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Pre-1970 Afternoon Tea

If you attended Truro School before 1970, please join us on Friday 12 April for a cream tea at our very popular annual Spring reunion!

Saturday 20 April 2019

Easter FOOTBALL Match

School vs Former Pupils

Kick off : 10.30 am

Truro School football pitch.
Please join us to watch the traditional Easter match between the current school team and our most recent leavers!

TBC April 2019

Easter RUGBY Fixture

The TSFPA Committee have decided this year the Easter rugby will be organised by Matt Mullaly CO85.

(See article later in this edition)

If you are interested in playing please contact Matt - he will be delighted to hear from you.

2019 Annual Reunion Dinner

Saturday 7 September 2019

We are already receiving lots of interest for this years event – why not round up some old classmates and join us?

[Click here for Booking Form](#)

For more information on any of our events please email :

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Truro School Former Pupils Association

Annual Afternoon Tea Reunion

2019

If you attended Truro School before 1970, please join us for an afternoon of reminiscing and conversation.



Archive Display
By Jo Wood!

Enjoy a Cornish Cream Tea
Friday 12 April, 2-5pm
Truro School Old Dining Hall

Please bring a guest.
RSVP:
Telephone Katy: 01872 246094
Email tsfpa@truroschooll.com

Michael Jones CO07 In the Burrell Theatre

Before Christmas former pupil Michael Jones CO07 returned to Truro School to perform a one man Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde show, *Hyde & Seek*, at the Burrell Theatre. This was almost a return visit for the show, as it was originally written and performed around ten years ago by Truro School's Director of Drama: Ben Oldfield, with Cube Theatre. At the time, Michael was on work experience with Cube and has since been to university and drama school. Michael is now a professional actor producing his own shows with Flat Packed Theatre. He performed at the Burrell a couple of years ago in Pipeline's play *Spillikin*, the play that famously featured a robot actor on stage.

Michael delivered a workshop to the drama scholars while he was back at Truro School, looking at how one man can play several roles in a one man show. He also took time to talk to our Sixth Form drama students about the realities of working in the industry.



Ben Oldfield, Director of Drama, said:

It is a pleasure and a privilege to see Michael putting on Hyde and Seek and there is a sort of poetic symmetry to it being performed again at the Burrell. Michael is a fabulous actor and I wish him every success with the show. I hope it will run and run.

We asked Michael how he felt about being back:

I have performed in a lot of venues, but the Burrell holds a special place in my heart. It has always been a very special and significant place for me. There are a great deal of memories and influential moments, working with Ben Symes and Ben Oldfield with Cube. Working behind the scenes on Cube's Hamlet was an inspiration, and getting to perform as Malcolm in Cube's Macbeth was a real opportunity.

Caitlin Maxwell CO17

Junior World Cup – Budapest



Great news in from [Truro Fencing Club](#) who have recently returned from the Budapest Junior World Cup with outstanding results including former pupil Caitlin Maxwell, who won the silver medal in the women's sabre, narrowly missing out on the title 15-13, in what was described as 'a stirring performance'. This was Caiti's first World Cup podium finish putting out many worthy competitors from all around the world, including representatives from Russia, Germany and Belgium, that makes the little city of Truro incredibly proud! Truro Fencing Club is most certainly on the map.

Caiti has also met the qualification criteria for the Junior Worlds and Euros, with the selection for these events happening soon - so watch this space!

Caiti was not the only alumni representing Truro and Great Britain. Others with her were Jenna Bray, Jamie Craze, Bertie Holdsworth and Sam Boorne who all performed with fantastic results.

Congratulations to all of you from everyone at Truro School.

Please Share Your Achievements

We really enjoy celebrating the amazing achievements of the Truro School alumni community, so please do let us know if you have a notable achievement, honour or just something special to you and your family.

Good news is always a joy to share!

Gabriel left in 2017 and was the last of the five Vyvyan brothers to attend Truro School. Gabriel now studies History of Art at the University of York. Gabriel approached art teacher Vicky Cucknell last summer to tell her about a project that he was working on with fellow artist Sandra Goodenough.

