



TRURO
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Truro School Former Pupils' Association

July 2017 Newsletter

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FORMER PUPIL NEWS

Remember to book your place!

Annual Reunion Dinner - 9 September 2017!

70 bookings already so don't miss out!

We are very excited to have begun the seating plan, and are starting to plan how to decorate the School Hall for the celebrations.

Classes of 57, 67, 87, 97 and 07:

We have bookings from your year groups already so why not join them to celebrate your decennial year.

Calling Class of 77!

We are sad that we have no bookings from your class so far! Please come along and celebrate the 7's with us this year!

Why not join the **Facebook Event Page** and share it with your friends

Book online!

If you would prefer to be sent a booking form please email Katy: tsfpa@truroschoo.com

You can also telephone: **01872 246 010**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you haven't yet filled in an opt in form, you can now do it online!

If you do not return this to us soon, due to new Data Protection laws, we will no longer be able to communicate with you, even if we have been doing so for years. This includes invitations to your reunions and this monthly newsletter.

So please **OPT IN!**

Thank you to all of you who have already completed your forms. Due to a technical problem, could we ask anyone who submitted their form between the 3rd and 7th of July, to please submit it again. We are very Sorry for this inconvenience.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday 9 September

**TSFPA Sports Events
followed by
Annual Reunion Dinner**

**Former Pupils v School:
Mixed Hockey,
Netball
Rugby**

These games take place in the afternoon of the 9th
1.15—5.30 pm

Calling Players for:

Mixed Hockey and Netball
To play against the current school team!

To register your interest please email Katy: tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Spectators for **ALL** matches are warmly welcomed!

**ALL
Former Pupils, Former Staff,
Current Staff & Guests
are invited to the
2017 Annual Reunion Dinner**

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to this special annual event.

So please join us in the
**Truro School Dining Hall
7pm-11pm
Tickets £25**

Our talented school musicians will play for you while you enjoy a welcome pre-dinner drink, followed by a wonderful Cornish menu, accompanied by a lot of chat and a great deal of reminiscing.



Prize winners 2017

Speech Day 2017 was a gloriously sunny day which provided a very apt way to say goodbye to another year at Truro School. Students, staff, parents and friends gathered in the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Hall to celebrate this years' prize winners, and listen to a speech from the Guest of Honour, Former Pupil Rob Pedley (CO89).

Among the prize winners this year were: Luke Richardson who received the Tromans Shield for Outstanding Achievement. Paul Morris received the new Lord Myners award for Grit. (This cup was donated last year by Lord Myners who was the Guest of Honour in 2016. He felt there should be an award for more than just academic achievement.) The Day Lewis Prize for Initiative and Enterprise, donated by the late Kirit Patel when he visited the school in 2012, was won by Mathew Pitman. The Fanshawe Boarding Cup this year went to both Anna Trew and Henry Balkwill-Ruddick, while this year's head girl, Maria Chant, scooped the Headmaster's Cup. The Development Office would like to congratulate all the prize winners, and wish the 2017 Leavers the best of luck for the future.

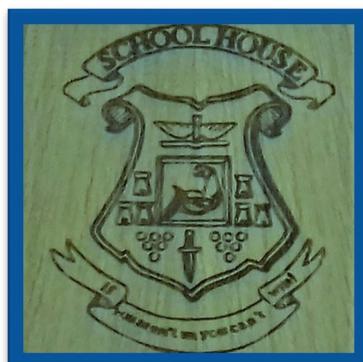
Get In touch and tell us what prize you were awarded at School! Email Katy on tsfpa@truroschoo.com

The Opie Shield

This Years House points as follows:

- 1st **School House:** 156 points
- 2nd **Smith House:** 145 points
- 3rd **Vinter House:** 138 points
- 4th **Wickett House:** 121 points

Congratulations School House!



Annual London Reunion



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



We hope all those who attended last year will return again to this lovely event joined by some new faces.

This year former Headmaster **Paul Smith** (and of course Kathy) will be joined by current Headmaster, **Andrew Gordon-Brown** to host the event. **Nancy Kenward** and **Jane Rainbow** will also be attending and are very much looking forward to catching up with some familiar faces.

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

Please register your interest with Katy:

tsfpa@truroschoo.com

We already have bookings for this FREE event so please come along and meet other Former Pupils living and working in the London area (or beyond, as ALL former pupils are warmly welcomed). Please pass on the invitation to other former pupils who may not have heard about the event.

Head of Careers at Truro School

Nancy joined Truro School Sixth Form in 1994, studying Geology, Geography and History. Her grandfather, Brian (Roland) Hill had attended the school in the 1940's, and her uncle, Matthew Channell, left in 1978. Nancy's younger sister Mary Rose had already joined the First Year as part of the first cohort of girls to come through the school from age 11. Nancy Tells us:

My main memories include lessons spent listening to Verdi (to help us understand the Unification of Italy), poring over boxes of apparently identical rock specimens in an attempt to identify them and Sixth Form Wednesday afternoons spent mainly in cafes and occasionally The William. I made some of my best friends while at Truro School, and still keep in close contact with them.

