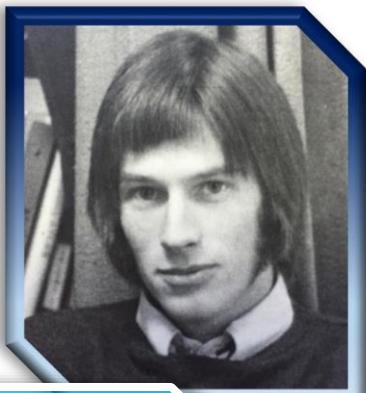
Come along and meet other former pupils for an evening of conversation, over a drink and refreshments.

Please register your interest with Katy: tsfpa@truroschool.com



Ian Rogers CO67

A career in advertising and school boy tales



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Left to Right- Ian at School, Ian in his early career in 1969 and right- Ian now!

Ian tells us of his successful career in the advertising business working for huge companies that we all know, including; McDonalds, BMW, Weetabix and many more! He then treats us to a story from his school days under the headmaster Derek Burrell.

Simon Domoney CO95

Mount to Mount cycle challenge!



Simon is taking part in the Cornwall Hospice's cycling challenge and is busy training for his start date on the 4th October!

The cycle ride will depart from the iconic Cornish landmark St Michael's Mount in Marazion and will finish at Mont Saint Michel in Normandy, France. This five day adventure promises challenging climbs and descents, stunning Cornish and French costal and countryside scenery.

Simon will be undertaking a 290-mile bike ride to raise funds for Cornwall Hospice Care in memory of his mother, who passed away in February this year and Simon and his family are incredibly grateful for the care the hospice provided.

In Simon's day job he is the nurse team manager for community nurses in Barnstaple, North Devon. He has been in this job for just eighteen months previously working in the Royal Navy as a Burns and Plastics specialist nurse.

We're sure the Truro School Community will join us all here at Truro School in wishing Simon the best of luck with his challenge.

[Learn more about Simon's challenge here.](#)

OFFICIAL NOTICE

TSFPA Annual General Meeting

All former pupils are invited to attend the TSFPA AGM
Wednesday 21 June 2017 - 7pm - School Dining Hall

Ian Kenyon former head of Geology Receives distinguished service award

We were delighted to hear that former Head of Geology, Ian Kenyon, has been selected for the 'Distinguished Service' award by The Geological Society.

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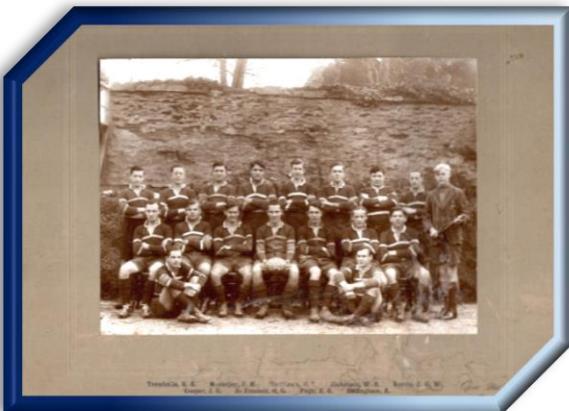
Ian was nominated for the award by Peter Loader, Chair of the Earth Science Teachers' Association and Chief Examiner for Geology at the WJEC examination board, and the nomination was then seconded by Professor Iain Stewart, BBC Earth Science Presenter and Lecturer at Plymouth University.

Book your place at the Annual Reunion dinner September 9 2017!

We already have bookings from the classes of 97, 67 and 57! Come on classes of 87 and 07 don't miss out on your celebration year!

ALL former pupils are encouraged to come along to the annual reunion dinner, it would be fantastic to see you!

Ken Trewella CO42



Ken attended Truro School, following in the footsteps of his older brothers Harry Vivian Trewella. He was Colonel in the army and then ran a hospital, and Hugh Kingsley Trewella who was killed in action in the RAF 1941.

Ken was captain of the rugby team and played as a forward in the army when he was in REME. In 1947-48 they won Southern Command Challenge Cup and Aldershot District Challenge Cup and were runners-up of Army Cup Competition. After the army he moved to Coventry and was player and Chairman of Coventry Rugby Club. The Trewella Clubhouse was opened in 1968 named after him.

Ken spent most of his working life at the Awson Motor Carriage Co Ltd. He bought trees for veneer and was in charge of the veneer side of the business. He also built his own car. In 1981 he went to Santa Barbara to set up a division of the Clenet car factory. The Clenet was a 1930s inspired roadster which sold to Rod Stewart, Farrah Fawcett, Sylvester Stallone and King Hussein of Jordan! http://www.dimoramotorcar.com/ajd_clenet_overview.html

Ken never married but has come back to Truro and is now living in a residential home near his family.

Calum Sanders CO07 Sailing the High seas

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Calum talks of his life at sea and how Truro School helped him realise his ambition...

Being a Cornishman, the sea has been a constant companion throughout my life. Originally from Newlyn, but spending the majority of my years in Newquay, the sea has never been far from my gaze and continues to be the major driving force with what I do today.

Brothers Richard and William and Ken Pye

Truro and later



Richard- CO60

After leaving Truro, Richard went on to study Zoology for three years at Hull University, and then another two on a Medical Research Council grant. After that Richard went to The University of Aston as a research assistant to the new professor when it was a new university where he stayed for four years and obtained a PHD. In 1970 Richard then to Nottingham Trent University to take up a post as a Lecturer in animal physiology. When Richard started in Nottingham the institution was a Regional College of technology which metamorphosed over the years to a University.