Vicky said:

I was keen to exhibit the work of a talented ex-student so we agreed to meet in December 2018 to look at how the project was progressing. I was invited to view the work as it was being completed at Feock Village Hall.

The Heseltine Gallery, Truro. 4th-15th March 2019



The project will be exhibited in the Heseltine Gallery between the 4 and 15 March and is called *Translation, The Whale Song Scroll*.

Gabriel and Sandra have created an enormous scroll 10 metres in length in, Indian ink, acrylic and gold leaf.

The project came about when Gabriel was approached by composer and musician Heloise Tunstall Behrens with the rather complicated proposition.

Nine bands under the *Bella Union* record label had been involved in a project called *Whalesong*. Heloise's band *Landshapes* composed a track which was then passed to a second band who then made a musical response. This pattern was repeated nine times by nine bands - each responding to the track before. The ninth track was then passed back to *Landshapes* who developed the tenth and concluding piece. Gabriel and Sandra then translated their interpretation onto the Whale Song Scroll. They used the abstraction of dance and physical movement to translate the sounds into gesture, then gesture into a purely visual medium.

Gabriel said:

The concept of translating music directly into visual art had interested me for a while and, though daunting, I leapt at the chance. However I knew that it would not be possible to undertake alone, fortunately I knew just the person to collaborate with. Having been to school with the daughter of Sarah Goodenough I had the pleasure of walking through her home studio and admiring the work therein, I could think of no-one better to work with.

Chloe Dobbs CO18

Celebrating her Oxbridge Offer

Chloe Dobbs, CO18, has secured a place at Pembroke college, Oxford, to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics after leaving Truro School last summer and has been enjoying a GAP year!

The Oxford PPE degree requires and develops in students an exceptional ability to grasp, analyse, and evaluate essential information rapidly. Chloe chose PPE due to her passion for all three subjects and her desire to study a degree that allows her to keep up both her mathematical and argumentative skills. Whilst at Truro School, Chloe thoroughly enjoyed debating with Ms Selvey and the Sixth Form team, so much so that she is looking forward to continuing with the debating union at Oxford.

Chloe said:

I was ecstatic when I received my offer to study PPE at Pembroke College, Oxford. I love the range and flexibility of the course modules and the tutors are some of the best in the world - the Philosophy tutor specialises in metaethics which is an area I would like to focus on.



In preparation for her application, Chloe first had to focus on her A-Level results, she says:

I couldn't be more grateful to Truro School for the outstanding support they provided, both academically and emotionally, through my A-Levels to help me achieve the grades I needed. I read books, attended summer schools focused on my subjects with the John Locke Institute in France and the James Madison Programme at Princeton University and then over September and October, I prepared for the Thinking Skills Assessment entrance exam. In November I did mock interviews with Various academics. Chloe really enjoyed the interview process, saying:

My interviews were all in one day. I had a combined Economics and Politics interview; the first half tested my Maths skills and the second half gave me a game theory related scenario to think through and then relate to a situation in politics. I then had one long Philosophy interview in which we discussed a point about metaethics from my Personal Statement and then worked through some logic problems. The interviews were thoroughly enjoyable and were a very sociable experience - all of the applicants at Pembroke became really close friends and we spent lots of time together.

Chloe is currently living and working in Richmond-upon-Thames whilst she trains for the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race, which will take place over the Easter weekend. She is really looking forward to starting her degree in October and delving into an exciting set of subjects.

Chris Douglas CO58

Walking down memory lane



We recently had the pleasure of showing Chris around the School when he was visiting from his home in the Isles of Scilly. Chris' family have lived on Scilly for many generations with several of them attending and boarding at Truro School over the years. The family have run the islands' chemist shop, "*R Douglas Health and Beauty*", on Scilly for many generations, .

Chris left School in 1959, having been head boy and captain of the 1st XV Rugby team. He was also a keen tennis player and we managed to dig out some sports team photos for him to take away as many of his own photos and memorabilia had been lost over the years. We also took a snap of Chris reminiscing on the sports field where he used to play (above).