Nancy left Truro School to embark on a History degree at Exeter University. She joined a graduate management scheme at 21 and worked across the southwest for a few years before meeting her future husband and taking 6 months out to travel, later returning to Cornwall where she soon found work in the recruitment industry. At 27 Nancy realised she preferred training new employees to running an agency so decided to retrain as a Humanities teacher. In April 2006 Nancy saw an advertisement for a Teacher of History, Geography and Business Studies at Truro School and immediately applied. Nancy told us:

I was so thrilled to be appointed and I remember my first day vividly- I walked nervously in to the staff room to be greeted by a 'Welcome back bird!' bellowed across the room and bear hug from Dr Blake. The lovely John Cornish and Gerry Worthington took me under their wing in the Business and Economics Department and Paul Collenette told me I would be fine, and pointed out that if I did anything wrong I could always blame my teachers... I felt right at home immediately, and have loved working here ever since. The Geography and Geology department were as I had left them 12 years before, with the same staff and classrooms and even some of the same rock specimens and fossils!

Since then several of the original teachers from Nancy's school days have retired: The Collenettes and the Floods, Gary Matthews, Gerry Worthington, Mark Gregory, Colin Blake and Graham Baines and John Cornish to name some, but Nancy tells us: *Although we miss these larger-than-life characters terribly at times, I'm always amazed that the staffroom, essentially, seems to feel the same. I'm Head of Careers now and I love being able to combine my knowledge from the recruitment industry with working in a school, and it's great to keep in touch with so many former pupils. I'm always overwhelmed by how generous our former pupils are with sharing their experience and advice to our current students.*

I love working with young people; they surprise, challenge me and make me laugh every day. I can't imagine not teaching and I can't really imagine teaching anywhere else. My own children recently started at the Prep School so I suppose I will one day have the opportunity to embarrass them on a daily basis when they arrive finally here.

By Nancy Kenward



Nancy Kenward
Head of Careers

Does Your Occupation Begin with I, K, X or Z?
We are desperately searching for these last few letters to complete a whole A-Z of Former Pupil Professions!
Please email:
tsfpa@truroschoo.com



If you feel you can offer careers advice to our current students, please get in touch: tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Likewise, if you have left Truro School in the last 5 years; we are still here to help you if we can.

Craig Hutton (CO86) (Hunt whilst at TS) Associate Professor at GeoData Institute



Craig left Truro School in 1986 and went on to Oxford Polytechnic to study Geology, after that he went to The University of Southampton to study Oceanography as an MSc, graduating in 1992. Craig then spent a year in the oil industry working in India which ignited his interest in development work.

Craig came back to UK in 1994 and volunteered to work for a geology and development group called AGID (*Association of Geologists for international Development*) for 2 years. During this time he worked with Water Aid in Zambia using geophysics to look underground for the best place to put water wells in communities. When Craig returned to the UK again, he started a PhD in 1997 at Imperial College London, in *well location techniques*, graduating in 2000. Throughout his time at ICL he also undertook community work in Fiji looking at water resource management.

Craig pictured 3rd from the left while working in Pakistan

Once Craig finished his PhD he joined the GeoData Institute at the University of Southampton in 2000, and for the last 17 years has been working on the links between rural poverty and environmental change, such as climate change and more direct human impacts, including dams and changes in agriculture. Craig has worked around globe in India, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Malawi, South Africa, South Sudan, Zambia, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Libya, Fiji, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, China, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia, Ghana and the UK! The list of companies he has worked with is equally as extensive: The UN, DFID, Government and World Bank to name but a few. Craig is currently an Associate Professor working alongside PhD students, on large delta systems of the world, including the Ganges Brahmaputra Meghna deltas in India and Bangladesh and the Ganges river system.

Craig tells us of his memories from Truro School:

Despite being a long time ago (I left in 1986) I still have strong memories and friendships from my time at Truro School. A main memory is the blistering coastal walks with the D of E awards and the ground-breaking senior Discos which were initiated during our time at Truro School. The top social event of Truro at the time. It was also a time when the headmaster was a rather wise and colourful character called Derek Burrell who went to a lot of effort to relate to the students. Sadly he passed away some years ago. He was quite influential in my early life, and many others I know. My first experience of him was as a first year, walking toward Tower dormitory one winter evening (now a library I believe). It was dark, stormy and frankly scary, and I thought I noticed something move in the corridor that lead to the chapel. I carried on only to be slammed against the wall and a voice in my ear said "Hello Hunt". Mr. Burrell then giggled and wandered off. I miss Mr. Burrell, he seemed to show that you could have fun, rebel even, but still work for the benefit of others and what you truly believe in.