Richard says:

I have in fact been associated with growing Higher Education, first at a fairly new Hull then at the start of the change of Aston from a CAT to University then finally NTU.

William- CO62

While at school with my two brothers Ken and Richard I was active in many activities including the scout troop. Mr Penna was the Scout Master with Mr Jackson being the assistant. We went on many summer camps which were very enjoyable. My scouting career culminated in the Queen Scout award which was a great honour. Two of us worked together on this endeavour -"Bill" Bishop, who hailed from Falmouth, was a great friend to work with. We had many adventures on our weekend assignments, hiking the areas of Cornwall requested by the District Commissioner and completing our reports. We also managed to start up a senior scout troop at the school.

After leaving school I found my career in, the then, little known profession of Air Traffic Control. After attending the ATC School at Bournemouth, Hurn Airport for 4 years I ended up qualified and working in The London Centre controlling aircraft in the southern part of England. As part of my ATC training I also qualified as a Private Pilot. At the same time I attended Slough College part time and gained a British Computer Society Qualification in Computer Science. This led me to an opportunity to work on the UK computer upgrade for ATC, spending time in the USA studying the new System. I helped managing the installation and operation of the IBM 9020D system a state of the art system at the time (the early 70's).

In the mid-eighties I left Air traffic control and switched to an Engineering career in the USA working for Raytheon (who owned the British Company Cossor). While at Raytheon I had a varied career designing and managing the development of many Air Traffic control systems both in the USA, Europe and worldwide. I completed my career as an Engineering Director responsible for all Engineering at one of our Raytheon facilities in California. I retired in 2012.

I now continue to be happily retired and together with my wife and two sons and one grandchild, we live in Massachusetts just outside Boston, USA.

Ken CO57

Like my brothers Richard and William I was a LCC scholarship boy and started at Truro in 1950 and left in 1957. Unlike my brother Richard and his academia career I spent my working life in the aircraft industry.

A principal influence on my career was the Rev V.V.Cooper our padre at Truro. He ran an aero modelling club situated in a hut in the L.H. fives court (demolished when the "New Block" was built) and we had great fun in his club. He was as I later found out an ordained minister before joining the RAF as a navigator in Hampdens -he was shot down and became a POW (he always wore his "Caterpillar Club" badge behind his lapel). We enjoyed his sermons and hoped he would introduce some anecdote regarding his POW days .I never realised he was part of the forced march of POWs at the end of the war.

I was pleased to see "the Spirit of Truro" aircraft at Farnborough and disappointed that it couldn't fly and several of my old colleagues are restoring a de Havilland Rapide -of the type that used to be the preferred method of getting to the mainland from the Scillies. We are well on the way to getting it into the air.



Archive Attic

In light of Ronald Maxwell Mitchell's 100th birthday- we took a look back to the time when he was here at Truro School and marvel at what has changed since 1924 when Mr Mitchell started.

1924



Truro College

Headmaster – E.H. Magson

At this time there were thirteen teachers, including four of which were part time.

Total number of pupils stood at 89 boarders and 107 day scholars, 36% came from Truro, 45% from the rest of Cornwall, 5% from the rest of England and 14% from outside of England.

1928

The School Hall was opened by Lady Smith, widow of Sir George Smith, with a gym/playroom above, which is now the Heseltine Gallery.

At this time an upper floor was put into the old school room, which became Dormitory V which has now become now the library, and another dormitory was converted to the school library which is now the staff room.

1930

Rugby was reintroduced to the school. It was last played in the early 1880s!

Pentreve opened as a boarding house for boys under eleven.

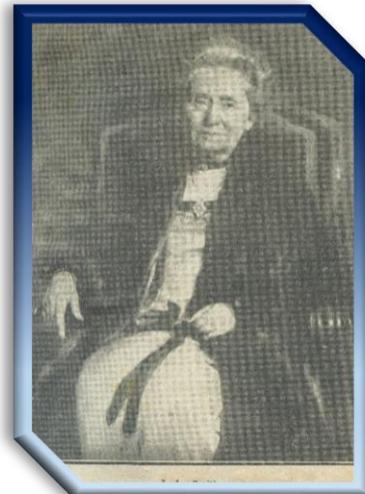


1927



The teaching staff of 1927

On June 8 1927 the Prince of Wales, later Edward VIII, laid the foundation stone of the School Hall.

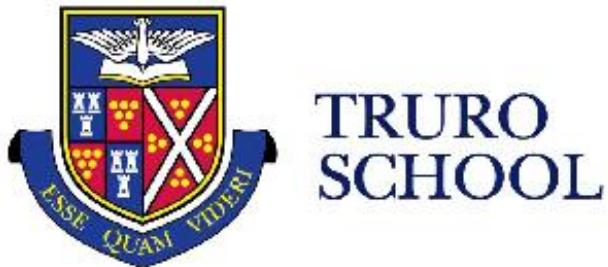


1931

The Name of the school changed from Truro College to Truro School.



Advertisements



Summer Term NEW 10 week Wednesday Ceramics Workshop Only £100

Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm for 10 weeks

**26 April, 3, 10, 17, 24 May
7, 14, 21, 28 June, 5 July 2017**

Summer Term NEW 5 Tuesday Ceramics Workshop Only £50

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25 April, 2, 9, 16, 23 May 2017



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Encounter new techniques including hand building, throwing and decorating methods.

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The Headmaster cordially
invites you to a

Venetian Masked Ball

on
Friday 30 June 2017

at Truro School

6.30pm for 7.30pm, carriages at midnight

Tickets £50

Black Tie & Masks

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