Chris is intending to attend this year's pre-1970 Afternoon Tea reunion and would be interested to know if any of his contemporaries are thinking of attending?

We always welcome any former pupil back to school for a tour and a good old look around. So, if you are in the area visiting, or still live close by and fancy a walk through the old Tower dormitory (now our lovely library), or a walk up to the cricket pavilion – we are very happy to show you around - there maybe a few changes! Chris was very surprised and impressed with our new cookery school on his visit!



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Honours Board Restorations

Many of you have in the past asked about the old honours boards. We are pleased to be able to tell you that we are making progress with the refurbishment programme.

Headmasters' Board – refurbished and now resides outside the Headmaster's office

Rugby Captains – refurbished, and displayed in the Heath Dining Hall

Cricket Captains – refurbished, located in the cricket pavilion

TSFPA Committee Chair - Two boards refurbished and located in the main building.

Senior Prefects – refurbishment underway

Esse Quam Videri - refurbishment underway

We are gradually working our way through the boards as our Development Office budget allows.

Truro School Former Pupils RFC – Vision

This year the TSFPA Committee have taken the decision that the traditional Easter Former Pupil's Rugby fixture will be organized by TSFPA Committee Member, Matt Mullaly CO85.

Matt's aim is to reinvigorate Truro School's former pupil rugby and take games back out into the community. He is keen to involve multiple generations of former pupils to play friendly games and socialise together, growing the Truro School Community for everyone to get involved with – whether you want to play or spectate.

This Easter Matt is arranging for the Truro School Former Pupil team to visit another Cornish club side for a friendly match, away from school at a local club ground.



**If you are keen to play rugby this Easter,
Matt would be delighted to hear from you!
Please email Matt direct: matt@mullaly.co.uk**



Former Pupil team, September 2018



Mixed year groups, Easter 2017



Former Pupil team, September 2017

Family Announcements

Mr David Andrew BOLTON

15/03/1976 – 19/12/2018

TS 1987 - 1994

With much regret Truro School report the passing of David Andrew Bolton.

David, who was a Detective Chief Inspector in the Metropolitan Police, lost his courageous battle with cancer, aged 42, on Wednesday 19 December 2018 at Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

He will be sadly missed by parents Andrew and Anne, his loving family and friends.

Mr Raymond (Ray) Charles STEPHENS

08/01/1934 – 28/11/2018

TS 1946 - 1952

Truro School is sad to report the passing of Former Pupil Raymond (Ray) Stephens on Wednesday 28 November 2018 aged 84.

Ray died peacefully, at RCH Treリスケ leaving behind wife Pat and children Graham, Karen and Sara.

He will be very sadly missed.

Dr Simon Ross COWIE

06/03/1984 – 11/12/2018

TS 1995 - 2002

With deep regret and sadness Truro School report the passing of Simon Ross Cowie.

Simon died tragically at home, on the 11 December, aged 34.

Loving youngest son of Robert and Sandra, brother to Nicola and Jonathan, loving fiancé of Dani, brother-in-law to Rachel and uncle to Seb.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Simon's family and friends.

Mr Anthony John VOKES

27/03/1928 – 18/01/2019

TS 1939 - 1945

Truro School regrets to report the passing of Anthony Vokes on Friday 18 January 2019 aged 90.

He leaves behind his wife Sheila and their four children Cara, Robin, Kevin and Guy.

He will be dearly missed by all his family and friends.

Mr William Neil BOUGHEY

03/01/1931 – 27/12/2018

TS 1939 - 1949

Truro School are very saddened to learn that Former Pupil William Boughey passed away peacefully on Thursday 27 December 2018 aged 87.

William died at home surrounded by his family; wife Mary, son Justin, daughter Alison and grandchildren Rohann and Ruben.

Personal Tributes

Obituary notices appearing in the newsletter are generally limited in size. However, we welcome family or personal tributes, which we can include in the annual Truronian magazine.