Stuart Mcquarrie (CO10) Back to School for World Aims Week



During World Aims week this year the students were learning about Cornish culture and were treated to a performance by Former Pupil Stuart McQuarrie in the Burrell Theatre.

After the performance Stuart led music workshops throughout the afternoon and taught the students how to play some Cornish music.

Thank you Stuart for taking the time to come back to school. The students thoroughly enjoyed your workshop and your music.

Joe Lee (CO15)

Jam Band- South West Tour

Joe left Truro School in 2015 and has become a successful Jazz musician. Joe plays the bass which he started learning when he was 15, with his teacher Stuart Turner. A year later, age 16, he started to play the upright bass classically. After leaving Truro School Joe received a place at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama to study Jazz Performance.

Joe now plays in a variety of groups, one of which is a band called Jam Experiment, they have recently released their debut album which had been very well received by Jazzwise and *London Jazz News*.

Joe explained: *I joined Jam Experiment (with former pupils from Chethams School of music, including Tony Comeau who joined Chethams for Sixth Form) a year and a half ago when we recorded our first full length video which can be found on our [youtube channel](#). The other members of the group study at the Royal Academy of Music.*

On top of making their album, Jam Experiment have been taking their music to over 30 prestigious music venues around the country.

Venues include: *Love Supreme Jazz Festival, Verdict Jazz in Brighton, Southport Jazz Festival, Manchester Jazz Festival, London Jazz Festival* and many more.

In late October, Joe and the band will be making their way down to the south west. Joe commented: *For me, this is very exciting!*

The band have recently been more involved with the educational aspect of touring their music. They enjoy conducting workshops and inspiring young music enthusiasts to keep playing; and they have taken the band into music centres and workshoped their compositions with a number youth big bands, and also have our own specific big band arrangement for some of their tunes.

Reflecting on his time at TS, Joe told us:

One thing that I will always remember from my time at Truro School will be performing as Sweeney Todd in the school's musical in 2014 for my final year.

The amount of work everyone from the drama and the technical department put in was staggering, so I really cherish that memory.



Reviews taken from the new generation jazz [website](#):

Incredible – Liane Carroll

Musicianship of the highest standard- Bebop Spoke Here

Jam Experiment is one of the best young bands I've ever heard. The instrumental playing is highly accomplished, but most impressively, this is a band that swings, has great arrangements and knows how to present itself. A really refreshing presence on the scene. – Alan Barnes

If you would like to find out more about Jam Experiment you can visit their [website](#) or their [Facebook Page](#)

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Peter John
HOADLEY
(CO54)**

21/07/1935 to 24/07/2017

Truro School is very sad to report the untimely death of Mr Peter Hoadley, aged 82, who died tragically following a road traffic accident.

Mr Hoadley recently attended the TSFPA Afternoon Tea Reunion and will be sadly missed by fellow former pupils.

**Peter
BOND
(CO58)**

12/08/1940 to 07/2017

Truro School is saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Peter Bond earlier this month, aged 76.

Our sincerest condolences to go out to Mr Bond's wife Jenny and daughters Andrea and Nicola at this time.



Christian Vroon (CO14)

TS 2007-2014

Graduated with 1st class Honours!

Christian attended Liverpool John Moores University and has been awarded a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Mechanical and Marine Engineering: BEng with honours, Class 1.

Christian has been a bursar undergraduate of the Royal Navy throughout his time at LJMU and will begin his Officer training as Marine Engineering Officer at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in September 2017.

**Congratulations Christian,
from everyone at Truro School!**

Please let us know how things progress in the future.



Archive Attic

Can you name the staff members in this photograph from 1954?



Tales from days gone by.

Nicky, Jo and Katy, the Development Team, are always pleased to hear tales from your school days and would be delighted should you wish to visit. If you ever feel like a trip down memory lane, we can show you around the school and you can see what has changed after all these years – and what hasn't!

The Development office's new home will be in the *Tower Office*, located beneath the clock tower on the top floor.

To arrange a visit please email:

tsfpa@truroschoo.com

or telephone Katy:

01872 246094

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Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday
27 September
5pm to 7.30pm

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Senior School Open Morning

Saturday 7 October
9.30am to 12.30pm

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TSFPA Annual Sports Events



Reunion Saturday

9 September 2017



Following tradition **Former Pupil v School** sports fixtures are planned for the first Saturday of the new academic year.

1.15 pm

Netball—SBA

Former Pupils (All ages) v School Team

2.30 pm

Rugby—1st XV pitch

2017 Leavers v School Team

4.00 pm

Mixed Hockey—Astro

Former Pupils (All ages) v School Team

4.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Refreshments will be served by the Sixth Form Centre
(Pasties for all the players with tea/coffee and biscuits for supporters)

All supporters are most welcome!

We hope this year all the players will join fellow Former Pupils at the evening event:

2017 Annual Reunion Dinner

7.00 pm—11 pm

School Dining Hall

Email:

tsfpa@truroschoo.com



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