If you wish to have a tribute included please forward copy to: tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Announcements & Notices



We bid a “fond farewell” to Katy and wish her every success.

After two years with the Development Team, Katy is leaving to embark on an exciting new adventure.

We thank her for all her hard work and wish her much success with her new business.

*It has been a pleasure to get to know so many of you over the last two years. I am leaving Truro School to pursue a lifelong dream of running my own café and kitchen and I wish all alumni the best of luck with whatever endeavours or adventures you embark on. **Katy***

Your e-Newsletter is changing.

As you may recall school life is very much run according to ‘term time’. For those who may have forgotten, there are 3 terms per year; Spring, Summer and Autumn. In order to run the e-newsletter to coincide a little more with school life, from now on, we plan to create one each half term. This will mean 6 per year instead of 11 at present. The next ‘new look’ e-newsletter should appear just before the Easter holidays as term ends on Friday 5 April.

The Truronian magazine will be published, as usual, at the end of August.

Please do keep sending all your news and thoughts as we love to hear from you and our publication is only as good as the news we receive.

Inspired by the recent visit of Chris Douglas to the School, this newsletter's piece from the Archive picks out a few of the trips to the Isles of Scilly. Since the earliest days of the School there have been pupils here from the Isles of Scilly. There have also been many group trips in the summer.

Truro College Magazine, April 1918

Dulce Domum

The five Scillonians left Truro Station for their Christmas Holidays at 8 o'clock, but when they arrived at Penzance they found that the usual boat was not running, and that they would have to wait for the mail train, which was four hours late. They made their way to the Station and greeted their school fellows, who left Truro at 10.20 a.m.

At 1 o'clock they were all on board, and at 1.30 put out in the bay to wait for the mail. They nearly got stuck on the rocks at the back of the pier, and then passed close to a sunken vessel, which had recently been torpedoed. The boat was a little beauty, and took all the seas in fine style. On the way we had some tea given us by the men, and stood by a roaring fire in the stokehold and galley.

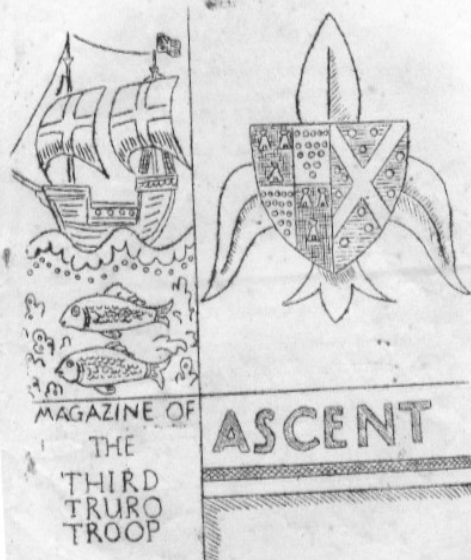
At sunset the islands just came into sight, but did not seem to grow very fast. At 4.45 p.m. everybody on the port side became suddenly surprised. We had been watching the funnel of a steamer for some time, when suddenly a column of water and vapour rose to the height of about 200ft., and before that had subsided a dense black smoke blotted it out. The smoke gradually cleared, and by 5.15 p.m. not a sign of the ship was to be seen. As we had mails on board we could do nothing to help, as mail boats are not allowed to go out of their course, but we saw two seaplanes in the direction of the explosion, and a little later we heard two fainter explosions, and it may be that the Germans were put to the bottom of the sea, and that the poor men from the steamer would ultimately reach Penzance or Falmouth safely.

An old Scillonian pilot brought us in and we landed shortly after 7 p.m. devoutly thankful that we were once more safely at home. W.F.R.

[W.F.R. = W.F. Rogers (TS 1912-18)]

An account of the trip home by boarders at the end of term, Christmas 1917.

Archives



from The Truronian, July 1960

3rd Truro School (Truro) Scout Troop: '...The Summer Camp will be held, once again, on the Isles of Scilly where the troop have camped twice before. There are a large number of members of staff of the School going, along with three senior boys. The scouters attending will be: Mr Penna, Mr Jackson, Mr Weeks, Mr Aldwinckle, Mr Wicks, Mr and Mrs Taylor and family, Mr and Mrs Beeching and family, along with McKirgan, D.N. Caswell, and T. Anderson.'

The following account of an earlier Scouts' Summer Camp on St Mary's comes from *Ascent: Magazine of the Third Truro Troop*, October 1951.

SUMMER CAMP

ST. MARYS, ISLES OF SCILLY.



On our departure from our homeland across the Atlantic School breakfast was dispensed with. Scouters said "If you feel unwell come to us." Obeying Scouts found some of the Scouters looking yardley right, leaning over the rail. Somebody thought they saw a lawn on board but closer inspection revealed Valiant, and Goliath. We rallied ashore and loaded our kit onto Mr. Ward's lorry. The lucky ones also loaded themselves. The rest went via Shank's poney, through the sweltering heat to Normandy Farm. G.S.M, on his arrival threw up his hands at the field littered with the belongings of the 3rd.Truro. Chaos reigned! Some set to and ate pasties. The lats were put up by a toiling band of martyrs while the rest of the field got covered by tents, boxes, bags,

ropes, pegs, mallets, trenching tools, etc. etc. etc. As the tired Scouts stretched their aching backs a plane would zoom overhead bringing reinforcements who a little while later with clean faces and tight belts would appear and ask if all was finished. They found out!! Too soon yet not soon enough **supper came** and went. Then to bed, where after a piercing whistle all was dark and quiet.

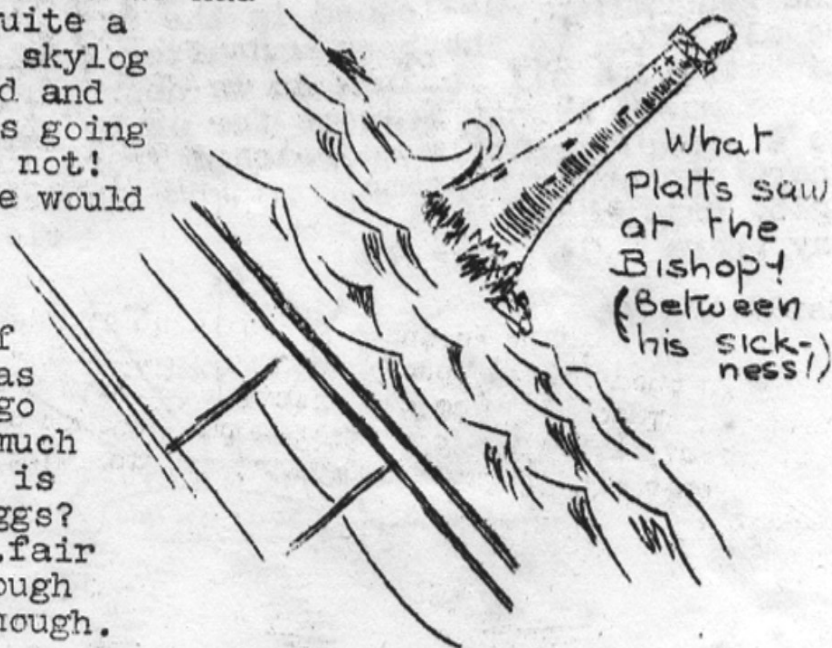
It was quite a job to get a wooding party until the second day when a lorry appeared covered from head to foot with Guides and Rangers, and touched down on

a field on the other side of the lane. After rest there was an immediate rush to vantage points. There was no further trouble in raising a wooding party as the route lay through the lane.

Before we had been there long there was a shortage of water. This was received with an uproar of (dis)approval. But soon all thoughts of the primitive life that every boy likes were pushed to one side when a very loud voice said, "Swimming party every morning for those not cooking breakfast. This was received in deathly silence.

The hour decided on for getting up and preparing breakfast was 6.45 a.m. At this hour faces of the Senior Scouts, those awake, appeared through the lacing of the door saying "Boney, your cooks out?" or "Horney, where's your firelighters. These queries were answered with varying degrees of enthusiasm depending on whether the P.L. was cooking or not. After breakfast all eyes would turn to the skylog to see if we were required in full uniform for the morning inspection. Then ground sheets with heaps of unrecognisable bric a brac were dragged from the tents to daylight, with such exclamations as "Codge common", "Shove down!", or "Muggy here's your mug" and "Hog! Where's out billies?" Then a voice "Twenty minutes left!" just as Codge would start on his last piece of bread. Then "Stand to your kits!" and then "Good morning Ingle" as though the speaker had not seen him before. Thus down the line the remarks could be heard: "Morning Hornabrook. Best yet! Go and look at mine...NOT NOW!" "Untidy. See what you can do." "P.L. Jones. What's this?!" etc., etc. Then we had flag break which was quite a novelty in itself. The skylog bent, prayers were said and G.S.M. told us what was going to happen and what was not! When Chas remembered he would read out the menu.

One hot day the powers decided to send the patrols off on a hike. Each P.L. was told to detail one to go to Grime and cadge as much food as possible. This is what was heard. "Six eggs? Fair enough. Oranges...fair enough. Bread! Fair enough etc., which was fair enough.



We all set outvisiting and reporting..The Patrols drifted back in the afternoon except the Skuas whose watch appeared to be keeping Isles of Scilly Standard time. They were back in time for dinner.

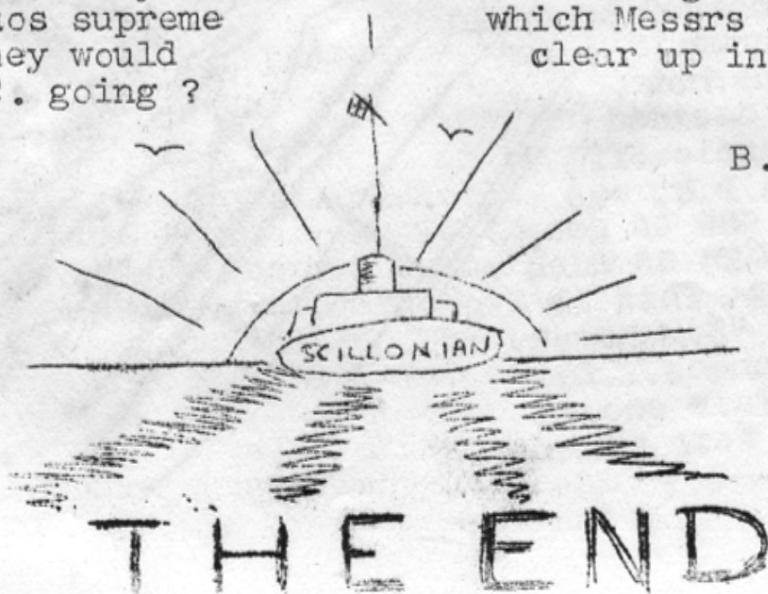
On the day of the Camp Fire there was great speculation about our guests. We were not disappointed. During one of the songs a Guider fainted and a willing conscripted stretcher party consisting of Bony & Co dealt with the situation. This was followed by a day of sports. The competitions consisted of normal races with those which involved inflating balloons. Mrs. Ward presented token prizes of two once bars of chocolate. Other camp competitions were held such as to see if one person could eat six pieces of bread to Hodges' one. Pancake was a favourite dish for patrol cooking. Some were tossed all right. Those that were'nt well the patrol went without.

We had two Scouts' Owns on the two Sundays. After early dinner we wended our way to a little clearing at the top of the cliff and there against the most wonderful backcloth of rock strewn headland and blue sea with a faint suggestion of the main land in the distance we had our services. S.M. Stedeford and C.M. Uglow preached respectively.

On the last day we buried a can of relics with names of all the Scouts. We hope to dig it up in five years time. Some thought it was to provide us with cutlery on our future return (Money on thorns etc!). The auctioning of the food remnants proved an exciting event. Then the lorry took the gear which was loaded in the Scillonian on the same day. We all hiked to the boat and after some scuffling about the tickets were all aboard. As we neared Penzance we saw that there was a hearty welcome for us by one Scout who could not go to camp. Finally we reached Truro. The gear was dumped. There was chaos supreme which Messrs Penna and Uglow said they would clear up in the morning. Any spare V.C. going ?

Estlick G.A.

B. Hunt.



The Choir

Trip to the Isles of Scilly – August 1966

After much negotiation and careful planning, nineteen Truro School boys, accompanied by three Old Boys and three members of staff, set sail from Penzance on a fine August morning and reached St Mary's harbour three hours later, only to be met by numerous Truro School boys, countless Old Boys, and the Headmaster.

The purpose of the trip was to give us a 'working holiday' for ten days, where we were both to enjoy the facilities provided by the islands and to render useful service to the islanders by singing in the Church and Chapel, and by giving two concerts. As soon as we had disembarked, and had eaten a hearty meal in a nearby café, we prepared our 'hotel' for the holiday (which was in fact the Methodist Church Hall) and by half past two that afternoon we were practising for our first concert that same evening.

The two concerts were extremely successful, and by the time we had sung our last service we had already received a provisional invitation to return again. Many will remember the trip, whether it be for a cut finger, for the spreading of the gospel to heathen lands by the Methodist Missionary Society (which involved wading ashore on an off-island, at low tide, in best suits and clutching hymn-books), for having to shave every morning standing half-way up a ladder, or merely for the experience of singing in front of the Prime Minister*.

However, I would like to thank, on behalf of the boys, all those who made the trip possible, and I hope that another group of boys will be able to return in the not-too-distant future, and once again help and entertain the people who gave us such hospitality this year.

T.P. Tonkin

[*Harold Wilson]

The school magazine was generally more expansive about the 1968 choir trip compared to the Speech Day Report, though it mentioned less about the singing.

Speech Day Report, 1968

Choir: ...A group again enjoyed the hospitality of the Rev. G. Waddington and the Methodist Church on the Isles of Scilly during the summer holiday. They gave concerts on St Martin's and St Mary's, and contributed to the services in both the Anglican and Methodist Churches (Mr Burrell preached at the 'Lifeboat Service' and Mr Doughty gave an organ recital).

The Truronian, December 1968

The Rod and the Staff ...

Choir trip to the Scilly Isles, 1968

Towards the end of July a group of choirboys from Truro School bundled off the 'Scillonian' on to St Mary's Quay, laden with fishing rods, sleeping bags and infallible sun-tan oil for ten glorious days of sunning, swimming and singing, based at the Methodist Church Hall.

Each day began with a real cordon-bleu breakfast, prepared by Mr Edwards and his squad, after which we would all go down to the boats which would take us to the other islands. We lazed on peaceful Bryher, played cricket on St Agnes, before going on safari to Beady Bay and Warna's Well or pilgrimage to the Old Man of Gugh and the old church, before a welcomed tea in the garden of Mrs M Smith. Another day we bobbed dangerously near Bishop's Rock as a lighthouse keeper slid down a rope into our launch; and there was that sizzling hot day on St Martin's where we hotted up the Jonah Jazz on the harmonium of the tiny, capacity filled chapel. We went to Tresco, to 'do' the castles, swim Piper's Hole (if you had the nerve!), or hunt Tresconia Vulgaris in the Sub-Tropical Abbey Gardens (or elsewhere!).

Then, in the evening, it was back for Chips with Everything on the sunny terrace of Porethcressa Beach Café and, as the sun blazed down over Samson, the Town Crier stopped for the day, the stars came 'reeling out from bed', and sunburn began to prove that oil not so infallible, there was a brief epilogue, after which everyone collapsed exhausted on their own lilo, camp bed or just wooden floor.

Thanks, of course, to Mr Coleman, Mr Doughty and Mr Edwards, and especially to the Methodist minister to the Scilly Isles, Rev. G Waddington, whose kind invitation and hospitality made the whole unforgettable holiday possible.

V.J.H.



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